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EDITORS' NOTES

I want to thank the several members who write me giving news of new items and things in their collection. It will all appear in due course. We have managed to find enough material for another issue. What we are missing is solid information on new items. I am rather concentrating on the catalog and haven't taken a lot of time on the other things. As with most of you they just pile up.

We have a good start on the Nixdorf inventory. Note that I have rearranged the list of the Retail Post Offices (RPO's) and have included the outlet number as well. Before our next issue in September please send me details on anything not in our list and any additions and corrections to the existing list.

The townmark should be listed exactly as on the label. You will note that there is quite a variety although there are signs of some form of uniformity developing. These accounting systems are going in quite quickly so we will have a chore in keeping up with them.

In asking for free samples, remember that each label costs the outlet owner 2 cents. Another thing, I understand that part of the opening drill each morning is for the outlet to produce a SPECIMEN label to ensure the system is working. It is usually tossed in the waste basket so ask for one. These are not scarce as they are generated daily.

As we compile our catalogue, please send the Editor a photocopy of any items not listed which you feel should be.

INVENTORY OF NIXDORF R.P.O. REGISTERS

R.P.O. No	REGISTER SERIAL	TOWNMARK	LOCATION		
0327220	3000000	OTTAWA ONTARIO	Rideau Pharmacy, 390 Ride	0231304	3000062 LAPRAIRIE P.Q.
0047511	3000001	HALIFAX N.S.		0231312	3000066 MONTREAL P.Q.
0590266	3000008	CALGARY_ALTA.		0379247	3000067 SCARBOROUGH ONT. Finch-Midland Plaza, Drug
	3000009	BRENTWOOD POSTAL	Calgary		3000068 WHITEHORSE_YK
0405868	3000010	SHERWOOD FOREST	Beckers, 1225 Wonderland	0210838	3000072 POINTE CLAIRE PQ
	3000011	CALGARY_ALTA.		0329908	3000074 GLOUCESTER_ONT. Gloucester Centre, Smoke
0999999	3000019	SPECIMEN	Ottawa, Canada Post		3000077 LAVAL_P.Q.
	3000024	LAKEVIEW	Calgary		3000078 MONTREAL_P.Q.
	3000025	COLE HARBOUR NS			3000079 HALIFAX NS
0379131	3000026	LAWRENCE	Tender Thought, North Par		3000082 REXDALE ONT. Rexdale Plaza
	3000027	NORTH VAN._B.C.			3000086 RICHMOND HILL
	3000028	MIC MAC BLVD	Dartmouth		3000090 VICTORIA_B.C.
	3000031	PLACE CONCORDE	Calgary		3000091 LACHINE_P.Q.
0639729	3000034	MOUNTAIN HW		0360864	3000092 WESTON ONTARIO Westown Plaza, Tender Tho
0639729	3000034	NORTH VAN._B.C.			3000094 WILLOWDALE_ON. Town & Country Mall, Silv
	3000035	CALGARY ALBERTA			3000096 TSANASSEN_B.C.
	3000040	HAMILTON_ONT.		0360872	3000099 NORTH YORK_ONT. Sheppard Centre, 4841 Yong
	3000041	LONDON_ONTARIO	City Centre, 380 Wellingt		3000105 CALGARY_ALBERTA
0329384	3000043	OTTAWA_ONTARIO	Quickie, Herongate Mall		3000108 BURNABY_B.C.
	3000043	CALGARY ALBERTA			3000112 ORLEANS_ONTARIO Quickie, 375 Des Epinette
	3000044	RICHMOND_B.C.		0317640	3000116 HULL_P.Q. Guy Lecavalier, 400 Blvd
0360570	3000047	TORONTO_ONTARIO	Thornccliffe Market Plaza	0317624	3000119 GATINEAU_P.Q. Gatineau Plaza, 381 Malon
0360546	3000048	MILTON_ONTARIO	Milton Northwest Mall		3000121 VANCOUVER_B.C.
0360597	3000050	MISSISSAUGA_ONT	Meadowvale Town Center		3000121 WEST VANC._B.C.
	3000051	DARTMOUTH_N.S.		0317659	3000126 HULL_P.Q. Place Cartier, 425 St Jos
0231124	3000053	MONTREAL_QUEBEC			3000133 VICTORIA_B.C.
	3000058	LONGUEUIL_Qc			

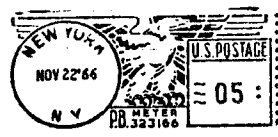
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LINK-BELT LIMITED TORONTO 8, ONTARIO



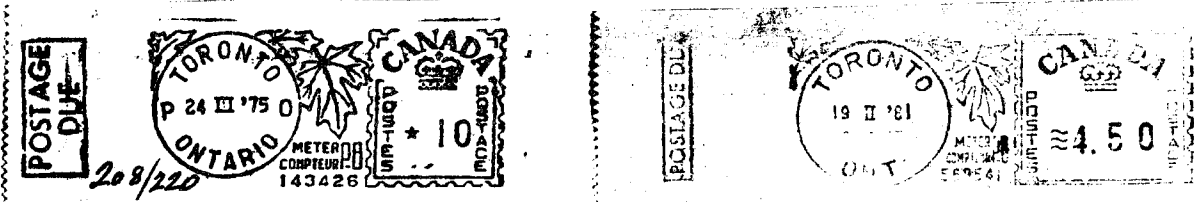
Reciprocal advertising -

Link-Belt Ltd., Canada advertises the New York World's Fair in 1939



An unidentified New York meter carries as an advertisement the logo of the Centennial of Canada in 1967

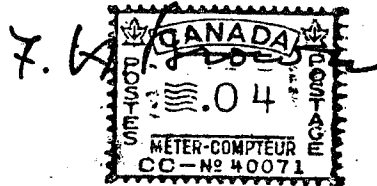
Rick Stambaugh sent these postage due tapes. The Type 11 has been seen but is not common. The Type 20 is new to me with the thin form of vertical postage due. It is dated 1981, the other 1975.



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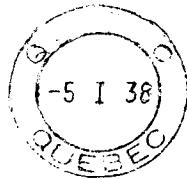
Illustrated here is a Type 12.3.8, Commercial Controls without a townmark. Note that it was used by the Federal government.

I. M. S.



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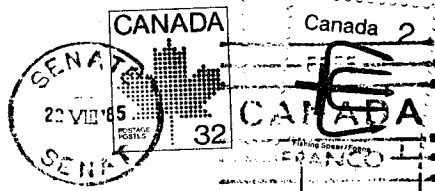
This is a very poorly inked example of 7.2 from QUEBEC, QUEBEC. It is not listed in Irwin and is a very early example of bilingual dating "-5 I 38". Meter number appears to be 82525.



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A Senate counting head with a special slogan not listed in the feature article of this Newsletter. It was for the Inter-Parliamentary Conference held in Ottawa, 2-7 Sep. 1985. These slogans are quite scarce because they are only used for a month.

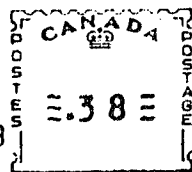
Inter-Parliamentary Conference
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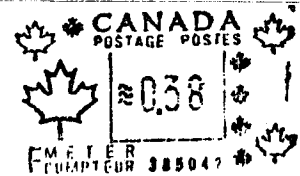
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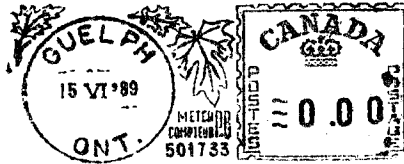
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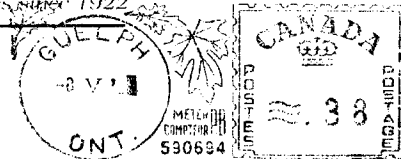
Canada Post is installing postage meters at each wicket in major offices. For example, Guelph post office had one postage meter available for parcels from about 1953. About June 15 each of the four wicket clerks were given their own postage meter. An example of one is shown below.



Another recent item in my mail from Guelph shows that the year did not print. I am uncertain whether the "7" is part of the month wheel but it looks like it. Just another novelty item.

Serving children with physical disabilities since 1922

The Easter Seal Society
250 Ferrand Drive, Suite 200
Don Mills, Ontario M3C 3P2



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TYPE 1, continued

When I enthusiastically began the listing of the Type 1 meters I had no idea of the size of this job. If it is to be completed in a reasonably time some changes have to be made. I now outline the amended plan.

Column 3 is retained but since color is an operator choice it changes in the course of meter use. Only one color will be listed and a separate line will not be used to indicate other colors that may have been used.

The license number is important, as is the city. After doing the first 100 I now see that for some reason the Province seems to change. I rather suspect that this is due to the fact the die was interchangeable with other meters in use at the time. For example, many companies used 1, 2 and 3 cent meters at the same time and I expect the "CITY/PROV" die was used interchangeably. I will note what is first seen, but not subsequent differences under the same license number.

Regarding the user, it is the best information available but should not be relied upon too much. For example, Prudential Trust is the actual meter owner for meters I have listed as Tech Hughes which is the corner card.

Our list will still be long as many of these meters were reissued over the 20 year period. The next 50 numbers follow.

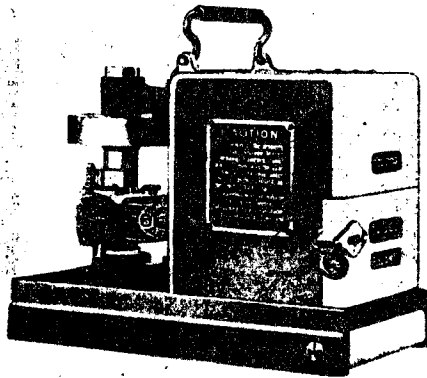
PITNEY-BOWES MODEL M POSTAGE METER

SERL	V	C	LIC	TYP	CITY	PROV	USER	EARLIEST	LATEST
4049	2	G	1	1.2	WINDSOR WALKERVILLE	ONT.	Ford	JUN26/T/1927	
4049	2	R	1	1.2	WINDSOR WALKERVILLE	ONT.	Ford	FEB26/T/1931	
4050	1	G	5	1.2	WINNIPEG	MAN.	U.G.G.	MAY5/1933	
4051	1	R	1	1.2	WINDSOR	ONT.	FORD	BLANK	WALKERVIL
4051	1	G	0	1.3	TORONTO	ONT.	TECH HUGHES	OCT31/1941	APR18/1942
4051	1	R	0	1.3	TORONTO	F.	?	JAN22/1945	
4052	1	R	1	1.2	EDMONTON	ALTA.	ALBERTA GOVT	BLANK	
4053	3	G	12	1.2	MONTREAL	F.	HENRY MORGAN	DEC1/T/1931	APR15/T/1935
4054	3	R	1	1.2	EDMONTON	ALTA	ALBERTA GOVT	NOV23/1934	
4055	5	R	503	1.2	TORONTO	F.	?	APR12/1937	
4056	Not known								
4057	1	Y	84	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	BEARDMORE	OCT17/1928	NOV22/1929
4057	1	Y	12	1.2	TORONTO	F.	?	BLANK	
4058	2	G	10	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	HEPC	FEB1/T/1928	
4058	2	R	8	1.2	LONDON	ONT.	GM ACCEPT	DEC6/T/1930	
4059	3	R	1	1.2	REGINA	SASK.	SASK WHEAT POOL	JUL28/T/1934	
4059	3	R	8	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	SIMPSONS	DEC6/T/1937	
4060	3	R	16	1.2	REGINA	SASK.	SASK GOVT	SEP21/1931	NOV3/1932
4060	3	G	18	1.2	TORONTO	F.	TRADERS FINANCE	MAY4/1935	
4061	2	G	1	1.2	MONTREAL	P.Q.	HUDON HEBERT	NOV13/1930	MAY18/1931
4062	3	R	3	1.2	WINNIPEG	MAN.	EATONS	SEP11/T/1931	AUG28/T/1934
4062	3	R	3	1.2	WINNIPEG	F	EATONS	MAY20/T/1932	AUG16/T/1932
4063	1	G	1	1.2	REGINA	SASK.	SASK GOVT	BLANK	
4064	1	G	4	1.2	TORONTO	F	CONSOLIDATED PRESS	AUG25/1937	JUL15/1938
4064	1	G	4	1.2	TORONTO	F	CONSOLIDATED PRESS	BLANK	
4064	1	G	0	1.3	TORONTO	F	ROYAL BANK BLDG	FEB26/1942	
4064	1	R	327	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	?	MAY3/1935	
4065	5	G	15	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	ONT.GOVT	OCT5/T/1925	JAN4/T/1938 HOUSE OF
4066	4	0	1	1.2	EDMONTON	ALTA.	ALBERTA GOVT	OCT1/T/1925	
4067	1	R	0	1.3	TORONTO	F	FEDERAL BLDG	BLANK	
4067	5	G	0	1.3	TORONTO	F.	?	MAR18/1943	
4068	3	R	11	1.2	WINNIPEG	F	MANITOBA POOL ELEV	JAN5/1934/T	
4069	3	R	10	1.2	WINNIPEG	F	HBC	T/SEP1/1931	
4069	3	G	6	1.2	WINNIPEG	F	HBC	OCT10/T/1931	AUG9/T/1935
4070	1	R	0	1.3	FORT ERIE NORTH	F	M.E.CAMM	BLANK	
4070	1	Y	6	1.2	MONTREAL	F.	?	BLANK	
4071	1	Y	17	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	?	BLANK	
4071	1	R	253	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	CROWN LIFE	MAR6/1935	
4071	1	Y	3	1.2	NO TH	B	GOODYEAR	BLANK	
4071	1	R	3	1.2	NO TH	B	GOODYEAR	BLANK	
4071	1	Y	1	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	GROLIER SOC	BLANK	
4072	3	R	5	1.2	HAMILTON	F.	IMPERIAL OIL	JUL21/1931	JUN3/1936
4072	3	G	5	1.2	HAMILTON	F.	IMPERIAL OIL	MAR3/1933	MAY31/1937
4072	3	R	12	1.2	TORONTO	F.	?	MAY22/T/1926	
4073	3	G	0	1.3	WINNIPEG	MAN.	J.H. ASHDOWN	T/AUG23/1935	T/DEC18/1936
4074	2	G	11	1.2	TORONTO	ONT.	CITY OF TORONTO	SEP23/T/1927	1934/T/JUL16
4074	2	G	316	1.2	TORONTO	F.	T. HUGHES	OCT28/1935	
4074	2	G	316	1.2	TORONTO	F	T. HUGHES	FEB21/1936	
4075	2	G	12	1.2	TORONTO	F.	SILKS LTD	APR20/T/1927	DEC3/T/1930
4076	2	G	6	1.2	WINNIPEG	MAN.	HBC	DEC24/T/1930	MAR12/T/1931



The official imprint of "Metered Mail," as authorized by the Post Office Department, is the indicia shown above. The Post Office Department requires that this indicia be printed by means of approved devices having recording mechanisms set by the Postmaster and which automatically lock when impressions paid for are exhausted.

The Postage Meter

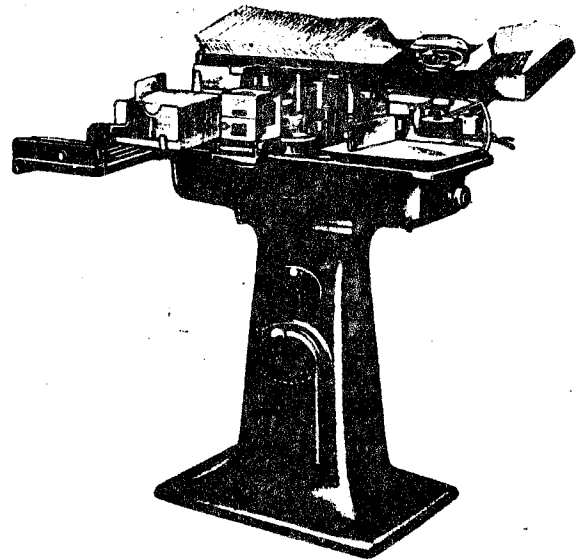


Description

Postage Meters are devices approved by the Post Office Department for the printing and recording of postage. Such devices cannot be sold outright, but are leased by the manufacturer to the mailer. The manufacturer or distributor of such devices must assume full responsibility for the location, maintenance, inspection and proper operation of all such devices placed in service. A license must be secured from the Post Office Department for the use of such devices by the mailer. The indicia must show the mailer's license number and the register number of the meter used. Postage Meters can be secured for any denominations of postage. The Postage Meter is a detachable unit operating on either Pitney-Bowes Model "A", "B" or "F" mailing machines.

Model "A"

Pitney-Bowes Mailing Machine



Description

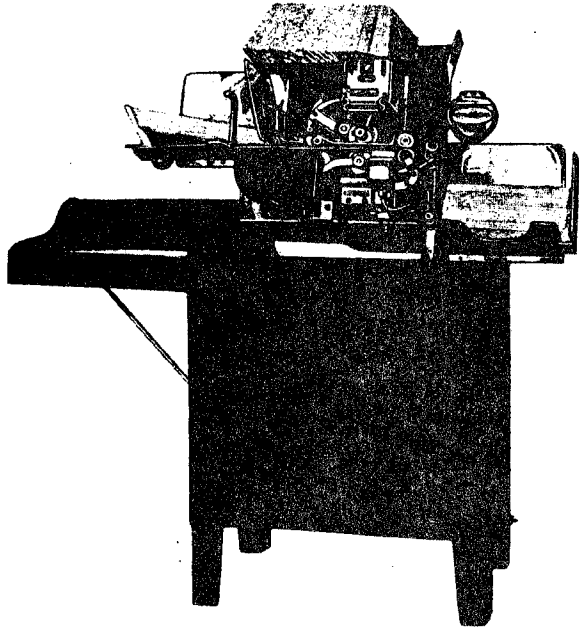
The Model "A" adaptable to Postage Meters for "Metered Mail" as well as special counting and printing attachments. Electrically driven—semi-automatic feed—imprints and seals letters at the rate of 250-300 per minute.

Occupies floor space 38" x 42". A steel cabinet is furnished for the storage of Postage Meters and supplies. Prints envelopes as large as 12" x 14" and $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick. Will seal envelopes as high as $5\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Pitney-Bowes Model "A" machines are built of the same workmanship and material as the "Universal" Postmarking and Cancelling machines, which have stood the heavy duty work of the Post Offices of Canada and many foreign countries and manufactured by this company for the past twenty years. The Model "A" is a high speed machine, quiet running, smooth and easy to operate.

Model "B"

Pitney-Bowes Mailing Machine



Description

The Model "B" adaptable to Postage Meters of any denominations of postage and printing attachments. Automatically feeds, separates, seals, prints and stacks in one operation.

Speed—150 pieces of mail per minute.

Floor space—with shelf raised 16" x 40". (With shelf lowered 16" x 25".)

Power— $\frac{1}{8}$ H.P. motor, horizontal belt drive.

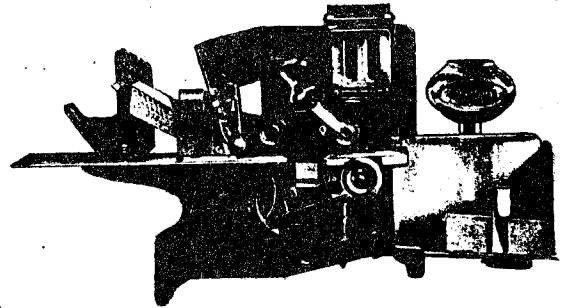
Adaptable to commercial envelopes of a maximum of 12" long and $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, and flaps not over $2\frac{1}{4}$ " deep.

Letter tray—16 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long.

This model represents the highest skill in mechanical design, workmanship and material. It is simple in operation, requires no intricate adjustments, no skilled operator and is always ready for work by simply turning on the electric switch.

Model "F"

Pitney-Bowes Mailing Machine



Description

The Model "F" adaptable to Postage Meters for "Metered Mail" and special counting and printing attachments. Electrically driven—automatic feed—imprints and seals letters simultaneously at the rate of 125 per minute. Occupies counter or desk space 34" x 16", or may be conveniently used on a Pitney-Bowes Ideal Mail Table or special steel cabinet.

Handles all standard sizes of commercial envelopes.

The Model "F" Pitney-Bowes Mailing Machine, represents the greatest achievement of its kind in the mailing machine field. It offers an automatic machine at a low price which imprints and seals in one operation, without sacrificing quality, workmanship or material.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO CANCELLING MACHINE

Ross W. Irwin

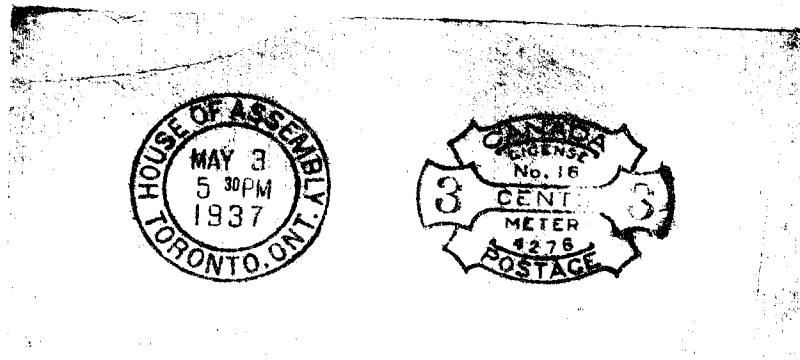
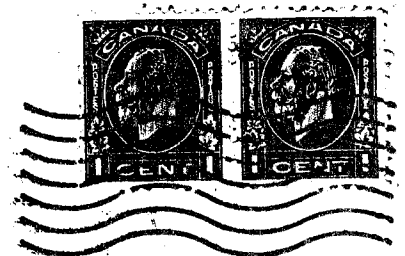
The Public Accounts of Ontario give the annual expenditures by the legislative post office. It appears that about January 1, 1917, the post office acquired an electric Universal Stamping machine for cancelling and dating mail. The rent for the machine was \$76.39 but this only represented a six month period. The annual rent was \$150 a year.

An illustration of the cancel is shown below. The date mark is identical to that used in the Model M postage meter. This cancelling machine was used to at least 1950, and possibly later.

During the 1926-27 fiscal year there is an expenditure to the Postage Meter Co. A machine is purchased for \$1498.20, which I assume to be a Model A mailing machine. Rental for the Model M postage meter(s) was \$431.10. In that year total postage, including stamps, amounted to \$44,007.95. The Ontario government in this period had Model M postage meters for the 1, 2, 3, 5, and 12 cent rates.

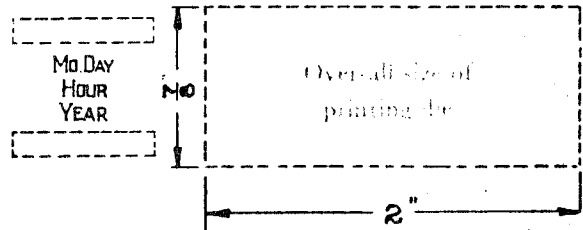
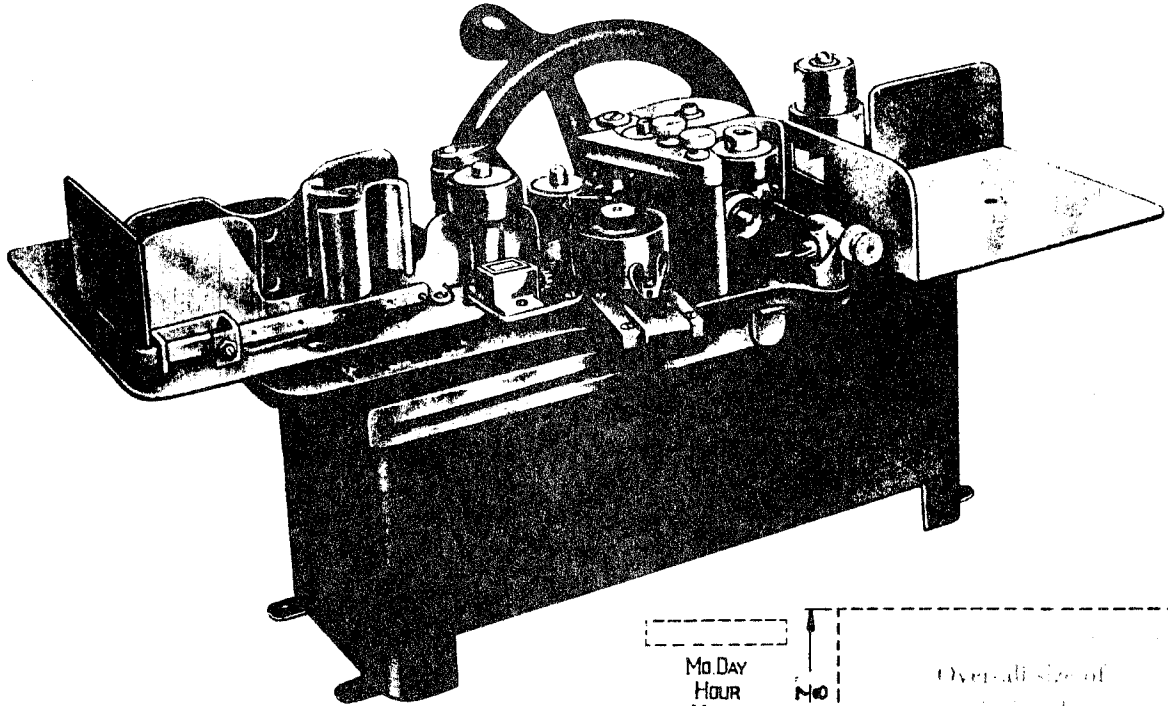
In the 1929-30 fiscal year there is an expenditure of \$403.75 for a National Cash Register register. I have not traced the expenses beyond this point.

MOORE-COULTER LIMITED
DISPENSING CHEMISTS
853 DANFORTH AVE. HARG. 8765
TORONTO



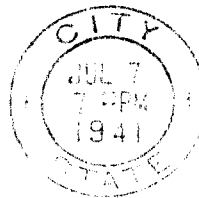
MODEL N

Pitney-Bowes Cancelling, Postmarking and Imprinting Machine



DESCRIPTION Pitney-Bowes, Model N, hand-operated cancelling, postmarking and imprinting machine is built to Post Office Department specifications. Ideal for use in Third and Fourth Class Post Offices, where high-speed power cancelling machines are not required.

Also, applicable for commercial use for counting and for printing on Inventory Cards, Stock Reports, Seed Packets, Containers for Medical Preparations and back-stamping envelopes containing mail, telegrams, etc.

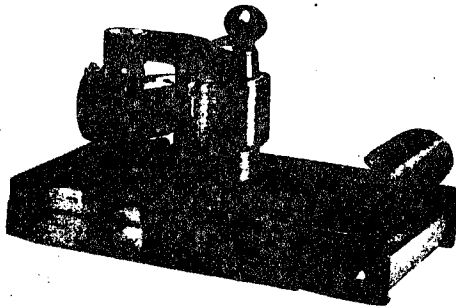


RECEIVED	CHECK
	MONEY ORDER
	CASH
	P.O. ORDER
	CASH CHECK
NO CONTENTS	

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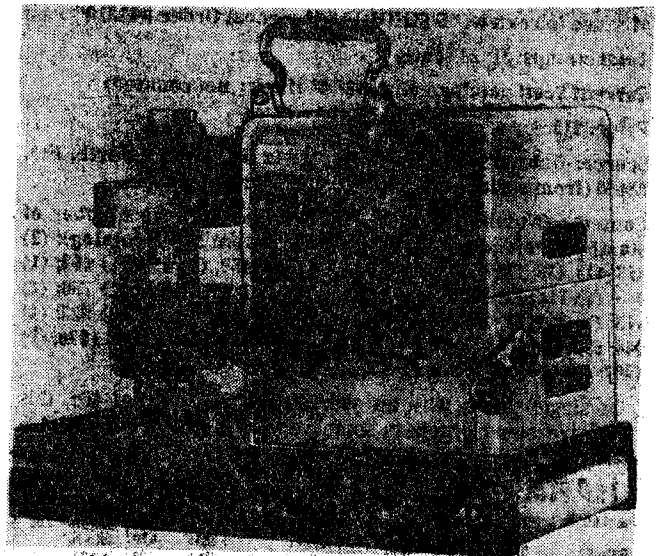
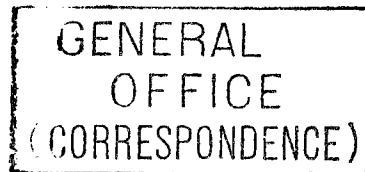


**AUXILIARY
PRINTING ATTACHMENT**



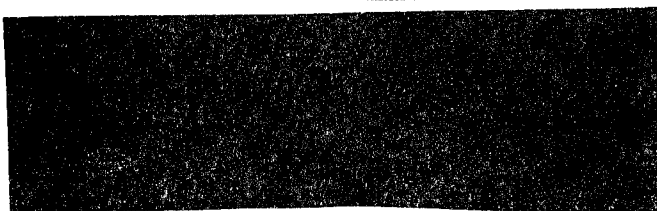
Special printing attachments are shown above (to be used on either Model "A", "B" or "F" Pitney-Bowes mailing machines) can be furnished with dies for back-stamping incoming mail or imprinting mailer's postmark for cancelling precancelled stamps or precancelled government stamped envelopes on first class matter.

RECEIVED	CHECK
	MONEY ORDER
	CASH
	EXP. ORDER
	CSH. CHECK
NO CONTENTS	







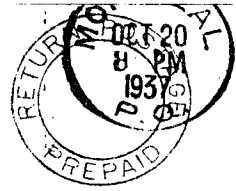
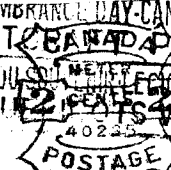
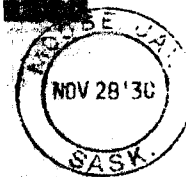


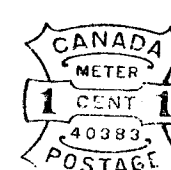




The 1920 Model M postage meter has been designated an International Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark.

The auxilliary printing attachment shown above is the same as the province of Ontario cancelling machine. Note that this attachment was also used for other purposes. Has anyone got a different indicia?
















Bulk mail indicia but showing both the fractional rate as well as the date omitted.





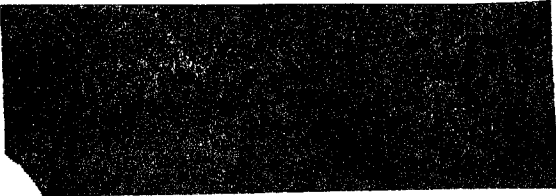








CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
5.1	 	Basic type, townmark double circle 24/17, province in full, date MDY, setting 27.
5.1.1	 	Townmark with broken inner circle
5.1.2	 	RETURN POSTAGE / PREPAID as townmark
5.1.3	 	Province abbreviated
5.1.4	 	Date blank
5.1.5	 	Error: 1 CENTS
5.1.6	 	Value is 4.5 mm high

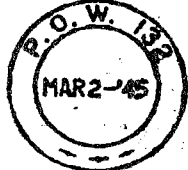




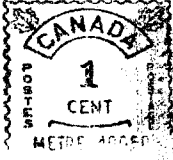


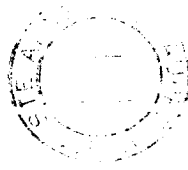

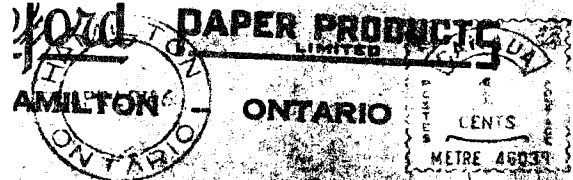



CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
5.1.7	 	Large and small letters in townmark
5.1.8		No townmark
5.1.9	 	Datemark: day omitted
5.1.10	 	Date: - - Y
5.1.11	 	Recut serial number
5.1.12	 	Inverted RETURN POSTAGE / PREPAID
5.1.13	 	Specimen meter

CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
6.1	 	Basic type, townmark double circle 24/17, province in full, date MDY, setting 26, indicia 22 x 22, CENTS under value
6.1.1	 	RETURN POSTAGE / PREPAID as townmark
6.1.2		Townmark with broken inner circle
6.1.3	 	Date blank
6.1.4	 	Widely spaced serial number
6.1.5	 	Error: 4 CENT
6.1.6	 	Value is 4.5 mm high

CMMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
6.1.7	 	Townmark: F.O.W. (no) / - - -
6.1.8	 	No townmark
6.1.9	 	Datemark: year only
6.1.10	 	Date: M - Y
6.1.11	 	Large and small letters in townmark
6.1.12	 	Error: 1 CENTS
6.1.13	 	SPECIMEN meter



Model H3 meter with 46000 serial block

Beaver Carbon
Made in Canada
Used around the world



Model HS meter with 48000 serial block



Model HS meter with 48000 serial block



Small Type 6 indicia as used on a salesman's calling card

Meters & Machines Co., Ltd.
West

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A scarce advertisement of the Imperial Conference of 1932 for which a set of postage stamps was printed to commemorate the event.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 1932

James Walker



ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

ALTA BERWYN
KANANASKIS
VILLAGE
MORRIN

BC DEASE LAKE
GABRIOLA

NFLD PORT SAUNDERS

NWT FORT LAIRD

ONT AMELIASBURG
BATTERSEA
BELMONT
BERWICK
BRUNNER
DUNTRON
EVERETT
FLORENCE

P FORT MCNICOLL
HOLLAND CENTRE
JACKSONS POINT
KEMBLE
LONDESBOROUGH

ONT MERLIN
MILFORD BAY
MURILLO
NEPEAN
OMEMEE
OXFORD MILLS
PALGRAVE
PERKINSFIELD
ST BERNARDIN #
ST CHARLES
ST.EUGENE
SEELEY'S BAY
SELKIRK
SHAKESPEARE
SHARON
SHANNONVILLE
VARNA
VICTORIA
HARBOUR

PQ ANJOU
FORT GEORGE
ST-ELIE-D'ORFORD
STE.GENEVIEVE
VAUCLUSE

Correct spelling is listed. Actual spelling on print is ST BERNADINE.

CORRECTION TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

In CMSG Newsletter 21, change Koujjuaq PQ to KUJJUAQ

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Please include the EXACT spelling of town as shown in the town circle, and
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