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EDITORIAL

While many dealers now have some perfins available these usually appear to be very common G/NSW, VG and private types. After a quick look one tends to presume there is nothing of likely interest and not check all that carefully. Repeatedly the danger of this approach is highlighted.

At a monthly local stamp fair one of the dealers now has a perfin book. This is filled with a few hundred G/NSW issues and common private types, like DJ/LTD, AGI and AH&S, mainly on 50's and 60's predecimal Australian issues. Much duplication and it appears rarely is anything added. My first approach was to look at anything that was on better face value items and as usual there were a number of interest. Since then I have gone through this seemingly uninteresting accumulation with a fine tooth comb on a couple of occasions.

One of my main interests is G/NSW perfins and issues of the 1950's and early 60's are one of the most fruitful areas for 'finds'. As the orientation of the perfin is important to those of us collecting these State Government officials it is very easy to overlook an item that is needed. After checking very carefully through hundreds of very common issues in this 'uninteresting accumulation' a number of issues to fill gaps surfaced including a couple of unlisted issues. (As it is not all that unusual to find an unlisted item I must also presume that there is quite a bit more work to be done in recording such items.)

Checking even the 'common' items certainly can be worth the time. Most dealers have little idea about scarcity of most perfins and to be honest considering the prices most of us would like to pay it's not worth their effort to do so. Many will pull out the obviously better items for

individual sale and either sell the remainder as a collection or as cheap items. This is of course the way they handle mainstream material. It is always going to be up to the collector to discover the 'gems' amongst the 'dross'.

David Andersen

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined since the last Bulletin

- #156 Frank Franchi, Strathmore Heights, Victoria
- #157 Christopher Clitherow, Auckland, New Zealand
- #158 Gary Douglas, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
- #159 Garry Francis, Earlwood, New South Wales

BACK ISSUES OF THE BULLETIN

Copies of back issues of the Bulletin are available from the Secretary at \$2-50 each, including postage within Australia.

WANTED

Perfins and private security chops of China, Hong Kong, Japan and foreign post offices in same. Will buy or exchange for perfins of other countries. Contact Garry Francis, PO Box 693, Darlinghurst NSW 2010, Australia. Phone (02) 93753272.

FOR SALE

Gary Douglas on Ontario, Canada, (whom your Secretary had the pleasure of meeting at ORAPEX 92 in Ottawa) has advised that he has a selection of 45 Australian private perfins for sale- 16 rated "VC", 15 rated "C", 12 rated "U" and 2 rated "S". Among the listed patterns are HB&CO.2, MCCLTD.1 (both "S"), IH.17, AICo.1, DG.1, DA.1, LTMC.1, ME.1, WH&C.3. A complete list (which includes positions of each pattern) is available from your Secretary. The price is \$75-00 Canadian plus \$3-50 postage and handling. This selection will go to the first request received by the Secretary accompanied by an Australian dollar cheque, money order, etc, for A\$80 made out to "John Mathews". I will forward payment in US currency.

A PERFINNED TASMANIAN POSTAL CARD

In the April-June 1996 edition of American "Postal Stationery" journal (page 73), there is shown a Tasmanian postal card (HG-3) with "T" perfin through the preprinted image of the 1d sideface. The perfin is the 5x5 "T" perfin used by Tasmanian Government Departments.

SWANPEX 96

Once again the Western Australian Philatelic Council prepared souvenir covers for SWANPEX using their perfin. At SWANPEX 96, Perth GPO Counter printed stamps (6 designs), were perforated with the Council's W(swan)A perfin, affixed to the Council's printed envelopes and postmarked with the official SWANPEX postmark. Envelopes were postmarked either 26th October 1996 or 27th October 1996.

Covers were available at \$2-00 postpaid per single cover or \$7-50 per set of 6 from the WAPC (GPO Box 9800, Perth WA 6001. As at the end of December 1996 covers were still available though this is unlikely to continue for long judging from availability of the SWANPEX 95 covers.

The SWANPEX 96 covers were advertised in the January 1997 issue of Stamp News as
" FAMOUS SWANPEX PERFINS
(Single cover \$5) 2 days \$10-00
SET 6 x 2 days(ONLY 50 SETS DONE) \$29-50 "

PERFIN TRIVIA

What do the following perfins have in common (other than the fact that they are all known on South Australian stamps)? Turn to page 11 for the answer.

gpc
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AUCTION WATCH

The following items of interest have been seen in auction catalogues since the last Bulletin. Thanks go to Tony Nobilo, Bryan Magee and John Amiet for their contributions to this list.

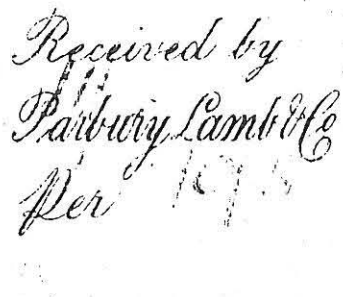
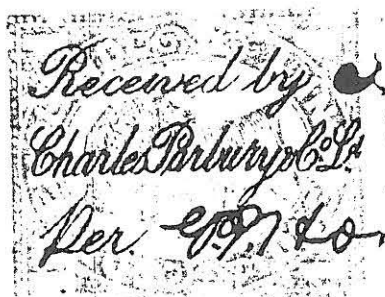
	Est (\$A)
a. Accumulation of 625 used mainly pre-decimal private perfins with a good variety of punctures (Philatelics (Aust) Sep 96)	250
b. Accumulation of 840 used mainly pre-decimal private perfins with a good variety of punctures (Philatelics (Aust) Sep 96)	350
c. Several individual lots with NZ perfins DB&COLTD, WT, VOCO, RGW, N, RGN, BNZ (on GB) etc (Don Ion Sep 96)	NZ 5-10
d. 1d red KGV rusted cliché perfin DWMLTD (Australian Stamp & Coin Co. Sep 96)	300-350
e. Perfin Colln. 1880-1960 in album from over 40 countries (700+) (Auckland City Stamps, Oct 96)	NZ 150
f. 2 types of 1/2d KGV postcard of Metropolitan Board of Works with "MBW" perfins affixed (Rod Perry Oct 96)	125-150
g. Approx 100 mainly private perfins (Pre war) (Stewarts Stamp Shop Sep. 96)	30
h. 1920s covers with 1 1/2d KGV perfin IH (11) (Stewarts Stamp Shop Sep.96)	30
i. 1927 cover with 1 1/2d KGV perfin VO/CO (Stewarts Stamp Shop Sep. 96)	10
j. 1928 cover with 1 1/2d KGV perfin ES (Stewarts stamp Shop Sep. 96)	30
k. 1920 advertising postcard of McPhersons with perfin McP (West Brisbane Oct 96 - went for well over estimate)	50
l. Various lots- prices generally approx \$12-20 for rare items, thru \$2-5 for uncommon (Jimbo's Oct-Nov 96)	
m. Several individual NZ lots incl. AC&S, DB/&CO, N, VO/CO, NZF, WT (Stirling & Co. Nov. 96)	NZ 5-10
n. 1d Rosine KGV (variety) with perfin DJ.1 (Elcee Stamps Nov. 96)	25
o. 1/2d Green KGV (variety) with perfin CC.1 (Elcee Stamps Nov. 96)	9
p. 6d Engraved Kooka with perfin LS.1 (Elcee Stamps Nov. 96)	25
q. Colln. incl. Receipts, covers & loose stamps all with private perfins (approx 100 items) (Stanley Gibbons Sydney Oct 96)	150
r. World Colln incl. Aust/States (137) (David Holmes, NZ Dec 96)	NZ 100
s. Queensland postcard with 1d red perfin (pattern not stated) (David Holmes, NZ Dec 96)	NZ 30
t. NZ High Commission Cover London to USA with 1 1/2d KEVIII perfin "NZ" (David Holmes NZ Nov 96)	NZ 150
u. Several individual NZ perfin lots incl. AC&S, DB&CO, RGW, AWF, EMMW, N, RGN, etc (David Holmes, NZ Nov 96)	NZ 5-15
v. 1867-83 QV 10/- grey (SG135) perf "NZL" (JPS Philatelic Service Nov. 96)	90
w. B&N.15 on Tas 6d Pictorial (Teepookana Stamps Dec 96)	50
x. F&G.1 on WA 1/-, 2/-, 2/6 (Teepookana Stamps Dec 96)	25
y. 6d Eng Kooka with DJLTD.2 (Teepookana Stamps Dec 96)	35
z. 84 "CofA" perfins on GB stamps (Macray Watson Sales Nov 96)	150

A PERFIN MYSTERY SOLVED John Mathews

In a 1930's edition of " Australian Stamp Monthly" magazine, there was a report of perfins on Queensland stamps for "AUSN", "CP&CO", and "LAMBS". None of these had been seen by the authors of " Commercial Perfins of Australia" when that publication went to print.

Since then I had bought copies of fiscal overprints on Queensland postage stamps for "AUSNCoLTD" and "Parbury, Lamb & Co", and began to wonder if there had been a connection.

Now in a book recently submitted by John Amiet for the exchange circuit, there are other examples of these two overprints, together with one for "Charles Parbury & Co Ld". The sight of the three of them together was almost too much- were these examples of what had been the basis of the report as "perfins" 60 years ago?



SELDOM SEEN WITH PRIVATE PERFINS

Several members have responded so far with reports of harder-to-get issues with private perfins. The list below includes Roos, KGV and general predecimals. The list is by no means exhaustive, and the non inclusion of a particular issue does not necessarily mean that it does not exist in perforated condition. Additional reports are welcome at any time.

Stamp	Perfin patterns known
4d Roo	A.9, AS.1, AMP.1, BCL.3, IHC.2, NQICO.1, OPL1, PTCO.1 VOCO.12
5d Roo	AACO.1, A&C.1, BP.1, BWL.1, CM.1, HB.1, HB.2, JRSA.1, JSS.4, S&A.1, S&A.2, TSF.1, VOCO.12
2/- Roo (brown)	BS&F.1, CM.1, HSLD.6, SB.4, VOCO.9, VOCO.12, WG&COLD.1
5/- Roo	F.1, F.2, PAC.1, PL&B.12, VOCO.6, VOCO.9
1d red KGV (engraved)	B*B.?, FG&CO.2, HB&CO.3

6d Kooka (engraved)	A&RLTD.1, DJLTD.2, ES&COLTD.1, KL.1, LS.2, OK.2, OK.3, TCB&CO.1 WG&COLD.1
4d blue KGV	A&CO.2, CN.1, MH.5, PTCO.1
1d KGV red die III	HBCo.1, JRSA.1
1/4 KGV (1st wmk)	HSLD.2
1/4 KGV (SM p14)	GDCO.1, VOCO.6
1/4 KGV (p13.5x12.5)	IHC.3, VOCO.1, VOCO.6
1/4 KGV (CofA)	GWA.1
3d blue Kooka	A&R.1, B.7, BCC.1, BW&CO.1, ED.1, ED&CO.2, GWS&CO.2, HSLD.4, NB.1, PD&CO.1, SB.1, SH&CO.1, SIC.1, VOCO.9, VOCO.13
6d Kingsford-Smith	BW&CO.2, DJLTD.2, HSLD.?
6d KS Airmail O/P	HSLD.8
5/- Bridge	F.1/2, K.?(?), VOCO.?
1/- Victoria Cent.	AH&S.1, A&R.1, BLTD.1, B&N.13, DJLTD.2, LL.2, PL&B.15, SH&CO.1, VOCO.15
9d Macarthur	AH&S.1, DJLTD.2, EFLD.1, ES.1, K.4, OK.4
1/- Anzac	AH&S.1, DJLTD.2, F.2, GDCOA.1, GRW.1, HB.1, JKS.3, TBS..2
2/- KGV Silver Jubilee	F.1, F.2, VOCO.6
1/- SA Centenary	AH&S.1, DJLTD.2, ED&CO.2, ET.7, F.1, HL.1, TBS.2, VOCO.6, WILLS.3
9d NSW Sesquicent	AH&S.1, BLTD.1, DJLTD.2, OK.4, SB.1, VOC.2
6d AIF	B&N.13, CB.4, ET.10, GDM..1, HB.1, HSLD.2, HSLD.6, NZL.8, SG.2, SG.3, VOCO.6
1/4 KGVI defin	AH&S.1, RICOLTD.1, VOCO.6
10/- Robes	DJLTD.2, SG.2, VOCO.6
£1 Robes	VOCO.6
10/- Arms	BLTD.1, DJLTD.1, IH.18, SH&COLTD.1, VOCO.6
£1 Arms	DJLTD.1, IH.18, VOCO.6
2/- Cobb & Co	DJLTD.1, SG.3
5/- Cattle	DJLTD.1
4/- Navigator	BP.3
\$1 Navigator	IH.18

A NEW ZEALAND OVERPRINT John Mathews

When one comes across an item which one has not seen before, the question is usually "shall I say anything and risk showing my ignorance, or could it be that others have not seen one of these either?". Therefore, I was going to offer this item with no further comment other than that I had not seen one before!

The stamp is the New Zealand 2d orange King George VI definitive (SG680) circa 1947-1952, and bears the overprint "J./B.&Co./Ltd." and a penscript mark.

Then, quite by coincidence, Peter Parsons kindly showed me a copy of an old NZ perfin catalogue (1970), in the back of which there is one page of NZ overprints. The one shown here is one of three listed for J. Ballantyne & Co. Ltd. of Christchurch and Timaru. The only other NZ overprint listed is for "Stewarts and Lloyds Limited". In addition, in Bulletin No. 3 (page 4), an overprint "F. Bros/Ltd." (boxed) is described.



Perhaps one or more of our New Zealand members could enlighten us about the extent of usage of their "Postage and Revenue" stamps for revenue purposes. Are any more New Zealand overprints known?

NEW SOUTH WALES STAMP DUTY ISSUES WITH G/NSW PERFINS

Surprisingly there is not a large range of New South Wales Stamp Duty issues with New South Wales Government perfins. Only issues with G/NSW Type C and G/NSW Type D have been reported.

Usage appears to be primarily by the Government Insurance Office of NSW. It is not clear when the practice of perforating these issues commenced though the earliest date sighted is 1953. The G/NSW Type C pattern was used till 1961 and then replaced by the G/NSW Type D pattern. Issues with the G/NSW Type D pattern appear to be scarce, the only date sighted being 1962.

There has been no report of G/NSW perfins on decimal stamp duty issues. If the primary user was the Government Insurance Office this is not surprising as the GIO overprint on stamp duty issues commenced at least as early as 1963.

The issues in the following table are not divided between those on unwatermarked paper and those on paper watermarked GNSW. The watermark on the GNSW paper is notoriously faint and it can be difficult to determine if the paper contains a watermark.

G/NSW Type C

	Positions	
	2	4
2d orange	X	
3d magenta	X	
4d green		X
6d chestnut	X	
9d maroon	X	X
1/- purple	X	X
1/6 blue	X	X
2/- brown	X	X
2/6 blue	X	X
3/- olive	X	X
4/- blue	X	

	Positions	
	2	4
5/- green	X	X
6/- violet	X	X
8/- brown	X	
10/- grey	X	
14/- orange	X	
16/- green	X	
18/- yellow	X	
£1 red	X	
30/- blue	X	
1/6 light blue with G/NSW underprint (1955)		X

G/NSW Type D

	Position
	1
6/- violet	X

Any further information about dates of usage, issues perforated please send to Editor for inclusion in an update. If possible please also report if issues found on GNSW watermark paper or unwatermarked.

ROYAL INSURANCE CO LTD IN NEW ZEALAND John Mathews

Among the material handed over to me as Secretary by David Dell was a letter which had been written to him by a former branch manager of the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd in New Zealand on the subject of that company's use of perforated stamps. The following is an edited version of the relevant parts of that letter.

In 1925 I was the new Office junior in the Royal's Christchurch Branch and was initiated into the monthly job of perforating the month's supply of stamps. Sheets and sheets of them and a boring job it was too.

The machine used was a punch type operated by a hand lever. The lever brought the die down on the stamp imprinted in perforated fashion with the letters "RI". Each stamp was perforated separately and if you tried to run the sheet of stamps through too quickly the "RI" did not sit squarely in the middle which brought a reprimand. I can well remember the "RI" but "RiCo" may have been on the die.

From memory the machine was cast iron, with a spring loaded handle or lever, and about 10 inches high. One stamp was punched at a time which meant moving the row of stamps along one at a time. In Christchurch the perforating was done as soon as the new supply of stamps was brought in from the Post Office.

Until about 1928/29 we were controlled from Head Office in Melbourne and perforating of stamps was an Audit requirement. However, on the change over to a New Zealand Head Office dealing direct with Liverpool, I can understand how the practice of perforating stamps gradually died out.

I do know that some time in the 30s we acquired a franking machine for all mail and the perforating machine was only used for Marine Certificate Stamps and the 2d stamps on receipts over £2.

Each branch did its own perforating but I am told that Auckland had all their stamps supplied by a firm of stationers P.L. Totman & Co. who carried out the perforating for a fee, so the Office junior in the early twenties was spared this laborious job. The stationery firm has long gone out of business.

Gone are the days when people stayed with one firm all their working life and went from office junior to manager. Those who worked with the various branches of the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. seem to have excellent memories for detail, typified by this letter and other accounts such as those referred to by Robert Samuel in his article in the July 1991 edition of the Bulletin (page 7).

PERFIN USERS IN TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

John Mathews

Part of the interest in perfin for me is in the appreciation of the reasons for perforating, including the economic and social circumstances at the time the decision was made to perforate their stamps. Most of the perfin users were large companies, no doubt with considerable value in stamps held in their mail room which might have been quite a temptation during hard economic times. Most perfin users consequently were located in the capital cities, with a few also using perforated stamps in provincial branch offices.

On the other hand, there were four Stock and Station Agents in Queensland country towns which bought their ^{own} perforators! Three of these were in Toowoomba, and one wonders whether it was done not for security reasons but for rival advertising purposes, or just as an idea which caught on locally. The illustrations are by courtesy of a Toowoomba couple whom I met in the National Library's "family history" section (thanks, Lorraine and Mike). They

show the founders and premises of Kennard & Co (later Kennard & Cameron) and Scholefield & Godsall (later Scholefield, Godsall & Weaver).

Note also the other companies they represented - Royal Insurance Co., Massey-Harris Co Ltd., and Commercial Union Insurance Co - all names associated with perfin.

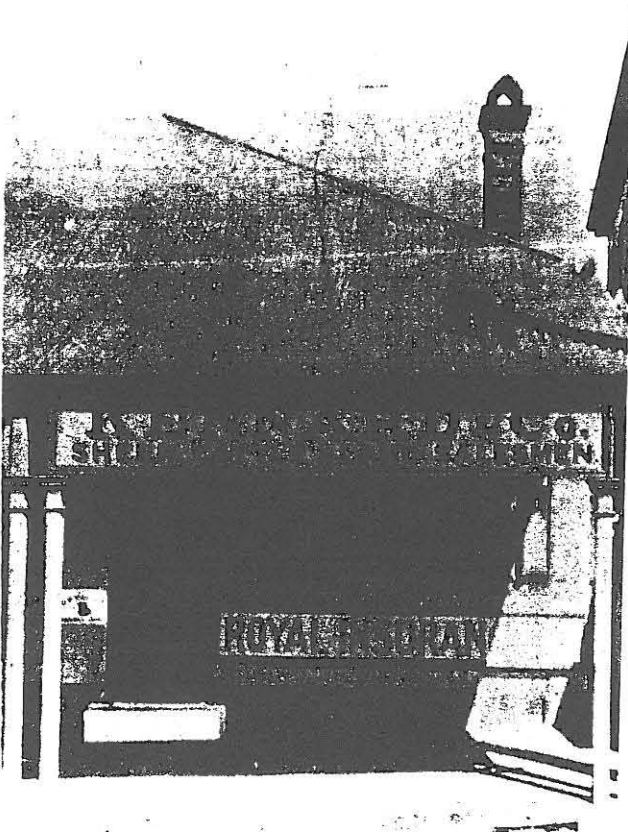


Mr. R. W. Scholefield



THE LATE RICHARD GODSALL





S B KENNARD (Kennard & Co.)

A FAMILY CONNECTION

John Mathews

Brothers Matthew and Charles Goode were born in Herefordshire, UK, in 1820 and 1827 respectively. In April 1849, Charles Goode arrived in the young colony of South Australia and in conjunction with his friend, Thomas Good, opened up a general soft-goods business in Kermod Street, North Adelaide. A short time later, Thomas Good withdrew from that partnership and set up business on his own at Mt. Barker, in the Adelaide hills.

Matthew Goode and a third brother, Samuel, came to Australia in 1852 and joined Charles in the North Adelaide firm which became Goode Brothers. The business grew rapidly and moved to the centre of Adelaide's commercial district. In 1866, Charles Goode became the first "commercial traveller" in South Australia, carrying samples of merchandise over unmade roads at a time when there were no railways in that State.

This successful family partnership was dissolved in 1882, and Charles Goode was joined by Mr. W.H. Durrant of London to form Goode, Durrant & Co., which continued to expand, with branches opening in London, Broken Hill (NSW), Perth (WA) and Kalgoorlie (WA). Meanwhile Matthew Goode founded the firm of Matthew Goode and Co. Ltd.

In 1872, Thomas Good went into partnership with Samuel Toms, who had previously been with Goode Brothers for some years, to form the company Good, Toms and Co. Many of the premises of these various firms were designed by Samuel Toms' second son who was an architect.

As well as being business associates, Charles Goode and Thomas Good were brothers-in-law, each having married the other's sister! Thus the letter " G" in the perfins GDCOA.1, GT&CO.1 and MGCOLD.1 represent two brothers and their brother-in-law.

AUCTION 2/1996

As anticipated, bidding was strong in this auction with 191 lots out of 217 selling, and many prices well above the reserve. Prices realised were as follows:

Lot	A\$	Lot	A\$	Lot	A\$	Lot	A\$	Lot	A\$	Lot	A\$
1	7.50	35	13.00	70	24.00	108	8.00	144	5.50	175	4.00
2	27.00	36	10.00	71	3.50	109	7.50	145	47.00	176	4.00
3	6.00	37	16.00	72	7.50	110	7.50	146	4.75	177	4.00
4	16.00	38	15.00	73	3.00	111	21.00	147	18.00	178	4.00
5	10.00	39	13.00	74	13.00	112	21.00	148	1.50	179	4.00
6	7.00	40	12.00	75	14.00	113	21.00	149	2.00	180	2.00
7	2.00	41	2.00	76	4.00	114	21.00	150	5.50	181	2.25
8	3.25	43	2.00	77	10.00	115	2.50	151	2.25	182	2.00
9	40.00	44	2.25	78	8.00	118	26.00	152	1.75	183	5.00
10	5.00	46	4.75	79	16.00	120	1.75	153	3.25	184	11.00
11	36.00	47	7.00	80	1.50	121	1.25	154	1.50	185	11.00
12	7.00	48	7.00	81	3.25	122	7.00	155	1.50	186	11.00
13	15.00	49	10.00	82	5.00	123	8.00	156	1.50	187	11.00
14	20.00	50	7.00	83	3.00	124	13.00	157	5.00	188	11.00
15	15.00	51	4.25	84	7.00	125	6.50	158	4.00	189	11.00
16	10.00	52	0.50	85	6.50	126	6.50	159	1.00	190	11.00
17	7.00	53	3.00	86	1.00	127	20.00	160	0.50	191	11.00
18	15.00	54	1.00	87	3.75	128	20.00	161	2.50	192	11.00
19	14.00	55	6.00	92	1.00	129	23.00	162	2.50	193	11.00
20	3.25	56	2.75	93	1.00	130	29.00	163	3.25	194	11.00
21	28.00	57	3.25	94	1.00	131	6.50	164	0.50	195	11.00
22	8.00	59	2.25	95	1.50	132	11.00	165	2.00	196	2.75
23	4.25	60	6.50	96	6.00	133	11.00	166	5.00	198	5.00
25	20.00	61	13.00	97	4.50	134	5.00	167	4.00	199	3.00
28	1.75	62	18.00	100	3.00	135	3.25	168	5.00	200	8.50
29	2.50	63	4.00	101	1.50	137	8.50	169	1.00	201	7.00
30	32.00	64	12.00	103	3.25	138	5.00	170	1.00	204	6.50
31	32.00	66	5.00	104	4.75	139	3.25	171	8.50	205	3.25
32	20.00	67	10.00	105	7.50	140	25.00	172	8.00	208	34.00
33	30.00	68	15.00	106	7.50	141	16.00	173	8.00	211	5.50
34	14.00	69	10.00	107	7.50	142	75.00	174	8.50	212	10.00
213	10.00	214	7.00	215	9.50	216	10.00	217	15.00		

Material for the next auction should be sent to the Secretary by 31 March 1997.