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Editor's Post:

¶ Early in November the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax was the scene of Eastern Auction's 2 day event featuring many, many fine items. On the last day 37 lots of OH/MS 5-hole perforated stamps were on the block. Most of the lots were single items but there were a few sets and accumulations. Four of the lots listed Vincent Greene Foundation certificates (3 from 2010 and 1 from 2014. There were 3 large lots (one of 56, one of 'nearly 100' and the last 'nearly 150'). The description of 2 of these large lots contained the phrase *"suspected fakes (not counted) have been grouped and set apart"*. The 5-hole lots fetched some high prices. An OAE1ii sold for \$900 and the lot of 150 used for \$4,750. Together the 5-hole OH/MS perfins totalled almost \$35,000, which includes the buyers commission but not the HST. Clearly purchasing 5-hole OH/MS at auction is not for the faint of heart!

There were 14 lots of 4-hole OH/MS. Thirteen were mint including 3 plate block lots, a matched set of 0273 and an upper left and a lower left of 262. The one exception to the run of mint issues was a used 0239 and 0240. With the buyers commission included the 4-holes totalled almost \$9,000. There was no mention of Greene Foundation certificates with the 4-hole OH/MS lots.

¶ Reaction to the call for participation in the position survey has been sparse to date with just a couple of acceptances and an equal number of declines. One of the declines was from John Amiet of Toombul, Queensland Australia. John is on the Study Group's mailing list

and his reply came via snail mail. I was more than a little surprised to see that some of the postage was perforated with JA. Here is a scan :



It appears to be a single die machine. With the block folded before perforating to create the mirror block in positions 1 and 7. The cover also has a strip of 3 \$1.00 stamps which are perforated. Unperforated 25c and 7c stamps make up the \$3.52 AUD total cost. When I checked \$1.00 AUD was 0.96 CND.

¶ This issue, Volume 40 Number 1, marks a significant milestone for the BNA Perfin Study Group. It is issue 150 of the BNA Perforator. Volume 1 Number 1 was published January 1st, 1980 with Gary Tomasson serving as the newsletter's Editor and Jon Johnson as the Perfin Study Group Chair. The issue consisted of 2 pages, an introduction by Jon on page 1 and the Constitution on Page 2. The primary objective was to update the 3rd edition of Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials handbook to a create the 4th edition. How far we have come!

Secretary Treasurer

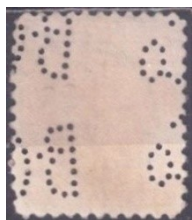
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1st December 2018 changes to the 5th Edition of the Canadian Stamp with Perforated Initials.

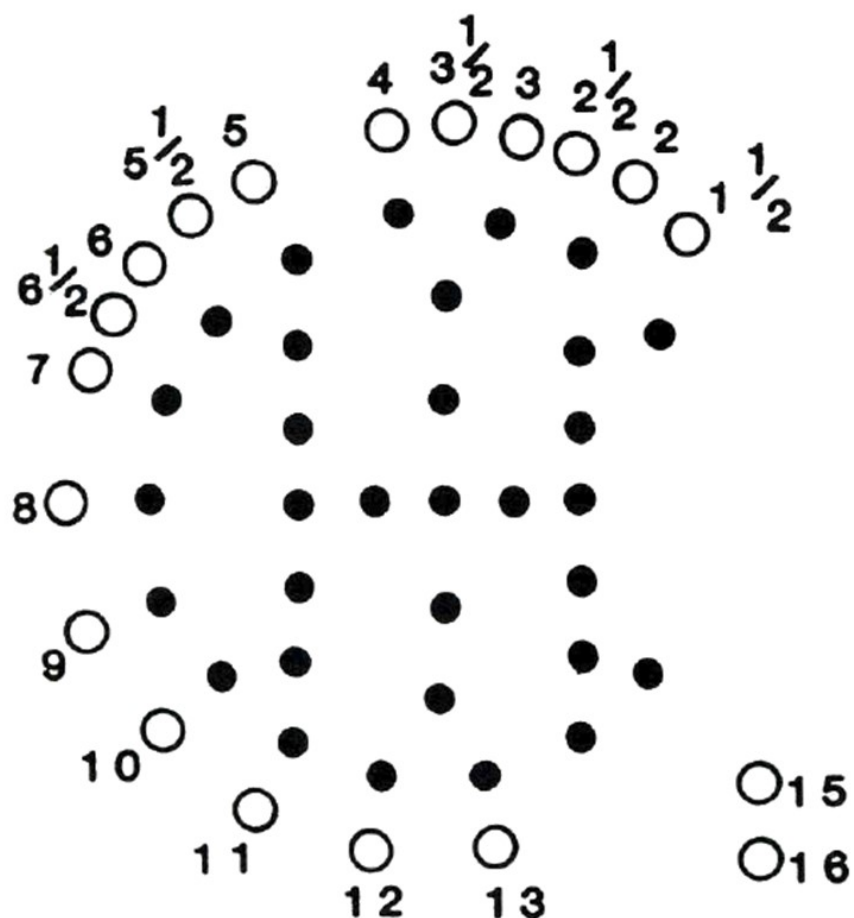
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| 5.B.2 | B10 | Change <u>B</u> /LL/ <u>B</u> is for Balmoral Block where it was located to B/LL/B is for Balmoral/ Lamontagne Ltd./ Block where it was located. |
| 5.B.4 | B15 | Add stamp # 110c |
| | B17 | Add this item. |

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| B17 |  | FRANK D. BETZ COMPANY | | |
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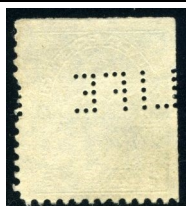
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| 5.C.6 | C20 | Change EARLIEST POSTMARK from 1913/04/19 to 1913/03/25 |
| 5.C.7 | C21 | Add stamp # 107e |
| 5.C.8 | C24 | Add stamps # 773 and 847 |
| 5.C.9 | C26 | Add stamp # 420, 478, 481, 483, 535, 558, 567, 618, 634, 636 and 914. Delete stamp # 624 and 626. |
| 5.C.10 | C28 | Add stamp # 484. |
| 5.C.11 | C29 | Add stamp # 321. |
| 5.C.12 | C34 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1971/09/26 to 1972/04/05 |
| | | Add stamp # 593Aii |
| 5.C.13 | C35 | Add stamp # 258 |
| | C36 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1968/08/18 to 1970/06/22 |
| 5.C.14 | C37 | Add stamp # 105d |
| 5.C.16 | C46 | Add stamp # 855 |
| | C48 | Add stamp # FX41 |
| 5.D.2 | D6 | Add stamp # 109c and 170. Delete stamp # NFC1 |
| 5.D.3 | D9 | Add stamp # 166 |
| 5.E.1 | E5 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1912/07/23 to 1916/10/06 |
| 5.F.1 | F2 | Add stamp # 89. |
| 5.G.1 | G1 | Add stamps # 105d and FX13. |
| 5.G.2 | G8 | Add stamp # 146 |
| 5.G.3 | G10 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1967/02/27 to 1970/10/26 |
| | | Add stamp # 105d |
| 5.I.2 | | Change I22 2-15 and I23 6-15 to I22 2-15-16 and I22 6-15-16 |



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| 5.I.4 | I8 | Add stamp # 380 |
| | I9 | Add stamp # 199 |
| 5.I.6 | I13 | Add stamp # 402 , Change * to ° for stamp # 711°, 711a°, 712°, 713°, 714°, 715°, 716°, 720, 723°, 724°, 725°, 726°, 727°, 729°, 730°, 781°, 782°, 784°, 785°, 787°, 789°, 790°, 806°, 883°, 884°, 885°, 886°, 886a° |
| 5.I.8 | I16 | Add stamps # 358 and 369 |
| 5.I.10 | I21 | Add stamp # 234 |
| 5.I.11 | I25 | Under notes add Company owned by International Paper |
| 5.J.1 | J1 | Add stamp # 197c. |
| 5.J.2 | J6 | Add stamp # 338 |
| | J10 | Add stamp # 119c |
| 5.L.1 | L1 | Add stamp # 355, 362i, 442, 1446 and 1447 |
| 5.L.2 | | Add after L4 |

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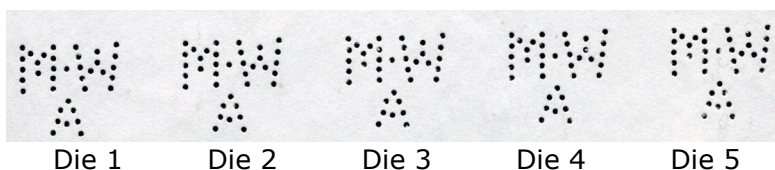


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| 5.M.4 | M4 | Add stamp # 112a , Change 197i to 197c |
| 5.M.4 | M17 | Add stamp # 224ii |
| 5.N.2 | N6 | Add stamp # 454, 544 and 587 |
| | N7 | Add stamp # 285 |
| 5.N.3 | N9 | Add stamp # 337 |
| 3.N.4 | N13 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1955/06/15 to 1956/03/29 |
| 3.N.6 | | Add stamp # 269 to N18 with a missing code hole |
| | N18 | Add stamp # 237 |
| 5.O.1 | O3 | Add stamp # 112a |
| 5.O.5 | O12 | Add stamp # 175 |
| | O14 | Add stamp # E1iv |
| 5.P.4 | P14 | Add stamp # FWT8 |
| 5.R.2 | R6 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1946/12/04 to 1948/03/09 |
| | R7 | Add stamp # 211 |
| 5.S.1 | S2 | Add stamp # 301 |
| | S3 | Add stamp # 163b |
| 5.S.2 | S7 | Add stamp # 112c |
| | S8 | Add stamp # 109 |
| 5.T.2 | T10 | Add stamp # 107e |
| 5.W.2 | W5 | Change LATEST POSTMARK from 1973/06/29 to 1974/06/06 |
| | W5 | Add stamp # 472, 562i and 563 |
| 5.W.3 | W9 | Add stamp # 166b |
| 5.#.1 | #1 | Change stamp #163d to 163b |
| H.5 | | Add M28 |

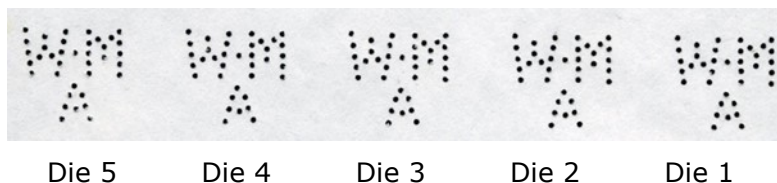
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M28 – MARSHAL-WELLS ALBERTA CO. LTD.

Front View



Back View

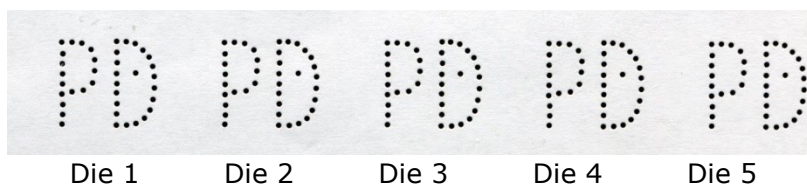


Cummins No 52 Perforating Machine
Pat. Nov. 29, 1892
The B. F. Cummins Co., Chicago – New York

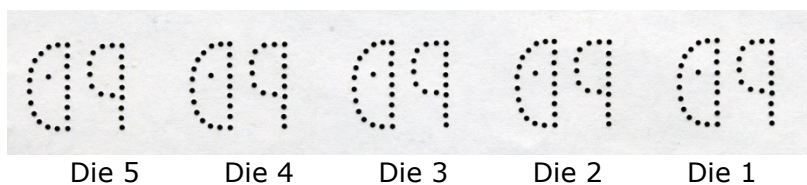
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| H.9 | | Add P6 |
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P6 – PARKE, DAVIS & COMPANY

Front View



Back View



Cummins No 52 Perforating Machine
Pat. Nov. 29, 1892
The B. F. Cummins Co., Chicago – New York

The author, Russell Sampson, states that "it is common knowledge that the UK offices of the CPR had their own perforating machine (see Figure 9)". This is only partially true in that both their Liverpool and Southampton offices did have their own perforating press (Liverpool having "C.P/R" (C6120.01M) in use 1903-1963, and Southampton with "C.P/R" (C6120.01aM) in use 1925-1968), along with their H/O in London WC with "C.P./R." (C6125.01), in use 1910-1935, but Figure 9 shows a Sloper 'in-house' die - "CPR" (C6100.05) in use briefly 1939-1941 – which would have been destroyed in the "Blitz" on

Sloper's premises in May 1941. Only a small point I know, which most readers probably wouldn't pick up on. As I said, an interesting collection of covers, well researched, which I guess we'll never get to the bottom of.

Best wishes
Roy Gault
British Perfin Society

Flatbed Press Printing vs. Rotary Press Printing

The Unitrade Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps has 2 stamps with listings that differentiate the printing processes used to create them. These are the 5¢ dull violet from the 1930 "Arch" issue and the 1¢ dark green from the 1935 "Medallion" issue. The former is listed as Sc 169a "dull violet, flat plate printing" and the latter as Sc 195d "flat plate printing". In my 2015 Unitrade neither variety commands a premium price over the rotary press printing variety.

As we embark on the project of adding the known positions for each issue of each perfin pattern, I thought it might be useful to share information on how to differentiate between the 2 printing types. An article in a 2014 issue of BNA Topics by Charles Neyhart has an extensive analysis of the printing of the 1¢ Medallion. To quote the article "*The evidence seems clear. The height of the subject (i.e. the rotary print) is greater than a flat plate print due to the effect of the rotary "stretch" in the direction of the plate curvature, and because dry prints exhibit dimensional stability, it*

shows no shrinkage in either dimension, unlike what occurred in with the 1¢ rotary wet print, Sc #195."¹

Determining the difference between the 2 printing methods is a matter of measuring the height of the frame line. The vertical frame line of the 195 is 22mm; the vertical frame line of the 195d is 22.5mm.

The Neyhart article makes no reference to Sc 169 and Sc 169a. It does seem though that the same logic would apply to the printing flat pale and rotary plate printing of this issue as well and therefore the same method of detecting the difference could be used.

Editor

¹ Evaluating the Medallion 1¢ variety—Charles Neyhart, BNA Topics Number 541 Volume 71, Number 4. 4th quarter 2014. pgs. 45-50

V.G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation

Below is a photocopy of correspondence from Gary Tomasson and Jon Johnson assigning copywrite and notes on the fake 5-hole OH/MS perfins to the Greene Foundation. These notes and the Foundation's acquisition of the highest level Video Spectral Comparator – the VSC6000/HS - facilitate the expertizing of 5-hole OH/MS perforations.

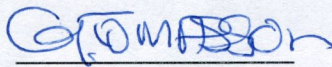
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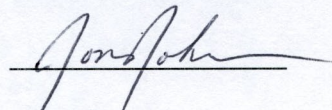
To whom it may concern:

We hereby transfer the following copy writes from Canadian Perforated Insignia Limited to the Graves Greene Philatelic Research Foundation:

1. File. 217127 A Perforated Insignia Coding System
2. File. 216011 A Review of OH/MS Perforated Insignia issued by the Canadian Post Office
3. File. 213759 Notes on Five Hole OHMS Fakes



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