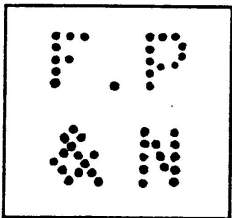


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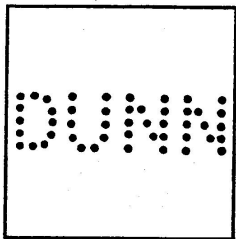
Roy Gault

(Ed:- The Railway Philatelist sent to Roy the stamps mentioned in the previous article. This reply was printed in their March 2000 magazine.)

In response to queries regarding perfins used on railway stamps I have examined those sent to me and can supply the following information which I trust will be of interest.

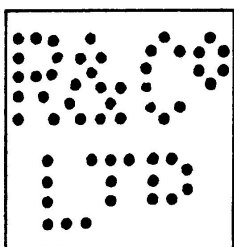


'F.P./&N' is from a die, which was used by Footman, Pretty & Nicholson of Ipswich, a town served by the Great Eastern Railway which issued this parcel stamp. The die has been recorded used between 1874-1895. Perfin Society catalogue No.F3330.01



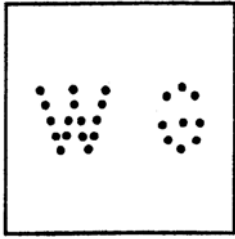
The Perfin Society have 'DUNN' recorded used by two companies: G A Dunn & Co, London NW1 and also John Dunn & Son, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

As this perfin is on a North Eastern Railway parcel stamp which appears to have been cancelled with a 'N(EWCASTLE)/CENTRAL/PARCELS OFFICE' it is most likely to be the latter company in Newcastle. Dunn's was a large and well-known gents outfitters in the city. Perfin Society No.D5000.01



The perfin 'R&C°/L^{td}' used on the North Eastern Railway 5d stamp was used by Rowntree & Co Ltd, Confectioners, York. Up to now this perfin has only been recorded on postal stationery of KEVII and GV so this use on a railway parcel stamp is new to the Perfin Society. The die was in

use between 1905 and 1925. Perfin Society catalogue No.R1090.01



The 'WG' perfin on a Midland Railway 1d stamp is known to have been used by The Westminster Gazette, Tudor Street, Whitefriars, London EC. The perfin is recorded used from 1895 until 1927.

The missing pin in the 'G' in the upper pattern and the vertical alignment between the two patterns indicate a multi-head die, possibly 1x2 or 2x2. Perfin Society catalogue No.W2910.08.

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