

# CANADIAN METER STAMP NEWSLETTER

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Meter collecting should be looking up as there are several new products on the market. I have not had an opportunity to research these and hope members will send in any product descriptions they may have. Every company seems to have a new product to meet the new regulations - which are not yet in effect. Should add some items to our collections.

My collection is not very strong on new material and I haven't access to a mail source. This is reflected in the Friden catalog in NL 45. Wilf Whitehouse has sent in a lot of material that was not included in our listing. Looks like it may have to be done over but in the meantime I am listing the missing items. Has anyone anything else to add? I also note I have screwed up my numbering system as the Friden has been used for numbers I reserved for Postalia. Will have to get that straightened out.

I am doing two more meter types for our catalog in this issue - the Pitney Bowes Paragon and the Pitney Bowes Postage-by-Phone electronic meter.

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MSS NL 232 includes world-wide data on postage meter use. Data for Canada is below. Note the steady decline in meters in service. Is this due to electronic mail, postage-paid-in-cash, or what else. Will our hobby disappear?

1990 - 162,832;      1991 - 158,490;      1992 - 155,921;      1993 - 154,356

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I would like to do an inventory of our earliest postage meter use. If you have a Canadian postage meter impression for use in the year 1923 or 1924 please send me a photocopy. The only one I have is a sample:

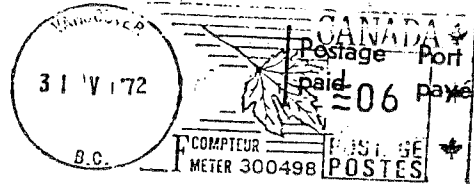
OTTAWA ONT. AUG 27/6:30 PM/ 1923 - METER 0000 SAMPLE

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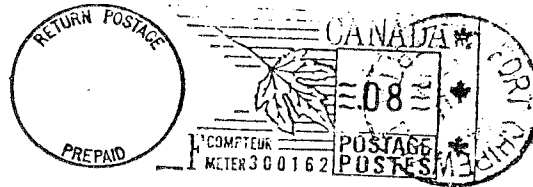
ADDITIONS TO FRIDEN LISTINGS

TYPE 21.1

WESTERN FOREST  
PRODUCTS LAB  
6620 N.W. MARINE DRIVE  
VANCOUVER 8, B.C.

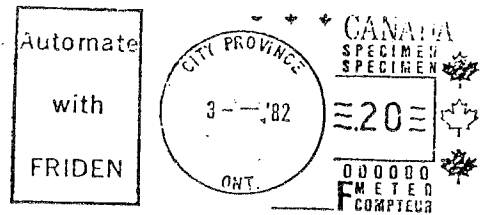


NO DOT IN VALUE  
NO TRIAD AT RIGHT OF VALUE (as 21.1.5)

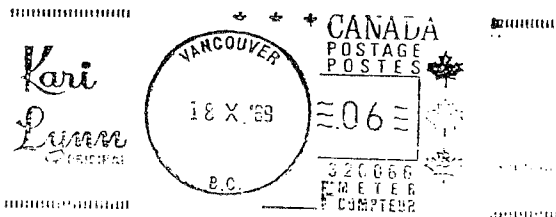


RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID

TYPE 22.1

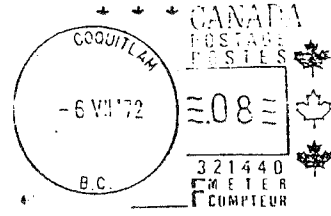
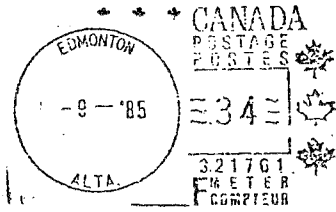


CITY PROVINCE/ONT. SPECIMEN



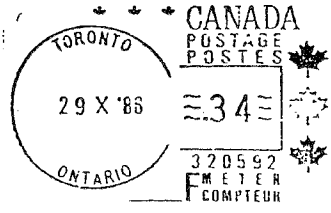
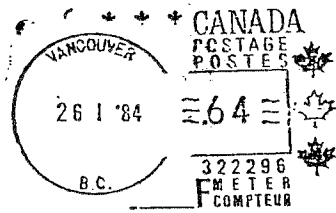
2 FEED MARKS AT LEFT & 3 at RIGHT

TYPE 22.1

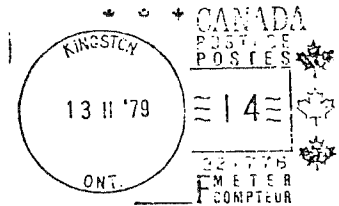
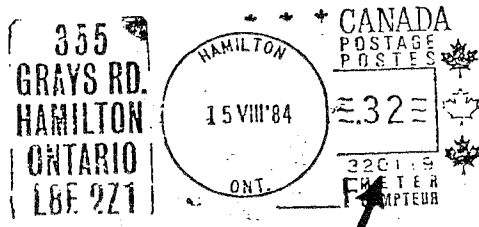


Town name off centre

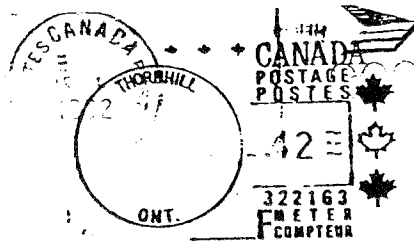
IN DATELINE - DASH FOR MONTH



TOWNMARK CIRCLE BROKEN AT RIGHT - Province abbreviated and Province in full



NEW STYLE SERIAL NUMERALS  
NOTE WIDE "0"



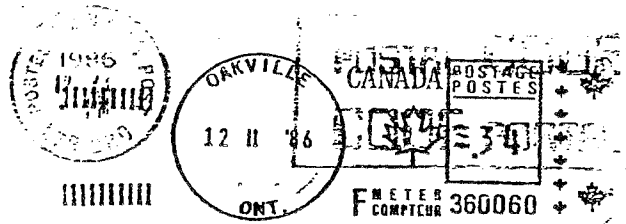
DATEMARK - BLANK

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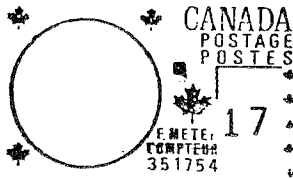


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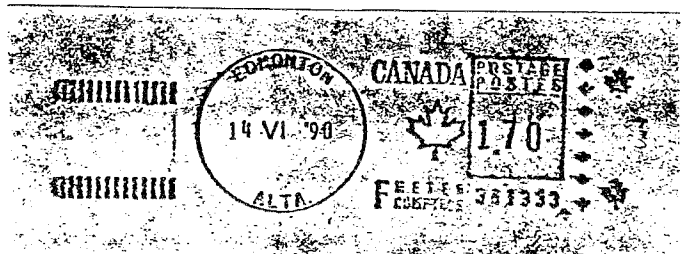
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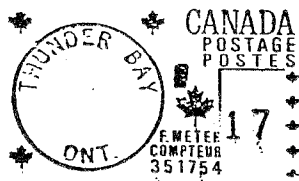
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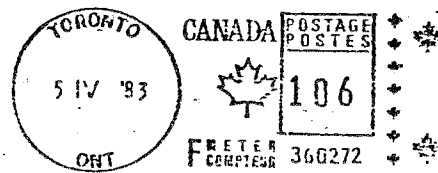
TOWNMARK BLANK



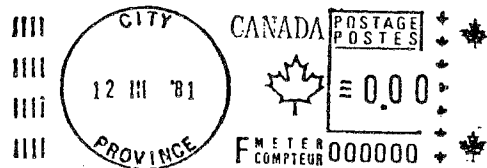
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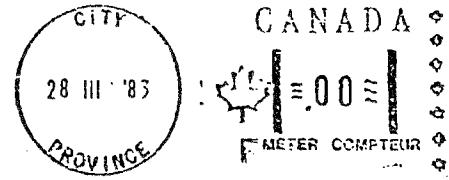
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NO DOT IN VALUE



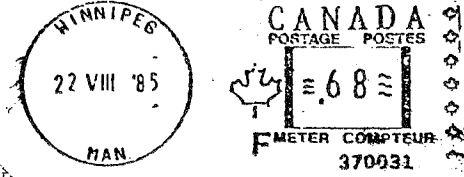
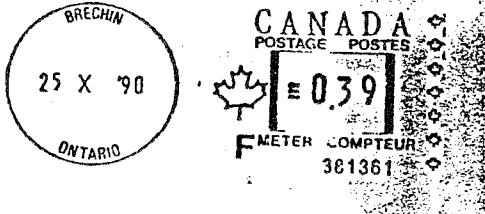
CITY PROVINCE SPECIMEN - altered indicia to 4 digits in value



ONLY 1 MAPLE LEAF TO RIGHT OF INDICIA

CITY PROVINCE SPECIMEN

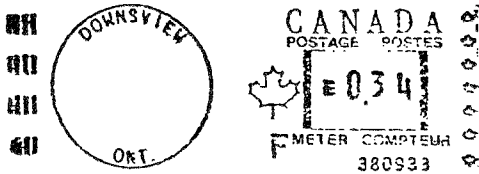
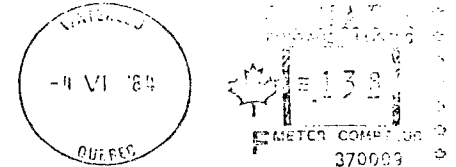
TYPE 25.1



PROVINCE IN FULL

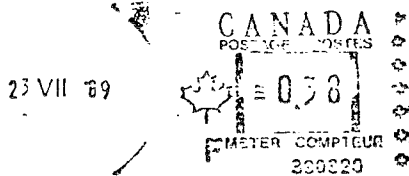
PROVINCE ABBREVIATED WITHOUT PERIOD

BULK EN NOMBRE

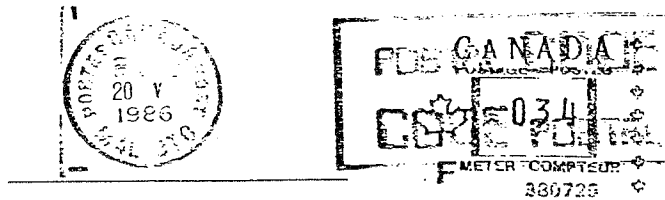


PROVINCE IN FULL

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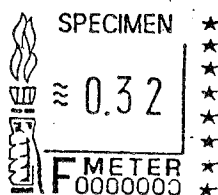


NO TOWNMARK CIRCLE - DATELINE ONLY



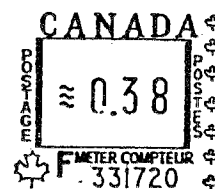
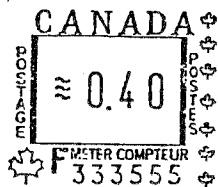
NO TOWNMARK CIRCLE or DATELINE

TYPE 26.1



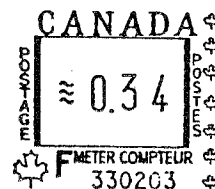
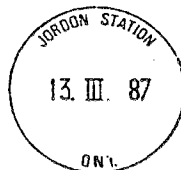
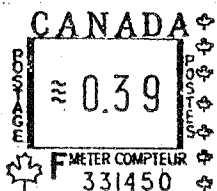
CITY/PROVINCE SPECIMEN (Province in full)

1. V. 91



No TOWNMARK

PROVINCE ABBREVIATED WITHOUT PERIOD

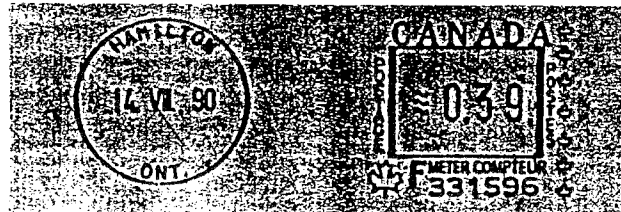
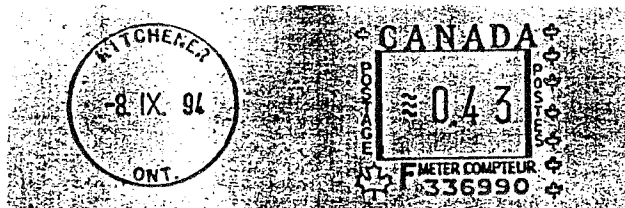


INCORRECT SPELLING

Whitehorse is one word

SMALLER LETTERS IN TOWNMARK

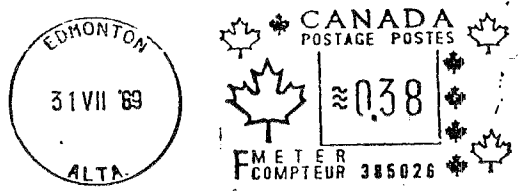
Incorrect spelling of JORDAN



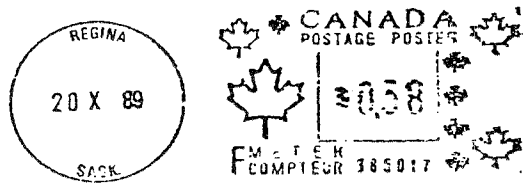
New style numerals in meter serial

Another new style of numeral in meter serial (3 is rounded at top and bottom)

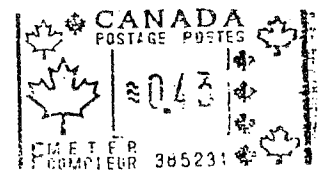
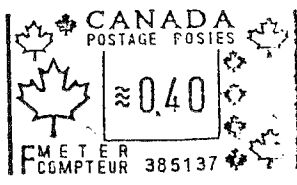
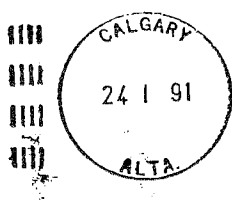
TYPE 27.1



This is the original type meter - without side bars 385000 to 385049  
 Vertical bars at left & right of indicia start with 385050

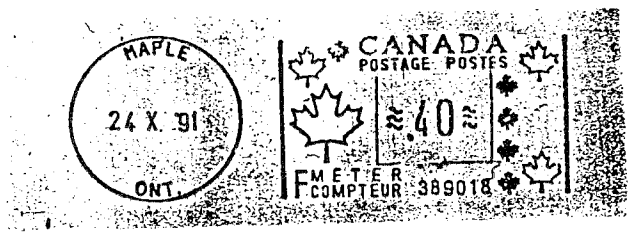


SMALLER LETTERS IN TOWNMARK



GEAR MARKS

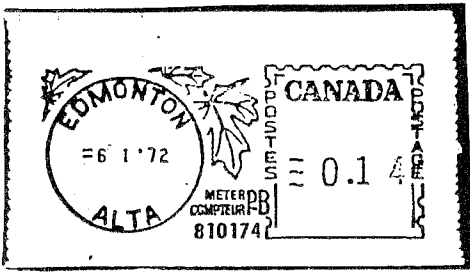
Province abbreviated WITHOUT PERIOD



DECIMAL METER - You may wish to call this 27.2

I think the serial block starts at 389000+, I have 389004 showing a decimal 32 5 but on manila and does photostat well enough to reproduce.

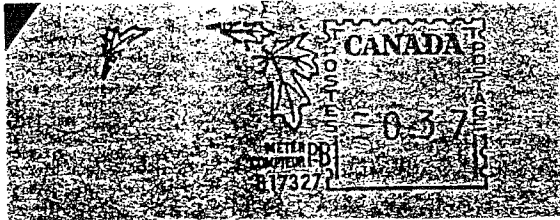
TYPE 28.1



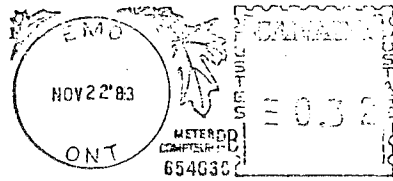
IN DATELINE - Equals sign before the day



Confirmation of equals sign before the day

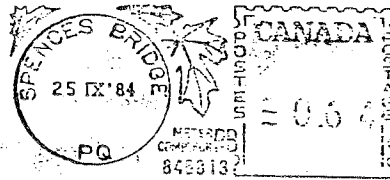


NO TOWNMARK

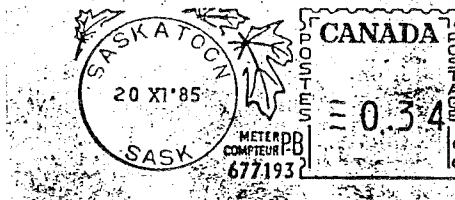
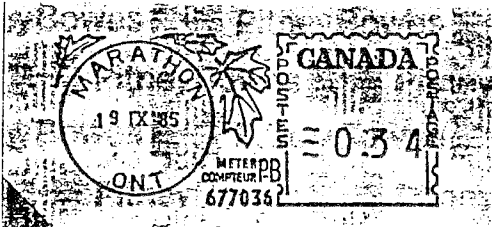


IN DATELINE - Month in letters

COOKS FERRY BAND  
BOX 1000  
SPENCES BRIDGE, B.C.  
VOK 2L0  
PHONE 458-2224

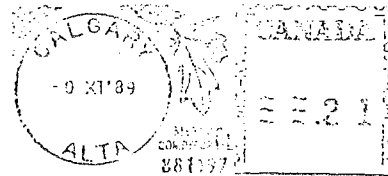


ERROR - PQ in townmark rather than BC



New STYLE NUMERALS IN METER SERIAL

TYPE 28.2

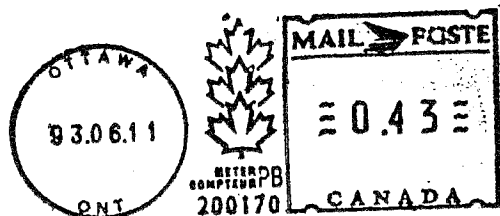


IN DATELINE - "0" for day



## PITNEY BOWES MAIL CENTRE 2000 PARAGON MAIL PROCESSOR

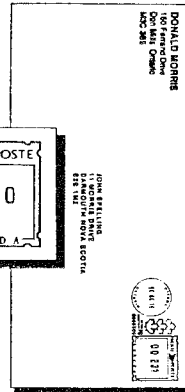
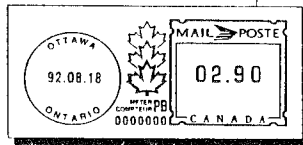
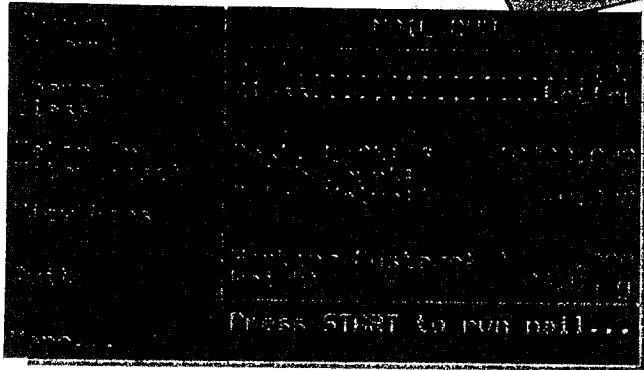
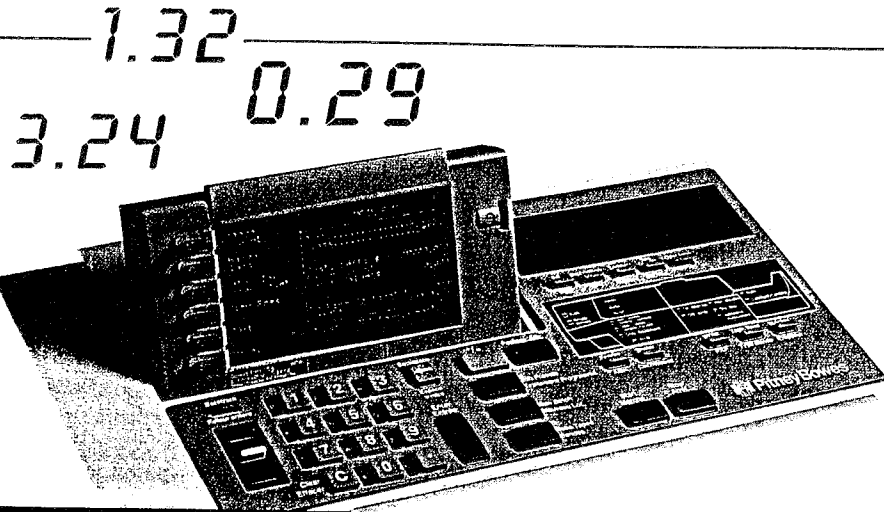
The Pitney Bowes Mail Center 2000 Paragon Mail Processor was introduced to Canada on August 18, 1992. The Paragon is a computer operated electronic mail processor that feeds unsorted mail of all sizes through the system at 240 pieces a minute. It meters each piece of mail based on a "Weigh-on-the-Way" system which selects the appropriate postage and applies it through a non-die printing mechanism. The Paragon also records a track of the mail each department sends for processing so postage can be financially assigned. There is a selection of three different ad plates available through a button selector.



The townmark is a single circle, 22 mm. It uses small capital letters. The province is abbreviated. The datemark uses the European style of dating - Y.M.D in Arabic numerals. The ratemark is rectangular, 25 mm by 27 mm, with MAIL\*POSTE at the top with a line below. CANADA is at the bottom. A single perforation is at each corner. The value is a triad with 00.00 followed by a triad. Three maple leaves are above METER/COMPTEUR PB/ 6 digit serial number. The setting is 12 mm and overall is 62 mm. The serial block begins at 200001. The highest number noted to date is 201445.

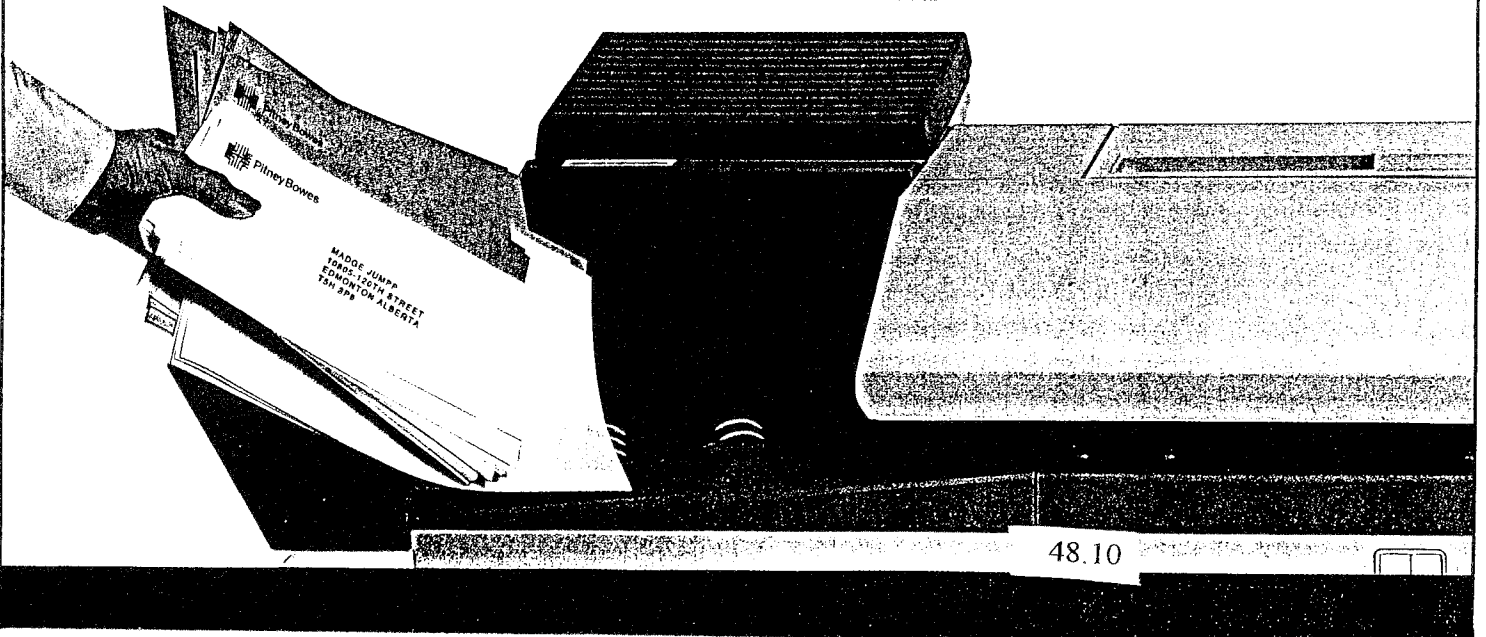
## PITNEY BOWES MODEL A911 POSTAGE METER

The Pitney Bowes Model A911 "Postage-by-Phone" electronic postage meter was launched in September 1992. It was meant for small volume mailers. The capacity is only 30 pieces a minute. The Touchmatic keyboard is colour coded for ease of use. This is a 4-bank meter with tape capability and prints any denomination up to \$9,999 as well as fractions. Slogans can be printed in blue, green or black from a bi-color ink cartridge. The townmark is a single circle, 20 mm. It uses capital letters. The province is abbreviated. The datemark is - DMY with the month in Roman numerals. The ratemark is rectangular, 22 mm by 24 mm, with MAIL\*POSTE at the top with a line below. CANADA is at the bottom. A single perforation is at each corner. The value is a triad with 0.00 followed by a triad. Three maple leaves are above PB METER/COMPTEUR/7 digit serial number. The setting is 10 mm and overall 55 mm but with postmark ad is 120 mm. Serial block begins at 0220001.



The Future  
Of Mail Processing.

- Speeds Up To 240 Per Minute
- Command Centre Control
- Mixed Mail Feeding
- Weigh-On-The-Way™
- Automated Metering
- All-Inclusive Accounting



# Pitney Bowes brings you the future of mail processing.

## Mail Centre 2000™ —

This is it. The end of mail processing as it used to be. The beginning of the future.

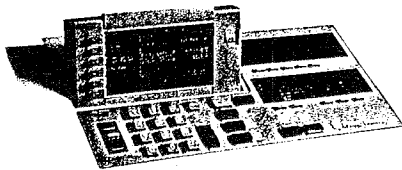
It is Mail Centre 2000™. A whole new generation of mail processing products and systems. Unlike anything you've ever seen before.

The star of the Mail Centre 2000™ family, the leader of the revolution, is the PARAGON™ Mail Processor . . . a do-everything system that will change your mailroom forever.

## PARAGON™, it's mail processing transformed.

PARAGON™ was created to free you from your limitations. It has rewritten all the rules. From feeding to weighing to metering through accounting, you have never experienced such speed, control, accuracy, reliability and flexibility.

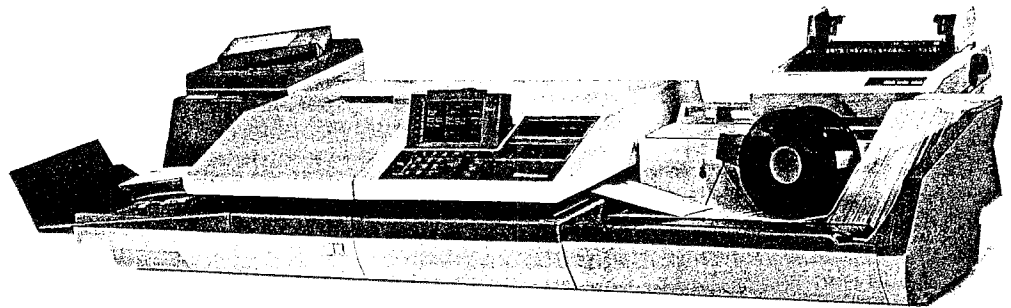
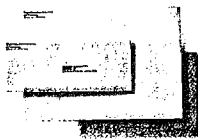
## A revolution in control.



You operate PARAGON™ with fingertip control from the Para-Text™ Command Centre. Every function from weighing and metering through accounting is controlled by you on the easy-to-use, computerized master control panel. And every function is monitored and reported back to you . . . as it happens.

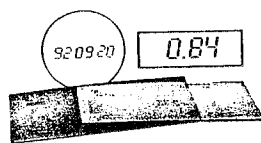
## Sorting by size is a thing of the past.

PARAGON™ frees you forever. Because now you feed the mail as it comes. Large pieces with small. Light with heavy. Open flap with closed. Sealed and unsealed envelopes in the same batch. Feed sizes as small as 5" or as large as 15" long and 3/4" thick. And every piece comes out sealed, posted and ready to go, saving an average of 12.5 hours per work week!



## W-O-W™ — Weigh-On-The-Way™.

This high-tech revolutionary system weighs every piece as it speeds through, automatically calculating the correct postage and setting the meter as it goes. PARAGON™

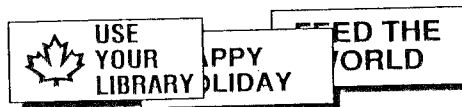


reaches speeds of 240 pieces per minute for uniform mail. And it automatically slows when the W-O-W™ feature determines it's necessary due to size or weight — unbeatable throughput for all types of mail.

And PARAGON™ handles more than just letters and flats. Its integrated electronic platform scale weighs your parcels and provides meter tapes too!

## Metering reinvented.

PARAGON™ gives you choice and control you never had before. You can select from 3 different stored meter ads with the touch of a button. And PARAGON™ not only knows and prints the correct date, but the Present Impression™ meter can be programmed to refill itself at the touch of a button.



## Productive stacking.

PARAGON™ gives you the productivity you need. The input feeder accepts a full 7" stack. And your mail will exit into the 600-piece power stacker.

## The genius of it all . . . and, your bottom line.

Account	Balance	Debit	Credit	Balance
10000000	10000000			10000000
10000001	10000000			10000000
10000002	10000000			10000000
10000003	10000000			10000000
10000004	10000000			10000000
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10000006	10000000			10000000
10000007	10000000			10000000
10000008	10000000			10000000
10000009	10000000			10000000
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10000050	10000000			10000000

PARAGON™ knows all and sees all. Its Data Trail™ Accounting System tracks, stores and reports every piece of mail. It gives you formal reports on weight, size, quantity and destination. It lets you charge-back by account or department which shows where it really counts . . . on the bottom line.

## Redefining customer service.

The revolutionary PARAGON™ is backed by revolutionary customer service.

- Free comprehensive operator training.
- Diagnostic hot line for instant over-the-phone repair assistance.
- National computerized dispatch network assures the fastest local service response.
- Scheduled preventative maintenance for maximum uptime.

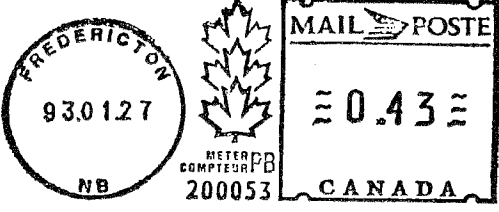
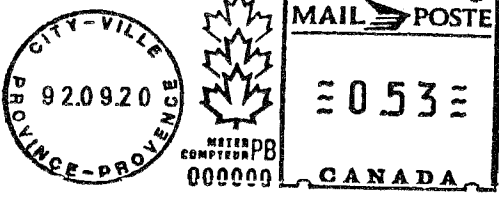
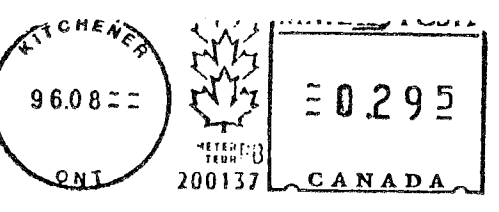
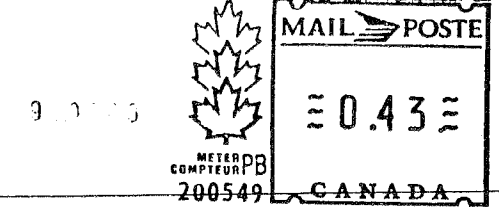
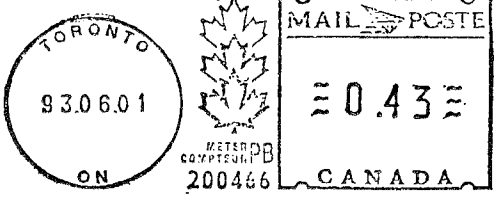
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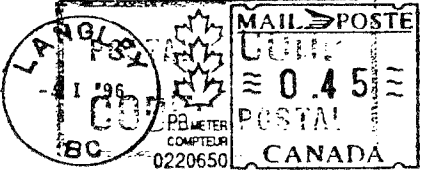
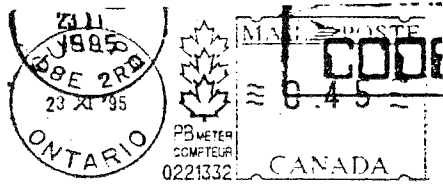
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# CMMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
30.1	 <p>FREDERICTON 93.0127 NB METER COMPTEUR 200053 MAIL POSTE 0.43 CANADA</p>	BASIC TYPE
30.1.1	 <p>CITY-VILLE 92.0920 PROVINCE-PROVENCE METER COMPTEUR 000000 MAIL POSTE 0.53 CANADA</p>	CITY-VILLE-PROVINCE-PROVENCE SPECIMEN
30.1.2	 <p>KITCHENER 96.08 ONT METER COMPTEUR 200137 MAIL POSTE 0.295 CANADA</p>	DM - Y.M.==
30.1.3	 <p>91.0105 METER COMPTEUR 200549 MAIL POSTE 0.43 CANADA</p>	TM - Omitted, DM only
30.1.4	 <p>TORONTO 93.06.01 ON METER COMPTEUR 200466 MAIL POSTE 0.43 CANADA</p>	VALUE - tall figures of value

# CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
30.1.5		RATE:- decimal rate
31.1		BASIC TYPE
31.1.1		PROVINCE IN FULL

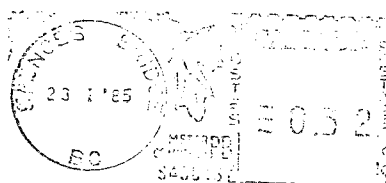
Wilf Whitehouse provided a few notes on the foregoing. The 22.1 with the broken circle he states is not due to envelope contents. My argument is the die is in three pieces and there has to be some slippage for some reason. The "eyes" have it of course.

The series of 23.1 are from Dave Coopers meter of some years ago. Dave are these favour cancels?

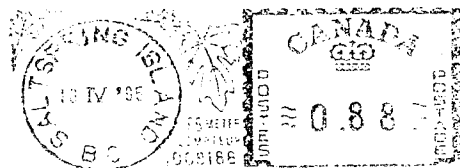
I am sure 28.1, upper right, wont print. It is BELLA COOLA, BC, meter 800173 showing the "—" sign before the day. Value is 0.08. Below, with no townmark is 817327.

The SPENCES BRIDGE PQ was in use for 3 months before being changed to SPENCES BRIDGE BC. The BC example is shown below, if it prints.

COOKS FERRY BAND  
BOX 1000  
SPENCES BRIDGE, B.C.  
V8K 2E0  
PHONE 456-2224



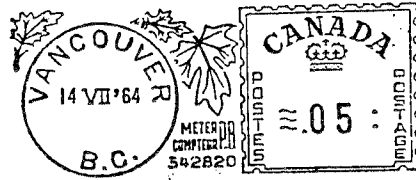
The BOWEN ISLAND BC post office mentioned on page 47-4 was replaced by SALT SPRING ISLAND, BC. This meter is shown below. No. 1008188.



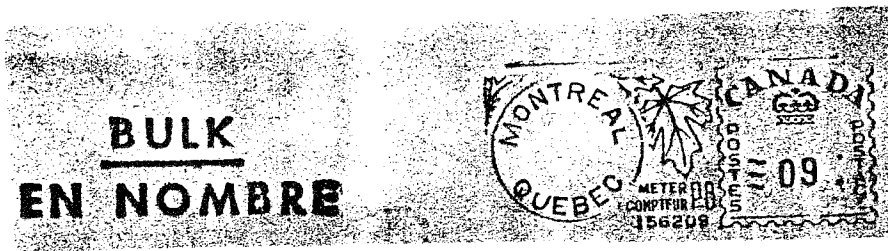
#### NEWSLETTER - INVENTORY OF ISSUES

NL	DATE	NL	DATE	NL	DATE
1	JUN 81	19	SPR 88	38	SUM 93
2	SEP 81	20	SUM 88	39	FAL 93
3	DEC 81	21	FAL 88	40	SPR 94
4	APR 82	22	SPR 89	41	SUM 94
5	AUG 82	23	SUM 89	42	WIN 94
6	NOV 82	24	FAL 89	43	SPR 95
7	MAR 83	25	WIN 89	44	SUM 95
8	JUN 83	26	SPR 90	45	SPR 96
9	OCT 83	27	SUM 90	46	SUM 96
10	DEC 83	28	FAL 90	47	FAL 96
11	MAR 84	29	WIN 90	48	WIN 96
12	JUN 84	30	SPR 91		
13	SEP 84	31	SUM 91		
14	DEC 84	32	FAL 91		
15	APR 85	33	WIN 91		
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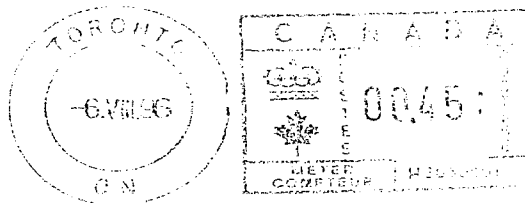
**LEADING  
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Unlisted Type 18.1 with no dots after the value



Unlisted Type 18.2 with datemark blank

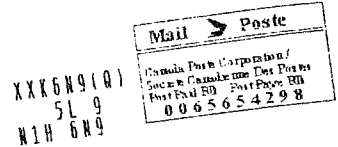


A really poor copy of the new H2050601 serial, no other changes in indicia

Allan Steinhart died last month. He always had metered covers for sale, at a price. He showed me a Type 5 dated APR 30, 1930, with VOID. He had a set of values of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c. The price was \$\$\$\$ , I couldn't afford them. It is nice to know they exist anyway.

Very small bulk adhesive label with a sorting code at left.  
 the metropolitan toronto and region conservation authority  
 5 shoreham drive, downsview, ontario. m3n 1s4

Guelph Historical Society  
 Box 1502  
 Guelph, Ontario  
 N1H 6N9



The new style of sorting code applied to most covers.  
 N1H 8E9



END OF BUNDLE rubber stamp applied to my Canadian Philatelist magazine. I suppose it is some form of sorting code. It is on most issues I get.

CODE POSTAL \_\_\_\_\_ PAYS \_\_\_\_\_

I-8589

Exp.: 27/12/96

Ross W. Irwin  
 24 Marilyn Dr.  
 Apt. 903  
 Guelph, ON

CANADA N1H 8E9  
 END OF BUNDLE

Another very interesting adhesive label. There's lots of collectible material to be found.

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 Canada Post Corporation / Société canadienne des postes

<b>Return to Sender</b> Insufficient postage for:	<b>Retour à l'expéditeur</b> Affranchissement insuffisant pour:
Weight	<input type="checkbox"/> Le poids
Dimensions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Les dimensions
Destination	<input type="checkbox"/> La destination

+ 30

<b>Sender</b> Remove label, add missing postage and re-mail. For further information please contact your local Post Office.	<b>Expéditeur</b> Enlevez l'étiquette, ajoutez l'affranchissement manquant et expédiez de nouveau. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec votre bureau de poste local.
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