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From The Editor's Desk

Patrick Durbano

It has been some time since we have had an issue and I must accept the blame for the delay. My schedule over the past 3 months has been horrendous but I now have some extra time to devote to our Study Group.

As a Study Group Officer, I recently received a letter from Jon Johnson summarizing the number of newsletters issued by the 19 active Study Groups. I was pleasantly surprised to see that in 1994 the BNA Perfins Study Group was tied for second place with three other groups at six. Only the RPO Study Group issued more with seven. All the more reason for me to be back at the Editor's Desk/Computer Screen churning our Perforators.

This issue, as usual, contains our Chairman's Chatter however, the majority of this issue is devoted to the Newfoundland Perfin Survey. This survey was originally started by Jim Catterick, followed by Isaac Oelgart and finally completed by Russ Deveau in November 1994. As well, I received a wonderful letter from Wally Gutzman, who according to Mark Fennell, is the only original contributor to the first Edition BNAPS Perfin Handbook that is still a Study Group Member. (If we are wrong, please let me know who else fits the bill and I will acknowledge you.)

Speaking of acknowledgement, Wally also wanted

it known that although he has been relatively inactive over the past few years with his perfins that he was also at the Perfins Study Group meeting at BNAPEX '94 in Burlington. He indicated that he was the only one that was left off the list.

As for Study Group news, our Auctioneer Conrad Tremblay has informed me that Auction 9 had 360 out of 505 lots (71%) sell for a total of \$1,627.00. Out of this, \$132.00 was sent to Steve Koning as net commissions. The prices realized for Auction 9 will be included in the next Perforator. Conrad also tells me that Auction 10 is almost ready to go and that he is still accepting lots for Auction 11. These auctions are one of the best ways for our members to acquire Perfin material. Speaking of Auctions, Robert Traquair's perfin collection is to be auctioned off by fellow Study Group member Robert A. Lee over his next two sales. (See article elsewhere in the Perforator.)

Your Dues are Due

Steve Koning wants me to let you know that your 1995 Membership fees of \$5.00 are now due. Exceptions are for the following members who have already paid their 1995 dues:

Burrell, Clarke, Cormier, Craig, Dicketts, Fennell, Hoyles, James, Koning, Lingard, Lohman, Nesbitt, Perry-Hooker, Skrepnek, White, D. Wilson and R. Wilson.

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The Chairman's Chatter

Mark Fennell

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Received a phone call from Floyd McNey, our past Chairman and Editor, who lives in Edmonton and is close to the action, advising that the date for this meeting had been changed and advanced to September 1, 2 and 3 due to a conflict of the original date with another philatelic show or event. You may have already heard by the time that you read this newsletter.

I have asked Jon Johnson to book time for our Perfin Seminar on the second day of the show, which he has acknowledged, but nothing further of a specific nature has been received.

It is customary for a study group member to make a brief presentation about some aspect of perfin collecting at the seminar. It could, for example, take the form of an illustrated talk of a duration of 5 or 10 minutes. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer.

The BNAPS Show offers an excellent opportunity to present a display of perfins and to promote our specialization. I'm thinking about displaying but no guarantee, and if I don't get myself into high gear it certainly will not come about. There surely must be other members interested. When Floyd phoned I asked him about the frame size and he thought the new frames held 16 sheets of 8½ x 11 size but he was not sure. Positive information should be available when BNAPS issues the display information.

CNR C45 Perforator, Winnipeg

Our local stamp club member who has contacts with the CNR in Winnipeg has spoken to three different people trying to find out what happened to the machine. The latest word is that it appears to have been lost in the move and no one knows or will admit to knowing of its whereabouts. The story sounds familiar.

The "CH" and "CANL'D/C.S.O." Perfins on Newfoundland Revenues

I mentioned in a Chatter a way back, that I had written to the Newfoundland Provincial Archives to see if they could dig up any information that would establish whether these machines were in fact perforators or whether they were cancelling devices. I had tried without success to do some research when I visited the Archives in St. John's in 1993. In December 1994, a reply to my letter was received, and the following is a quote in part.

"I'm afraid that no information has surfaced in Government Records to indicate the presence of these stamps or indeed reference to them. I've checked all relevant collections which might conceivably have had control over the issuing of the stamps, including the Colonial Secretary's Office, Department of Customs, and Finance. A fellow archivist has also been checking for another researcher, without any success. There is still the possibility that information may exist in a government department or agency and that material will surface through the Public Records Committee meetings, which are held regularly to decide on the appropriate disposition of records. I will, of course, contact you when further information comes to hand."

Study Group Officers and Dues for 1995

This matter was covered in my last Chatter in the December Perforator, and as I have heard nothing from Steven as to further nominations, the present office holders are re-elected by acclamation for this year and as there was no objection to the dues remaining the same, they are still \$5.00 per year.

Public Auction Notice:

Robert A. Lee Auctions will be handling the extensive perfin collection of Robert Traquair. The sale will be held in two parts - May 6th and September 24th. Catalogues are free to members by writing to #203 - 1139 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 5Y2 or by fax (604) 860-0818 or toll free at 1-800-755-BIDS.

Perfin Memories

Wally Gutzman

The late 1940's and early 1950's represent a period which was very exciting among philatelists. It was a time when the emphasis in stamp collecting began to change from an interest in mint and used stamps to that of Postal History.

Collectors began to realize that the real fun lay, not in amassing complete sets of old and new issues year by year, but rather by collecting and researching the postal markings which appeared on the used stamps.

Naturally the studying of postmarks required that the complete design be available. Consequently, it became more and more desirable to collect complete covers rather than just the used stamps themselves.

It was an era when the stamp magazines contained more and more articles on Squared Circles, on R.P.O.'s and on Flag cancellations. From among the ranks of BNAPS members, Study Groups were set up with the goal of eventually publishing lists of each specialty in book form.

I did not join BNAPS until April 1955, although I had been very active among Squared Circle collectors for several years before, and carried on many exchanges with Dr. Whitehead, Braden Elliot, Clarence Kemp (see Topics March 1958), Lew Ludlow, Ed Richardson, Dr. C.S. McKee and others.

A small group of collectors also got interested in the stamps punched with holes by private companies. These stamps had been around for over fifty years, but had always been treated as damaged and of no value. Keith Misegades and Bob Woolley began to publish articles in BNA Topics about perfins, and by 1952 a small Study Group was organized. For some time the main activity seemed to be among the few members.

I personally had been in touch with Bob Woolley

since the late 1940's, and we studied and exchanged perfins with great enthusiasm. Trading perfins was a lot of fun, as we sent packages of stamps back and forth. In one packet the stamps were valued at one cent each, and in the other at two cents. Money was rarely exchanged, as we always managed to come out even. In general terms, the precancels, customs duty, coils, revenues and high denominations went into the two-cent lots. After all, these stamps were considered worthless. My trading in this manner was mainly with Bob Woolley, Russ McNeil and P.O. van Oudenol.

Quite often we found a new type and reported quickly to each other. Needless to say, it gives you quite a thrill to think you have the only copy of a new company, even though the stamp is worthless!! In my own case this happened several times, such as with AHL, ATF/Co, CSS/Co, DU/PONT, JEP/SON, LM/MCo, MTM, SD and WCB. However, other copies of these scarce perfins were bound to show up later.

During the early years I had both good fortunes and some bad luck. My good fortune occurred on a day in 1959 when I walked into a Montreal stamp shop to look for covers with Squared Circles. Casually I also asked the owner whether he had any stamps with holes in them. "Of course" he said, "You mean those damaged stamps! I put all the damaged material into a carton here. There are imperfect precancels, coils and revenues, as well as high denominations with heavy cancels or small tears. Of course all the "holey" stamps are in there as well".

"How much for the carton?" I asked. It was a box which at one time had held a dozen of the large-size beer bottles. "I need eight dollars for the lot, because the slightly damaged dollars have some value" he said. It seemed like a lot of money at the time, but I needed the perfins for my research, so I made the purchase.

When it came to a count at home, I found many perfins including over a dozen Bluenoses, several Grand Pré and Grain Exhibition plus some Royal

Williams, Loyalists as well as a few Baldwin and Lafontaines. Over 1000 other perfins provided good trading material (at one and two cents each) as well as many new items for my own collection.

My bad luck had to do with a CB type which I had found in the carton. It was a two-cent Edward perfined with a CB which was different from the types C3, C4 or C5 now listed. In preparation for exhibiting I was using a type of duplicating machine called an ozalid, which produced a bright blue background and showed the holes in white - real neat for display purposes. The machine had a blower which exited outdoors, and when I put in this particular stamp with the CB perfin it never came out in the roller. I checked the outdoor area near the vent carefully, but no luck. The result is that I was not able to report that CB perfin type.

The exhibiting of perfins has been an interesting yet frustrating experience. I have exhibited my perfins four times. My main purpose at first was to show other collectors what perfins were all about, and to get them interested. My first exhibit in the 1960's brought this reply from the Head of the Jury. "Perfins will never be exhibition material. My advice to you is - don't collect them. It is a waste of time." Even by 1979, I was able to manage only an Honourable Mention. After that the attitude if the judging community changed, and in 1989 the same exhibit, with only minor changes, won a Gold at the regional Lakeshore show.

I am grateful for the influence I have had on some of the earlier perfin collectors and I am very excited about the considerable number of new collectors that this specialty has, and still is, attracting.

Closed Album

On a sad note, I was recently informed that Dr. Allison Steeves of Halifax, NS passed away. His daughter wrote me a note informing me that he died January 11, 1995. Our condolences go out to his daughter and all of his other family and friends.

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Some of you may know Joe as he is also the U.S. Perfin Club's Auction Chairman.

Welcome to all of our new Study Group Members.

Foreign C.P.R. Update

In a previous Perforator, Jon Johnson supplied us with an interesting and informative article on C.P.R. patterns on foreign stamps. The article, however, did not illustrate the 2nd German C.P.R. pattern type. Bob Traquair, has since supplied me with a cutting from the German catalogue so that we can illustrate it for all to see. Thanks, Bob.



1. CPR, 2	8½	15. 13. 16.				
Hamburg	Canadian Pacific Railway (Germany)	1936				

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Compiled by Russ Deveau

The long awaited Newfoundland Perfin Survey is finally complete. First I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that sent in their list of Newfoundland Perfins. Thanks to you this is the most complete Newfoundland Perfin Survey ever!

Also, thanks to Isaac Oelgart who worked on the survey. A special mention should also go to the late Jim Catterick. Jim had to "translate" a lot of the lists to Scott numbers and also had to write many letters to verify positions; A8 and A9 "AYRE" patterns as well as Scott numbers, etc. I'm sure everything is not 100% accurate but with Jim's effort it is as close to 100% as possible. I was not involved in the initial planning of the survey, I just started on it in May of 1994, so if I missed anybody, please forgive me.

I was surprised to see the number of responses. In total, we had 113 people report on 5,989 Newfoundland stamps. The breakdown is as follows:

- 5,857 Newfoundland Perfins
- 45 Other Perfins on Newfoundland Stamps
- 87 Large and small "CH"; "CANL'D/C.S.O."; SPECIMEN and the snowflake design

The average size collection was 53 perfins with the largest collection being 460 perfins. No issue had all 8 positions although 3 issues had 7. These are A3-133; A3-147 and G5-91. Scott numbers are used throughout. The perfin catalogue used is "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials" by J.C. Johnson and G. Tomasson - 4th Edition. If you have any additions, updates or questions please forward them to Russ Deveau, 23 Somerset Street, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 4G7 or to our Newsletter editor Patrick Durbano.

Detailed below is a listing for each known pattern on Newfoundland stamps. The catalogue numbers are from Scott's and the numbers in brackets indicate the different positions that were reported for that stamp and pattern. For example A3 - 83(124) indicates that Scott #83 was reported with Pattern A3 in positions 1, 2 and 4. Where no brackets follow, the stamp was reported but the position was not. If you own any of these please report the positions to Russ Deveau or Patrick Durbano so we can keep the listing up-to-date.

<u>A3 - AN/D</u>	119 (17)	148 (157)	186
64 (1)	121 (24)	149 (5)	187 (156)
67 (12)	122 (1)	153 (1)	188 (18)
69 (12)	123 (12)	163	189 (1357)
83 (124)	124 (24)	164 (156)	190 (15)
84 (12)	125	165 (124568)	191 (157)
91	126 (1)	166 (15)	193 (5)
104 (15)	131 (1234)	168 (1)	212 (15)
105 (13)	132 (123578)	169 (6)	213 (2)
105i (1)	133 (1234567)	173 (148)	214 (57)
108 (1)	134 (12346)	174 (12)	215 (12458)
115 (1357)	135 (14)	175 (1)	216 (1357)
116 (135)	139 (14)	176	220
117 (1357)	145 (2)	183 (135)	260 (4)
117i (5)	146 (2)	184 (5)	<u>Air Mail</u>
118 (157)	147 (1234578)	185 (15)	C14 (4)

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Stamps known with perfin pattern. Includes known position in brackets if reported.

A8 - AYRE

74 (1)	195
132 (1)	215 (2)
133 (1)	226 (2)
134 (1)	256 (3)
135 (1)	269 (5)
137 (12)	
139 (1)	
142 (1)	
146 (24)	
147 (1245)	
148 (1)	
149 (24)	
150 (2)	
151 (2)	
153 (245)	
155 (1)	
156 (2)	
157 (12)	
158 (1)	
159	
162 (4)	
164 (26)	
165 (12)	
166 (1)	
167 (2)	
168 (2)	
169 (2)	
170 (2)	
171 (2)	
173 (2)	
174 (2)	
175 (13)	
176 (2)	
177 (2)	
178 (2)	
179 (2)	
180 (2)	
181 (2)	
182	
183 (1)	
186 (1)	
188 (1)	

A9 - AYRE

66
70 (1)
118 (1)
119
126 (1)
131 (13)
132 (1)
133 (1)
134 (1)
136 (1)
137 (1)
140 (1)
141 (1)
142
143 (1)
145 (1)
146
147 (1)
148 (12)
149
153 (1)
157 (1)
159
163 (1)
164 (4)
165 (12)
166 (12)
172 (1)
175 (12)
183 (1)
184 (123)
185 (1)
186 (13)
186ii (1)
187 (13)
188 (1)

189 (1235)
189i (1)
190 (135)
191 (123)
191a (1235)
193 (12)
195 (2)
195ii (2)
196 (25)
197
208 (1)
209 (2346)
210 (2)
211 (12)
212
213 (2)
214 (12)
215 (245)
216 (123)
218 (12)
219 (2)
220 (12)
222 (12)
223 (2)
226 (123)
227 (12)
228 (1)
229
230 (124)
231 (123468)
232 (1248)
233 (12)
235
236 (2)
237 (2)
238 (2)
240 (2)
245 (13)
246 (123)
247 (13)
249 (24)
250 (2)
251 (23)
252 (2348)

253 (13)
254 (137)
255 (123)
256 (13)
257 (13)
257a (1)
258 (1)
259 (2)
260 (2)
262 (2)
263 (2)
267 (2)
269 (13)
270 (2)

Airmails

C10 (2)
C19 (1246)

B7 - B & F

NFC1 (4)

G5 - G-K

83 (1357)
91 (1234678)
104 (1357)
104i (2)
105 (13578)
105i (13)
108 (1357)
115 (1357)
116 (13578)
116i (125)
117 (135678)
117i (1)
118 (135)
119 (1357)
146 (1)

"K" Only - 165

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Other Newfoundland Patterns

Additionally other Newfoundland stamps have been found perforated by other machines. These seem to be limited to use after Newfoundland joined Canada when the stamps of Newfoundland were valid for postage anywhere in Canada. The other limited use appears on Newfoundland Revenue stamps. Listed below are the other known patterns on Newfoundland issues. Any unlisted items should be reported to Russ Deveau or Patrick Durbano so that updates can be published.

<u>C30 - CHI</u>	<u>C58 - CTC(o)</u>	<u>CH - 6mm</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u> <u>(Horseshoe)</u>
270 (15)	NFC2 (3)	NFR4 NFR6 (12)	226 (1) 227 (1)
<u>C41 - CNR</u>	<u>D6 - DM/Co</u>	<u>CH - 17mm</u>	228 (1) 229 (1)
257 (2)	NFC1 (1)	190 192 NFR6 (24)	230 (1) 231 (1) 232 (1)
<u>C42 - CNR</u>	<u>L1 - LA</u>	<u>CH - ??mm</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u> <u>(Straight Line)</u>
257 (8)	190 (1) 257 (1)	190 (1) NFR6 (14)	212 Covers 4 stamps
<u>C43 - CNR</u>	<u>M12 - ML/C</u>	<u>CANL'D/C.S.O.</u>	<u>"Snowflake"</u>
191 (1) 191a (6) 257 (46)	270	NFR1 NFR2 (1) NFR4 NFR5 NFR6 (2)	NFR2 NFR4
<u>C45 - CNR</u>	<u>P15 - PS</u>	NFR7 NFR12 NFR13 (1) NFR17 (2) NFR19 (4) NFR20 (4) NFR22 NFR27 NFR37 (2) NFR42	
270 (1)	270 (15)		
<u>C50 - CPR</u>	<u>S5 - S..</u>		
270 (1)	146 (1)		
<u>C52 - CPR</u>	<u>T13 - TRAV</u>		
270 (1)	270 (1)		
<u>C53 - CPR</u>	<u>W17 - WW/JR</u>		
257 (2)	257		

(Ed. Note: Pattern C50 seems unlikely as this machine was out of service when Newfoundland Scott #270 was issued. It is most likely pattern C52 with the missing code hole.)

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Earliest & Latest Dates

This is based on information supplied at the time of the original survey. If you are in possession of either an earlier or later date please forward a photocopy to Russ Deveau or Patrick Durbano so that we can keep the information in this summary up-to-date.

<u>Perforator</u>	<u>Earliest Known Date</u>	<u>Latest Known Date</u>
A3	NOV. 17, 1912	MAY 22, 1938
A8	SEPT. 16, 1927	APR. 16, 1932
A9	DEC. 19, 1925	OCT. 14, 1947**
G5	DEC. 24, 1914	SEPT. 28, 1920

**NOTE: A9 known used as a revenue with a straight line blue cancel dated Nov. 25, 1948.

Other Patterns with Dated Copies:

<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Scott #</u>	<u>City or Cancellation</u>	<u>Date</u>
C30	270	Regina Term. A, Sask.	July 21, 1951
C43	257	Unknown	Sept. 26, 1951
C45	270	Calgary, Alberta	Nov. 16, 1951
C53	257	Hope & Van. RPO	Sept. 30, 1952
P15	270	Swift Current, Sask.	Sept. 3, 1952

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Mint Newfoundland Perfins

As only a limited number of mint perfins have been recorded, these would seem to be scarce items. As before, any new items, not listed here, should be reported.

<u>Pattern</u>	<u>Scott # and Number of Copies</u>
A3	133x2 and 149
A8	167x2
A9	132
G5	104
P15	270x14 (As a strip of 10 plus 2 pairs.)

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Newfoundland Perfin Covers

The following items have been reported on cover. The perfin position data has not been collected. When an "x" appears, it means number of items. i.e. 166x4 means Scott #166 found on 4 covers.

A3 - AN/D Total - 25 Covers

83
105
115 (Strip of three)
117
118
133
134x2
148
164 (Pair)
165x2
166x4
174
190
191x2
215

Also reported were the following combinations:

83 (Strip of 3) plus 105

115 plus 117

131 plus 133

A8 - AYRE Total - 11 Covers

133
134x2
146
147
164x2
165
165 (Pair)
166x2

A9 - AYRE Total - 86 Covers

118
185
187
188x2
189x7
190x4
191x5
191a
193
208
215x2

A9 - AYRE (Continued)

216
226
227x6
230
231x4
232x9
235
247x3
249x3
251x4
252x3
256x8
257x10
257a
267
270
C19x2

G5 - GK

Total - 5 Covers

83x2
104
105x2

This is a total of 126 covers in all. Also reported were 4 statement of accounts each franked with a Scott #254 perfinned A9 and used as a revenue in 1948.

Newfoundland Perfin Survey

Newfoundland Perfins - Pairs & Multiples

This is a summary of all the reported multiples. A multiple means two or more joined stamps. When an "x" appears, it means number of items. i.e. 189x2 means two pairs of #189.

A3 - AN/D Pairs

164 (On cover)
169

A3 - AN/D Strip of 3

83
115 (On cover)

A8 - AYRE Pair

165 (On cover)

A9 - AYRE Pairs

189x2
191x2
245x6
246
253
254x6
C19 (On cover)

C53 - CPR Strip of 3

257

G5 - GK Pairs

91
104x3
105
108
115x2
117
119x3

P15 - PS Pairs

270
270x2 (Mint)

P15 - PS Strip of 10

270 (Mint)

T13 - TRAV Strip of 3

270

"CANL'D C.S.O." - Pairs

NFR17
NFR20

"SPECIMEN" (Straight Line)

212 - Strip of 4

Ed. Note: This survey has taken over 8 years to complete. Undoubtedly, new items have been discovered and are not listed. Your help is solicited to make this listing as complete as humanly possible. Any new or updated information is requested and should be forwarded to Russ Deveau or Patrick Durbano. Russ and I will put together updates and publish them as required in this newsletter.

You can write to Russ Deveau at 23 Somerset Street, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 4G7. My address can be found at the front of this newsletter.

Newfoundland Perjins Survey results

Other perjins on Newfoundland stamps.

PERFORATOR	SCOTTS NUMBER	TOTAL PERJINS REPORTED	TOTAL POSITIONS REPORTED	TOTALS FOR EACH POSITION								PERFORATOR	SCOTTS NUMBER	TOTAL PERJINS REPORTED	TOTAL POSITIONS REPORTED	TOTALS FOR EACH POSITION																					
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8														
C30	270	3	2	1					1					CH NFR4	1	0																					
C41	257	1	1		1									EMM NFR6	2	1																			one stamp double punch position 1 and 2		
C42	257	1	1										1	CH 192	2	0																					
C43	191a	1	1										1	17MM 190	1	0																					
)	191	1	1	1) NFR6	4	2		1																			
)	257	5	3					2	1					CH 190	1	1	1																				
C45	270	1	1	1										?MM NFR6	3	2	1																				
C50	270	1	1	1										EANLD NFR1	1	0																					
C52	270	3	3	3										C.S.O.	2	2	1	1																			
C53	257	3	3	3											4	2	0																				
C58	NFC2	1	1			1									5	1	0																				
D6	NFC1	1	1	1											6	4	1		1																		
L1	190	1	1	1											7	2	0																				
)	257	2	1	1											12	4	2																				
M12	270	1	0												13	2	1	1																			
P15	270	28	28	23					5						17	3	2		2																		
S5	146	1	1		1										19	8	5																				
T13	270	3	3	3											20	16	2																				
W17	257	1	0												22	1	0																				
															27	2	0																				
															37	1	1		1																		
															NFR42	1	0																				

horseshoe "specimen"

226x2

227x2

228x2

229x2

230x1

231x1

232x1

straight line "specimen"

212x4

snowflake

NFR 2x1

NFR 4x1