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EDITORS' NOTES

Our small group has lost to cancer a good friend in the person of Ernest Merrikin of Morrisburg. Ernie and I used to exchange huge boxes of metered covers from time to time. He wrote me last October giving his opinion on the cost of the Newsletter and sent along a few small towns, even though he had just been discharged from the hospital. Many will miss him.

Ernie's postage stamp collection was willed. I was asked if I wanted his five volumes of meters which I gratefully accepted. These multiplied into three large boxes, principally of cut squares and tapes, and his collection of small towns. I will eventually get through them and report what I find. It was a hobby collection.

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The Editor and Associate Editor have had little time for meters of late and so this issue will not follow the usual format of including items which members have been so kind to send in. I am sure that it was so long ago that you forgot you sent anything. I have it! The catalog is on Type 4, even though I want to spend a bit more time on the Type 3 in the last issue. To fill the space I am including my personal write-up on Type 4 which I displayed at a philatelic show and received a bronze. It is a scarce meter and I think it is about complete, although I welcome anything you can add to our knowledge.

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MEMBERSHIP

Delete

19 - Ernest Merrikin, deceased

Change of Address

7 - Clayton Rubec, to, 495 Athlone Ave., Ottawa, ON., K1Z 5M9
36 - Robert Alary, to, 7462 de la Deviniere, Anjou, QC., H1K 3S7

New Member

38 - Robert J. Thompson, Marketing Manager, Pitney Bowes,
150 Ferrand Dr., Don Mills, ON., M3C 3B5

UPDATE

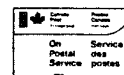
The Nixdorf Point of Sale system is said to be an interim step in the solution of Canada Post corporations long term POS needs. The number in the lower left of the indicia is confirmed to be the retail postal outlet number. The equipment has the capability to rate up to \$999.99, but no fractions. Franchise outlets are not authorized to accept bulk mailings. Did you notice the dating which is year-month-day, as is common in Europe. There are six outlets in the Toronto area at this time, I have three more to go. It costs the franchise 2 cents to run a label so they aren't responsive to a sample. The other point is the label has to be attached and mailed at the point of sale. You can't carry one away, at least you are not supposed to. An inventory is now starting below. Please add to it as something comes along. Use the specific lettering, including periods and comma's on the indicia.

- N3000001 - HALIFAX N.S.
- N3000008 - CALGARY ALTA.
- N3000019 - SPECIMEN
- N3000026 - LAWRENCE
- N3000034 - NORTH VAN. B.C.
- N3000048 - MILTON ONTARIO
- N3000050 - MISSISSAUGA ONT

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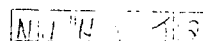


Santa's Workshop
North Pole, Canada
HOH OHO



Time Trevor - Pinkney
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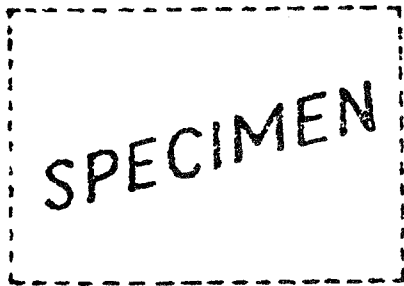
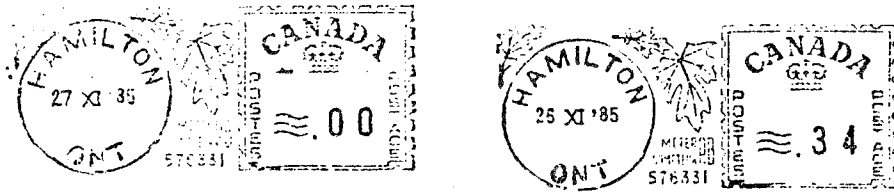


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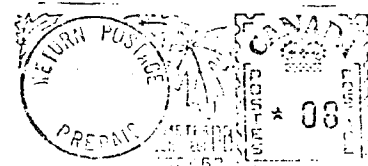
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Below is another example where a .00 rate is used for the purpose of getting the correct date of mailing as required by the regulations.

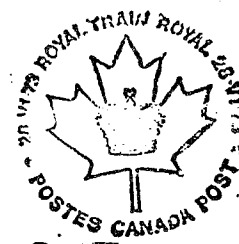


Shown above is an essay or proof of a Francotyp postage meter for use in Canada. Note the date of September 23, 1957.

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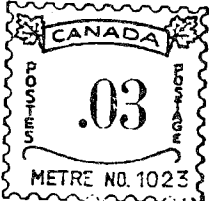


ROSS W. IRWIN
 14 Tamarack Pl., Guelph, Ont.,



Away back in 1973 when Royalty visited Canada I decided to obtain a unique philatelic item which is shown above. It bears the special cachet of the Royal Train on a metered cover. Unfortunately the strike is not good as I used folded paper as a filler instead of a piece of cardboard.

CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
4.1	 	Basic type, Type 5 townmark, with METRE
4.1.1	  	Specimen (VOID)
4.2	 	Basic type, Townmark 28/18, with METRE NO.
4.2.1	 	Type 5 townmark, with METRE NO.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

The Franco-Gellschaft, Berlin, Germany, was formed in 1921. The company produced the Franco "Multi-Valor" postage meter which used a credit card control system since the meter weighed 34 pounds and was almost too heavy to take to the post office for setting the amount of postage.

The Franco was a combination mail and parcel post mailing machine of omni denomination. The machine was capable of imprinting any amount of postage between 01¢ and \$9.99. The machine used a bank of setting levers similiar to old type cash registers. It also produced a gummed tape for parcel post and bulky envelopes.

The Franco "Multi-Valor" postage meter was manufactured under license in England from 1929 and was distributed through Universal Postal Frankers Ltd. Universale Postal Frankers had a cross licensing agreement with Pitney-Bowes Co. for the North American rights to this meter. Pitney-Bowes used Canada as a testing ground for the postage meter.

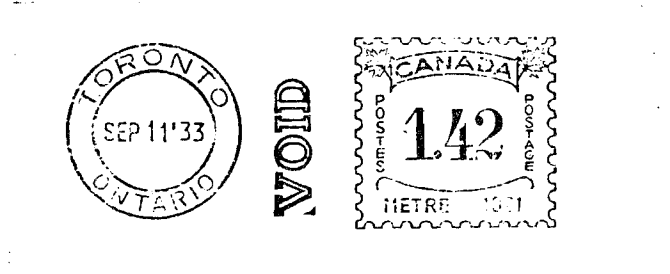
The Franco "Multi-Valor" postage meter was approved for use in Canada by the Post Office on April 1, 1932. The introduction of the meter was delayed due to the need to develop a bilingual die impression, the first postage meter to use the newly introduced indicia design guidelines.

The value numeral is 7 mm high. To accomodate the larger die hole as well as the bilingual wording it was necessary to enlarge the frank to 27 mm by 27 mm. The new die impression frank was approved September 12, 1932.

All impressions are red in colour. No slogans or advertisements were used with this meter.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Meter Number 1021

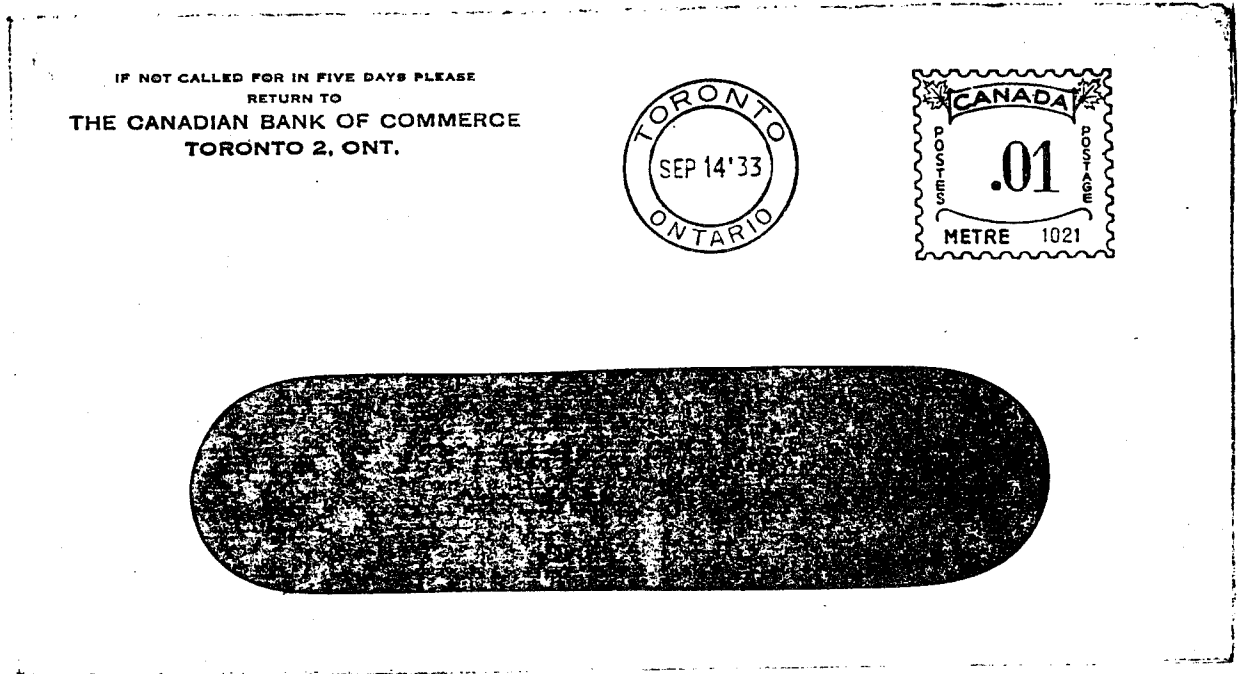


Die proof of the Franco "Multi-Valor" on parcel post tape, plain paper, The word VOID was used to indicate a specimen impression. In this case it was used by the company in the meter testing program. The date is prior to official use.

The Franco "Multi-Valor" postage meter impressions are very scarce. The reason is only two companies tested the meter, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, and Lever Brothers, Toronto. The period of use was about three years. The Post Office suggested the meter be replaced on May 28, 1935 but it was not until early 1936 that the new Pitney-Bowes Model J mailing machine was available as a replacement.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Meter Number 1021

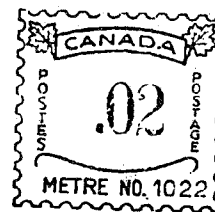


The first commercial use of the Franco "Multi-Valor" postage meter was by the Canadian Bank of Commerce on September 14, 1933. Meter 1021 was used from September 1933 to June 1934. The townmark originally used was that from a Pitney-Bowes Model H postage meter with double circles 24 mm by 17 mm. The date mark is single line, month, day, year. The setting is 15 mm. Note the frank reads METRE 1021. The serial number is of thin numerals. The two maple leaves in the frank differ in design from later meter numbers and the CANADA tablet has sharp downward points.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Meter Number 1022

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN FIVE DAYS PLEASE
RETURN TO
THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE
TORONTO 2, ONT.



THE DRUGGISTS CORP.
OF CANADA LIMITED,
35 BRITAIN ST.,
TORONTO.

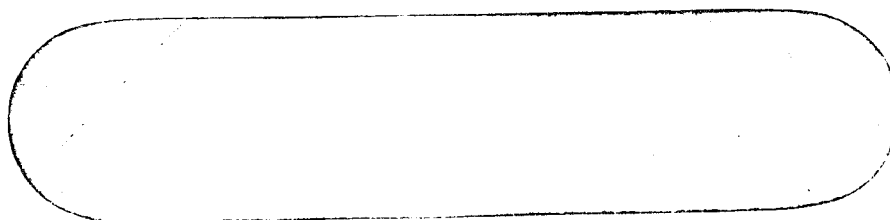
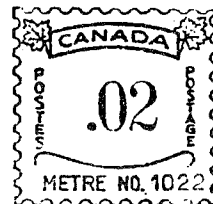
Meter 1022 was used by the Canadian Bank of Commerce from June 1934 to May 1935. The frank has been recut. It is 28 mm by 28 mm. The maple leaves are courser and the CANADA tablet is plainer in design. The words POSTES and POSTAGE are one millimeter longer than meter 1021. Note that the frank reads METRE NO. 1022.

The townmark circles are hand engraved and appear non-circular. The double circles are 28 mm by 28 mm. The setting is 13 mm.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Meter Number 1022

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA

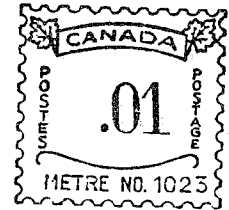


Meter 1022 was used by Lever Brothers, Toronto, from June 1936 to July 1936. The meter has been reconditioned and has been fitted with a Pitney-Bowes Model H postage meter townmark. Very few of these exist.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Meter Number 1023

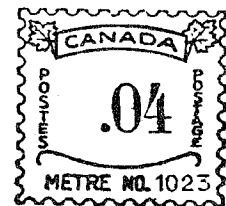
LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA



Regent Pharmacy,
176 Locke St. S.,
Hamilton, Ont.

Meter 1023 was used by Lever Brothers, Toronto, from
November 1934 to June 1935.

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA



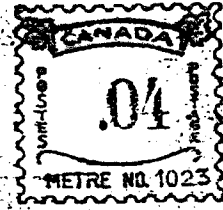
. Limited,
o St.,
Toronto.

A parcel post tape used on cover. Tape is on plain paper.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

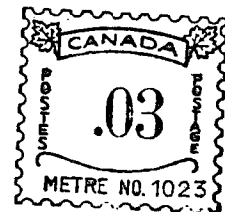
Meter Number 1023

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA



DRUG TRADING COMPANY LIMITED,
6 ONTARIO STREET

A parcel post tape used on cover. Tape is on CANADA safety paper.

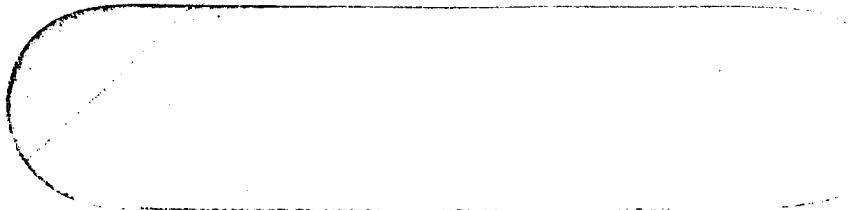
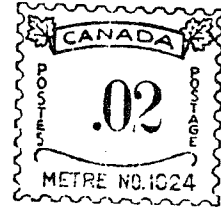


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Meter 1023 reconditioned with a Pitney-Bowes Model n ...
mark. This is thought to be a Pitney-Bowes test cover.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

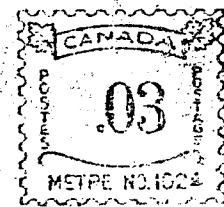
Meter Number 1024

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA



Meter 1024 was used by the Canadian Bank of Commerce from September 1934 to February 1936 and by Lever Brothers from August 1936 to October 1936.

EVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO, CANADA



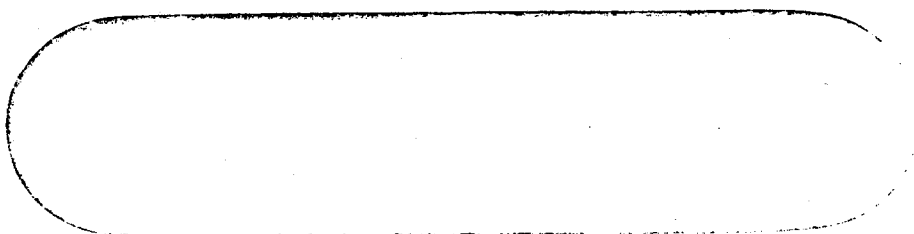
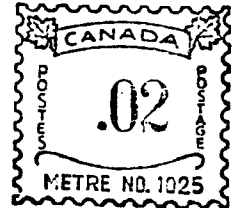
The Drug Trading Co. Ltd.,
6 Ontario St.,

Parcel post tape on CANADA safety paper as used on cover.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

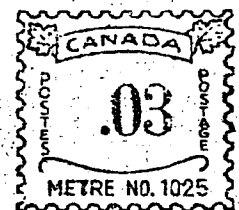
Meter Number 1025

PUGSLEY DINGMAN & CO. LIMITED
EASTERN AVE.
TORONTO 8, ONTARIO



Meter 1025 was used by the Canadian Bank of Commerce in May 1935 and by Lever Brothers from July 1935 to May 1936.

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA



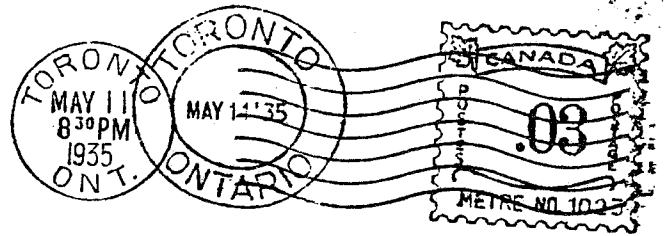
pany Limited,

Parcel post tape on CANADA safety paper as used on cover.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Some Postal Rates

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO, CANADA

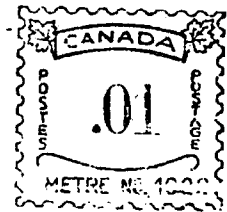


The Drug Trading Co. Ltd.,
6 Ontario St.,
Toronto,
Ont.

Meter 1023 illustrates the 3¢ denomination as used for the payment of first-class postal rate. Note the TORONTO cancellation. Metered mail was not intended to be faced and cancelled. This cover must have been mixed with the street box general mail collection.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED
TORONTO 8, CANADA

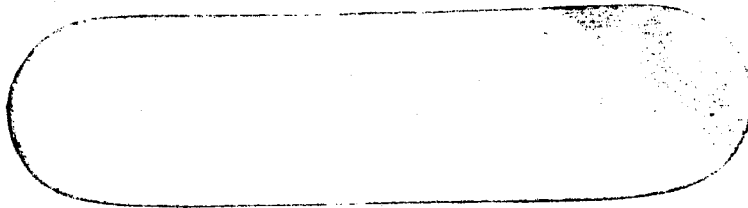
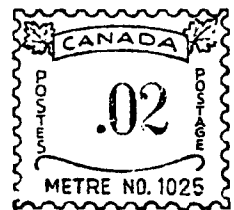


Drug Trading Co. Ltd.,
6-12 Ontario St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Meter 1022 used to pay the domestic printed matter rate of 1¢. The addressograph plate indicates it was a mass mailing.

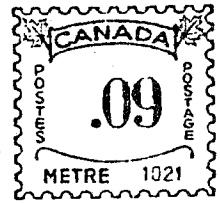
RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO



Meter 1025 used to pay the drop letter rate of 2¢ within the City of Toronto.

FRANCO POSTAGE METER

Meter 1021 on portion of a plain parcel post tape used by the Canadian Bank of Commerce to pay the rate for a drop letter weighing 8 oz. or a regular letter weighing 4 oz.



Meter 1024 on portion of a parcel post tape used to pay the parcel post rate.

