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Hope you had a good break over Christmas and New Year. This year should be an interesting year for the Club with meetings at NORPEX 91 and SHOREX 91, and the informal meeting for Victorian members being organised by Alan Bennett.

In this bulletin is the first in a series on New Zealand perfins. It is likely that this series will enable an updated book on New Zealand perfins to be prepared. Please report any additional information that you have so that this book can be as useful as possible.

At this time of the year it seems appropriate to plead for more articles, items of interest, news about articles on perfins in other publications, offers for exchanges and such like. Let me know what you would like to see covered in future issues.

Editor

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CONSTITUTION

A total of 56 voting forms were returned by 15th December 1990.

55 votes were in favour of adopting the constitution and 1 vote was informal.

The constitution was thereby adopted.

A number of members made suggestions to improve the constitution. These suggestions were much appreciated and we will be able to consider these at the NORPEX 91 meeting. The August 91 bulletin will include a list of proposed changes or additions.

Some of the most significant alterations or additions suggested are:

- 1) Need for a clause re winding up of the Club
- 2) Reference in Clause 24 & 25 to Clause 38 should be corrected to Clause 41, or that Clause 24 & 25 be deleted.
- 3) If a persons membership was rejected pursuant with Clause 9 they should receive a complete refund rather than 75%

Constitution cont.

4) Need to clarify that informal meetings do not conduct Club business.

Thankyou to all those who responded for the excellent response.

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WORLDS FIRST FRAMA PERFIN ? Dr Derek Pocock

At the annual Western Australian Stamp Exhibition held in Perth over the Weekend of November 10 and 11, a special souvenir cover was made. It consisted of the W.A. Philatelic Councils perfin-a 41 pin Swan between the letters WA-applied to a 43c Frama on Koala paper with the postcode 6000. These were only available on covers postmarked with the Swanpex souvenir cancel dated either the 10th or 11th of November. A total of 850 covers were produced. They were sold at \$1-50 each.

Collectors might be interested to note that there is a missing pin on covers serviced on Sunday the 11th making it only a 40 pin bird!. The missing pin occurs on the base of the Swan where the neck joins the chest.

The Council's perfin dates from 1983, but has not been used for the last 3 to 4 years. Originally it was only used in replies to orders for the Councils philatelic productions, but it is intended to bring the machine into use for all official correspondence now. Hence we can look to finding copies on current definitives, but early examples on the butterflies, antarctic ships(1c) and miscellaneous items of the mid 1980's are quite scarce and well worth keeping. They should become as rare as the C of A on GB stamps or some of the State examples where less than half a dozen copies have been seen.

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NEW ZEALAND PERFINS LIST

Later in this bulletin you will find the first pages of a series on New Zealand Perfins by Robert Samuel. Since his book published in 1968 a fair amount of additional information has come to light and no doubt there is a deal more to be unearthed. Included in this series are some new patterns not previously listed.

If you have additional information about any of the patterns listed or have copies of patterns not listed please pass this information to Enid Honiss, Kapiro Rd, Kerikeri RD1, New Zealand. Enid will compile the additional information to be published in the South Pacific Perfin Bulletin.

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WANTED

To exchange or purchase KGV sideface issues with State Government Official perfins(OS/NSW,G/NSW,T etc). Contact for list of wants.  
Neale Scott  
11 Knight St, Redcliffe, Qld 4020

MEETINGS

We have two meetings scheduled for 1991.

NORPEX 91 will be held at the Waratah High School, Turton Rd, Waratah (Newcastle) from the 5th to the 6th October 1991. This exhibition is to have a perfin class (Section 11.2) in the State Section i.e. 2-3 frames (30-45 sheets). Entry forms for competitive entries need to be received by the Exhibition Secretary by 15th May 1991. For details contact the Exhibition Secretary, Newcastle Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 239C, Newcastle NSW 2300.

We intend to hold our next occasional general meeting at NORPEX 91. Please let the editor know about anything you want brought up at this meeting so that we can air these matters in the August bulletin.

SHOREX 91 will be held at the Glenfield Centre, North Shore City Auckland from the 25th to the 28th October 1991. While there is no separate perfin class at this exhibition a number of perfin entries are expected. Provisional entry forms needed to be with the Exhibition Committee by 1st December 1990. Enquiries about the exhibition can be addressed to Shorex 91, P.O. Box 31204, Milford, Takapuna, Auckland, NZ.

We intend to hold a meeting at this exhibition. At this stage it appears as though we will not need another occasional general meeting so close to the one at NORPEX 91 so that it will be an informal meeting. However if a matter that would be better tackled at a New Zealand venue comes up this can be altered. Please let the editor know about any such matter before August 1991.

It will be very interesting to see how successful the separate perfin class at NORPEX 91 is and the awards achieved. This exhibition will be an ideal opportunity for novice exhibitors in this field, so why not have a go.

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AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL PERFIN SUPPLEMENT

Supplement no.3 has finally been compiled. Sorry for the delay. It is now 11 pages so that there is a need to cover some of the production costs and postage.

Australian residents send \$1-50 (Mint postage stamps preferred)  
Non Australian residents please send banknotes only

- New Zealand NZ\$2
- United States/Canada US\$2
- Europe £1 Sterling

Available from David Andersen  
260 Hawkesbury Rd  
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WANTED

Commonwealth Bank cards, white and blue with perfins.

Contact John Fordham, P.O. Box 138, Islington, NSW 2296.

NEW FOREIGN CATALOGUES

The following catalogues are available from the Perfins Club. Prices are in US\$. Non members add 15% to price.

Bavaria, Catalog of Perfins by J. Needham, 1990. \$8-50 plus \$1-84 postage to Australia/NZ.

France, Published by ANCOPER. \$49 plus \$6-10 postage to Australia/NZ

India, Catalog of Perfins by Magnus Werner. 115p, 1990. \$10 plus \$2-68 postage to Australia/NZ

Romania, Catalog of Perfins by Laslo Eros, 1989. \$5-50 plus \$1-56 postage to Australia/NZ

Available from Jackie Ryan  
Perfin Club Sales & Distribution  
301 South Hine St.  
Waukesha, WI 53188, USA

Membership of the Perfins Club is highly recommended for perfin collectors who collect the world or the US. Annual subscription per July/July Calendar year outside of the US or Canada is US\$9-00. Send to Secretary, Ralph Smith, R.R. 1, Box 5645 Dryden, ME 04225 USA. The subscription includes the Perfins Bulletin issued 10 times a year. (Last year 264 pages)

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VICTORIAN PERFIN MEET

If you are interested in meeting fellow perfin collectors, live in or around Melbourne and would like to talk, swap, sell or discuss perfin collecting you are welcome to attend a meeting at the Noble Park Public Hall Complex, 18 Buckley St, Noble Park (Melway Map p.89-E2) on 22nd April 1991 at 8pm. This meeting will be a get-to-gether of members and others interested in collecting perfins. If you are interested in coming along please contact Alan Bennett on 5512326.

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WANTED

US Perfin Collector looking to purchase any foreign perfins, also on covers (Except US and Canadian). Please write to

Eugene J. Buckler  
200 Diplomat Pkwy., ste. 833  
Hallandale, FL 33009, USA

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TATTERSALS UNDERPRINT

Colin Salt sent a photocopy of an Australian KGV 2d sideface with a Tattersal underprint. The underprint is in mauve, the postmark on the stamp is only partial but clearly shows RT (Hobart?) and ANIA dated 7th August 1923. He asks if such markings have security implications.



NEW ZEALAND PERFINS PART 1

R.D. Samuel

The following notes are based almost entirely upon material contained in my own collection. This should provide a bit of interest for readers who may care to check their collections for further copies of some of the very scarce perfins, and extend the known range of use for each perfin. I have not mentioned varieties (double perfins, mirror pairs, etc) in these notes but a supplementary listing of varieties may be a worthwhile project for the future.

I have used a "rarity rating" in these notes and readers may find this of assistance in establishing the worth of individual perfins. These ratings are based upon the number of copies of each perfin in my own collection (including unmounted material, duplicates, etc), as follows:

A	Very common	More than 200 copies
B	Common	100-199 copies
C	Quite common	50-99 copies
D	Difficult	20-49 copies
E	Scarce	10-19 copies
F	Rare	3-9 copies
G	Very rare	1-2 copies

AC&S ARCHIBALD CLARK & SONS LTD, AUCKLAND (1885-1905)



This perfin is known used from 10 February 1885 (on a part cover) until 29 June 1905. I had originally recorded this perfin as being used until circa 1906. However, the stamp on which I had based this record is an early unworn impression from one of the 1d Universal "Dot" plates (first issued, 1904) and not from a "Royle" plate (issued 1906) as originally identified.

The AC&S perfin is found on most values of the Queen Victoria "Second Sideface" issue and the First Pictorial issue, the highest value noted of each issue being the 1s denomination. Less usual stamps found with this perfin include the 4s and 7s Queen Victoria fiscal stamps (fiscally used) and the 1/2d Newspaper stamp.

Rarity rating: B

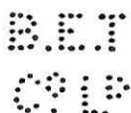
AWF AUSTRALIAN WIDOWS FUND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY LTD, WELLINGTON (1900-1910)



This perfin is known used from 31 May 1900 until 19 January 1910. It is only rarely found on stamps of the Second Sideface issue (I have the 2d and 4d values). It is more frequently found on later 1d and 2d values, mainly the 1d universal and 2d Pembroke Peak. However, my collection contains examples on the 3d (including the 3d reduced size), 4d, 6d, and 1s First Pictorials, including a 6d red First Pictorial on the scarce "Lisbon Superfine" paper.

Rarity rating: C

BETCoLd BRITISH EMPIRE TRADING CO. LTD, WELLINGTON (1908-1909)



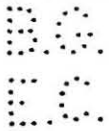
This perfin has not been positively identified, but the most probable user is the British Empire Trading Co. Ltd, of Wellington.

My collection contains only three examples of this perfin, a used pair and a single. The single stamp is postmarked "DE" (probably 1908) and the pair, WELLINGTON, ?FE09. It seems that this perfin had but a very short life, perhaps only a few months.

Rarity rating: F



BGEC BRITISH GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD, WELLINGTON (1915-1920)

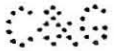


Here I have examples used from 7MR15 until 1919. David Dell has shown me an example on the 1d Victory stamp (issued January 1920) which extends the latest date of use to "circa 1920."

The BGEC perfin is found on various values of the King Edward VII and King George V issues, up to the 6d value.

Rarity rating: D

C&G CUFF & GRAHAM (AND LATER PROPRIETORS), CHRISTCHURCH (1889-1909)



This firm underwent several name changes during the currency of this perfin. The C&G perfin was first used by Messrs Cuff and Graham (Albert Cuff and Frank Graham). This partnership was dissolved on 31 May 1895, the business being carried on by Mr Albert Cuff. From mid-July 1895 the business went under the name of Albert Cuff & Company.

On 31st August 1895 the business was sold to Pitcaithly Wallace & Company (Robert and William Pitcaithly, and Thomas Wallace). This partnership was dissolved on 31 March 1901, with the withdrawal of Thomas Wallace. The business continued under the name, Pitcaithly & Company. In more recent years the firm became Patten & Pitcithly and Pitcithlys Ltd.

I originally recorded this perfin as having been used from January 1885. A close examination of the stamp on which I think this record was based indicates that the postmark is dated 20JE89(?), not 20JA85 as I had thought. Other stamps in my collection are postmarked 6MR8? (probably 89) and ?DE89. I prefer to record the earliest date of use as 1889 until evidence of earlier dates is forthcoming. The latest recorded usage is June 1909.

Prior to introducing a perfin Cuff & Graham used stamps overprinted CUFF AND GRAHAM, in black. I have a 1d Second Sideface, probably used about 1885, with the overprint inverted - and have yet to see another copy of this overprint. The stamp has been used fiscally and it is probable that stamps so overprinted were used only for fiscal purposes.

The C&G perfin is found on 1/2d, 1d and 2d values of the Second Sideface and later issues.

Rarity rating: C

DB&Co (First pattern) D. BENJAMIN & COMPANY, DUNEDIN (1897-1898)



A visit to Dunedin ("the Edinburgh of the South") would not be complete without a visit to "Olveston," the stately Edwardian home which was originally the residence of Mr David Theomin. D. Benjamin & Company was Mr Theomin's main business activity, but he did own other businesses as well; the Dresden Piano Company (renamed the Bristol Piano Company during the First World War) was another.

The first DB&Co perfin (with letters in three lines) is a rather crude affair and had but a short life. Examples in my collection have been used from 14DE97 until 18JE98 - a period of just over six months. It is generally found on the 1d Second Sideface, less frequently on other stamps or values. I have copies of the 1/2d and 2 1/2d Second Sideface, and the 1d Taupo of 1898.

Rarity rating: E

*on Second sideface 6d Brown*

DB&Co (second pattern) D. BENJAMIN & COMPANY, DUNEDIN (1898-1908)



The second DB&Co perfin (with letters in two lines) appears to have been first used in 1898 (earliest date ?OC98). I have recorded this perfin as having been used until 1909 but the stamp on which this record was based is not in my collection. The latest copy which I have is postmarked 1908 (day and year not shown).

The second DB&Co perfin exists on a wide range of stamps, and values. The highest value I have is the 2s 1898 Pictorial.

Rarity rating: C

DIC DRAPERY & GENERAL IMPORTING COMPANY OF NZ LTD, WELLINGTON (1891)



This perfin has not been positively identified but was almost certainly used by the Wellington branch of the Drapery & General Importing Co of NZ Ltd (commonly known as the "D.I.C.").

My collection contains only the one item, a used vertical pair of the 1d Second Sideface (Perf 10), postmarked WELLINGTON. The date of the postmark appears to read "91."

Rarity rating: G

EWMW E.W. MILLS & CO LTD, WELLINGTON (1903-1916)



This perfin was used by E.W. Mills & Co Ltd, of Wellington. The earliest date recorded is ?DE03 and the latest, circa 1916 (2d surface printed King George V, first issued September 1916).

The EWMW punch was still in existence until fairly recent times. Mr R.M. Startup obtained specimen punches from the machine about 1957. I visited the company some ten or so years ago, just when it was shifting premises. A truck was taking loads of rubbish to the rubbish dump. I enquired about the punch. The staff thought "it was about here somewhere, just a while ago."). Alas, it seems that it had been thrown on to a truck and sent to the dump. I was just a few hours too late.

Rarity rating: C

FBLd FRIEDLANDER BROS LTD, ASHBURTON (1901-1907)



This is one of the few perfins to be used outside of the four main centres. It is known used from 50C01 until 2SP07.

The FBLd perfin provides us with little variety. I have seen it on only the 1/2d Mt Cook, the 1d Universal, and the 2d Pembroke Peak.

Late in its life the full stop after the letter "B" disappeared. However, I will deal with missing stops and broken letters, separately, in another article.

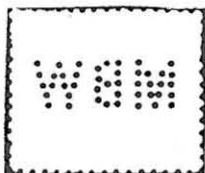
Rarity rating: D

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PERFINS OF THE MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS

When 'Australian Official Perfins' was produced in May 1987 less than a dozen issues with MBW perfins were listed. A much more satisfactory listing has been compiled with the aid of a number of collectors. In particular thanks are due to Alan Bennett and Bryan Toop.

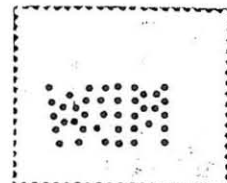
The Board was established in 1891. From the 1890's till at least the 1920's the Board used a number of perfins. Three patterns are known.



MBW Type A  
Used 1895-1918.



MBW Type B  
Used 1907-26.



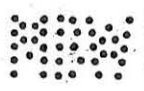
MBW Type C  
Used 1916-18.

The dates listed were taken from postmarks etc. Usage outside of these dates is quite likely.

In addition the Board overprinted Victorian duty stamps M.M.B.W. from the 1940's to 1960's.

Still quite a few questions to answer about these perfins. Why were three different patterns used seemingly at the same time? How many dies were in each perforator head?

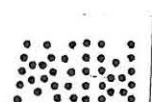
In the lists that follow each stamp on which the perfin has been found is indicated as well as the position(s) of the puncture on the stamps. The positions used are as follows when viewing the stamp from the front right way up. Many collectors don't worry about the different positions on a particular issue but there are enough interested to list them thus.



Position 1



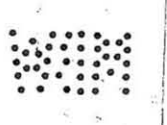
Position 2



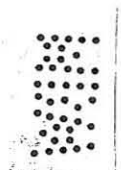
Position 3



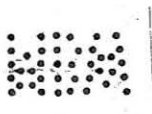
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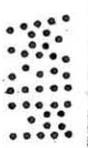
Position 5



Position 6



Position 7



Position 8

(This system of positions is not the only one used but is the one that I have found easiest to use - Editor)



Perfins of MMBW cont.

MBW Type A

Victorian Issues

ASC 65	1d	mauve	QV	Position	2
" 75b	1d	red	QV	"	2,6
" 86	2d	mauve	QV	"	4,8

Commonwealth Issues

ASC 1	1/2d	Kangaroo		1st wmk	Position	6
" 2	1d	"	"	"	"	4,6
" 3	2d	"	"	"	"	4,8
" 23	2d	"	"	3rd wmk	"	4,6,8
" 56	1/2d	KGV	green	single wmk	"	2
" 58	1d	"	red	"	"	4,8
" 67	2d	"	orange	"	"	2
" 79	1/2d	"	green	large multi wmk	"	2,6,8

MBW Type B

Victorian Issues

ASC 84	1d	red	QV	Position	4
2d brown stamp duty 1904 series				Position	2

Commonwealth Issues

ASC 1	1/2d	Kangaroo		1st wmk	Position	2,4,8
" 2	1d	"	"	"	"	2,4,6,8
" 3	2d	"	"	"	"	3,5,8
" 16	2d	"	"	2nd wmk	"	3
" 23	2d	"	"	3rd wmk	"	1
" 56	1/2d	KGV	green	single wmk	"	2,4,8
" 58	1d	"	red die 1	"	"	6,8
" 64	1 1/2d"	"	brown	"	"	2,4,6,8
" 65	1 1/2d"	"	green	"	"	2,4,8
" 66	1 1/2d"	"	red	"	"	2
" 67	2d	"	orange	"	"	2
" 68	2d	"	red	"	"	6
" 73	4d	"	violet	"	"	1,4,6
" 79	1/2d	"	green	large multi wmk	"	4,6,8
" 83	1 1/2d"	"	brown	"	"	2,3,4,6,8
" 87	1d	"	green	small multi p.14	"	8

MBW Type C

Victorian Issues

2d brown stamp duty 1904 series	Position	6
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Commonwealth Issues

ASC 23	2d	Kangaroo		3rd wmk	Position	2,4,6,8
" 56	1/2d	KGV	green	single wmk	"	2,4,6,8
" 58	1d	"	red die 1	"	"	4,6
" 61	1d	"	violet	"	"	2
" 63	1 1/2d"	"	black/brown	"	"	4
" 64	1 1/2d"	"	brown	"	"	2,4,6,8
" 65	1 1/2d"	"	green	"	"	4
" 66	1 1/2d"	"	red	"	"	2,4
" 67	2d	"	orange	"	"	2,4,8
" 68	2d	"	red	"	"	6
" 73	4d	"	violet	"	"	4,6
" 74	4d	"	blue	"	"	4,6
" 79	1/2d	"	green	large multi wmk	"	2,4,6,8
" 83	1 1/2d"	"	brown	"	"	2,4,6,8

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