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Editor's Post: A short issue this time. Again, I urge all the members to consider submitting something for our newsletter, no matter how small.

§ BNAPEX in Fredricton New Brunswick is fast approaching. I plan to be there on the Saturday and it would be nice to touch base with any study group members who are also there that day.



§ Ron Whyte's article in the last issue on whether his 1932 WCB air mail cover was officially used or nor prompted this response from Peter Wood:

Are you confident about the year of cancellation? I am not, when I compare the top curls of the two 3's they are different could it be 1938? that would be in the era of the rise of that trouble maker Adolf. I did a little research on the BC address and the current residence is reported to have been built in 1987. Also of interest about a half hour away is /was the Winfield Motor Freight business. Could not find any H. Winfield people in the 1911 or 1901 BC Census in that area. There was a "horse thief" listed I found interesting. I did see in 1911 a Frank born in PQ in 1871 with a wife Clara age 30 born in USA, a son Michael age 6 born in USA and a daughter Flanch (Blanch) age 2 born in BC and came to Canada – reported as immigrants 1908 all living in south Vancouver as I said in 1911.

Here's a new thought – could WCB have assisted sponsors in bringing immigrants to BC with the need for more labour in the West?

To which Ron replied:

Maybe the smaller fig. 3 in the PERFORATOR copy is a little hard to see; with 768.jpg one can see that the cancellation date is 1932.

As to the address of Mrs. H. Winfield of 2149 Dunbar St. Vancouver, B.C. Canada. The rebuilding of Vancouver since 1932 has been phenomenal. The date of construction of the building of 1987 is very possible as a replacement. To find a cross road street address easily in Vancouver generally one takes 15 off the first two digits, which in turn gives 6th avenue 2149 less 15 = 6th as a cross road to Dunbar street. I didn't want to give the actual return address in the write up.

The W/CB Air Mail cover does have the possibly of being Semi Official, as it is typed, and would think then, there wasn't letter head covers to do the right job of mailing with an Air Mail cover other than used. Still not sure! Isn't Perfin collecting fun!



§ Russ Sampson has resumed his research on the Royal & Queen Insurance perfins and is looking to illustrate his article with scans of covers with these perfins. If you can help he can be reached at rsampson314@gmail.com

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After reading in BNAPS Topics Issue 145 about the largest known 4 hole OH/MS cover containing 23 cancelled stamps with a total postage rate of \$13.92, here are 2 other large multiples.

The first example includes 22 x 14¢ Peace issue of the hydro electric plant plus one 10¢ Great Bear Lake Peace issue; 23 stamps for a total postage of \$3.18. This multiple is on part of a wrapper – destination unknown- but with a Winnipeg Ma. Roller cancel, plus part on an air mail etiquette label. The date is difficult to decipher. Unfortunately one of the 14¢ stamps is missing the bottom part, but since it was a government mailing the Post Office simply accepted the stamp as valid.



The other example is a used block of 25 containing 25 copies of the 2¢ Mufti issue. One wishes that it was still on a cover or wrapper, but an earlier owner soaked it off. This block is roller cancelled in Toronto on 1942/JUN/20. The total postage value is only 50¢.

I hope these are of interest to Perfin collectors and would not be surprised if someone else has an even larger block. Any challengers out there?

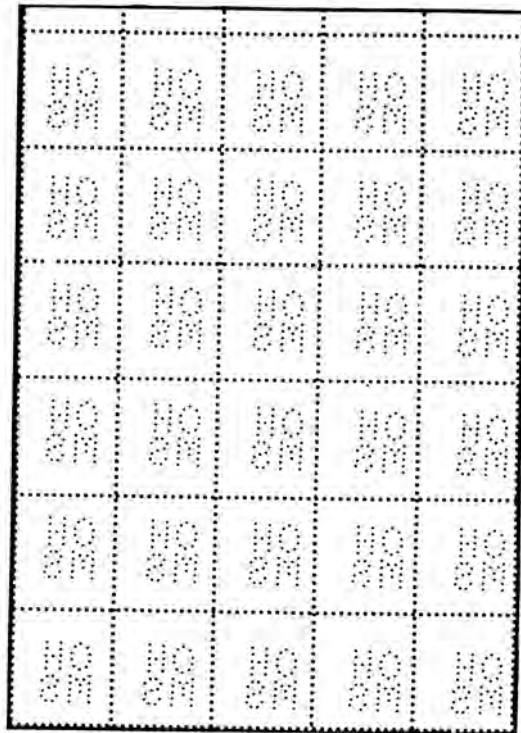


Editor's Note: The block of 2¢ Mufti's triggered a vague memory for me. I seemed to recall seeing something about a large block of Mufti's in an old issue of our newsletter. I have come to trust these occasional flashes and so went looking through all of the past issues. It took some few minutes but here is what I found from 1994; Volume 14 number 4:

Study group member Patrick Durban reported this bloc of 30 3¢ Mufti's used in Victoria BC on April 14th, 1940.

My search for this turned up a couple of large blocks from the Province of Saskatchewan (P19). One was a mini-block of 25 of the 2¢ Cameo (Scott 402) and the other was a sheet of 100 of what looked to me to be the 6¢ black Centennial (Scott 460). From the description I assumed the sheet was mint; the sheet of Scott 402 also appeared to be mint but I couldn't tell for sure.

If these are in the possession of a current Study Group member, perhaps they could clarify.



An Update to the Delisting of Certain Newfoundland Perfins

Barry Senior

In 2013 a short article was published in the four major Perfin publications requesting feedback to verify the existence of certain Newfoundland perfins based on the results of a survey published in 1995. At the time I received no responses so a request was made to the editors of Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials to delist the stamps in question. This was done and should have been the end of this saga, not so. Forward to 2016 where I purchased a small collection of Newfoundland perfins and lo and behold what should appear but one of the stamps in question. It is a Scott #226 with an A11, Ayre and Sons Limited, perfin in position 2. This stamp was issued on May 6, 1935 and has a clear "Buy Goods Made in Newfoundland" slogan cancel. This slogan is listed as NFS-13 in the handbook "Slogan Postmarks of Canada" by Cecil Coutts and as PS-12 in the "Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalog", 7th edition, by Walsh and Butt. There are 2 versions of this slogan with Die 1 being used from May 1934 – December 1935 and Die II used from May 1935 – November 1937.

The previous Latest Known Date of Usage of the A11 perforator was April 16, 1932 and in the absence of a readable date on this stamp the LKU now has to be the date of issue of this stamp or May 6, 1935, over 3 years later. This little exercise just proves that no matter how much information is known and confirmed in the perfin world things are always subject to change with the next auction purchase or trader lot that you receive. We have just added a new issue and a new LKU to the A11 perforator.

Happy Hunting!



Cover Story

Jon Johnson/Jim Graham

My work took me to Calgary early in May and I had the opportunity to meet Jon Johnson and Gary Tomasson for the first time. We spent a very pleasant few hours over supper talking 'shop". Jon brought along the cover shown (reduced); registered to Philadelphia October 2, 1920. The 17¢ postage is paying the 10¢ registration fee with a 10¢ Admiral (plum), the 1¢ war tax and 6¢ triple weight (at 2¢ per ounce) with 2 3¢ from the 1917 Confederation set. These latter stamps are perforated PPC, the A rated pattern of the Parker Pen Corporation of Janesville Wisconsin.

There is nothing on the reverse of the cover to help but Jon believes the evidence points to the cover has having been sent by a Toronto stamp dealer with the 2 perforated stamps coming from unused salesmen's postage stock (for sending reports to head office). This is the second known issue with the PPC pattern and a great find indeed.



Precancel Study Group

After having been dormant for some years the BNAPS Precancel Study Group was re-energized last year under the Chairmanship of Andy Elwood and with Larry Goldberg as the editor of the Group's quarterly newsletter— Precancels Canada. There is of course some overlap between perfins and precancels (known as preepers in the USA) and the resurrection of the Study Group may provide a mutual opportunity to increase our knowledge and perhaps expand your individual collecting interests.



And speaking of precancels here is a mystery: Conventional wisdom suggests the W10 of W J Gage Company was destroyed in the great Toronto fire of 1905 and replaced by the W9 die. The 5¢ violet Admiral was issued in 1922 raising the question "is this a fake?". The pattern on the stamp lays over the W10 pattern perfectly and to the eye looks like all other W10 punches I have. Presumably the perfin punch on all precancels would have been applied after the pre-cancel printing by the PO, so finding the tell tale signs of a "manufactured" used perfin after the stamp had been previously cancelled in the regular mail would tell us nothing. If it is a fake it is good!

The listing of the known issues for the W10 pattern in the 5th edition Handbook includes 4 Victoria era stamps; Scott 35i, 41, 69, and 74. It is very unlikely these stamps would have survived the 1905 fire to be then perforated with the new W9 pattern. Confirming the actual existence of those particular stamps would be helpful and if they are in your collection, scans would be very much appreciated by your newsletter Editor and the Handbook Editors, Gary and Jon. Any other thoughts on this would also be welcomed.

8th August 2016 changes to the 5th Edition of the Canadian Stamp with Perforated Initials.

5.A.2	A5	Add EARLIEST POSTMARK 1910/11/15
5.A.3	A11	Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1932/04/26 to 1935/05/-
		Add stamp number 226
5.B.3	B12	Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1930/12/06 to 1931/01/21
5.C.11	C28	Add stamp number 1308
5.C.13	C36	Add stamp number 240°
	C36	Add at bottom °Philatelic
5.C.16	C46	Add stamp numbers 463, 488, 501, 503, 516, 526, 532, 542, 543, 544, 560, 564, 580, 587, 589, 593, 594a, 596a and FWT8°
		Mark FCD1, FCD2, FCD3, FCD4, FCD5, FCD6, FCD7 with a °
		Add at bottom °Philatelic
5.G.1	G1	Add stamp number FX18
	G2	Add stamp number 157
5.I.3	I5	Add stamp number FX64
	I6	Add stamp numbers 246 and 255
5.I.8	I17	Add stamp number 269
5.I.9	I20	Change EARLIEST POSTMARK from 1913/09/19 to 1912/05/31
5.I.10	I21	Add stamp number 250
5.M.1	M4	Add stamp number 148
5.M.3	M13	Add stamp numbers 403 and FX14
5.M.4	M14	Add stamp number 91
	M16	Delete stamp numbers FWT8 and FX36
	M17	Add stamp number 243
5.M.5	M18	Add stamp number FX64
5.N.1	N1	Add stamp number 115
5.N.7	N23	Add stamp number 109as
	N24	Change EARLIEST POSTMARK from 1942/01/13 to 1939/-/28
		Add stamp numbers 150 and 246
5.N.8	N26	Add EARLIEST POSTMARK 1903/10/-
5.N.9	N31	Add stamp number 341
5.O.4	O14	Add stamp number 89iv
5.P.4	P16	Add LATEST POSTMARK 1920/10/02
		Add stamp number 135
5.P.5	P18	Add stamp number 198
5.P.6	P21	Add stamp number 90
5.S.2	S7	Change EARLIEST POSTMARK from 1923/12/11 to 1923/11/17
		Add stamp number FWT7

5.W.4	W13	Change EARLIEST POSTMARK from 1916/04/17 to 1916/04/04
5.W.5	W15	Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1944/-4/1- to 1948/12/02
J1		Add at end of paragraph Note - °Philatelic
	FCD1	Add ° to C46
	FCD2	Add ° to C46
	FCD3	Add ° to C46
	FCD4	Add ° to C46
	FCD6	Add ° to C46
	FCD7	Add ° to C46
	FCD8	Add stamp type C46°
	FWT8	Delete stamp type M16
J2	FWT17	Add stamp type S7
	FX14	Add stamp type M13
	FX18	Add stamp number FX18
		Add stamp type G1
J3	FX36	Has been moved to Page J3
		Delete stamp type M16
	FX64	Add stamp types I5 and M19
		We now have Page J.5