

CANADIAN METER STAMP NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S NOTES

For the record: Canada Post once more saw an opportunity to introduce new postage rates. The "InfoFlash" to all postal outlets included 10 reasons to give customers should they complain. For example:- Current Lettermail Rates are 41 months old". What has time got to do with it. The reasons are outrageous. For the record postage rates effective January 1, 1999, are 46¢ to 30 g and 73¢ to 50 g. Oversize mail is 92¢. Mail to the USA is 55¢ for 30 g and 80¢ to 50 g. Note the spread is now 7¢. Why?

What's on the horizon?

The mechanical postage meter is about to go the way of the crank-up telephone. The U.S. Postal Service will stop refilling mechanical postage meters March 31, 1999. High-speed mechanical meters were phased out at the end of 1998. Electronic meters, according to the postal service's Web site, "are far more secure, therefore protecting our postage revenues." All postal service meters must be rented. For security reasons, the postal service doesn't allow customers to buy its meters. The good news is that electronic meters are easy to use and refill. And, starting later this year, you won't even need a postage meter. The postal service has authorized a number of companies to let businesses print their own postage using a standard personal computer and printer. Pitney Bowes, which has been in the postage meter business since 1920, offers a full range of electronic postage meters including the Personal Post Office, designed for small businesses and home offices. The electronic meter, can be refilled automatically by phone. You don't have to hook it up to a PC for a refill--the device has its own internal modem that it uses to add postage to the meter. The Stamford, Conn.-based company offers a free 90-day trial period. If you return it within 90 days, you pay only for postage.

Neopost offers a meter that you take to the post office to refill. Or you can rent a meter from a company that you can reset by phone. Unlike the more automated Pitney Bowes meter, it requires you to make a voice call to get a code that you enter into the meter.

If you're willing to be on the leading edge of technology, you soon can forgo leasing a postage meter and use your PC to print postage. The postal service has authorized several companies to offer systems that let you download postage and print it using standard computer printers. Pitney Bowes is one of those companies. The company is now testing its ClickStamp program that will allow users to purchase postage over the Internet and print envelopes and labels with a digital signature called an Information Based Indicia, or IBI. The IBI can be printed directly on the envelope in the same pass as the recipient's address. Pitney Bowes may be the dominant player in the postage meter business, but it will have plenty of competition when the post office rolls out PC postage later this year. E-Stamp Corp. a Palo Alto-based company, plans to specialize in providing postage directly to PCS via the Web and via desktop software that works by itself or within Microsoft Word and other applications. E-Stamp's

Internet Postage service is expected to be available nationwide by the middle of the year.

If you use Word now, you may already know about the envelopes and labels command on the tools menu. With it, you can easily print both the address and return address on a business envelope. E-Stamp's desktop software will add a postage icon to the Word tool bar that will let you print postage at the same time. Before you can print postage, however, you must first go to E-Stamp's Web site to pay for it and download it. Santa Monica-based Stamps.com is now testing a software-only system (no extra hardware required) that the company hopes to launch by the end of June. Stamps.com (<http://www.stamps.com>) will allow users to download free Windows software and within 24 hours of registering, users will be able to purchase postage electronically. The postage you buy is stored on Stamps.com's server. When you're ready to mail, you must use the software to connect to the Internet before you can print envelopes or labels. Pricing hasn't been finalized but "will probably cost about 10% of your postage purchase".

Neopost also plans to offer three types of electronic PC-based postage systems. Its Simply Postage product, is available now, lets you purchase postage from the company's Web site. Once the postage is downloaded to your PC, you plug a small electronic postage meter into the serial port to transfer the postage from the PC to the meter. Neopost's PC Stamp product, which is being tested, is a small hardware "secured metering device" that attaches to your PC and stores the postage that you buy over the Internet. Like E-Stamp and Pitney Bowes products, it allows you to print postage directly from your printer. The third product, PostagePlus is an Internet-only postage printing solution similar to Stamps.com's offering. The other option, of course, is to forget about postage and send everything by e-mail.

Nixdorf Labels

Remember the many times a few years ago when you had to plead to get an RPO clerk to run off a label for your collection. How times change so quickly. I tried to buy an \$8.00 postage stamp in this city, to no avail. I then wanted some other high value. RPO clerks are instructed to issue Nixdorf labels for all high value transactions. Nixdorf transactions are traceable as you know. I finally used my charm and managed to get stamps applied. At least I left the parcel with her. She said she would do so. My RPO gets new accounting facilities this week (April 12). Canada Post has restructured the commission it pays to postal franchises. Commission on stamps dropped December 1, 1998, from 17.5% to 5% for the 3,500 franchise outlets that sell postal services out of privately owned outlets in pharmacies, corner stores or malls. To make up some of the loss Canada Post is increasing commissions on postal boxes and other items. However, stamps made up 70% of the revenue. Urban outlets sold stamps at a discount to so-called stamp shops that just sell stamps but don't offer other postal services. Rural franchises have not lost their discount. Postal franchises were never meant to be money makers for stores but rather a vehicle to attract customers to their existing business.

Exotic Locations

I thought it appropriate to list a few websites that deal with postage meters. Please add to this list if you have discovered something of value.

Pitney Bowes	www.pitneybowes.com
Ascom Hasler	www.postagemeter.com
Neopost	www.neopost.ca
Francotyp-Postalia	www.fp-usa.com
Buy Smart	www.buysmart.com/pm/pmtips.html
Canada Post	www.canadapost.com
eStamp	www.estamp.com
MSS	http://icgroup.net/~skaplan/mss

GOVERNMENT POSTAGE METERS USED FOR FRANKING PRIVILEGE

Pitney Bowes introduced their Model R series of postage meters about 1940 and the government of Canada acquired a number for departmental use. Some meters were equipped with an ad plate having the signature of the person, usually the Deputy Minister, who was authorized to send mail at zero cost under a legislated franking privilege. The meter rate was set at "00" as no postage was payable on such mail. The meters were actually used as a counting head. The use of postage meters for this purpose ceased effective 31 Dec 1963.

Other forms of franked mail were used but in 1968 a Task Force presented their report "A Blueprint for Change". As a result they recommended a review of mailing arrangements for departments and a need for change to assure adequate compensation for the Post Office Department. The Post Office Act was amended to eliminate the franking mail privilege enjoyed by departments since Confederation. It continued for Members of Parliament and Senators. This came into effect April 1, 1972. All Federal Departments were to use postage stamps, postage meters and other normal methods of payment.

The signatures in the ad plate are frequently difficult to read; however, a list is given below for those of which I am aware. Please add to this list.

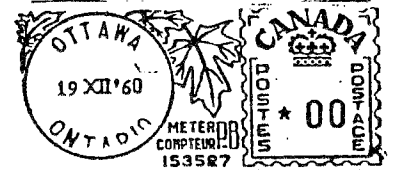
METER	DATE	SIGNATURE	OTHER POSTAL MARKS	DEPARTMENT
144215	4 XII '63	S.C. Barry	Resources for Tomorrow Conference	Agriculture
145425	2 XII '55	J.G. Taggart	Nil	Agriculture
145922	29 II '60	S.C. Barry	Nil	Agriculture
145922	29 I '57	J.G. Taggart	Nil	Agriculture
143543	FEB 17 '51	M.W. Mackenzie	Nil	Can. Int. Trade Fair
143345	29 XI '57	W.J. Turnbull	Nil (new signature)	Canada Post Office
143345	17 IV '58	G.A. Boyle	Nil	Canada Post Office
143345	27 III '62	W.A. Williams	Nil	Canada Post Office
143666	JUN 11 '48	W.J. Turnbull	Nil	Canada Post Office
143666	22 VIII '62	W.A. Williams	Nil	Canada Post Office
147765	11 VII '63	W.A. Williams	Deputy Postmaster General / French	Canada Post Office
152407	13 VIII '59	G.A. Boyle	Nil	Canadian Commercial Corporation
143482	MAY 2 '51	M.W. Mackenzie	Nil	Canadian Commercial corporation
143543	NOV 11 '50	M.W. Mackenzie	Nil	Citizenship & Immigration
143459	FEB 11 '52	Laval Fortier	Nil	Civil Service Commission
140192	9 I '59	A.D. Drury??	Nil	Civil Service Commission
143682	JAN 27 '50	C. Bland	Nil (Charles St. Bland)	Civil Service Commission
143682	JAN 18 '50	C. Bland	Charles H. Bland	Civil Service Commission
144749	25 VI '51	C. Bland	Nil	DBS
143543	nov 22 '50	M.W. Mackenzie	Nil	DBS
148411	3 VIII '58	???????		DBS
153527	19 XII '60	James A. Roberts	Nil (DM Trade & Commerce)	DBS (Dominion Statistician)
144772	28 III '51	W.E. Duffett	Nil	Defence Production
146103	24 XI '54	D.A. Golden		Defence Production
146103	4 XI '55	D.A. Golden	Nil	Defence Production
146103	24 VI '54	J. Brophy	Nil	Dominion Observatory
146127	10 I '61	Marc Boyle	Nil	External Affairs
143090	FEB 1 '50	A.D. Drury	Nil	External Affairs
1180	APR 2 '47	L.B. Pearson	Nil	External Affairs (passport)
140075	OCT 28 '50	A.D. Drury	Nil	

140889	20 X '53	K.W. Taylor	Nil (Kenneth W. Taylor)	Finance
140889	17 XII '52	W.C. Clark	Nil	Finance
140102	AUG 10 '48	R in a circle	Nil	Finance, Chief Treasury Officer
145503	12 IV '57	G.R. Clark	Nil (George)	Fisheries
145503	13 IV '54	Stewart Bates	Nil	Fisheries
145327	25 X '51	Edmond Cloutier	KING'S PRINTER / French, between 2 lines	King's Printer
143447	MAR 27 '52	A. MacNamara	Deputy Minister of Labour	Labour
143447	DEC 15 '49	A. Macnamara	Deputy Minister of Labour	Labour
143447	JUL 11 '50	A. MacNamara	Deputy Minister of Labour	Labour
144815	4 ix '53	A. H. Brown	Nil	Labour
144815	26 III '52	A. MacNamara	Deputy Minister of Labour	Labour
143450	FEB 4 '50	H.L. Keenleyside	Nil	Mines & Resources
143450	NOV 28 '49	H.L. Keenleyside	Nil	Mines & Resources
143459	APR 14 '49	H.L. Keenleyside	Nil	Mines & Resources
144764	23 VI '50	Marc Boyer	Nil	Mines & Tech. Surveys
144764	12 IV '52	Marc Boyer	Nil	Mines & Tech. Surveys
152949	9 II '60	K. Taylor	7 in circle	Mint, Royal Canadian
154718	18 ix '63	R.B. Bryce	OFFICIAL POSTAL FRANK / French	Mint, Royal Canadian
140039	22 XII '60	G.D.W. Cameron	Joseph D. Willard	Nat. Health & Welfare
140585	DEC 9 '53	G.D.W. Cameron	George F. Davidson (DM - Nat. Welfare)	Nat. Health & Welfare
140585	JUL 8 '53	George F. Davidson	G.D.W. Cameron	Nat. Health & Welfare
140585	OCT 27 '48	G.D.W. Cameron	George F. Davidson	Nat. Health & Welfare
140585	JUN 7 '47	George F. Davidson	G.D.W. Cameron (DM - Nat. Health)	Nat. Health & Welfare
140187	NOV 9 '53	C.J. Mackenzie	PRESIDENT	Nat. Research Council
140187	AUG 17 '51	C.J. Mackenzie	PRESIDENT	Nat. Research Council
148418	18 x '53	E.W. Steacie	PRESIDENT	Nat. Research Council
151133	2 X '61	E.W. Steacie	PRESIDENT	Nat. Research Council
154407	17 I '63	B.G. Ballard	Acting President	Nat. Research Council
154407	25 I '62	E.W. Steacie	PRESIDENT (E.W.R. Steacie)	Nat. Research Council
140355	MAR 3 '45	e. Mitchell????	NAVAL SERVICE	National Defence
144807	27 IV '59	F.R. Miller	Nil	National Defence
144807	11 i '61	E.B. Armstrong	Nil	National Defence
146125	20 X '54	W.M. Pastmooney?	Nil	National Defence
146929	27 IV '60	F.R. Miller	Nil	National Defence
154056	4 XII '62	E.B. Armstrong	Nil	National Defence
140291	NOV 13 '47	W. (Gordon) Mills	Nil	National Defence - NAVAL
140126	JAN 18 '44	H.F. Gordon	AIR SERVICE (1944-47)	National Defence - RCAF
140126	FEB 16 '42	S.L. DeCarteret	AIR SERVICE	National Defence - RCAF
146908	13 XI '59	Guy Roberge	Nil	National Film Board
146123	10 IX '53	Laval Fortier	Nil	National Gallery of Canada
143450	MAR 21 '57	R.G. Robertson	Nil	National Museum of Canada
146104	27 XI '52	D. Sim	Nil (David Sim)	National Revenue
153032	21 III '62	J.G. McEntyre	Box, Deputy Minister (Taxation)	National Revenue
143450	18 I '62	R.G. Robertson	Resources for Tomorrow / Conference	Northern Affairs & Nat. Res.
143450	MAR 7 '57	R.G. Robertson	Nil	Northern Affairs & Nat. Res.
143450	OCT 19 '55	R.G. Robertson	Nil	Northern Affairs & Nat. Res.
144698	25 IV '50	E.P. Murphy	Nil	Public Works
144858	20 V '58	H.A. Young	Nil	Public Works
145327	26 II '54	Edmond Cloutier	QUEEN'S PRINTER / PRINTED MATTER / French	Queen's Printer
145327	23 VI '52	Edmond Cloutier	QUEEN'S PRINTER / French; between 2 lines	Queen's Printer
147769	24 IV '61	Roger Duhamel	QUEEN'S PRINTER / French	Queen's Printer

147769	18 II '60	No name	The Queen's Printer / French (in script)	Queen's Printer
146132	26 II '58		COMMISSIONER - R.C.M.P.	R.C.M.P.
146132	13 I '60	C.W. Harvison	COMMISSIONER / R.C.M. POLICE	R.C.M.P.
145158	21 VI '54	C. Stein	Under Secretary of State (Charles)	Secretary of State
143543	MAY 25 '51	W.E. Duffett	Nil	Trade & Commerce
146133	14 II '52	W.E. Duffett	Nil	Trade & Commerce
145807	10 IV '61	C. Stein	Nil	Trade Marks Office
143398	MAY 18 '54	C.W. Rump	Nil	Transport
143398	JAN 23 '57	J.R. Baldwin	Nil	Transport
143398	NOV 11 '49	J.C. Lessard	Nil	Transport
147765	16 IX '60	J.R. Baldwin	Nil	Transport
148904	31 VIII '60	Laval Fortier	Unemployment Insurance Commission / French	Unemployment Insurance Comm.
143388	JUN 21 '50	J.G. Bisson	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION	Unemployment Insurance Commission
143388	MAR 26 '49	J.G. Bisson	Nil	Unemployment Insurance Commission
143388	MAY 31 '48	J.G. Bisson	Nil	Unemployment Insurance Commission
143687	i XII '51	J.G. Bisson	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION	Unemployment Insurance Commission
148904	27 VIII '57	J.G. Bisson	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION	Unemployment Insurance Commission
140075	MAY 28 '47	W. S. Woods	Nil (Walter S. Woods)	Veterans Affairs
143101	aug 30 '50	E. L. M. Burns	Nil	Veterans Affairs
152419	11 II '64	Paul Pillet??	Nil	Veterans Affairs
152419	7 III '61	Lucius Lalonde	Nil	Veterans Affairs
140284	MAY 10 '43	James Grierson	Nil	War-time Information Board
140284	OCT 8 '43	James Grierson	Nil	
140284	AUG 14 '42		Mr Daniel???	

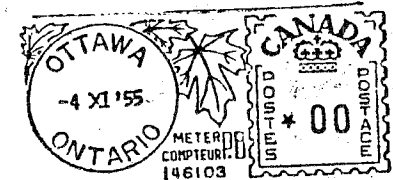


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J. S. Roberts

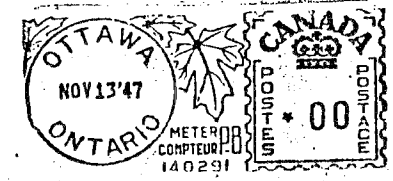


O. H. M. S.

D. J. [unclear]



A. Mills



Stewart [unclear]

O.H.M.S.
B. G. Baccard
Acting President



OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT MAIL

Postage stamps were used for department mail not subject to the franking privilege. This applied to nearly all offices outside of Ottawa, and to some mail arising in Ottawa. Some departments used specially printed envelopes however these will not be discussed here. This section will deal with the use of modified postage meters for franking department official mail.

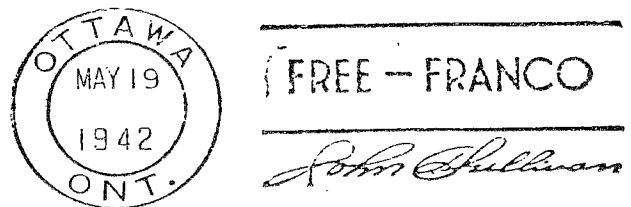
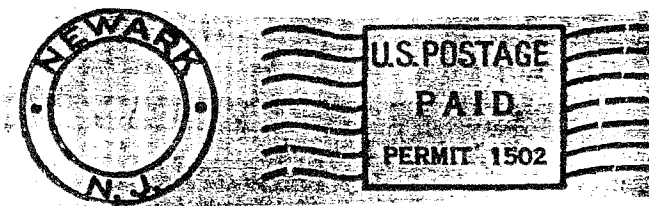
On December 17, 1937, a design was submitted for use on franked mail. The inspiration for the design, and the rationale for it, was similar to that which had recently been adopted in the United States. The imprint was made by a non-metered printing head.

The design (Irwin, Type 50.2) selected consists of a townmark bearing the only city where franking was permitted, OTTAWA ONTARIO, and the date of mailing. To the right of the townmark was a design which usually included the words FREE and FRANCO, the government department or source of the mail and the authorizing signature. The designs tended to vary with departments but followed the original design in substance. The imprint was made using a Pitney-Bowes auxiliary printing attachment on their Models A, B and F mailing machines. The device was strictly for printing and counting the mail matter. The mailing machines sealed the envelopes. This form of printing head was used until 1951.

The first indicia in my collection is dated April 1, 1938, and was used by Canada Post Office to mail notices to collectors. The overall length is 80 mm. The townmark is a double circle, 27/18 mm, and reads OTTAWA ONT., a few with ONTARIO. The date mark is made in two lines from loose type, usually MD/Y, with occasionally the time.

The endorsement signature of John Sullivan is to the right. Above, Canada Post Office used OFFICIAL = FREE between two wavy lines above the endorsement. Setting is 5 mm. Shortly after it was pointed out the Post Office had broken their own language guidelines and the frank was changed to FREE - FRANCO between two horizontal lines. The Department of Transport continued to use the original OFFICIAL = FREE pattern until after 1948, but in small letters. The endorsement was changed when W.J. Turnbull replaced Sullivan as Deputy Minister of the Post Office Department about 1946.

Other departments used the same townmark, however the frank varied. The King's Printer, Commissioner of Customs, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Department of Pensions and National Health, Department of Transport, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Civil Service Commission used this type of frank. The frank conformed to the general pattern of authorizing signature, title of official and the name of the department. The latest date I have found is May 1951.





H. W. Kelly
Commissioner of Customs, Commissioner of Excise.

W. G. ...
Deputy Postmaster General
Le Sous-ministre des Postes



[Signature]
DEPUTY MINISTER NATIONAL REVENUE
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

[Signature]
Deputy Postmaster General
Le Sous-ministre des Postes



J. Patenaude
KING'S PRINTER
IMPRIMEUR DU ROI



CANADA
POSTAGE PAID
POST PAÏE
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
MINISTRE DES POSTES



[Signature]
DEPUTY MINISTER
DEPARTMENT OF
PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

O.H.M.S.
S.S.M.



OFFICIAL FREE
V. J. Smart

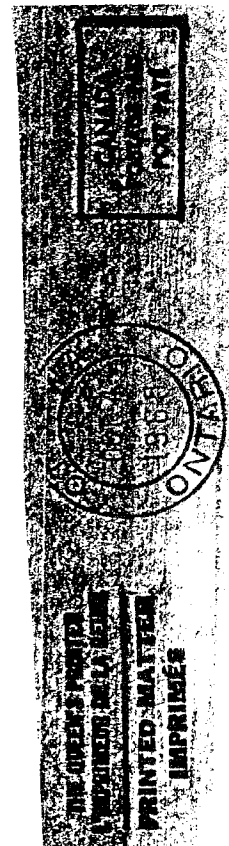


[Signature]
DEPUTY MINISTER
DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

O. H. M. S.
S. S. M.
[Signature]



[Signature]
COMMISSIONER
R. C. M. POLICE



The RCMP used a different printing head (Irwin, Type 50.5) comprising a Pitney-Bowes Model H townmark, double circle, 25/17 mm, with OTTAWA ONTARIO. The datemark is one line, MDY. The endorsement signature, office and department is to the right. Ink is red. The use of a Pitney-Bowes Model H printing head is rare.

In 1947 the Bureau of Statistics was using one Pitney-Bowes Model A, 5 Model F, and one Model H, printing heads for franking only. By 1952 Federal departments at Ottawa were using 17 postage meters set at free (.00), 7 postage meters for regular use, 3 postage meters for combined use, and 12 mailing machines with a printing head.

About 1952, when the pattern was adopted for the House of Commons frank, the printing head indicia was also changed (Irwin, Type 50.3) for government departments. The townmark and datemark remained as before. The endorsement signature was placed to the left of the townmark. To the right of the townmark was 5 wavy lines with O.H.M.S. on the second line and S.S.M. on the fourth line. The setting was 17 mm, and the overall length of the block was 30 mm.

Total length was 120 mm. These were used by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Public Printing and Stationery until 1961.

A major type (Irwin, Type 53.1) but in the same series, was introduced about 1953. The townmark is a single circle, 20 mm, in diameter, reading OTTAWA ONTARIO. The datemark is a single line, DMY, with the month in Roman numerals as used in Pitney-Bowes Model R postage meters.

To the right is the same ad plate used above with five wavy lines and O.H.M.S. and S.S.M. on the second and fourth lines. The setting is 1 mm. The endorsement signature of the official is to the left. Overall length is 95 mm. Ink is red.

A variety (Irwin, Type 53.1.1) replaces ONTARIO with CANADA in the townmark. Departments using this indicia were Defence Production, Labour, Trade & Commerce, Patent Office and National Revenue. The period of use is 1953 to 1961, but some are found as late as 1966.

The decade 1960 to 1970 saw many innovations as departments attempted to meet the new guidelines economically. The old Pitney-Bowes Model A and F printing heads were reintroduced (Irwin, Type 50.4) to print the townmark, OTTAWA ONTARIO and the datemark, still in loose type. A rubber stamp replaced the old ad plate. The endorsement was the name of the department in English and French above which was a rectangle containing the words CANADA/POSTAGE PAID/PORT PAYE. The rectangle was 32 mm by 18 mm and the setting was 15 mm. This was used by the Post Office Department about 1969.

The Post Office Department used the Model A-F mailing machine with the endorsement signature of G.A. Boyle to left, above his office in English and French. Setting is 6 mm, overall length is 80 mm. Ink was red. Used from 1961 to 1963 and replaced by Irwin Type 55.1.

A strange indicia (Irwin, Type 55.1) was used by the Post Office Department, Queen's Printer, and National Film Board from late 1961 to 1974. The townmark was a small double circle, 20/12 mm, bearing OTTAWA ONTARIO. The datemark was in two lines M/Y or M/D/Y. Other date varieties exist.

To the left, setting 12 mm, was the endorsement signature with the department in English and French. Above, was the standard official rectangle with OHMS to left and SSM to right. Often the OHMS-SSM is omitted. The endorsement rectangle is also found to the right of the townmark, as well as varying in size. Ink is red or blue. The Post Office Department used these covers for mailing new issue notices.

The Post Office Department approved the Friden secondary printing head and date selector unit for government use on October 28, 1965. The townmark (Irwin, Type 54.1) is a single circle, 22 mm in diameter, bearing OTTAWA ONT. The datemark is DMY. A double circle, 23/17 mm, also exists as a townmark. The return address, bilingual, is to the left, and the standard official rectangle is often to the right. In many instances only the townmark is printed, although some include a postal code to the left. The standard rectangle

DATE	SIGNATURE	OTHER DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION
APR 1 / 1938	John Sullivan	R OFFICE = FREE, between 2 groups of wavy lines
DEC 10 / 1940	Edmond Cloutier	R KING'S PRINTER/IMPRIMEUR DU ROI
JUN 25 / 1945	W.J. Turnbull	R FREE - FRANCO
	E.M. Mackenzie	DEPUTY MINISTER / BUREAU OF STATISTICS
AUG 26 / 1940	John Sullivan	R FREE - FRANCO, between 2 lines
JUN 17 / 1941	H.D. Rielly	R Commission/of Customs
14 V / 1962	W.H. Willind	L Deputy Postmaster General/Le Sous-minister des Poste
	E.W. Mackenzie	R Name only
OCT 31 / 1944	T. Sim	R DEPUTY MINISTER NATIONAL REVENUE/CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
14 VI / 1961	G.A. Boyle	L Deputy Postmaster General / French
MAR 20 / 1958	Edmond Cloutier	R QUEEN'S PRINTER / French (O.H.M.S. - S.S.M. on right)
MAY 2 / 1938	V.J. Smart	L OFFICIAL - FREE between 4 wavy lines
JUN 20 / 1942	H.W. Rielly & L. Sim	L Commissioner/of Customs & Commissioner of Excise
FEB 16 / 1942	P.E. Wodehouse	L DEPUTY MINISTER / DEPARTMENT OF / PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALT
FEB 24 / 1940	J. Patenaude	R KING'S PRINTER / IMPRIMEUR DU ROI
SEP 26 / 1951	William Coghill???	L Name only
		As above but with O.H.M.S. / S.S.M. and lines on right
BEB 6 / 1945	W.J. Woods	R DEPUTY MINISTER/DEPARTMENT OF/VETERANS AFFAIRS
JAN 31 '42	S.F. Wood	R COMMISSIONER/R.C.M. POLICE

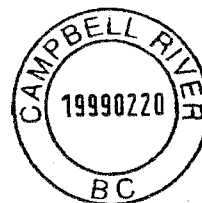
was replaced in 1972 with the envelope style rectangle.

The Pitney-Bowes Model 5300 series printing head and mailing machine was used for franking department mail from 1960 to 1982. The indicia (Irwin, Type 56.1) consists of a townmark with no outer circle. The chief use of this franking device was by the Department of National Revenue and many towns exist, such as OTTAWA ONT; TORONTO CANADA; WINDSOR ONT. Prior to 1964

the office was to the left but was changed to the right. The standard official rectangle is often found with this type of frank.

The variety of printing head indicia is large with each department having something unique. Consequently it is only possible to generalize with respect to the form used in each time period. The search for additional indicia is on-going, but with little chance of being complete.

Francotyp Postalia Conquest Model T-1000 stand-alone electronic meter which holds up to 6 meter ads. TELSET resetting via a built-in modem. Has an internal strip tape dispenser. Uses thermal mylar ribbon technology to improve the imprint design so every impression is sharp. There is no ink to dry up. Note there are no periods in the datemark. The vertical number is a sequence event counter - every time it operates it ratchets up one. Impression sent in by Robert Kitchener



PRINTING HEADS
1953 - 1961

There is much variety to be found in government printing heads. Should we classify them as a postage meter indicia or are they a form of the postage paid in cash system. I only include a generalized listing here until we decide they should be part of our catalog system.

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Pitney Bowes Printing Head. Townmark as Type 1, double circle, 27 x 18,

Date mark MD/Y. Town - OTTAWA / ONTARIO.

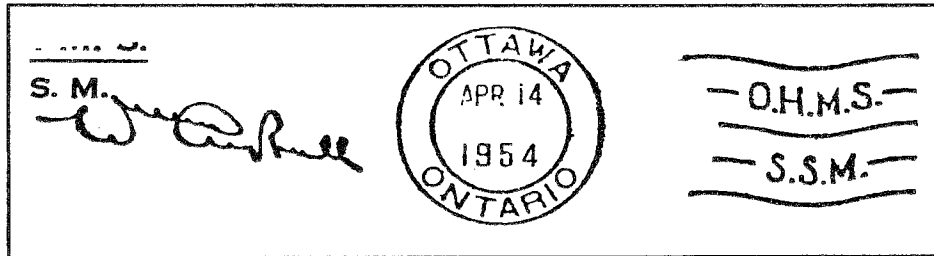
To right - 5 wavy lines with O.H.M.S. on line 2 and S.S.M. on line 4.

To left - the signature of the Deputy Minister of the department. Overall - 118 mm.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics 1954-1957

Dept. Of Public Printing and Stationery 1957-1961

Queen's Printer



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Period of use:- May 1953 - 1966

Pitney Bowes Printing Head. Townmark single circle, 20, with OTTAWA / ONTARIO.

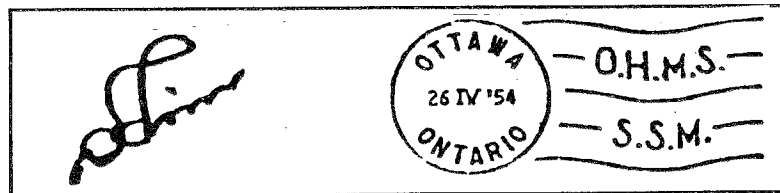
Date mark DMY, month in RN

To right - 5 wavy lines with O.H.M.S. on line 2 and S.S.M. on line 4

To left - the signature of the Deputy Minister of the department. Overall - 90 mm.

Variety has CANADA instead of ONTARIO

Variety has large rectangle to left



Dept. of Labour 1954-1966

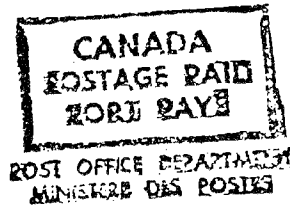
Dept. of Defence Production 1953-1961

Dept. of Trade & Commerce 1954-1962

Dept. of National Revenue 1954-1955

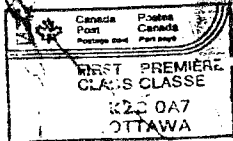
Patent Office 1954-1957

3. 1969
 Type 1 TM but at right a rectangle with CANADA/POSTAGE PAID/PORT PAYE
 Variety has POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT below.



4. 1970 - 1971
 Friden townmark with OTTAWA ONT. and DM DMY with Department name at left on a
 preprinted cover with rectangle CANADA / POSTAGE PAID / PORT PAYE

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 KIA ON3 KIA ON4

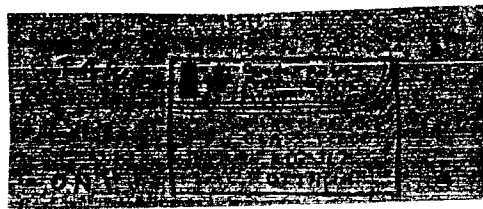
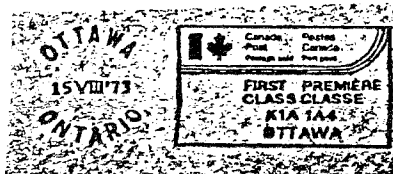


W. Wilson
 Deputy Postmaster General
 Le Sous-ministre des Postes



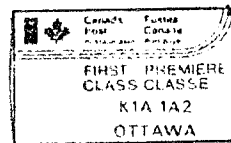
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 POSTMASTER
 POST OFFICE-TORONTO

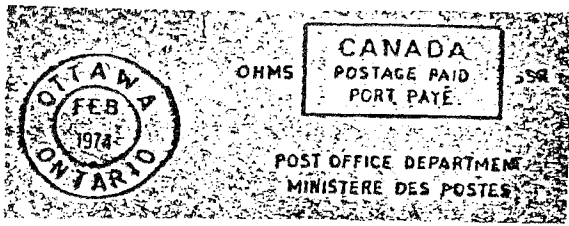
TORONTO
 -4 VI 57
 CANADA



56-1
 - province abbreviated

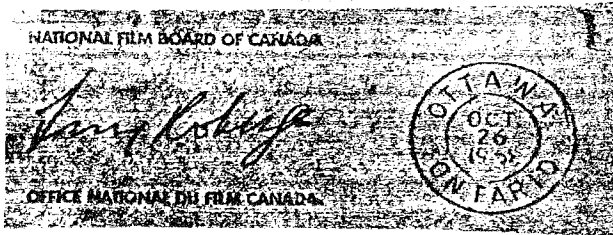
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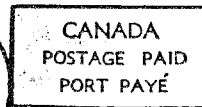


POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
MINISTÈRE DES POSTES

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE
SERVICE DE SA MAJESTÉ



ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE
SERVICE DE SA MAJESTÉ



ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE
SERVICE DE SA MAJESTÉ



KIA OP4

INSPECTION DIVISION.
DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

DIVISION DE L'ÉVALUATION
"USE POST OFFICE BOX TO SPEED UP BUSINESS"
BUREAU DE REDEVANCE POST OFFICE

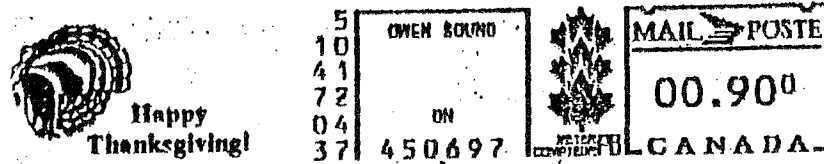


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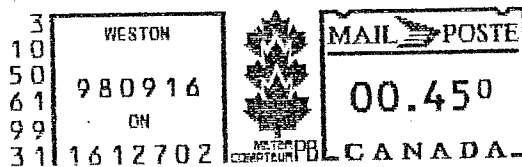
Another Look at the Pitney Bowes Post Perfect postage meter

A re-cap on the Pitney Bowes Post Perfect electronic digital postage meter is timely since a few items have surfaced recently. Our primary introduction to this meter is found on NL page 52-12. The meter was introduced in Western Canada and many of the examples are from that area. This brief note will highlight some additional information. Please let us know if you can narrow any gaps we mention. I am going to guess a bit. Let me know if I am wrong.

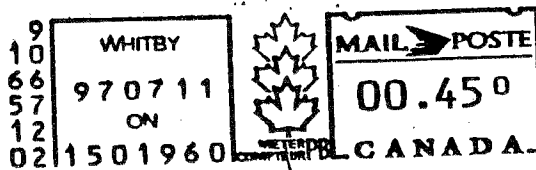
The Post Perfect meter started with serial number 450000? After some use it appears that Pitney Bowes realized they were using a serial block of another postage meter. They added a "1" to the serial block. It appears this happened between 451126 and [1]451184. So we have it narrowed to 58 meters. Can you do better? This meter has closed maple leaves. The known high is 1453456.



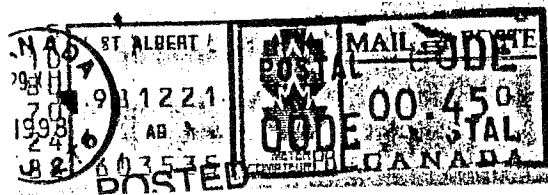
A second serial block for meters having closed maple leaves has a low serial of 1600002 and a high of 1614021. Why did this series begin as it appears all numbers in the 145 series was not used.



A meter with a modified design of 3 unfilled maple leaves has a serial block with know low of 1500011. The known high is 1505631.



There is a meter having serial number 603535 from St. Albert AB. This is unusual. It also has 3 filled maple leaves.



There are differences in town and province font size. These are the only variations noted to date.

LETTERMAIL IMPRINTS

First the postage stamps disappeared from mail and now the postage meters are going the same way.

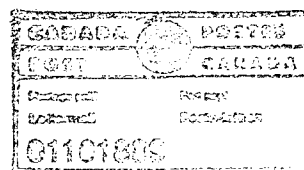
Maybe I included these data before, but the Universal Postal Union shows the decline in postage meter use in Canada.

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

An example is below. A first class letter from the Bank of nova Scotia with a Guelph corner card but actually mailed from Toronto shows what appears to be a rubber stamp indicia of the new CANADA POST format. The datemark is: 99.04.09. The font is a bit too small for a Paragon base.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
 SPEEDVALE & STENTON BRANCH
 338 SPEEDVALE AVENUE EAST
 GUELPH, ONT. N1E 1N5
 TEL: (519) 766-8640

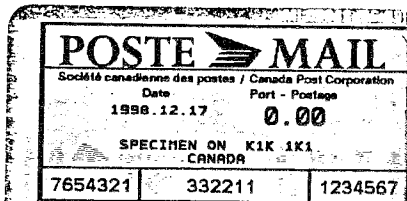
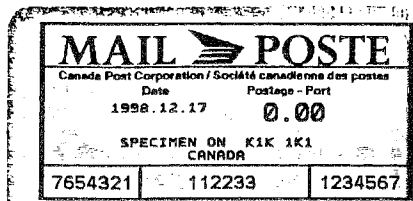
99.04.09



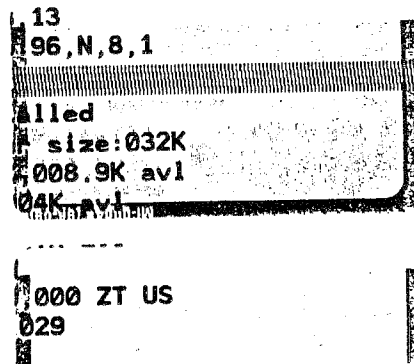
“NIXDORF TYPES”

My local RPO installed a new register system today. I could not get any startup samples. The machine runs continuously so there will be no SPECIMEN meters either. The lady supervising the installation said she had heard the equipment was developed by IBM. Any diverse opinions?

Today, Robert Kitchener sent me some information on the system. Somehow he managed to acquire a SPECIMEN which is shown below in both official languages. Note: MAIL >> POSTE and POST>>MAIL. Canada Post Corporation is also in French. Also note the SPECIMEN has the transaction number reversed in the French type.

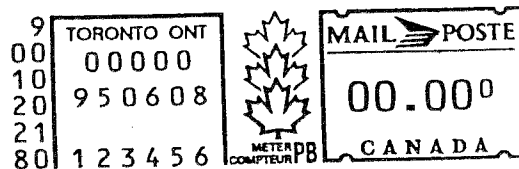
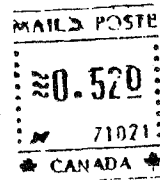
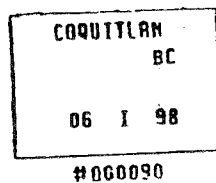
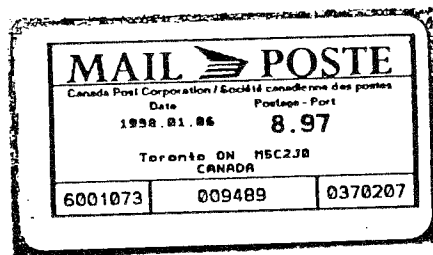


Some garbled information printed out when the SPECIMEN meters were run.



There are so many Personal Post Office meters out it is too late to start an inventory, particularly when there are hardly any varieties to be found. Robert Kitchener sent me a short list and since it has some varieties I include it here. See the article below for the type of maple leaf.

- 1600621 CORNWALL ON (MAIL>>POSTE larger than the 150 series, also smaller ON)
- | | | | |
|---------|---------------|---------|-------------|
| 1601346 | NEPEAN ON | 1603088 | AURORA ON |
| 1601366 | OTTAWA ON | 1610009 | OTTAWA ON |
| 1500047 | NEPEAN ON | 1501668 | OTTAWA ON |
| 1504873 | Not printed | 1504437 | EMBRUN ON |
| 1502234 | NORTH YORK ON | 1500797 | NEPEAN ON |
| 1503985 | BRAMPTON ON | 1502787 | CORNWALL ON |
| 1500850 | NEPEAN ON | | |
- 1501156 MONTREAL PQ. (Top is POSTE>>MAIL) A nice variety!



Franking and Free Mail Matter

These privileges do not apply to packets sent by parcel post or to correspondence forwarded by air mail

Letters and other mailable matter free of postage.

Governor General.

Under the following regulations, correspondence as hereinafter described is free of *Canadian Postage*.

158. All letters and other mailable matter addressed to, or sent by, the Governor General of Canada, or to or by his Secretary or other officer at Ottawa.

Public Departments at Ottawa.

159. All letters and other mailable matter sent by the Public Departments at Ottawa and franked as being of a Departmental character, all correspondence addressed to the Ministers in charge of the said Departments or to their Private Secretaries, or to the Deputy Heads or Secretaries of the same, or to any recognized branch or division of a Public Department at Ottawa.

Departmental supplies not included in the privilege.

160. Departmental Supplies (Stationery, etc.), which are sent from the Public Departments to their Outside Branches or Officers and supplies sent by Contractors and others to the Departments are not regarded as included in the above, and will be accepted for mailing only when conforming to the regulations as to dimensions and weight, and when fully prepaid by means of postage stamps at the ordinary postage rates.

Senate and House of Commons.

161. All letters and other mailable matter despatched from Ottawa, by the Speaker, or Chief Clerk of the Senate or of the House of Commons or either of the Librarians of Parliament, or the Leader of the Opposition, or received for delivery at Ottawa and addressed to the Speaker, or Chief Clerk of the Senate or of the House of Commons, or either of the Librarians of Parliament or the Leader of the Opposition.

Official correspondence from the Seat of Government to be franked.

162. Letters and other mail matter sent from Ottawa under the above exemptions will be franked or certified as entitled to pass free in accordance with such regulations as may from time to time be made for the guidance of the Public Departments and of the local post office.

Books from Parliamentary Library.

163. Books belonging to the Library of Parliament may be sent from the same to any member of the Senate or of the House of Commons, or from any such Member to the Library free of postage, under a special clause in the Statute.

Limitation.

164. Letters and other mailable matter, except parcel post, addressed to or by any Member of the Senate or of the House of Commons while at Ottawa, during any Session of Parliament, or to any such Member at Ottawa, during the ten days next before the meeting of Parliament may pass free of postage provided these letters and other matter are posted at or addressed to the Senate or the House of Commons and not to the private residence in Ottawa of the Member.

170. The following is a list of the Dominion Government Departments at Ottawa, correspondence addressed to which on public business may be forwarded free of postage:—

Agriculture Department	National Research Council
Archives	National Revenue Department
Auditor General	Pension Appeal Court—Registrar
Canadian Pension Commission—Chairman	Pensions and National Health Department
Chief Electoral Officer	Post Office Department
Civil Service Commission	Privy Council, The
External Affairs Department	Public Printing and Stationery Department
Finance Department	Public Works Department
Fisheries Department	Railway Commissioners for Canada, Board of
Franchise Commissioner	Royal Canadian Mint
Insurance Department	Secretary of State Department
International Joint Commission	Soldier Settlement—Director
Justice Department	Trade and Commerce Department
Labour Department	Transport Department
Mines and Resources Department	War Veterans' Allowance Board
National Defence Department	

Public Departments and Branches of Departments.