
CANADA METER STUDY GROUP
NEWSLETTER

NO. 15

APRIL 1985

Well with the arrival of spring a meter newsletter seemed useful despite the amount of other painting and yard work there is to do. This one is brief as very little seems to be afoot. Cards and letters always are appreciated. Thanks to Ross Irwin for several articles included herein.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to a new participant in the CMSG:

Mr. Luc Legault
8400 Neuville No.39
Anjou, Quebec
HIJ IX2

Wishes to exchange material and
information in particular.

MILITARY LIST

To follow up this issue is a typed version of the Canada Military List of Meters. It is far from "complete" and has entries only up to about 1980 stressed. This represents CMSG Misc. Publication No.2. Particular thanks to Wilf Whitehouse for many additional notations.

MORE ON MEISEL

Ed Lapham notes Meisel had a knack for getting meter companies to produce strange varieties for him, but the Simon USA catalogue refers only to these as "fabrications" and "machination". However, most were used to actually pay postage. He refers us to an article in MSS Bulletin No. 172/173 and 174 "The Meisel Cinderellas". Ross Irwin notes the AMPS had meetings for the purpose of building up membership. The first was at the Prince Edward Hotel in Windsor Oct.25/63; a second at the North Palmer Hotel, Windsor on Mar.30/64. Ross says nobody attended these meetings since Meisel likely used them as an excuse for related business. Some Canadian members included NO. 161 - H. Gordon, Montreal; 213 - L.M. McLennan, Hamilton; 239 - A. Colden, Toronto; 438 - T. Keller, Woodstock; and 520 - R. Irwin, Guelph. Ross says he was a member from 1957-63 and about all he got from it was a thick file of Newsletters.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

D. Crotty has moved to 31 Woodside Dr.
Pleasant Ridge, MI
USA 48069-1042

NEW DESIGNS

Dave Cooper advises us to keep our eyes open for new Postalia and Friden meters this fall so keep some spaces there.

PRISONER OF WAR POSTAGE METERS

Ross W. Irwin

The Pitney Bowes Model HS postage meter was approved for use October 6, 1931. This single rate meter was originally intended to replace the single rate Model M postage meter. It had many drawbacks and technology passed it by - few wanted a single rate postage meter.

Two Model HS postage meters were placed in service prior to 1943. These occur with Irwin Type 5 and Type 6 indicia. The serial block 48007 to 48010 was assigned to this small group. The Type 6 indicia had been introduced in 1934.

Canada agreed to keep German and Italian prisoners of war from the African campaign for the British government. It had been proposed that such a concentration of prisoners in England might be dangerous should they escape. About 35,000 POW's were maintained in Canada.

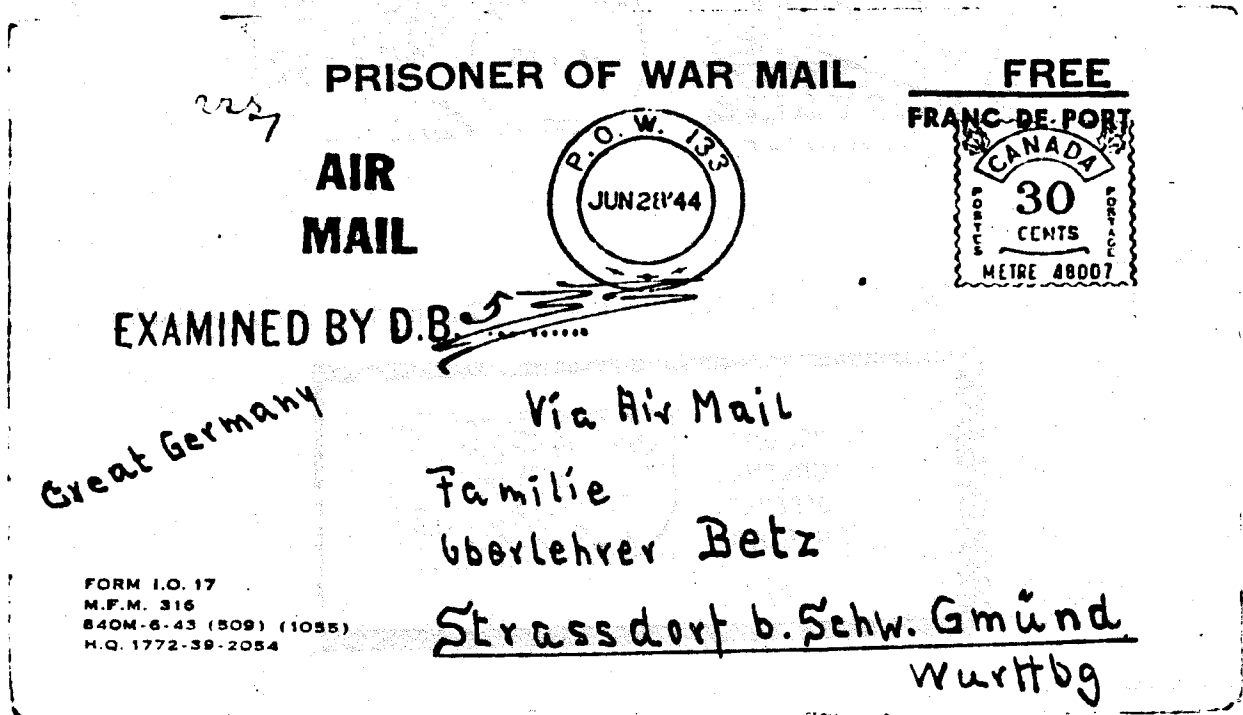
An airmail rate of 30¢ was established for POW mail. POW's were not permitted to prepay their mail with postage stamps as there was thought to be some danger in them writing secrets on the back of the stamp. Censors applied the stamps. This was unsatisfactory, due to work load, and postage meters were adopted in three internment camps as a security measure.

Prisoner of War Internment Camp No. 133 was opened at Lethbridge, Alberta, in January, 1943, and housed 12,500 German other ranks. The camp was closed June 30, 1946, although some sources give an official date of January 15, 1947. Pitney Bowes Model HS, single rate postage meter, serial 48007, was placed in service in December, 1943 and was removed in December 1945. This postage meter was later revalued to 1¢ and used by the H.E. Fenn Co., Toronto. This is the most common cover.

Postage meter 48009 was used at POW Internment Camp No. 132 at Medicine Hat, Alberta. This camp opened in May 1943 and the postage meter was in use from December 1943 to July 26, 1945. This postage meter had very little use.

Postage meter 48008 was used at POW Internment Camp No. 23 at Monteith, Ontario. This postage meter was in use from December, 1943, until December 6, 1945. The camp was officially closed January 15, 1947.

All covers are of Type 6.1.7 with a single prepaid airmail rate of 30¢. The indicia townmark has the letters "P.O.W." and the number of the internment camp. At the bottom are three fancy markings. All reported covers bear the postal directive AIR MAIL, in two lines. Covers tend to be on POW letter forms and bear an "Examined by D.B." censor stamp.



POSTALIA ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrated below thanks to D. Cooper and R. Irwin are two recent Postalia items: A German specimen card and Thunder Bay Ontario Postalia meter with German slogan.



Das POSTALIA - Franklermaschinen - System

Handmodell

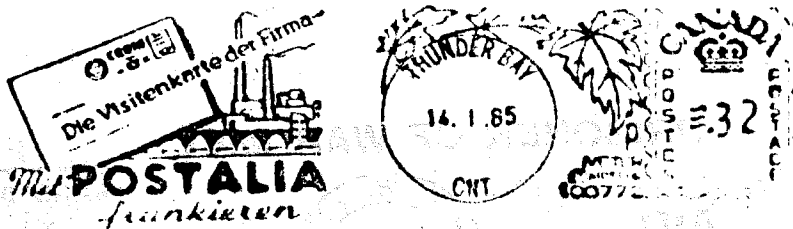
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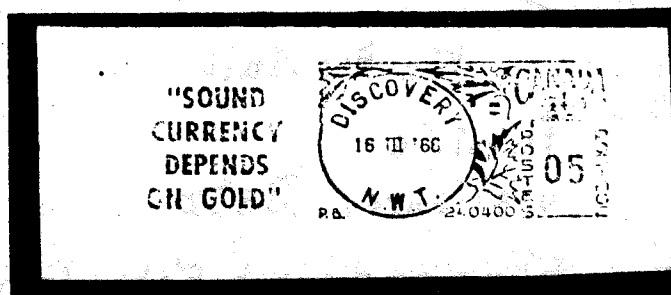


POSTALIA GMBH · 605 Offenbach am Main 1 · Postfach 130



DISCOVERY

An unreported meter town is Discovery NWT, meter no. 240400 in 1966.



EXPO 67 METER SLOGANS

I suppose this has been covered elsewhere but it was interesting to see a display in Montreal several months ago of 50 Expo 67 meter covers featuring 40 different slogans attached to that great event.

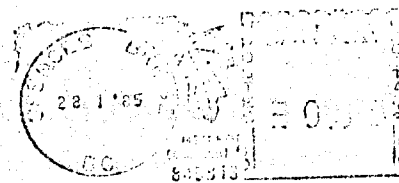
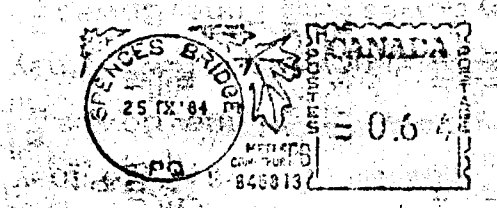
METER BOXES

In a recent newsletter the existence of blue meter only mail boxes in Victoria was noted. Ernest Roscoe says these have been common in the USA but has wanted a photograph of one of these for some time. Perhaps anyone in Victoria or a US city in the future could send Ernest a snap of one.

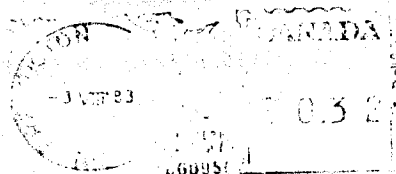
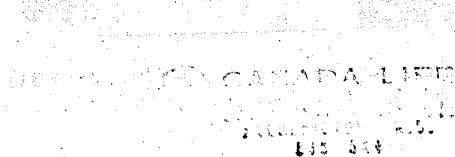
ERRORS AND ODDBALLS

Here's two more

- (1) Spences Bridge BC used a meter reading PQ from Sept 84 to Jan 85. (W. Whitehouse)



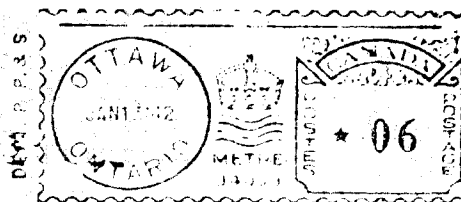
- (2) FREDERICTON NB - why is it displaced off centre - what was deleted?



ELUSIVE ITEM

Here's a nice example of Irwin Type 9.2.3 used on a Dept. of Public Printing and Stationery, Ottawa OHMS envelope on Jan 13'42.

O. H. M. S.



NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAGE METERS

Ross W. Irwin

Newfoundland postage meters, particularly those of good quality, are very scarce. Many exist with poor inking making the deciphering of the serial number impossible. The following table gives some other clues as to the scarcity of these meter impressions.

To March 31,	Value of postage stamps sold	Other postage collected
	\$	\$
1942	566,343.00	39,184.00
1943	471,026.47	47,948.63
1946	684,997.00	55,914.00
1947	714,139.51	49,740.39
1948	797,083.73	61,084.00
1949	762,791.25	99,229.97*

* This value was a reflection of the "increased use of stamping machines, and the increase in bulk postings".

If anyone has access to Newfoundland Public Accounts for other years I would appreciate having the values, and comments on the use of postage meters. Even as late as 1949 postage meter revenue, combined with bulk mailing, only accounted for 13 percent of postage.

Our combined resources may not be adequate but I would like to try to establish when each postage meter was in use in Newfoundland. The attached table contains all the information I have at present. Can anyone add to this information?

With respect to Pitney Bowes Model R postage meter, Irwin Type N4 has anyone got an impression earlier than March 2, 1948?

LIST OF NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAGE METERS

Original Nfld Serial Number	Final Date Known to be in Use	User Company	Second Nfld Serial	Original Canadian Serial 1949
N 1	1949	Avalon Telephone	N 1	N 1
N 2	1945	Nfld Light & Power		
N 3	1930	Great Eastern Oil Co		
N 4	1931	Harvey & Co		
N 5	1931	Imperial Tobacco		
N 6	1947	Bowring Bros.	180007	140680
N 7	1947	James Baird Ltd		
N 8	1933	Colonial Cordage	180008	
N 9	1949	Job's Stores		
N10	?	?		
N11	1930	?		
N12	1934	Standard Mfg	180003	144486
N13	1931	George Neal Ltd		
N15	1948	Nfld Railway	35504, 35502	82620
N14	1945	Sity St John's		
N16	1932	Nfld Timber		
N17	1931	Great Eastern Oil		
N18	1939	T&M Winter		144808
N19		Royal Stores		
N20	1947	Bowater's Nfld	180000	144349
N21	1933	Harvey's		
N22		Steer's		
N23	1933	Harvey's		
N24	1940	Royal Stores		
N25	1946	Bowater's Nfld		
N26		?		
N27		?		
N28		Harvey's Cornerbk	180013	144485
N29		?		
N30	1947	Royal Stores		N30
N31		?		
N32		Steer's Ltd		N32
		Canada Packers	35513	
		Browning Harvey	35501	
		Dicks & Co	180016	144494
		Gerald S. Doyle	180011	
		Nfld Butter Co	180010	
		Royal Bank	180006	144480
		Ayre & Sons	180004	1132
		F.M. O'Leary	180002	144483
		Bank of Montreal	180001	

CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS

The editor has received several photocopies of items that are hard to pick out in either Irwin or Legris catalogues. These are the many government meters under Irwin types 55 and 56 in particular. If someone has the time could you splice together a few pages for publication with illustrations of each type listed since many are really very much different and possibly in need of ~~more~~ distinct classification. Pick the list of your choice and we'll circulate it in the Newsletter for comment.

W. Whitehouse sends us the illustration below of a combined Irwin 3.2 and 3.4 slugs used on the same cover. Obviously in early meter types with fixed slug values this could be expected but nice examples are rare I think.



The Egg-O Baking Powder Company Montreal, P. Q.

HAMILTON,

ONT.

No.

4320

Before heading north to Baffin Island in July the editor will try to circulate another Newsletter. See you then friends.

METER REGULATIONS

It was suggested we reprint current meter usage and servicing regulations. For those interested however the editor refers you to the Canada Gazette, available in most public libraries or if desired I will send you a photocopy of Chapter 1286: Servicing Regulations and Fees; and Chapter 1287: Manufacture Approvals, Changes in Design, Delivery, Loss, Theft, Inspection, Destruction, etc. See pp: 10437-10447 and a 1981 amendment (Canada Post Corp.) Part II, Vol.115. No.20 pp. 3070. Lots of neat definitions and industry related information.

The middle of another summer sees the CMSG entering its fifth year. As initially proposed in 1981, four newsletters per year have been produced, a consistent membership of 30-35 now exists, and the first of a series of miscellaneous reports has been circulated. Special thanks are due to several regular contributors: Ross Irwin, Wilf Whitehouse, Alan Draves and the late Bretton Perry. All members have helped financially to cover the ever increasing postage and paper costs. Some individuals have come and gone from our membership; we need more members and perhaps we can lure some back and continue to attract more meter collectors. The editor thanks you all and will try to keep the Newsletter on track.

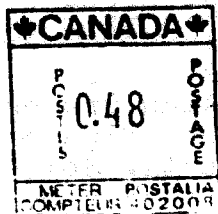
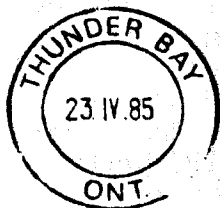
A few comments on our set-up are worth repeating. The CMSG has no formal executive, with the Editor (c. Rubec) acting as a general "coordinator" and running a small bank account. The CMSG is only affiliated with the Postal History Society of Canada and encourages membership in that society. The CMSG is in no way linked to the Meter Stamp Society but the two groups exchange newsletters and some members belong to both groups. Our focus is on Canadian meter postal and non-postal machines and their history of markings. All members may run adverts in the newsletter free of charge at any time. The Editor is very willing to advertise private treaty lots in the Newsletter for instance. The Newsletter appears quarterly in approximately June, October, December and March and is mailed at first class or air mail rates to members.

GENERAL NOTES

1. Y. Legris of 6700 Langelier blvd., Montreal, Quebec, H1M2C5, wrote with a want list and meter/permit offers for sale. See his ad later in this newsletter.
2. Wilf Whitehouse has noted a Newfoundland N1 dated 8 Mar 50 which is a late date compared to Ross Irwin's recent article.
3. Luc Legault was the member who displayed Expo 67 meters in Montreal a while back, and sent us a photocopy of 16 pages of examples. These indicia/slogans are illustrated in this newsletter.
4. Phil Wharton, Box 183, Waterford, Ontario, N0E 1Y0 is looking for any covers with corner cards (metered or otherwise) from Canadian radio (AM and FM) and television stations. Perhaps some of you can swap something with him.
5. Ross Irwin notes an Irwin type 18 with star to left, 32, and three wavy lines to the right used at Scarborough, Ontario meter number 163129 - another PB variety it appears.

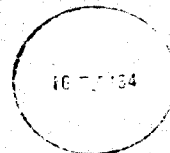
METER VARIETIES

1. The MSS Bulletin no. 187-188 was mailed using a new Postalia meter with three bank style as below and Dave Cooper notes 60 MS-5 series meters with four banks are coming into use as well. The latter was illustrated in the MSS bulletin.

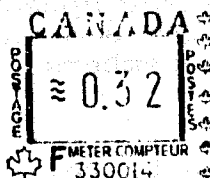
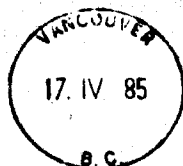


2. Ottawa Cablevision here is using a meter to cancel/date incoming cheques. As below it has a TM with date only and a bank deposit slogan slug to the left with red ink.

LETTER ONLY TO THE CREDIT OF
 OTTAWA CABLEVISION INC. (C) 1985
 82926-004
 IN THE TOP OF THE DOMINION BANK
 106 SPARKS ST. P.O. BOX 1017
 OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1P 5A6



3. Perhaps this is not new but a nice Friden four bank meter from Vancouver with large meter numbers thanks to W. Whitehouse.



TOWN LIST (thanks to Alan Draves, Box 190, New Knoxville, OH, 45871.

ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| BC ALEXIS CREEK | ONT ARMSTRONG STATION | PEI CORNWALL |
| MAN CRANDALL | ATTAWAPISKAT | PQ VILLE-D'OUTREMONT |
| NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES | EMSDALE | |
| | KILLARNEY | SASK PLENTY |
| NB DOUGLASTOWN | LA SALLE | TOMPKINS |
| NS WEST PUBNICO | MERRICKVILLE | |
| | MILLGROVE | |
| NWT DISCOVERY | SHARBOT LAKE | |

P.O. POSTAGE METERS

Ross W. Irwin

The post office will soon add more postage meters to the front desk sales staff in order to improve efficiency within the mailing system. This article reviews the use of metered mail within the post office and updates an article written in Postal History Society of Canada 19:14-16, 1979. This article does not deal with the postage due series. I am concerned here with postage meters which usually, but not always, have "P" and "O" in the townmark.

Apparently the first use of a postage meter, other than for postage due, in offices was at Toronto, Terminal A when a Type 9 Pitney Bowes Model JP machine, with a Model JDP postage meter was rented February 16, 1938, for use in the Insurance and COD wicketts. This was probably meter 94046. Other Type 9 meters used at this wickett were: 94039, 94028, and 94068.

In 1947 there were only 15 parcel post postage meters in Canada. Shortly after it rose to 21 - two each at Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa; and, one each in Truro and St. John which were Type 9, and Pitney Bowes RG machines with RF postage meters at Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton, Kingston, London, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, New Westminster and Victoria. The meters in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal were Type 9.

The fall of 1952 the post office authorized 12 postage meters for stations in Toronto, 10 of them were Pitney Bowes. The post office also bought 28 used meters and 84 new meters of the Model RG machine with RF meter type from Pitney Bowes. These 112 meters were sent to 68 post offices - a list is in the Weekly Bulletin of May 4, 1952.

About 1959 the use of postage meters increased greatly when they were installed in all major post offices in Canada, thus eliminating the use of postage stamps for much of the parcel post.

A ruling was made April 11, 1961 that parcel post meter dies were not to be engraved with the postal or substation names - just the city. Provision was made to retain the old dies until they were worn out.

The following list is preliminary. It contains the meter number for those having "P" and "O" in the townmark. The post office often withdrew a meter for service and it appears later for a new town. The serial numbers also infer that meters were bought in batches. Can anyone add to this list? Please give the town name and date of use.

PRELIMINARY LISTING OF P.O. POSTAGE METERS

Serial	Town	Serial	Town
51009	Ottawa	143654	Victoria
51010	Ottawa	143662	Hamilton
94007	Montreal	143670	Toronto
94028	Toronto	143676	Kitchener
94039	Toronto	143677	Edmonton
94040	Toronto	143684	Ottawa Stn D
94046	Toronto	143947	Vancouver DLO
94048	Toronto	144087	Lindsay
94054	Toronto	144220	Fort William
94057	Toronto	144229	Prince Albert, Yorkton
94047	Montreal	144777	Cornwall
94067	Ottawa	144814	Guelph
94068	Toronto	144872	Orillia
94075	Toronto	145202	Kitchener
94119	Truro	145236	Montreal
140189	North Battleford	145235	Medicine Hat
140201	Toronto	145249	London
140209	Montreal Stn B	145257	Vernon
140256	Niagara Falls	145371	St Thomas
140261	Lethbridge	145379	Guelph
140263	Charlottetown	145408	Toronto
140264	Victoria	145434	Ottawa
140265	New Westminster	146139	Vancouver Stn A
140266	North Battleford	146133	Nelson
140300	Montreal DLO	146134	Montreal Rosemount
140425	Toronto DLO	146140	Lethbridge
143413	Montreal	146141	Toronto
143426	Toronto	146143	South Burnaby
143429	Montreal	146144	Notre Dame de Grace
143469	Montreal	146148	Windsor
143529	Montreal	146261	Rock Island
143560	Brandon	146331	Kitchener
143613	Willowdale	146401	Regina

P.O. METERS, cont'd

Serial	Town	Serial	Town	Serial	Town
146402	Toronto	146917	Kamloops	153343	Toronto
146403	Toronto F	146921	Quebec	153506	Montreal
146404		146924	Fredericton	153517	Downsview
146405	Downsview	146928	Granby	153520	Toronto B
146406	Toronto	146930	Windsor	153523	Calgary
146407	Penticton	146933	Toronto	153524	Toronto F
146408		146934		154655	St Laurent
146409		146935	Kitchener	154736	Barrie
146410	Glace Bay	146936	St Catharines	155201	St Catharines
146411	Hamilton	146937	Islington	155319	Ottawa E
146412		146938	Preston	155601	Montreal
146413		147530	Galt	158694	Sault Ste Marie
146414	Calgary	147545	Sudbury		
146415	Lindsay	147550	Toronto F		
146416		147565	Regina		
146417		147568	Hamilton		
146418	Regina	147577	Simcoe		
146426	Montreal	147583	Flin Flon		
146427	Montreal	147586	Hamilton		
146428	Deloniser	147754	Montreal		
146421	Vancouver O	147776	Edmonton		
146422	North Vancouver	148086	Camrose		
146423		148087	Lindsay		
146424	Vancouver C	148089	Toronto		
146425		148314	Stratford		
146429	Calgary	148440	Oakville		
146430	Toronto L	148441	Prince George		
146431		151116	Montreal		
146432		151120	Halifax		
146433	St. John's	151387	Vancouver		
146434		151967	Sherbrooke		
146435		151970	Toronto		
146436	Vancouver L	151972	Youville		
146437	Victoria	151976	Snowden		
146438	Vancouver K	151979	Toronto		
146439		151982	Scarborough		
146440	Vancouver B	151990	Peterborough		
146441	Toronto	152400	St Laurent		
146442		152401	Mount Royal		
146443	Halifax-Dartmouth	152407	Ottawa		
146460	Toronto L	152412	London		
146613	Kingston	152417	Brantford		
146833	Toronto	152418	Banff		
146839	Galt	153030	Willowdale		
146896	Guelph	153073	Toronto		
146899	Galt	153075	St John's		
146900		153078	Victoria Montreal		
146901	Chatham	153080	Dauphin		
146902	Oshawa	153082	Stratford		
146911	Mount Royal	153085	Place d'Arms		

MIDGET POSTAGE METER INDICIA

Ross W. Irwin

It appears from reading CMSG Newsletters that there is some confusion, or lack of understanding, regarding the Midget Type 3 postage meter impressions. I hope this short article will explain the reasons and technology behind the sub-type classes.

Let us consider the technology first. About 500 Midget postage meters were used in Canada. There were all three-value meters, except for about 5 which were five-value. The three-value machine had three different rate heads and the five-value had five. To operate the meter the needed rate was dialed. Multiple rates could be placed on one cover. The rate was a part of the indicia. With this configuration it is possible that a Midget postage meter could have three of the four sub-types, although it would be unusual.

Pitney Bowes obtained the distribution rights to the Midget in 1927 and changed the indicia design from the rectangular Type 2 to the shield Type 3. The first known of the Type 3 is 21 II 27.

The Midget postage meter impressions bear a number. This is not a serial block assigned by the Post Office Department but is the actual production number assigned to the machine (i.e. the machine and meter were one unit). Based on these numbers, it appears the Pitney Bowes Company imported the machines in blocks of 20, and later in blocks of 50.

The first Midget postage meters, in the 300 block, are mostly Type 3.1, with METER and no "M".

A complaint was lodged that METER should read METRE so the indicia would be bilingual. The Post Office Department concurred and effective December 30, 1927, the Pitney Bowes factory was instructed to change all new dies to METRE. By this time nearly 400 machines were in use.

Pitney Bowes took a short-cut. They introduced an "M" before the machine number which created our Type 3.3. This is the common type for the 500 to 900 block of meters. The "M" actually stands for "Midget" as used on British and South African Midget meters.

Pitney Bowes also did one other modification. From 1928 the 3¢ rate printing head was changed to METRE, with no "M" in the machine block number. This is Type 3.2.

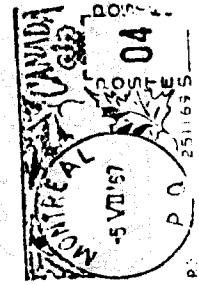
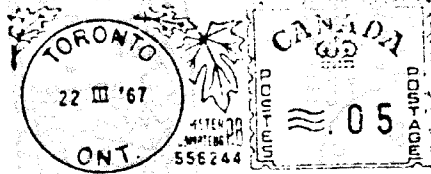
The 1400 and 2000 block of postage meters are Type 3.4 and have both the "METRE" and "M".

In general, the 500 to 900 block are Type 3.2 for the 3¢ rate and 3.3 for other rates. Machine blocks 1400 and 2000 are Type 3.2 for the 3¢ rate and Type 3.4 for other rates. As machines were repaired there some exchanges in Types but the key is that we are only dealing with one postage meter and Pitney Bowes first attempt at bilingualism.

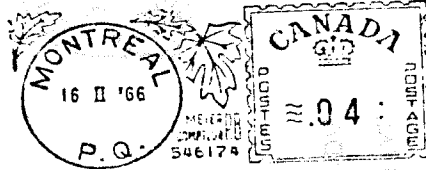
EXPO 67 METER MARKS
(L. Legault)



INCO AT EXPO 67
MONTREAL APRIL 28
TO OCTOBER 27, 1967

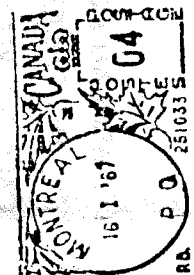


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MONTREAL
APRIL 28 - OCT. 27, 1967

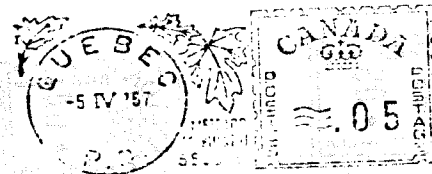


TELEGUIDE
Your Exc.
At Expo 67
Concepts Lt.

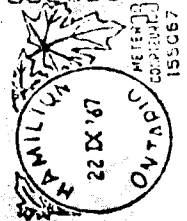
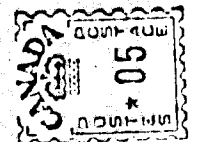
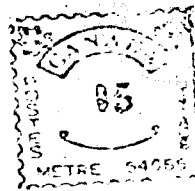
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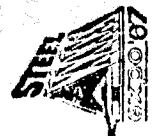
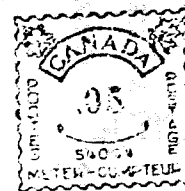
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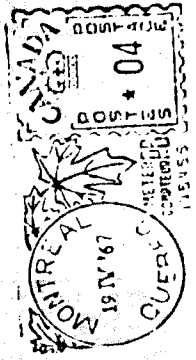
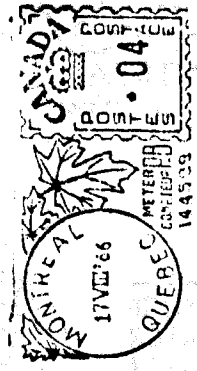
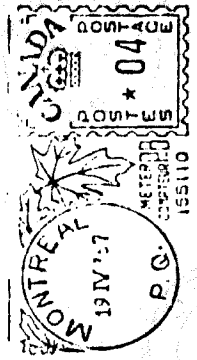
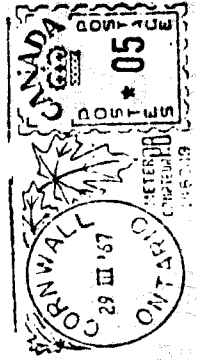
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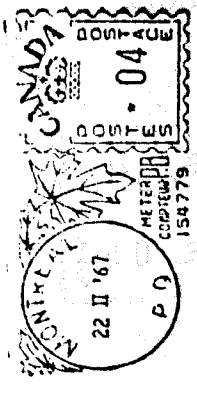
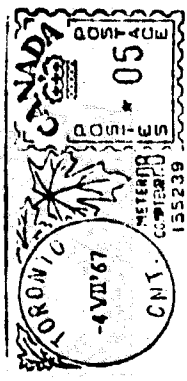
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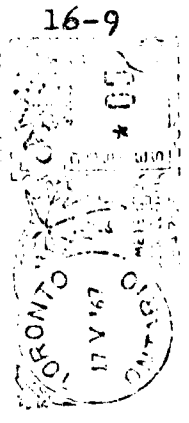
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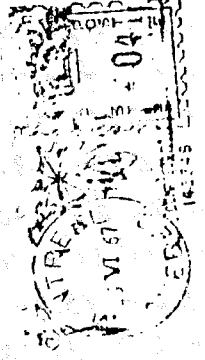
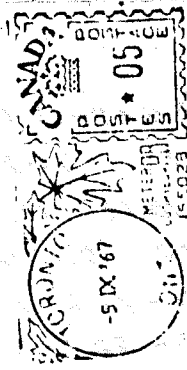
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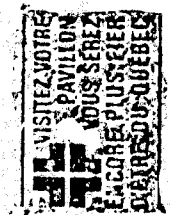
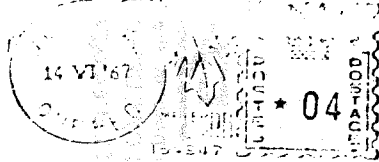
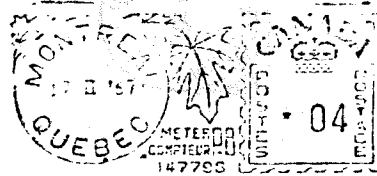
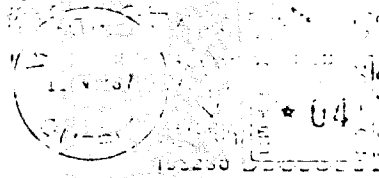
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 À MONTREAL • DU 28 AVRIL AU 27 OCTOBRE 1967

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1.1 - 2.1 - 3.1E - 3.2A2 - 3.2E3 - 3.3A3 - 3.3B7 - 3.3E3 - 3.4B7 - 3.4D42B -
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 7.2B7 - 7.3A4 - 8.2A4 - 9.1 - 9.4 - 10.1A - 10.1A2 - 10.1A2A - 10.1B - 10.1C -
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CANADA METER STUDY GROUP
NEWSLETTER

NO. 17

NOV. 1985

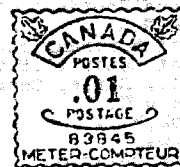
The first snows of winter are upon us in Canada's Capital. A CMSG newsletter seems a little overdue but not much has filled the "in" basket. The current version includes CMSG Misc. Publication No. 2 on Military Meters which first appeared as a draft in Newsletter no. 3 four years ago, now being available on a word processing diskette in order to permit updates and additions at some future time. Ross Irwin graces us with some research on post office meters, Newfoundland meters and a project proposal for distribution of his CSN Metered Mail columns. The newsletter is rounded out by notes and news.

Patriotic Meter Slogans

Wilf Whitehouse includes some additions to CMSG Misc. Pub. No. 1.

WS-6 reported 4/11/41
WS-7 late date 5/10/45
WS-9F reported 16/9/44

MP-19 late date 7/8/46
VL3-2F now illustrated below
on SEP 16/44



NEW MEMBER

Mrs. D. Alfano
Box 1301
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
USA 83814

Just getting into the Canadian meter field.
Welcome.

ANOTHER TM ERROR

MONTEBELLO is not hyphenated as their meter at the famous Chateau would suggest (illustrated below)

Le Château Montebello

Montebello, Qué J0V 1L0

POUR VOS VACANCES
ET CONFÉRENCES
FOR YOUR VACATIONS
AND CONFERENCES



MUSIC METERS

A collector of music on meters has written with several questions. Mr. Herbert Moore, 6 Everett Rd., Carmel, N.Y. USA 10512 has over 2200 different US and 50 Canadian music meter slogans and would like to correspond with any other similarly interested music buffs.

PO METERS

Ed Lapham sends the list below of PO meters in his collection some not fully verified due to weak impressions. He also suggests the missing word from the Fredericton meter examined in newsletter no. 15 is "JUNCTION" resulting in the wording offset in the townmark.

A similar list from W. Whitehouse is also reproduced below. Cur thanks to both contributors.

Canadian Meters with "P O" in the Townmark.

Edwin S. Lapham

"P" and "O" in townmark

W. D. WHITEHOUSE

143493	Charlottetown P.E.I.		
143535	Portage La Prairie Man.		
143613	Sarnia Ontario		
145248	Prince Albert Sask.		
145366	Kelowna B.C.	140256	Halifax/N.S.
145382	Vancouver B.C.	143590	Lethbridge/Alberta
145393	Truro Nova Scotia	143613	Sarnia/Ontario
145441	Yarmouth N.S.	145355	Vancouver/B.C.
146137	Outremont Montreal, P.Q.	145366	Kelowna/B.C.
146139	Outremont Montreal, P.Q.	146413	Montreal/Quebec
146146	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario	146416	Trail/B.C.
146409	Kamloops B.C.	146426	Outremont/Montreal P.Q.
146411	Cranbrook, B.C.	146933	Niagara Falls/Ont.
146416	Trail B.C.	147570	Dawson Creek/B.C.
146420	Islington Ontario	147772	Montreal/Quebec
146422	North Vancouver B.C.	151115	Mount Royal/Montreal P.Q.
146438	Regina Sask.	151400	Vancouver/B.C.
146441	St. Thomas Ontario	151986	Grande Prairie/Alberta
146444	Drummondville Quebec	152407	Postal Stn. "E"/Ottawa Ont.
146917	Belleville Ontario	152424	Duncan/B.C.
146933	Niagara Falls Ontario	153079	Courtenay/B.C.
146943	Swift Current Sask.	153081	Station "C"/Hamilton Ont.
146944	Pembroke Ontario	153084	Kimberley/B.C.
147549	Regina Sask.	154060	Postal Stn. "E"/Ottawa Ont.
147568	Oshawa Ontario	155734	Brantford/Ontario
147583	Red Deer Alta.	156747	New Westminster/B.C.
147584	Montreal Quebec		
147588	Flin Flon Manitoba (listed as 147582?)		
151115	Mount Royal Montreal P.Q.		
151121	Snowdon Montreal P.Q.		
151974	Station T. Toronto Ont.		
151986	Grande Prairie Alberta		
152401	Postal Stn. B Montreal P.Q.		
152407	Postal Stn. E Ottawa Ont. (listed without station)		
152424	Duncan B.C.		
153081	Station C Hamilton Ont.		
153507	Delorimier Montreal P.Q.		
??????	New Glasgow N.S.		

Metered Mail

The above column ran in Canadian Stamp News from October 3, 1977 until October 26, 1982. There were 107 columns and covered postage meters produced by Pitney-Bowes, Franco and Neopost. The column ended due to a lack of interest by the paper before the later meter types could be covered. The columns contain a great deal of technical information on postage meters.

I have now clipped and pasted the above columns to fit in 24 pages, printed both sides. These are for my own use. IF, I can get 25 orders at \$5.00 post-paid I would have that number printed and bound. The cost is too high if that number cannot be sold.

If anyone has a means of printing and mailing 25 copies for much less than \$125 please write me. If you are interested in buying this book please write me. Do not send any money until we know the project will go ahead.

ROSS W. IRWIN
P. O. BOX 1263 Guelph, Ont.,
N1H 6N6

NEWFOUNDLAND

Not much response regarding an update on page 15-6 on the Newfoundland meters, I guess they are scarce in readable condition. Information submitted was:

180005 is Imperial Oil; 180009 is Purity Factories.
180005 became 144492. 144483 should read 144489.
North Eastern Steamships as a corner card for unreadable meter.
N-5 1947; N-7 1948; N-8 1947; N-12 1940; N-13 1947; N-17 1947;
N-18 1947; N-19 1932; N-23 1947; N-30 1950; N-32 1947.
The N-13 was changed to Canada and used in 1949.
Earliest Type N4 is Jan. 13, 1948. (180002)

P.O. POSTAGE METERS REVISITED

Ross W. Irwin

Thanks to Alan Draves and Jean Dalpe, and a more thorough search by myself, we can add to and modify the initial list. First, we should note that the province is in full for each indicia unless otherwise noted. The initial list did not include full descriptions of postal stations. This is corrected here.

Corrections to the preliminary list

94048 - Ottawa	151120 - N.S.
140209 - POSTAL STN.B MONTREAL P.Q.	151387 - B.C.
140263 - P.E.I.	151967 - P.Q.
140264 - B.C.	151972 - YOUVILLE MONTREAL P.Q.
140300 - delete, no p.o.	151976 - SNOWDEN MONTREAL P.Q.
140425 - delete	151990 - ONT.
143654 - B.C.	152400 - ST.LAURENT MONTREAL P.Q.
143670 - STATION T TORONTO ONT.	152401 - MOUNT ROYAL MONTREAL P.Q.
143677 - ALTA.	152407 - POSTAL STA.E OTTAWA ONT.
143684 - POSTAL STA. D OTTAWA ONT.	153075 - NFLD.
143947 - delete	153078 - P.Q.
144229 - SASK.	153085 - PLACE D'ARMES MONTREAL P.Q.
146139 - POSTAL STATION A VANCOUVER B.B.	153520 - TORONTO STA.B ONT.
146134 - ROSEMOUNT MONTREAL P.Q.	153524 - TORONTO STA.F ONT.
146149 - for Windsor	155201 - ONT.
146407 - SASK.	155319 - POSTAL STN.E OTTAWA ONT.
146428 - DELORIMIER MONTREAL P.Q.	158694 - hyphens
146421 - delete O	
146424 - delete C	
146430 - delete L	
146433 - NFLD.	
146436 - delete L	
146437 - B.C.	
146438 - B.C.	
146440 - B.C., delete B	
146443 - N.S.	
146460 - delete L	
146924 - N.B.	
147550 - TORONTO STA. F ONT.	
147565 - SASK.	
147776 - ALTA.	
148441 - B.C.	

Additions to the list

146415 - Toronto	143370 - NEW GLASGOW
146428 - DELORIMIER MONTREAL P.Q.	143413 - HALIFAX N.S.
146437 - VANCOUVER B.B.	143603 - MONTREAL
146441 - ST. THOMAS	?143391 - KITCHENER
146444 - DRUMMONDVILLE	143427 - SUDBURY
146830 - WINDSOR	143684 - HALIFAX
146905 - PEMBROKE	144777 - NEW GLASGOW
94062 - SAINT JOHN	145202 - QUEBEC
140294 - NEW WESTMINSTER B.C.	145236 - QUEBEC

Additions cont'd.

145241 - NEW WESTMINSTER B.C.	152400 - CORNWALL
145248 - WINNIPEG	152401 - POSTAL STN.B MONTREAL P.Q.
145355 - VANCOUVER B.C.	152410 - POSTAL STATION B OTTAWA ONT.
145393 - TRURO	151987 - TORONTO
145441 - YARMOUTH	153081 - STATION C HAMILTON ONT.
146127 - OUTREMONT MONTREAL P.Q.	153507 - DELORIMIER MONTREAL P.Q.
146144 - PEMBROKE	155734 - STRATFORD
146148 - TORONTO	157233 - DELORIMIER MONTREAL P.Q.
146145 - NEW GLASGOW	153518 - WINNIPEG
147772 - MONTREAL	153522 - ST. THOMAS
146917 - BELLEVILLE	159813 - ST. CATHARINES ONT.
146933 - NIAGARA FALLS	156225 - PLACE D'ARMES MONTREAL P.Q.
146944 - MONTREAL	155619 - POSTAL STN.E OTTAWA ONT.
147560 - BARRIE	
147568 - TORONTO	
148087 - PETERBOROUGH	
148282 - QUEBEC	
148423 - TORONTO	
148423 - HAMILTON	
148314 - SNOWDEN MONTREAL P.Q.	
148989 - TORONTO	
148678 - FREDERICTON	
15115- - MOUNT ROYAL MONTREAL P.Q.	
151121 - SNOWDEN MONTREAL P.Q.	
151974 - STATION T TORONTO ONT.	
151974 - PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE	
151986 - GRANDE PRAIRIE	
151997 - OTTAWA	
151990 - KITCHENER	

Has anyone ever seen 94007 from Montreal?

REGULATIONS

Ernest Roscoe in reading a copy of PO regulations made available some time back queries item no. 23 of page 10445 of that document. This states "Where any person makes impressions of a postage indicia impression die as part of the procedure for testing postage meters, those impressions shall be destroyed by burning". This cannot apply to trade samples/specimens which are freely given out as "zero" impressions at trade shows, etc. Does it mean trial designs, etc. not approved by the post office department? The latter items are widely sought and historically valued by collectors but are very hard to get. No wonder - they're apparently illegal to possess. Comments??

UNREPORTED INDICIA

As per above, Wilf Whitehouse sends us a nice illustration of patriotic slogan MP-9 with a previously unknown (to the editor) indicia type. Any information on this would be welcome.



Wilf also sent the Canadian Postage Meters Ltd. advertisement from late 1943 showing they apparently had their own slogan classification system.

USE YOUR POSTAGE METER TO HELP WIN THE WAR

VICTORY LOAN SLOGANS

For Use In
POSTAGE METER MACHINES



Number VL 17



Number VL 18

Make your choice of one of these designs. Then use the enclosed postage paid order card immediately.



Number VL 19



Number VL 20

CANADIAN POSTAGE METERS LIMITED

TYPE 23 METERS

Irwin type 23 meters now come with tall, narrow spaced meter numbers in the 677060 sequence for example.

TYPE 18 METERS

W. Whitehouse and D. Cooper have been tracking the indicia varieties on this type (Irwin system no. 18):

163000-099 3 wavy lines to right sloping down
163110-174+ 3 wavy lines to right sloping up
163000-999 fractional values example 13.8c

Due to unforeseen difficulties, the typing and editing of CMSG publication No. 2 has been delayed. It will be sent to you under separate mailing as soon as it is ready.

Sorry for the delay.

The Editor.