

Stop Press – 50

De La Rue 2A variety - July 2015

Darren Speake has written about a mark on the St Helena 2d. At first glance it appeared to be an embryo version of Rv2B.8/3. A closer look revealed that, instead of a dot, it was akin to an italic "A" and, instead of straddling a line of shading, it lay between two such lines. Darren then sent scans of further examples, including a marginal block - clearly indicating its location as Rv2A.10/5. Although there seems little doubt the flaw is constant, further observations would be most welcome. Darren reports there are none of the horizontal lines associated with the selvage below this stamp.



GB Perfins - June 2015

Jeff Turnbull reports that this recently acquired front will represent a new entry to the Perfin Society web site: <http://www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc/surveys/0307list.pdf> It shows 1d & definitive 1/2d, both perfinned PL (Prince Line) tied by boxed Paquebot Trinidad h/s with Port of Spain cds for 7.45am Au 12 35.



Canada Proofs - June 2015

Bruce Davies reports acquiring two sets of original photographic essays of the Canada set from the printer's sample book.

They are on stiff kraft paper and notated with die numbers and preparation dates.

The upper set show unaccepted designs, each of which has slight differences from the accepted designs below.



Nottinghamshire meet - June 2015

A small but productive meeting was held on 14th June - magnificently hosted by Sharon and John Cooper.

Shown here with John are fellow Study Circle members Nick Levinge (left) and Chris Moss (centre).



New Hebrides Paquebot - June 2015

Following our March 2012 report in these columns, it would now appear that the cover depicted then is not unique. John Cooper reports that the cover shown here (which bears the same Hong Kong 20c denomination and tied by the same New Hebrides Paquebot cancellation for 3 Aout 1936, but to a different address), was sold for £536.



Montserrat variety - June 2015

Giorgio Migliavacca has been carrying out a detailed study of Montserrat, revealing a number of flaws.

Amongst them is this "Flag from Henry III tower" at position 4/6 (presumably plate 4) on the 1d value, but also with perhaps an embryo version showing on the 1½d value, (2nd illustration). Readers observations would be most welcome.



Grenada variety - June 2015

Recently to hand was this Grenada shilling value showing a mark resembling the "Bird by turret" of Wv7.1/5, except that plate 7 isn't usually associated with this value.

Has anyone else come across such examples?



K.U.T. Specimens - February 2015

Bruce Davies reports acquiring a Specimen set of Kenya Uganda & Tanganyika in the fashion of those of the Bechuanaland authority but with two hand-stamped "Specimen" imprints, (one violet, one black), besides the perfin impression.

