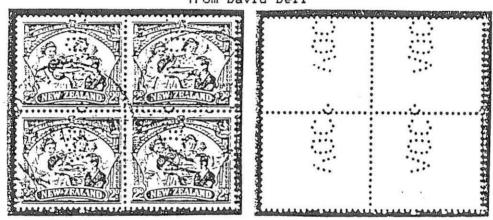
SOUTH PACIFIC PERFIN BULLETIN

NO 3 - APRIL/MAY 1987

Welcome to Bulletin No 3. You will be pleased to know that our membership is steadily growing - we now have 18 members in New Zealand, 15 members in Australia and 2 members in Canada. That gives us a total of 35 members as at the 30th April 1987 (a good effort!).

ANOTHER VACUUM OIL COMPANY BLOCK from David Dell



1946 2d purple Peace stamp - two mirror pairs
It should be noted that this block was punched with the right hand vertical pair folded on top of the left hand vertical pair. This can be proven by the fact that while the right pair is punched out cleanly (except for the missing hole at the top left corner of the 'V'), the left pair have a blind hole at the base of the 'V' - meaning that one pin was a little shorter than the rest and didn't punch through cleanly.

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'THE PERFIN CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA'

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COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

While things seem to be starting to come together quite nicely for the club there are are still one or two points of difficulty for me.

The first (and main one from my point of view) is the amount of time that the club demands. It would be true to say that I am a fairly organised type of person. As a result I have developed a system for handling the 4 main areas of the club 'work' - those areas are as follows: A - preparing the Bulletins; B - running the Auctions; C - corresponding with new members; D - handling the accounts etc. I have attempted to make the system such that it demands the least real 'time-commitment' from me. Even so, I am spending about 5-10 hours per week on things to do with the club (plus 30+ hrs in the Bulletin week!).

While I am quite prepared to spend time helping to get the club off the ground, one of the problems I am having is getting the chance to fulfil another 'area' that the club seems to demand - that is finding time to answer the mail concerning the club that is arriving almost daily. I feel guilty at times that I am not getting the chance to write personal replies to so many people who have taken the time to write me letters - but unfortunately there is little time left for those extra pursuits in the very busy lifestyle of a large suburban Presbyterian Parish.

Further to that, it is important to note that I still need people to be writing to me about perfins. Without regular input from members the Bulletin will not survive for long — so I say to all those members who indicated that they would be willing to contribute an article or two, PLEASE DO! SOON! I don't want to see our initial efforts wasted. But in a small club that means that ALL the members must get involved to help make it work — that includes:

- bidding and vending in auctions regularly
- contributing articles, comments, advertisments etc. regularly.

Finally, I hope that you all enjoy Bulletin No 3 - there are some very good lots in the Auction this month (35 in all) so remember to get the bids in on time.

AUCTION NO 2 - THE RESULTS

With 11 of the members taking part in the second auction, all the lots once again received at least one bid. The highest price (\$38.50) was paid for Lot 12 and the most number of bids (6) were received for Lot 9. Most lots still went for well above the estimate price and the total of all lots sold reached \$224.81 — the club gets 10% for its funds. Most of the lots seem to have gone to Australian collectors: AUST=19 / NZ=6.

PLEASE try to send your money AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - and to save on postage costs, why not send your Auction 3 bids at the same time.

The results are as follows: Lot 1 = \$1.65 Lot 2 = \$12.10Lot 3 = \$13.75Lot 4 = \$4.50Lot 5 = \$4.67Lot 6 = \$5.00Lot 7 = \$6.10Lot 8 = \$11.00Lot 11 = \$7.92 Lot 12 = \$38.50 Lot 9 = \$35.20 Lot 10 = \$6.60 Lot 13 = \$5.50 Lot 14 = \$4.95 Lot 15 = \$4.40 Lot 16 = \$6.05 Lot 17 = \$5.50 Lot 18 = \$3.85 Lot 19 = \$3.85 Lot 20 = \$4.95Lot 21 = \$3.30 Lot 22 = \$3.57 Lot 23 = \$6.60 Lot 24 = \$8.80

Lot 25 = \$16.50

The members who were successful in Auction No 2 will find an invoice enclosed with this Bulletin. Please remember that payment must be made within 7 days of the invoice date (14 days for overseas bidders) or the lot will go to the second highest bidder. Prompt payment of your invoice will help us to pay-out to the vendors as quickly as possible.

AUCTION COMMENT

The people who were successful in Auction 1 will find that their winning lots have been included with this Bulletin. I would have got them out sooner but unfortunately I have been waiting for a couple of people to pay for their lots. One of the decisions I have had to make concerning the auctions is that, rather than spending time every couple of days getting out the Auction file and working on it, it is far more time efficient to wait till all the replies are in and then do it all at one time. That has meant though that those people who were very quick in replying have been inconvenienced by those who have not been quite so efficient. Hopefully the Whole system will speed up as people get into the habit of replying as soon as they receive their invoice.

PERFINS ON THE 1/2d NEWSPAPER STAMP by Enid Honiss

I have in my collection two 1/2d newspaper stamps both with 'S.S.E' perfins (Sargood, Son and Ewen Ltd, Dunedin, NZ). One is dated in Dunedin '3 Sept 94', the second is probably 'June 96'. I find it fascinating to find perfins on this stamp and wonder how many other collectors have perfinned

newspaper stamps in their collections.

A collector of newspaper stamps, who hasn't yet HINECIN obtained a perfin copy, tells me that the 1/2d newspaper stamp has been known with 'A.C/&S', 'C&G', 'N.Z.F' and 'W.T', as well as 'S.S.E'.

I would be interested to hear from other collectors who have more to add to this subject - Enid Honiss, RD1, Kerikeri, NZ.

(I can confirm from my research that they appear on all of the above except for 'A.C/&S', a copy of which I have never seen - The Editor).

A NEW NZ OVERPRINT from David Dell

Three or four months ago I came across a few copies (all from the back of one old stamp collection) of an as yet unrecorded overprint on New Zealand Queen Victoria Long Type Fiscal stamps. The overprint (which measures 1.6cm wide by 2cm high) looks like this:

I believe that it was used by Friedlander Brothers Limited of Ashburton at about the same time as they were perforating stamps with their initials 'F.B./LD.' (see Auction 3 for examples of their perfin).

F.Bros Ltd.

The reasons for believing it was used by Friedlander Bros. Ltd. are mainly circumstancial: the initials; the dates of use; and the fact that, because few firms in NZ bothered to use any form of stamp security endorsement (sometimes due to the smallness of their operation), then it is more likely that a firm which has a large enough turnover to have already used perfins to protect its stamps would also want to protect its higher value stamps in some way (though I am unsure why they didn't perforate them along with their postal stamps).

It is interesting to note that, while the 'F.B./LD.' perfin was used on only low face-value stamps (1st Pictorial 1/2d Mt Cook green and 2d Pembroke Peak purple, and the 1901 Penny Universal), the overprint was used on only high face-value stamps. The perfin seems to have been used fairly exclusively on postally used stamps while the overprint is only found (at this point) on fiscally used stamps.

The dates of use of the overprint are spread slightly wider than the dates of use for the perfin: the earliest overprint is hand dated '7-7-98' (earliest perfin 1901) while the latest overprint seems to be hand dated '6-?-10' (latest perfin June 1907).





The overprint, which was stamped very neatly and clearly in the early copies, was not as neatly applied to the 2 later copies I have found (1907 and 1910). This is consistent with Robert Samuel's comment in the Bulletin 2 (page 8) concerning a similar deterioration in positional 'care' in a later copy of the 'Stewarts and Lloyds Limited' overprint.

There seem to have been a variety of colours used for the overprinting of the 'F.Bros/Ltd.' overprint - purple, deep violet, blue and red. The early copies (c1898) are in purple and blue, those used c1901-1902 are in red and deep purple and the latest copies (c1907-1910) in purple again. The colours used may be fairly irrelevant if in fact the

overprinting was done using a rubber stamp on whatever stamp-pad happened to be being used in the office at the time the supplies of stamps arrived.

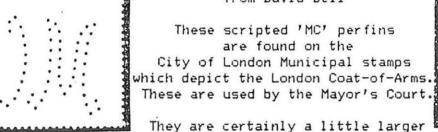
The stamps I have found the overprint on so far are all Queen Victoria Long Type Fiscal Stamps: 3/- mauve; 4/- red/brown; 8/- blue; 9/- orange; 10/- brown/red; 1 Pound rose. The lower values were mainly used early in the period of use (c1898-c1902) while the 1 Pound copies are both from the 1907-1910 period. In fact it is possible that there were 2 distinct periods of use: c1898-c1902 and c1907-c1910.

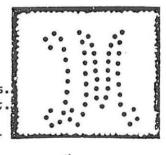
I would welcome correspondence from anyone else who may have copies of this overprint to help with my research.

A QUESTION OF POLICY - THE RESULT

I have received a few comments concerning the 2 full-time stamp dealers who requested to join the club (thanks!). The overwhelming opinion seems to be that we should let them join - most felt that it would be both difficult and pointless to exclude them. Concerning the worry expressed that dealers may inflate the perfin prices in the Bulletins, the general opinion seemed to be that the prices on material in the long run are regulated not by what the dealers will offer but more by what collectors are prepared to pay for an item they need.

TWO BRITISH PERFINS from David Dell





than our average perfins!

WANTED

Security overprints of NZ (J./B.&Co./Ltd, Stewarts and Lloyds etc)

Security overprints of GB and Australia.

Am willing to swap or buy.

Please write to Enid Honiss, RD1, Kerikeri.

CURRENT AUSTRALIAN PERFINS by David Andersen

Although there has been considerable use of perfins by private companies over the last 100 years in Australia and States, this usage has ceased. The current users of perfins are State Government bodies and philatelic users.

State Government Types G/NSW This pattern has been in use from 1961. The puncturing head consists of 10 dies. Used by the Electricity Commission of NSW and the State Rail Authority of NSW only. TD Metropolitan Transit Authority of Victoria. Used from the 1930's by the Authorities predecessors. One die only in the puncturing head. Victorian Government. This pattern in VIG use from 1976. The puncturing head consists of 10 dies. The most heavily used current perfin in Australia. Philatelic Types PS Used by members of The Perfin Society (in Australia Dr. D.A. Pocock). Found on the stamps of several countries (see following article). W(swan)A Western Australian Stamp Promotion Council (GPO Box 9800, Perth, WA 6001). Used only for postage on promotional items, not on general correspondence. To obtain copies contact the council for a list of

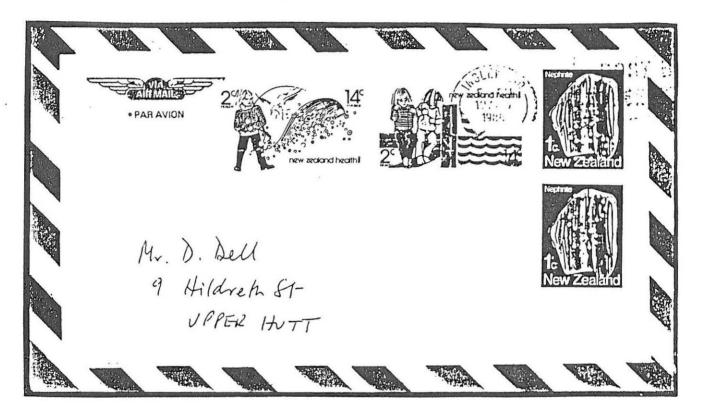
material for sale.

CURRENT NEW ZEALAND PERFINS by David Dell

In New Zealand the practice of perforating stamps with initials never really caught on to the extent it did in many other parts of the world. Probably because of the invention of the franking machine (which was developed in New Zealand), by 1940 there were only 3 companies still using perfins: 'MGM' (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (NZ) Ltd), 'RI/CO/LD' and

'RI/CO' (Royal Insurance Company Ltd), and 'VO/CO.' and 'VOCO' (Vacuum Oil Company). By the 1950's an 'RI' perfin was the only one left in use - this ceased around 1956.

In the 1980's however a 'new' perfin appeared in New Zealand. In a similar way to Australia, a NZ member of The Perfin Society (Barry Pawson) obtained permission from the New Zealand Post Office in Wellington to have NZ stamps perforated with the Society initials.



VICTORIAN POST OFFICE ACT 1883 AN EXTRACT

"16. Any company firm or person with the permission in writing of the Postmaster-General may perforate stamps with such letters figures or design as are perscribed in such writing, and stamps so perforated shall not be considered to be defaced within the meaning of this Act and shall be received in payment of any postage fees or dues and telegraph fees, but no stamps so perforated shall be purchased upon commission or exchanged by any postmaster or officer or servant of the Post Office or accepted for a Savings Bank deposit."

David Andersen writes that "the extract indicates that perfins were accepted by 1883 in Victoria. At some stage I will have to track back further to the previous Postal Act & ammendments to see if they include a similar paragraph".

STAMP AUCTION NO 3 closes 15th June 1987

	LOT	DESCRIPTION	(in NZ\$) ESTIMATE
	1:	AUST: pre-decimal Victoria Gov't. perfins ('V used to fine used, ASC No's 200, 222, 22 244, 252, 269, 344 & 273/4 (joined pair separation), (10)	5, 226,
	2:	AUST: 'NZL' perfin on NSW ASC No 51 and also QLD ASC No's 43 and 44, average to good	on
	3: "	AUST: Tasmania 'A' perfins, 1 of each of the condition good (1 creased), (6)	
	4:	AUST: Tasmania 'A' type 2 on ASC No 36, postm 'Hobart No 25 1901', (1)	arked \$1.00
)	5 :	AUST: Tasmania 'A' type 3 on ASC No 36, postm 'Hobart MR 4 1902', (1)	arked \$3.00
	6:	AUST: Tasmania 'A' type 4 on ASC No 36, postm 'Hobart AP 1907', 1 pin missing, inverte	
	7:	AUST: Tasmania 'A' type 5 on ASC No 36, (1)	\$3.00
	8:	AUST: Tasmania 'A' type G on ASC No 15, postm 'Hobart SE 4 1899', (1)	arked \$5.00
	9:	AUST: Tasmania 'A.W.F.' perfin on ASC No 35, postmarked 'Launceston JA 31 1901', (1)	\$2.00
	10:	AUST: Tasmania 'DWM/LTD' perfin on ASC No 43, postmarked 'Launceston ??', (1)	\$2.00
	11:)	AUST: Tasmania 'IHC' perfin on ASC No's 35, 3 and 43, (3)	6 \$3.00
	12:	AUST: Victoria, various private perfins, all patterns, (20)	different \$4.00
	13:	GB: 'B.N.Z.' (Bank of NZ) perfins, 8 differen	\$5.00
	14:	GB: 'DLR' perfins (2) on one registered cover (Thos De La Rue & Co. Ltd.), 2 wax seals dated 26th September 1962, nice cover	
	15:	GB: 'T.J.B.' perfins (Dr Bernardo's Home), blo (includes 2x mirror pairs), good condition	
		Security #65	

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16:	IND	IA: 'NZ/ICo' (NZ Insurance Company), pattern 1, a few holes missing at bottom of pattern, (1)	\$1.00
17:	NZ:	1st Pictorial 1d Terraces (red), 'DB/&Co' (D. Benjamin and Co.), postmarked 'DN 1900', (1)	\$3.50
18:	NZ:	1901 1d Universal, 'DB/&Co', used, (1)	\$3.50
19:	NZ:	1901 1d Universal, 'EWM/W' (E. W. Mills & Co Ltd), used, (1)	\$4.00
20:	NZ:	1901 1d Universal, 'F.B./LD.' (Friedlander Bros. Ltd), postmarked 'ASHBURTON MR 0?', (1)	\$4.50
21:	NZ:	1901 1d Universal, 'F.B./LD.', postmarked 'ASHBURTON 23 JA 1903', (1)	\$4.50
22:	NZ:	1901 1d Universal, 'GNB/LD.' (Great Northern Breweries Ltd), (1)	\$10.00
23:	NZ:	1940 Centennial 6d green & violet, 'M/G/M' (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer), postmarked 'TE ARO ?? SP 41', (1)	\$4.00
24:	NZ:	1901 1d Universal, 'R.G./N.' (Ross & Glendinning Ltd, Napier), postmarked 'NAPIER 24 SP 07', (1)	\$6.00
25:	NZ:	1915 George V, 1 1/2d brown, 'R.G.N.', used, (1)	\$4.00
26:	NZ:	1915 George V, 4d violet, 'R.G.N.', used, (1)	\$4.00
27:	NZ:	1909 1d Dominion, 'R.G.W.' (Ross & Glendinning Ltd), postmarked 'Wanganui', (1)	\$4.50
28:	NZ:	1915 George V, 1/2d green, 'RI/CO/LD (Royal Insurance Co. Ltd), postmarked 'WELLINGTON 20 OC 30'	\$3.50
29:	NZ:	1925 DUNEDIN EXHIBITION 1d red, 'RI/CO/LD', postmarked 'Dunedin 12 JA 26', RARE ON EXHIBITION	\$20.00
30:	NZ:	1935 Pictorial 1/2d green, 'RI/CO/LD', used, (1) "	\$3.50
31:	NZ:	1940 Centennial 2d green % brown, 'RI/CO/LD', (1)	\$3.50
32:	NZ:	1946 Peace 1d green, 'VOCo' (Vacuum Oil Company Ltd) (Pf35) ON COVER, postmarked 'WELLINGTON 17 APR 1947', good condition cover, (1)	\$10.00
33:	NZ:	2nd Sideface 4d green, 'W.T' (Whitcombe and Tombs), (Pf39), dated '?? DE 00', (1)	\$4.00

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34: NZ: 'W&T/W', selection of 5 on: 1909 Dominion, 1909
Edward VII 5d brown, 1915 George V 1 1/2d brown
(dated 1919), 2d yellow (Surface print - perfin
off-centre) and 3d chocolate (Recess print - small
hole in centre), (5)

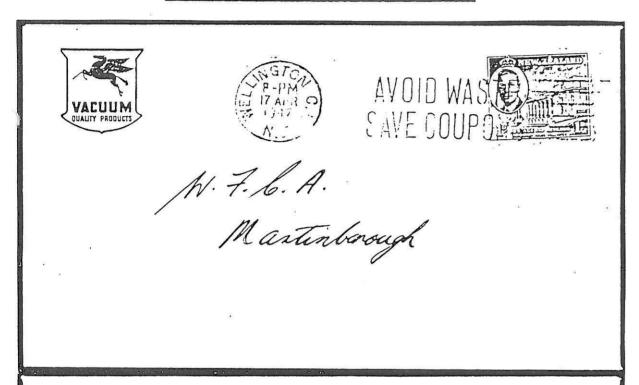
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35: NZ: 1915 George V 1/2d green, 'W&T/W', few blind holes, used, (1)

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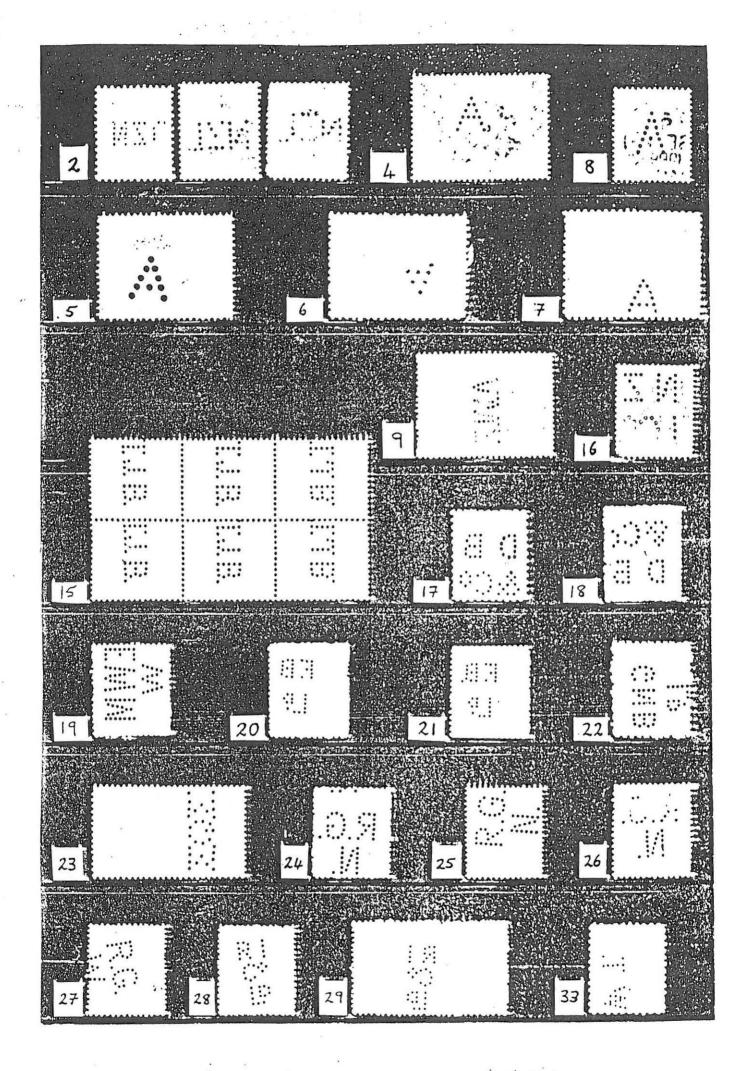
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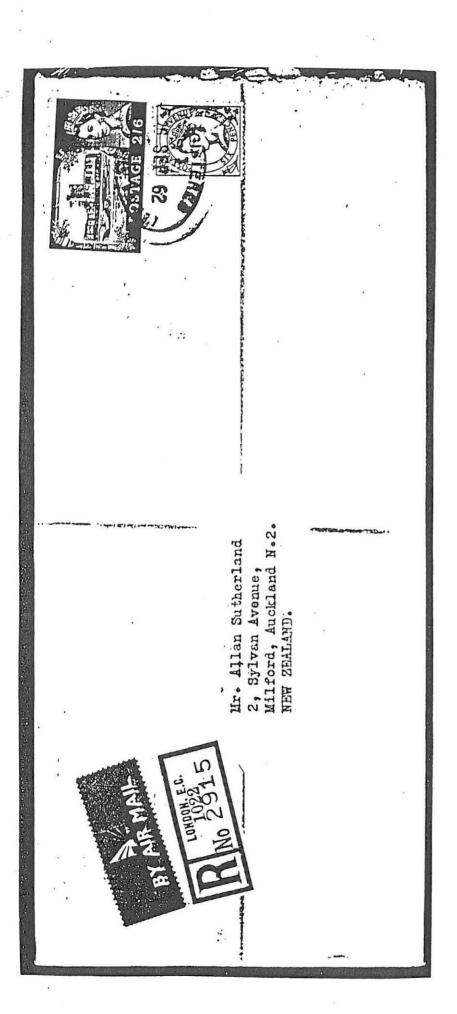


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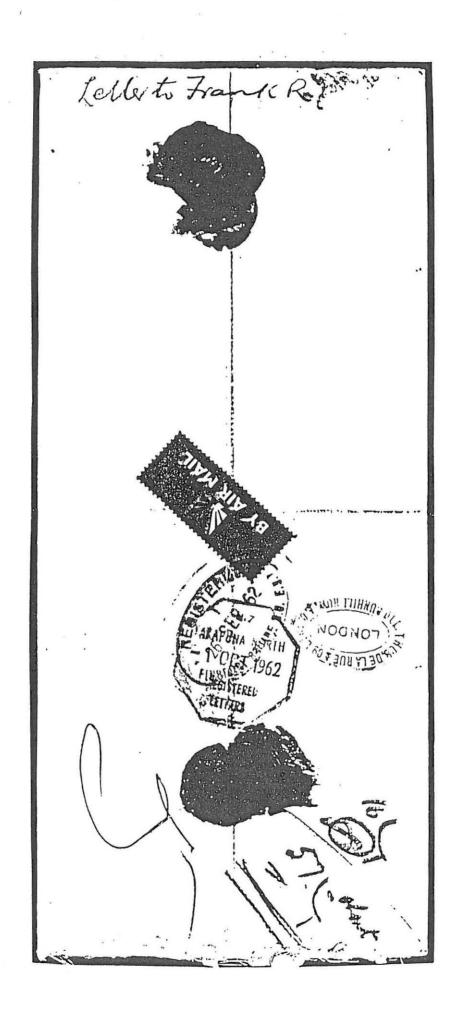
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NZ PERFIN SURVEY SHEETS

The first instalment of these have been included with this Bulletin for those members who have intimated to me that they would be willing to fill in the survey. If there is anyone else who wishes to complete the forms then please let me know as soon as possible and I will send you out a set. Could the survey sheets be returned as quickly as possible so that the exercise doesn't drag on for ever - thanks from the Editor.

THE 'DIC' PERFIN Dy Robert Samuel

In March I gave a display of perfins to the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand. In some ways it was a 'coming of age' for the humble perfin. It seems not so long ago that the late R.J.G. Collins told me, "You can't collect those, my lad." Now perfins are respectable enough to grace a meeting of the Royal. How times have changed.

During the course of the talk I mentioned that it was thought that the DIC perfin had been used by the Drapery and General Importing Company of New Zealand Ltd, at Wellington. In the discussion following the talk Mr M.C. Stanley suggested that the Wellington company was a firm known as the Direct Importing Company, and that this firm was the probable user of the perfin. This suggestion was worth checking.

The "Cyclopedia of New Zealand, Volume 4, Otago and Southland" (published 1905) devotes a large section to the Drapery and General Importing Company of NZ Ltd. The company was founded by Bendix Hallenstein in Dunedin in 1884. Branches were later opened in Christchurch (1885) and Wellington (1890). "Wises New Zealand Post Office Directory, 1890-91" also lists a London Office.

The Drapery and General Importing Company of NZ Ltd was commonly known as 'The DIC'. In more recent times it changed its name to "The DIC Ltd".

l can find no record of a company called the Direct Importing Company, in Wellington. However, a firm of that name did exist in Auckland about 1890. It is listed in the 1890-91 Wises Directory, but is not listed in the 1900 edition of this work. The Direct Importing Company - like the better known 'DIC' - was a firm of drapers. The proprietor is listed as R.K. Sinclair, and the business was situated at 104-106 Queen Street, Auckland.

It seems to me like a classic case of 'passing off', the Auckland business deliberately adopting a name which, when abbreviated to 'DIC', could be confused with the better known Dunedin based company — and benefit from the confusion. The fact that the name of the business seems to have been short-lived could indicate that the original 'DIC'

brought legal pressure to bear on the Auckland firm, forcing it to change its name. To a certain extent though the 'passing off' appears to have succeeded; Wellington residents seemed to have believed that their firm was the 'Direct Importing Company' and not the 'Drapery and General Importing Company of NZ Ltd'. I can now state, emphatically, that this was not so.



The 'DIC' perfin has not been positively identified. It is not mentioned in Post Office records, and has not been recorded fiscally used (a helpful means of identification if the name of the firm is shown), or on a cover showing the name of the firm. The one known example of the perfin is a pair of 1d 2nd Sidefaces, perf 10, postmarked Wellington, and probably used about 1890 or 1891. It is probable that the introduction of the punch coincided with the opening of the Wellington branch of the DIC. It

seems to have been a very short-lived perfin.

PERFINS WANTED

I would be interested in buying or swapping for the following perfins:

New Zealand - any perfins Great Britain - BNZ, NZ, NZL India - NZIC, SBI

Write to Enid Honiss, RD1, Kerikeri, NZ

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TWO VACUUM OIL COMPANY PERFINS

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