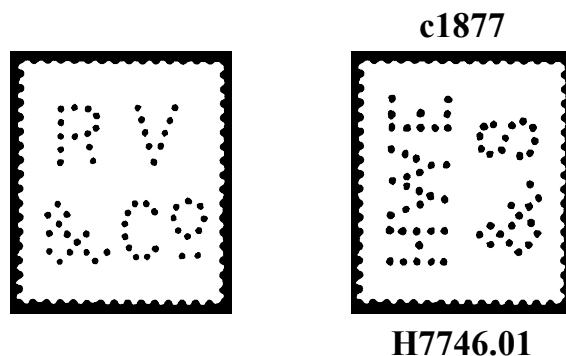


INTERESTING BITS & PIECES FROM THE 'POST BAG'

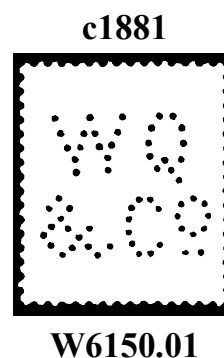
Roy Gault

At the Spring meeting in London, **Terry Comper** handed me an envelope containing a stock card of queries and potentially new dies. One of the perfin was “RV/&C^o..” on a Queen Victoria Natal ½d Green. Although not G.B., it was interesting in that it showed a characteristic type IIIb “&” - see partial reconstruction of the alphabet in Bulletin No. 353. At least we now know what the “V” looks like!



By coincidence, **Maurice Harp** also reported a New Die, “HWE/&S” (allocated H7746.01) also showing the type IIIb “&”. This was on a QV 1d Red plate 177, with a London diamond cancel, all of which pointed Maurice to a *suspected* identity of Henry William Eaton & Sons, Silk Brokers, London. It turns out that Henry William Eaton was a Conservative MP for Coventry, becoming the 1st Baron of Cheylesmore (Coventry) in 1887.

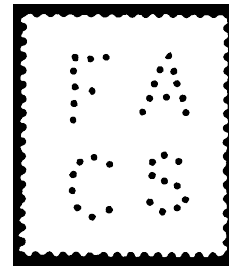
Another of the difficult letters, “Q”, can be accounted for with a New Die “WQ/&C^o..” (W6150.01) reported by **Gerry Soutar** on a QV 2½d plate 22 pmk ‘TA’ (Throgmorton Avenue). John Nelson, Maurice Harp & Stephen Steere all *suggest* a connection with (later Sir) William Quilter, Stock Broker, and Art Collector.



These last two mentioned dies show the characteristic “W” which appears to stand on ‘tip-toes’. **John Nelson** believes this alphabet was the product of Waterlow & Sons Ltd based on the fact that they used this letter themselves! (See W66870.13M) The alphabet continued in use for many years, but with a straightforward type III “&”.

John Nelson has also been busy researching a possible user for the scarce die “FA/CS” (F0095.01), known used with a Framl(ingham, Su)ffolk postmark dated September 1915. An early suggestion was that the “F” stood for Framlingham, and the “CS” signified Co-operative Society. This just left the “A” for Agricultural, but did it exist?

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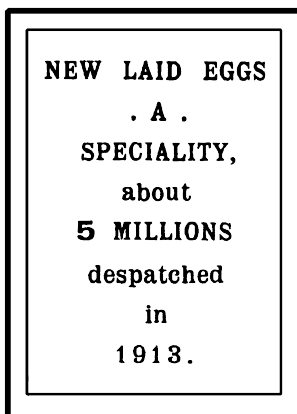


F0095.01

John has recently been in correspondence with John Bridges, a local historian based in Suffolk, and a great deal more has come to light, including the fact that there was indeed an organisation called the *‘Framlingham & District Agricultural Co-operative Society Ltd’*. Included in the correspondence between the two were photocopies of two receipts, (one dated 23 Nov 1907, and the other 4th Nov 1916), both clearly bearing the title. The heading from the earlier receipt is shown below (somewhat reduced).

→* **The Framlingham and District** *←
Agricultural Co-operative Society, Ltd.

Also included in the correspondence was the the first five pages of *‘A Short History of Framlington Egg Society 1903-1953’*, presumed to have been written in 1953 or shortly after. It transpires that the **‘F & D A C S’** was formed in June 1903, and traded in *linseed and cotton cake, coal, implements, manures and seeds, corrugated iron, wire netting and binder twine, and other sundry goods, as well as eggs.*



However, it was the eggs that became the main focus, and in particular, their preservation (by pickling). Mid-way through World War I there were thoughts of amalgamation with neighbouring Societies, but these were abandoned in favour of exchanging the egg business of the Eastern Counties Farmers' Association for the general business of the Framlingham Society in January 1917.

Finally, we can add an important fact to the “LN/E” perfin article on page 24 of Bulletin No. 354 - The London North Eastern Railway used **three** dies! NI page 313 in Bulletin No. 346 (February 2007) reports “LNE” (L4137.01) used on a receipt in conjunction with “LN/E” (L4140.02M) dated 16th November 1923.

The receipt, in the Railway Collection of the late Michael Rucklidge, is printed “G.E.R.”, “Dr to the Great Eastern Railway Company” and has “L&NE” written by hand in blue ink above the words “Great Eastern”.


The main illustration below is shown at 40% Full Size.

[695] **G.E.R.** *Harwich* Station *16* *11* 191*23* No. _____

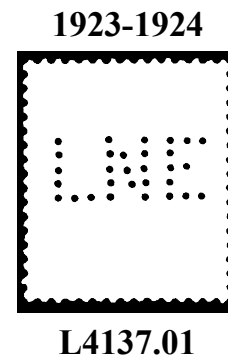
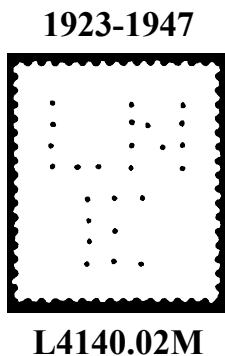
M - *Coe* *Spain Hall* **Dr. to the GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.**

Carriage or other charges are required to be paid on delivery of merchandise unless an account has been opened with the Company. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to the “GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY” and crossed **& Co.**

Date	No. of Invoiced	From or To	Sender or Consignee	No. of articles	Species	Marks and Numbers	Weight (Tons cwt. qrs. lbs)	Rate	Paid on	Freight (£ s. d.)	Carriage or other Charges	Total (£ s. d.)
<i>16/11/23</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>Willington</i>	<i>Craig</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Bull</i>	<i>2011 X3</i>						<i>2 10 9</i>

Received payment for the Company. 

This illustration of the stamps show the that 1/2d value has been perfinned with “LN/E” and the 1 1/2d with “LNE”.



This short lived “LNE” die is currently only known on three values of the KGV typographs - 1/2d, 1 1/2d, and 2d. *If anyone has any additional details, I would be very pleased to hear from you!*