



Perfin Study Group

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Once in a while a column editor finds he has to scrape the bottom of the barrel to find enough notes to make another contribution to *Topics*.

Using the scraper there is a short note from Dave Nystrom reporting CPR 26a, used from Winnipeg and the Prairie Provinces on a tagged stamp. This on the 2c 1954, Scott 338. A previous column in March 1970 reported a few other tagged perfins.

NEWFOUNDLAND

A recent letter from Bill Russell whose major interest is Newfoundland, reports finding CPR (C27) on Newfoundland Scott 191. I have in mind that some time in the past I had discussed these Canadian companies who had perforated the stamps of Newfoundland. Search through my files failed to turn up the reference so here is the explanation.

Newfoundland became Canada's tenth province on July 1, 1949. It would appear that the Newfoundland Post Office department had a large stock of stamps on hand at the time. Canadian authorities who no

doubt wished to publicize the fact that the former colony was now part of the Dominion arranged to take over the existing stocks and to issue Canadian stamps through all the post offices of Newfoundland.

The stock of Newfoundland stamps which had been taken over were distributed in Canada and accepted for postage. A few of these were bought by companies who were using perforating machines. The only one that I now have is CNR (C19) on the same 5c Cariboo (Scott 191) although LA has been reported on 257 and P.S. on both 257 and 270. There may be a few others.
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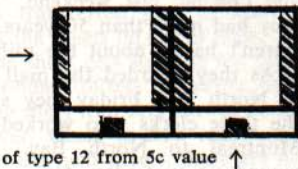
Hans Reiche draws my attention to the recent publication *Essays and Proofs of British North America*. In the section devoted to the Admiral issue is reported the 1c green War Tax stamp perforated SPECIMEN. The letters are approximately 5 mm high, which is a general height in use for initials on Perfin stamps. There would be very few of these so perforated and in any event they do not come within the range of punches to identify an owner.



Tagging Along

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6c 1970 Xmas
with type 13



Traces of type 12 from 5c value ↑

Following a query as to why there should be traces of Type 12 tagging bars showing on the bottom selvege of the 1970 6c Christmas stamp which carries Type 13 bars, a letter was written to Ottawa for an explanation. The following reply was received on January 22 this year:

Dear Mr. Rose:

This refers to previous correspondence concerning the Christmas postage stamp 1970 design.

The following information has been received from the manufacturer concerning the 5c and 6c Christmas stamps tagged.

Please refer to your letter:

1. Both stamp values were printed together on the same sheet with two panes of 6c across the top of the sheet, and two panes of 5c across the bottom of the sheet.

2. Layout of the complete sheet is not available.

3. Tagging bars are applied to the whole sheet in one pass through a press, with tag-