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#### Editor's Post:

§ Jon Johnson hosted a Perfin seminar group at BNAPEX in Niagara Falls in August and provided the following report.

The seminar attracted 14 attendees. First, everyone introduced themselves and what their collecting interest was. It was mentioned that dues would not be required as the Perforator bulletin is issued electronically. There was a brief discussion on the Fifth Edition ehandbook. Garfield Portch with the Vinnie Greene Foundation mentioned that the Foundation has acquired the fake OH/MS perforation reference collection built by Gary Tomasson and Jon Johnson. With this collection and their new VSC6000 (visual spectral comparator) machine the Greene Foundation will issue certificates for OH/MS perfins.

After the discussion, the chairs were moved into a circle and a lot of very nice material was handed around the circle

§ And speaking of face to face, between last issue and this I had the distinct pleasure of meeting 2 Study Group members face to face. In August Barry Senior stayed over in Dartmouth on his way home to Newfoundland from the annual US Perfin/Precancel event which was held this year in Boxborough Massachusetts. And at the beginning of this month a work related visit to Montreal coincided with FILEX which was held across the river in Boucherville. Jean Guy Dalpè kindly stayed an extra day and we spent a very pleasant hour or so on Sunday morning.

I am very appreciative of these opportunities to put a face to a name and make our shared hobby a little more personal.

§ Jon also reports that the Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, Fifth Edition was entered in the Literature Class at the Singapore International Stamp Show. It won an International Silver medal. Congratulations to Jon and Gary for this well deserved recognition of all of the years of effort they have selflessly dedicated to the cataloguing and promoting Canadian perfins.

§ I mentioned in the last issue that my article on the Great West Life pattern G16, which is currently listed as being from Detroit, was published in the Perfins Club's March/April Bulletin. Unfortunately it did not elicit any further information.

§ There was a generally favourable reaction by those who responded to the suggestion that material be circulated to the Study Group members with email and then later consolidated in an issue of the Perforator. This is the first issue that will repeat articles already circulated to Study Group members by email. In addition to keeping our members without email up to date, each issue of the Perforator will eventually be added to the BNAPS library and available to all Canadian pefin collectors in the future.

§ There were 11 responses to the suggestion that the Perfin Study group lift the 5 year embargo and include current issues of the Peforator on the BNAPS website. There were 7 responses that simply stated their

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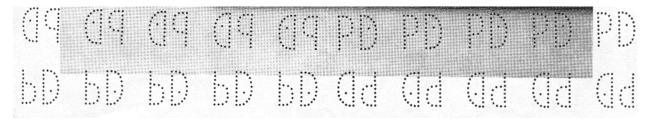
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if the embargo was lifted for paid-up BNAPS mem- now at least things will remain as they are. bers only, and 3 opposed. Those opposed were most eloquent and united in their reason— a 5 year embargo is not unusual with many philatelic societies and paid-up members should receive more of a benefit from their membership than those who are not. It was mentioned that this is also the view of the BNAPS Board of Directors which is opposed to lifting the embargo. My humble opinion is that a 11% "yes" vote, seven of a possible 65 (those with email), is not enough of a

agreement with the suggestion, one in agreement consensus to change the current practice, so for

§ Jean-Guy Dalpè had something special for me to see during our visit at FILEX- a Cummins Model 52 perforator. It is the P6 pattern of the Parke, Davis & Company from Winnipeg. When the Company closed its Winnipeg operations, the machine moved to the Walkerville Ontario plant. A nephew of Conrad Tremblay who worked for Parke Davis offered it to him and from Conrad it has passed to Jean-Guy. A respectful collector, Jean-Guy will not be perforating stamps. Here is the 5 die P6 pattern punch.



## **Private Perfins on Canadian Booklet Panes Beaudet**

Leopold

Perfin stamps from booklets are very rare, so a collector who discovers a perfin on a straight-edge stamp might understandably experience an adrenaline rush. Before getting too excited about such a discovery, the collector should remember that many Canadian stamps issued in sheet format also come with straight edges. Is there a list of such stamps? Can you determine whether a straight-edge stamp comes from a booklet or a sheet?

A listing of straight-edged stamps does exist, at least for stamps issued before 1971. The list was published in 1971 in a 15-page handbook, Canada Part Perforates, first edition, by Robert A. Lewis. The booklet is long out-of-print, but might show up in the stock of dealers who handle philatelic literature.

The second question isn't too difficult to answer, even without the benefit of the Lewis handbook which might be difficult to find, because the list of straight-edged stamps issued in both sheet and booklet format is quite small. The list includes:

1911 Admiral issue: 1¢ green, 1¢ yellow, 2¢ carmine, 2¢ green, 3¢ brown, 3¢ carmine. All Admiral sheet stamps exist with straight edges, but the above six were the only ones also issued in booklet format. Note that it is possible to distinguish between most but not all Admiral sheet stamps with straight edges and their booklet stamp counterparts as explained by Randall W. Van Someren in an article on the BNAPS website. See:

http://www.bnaps.org/ore/VanSomeren -AdmiralStamps/VanSomeren -AdmiralStamps-StraightEdge.htm1

1928 Scroll issue: 1¢, 2¢, 5¢. I believe sheets of the all the Scroll stamps were issued with straight

1954 QE II Wilding issue:  $5\phi$  (the "sheet" stamps are from miniature panes in cello pags).

1962-63 Cameo issue:  $4\phi$ ,  $5\phi$  (miniature panes).

1967 Centennial issue: 4¢, 5¢ (miniature panes).

1967 Centennial issue: 6¢ orange perf 10 x 10 and 6¢ black die I and die II perf 12.5 x 12.

If you come across a perfin on a straight-edged stamp, what should you do before permitting yourself an adrenaline rush? Go to the *Unitrade Specialized Catalogue* to see whether the stamp was ever issued in booklet format. If it was AND it is not in the list above, then you can celebrate! If it was, but it is in the list, unfortunately you may have a difficult time proving the stamp comes from a booklet rather than a sheet or miniature pane.

1. You will note that the latter reference provided by Leopold is to the BNAPS website. I would suggest that any Study group member who believes there is a perfin'd booklet pane stamp in his/her collection visit this BNAPS website and see if this can help you confirm that this is what you have. [Editor]

These two wonderful covers were sold in Eastern Auction's September sale. Both covers fetched prices just a little less than \$2000.





1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 changes to the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Canadian Stamp with Perforated Initials.

4.3	Under CATALOGUE NUMBERS change " stamp issues and reported for each perfin as dated on top of the page."
4.3	Under CATALOGUE NUMBERS change "reflect the <b>2015</b> catalogue stamp numbers."
4.3	Under CATALOGUE NUMBERS change Unitrade Specialized Catalogue 2007, style: 104, C1 or MR1 to Unitrade Specialized Catalogue <b>2015</b> , style: 104, C1 or MR1
5.A.4	Add item

A13	*********	AETNA LIFE INSURANCE CO	OMPANY	
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5.B.1	В4	Add stamp numbers 1194C and 1370
5.B.2	B10	Delete stamp number 105c
	B10	Change stamp number 111i to <b>111a</b>
5.B.4	B15	Change 112iv to <b>112c</b>
	B15	Delete stamp number <b>196i</b>
5.B.4	B16	Change Earliest Postmark from 1947/03/26 to 1946/11/26
5.C.2	C5	Add stamp number 92
5.C.3	C8	Change 112iv to <b>112c</b>
5.C.4	C11	Delete stamp number MR4i and 1915 Excise
	C13	Delete stamp number 105c
5.C.5	C15	Add stamp number <b>340</b>
5.C.7	C21	Change stamp number J151i to <b>J15b</b> , J17i to <b>J17b</b> , J18ii to <b>J18a</b> and J20i to <b>J20b</b>
	C21	Add stamp number <b>553</b>
5.C.8	C25	Add stamp number <b>247i</b>
5.C.9	C26	Add stamp numbers <b>1146, X-456°, X-458°, X-586°</b> and <b>X-705°</b> ° Philatelic Mint
	C26	Delete stamp numbers 456piii and 544pvi
5.C.10	C28	Add stamp numbers 247i and 453pa
	C28	Delete stamp numbers <b>455pa, 458pa, 504p, 543pa, 598iii</b> and <b>1160aii</b>
	C28	Change stamp number 1169A to 1169as

5.C.12	C33	Change stamp number 195i to <b>195d</b>	
	C34	Change stamp number 402a to <b>402as</b>	
	C34	Delete stamp number <b>402ii</b>	
5.C.13	C35	Change stamp number 341aiii to <b>341aiiis</b> and 403pii to <b>403ii</b>	
5.C.14	C41	Change stamp number FCD7 to <b>FCD6</b>	
	C44	Change stamp number E2i to <b>E2a</b>	
5.C.16	C46	Add stamp numbers <b>353</b> , <b>454</b> , <b>455</b> , <b>456</b> , <b>458</b> , <b>460</b> , <b>461</b> , <b>462</b> , <b>464</b> , <b>519</b> , <b>520</b> , <b>521</b> , <b>522</b> , <b>523</b> , <b>535</b> , <b>537</b> , <b>538</b> , <b>574</b> , <b>575</b> , <b>576</b> , <b>577</b> and <b>FX64</b>	
	C48	Add stamp number <b>FX40</b>	
5.D.3	D11	Delete Inland Excise	
5.E.1	E1	Add stamp number 219	
	E4	Change J. EBY BLAIN COMPANY LIMITED to <b>EBY-BLAIN, LIMITED</b>	
	E4	Add Earliest Postmark as 1912/03/22	
	E5	Delete Inland War Tax	
5.11.3	E11	Change PREFIN FACTOR from A to <b>B</b>	
	E11	Delete 1934 Excise	
5.G.1	G5	Add stamp number 67	
5.G.4	G16	Add stamp number <b>325</b>	
5.G.5	G17	Delete stamp number <b>110v</b>	
	G17	Add stamp number 269	
	G19	Add stamp numbers <b>111, 115, 249, 274</b> and <b>353</b>	
	G19	Change stamp number 404b to <b>404bs</b>	
5.H.2		Add Item	
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5.I.1	14	Add stamp number <b>247i</b>
5.1.3	17	Add stamp numbers 148 and 330
5.1.4	18	Add stamp number <b>241a</b>
	19	Change stamp number 165b to <b>165a</b>
5.1.5	I11	Add stamp numbers <b>91</b> and <b>115</b>
5.1.6	I13	Change stamp number 195i to <b>195d</b>
	I13	Delete stamp number <b>454viii</b>
	I13	Add stamp numbers 326, 432, FWT10 and I1-105d
	114	Add stamp number 192
5.1.7	I15	Add stamp number <b>402</b>
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5.1.8	116	Delete stamp number 105a
5.1.6	116	Add stamp number <b>382</b>
	117	Add stamp number <b>246</b>
5.1.9	117	Add stamp numbers <b>213, 326, 371</b> and <b>FX38</b>
3.1.7	119	Delete stamp number <b>105c</b>
	119	Add to COUNTRY <b>NL</b>
	119	Add stamp number <b>NL67</b> and <b>NL82</b>
	120	Add stamp number <b>146</b>
5.I.10	120	Add stamp number <b>158</b>
3.1.10	121	Change stamp number 165b to <b>165a</b>
	122	Add stamp number <b>165</b>
5.J.1	J1	Add stamp number 105d
5.J.2	J10	Add stamp numbers FWT13 and FX43
5.L.1	L1	Change stamp number 459a to <b>459as</b>
	L1	Delete stamp number <b>460pi</b>
	L1	Add stamp numbers <b>341i</b> , <b>379</b> , <b>464</b> , <b>706</b> and <b>911</b>
5.M.1	M1	Change stamp number 111i to <b>111a</b>
	M4	Change stamp numbers 108iii to <b>108c</b> and 110iii to <b>110d</b>
5.M.2	M6	Change stamp number MR3i to MR3b
	M8	Change stamp numbers 109i to <b>109d</b> and 110iii to <b>110d</b>
5.M.3	M13	Change stamp numbers 460pi to <b>460fpi</b> and 460pii to <b>460fpii</b>
	M13	Add stamp numbers 112a and 122
5.M.5	M20	Add stamp number <b>112iii</b>
5.M.6	M23	Change stamp number 195i to <b>195d</b>
	M24	Add stamp number 274
5.M.7	M28	Add stamp number 142
	M28	Change the Latest Postmark from 1926/09/13 to <b>1927/12/30</b>
5.N.1	N1	Delete stamp number 110i
	N1	Change stamp numbers 111i to <b>111a</b> , 118i to <b>118b</b> and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	N3	Delete stamp numbers 122i and 197b
	N3	Change stamp number 195i to <b>195d</b>
	N3	Add stamp number 203 and 3-195d
5.N.2	N5	Add stamp number 113
	N6	Add stamp numbers 249 and 288
5.N.4	N11	Add stamp number 233
5.N.5	N15	Add stamp number FWT8
	N17	Delete stamp number 197ii
	N17	Change stamp numbers MR2i to MR2a and MR3i to MR3b
5.N.6	N18	Delete stamp number 107c
	N18	Add stamp numbers <b>165a, 191a, 193, 217</b> and <b>285</b>
	N19	Change stamp number MR# to MR3

5.N.6	N18	Delete stamp number 107c
	N18	Add stamp numbers <b>165a, 191a, 193, 217</b> and <b>285</b>
	N19	Change stamp number MR# to MR3
5.N.7	N22	Delete stamp numbers 107c, 108e and 197ii
	N22	Add stamp number 193
	N23	Add stamp number <b>217</b>
	N23	Delete stamp number <b>197ii</b>
	N24	Add stamp numbers <b>241a, 361</b> and <b>C9as</b>
5.N.8	N26	Add in USER'S IDENTIFICATION NARES, ROBINSON & BLACK
	N26	Add in LOCATION Winnipeg MB
	N26	Add stamp number 93
5.N.9	N30	Delete stamp number 197ii
5.0.1	01	Delete stamp number 197ii
	01	Change stamp numbers 112e to <b>112c</b> and 195i to <b>195d</b>
	01	Add stamp number FWT8
	04	Add stamp number 106
5.0.2	06	Add stamp numbers 215 and FX7
	08	Delete stamp numbers 105a, 163d and 166a
5.P.2	P5	Add stamp numbers 112iii
	P5	Delete stamp number 107iiv
	P5	Change stamp numbers 105vi to <b>105f</b> , 107v to <b>107e</b> , 110iii to <b>110d</b> , 112iv to <b>112c</b> , 118i to <b>118b</b> , 119i to <b>119b</b> and 119ii to <b>119c</b>
	P6	Add stamp numbers 246, 324 and 349
	P6	Delete stamp number 197ii
	P6	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 106i to <b>106c,</b> 112iv to <b>112c</b> , 118i to <b>118b</b> and 195i to <b>195d</b>
	P7	Add stamp numbers 107a, 107e, 108c, 119c, 120a, 214 and 255
	P7	Delete stamp number 197ii
	P7	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> , 108ii to <b>108c</b> , 110i to <b>110b</b> , 110ii to <b>110c</b> , 110iii to <b>110d</b> , 112iv to <b>112c</b> , 119ii to <b>119c</b> and 166a to <b>166b</b>
5.P.3	P8	Add stamp number 175
	P12	Change stamp number 106vi to <b>106b</b>
5.P.4	P13	Delete stamp number 197ii
	P13	Change stamp number 106i to <b>106c</b> and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	P13	Add stamp numbers 107e, 117a, 241 and C9
	P14	Change stamp number 106i to 106c
	P15	Add stamp numbers 107e
5.P.5	P18	Change stamp number 112iii to <b>112c</b> and 118i to <b>118b</b>
	P18	Add stamp numbers 107bs and 117a
	P18	Delete stamp number 105b

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	S17	Change ? to <b>107</b>
5.S.4	S15	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> , 111i to <b>111a</b> and 119ii to <b>119c</b>
E C 1	S10	Add stamp numbers 108c, 112c and 203
	S10	Change stamp numbers 111i to <b>111a</b> and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
5.S.3	S9	Change stamp number 119ii to <b>119c</b>
F.C.2	S7	Add stamp numbers 107e and 108c
	S6	Add Perfin removed. Is not found in Canadian stamps.
	S6	Remove Perfin number S6 and all information.
	S5	Add stamp number 108
	S5	Change rating from A to <b>B</b>
	S4	After See Addendum A. add Found with Winnipeg cancels.
5.S.2	S4	Add stamp numbers 107e and 246
	S2	Change stamp number 163i to <b>163b</b>
	S2	Delete stamp number 197ii
5.S.1	S1	Add stamp number 90 and 142
5.R.3	R9	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 111i to <b>111c</b> and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	R7	Delete stamp number 197ii
	R7	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 104iv to <b>104c</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> , 106vi to <b>106b</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 110iii to <b>110d</b> , 111i to <b>111a</b> , 112iv to <b>112c</b> , and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	R7	Add stamp numbers <b>101, 107e</b> and <b>234</b>
	R6	Add stamp numbers 141, 146, 215 and C7
		113i to <b>113b</b> , 119i to <b>119b</b> and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	R6	Change stamp numbers 106i to <b>106c</b> , 107v to <b>107e</b> , 110iii to <b>110d</b> ,
	R5	107v to <b>107e</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 108iii to <b>108c</b> , 109ii to <b>109d</b> , 110iii to <b>110d</b> , 111i to <b>111a</b> , 112iv to <b>112c</b> , 113i to <b>113b</b> , 118i to <b>118b</b> and 195i to <b>195d</b> Add stamp number <b>114</b>
5.R.2	R5	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 104iv to <b>104c</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> ,
	R3	Change stamp numbers 106i to <b>106c</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 119i to <b>119b</b> and 119ii to <b>119c</b>
	R3	Add stamp numbers <b>107e</b> and <b>166b</b>
	R1	Add stamp number <b>109</b>
5.R.1	R1	Change stamp numbers 113i to <b>113b</b> and 119ii to <b>119b</b>
	Q1	119i to <b>119b</b> Add stamp number <b>105f</b>
5.Q.1	Q1	Change stamp numbers 107v to <b>107e</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 112iv to <b>112c</b> and
	P21	Change stamp number 112iv to <b>112c</b>
	P21	Add stamp numbers 108c and 119c
5.P.6	P20	Add stamp number <b>154</b>
	P19	Delete stamp numbers <b>402a, 405b</b> and <b>460pcp</b>
	P19	Add stamp number 232i

5.S.6	S20	Add stamp number 113
	S21	Change stamp numbers 106i to <b>106c,</b> 108i to <b>108b</b> and 119iii to <b>119d</b>
	S22	Add stamp numbers <b>107e, 108c, 112iii, 112c</b> and <b>325</b>
5.T.2	Т8	Change stamp numbers 111i to <b>111a</b>
	Т9	Delete stamp number 106a
	Т9	Change stamp numbers 105vi to <b>105f</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> , 107ci to <b>107fs</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 108iii to <b>108c</b> , 111i to <b>111a</b> , 111ii to <b>111b</b> and 112iv to <b>112c</b>
	Т9	Add stamp numbers 163 and 197
5.T.3	T12	Add stamp number 107e
	T13	Add stamp numbers 325 and 379
5.U.1	U2	Delete Federal Custom Duty
	U2	Add stamp number FCD2
5.W.1	W1	Delete stamp number 104a
	W1	Change stamp numbers MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	W3	Change stamp numbers 107v to <b>107e</b>
	W3	Add stamp number 135
5.W.2	W5	Delete stamp numbers <b>403i</b> and <b>455pvi</b>
	W5	Change stamp numbers 105vi to <b>105f</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> , 107ci to <b>107fs</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 108iii to <b>108c</b> , 111i to <b>111a</b> , 111ii to <b>111b</b> and 112iv to <b>112c</b>
	W5	Add stamp numbers <b>107e</b> , <b>108c</b> , <b>193</b> , <b>354</b> , <b>418</b> , <b>425</b> , <b>426</b> , <b>438</b> , <b>521</b> , <b>524</b> , <b>527</b> , <b>574</b> and <b>577</b>
5.W.3	W7	Add stamp numbers 105d, 107e, 197c, 320, 327 and MR2
	W8	Change earliest postmark from 1909/05/03 to 1908/12/22
	W9	Change stamp numbers 111i to <b>111a</b> , 195i to <b>195d</b> and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
	W9	Add stamp numbers <b>97, 107e, 108c, 119b</b> and <b>163b</b>
5.W.4	W13	Change stamp numbers 104iii to <b>104b</b> , 106i to <b>106c</b> , 106vi to <b>106b</b> , 108i to <b>108b</b> , 111i to <b>111a</b> , 111ii to <b>111b</b> , 119ii to <b>119c</b> , 195i to <b>195d</b> , and MR3i to <b>MR3b</b>
5.W.5	W14	Add stamp numbers 107e and 152
	W15	Changes stamp number 112iv to <b>112c</b>
	W15	Add stamp numbers <b>117a, 164, 191, 197c, 246, 247</b> and <b>251</b>
	W16	Add stamp numbers <b>112a, 112c, 163b</b> and <b>170</b>
5.W.6	W18	Change stamp number 267 to <b>257</b>
	W18	Add stamp numbers <b>107e, 112c, 119b, 209, 215</b> , <b>244, 256</b> , <b>378</b> and <b>714</b>
5.#.1	#1	Add stamp number <b>90, 107e, 108c, 112c</b> and <b>129a</b>
	#1	Change stamp number 163i to <b>163b</b>

### An E4 "Eby-Blain Co. Ltd." on Cover

Russell D. Sampson

The illustration here shows a rather attractive advertising cover recently purchased by the author from an eBay dealer in England. It's franked with an early usage of the 2-cent carmine Admiral (Scott #106) but more importantly it sports a B-rated perfin from the grocery wholesaler, importer and manufacturer *Eby-Blain, Limited* of Toronto. The machine cancel is dated MAR 22 1912. This is only about eight months earlier than the sole reported date of the E4 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the perfin catalogue (1912/11/18). Thus a daterange for this perfin, albeit a relatively short one, has now been established. The other illustration shows a single Scott #89 with the pattern, also from the author's collection.





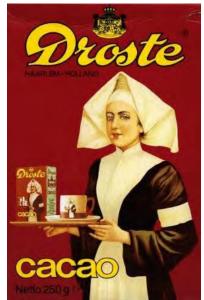


The cover is back-stamped LONDON E.C. / 4.15 PM / APL 312E thus taking 12-days to reach London. The postage is the 2-cent Empire rate (Imperial Penny Post), which was in effect from December 25, 1898 until April 15, 1915 when it increased to 3-cents.

The history of this Canadian wholesaler was outlined by Jim Black in a past issue of the Perforator [Volume 36 No.1]. It is interesting to note that in early publications the company's logo had the founder's names separated with a comma. This illustrated cover shows the two names separated with a hyphen – just like in the perfin. From an Internet search for images related to the company, it appears that sometime between 1904 and 1908 the logo changed to the hyphen. However, the fact that the pattern supposedly has appeared on a Scott #75 (1-cent Numeral Queen Victoria – 1898 to 1902) would suggest the transition might have occurred earlier or in a rather haphazard fashion.

The addressee "Messrs Droste & Co." is most likely the famous Dutch cocoa company which at the time had a branch office in London.

By the way, this company is also famous for a graphic arts effect, now called the "Droste Effect". If you have ever had a box of this cocoa (and I have), you may know what this means. On the box is a picture of a 19th century nurse holding a tray with hot cocoa in a cup and next to the cup is a picture of a box of Droste. On that box is the same picture, and so on, and so on ... and so on. This mirrored picture within a picture is now called the Droste Effect.



I was lucky enough to purchase a real find just before the storm-induced blackout of the 2015 Precancel/ Perfin Convention at Boxoborough, Massachusetts. It was a C-rated N26 on a Scott #90 from John Randall's impressive Canadian perfin collection. This pattern had an unknown origin and was one of only about 10 patterns still unidentified in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the catalogue. Upon close inspection, the specimen has a faint cancel that appears to be a Cloutier DMB-396 duplex from Winnipeg [1], dated October 1903 (O(C), 03). Another N26 (on Scott #93) from my collection has a partial CDS cancel that could now be more positively identified as coming from Winnipeg (see Figures 1 and 2).



Figure 1

A search of the online 1903 Henderson's city directories for Winnipeg [2] revealed the firm of **Nares, Robinson & Black**. Further examination of the Henderson Directories determined that the company by that name was in existence from 1900 to 1907. This period coincides with the recorded stamp issues with the N26 pattern (Scott #77, 77a, 89, 90 and now my 93). The company advertised itself as a "Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agency". They were located at 381 Main Street on the corner of Lombard, which eventually became known at the Nares Block (Figure 3).



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

Llewelyn Arthur Nares (see Figure 4) left Dominion Mortgage Co. in 1900 and joined forces with Edward Milward Robinson [3] and George Montegu Black to complete the NRB group. George M. Black is none-other than the grandfather of Conrad Black, one of Canada's most famous modern financiers [3].

The NRB perfin disappeared around the same time that Nares left the company and moved to California in 1907. There he made a fortune on real estate and patents [3]. The remaining partners continued the Winnipeg operation for a few more years under the name Robinson & Black (see 1909 cartoons [4], Figures 5 and 6). In 1911 an ignominious event befell the once proud NRB The Nares Block collapsed when its foundations were undermined during construction of an adjacent bank [5].





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Figure 5

Figure 6

Nares become a bit of financial celebrity in California and appears to have built the first mansion in Beverly Hills in 1907-08. The home was on Knaresborough Drive (note the name), which is now Alpine Drive [6,7]. He also has a town near Fresno named after him - Lanares, California [8]. Nares was an early motoring enthusiast and set a record for travel between Los Angeles and San Francisco – just over a day. His hobby was also the source of his demise, as he died in 1939 of injuries re-

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