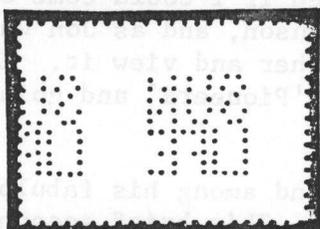


S11a POSITIVELY CONFIRMED



S11



S11a Die Proof

Several collectors may have thought that the new 'SUN/LIFE' listing of S11a was the figment of someone's imagination. Well, it is with pleasure that I can inform you that the S11a perforator has been located. The machine is a Cummins Model 52, with five dies. The history of the use of this perforator is incomplete but the theory that most of the stamps were issued in London, Ont., appears to still stand. S11a is also known in U.S. postage stamps (as well as S11). It is understood that the perforator is in the process of being sent to the National Postal Museum. The final location of the perforator will be reported when it is confirmed.

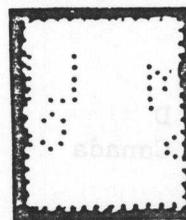
The eye ball method of sorting S11a and S11 is to look at the top two holes in the 'S'. In S11a the two holes are perfectly horizontal, in S11 the righthand hole (in A position) is raised above the horizontal. For those who like a more sure method, start with an early S11 stamp with a Montreal cancel (odds of this being S11a would then be quite small). Put the stamp face down on black paper (a light table works best of all) then superinpose all your remaining 'SUN/LIFE' perfins starting with the 'S' and 'L'. A S11 will fit exactly. The S11a will definately not fit, it is about 1/64 in wider so at best only 1/2 of the holes in the 'N' and 'E' will overlap.

STUDY GROUP EXECUTIVE

For those members who do not remember the Study Group Constitution in the first edition of the Perforator, it is time to review the Executive. At present the Chairman of the Study Group is Jon Johnson and Mike Dicketts is the Secretary. Both these individuals are willing to remain in these positions for the coming year. If anyone is dissatisfied with either individual they are requested to state so in writing to the Editor and propose a member to run for election in the particular position (the nomination of a member is to be supported by two other members). Any action of this nature must be in the hands of the Editor within three weeks of the mailing of the September Perforator, September 15th. If no letters on this are received within the three weeks it will be deemed confirmation of the existing Executive.

ANOTHER NEW PERFIN

H.G. Walburn is the proud owner of a spanking old perfin (as far as cars go). The perfin found is LM/Co and has been given the number L7. This perfin is also listed in the U.S. Perfin Catalogue as #L119, Lozier Motor Co., Detroit, MI. The Canadian perfin is split, on a 2c red Admiral.



L7



L119

Having previously expressed an interest in perfin to a local dealer, he told me in 1977, after returning from the BNAPS Convention in Edmonton, that he heard there that an antique dealer owned a perforator. I decided to follow this up but it turned out that the owner was not a dealer but a collector of machines and machinery.

I wrote to the owner asking if he did have a perforator and he replied sending several impressions on plain paper. It was the S2a machine. I asked if I could come out and see it and he agreed. I had been communicating with Jon Johnson, and as Jon was making his trans-Canada tour at the time we decided to go out together and view it. However this was not to be, as the owner was in Saskatoon attending 'Pioneera' and going out would have been to no avail.

It was not until August 1979 that I finally made the trip, and among his fabulous and remarkable collection of Prairie Canadiana, was the machine. This brief account is written in the hope it will encourage other perfin collectors to pursue any leads, as one never knows what the end result will be.

The exact date that the five die Cummins model 52 perforator, used by the Swift Company, was put into use does not appear to be recorded. A recent survey of Admiral perfins by Mickael Dicketts has not brought to light any of this issue punched with the S2a design. In all probability the perforator was not used until the late 20's or early 30's. My earliest example is on the George V Arch issue of 1930-1. Jack Benningen owns a cover from Moose Jaw dated 6PM July 31, 1931 (with 3¢ Admiral), which is probably the earliest known dated example.

Although ordered for use in Swift's Moose Jaw office, the perforator was obtained in 1974 by the owner from a person who received it earlier in part payment for work he did in Swift's Yorkton office. It was reported in TOPICS in March 1968 that covers had appeared for several years bearing S2a postmarked at Yorkton. My copy of #341 bears a dated postmark Yorkton, ?1959 and my last stamp is #461, the 8¢ Alaska Highway issue of 1967. So it would seem that the perforator was not used much beyond that date.

This brief account could have some of the gaps filled in if others can provide details. Let's hear from you via the PERFORATOR.

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To date 45 people have returned survey sheets, 32 of these have answered all three surveys. On the whole the reports are well prepared and give me little trouble. I would appreciate the reporters using some form of identity. Occasionally I have had to make further inquiries, and if the reporter's name or number should be indicated, there is no problem.

However, most reporters are wasting postage. So far all reports have weighed less than 30 gm., so single first class rate is sufficient.

A correction. The following figures were omitted from the preliminary survey of B6 'B/LL/B'. Please add: No. of different Catalogue. 25; Total perfins. 1,000+.

C10a and C10b appears to confuse most people - even those of us who attempted to sort them. If both photographs were in the same position, it might have helped. Perhaps a detailed description could be written.

I have been surprised that no Tagged stamps have been reported. It is highly probable that C3 'CBC' and C10b 'CG/E' exist with Winnipeg Tagging.

Re. stamps with General Tagging, some stamps issued in 1972 exist with and without General Tagging. We would like to hear about any holdings you may have.

If the catalogue numbers shown for Revenue stamps confuse you, bear with me. They confuse me too and I report them as shown.

I would like to thank those people who sent lists of all their holdings. Some of our members specialize in certain areas, and I can help these people by sending them those returns.

Chairman's Notes

This 8th edition of the Perforator has attached the results of the questionnaires for C1 through C10 and the first set of questionnaires to be completed this fall. As we are primarily a research Study Group attempting to update the information on Canadian perfins for a revised Handbook and (secondarily?) broadening our own knowledge of perfins. I have mixed emotions as to our success. On the plus side, the Study Group is much larger after eight months than anyone ever envisioned. The preliminary questionnaire results have been very interesting, also with surprises, for some people who have studied them closely. The Perforator provides a good potential source of specialized perfin information that possibly may not have seen print else where. On the negative side, the percentage of participants who are completing the questionnaire is approaching 50%. Put bluntly, if the participants were cut by 50% the same results would be achieved without affecting the research results (so far), probably saving time and money as well. So collectors can not always be near their collections when the questionnaires are received, and in some cases Joe Purcell has been informed that certain information will not be available for several months, no problem. For the beginning collector, the information is still important, I have seen more than one small collection that had one or more key perfins not seen in larger collections. We all draw a line through more perfin types than we would like to. And for those BNAPS members who do not collect perfins and are just interested in the activity of the Study Group there is no problem IF you inform Joe Purcell of this so he is not expecting a completed questionnaire and you do report any perfins you see that appear significant. Also, I am not aware of increased correspondence between members of the Study Group. I hope that I am wrong or the situation will change for the best method of obtaining perfins and information is by direct personal contact or correspondence.

I would like to reiterate that the attached questionnaire summaries are tentative only, to indicate any early trends. Also I hope to see more notes from different participants in the Perforator this winter. All the best in your perfin hunting.

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The cover above is the identifier for the E6, EC/SE, perfin. The cover located by Jack Benningen identified Evans, Coleman, & Evans, a major Vancouver concrete supplier, as the owner of the perfin.

Trade notices:

David Izzett is interested in trading 2,4 or more G.B. perfins for Canadian perfins. At present he has a special interest in perfins in stamps within the past ten years. Please write David at 7 Barberry Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, England HP1 1SD.

Jon Johnson would like to locate a C3 and a Q1 on cover. Willing to trade other covers or any preference in Canadian perfins. Please write Jon at Box 6118, Station D, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2C7.

Bill Murphy would like to purchase Canadian perfins. He is new to collecting perfins and at present his collection is small. Perfin interests are both Canada and U.S. Please write Bill at 1616 Ruidosa, Wichita Falls, Texas. 76305