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EDITOR'S COMMENT

In August I attended an annual stamp event "A Winter's Day With Stamps". A number of stamp Clubs bring along their exchange books and anyone can buy from them. With many hundreds of books of stamps and other items available for sale it should be a great opportunity to add to one's collection. As usual the event was well organized and I think most people found items of interest. However, there was one disappointment. As far as perfins went, there was little of interest and for that matter very little of any unusual material such as revenues or other cinderellas. I guess this is because, within each of these Clubs, there is little interest in some of these more unusual areas so members do not include them in exchange books. This is a pity as there is a lot of interest in these and many other non-mainstream areas, and if more unusual material was included I expect that much would sell.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have joined since the previous issue:

#249 Geoff Dane Bungendore, New South Wales
#250 Michael Kino Caulfield North, Victoria
#251 John Shepherd Sandy Bay, Tasmania

Reaching membership number 250 is quite a milestone for our Club, coming just after we have celebrated our 20th anniversary.

And your Secretary has had another of those "Seniors' Moments" - # 247 in the July Bulletin should have read "#247 Mr Don Wormald, Shepparton, Vic (Don Woodward is a relative of mine!). Sorry, Don.

TARAPEX 2008

The TARAPEX 2008 New Zealand National Exhibition will be held from 7 to 9 November in New Plymouth. The committee has kindly booked the gallery meeting area (upstairs) on Saturday 8 November from 11am to 12noon (note change of time) for a meeting of Perfin Club members. You are all welcome to come along, bring along any favourite perfin items you might like to show to others and join in a general discussion on our favourite topic!

AUCTION 2/2008

This was a special auction which was comprised of the perfin part of a philatelic collection from a deceased estate. As anticipated with the low reserves, there was strong bidding and over 80% of the lots sold with most reaching much more than the reserve. The remaining lots are available as a "clearance auction" at no reserve (but please bid sensibly - at least 50% of the original reserve??). Bids on these remainders close with the Secretary on 5 December. A list of sold lots is enclosed.

POSTMARK PUBLICATION

Member Colin Salt has completed the latest in his series of publications of Machine Date Cases, this one being "QUEENSLAND. The Machine Date Cases of the Country and Suburban Offices." It has 65 A4 pages. Cost is A\$18 to Australian/NZ addresses, GBP 8 to European addresses, and GBP 9 to North American addresses. Anyone wanting to pay in Euros (cash only), US\$ or NZ\$ please contact the Secretary first. Australian buyers can mail Australian personal cheques (made out to "Colin Salt") to the Secretary and the orders will be forwarded. Colin's email address is barrfyke@tesco.net.

A BIG "THANK YOU" ...

... to all those who have renewed their subs so promptly again this year. It really does make life easier for the office-bearers.

PATTERNS A.3, etc. (John Mathews)

In the article on this issue in the July 2008 Bulletin (page 4), I omitted to include David McNamee as another source of information included on these perfins (see his article in SPPB April 2001, page 4) for which I apologise. In the most recent article, it was mentioned that blocks and strips of these patterns are "proving to be elusive". Then, in August 2008, an item on eBay offered a horizontal joined pair of them on 1d QV sideface! The patterns are #6 reversed and #4 from the varieties listed in the July 2008 article.



SPECIALISED LIST OF NEW ZEALAND PERFINS

It is known that many members collect NZ perfin on all possible issues. Is there a list of these issues for each of the NZ perfin patterns? If not, we would invite readers to contribute lists of known issues for each NZ perfin pattern so that a composite check list can be made. This would then be made available to all interested collectors. Because of the range of catalogues used by various collectors, identification of a particular stamp might best be done by description rather than by a particular catalogue number, although your Secretary volunteers to do this if SG numbers are used. The description should include Year of issue / Set title / denomination / stamp topic e.g. "1898 Pictorials 5d Mt Cook".

For the Second Side Face issues, please indicate details of any advertisements on the back, and whether you would want this information included in the composite list if possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - PERFIN CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

Statement of Receipts and expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2008 (Australian account).

Receipts (A\$)		Expenditure (A\$)	
Bank balance 1.7.07	5,190.96	Bulletins (printing)	827.35
Subscriptions	1,133.61	By members' credit	130.00
To members' credit	333.05	Bank & Govt charges	9.00
Bank interest	0.48	Exchange Branch	17,382.20
Exchange Branch	14,354.75	Auction 1/07	2,744.95
Auction 1/07	2,882.50	Auction 2/07	2,078.85
Auction 2/07	1,708.70	Postage & Stationery	1,307.25
"AOP" sales	2,430.00	"AOP" printing	4,050.00
"HAPP" sales	428.00	Miscellaneous	145.71
Interest, Term Deposit	1,347.69	Bank balance 30.6.08	7,213.93
Miscellaneous	79.50		
Transfer from Term Deposit	6,000.00		
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Total	35,889.24	Total	35,889.24

In addition, cheques for \$1,600 (transfer from NZ a/c, mainly exchange branch sales) and \$979.10 (Australian exchange branch) were on hand but not yet deposited.

<u>Term Deposit</u> - Balance 1.7.07	\$21,000
Transfer to bank a/c	6,000

Balance 30.6.08	\$15,000

Our thanks to David Coath for his good work in managing our Australian account.

AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL PERFINs: UPDATE #2

Thanks to David Coath and Ken Moore for reporting these additional items:

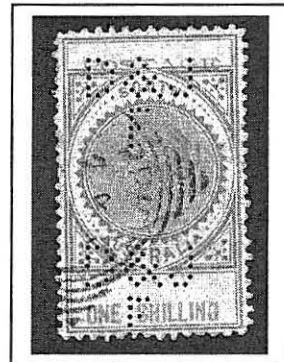
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KGV 1d green Cof A wmk	Position 1		
1934 2d Victorian Cent.	Position 1	1960 5d Girl Guides	Position 3
1934 2d Macarthur Cent.	Position 5	1962 5d Christmas	Position 4
1948 2½d Pan Pacific	Position 6	1965 4d Hargraves	Position 1
1948 2½d Von Mueller	Position 1	1966 6c QEII	Position 2
1950 2d QE definitive	Position 5	1959 5d Christmas	Position 5
1951 3d Hargraves	Position 1	1968 13c Pink Heath	Position 6
1951 3d Latrobe	Position 3	1978 35c Bower Bird	Position 2
1953 3d Food Production	Positions 4, 8	1978 35c Horseracing	Position 6
1953 3½d Food Production	Position 4	1981 30c Wallaby	Position 2
1954 3½d Royal Visit	Position 1	1982 27c Aboriginal Culture	Position 6
1954 3½d WA Stamp Cent.	Position 7	1982 35c Christmas	Position 7
1955 3½d YMCA	Position 7	1983 24c Christmas	Position 2
1955-57 1d QEII defin	Position 7		
1955-57 4d QEII defin	Position 1		

RARE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ISSUE FOUND WITH PERFIN

The item shown is a South Australian one shilling “Long Tom” with thin “POSTAGE”. This denomination is normally printed in the single colour, brown, but this copy has the basic image of the stamp in that colour but the word “POSTAGE” and the denomination “ONE SHILLING” are both in a pale red colour and positioned somewhat low in the print areas.

Tony Presgrave, a well-known South Australian philatelist with specialist knowledge of the stamps of that State, says that this issue was normally done as a two-pass printing process (using a standard image for all denominations with blank areas top and bottom). The word “POSTAGE” (either the thick or thin variety) and the denomination were then added. Of course, the same colour ink was meant to be used for both passes, but in this case somehow a different colour ink was used for the second pass!



Tony says that he is aware of a similar stamp, without perfin and with a Marine PO postmark, which sold in a Prestige Philately auction in January 2007 for A\$650.

One can only wonder how many of these were printed, and of these how many were perforated (did D. & J. Fowler perforate a whole sheet of them?) and how many may have survived.

[Rather than print the whole Bulletin in colour for the sake of this one image, a separate coloured image is enclosed. Members can reprint the page in colour with this image if they so wish.]

CO-OPERATIVE (later COMMONWEALTH) WOOL & PRODUCE COMPANY
(Lindsay Parker)

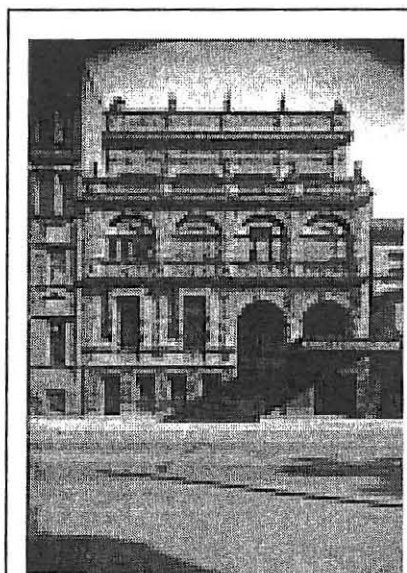
The following short extract I located in the following website

<http://www.aussieheritage.com.au/listings/nsw/Ultimo/WoolstoresNo2Group/8434>

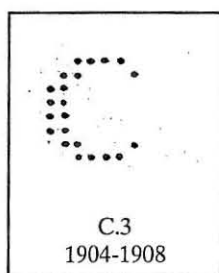
By the 1880s, the area around Circular Quay, Sydney, could no longer support the growth of the shipping industry, and this led to the development of the Pyrmont and Ultimo area as a regional centre for goods handling because of its deep water frontage and rail links. The most significant impact on the Pyrmont Peninsula was the building of woolstores and the transfer of the warehousing and auctioning side of the wool trade in Sydney. In 1910, 1.5 million bales of wool were shipped from Pyrmont and Ultimo - 90% of the Sydney export trade.

The Co-operative Wool and Produce Company was established in 1897 by a group of New South Wales country graziers, and in 1899 they built a woolstore in Wattle Street, Ultimo, Sydney, known as the Commonwealth Wool [and Produce] Store. It was one of four woolstores built for various firms in Wattle Street in the 1890s. The company quickly established itself as one of the leading Sydney firms in its first season. The woolstore was designed by architect Mr. Herbert E Ross and appears to have been instrumental in the establishment of his professional career.

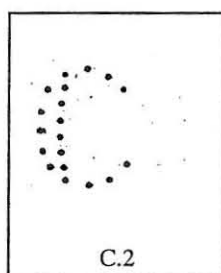
The rectangular woolstore site was bounded by streets on three sides including Quarry Street named after the quarrying operations of the Saunders family. A sandstone cliff on the eastern shoreline of Black Wattle Bay had earlier been cut back by quarrying from about 80 feet inside the Wattle Street alignment back to Jones Street. The cut appears to have been part of Robert Saunders' Hell Hole quarry and formed a propitious base for the new structure. Being well below the street level for much of its depth, the 1899 building required the construction of massive retaining walls for much of its perimeter. The entrance was in Jones Street which was two floors above the Wattle Street level, and the exits were in Wattle Street. This meant that there was little lifting needed for the heavy bales which were moved around the store by gravity shutes and drops. The building used post and beam internal structures to support timber floors.



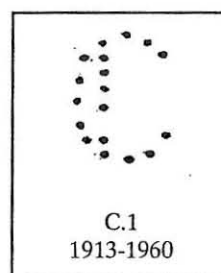
Commonwealth Wool & Produce
Corporation (City Office),
3 Bent Street, Sydney



C.3
1904-1908



C.2



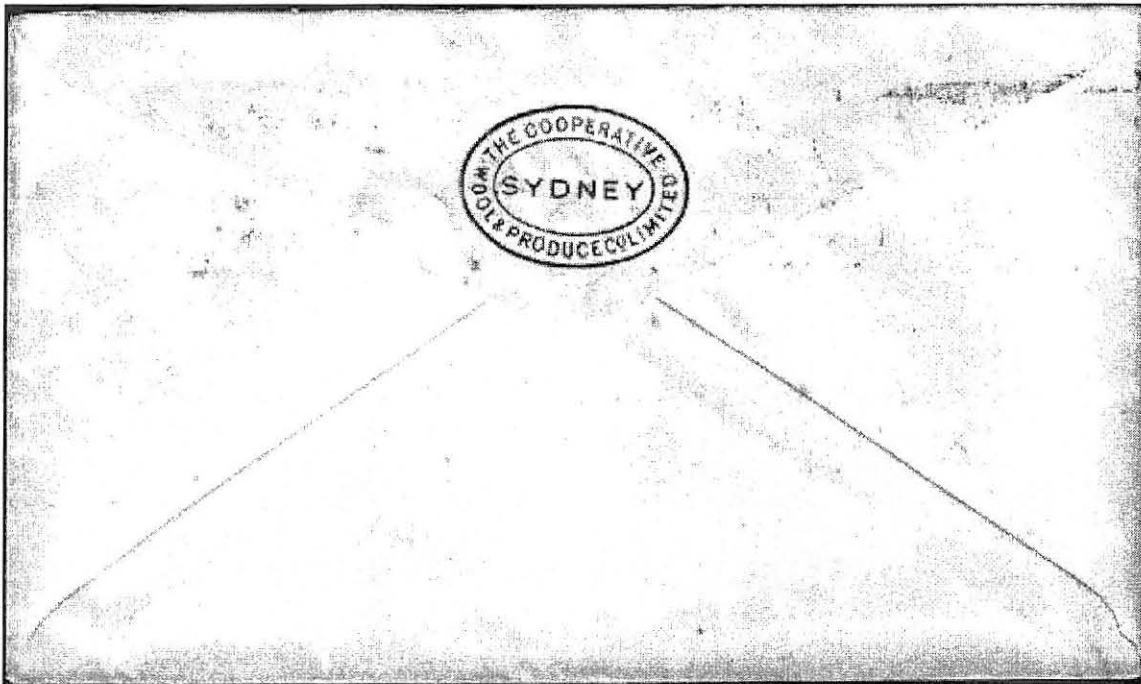
C.1
1913-1960

The Co-operative Wool & Produce Co. Ltd
Spring Street, Sydney NSW

The Commonwealth Wool & Produce
Co. Ltd, 3 Bent Street Sydney NSW

Except for a name change in 1925 from Co-operative to Commonwealth Wool and Produce Company, the ownership and use of the store remained unchanged until 1955, when the company was taken over by Elder Smith and Company. Eight years later, Goldsbrough Mort and Company amalgamated with Elder Smith and Company to form Elder Smith Goldsbrough Mort Limited (Elders GM), now the largest wool brokers in Australia. The building then became Elder Smith Goldsbrough Mort and Company Woolstore No 3.

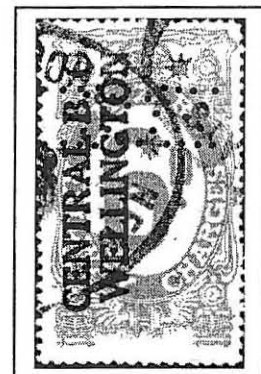
[For a modern view of this area, go to Google (maps) and search "97 Wattle Street, Ultimo". This is the closest to the Commonwealth Wool & Produce Co. woolstore on the north-east corner of Quarry Street. You can then "walk" along Quarry Street in an easterly direction to Jones Street and have a look at the other sides of this building, or north along Wattle Street to the next street (Fig Street) where the old Winchcombe Carson woolstore is on the south-east corner, or south along Wattle Street to William Henry Street (New Zealand Loan woolstore on south-east corner) and then Macarthur Street (Farmers' & Graziers' woolstore on north-east corner). jm]



1921 cover of The Co-operative Wool & Produce Co. Ltd., Sydney (has perfin C.1)

PERFIN ON NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY CHARGES STAMP

Dave Elsmore has reported a New Zealand 6d green/white Railway Charges stamp overprinted "CENTRAL BO / WELLINGTON" with perfin "M / G / M". It is believed that other NZ Railway Charges stamps exist with perfins. Can anyone provide details of any other such stamps with perfins?



CANADIAN "OHMS" PERFINS AND OVERPRINTS (John Mathews)

An item offered on eBay in July 2008 throws some light on the use of "OHMS" perfins and overprints on Canadian stamps. The letter, dated 20 May 1950, was written by the Director of Financial Services, Post Office Department, in Ottawa in reply to a gentleman in Winnipeg. The letter reads, in part,

"I must admit that this Branch was somewhat embarrassed when it was discovered that the collectors had purchased the bulk of stock of King George VI issue, revised design, 2¢ and 3¢ denominations, overprinted O.H.M.S. and that insufficient quantities remained for Government use. We were obliged to return to the perforating machine in order to keep Government departments supplied.

"The action described was a step we were very reluctant to take as the Department may be exposing itself to accusations of exploitation of the collector.

"I cannot state definitely that further issues will not be perforated in the future. Our experience with overprinted stamps, since September, 1949, indicates that considerably larger quantities must be overprinted in order to accommodate the collectors than was originally anticipated. It is my opinion that we will not again run short of the overprinted stamp and be compelled to resort to perforating.

"No values other than the 2¢ and 3¢ stamps of the King George VI, 1949 issue, Revised design, were perforated."

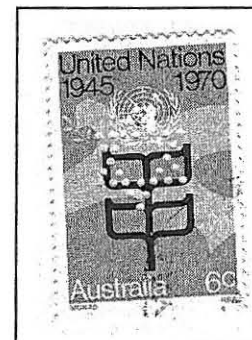
ANOTHER PATTERN ON A RAILWAYS PARCEL STAMP

David Coath has shown a New South Wales Railways Parcel Stamp (1/- lilac) with a perfin not previously recorded - KLTD.6. The stamp may have a lot of damage but the perfin pattern is quite clear, and it must be a rare perfin item.



HELP WANTED - STAR OF DAVID PERFIN

Jen Prosser has shown the item illustrated at right. The "Star of David" perfin looks like a US collector's personal perfin, but what is it doing on an Australian stamp? Perhaps it was done "per favor" for an Australian collector and subsequently postally used. Many of you may have an identifying cover or card with this perfin - if you can let your Secretary know the sender's details, we might be able to get the answer.



EDWARD DUCKETT & SONS (John Mathews)

Edward Duckett was born in Yorkshire, England, on 22 December 1826. He was one of eleven children, and his mother died in 1842 while he was still a teenager. He left his native country on the day after his twenty-second birthday in the ship "Mary Shepherd" bound for Melbourne where he worked initially as a blacksmith. In 1854, he built a home in the Melbourne suburb of St. Kilda.

Two months after his arrival, galvanized iron was first advertised for sale. This has almost become an Australian icon, and Edward was a major seller of this product during the second half of the nineteenth Century. In 1856, he set up in his own business as a hardware merchant at 36 Lonsdale Street West. His brother Richard in England was a major supplier of goods to his firm in the early years. He mainly was a supplier to the wholesale trade, and James McEwan and Company, the retail hardware merchant was one of his customers by 1860. He opened a second shop further along Lonsdale Street where the Myer store now stands. He also expanded his business to the country areas of Victoria. In the late 1860s, he took in a partner, and for two years the firm was known as "Duckett and Padley", but in 1870 it reverted to "Edward Duckett, ironmonger".

His business continued to thrive and in 1883 he bought the premises of Cobb and Co. at 374 – 376 Lonsdale Street which was opposite his original premises. This site now is the "Cobb and Co." car park!

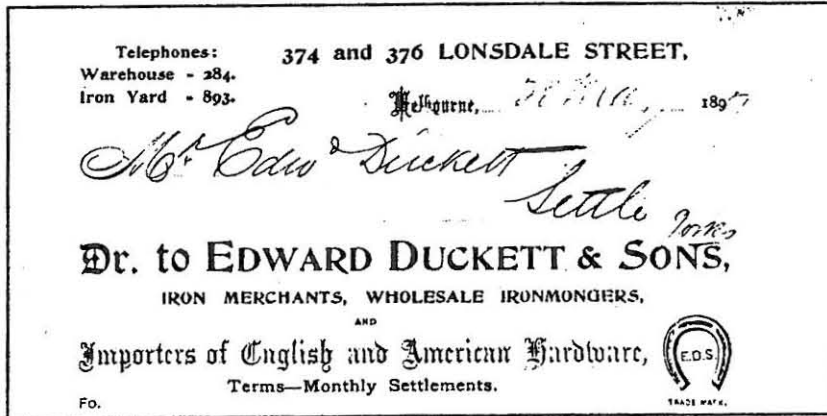
In 1891, his business suffered from the financial crisis, as did many others, and he lost £31,000 due to the collapse of the Metropolitan Bank and the Standard Bank. However, the business did eventually recover and in 1896, he took his four sons as partners and so began the period of Edward Duckett and Sons. Charles and Edward junior were involved in the hardware side of the business, while the younger sons Albert and Arthur looked after the financial affairs. The following year, they established a London office to facilitate the buying of goods from England. In September 1902, Edward died and Charles, the eldest son, took over control of the firm.



The Victorian Hardware Association had been formed and in 1908 it included, among others, the perfin users Briscoe and Company, Edward Duckett and Sons, A. Mair, Morris and Meeks, and Eliza Tinsley.

In 1909, Edward Duckett and Sons won a major contract to supply iron goods to Victoria Railways. By way of contrast, a 1911 advertisement showed they also sold fishing tackle, rabbit traps, etc. After World War I, supplies were short in England, and the firm obtained their supplies locally at a cheaper rate from the Broken Hill

Proprietary Company (BHP). Similar conditions also existed in the later years of the Great Depression. In August 1941, their Fenchurch Street, London, office was bombed (about the same time as the destruction of the London premises of Joseph Sloper and Company). During the two World Wars, there were also severe restrictions on trading with Germany, although many firms got around this by moving cargoes on to "friendly" ships in neutral ports.



Company receipt letterhead showing logo of horse-shoe enclosing letters "EDS"

In the 1950s, they lost the BHP franchise, and profits began to be eroded as galvanized products were offered in competition by John Lysaght and Company. However, the factor which eventually led to the demise of the company was the



Edward Duckett (1826 – 1902)

condition in the original partnership agreement that at the death of a partner, his proportionate share of the company's value was paid in cash into the partner's estate. Charles and Edward junior both died in 1925, and Albert in 1949. So, in 1949, half of the company's value at that time was paid as cash into Albert's estate!

In 1960, the company closed on the death of the youngest son Arthur. Not only did the cash payment to the estate leave the company in a precarious financial position not foreseen by Edward, but there had been no effort made to encourage the next generation of the family to become engaged in the business. In addition, there was a general demise of the wholesale trade, and increasing price cutting.

The firm of Edward Duckett & Sons will be well-known to perfin collectors as having been a major customer of Edward Thomas Moulden's perforating service. As a result there a very many listed patterns with the letters "ED[&]S" in various sizes, styles and layouts - too many to be illustrated here!

JOSEPH SLOPER'S BROTHER ? (John Mathews)

In Stanley Gibbons' (UK) auction 205 of 18 September 2008, lot 3078 is described as "COVER: 1840 1d black letter sheet cont[aining] 'Sloper's Commercial Postage Advertiser' for December 1840, used to Clapham, with black mc" [Maltese Cross cancel]. The Perfin Society (GB) has been shown a copy of a 'Sloper's Commercial Postage Advertiser' for January 1841 by their member John Marriner. The folds are consistent with this also being a Mulready letter sheet.

SLOPER'S COMMERCIAL POSTAGE ADVERTISER.

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JANUARY, 1841.

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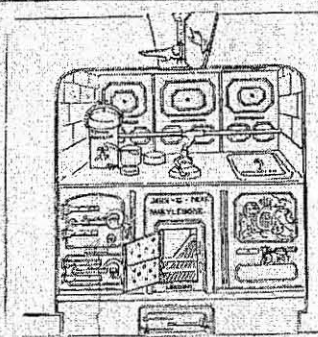
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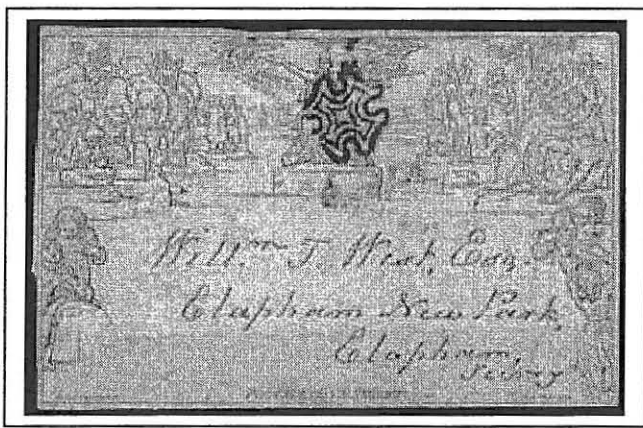
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Above: "Sloper's Commercial Postage Advertiser", January 1841.

Right: Lot 3078 from Stanley Gibbons' (UK) auction 305, 18 September 2008.



The advertisement at the top left corner of the "Advertiser" reads "SLOPER'S POST-OFFICE COVERS. 10d per Dozen, or 1d each, 5d per Dozen less than the Post-Office Price; Adhesive Stamps 1s per Dozen, or 1d each.". Producing these on Mulready

letter-sheets showed some quick enterprise as these letter-sheets were issued on 6 May 1840 at the same time as the 1d Black adhesive stamp.

The association with postage stamps suggests that this Thomas Sloper may be related to Joseph Sloper. Thomas' marriage certificate gives his father's name as "Isaac", and a witness as "John Sloper". Joseph Sloper was born in 1813, and on his marriage certificate it gives his father's name as "Isaac", and a witness was "J. D. Sloper". Most census listings for Joseph state that he was born in Wiltshire. The IGI lists children of an Isaac Sloper of Wiltshire which includes a John (born August 1804) and a Thomas (born July 1815) and a gap between 1811 and 1815. John Dobbs Sloper became a shoemaker in London and died in February 1861, aged 56 years, consistent with the birth date of Isaac's son, John.

On the 1841 Census, Joseph Sloper and his family were also living in the district of Marylebone, not far from Thomas' premises/residence at 19 High Street.

On the 1861 Census of England, Joseph states he was born in Bath, Somerset. On the 1851 Census of England, Thomas states he was born in Bath, Somerset! No birth records for Bath for a Joseph or Thomas Sloper have been found. Perhaps the family moved to Bath around the time that Joseph and Thomas were born, and then back to Wiltshire where Thomas was baptised (did Isaac forget that Joseph had not been baptized - apparently?). Or are the references to Bath purely coincidental?

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES USAGE

A recent find of U/NSW perfins postmarked in 1978 uncovered a couple of previously unreported towns associated with these issues. The two towns Gulgong and Dunedoo do not have University campuses but the stamps possibly were used by somebody undertaking research into an aspect of agriculture. The 1c U/NSW perfins were on piece along with G/NSW perfins typical of such late usage. The latest postmark was dated 4 SE 78 which extends the period of usage of these perfins.

AUCTION WATCH

Items of perfin interest from auctions/direct sales since the last Bulletin include the following. Thanks to Tony Nobilo and John Amiet, for passing on their spotting of perfin lots in auctions. Prices in A\$ unless indicated.

		Est.
a.	1926 cover of Noyes Bros, Melbourne, with KGV 1d and 3d both perf NB.1 (eBay, Jul 08)	sold for US \$ 39
b.	NZ 2½d Wakatipu (cnr damage) perf "HB" (joined) (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for US \$ 15
c.	NZ 2d orange Meeting House o'printed "J./B. & Co./Ltd." (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for US \$ 11
d.	Pr 1955 issue Tasmanian 1/- Duty Stamps with perfin VOCO.6 (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for US \$ 47
e.	GB 2/6 pale brown 1918 Seahorse perf "CofA". (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for \$ 18
f.	GB 5/- red 1918 Seahorse perf "CofA". (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for \$ 64
g.	GB 1929 1d scarlet PUC perf "CofA". (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for \$ 47
h.	GB 1929 2½d scarlet PUC perf "CofA". (eBay, Aug 08)	sold for \$ 52
i.	Queensland 20/- KEVII Duty Stamp perf RICOLD.1. (eBay, Sep 08)	sold for an amazing \$ 63
j.	Netherlands 1941 Trans-Siberian cover to Shanghai with 12 ½ c blue perf 'K'. (Ashford Stamps Auction, Sep 08)	NZ \$ 50
k.	NZ part of 1915 parcel wrapper bearing address label of The Carswell Company Ltd (Law Book Publishers, Importers and Binders, Canada) to Olympia, Washington State, USA. Affixed to the wrapper are NZ 2/6 QV Duty Stamp, War Stamp o'printed ½d, and KEVII 6d, all perf "W&T/W". [How were Whitcombe & Tombs, NZ, related to Carswell Co of Canada??] (Millennium Sale, Jun 08)	sold for \$ 440
	[This item had sold on eBay in Apr 08 for US\$ 163.]	
l.	NZ High Commission cover (GB) to USA 1939 with "NZ" perfin. (eBay, Sep 08)	sold for US \$ 32
m.	GB 1d red QV perf "S C" and with underprint of "Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., London". (eBay, Sep 08)	sold for US \$ 17
n.	1920 cover of Harris, Scarfe & Co with pr 1d red KGV perf HS&CO.1, containing letter on illustrated letterhead of "Geo. P. Harris, Scarfe & Co. Ltd." (eBay, Sep 08)	sold for US \$ 36
o.	1931 OHMS rainfall report letter-sheet of Central Meteorological Bureau, Melbourne, with 1d green KGV perf "OS". (eBay, Sep 08)	sold for US \$ 23
p.	Small stock book of world perfins inc 45 from NZ, 90 from Australia, 340 from UK, and 68 from other countries. (Auckland City Stamps auction, Oct 08)	NZ \$150
q.	1d red Roo perf OPL.1. (Auckland City Stamps auction, Oct 08)	NZ \$ 10
r.	NZ "RI/CO/Ld" on 3/- green and 7/- blue Arms duty stamps. (Auckland City Stamps auction, Oct 08)	NZ \$ 15
s.	1d scarlet KGV (MH) with "OS" perf inverted. (eBay, Oct 08)	sold for US \$ 365
t.	NZ 1d Universal with 2 strikes of perf "N" - one upright, the other horizontal. (eBay, Oct 08)	sold for US \$ 36

HOW OBSERVANT ARE WE? (John Mathews)

I wonder how many (newest members excused) noticed the different postmark on the July 2008 Bulletin? My postmaster and I were somewhat embarrassed last May to realize the postmarker we had been using for about 4 years had the wrong postcode (2614)! The new one shows the correct postcode for the Uni. of Canberra (2617).