

Editors' musings:

Firstly, we welcome you to the first BNAPS ebook, Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, 5th Edition. Access to and use of this handbook is free. You may print any portion or the entire handbook for your own personal use or print it for a friend that does not have the internet. We encourage you to pass on the book's address to fellow perfin collectors.

This 5th Edition of Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials is a change from the 4th Edition in several ways, some less obvious than others. The most dramatic change is the addition of the checklist of stamps that have been reported perforated by each perforating machine. There were a lot of inconsistencies in the numbering of prior editions. In the Fourth Edition there was renumbering which we all survived. The editors decided that although it would mean some extra work for collectors to get used to the new numbers, the short term pain was worth the long term gain, the most notable being the move of International Harvester Company from the C's to the I's and the rearranging of New York Life Insurance to reflect the code holes. Any new perfin listings will now be added to the end of the respective section regardless of the initials.

The major control for the 5th Edition is the Table of Contents which shows a date, at the top left hand of the page and dates beside each section. When a section is revised, both the section date and the date at the top of the Table are changed. We do welcome requests for additional addenda, but please advise why you would like the addition information. If you would like to make a comment or add a new perfin to the checklists, change early or latest reported date or report a new perfin, you should email the information to Gary Tomasson, PerfinEditor@bnaps.org will be added to the perfin handbook by the editors on a periodic basis, as warranted – watch the section effective dates.