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NEWSLETTER No. 7

MARCH 1983

With the early arrival of spring, a meter newsletter is long overdue! Notes in this edition include: (1) news of the conversion of meters to decimal and new fractional rates thanks to new postal rates (what again?) introduced by the Canada Post Corporation; (2) town mark varieties and errors; (3) a town list for Irwin types 15, 16, 17, 40 and 41; (4) update to Alan Draves' Canada Town List; (5) financial report and plea for contributions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Since initiating this newsletter in June 1981, the Study Group has received \$167.00 in contributions. With this seventh newsletter now circulated, our bank balance is \$33.10 which is sufficient to permit number 8 as well. If you are receiving the newsletter, it means you have contributed either financially or with material to publish or both. I hope you think your contributions are well utilized and enjoy this meager newsletter effort irregular as it is. May I ask you all to contribute again: \$5 per year. Several of you have sent in a few dollars recently - many thanks! TO: Canada Meter Study Group, c/o Clay Rubec, 488 Athlone Ave. Ottawa, Ontario, K1Z 5M8, Canada. Cheques in Canadian or US funds are acceptable.

TOWN LIST REPORT

To date, we have reported complete town lists including city, province, varieties and errors for Irwin types 1-10, 12. Preliminary lists for types 15-17 and NCR meters types 40-41 appear below. Reporting of types 11, 13-14, and 18-23 as well as new types now appearing will be difficult since the lists are long and quite repetitive. A reporting format for all these types by province has been suggested by several members. Hence, enclosed a preliminary report form for the province of Alberta is enclosed. Please return your reports and I will compile a complete correlated town list with all varieties noted of all meter types for Alberta. In succeeding newsletters we shall work our way across Canada alphabetically.

TOWN LIST IRWIN TYPE 15

OTTAWA ONTARIO
TORONTO "
MONTREAL QUEBEC
ST. JOHN'S - N'FLD.

TOWN LIST IRWIN TYPE 16

ST. JOHN'S N'FLD.

TOWN LIST IRWIN TYPE 17

TORONTO ONTARIO CANADA
VANCOUVER B.C. (??)

T/M blank

TOWN LIST IRWIN TYPE 40

BRANTFORD
HAMILTON
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY/P.O.
LONDON
KITCHENER
OTTAWA
PARIS
TORONTO
SIMCOE
WINDSOR
WOODSTOCK

MONTREAL
SHERBROOKE

HALIFAX
TRURO
ST. JOHN

WINNIPEG
SASKATOON
REGINA
MOOSEJAW
CALGARY
EDMONTON
VANCOUVER
VANCOUVER STATION/SOUTH BURNABY
VICTORIA

CANADA/POSTAGE DUE/TORONTO

DRAVES TOWN LIST

Alan Draves has forwarded me an update to his Canada Town List publication which is reproduced herein with thanks. Please forward new reports to him as mentioned in his article.

NEW VARIETIES

In previous newsletters I have outlined reports of several new meter types which have come on the scene this past year, but I didn't provide illustrations: you will find several now illustrated on the following page 7-7.

TOWN LIST IRWIN TYPE 40

GEORGETOWN, ONT.
HAMILTON, ONT.
OSHAWA, ONT.
OTTAWA, ONT.
TORONTO
TORONTO, CAN.
TORONTO, ONT.
TORONTO, ONTARIO
SCARBOROUGH
WINDSOR, ONT.

MONTREAL, QUE.

MONCTON, N.B.
HALIFAX' N.S.

WINNIPEG, MAN.
REGINA, SASK.
MOOSE JAW, SASK.
VANCOUVER, B.C.
VICTORIA, B.C.

CANADA POSTAGE/DUE

ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN LIST - CANADA

ALTA GLEICHEN
MORINVILLE
STAND OFF
TOFIELD
WINTERBURN

BC CHRISTINA LAKE
COBBLE HILL
KELSEY BAY
PORT CLEMENTS
ROSEDALE
SLOCAN
WELLINGTON
ZEBALLOS

MAN ROSENORT

NB RED BANK

NFLD GLOVERTOWN

NS BARRINGTON
BLOCK HOUSE

ONT BEACHBURG
CITY OF
NORTH YORK
CODRINGTON
MANITOWANING
MASSEY
OHSWEKEN
TEMAGAMI

PQ ARMAGH
BAIE-TRINITE (3)
BEAUFORT
BLACK CAPE
BLAINVILLE
BONAVENTURE
BON-CONSEIL
BREAKEYVILLE
CAPLAN
CHATEAU-RICHER
CHENEVILLE
CHOMEDY (4)
COTEAU-LANDING
COTEAU-STATION
DAAQUAM
DEAUVILLE
DELISLE
DESCHAILLONS
DORION
DUNHAM
ESCUMINAC
FERME-NEUVE
FERMONT
LA-BAIE
LAC-A-LA-TORTUE
LAC-DES-ILES

PQ LAMARTINE
LANDRIENNE
L'ANGE-GARDIEN
LA PLAINE
LAURENTIDES
LUCVILLE
MARTEL
POINTE-AU-PERE
STE-ANNE-DE-LA-PERADE
ST-CELESTIN
ST-ELEUTHERE
ST-JEAN-CHRYSOTOME
ST-POLYCARPE
ST-SAUVEUR-DES-MONTS
ST-THOMAS-DE-JOLIETTE
VAL-MORIN
VILLAGE-DES-HURONS
SASK CORONACH
HAZLET
MARYFIELD

YT FARO

NOTES TO CANADA TOWN LIST:

(3) The reported print shows an error: BRIE TRINITE. This has been verified by photocopy.

(4) Actual spelling in town circle listed here. This has been listed as CHOMEDEY in the "Index of Municipalities" for Quebec in the 1980-1981 Canada Postal Code Directory.

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Please report any new Canada towns to:
Alan Draves, P.O. Box 190, New Knoxville, OH 45871.

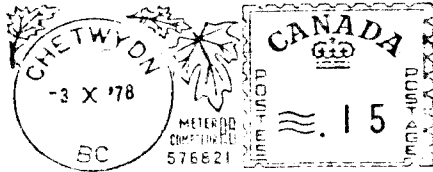
Please include the EXACT spelling of town as shown in the town circle, and meter number (if legible) in all reports.

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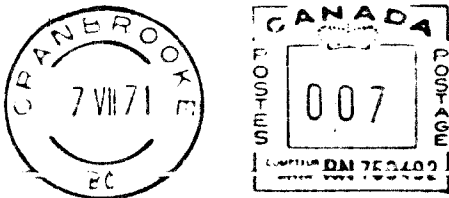
The Canada Town List is still available from Alan Draves for 75c.

CANADA TOWNMARK VARIETIES - D. Cooper & F. Whitehouse

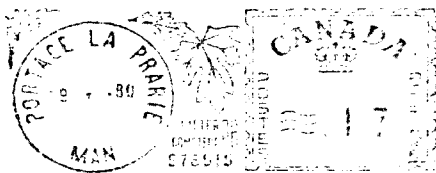
From time to time errors creep into the engraving of town names, sometime the town name is misspelt and requires a sharp eye to spot the error, while at other times the error is quite obvious to all. The following are examples of some incorrectly spelt town names -



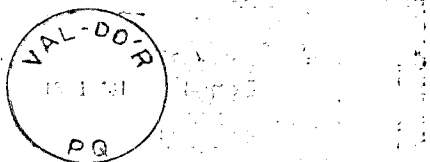
should read "Chetwynd"



no "E" in "Cranbrook"

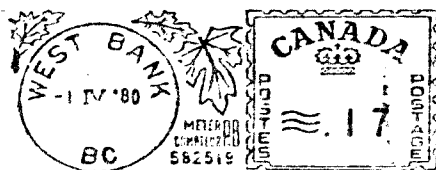


missing "i" in Prairie



apostrophe should be after "D" and no hyphen required.

Then there are towns engraved as 2 words when one is correct and vice versa, as follows -



"Westbank"



"Peachland"

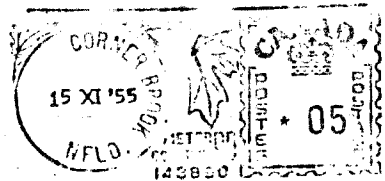


"Corner Brook"

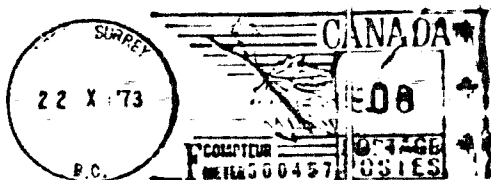
At times, hypens are inserted into the townmark when none is required; e.g. -



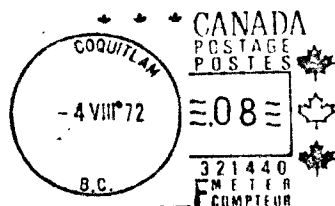
Finally, a portion of the townmark may be removed due to a change in the town name, these make interesting additions to any collection of townmarks.



"Bowater" removed



"North" removed



"Port" removed

Needless to say, the Editor will be interested to hear of any other interesting varieties that may be found in members collections.

WHAT'S NEW AND DIFFERENT?

Ross W. Irwin

The year 1982 and January 1983 has produced many new and interesting items for postage meter collectors. This brief article summarizes a few of the items produced by Pitney-Bowes. It is probably incomplete.

The 1A and 1B postal directives have produced some odd rates. These of course are first class mail rates. The 1A is for bulk first class mailings of over 20,000 pieces. The rate in 1982 was 24¢. This is quite common since it was used by many financial houses for investment information. On January 1, 1983 this rate was increased to 28½¢.

The 1B postal directive was for first class mail presorted for letter carrier walks, with a minimum of 50 letters per walk. The total mailing had to exceed 1,000 items. The only one I receive of this nature is from the Union Gas Company. The rate in 1982 was 21¢. This rate was increased January 1, 1983 to 24¢.

The third class addressed quantity mailing rate of over 10,000 pieces nationally or 5,000 pieces provincially was 13¢ in 1982. The rate was increased to 13.8¢ per item as of January 1, 1983.

With the above as background information lets look at a selection of Pitney-Bowes postage meter impressions.

Pitney Bowes

| Product Code | Series | Description |
|--------------|--------|--|
| RT-7 | 156000 | This is a fractional meter in limited use by large mailers. I have = 28½ on 156199. |
| 0619 | 163000 | This series is RF meters converted to decimal use. I have *138 on 163030 and *285 on 163042. |
| 5307 | 550000 | A 3-bank meter no longer marketted but some still in use. |
| 5321 | 557000 | A 3½ bank meter with fractional use. I have 557114 =.28½ and =.32: |
| 5397 | 500000 | Non-decimal, non-fractional. Top denomination is \$99.99. =0.00 |
| 0649 | 520000 | A 3½-bank meter??? Top denomination \$9.999. |

5384 600000 Non-decimal or fractional, RMRS, 3-bank. =.00
 5385 630000 Non-decimal, RMRS, 4-bank. =0.00
 6511 1000000 Electronic, non-decimal or fractional. =0.00=

I also notice in the mail that users of Model R meters are using 14¢ for third class mail. Other uses seem to be 28¢ and 29¢ for the 1A class. I assume that the mailer claims an adjustment for the difference in rates when the mailing occurs.

ODDS AND ENDS

Mr. Jim Bacon, one of our members residing in Britain has written that his main interest in meters centres on the Admiral period. Perhaps some of you have some material for him. Good luck.

Mr. J. Bacon, 50 Mersey Road, Sale, Cheshire, England, M33 1LF.

MAIL SALE

I would like to print a mail sale of items you wish to sell by auction or by minimum bids etc. in the next newsletter. Send in your list and we will direct the highest bid to each participant. I need not receive the meter item here.
 c/o C. Rubec, 488 Athlone Ave, Ottawa Ont. K1Z5M8.

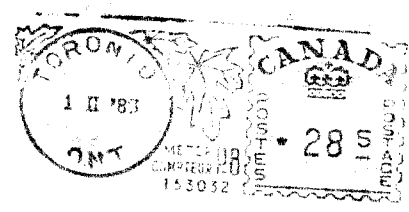
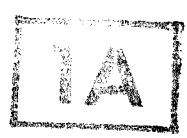
CONTRIBUTIONS

I seem to be running out of ideas and suggestions for articles. Please send in your notes on items of interest. I think it also is time we started generating completed studies for publication in the Postal History Journal (i.e. patriotic slogans; military meter list; complete town list Irwin types 1-10. etc.).

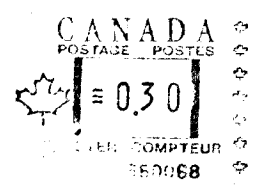
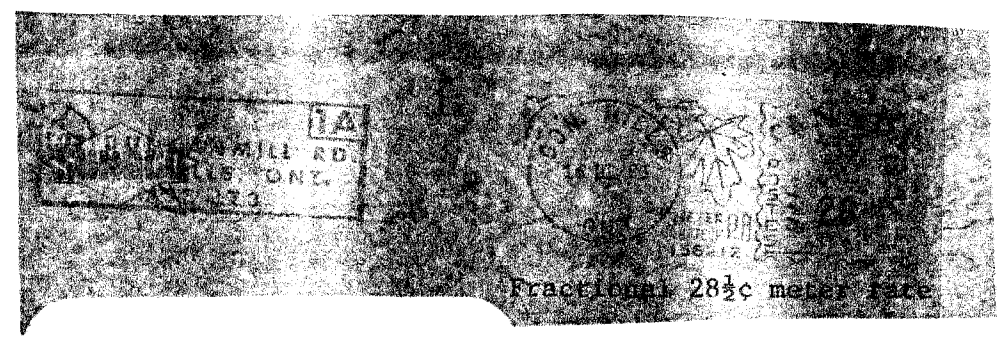
Thanks, until Newsletter No.8 in the summer. I'll be in northern and Arctic areas for a bit so that'll likely be into July. Cheers!! (CR)



New 13.8¢ meter rate



New 28.5c rate



Two new meter indicia types
(described in previous newsletters)

