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With deep regret we report the death of our secretary, Joe Purcell. Joe was active in all phases of Philately. Lately he has specialized in Perfins of Canada, Great Britain, Ireland and Australia. He was an early member of our study group, and was the co-ordinator of the survey prior to the new handbook.

#### Financial Statement 1985

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1984 \$415.70

#### Receipts

1985 Dues \$212.00  
1986 Dues 67.00  
Exchange 10.69  
Sale of Back issues 40.00  
Donations 7.50

#### Disbursements

Perforator 7 issues  
Printing and Postage \$423.05  
Secretary's Postage  
and supplies 16/92

Balance onhand, 85-12-31 \$312.92

Signed J.L. Purcell

1986 Dues are now due. The executive set our annual dues at their meeting in Calgary at \$5.00. Send in your dues now so that it will be possible for you to keep up with the study group, including new additions and revisions to the new handbook. Make your cheques payable to the Perfin Study Group, and send them to the editor.

A red dot beside this paragraph indicates that your dues are not paid.

Now that you have spent time studying the new Handbook and remounting some of your Canadian Perfins, we are asking for your participation. If you have not already done so, will you please check your collection and let us know of any new Perfins, earlier or later dates, additions to the addendums, etc.

Do you have any questions regarding any of your Canadian Perfins. Or any listing in the new Handbook?

Will you send in a short artical for publication in a future issue of the Perforator. Or a good clear photocopy of an interesting cover.

Send all of this in the same envelope with your dues. (You can save postage), and help others who are collecting Canadian Perfins.

As your editor, I need articles, illustrations, etc., for future issues of the Perforator. I am counting on you.

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Assistance requested

I am verifying the dies, and attempting to plate sequentially M8 (MD, N3 (ND) and T4 (TN/OR). I would like to borrow your Perfins of these three types for one week, then immediate return. Will pay postage both ways. Pairs invaluable, and singles still needed for this work. Thanks. Jon Johnson, Box 6118, Station D., Calgary, AB, T2P 2C7

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Change of Address

Dave Hanes,; 33 Lillian Crescent, Barrie, ON, L4N 4P8 (eff. 1 Apr.)  
David Marasco, 15571 Roper Ave., White Rock, BC V4B 2G4

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NEWS

Congratulations to Jon Johnson and Gary Tomasson who are co-winners of the 1985 Hallock Card award presented by the United States Perfin club for their "Efforts which resulted in the publication of the Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials"

FIRE - A Complex Answer To A Simple Question.

At the BNAPEX Perfin seminar Jon Johnson gave a slide program on the W.J. Gage perfins and perfin covers. He mentioned that it was surprising that W9 replaced W10 during the Edwards as examination of blocks indicate both Types originate from single die machines.

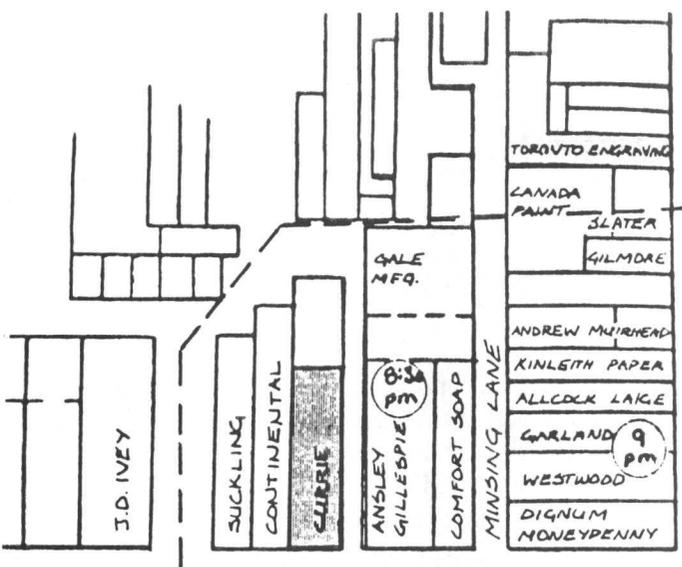
Wayne Curtis of Toronto (not a Study Group member) mentioned in the discussion that the "Great Toronto Fire" took place in 1904 and possibly the first machine, W10, was destroyed in the fire. Wayne has now supplied more, detailed, information. The date of the fire was April 19th, 1904, - the fire alarm was sounded at 8:04 PM. Flames were first noted rising from the elevator shaft of E.&S. Currie at 58-60 Wellington West. The fire reached the W.J. Gage offices about 10 PM. Quoting the provided information; "One of the most valuable dray loads of saved materials was that taken from the vaults (after the fire) of the W.J. Gage Company building in Front Street West. The load consisted of packages of electrotype plates from which all provincial school books were printed, and the three-colour plates used to lithograph pictures in manuals and school geographies." The balance of the information implies that all supplies and equipment outside of the vaults was a total loss.

Companies which used perfins at one time, who had their buildings destroyed in the Toronto 1904 fire were:

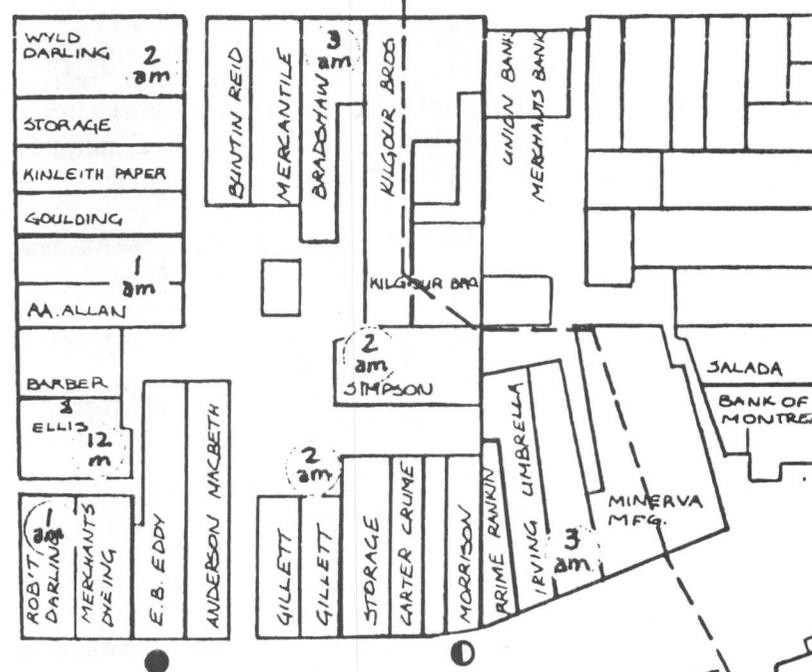
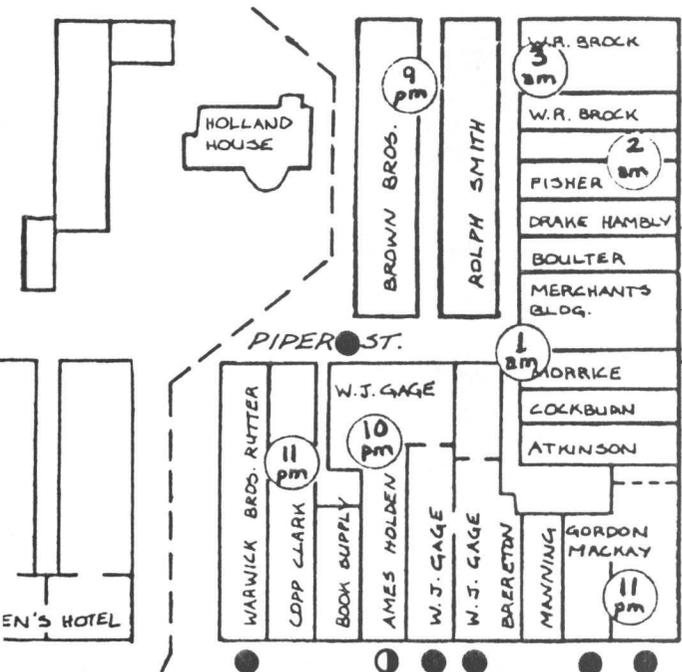
	Perfin	PF	Range
W.J. Gage	W9	G	1903-1937 (postage)
Warwick Bros. & Rutter	W3	E	1903-1942
Gutta Percha	#1	G	1903-1932
Gordon MacKay	G8	F	1903-1951
McClary Manufacturing	?	-	1903-193x
E.B. Eddy	E4	E	1903-1922
Office Specialty	013	E	1903-1922
?James Morrison Brass Manf.	J9	F	1903-1935
????(Ames Holden Co.)	?A2	B	1903-1922
(Gage office on two sides)			

There was a Morrison office destroyed but whether it was James Morrison is unconfirmed. Ames Holden Co. had W.J. Gage on two side of their office, is it possible that they were the owner of the unidentified AHI perfin? Probably only the Gage perforator was destroyed in the fire. In turn, when Gage ordered a replacement machine other companies in the area learned of its existance and subsequently ordered a machine for themselves when replacing their office equipment. It is note worthy that most of the companies with perforators are close together. There may be other small companies missing from the list as the attached map was used as the source of company names. The dashes show the outline of the area destroyed by the fire. A black dot has been placed at the entrance for each of the companies who used perfins prior to 1911.

A large thankyou to Wayne Curtis for providing a constructive answer to a simple question. Now there is more information to be checked into, especially on James Morrison and Ames Holden.



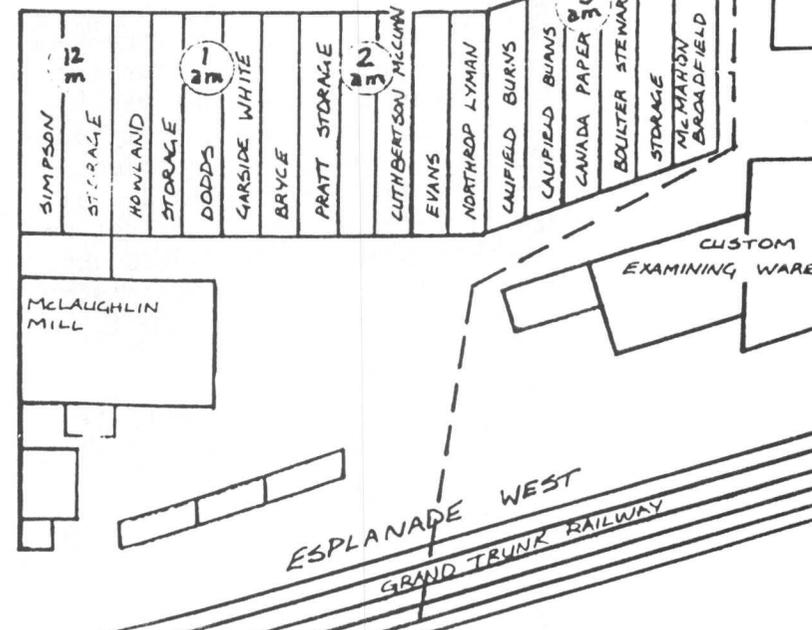
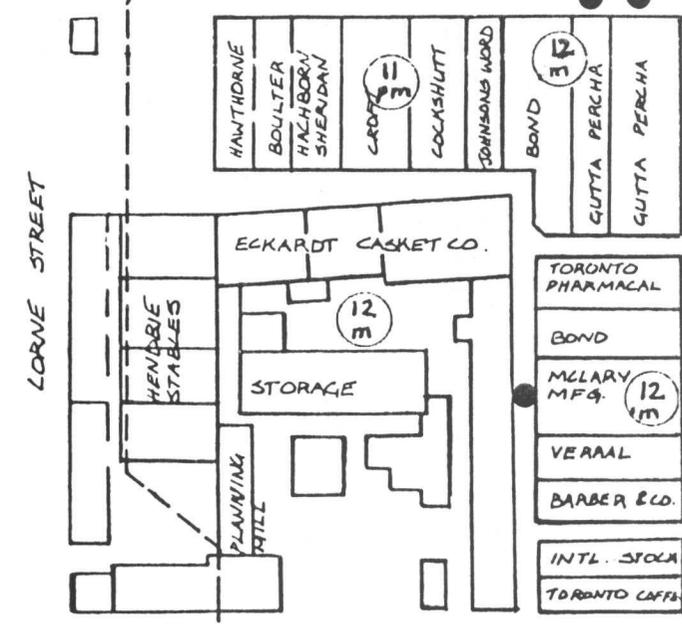
WELLINGTON ST. WEST



PIPER ST.

BAY STREET

FRONT ST. WEST



Perfin Handbook Update #2

by Jon Johnson

<u>Page</u>	<u>Perfin</u>	<u>Updated information</u>
26	C10	Late date - 1957/03/19
30	C27	Late issue - 1972
32	C38	Early issue - 1918
35	C61	Late date - 1963/10/06
37	D4	Add - Addendum I
48	J8	Late date - 1924/04/05
50	L1	Early date - 1932/01/26
50	L3	Add - Addendum F
52	M7	Late date - 1926/06/20
54	M16	Early issue - 1911
57	N7	Early issue - 1922
59	N11	Early date - 1911/10/16
60	N16	Early date - 1913/01/27
60	N17	Add - Addendum F
66	P10	Late date - 1957/01/29
67	P15	Early date - 1930/09/12
69	R8	Early date - 1911/02/-
76	U1	Add - United States Lines, New York, NY
103	C8	Add - Inland Rev. Excise
104	G16	Add - Excise 1934
104	I3	Add - Excise 1934
104	M9	Add - Inland Rev WTax
104	M19	Add - Inland Rev Excise
105	N17	Add - Excise 1934
105	P6	Add - Excise 1934
110	D4	Add - C2
111	C59	Add - E1
43	G16	Add - Addendum F

New Perfin Types

S21		STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY
A		SAI 1937-1942 - - C, U.S.
P19		PETER HENDERSON & COMPANY
A		PH 1903-1911 - - C, U.S.

Mike Dicketts has volunteered to act as Secretary-Treasurer until a permanent appointment can be made later.

Mike resides in the same city, and he knows the job and the records to be kept, as he was Secretary-treasurer prior to Joe Purcell.

Our chairman, Dave Hanes is asking for a volunteer to handle this job as Secretary-Treasurer. There is not too much work involved. It is mainly keeping a record of members who pay their dues, and corresponding with an occasional request for information regarding our Study Group.

Will you give this your consideration. Volunteer when you send in your dues, along with that list of additions to the new handbook, and the article or photocopy for the Perforator.

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the two new additions and add them to your  
new Handbook