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NEWSLETTER

NO. 10

Suprisingly enough, this Newsletter has survived through 10 issues and will likely continue for some time. The Christmas season finds us all burdened with many responsibilities but hopefully time permits us to look at meters from time to time. The editor sends holiday greetings to you and your family from all of his.

Newsletter No. 10 is a bit short of material; perhaps a few notes from you would help No. 11. This time are included notes on, what else, Christmas slogans, a new Draves town list, a possible new type of meter, and membership news including a latest address list.

MEMBERS

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Mr. Bretton Perry on September 5, 1983. Bretton died of leukemia after a short period of illness. Virginia, his wife, has written noting he was a mad, wonderful person. I am indded sorry that I never got a chance to meet him. His numerous lengthy, questioning letters and contributions will be very much missed. (CR)

Mrs. Gene Megowan has withdrawn from the CMSG citing a growing stack of unanswered mail and growing, active grandchildren. We wish her the best and hope she keeps collecting otherwise.

MILITARY METERS

Wilf Whitehouse reports a new military item: Type 7.3, meter no. 83869 used at TORONTO on may 30'41 . Slogan to left reads #1 Air Training Command Toronto Ontario. This is a new early date for a military meter updating the listing and article in CMSG Newsletter 3.

NEW CATALOGUE STYLE

Several members have written indicating support for retention of Irwin's system wherever possible for classification; a loose-leaf unbound version is preferable; spacing after listings to permit addition of new reports; Postal Directives, operator errors, Postal Rates, should not be included in classification listing - perhaps being left as separate sections on a second page or whatever; townlists and certainly Province spellings, varieties, postal station varieties might be listed where short enough (such as lists compiled so far in Newsletters 1-9; listing of serial block sequences should be retained.

OK - let's see some page mockups from whomever feels keen. Will publish these in next Newsletter.

Returned Mail

Mr. Yvon Legris' Newsletter No.9 has been returned by the Post Office. Does anyone have a new address for this member?

DRAVES NEW TOWN LIST

Alan Draves has updated the Canada Meter Town List through MSS Bulletin No. 181. Ask for a copy including \$1-2 to cover costs. The new publication is described below. (VS)

CANADA METER TOWN LIST

This Canada Town List is published by Alan Draves, Box 190, New Knoxville OH 45871. It lists all towns known to have appeared on Canadian postage meters.

All towns on this list have been listed in Meter Stamp Society Bulletins. The list includes towns reported through Bul. 181. The spellings used are from the 1980/1981 Canadian Postal Directories, which differ from previously reported spellings in a few cases. For discontinued post offices, the actual spelling used in the townmark is used if known, otherwise the spelling is taken from the MSS Bulletins.

The list does not include any stations or branches, nor does it include errors and varieties. It is planned to incorporate these at a later date.

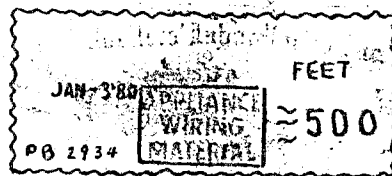
Any town you have that is not listed should be reported to Alan Draves at the above address, so it may be added to the list. New towns will be listed in the MSS Bulletin, and will be provided to the Canadian Meter Study Group, as well as being included in an updated town list. MSS and CMSG members will receive credit for new town reports if they include their organization name (and membership number if applicable) with all new town reports.

The EXACT spelling shown in the townmark should be given in all new town reports, as well as the meter number (if legible). The reporter may be requested to send a photocopy of towns which do not appear in postal directories, or which appear with a different spelling.

A listing of the Parliament franks and the Return Postage townmarks has been added to the end of the list.

WIRING METERS

Ernest Merriken recently pointed out the existence in Canada of meters used to measure lengths of copper wiring in motor rewinding (armature) shops. They issue tapes, with red impressions from the Underwiter's Laboratories Inc. A box in centre reads APPLIANCE WIRING MATERIAL with date M/D/Y at left and length in FEET at right. They are PB machines. One for instance is meter 2934 used on JAN -3'80 for 500 FEET of wire. Can anyone tell us some more about these?



WIRING METER EXAMPLE

The editor has seen a second example dated AUG 27 '72 on meter (tape) no. 2516 for 2000 FEET of wiring.

OXFAM METERS

All material is now in circulation but am accumulating more international stuff so, if it is of interest, there will be at least one \$15 box which includes postage in Canada or USA in early January. Thanks to those of you who picked up the first four bunches - hope it was worth it to you.

POSTAGE DUE METERS

The illustration in No. 9 of a Vancouver Postage Due (Irwin type 17) meter triggered the question: has anyone listed all known Canadian PD meters? In Newsletter No.6 (page 10) we illustrated a possible PD meter in use in Montreal. However there are also the following:

- Type 17: 149991 TORONTO ONTARIO CANADA at Station A
(previously numbered 149201),
149995 VANCOUVER B.C. 149996 blank TM used at Vancouver
- Type 11: 151981 TORONTO ONTARIO with POSTAGE DUE in vertical box at left
143426 TORONTO ONTARIO P O as above at Postal Station B.
(These two are illustrated in MSS Bulletin 164:p.3 1978.
reported by G. Pustel in 1978)
146403 TORONTO ONTARIO P O (see MSS Bulletin 166:7 (1979)
143426 as above with P O removed after 1975 approximately.
159405 TORONTO ONTARIO at Commerce Court Postal Station
(reported by D. Cooper)
- Type 20.2 565387 MONTREAL P.Q. as noted in CMSG Newsletter 6.
- Type 22.3 775374 POSTAGE DUE TORONTO ONT.
775780 TORONTO ONT. POSTAGE DUE
- Type 40.3 137 TORONTO (See Irwin's article in Canada Stamp News Dec26/77)
- Type 41.5 729 and 739 WINNIPEG MAN.

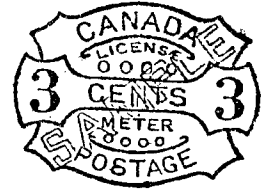
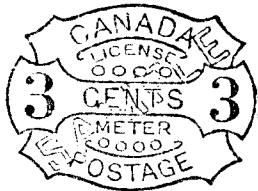
Types 40.3 and 41.5 are the rarest but I have never seen any of the type 11's described above. Are there others??

CHRISTMAS SLOGANS

The following pages include Christmas slogans. My earliest one is 1942 meter JAN 14 '42 reading Holiday Greetings at Montreal. When were Christmas slogans first used in Canada?

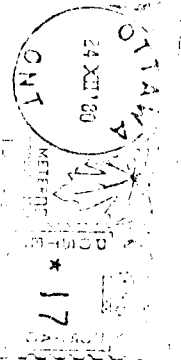
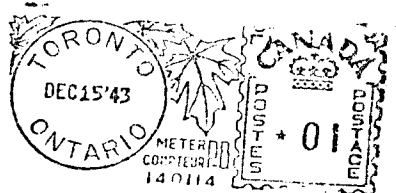
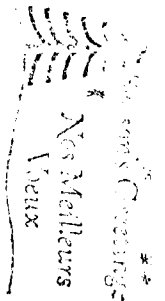
TYPE 1 SAMPLE METER

Previously a type 1 sample meter used at MONTREAL P.Q. on OCT 5 1924 was illustrated in Newsletter No.6 (p.3). I have a second type 1.1 sample dated AUG 28 1923 at OTTAWA ONT. The two have slight differences in the indicia. Both are illustrated below for comparison.

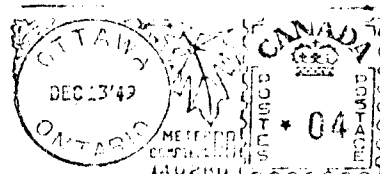


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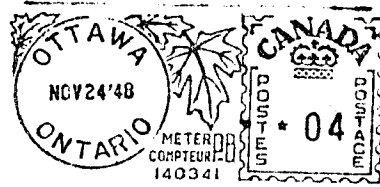
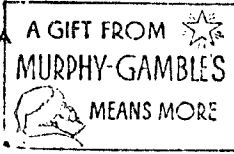
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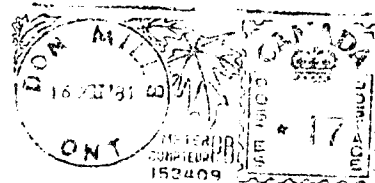
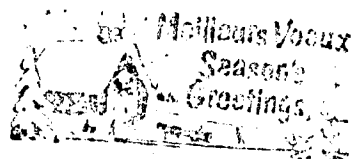
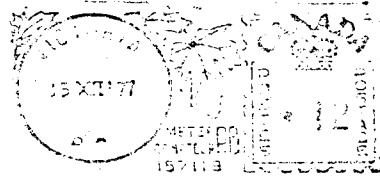
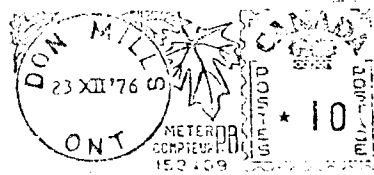
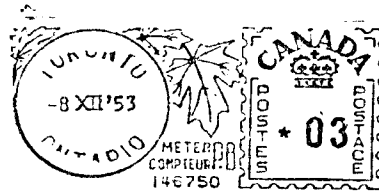
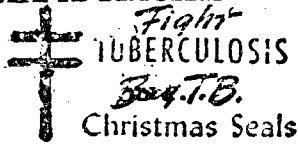


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ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

ALTA ALDER FLATS	PQ	ST-AUGUSTIN +	SASK ILE A LA
BLACK DIAMOND		STE-CATHERINE	CROSSE
CESSFORD		STE-CLAIRE-DE-	KENASTON
EMPRESS		DORCHESTER +	KISBEY
SEEBE		ST-EMILE +	LA LOCHE
		ST-ETIENNE-DE-	LASHBURN
BC YARROW		LAUZON	LEMBURG
		ST. ISIDORE +	LIBERTY
MAN BELMONT		ST-JEAN-DE-MATHA	LIPTON
BLUMENORT		STE. JULIE	LOON LAKE
FOXWARREN		ST-LAZARE +	LUCKY LAKE
HEADINGLEY		ST-MARC	MACKLIN
MANITOU		ST-OMER	MANKOTA
NIVERVILLE		ST-PROSPER-DE-	MIDALE
OAK LAKE		DORCHESTER	MIDDLE LAKE
		VAL-BELAIR +	MUENSTER
NB DOAKTOWN		VILLE BROSSARD +	PANGMAN
SCOUDOUC		VILLE D'ALMA +	PARADISE HILL
			PELICAN
NWT NORMAN WELLS	SASK	ABBEY	NARROWS
		ALAMEDA	PONTEIX
NS LOCKEPORT		ARBORFIELD	QUILL LAKE
TUSKET		ARCHERWILL	REGINA BEACH
		AYLSHAM	ROCKGLEN
ONT ASHTON		BENGOUGH	ST WALBURG
BURGESSVILLE		BIENFAIT	SALTCOATS
KINBURN		BIG RIVER	SEMANS
LANARK		BUFFALO	SMILEY
NEWCASTLE		NARROWS	STENEN
RAMSAYVILLE		CADILLAC	TIMBER BAY
VAL GAGNE		CARON	WARMAN
VERMILION BAY		CREIGHTON	WEIRDALE
		DALMENY	
		DIMSMORE	
PQ AUSTIN		ENGLEFIELD	
CHARETTE		GRANDORA	
DIXVILLE		HAFFORD	
LAC-STE-MARIE		HANLEY	
MANICOUAGAN +		HOEY	
POINTE-AU-PIC			
PORT CARTIER			
QUEST +			

+ Not listed in current postal directory, but verified by photocopy.

A revised Canada Town List is now available, which includes new towns reported through this Bulletin. This list is available from Alan Draves for \$1.00 postpaid. (Anyone who bought the first printing of this list may obtain the revised list for 75C by returning the title page from their old list.)

