

CANADIAN METER STAMP NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

These quarters go by very fast and there is not much in my file I have not written about. I am wondering the extent of our clientele as I don't get much response to simple questions. Two of these were: has anyone got cheques with an excise meter number not covered in our list in NL 61? Second, is RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID used with any of the electronic postage meters? If so which ones. Any I have had to return for awhile are just a plain unused postage meter.

Much of today's postage is now with RPO "Nixdorf" type labels. Remember the pages we dedicated to them in 1993-95 only to find the ink soaked into the paper and the label was lost. It seemed to get worse with the laser printed labels. I still have mine, but just add what comes in the door. I don't seek them out. It seems that any stable dot matrix label should be a scarce item - that is not to say a rare or costly item. Currently the designs seem to be constant with the software supplied. Remember when the town name varied greatly. Is there any interest in this area of collecting today?

So, we come to filling the pages of this issue. Unless Dave objects I plan to start to publish our catalogue. It will represent 8 pages of our 16 page Newsletter. The other 8 pages will be whatever I can find. I plan to leave enough margin so it can be 3-hole punched and I will try to have the page numbers consecutive. The format for each type will follow the old Irwin catalogue for layout. I think we need to be a bit strict regarding the subtypes as we don't want a catalogue that will discourage collectors if they can't find the needed limiting items.

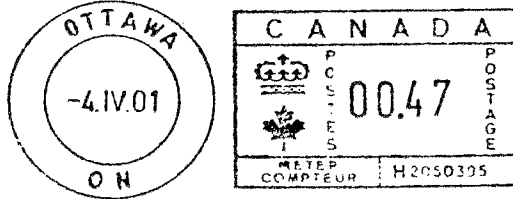
We need prices. I think these are best left as an insert at the end of the book where they can be updated as needed - and we will have awhile to think about them.

. How should the catalogue list differ from the type lists we have printed in the Newsletter for several years? **Send me an e-mail if you have ideas on this.**

Question: Do you think Noah did any fishing from the Arc?
I don't think so with only two worms!

Wilf Whitehouse has sent in some new items.

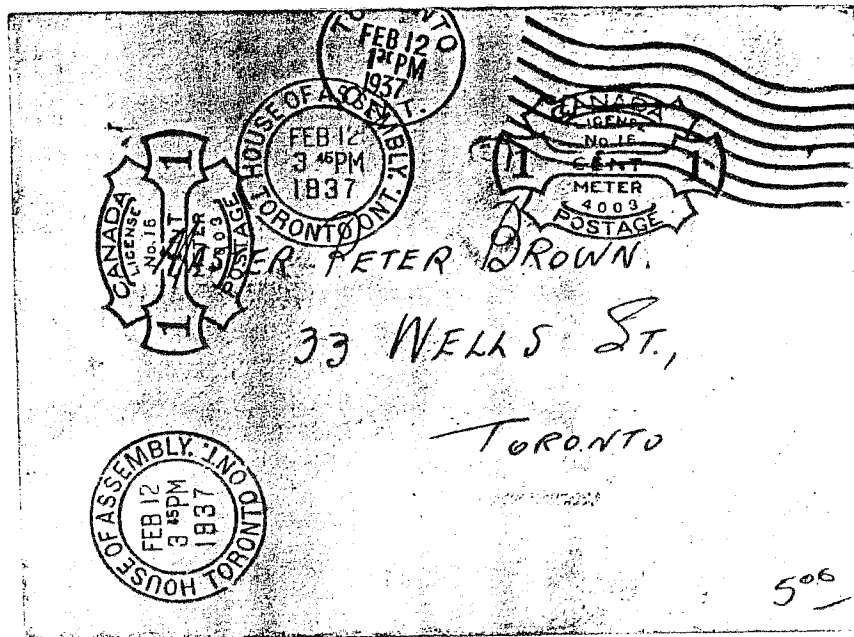
Variety of Type 29 showing the town name off centre. Today, these are common due to poor quality control. I would collect, but not catalogue, such an item (my opinion only).



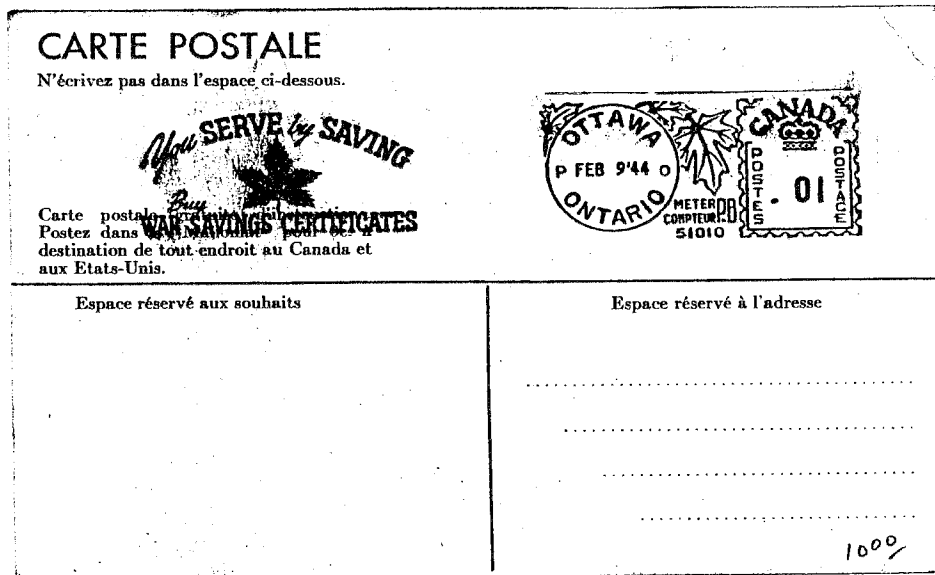
Regarding our Type 31 I think this is a constant variety. Note the new style of numbers used with this PB meter - 0220414. Note the date failed to print - common with this meter.



Some days you luck out in the most places. Two items I found in a prominent stamp dealers box. Notice I paid \$5.00 for this Type 1 impression. First I have seen where 2¢ rate is paid using the meter twice - 1937 impression.



This is my prize. I did not have a French text version of the Mail-O-Mat card. I understand both types of card were available at the demonstration machines to send. Unfortunately this card is not postally used.



Le "MAILOMAT"

... est une boîte à lettres payante pour ceux qui ont des lettres à poster—mais qui n'ont pas de timbre. C'est une espèce de "bureau de poste automatique" qui poste vos lettres non affranchies.

Pour poster une lettre, (1) déposez votre pièce de monnaie à l'endroit désigné, (2) signalez le montant exact de l'affranchissement et (3) insérez votre lettre dans l'ouverture aménagée à cet effet. L'appareil fera le reste; il prendra automatiquement votre lettre, y imprimera le timbre et le sceau postal et la conservera jusqu'à ce qu'on l'enlève... L'appareil imprime des timbres de 1c. à 33c., y compris les timbres de poste aérienne, de livraison spéciale, etc., sans charge additionnelle d'affranchissement.

Essayez dès maintenant ce service postal sans affranchissement. Servez-vous de cette carte pour dire un "bonjour" à l'un des vôtres en Service. Quand vous utilisez la poste ces jours-ci, à la maison ou au bureau, n'oubliez pas de poster tôt et souvent... afin de libérer le service postal en faveur de la correspondance de guerre... et pour aider le Bureau de poste à vous aider!

Meter Collection

A start has been made by one of the Friends to organise the NPM collection of meter marks and machines. Here Jack Peach reports progress.

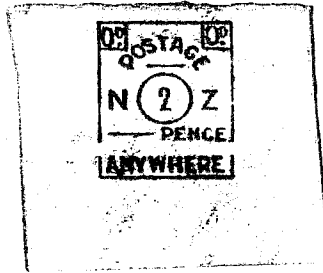
OVER a number of years the Museum has acquired, from various sources a considerable quantity of material related to meter franking. This has been stored more or less as received. From early in 1991 I have been able to assess the material available and arrange it in some semblance of order prior to mounting for reference and display purposes.

The main groups of material acquired are:
 1. An important collection of franked covers etc purchased in 1977. This was assembled by H J Howard employed in the Secretary's Office of the Post Office at the time meter franking machines were introduced. The collection covers the period from 1920 to 1954 but is strongest in the early material. There are many specimens and proofs prepared by the first two manufacturers just before and during the first year of being granted licences. The companies concerned were Postage Meters & Machines Co. offering the American Pitney Bowes machine, and Universal Postal Frankers Ltd selling a machine developed from the New Zealand Moss design. Included in the collection is also similar early material from Neopost Ltd, the third company to be granted a licence a year or two later.

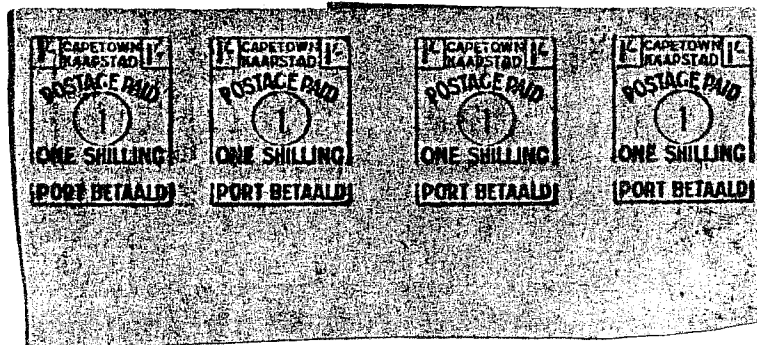
2. A collection of machines, instructional and advertising leaflets, parts lists, stationery, books and some meter frank marks, mainly from Pitney Bowes machines. The collection was donated by M J Sheppard, at one time an employee of Pitney Bowes Ltd.

3. During recent years it has become the practice for the NPM to house proofs and specimens which were originally attached to correspondence contained in files stored in Post Office Archives. Not all meter franking material has so far been transferred. Most of the material which has been moved has been mounted. Whenever such material is removed from archival files it is replaced by photographs.
4. A number of other machines etc have been acquired in more recent years.
5. Some meter franked marks included in a collection assembled by Professor Hartree and transferred from Post Office Archives.
6. Some more recent meter franked marks put to one side from time to time when received by the Museum.

To date the 19 machines in the Museum collection have been examined, identified and condition and attachments noted. A



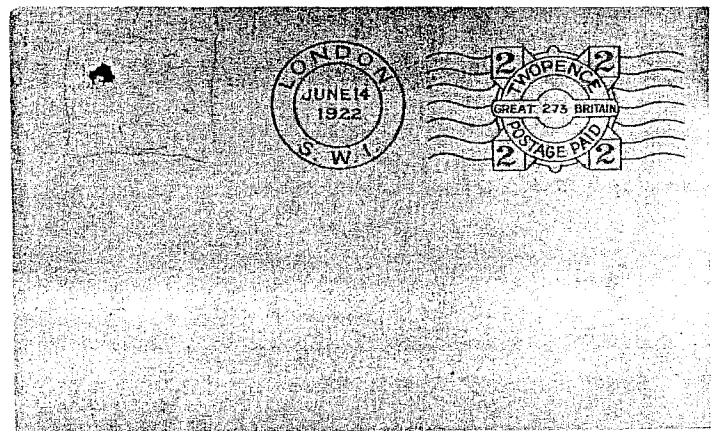
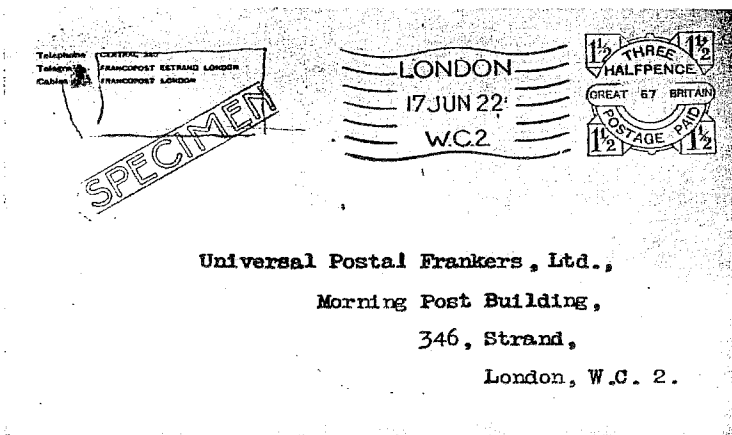
Specimen from Moss Model D machine demonstrated to PO officials September 1920



Moss Model D specimens from Cape Town

Universal Postal Frankers Ltd specimen of June 1922 (printed rather than franked)

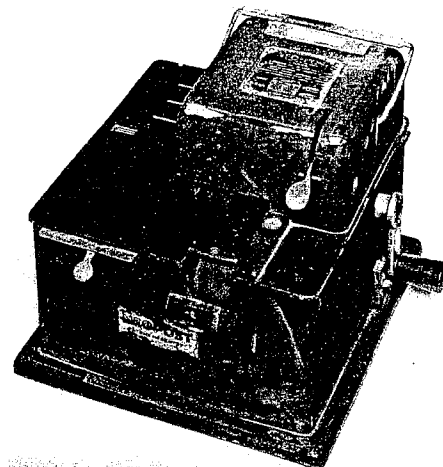
Postage Meters and Machine Company specimen of June 1922 (made by their Model A machine)



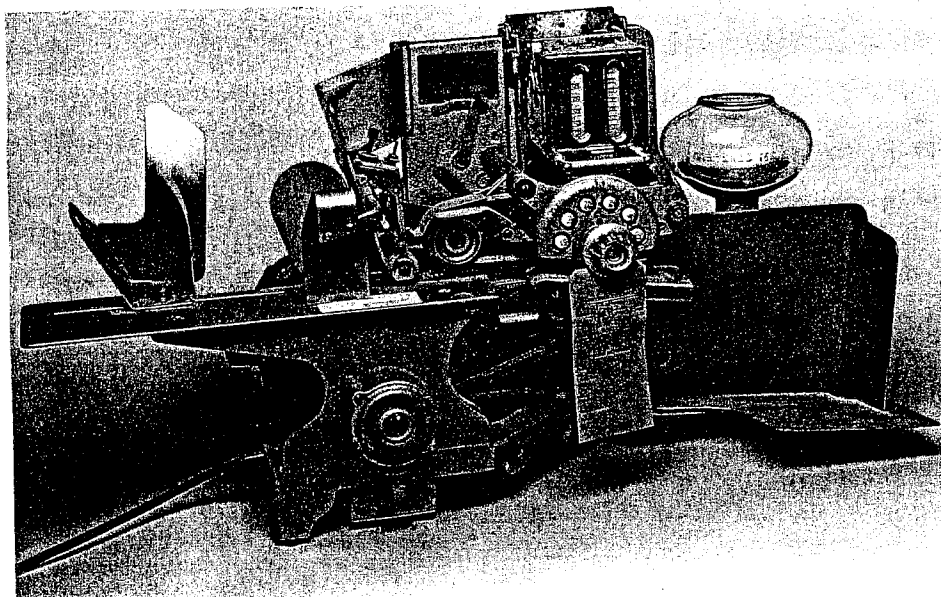
listing has been prepared and is published here in shortened and amended form. Of note are a Pitney Bowes model FS machine; a U.P.F. Midget mk 3; a U.P.F. multivalue; a Neopost limited value and a Hasler model F66 machine. The Sheppard collection of ephemera has been surveyed and separated into broad groups. It is intended that this material be collected together into groups machine by machine so that the 'hardware'

and related documentation are readily available for reference and study.

A start has been made with the cataloguing of the Howard collection and, to date, the items related to the U.P.F. model NZ and Pitney Bowes model A machines have been arranged in chronological order for mounting. Where possible different dies used on the same machine have been assembled, again in chronological order.



Above: Early limited value Neopost machine of 1930 (N001)



Left: Pitney Bowes limited value FS machine complete with glass bowl (PB001)

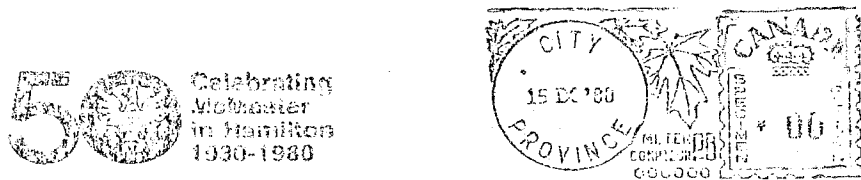
No.	Manufacturer	Type*	Model Base	Introduced	Drive	User	Notes
H001	Hasler	MV	F88	1933	Electric	Hasler	Values 0 to 9.99½ + instruction manual
H002	Hasler	MV	F66	1965	Electric	Hasler	Values 0 to 9.99½ + instruction manual
H003	Hasler	MV	F1202		Electric	Hasler	Values 0 to 9.99½ + instruction manual
N001	Neopost	LV	LV	1930	Hand	Nemo Heat Treatment Ltd	6 values: ½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d
N002	Roneo Neopost	LV	105	1964	Hand		10 values: 1½ - 6; purchased on 26/3/88
N003	Roneo-Vickers (Postalia GmbH)	MV	60.2400.0048	1967	Electric	City of Canterbury, Treasury Dept, 8/12 Dave John, Canterbury, Kent	meter unit separate
PB001	Pitney Bowes	LV	FS		Electric	John Player & Sons Ltd	Values 6: 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d; Meter series - CV, introduced 1935; Cover casting dated 1950; meter removed
PB002	Pitney Bowes	MV	5510	1964?	Electric	Tuckers Ltd, Gateside Road, Queens Drive, Industrial Estate	meter removed
PB003	Pitney Bowes	MV	5470	1964?	Electric	Stephen Heath Ltd, Thane Road, Lenton Industrial Estate, Lenton, Notts	meter removed
PB004	Pitney Bowes	MV	5410	1964?	Electric		meter removed
PB005	Pitney Bowes	MV	5501	1964?	Hand	Pitney Bowes Intsel Ltd, 85 Gracechurch St., London EC3V 0AA	Values 3 Bank; 0 by 1p to 10.99
PB006	Pitney Bowes	MV	6333A	1971?	Electric		National Postal Museum
PB007	Pitney Bowes	LV	Simplex	1954	Hand?	National Dock Labour Board	5 values: 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-
UPF001	Universal Postal Frankers	FV	Midget MK3	1926	Hand		Values: 0 to 9/11½d
UPF002	Universal Postal Frankers	MV	Universal Multi-value	1932	Hand?	Rolls Royce	Values: 0 by ½d to ?
UPF003	UPF-Frankopost	MV	Universal Multi-value	1932	Hand?		Values: ½d to 6½d
UPF004	UPF-Frankopost	LV	Simplex Minor	1950	Hand	Butlins	25 values: ½d to 1/0½d
UPF005	UPF-Frankopost	LV	Simplex Major	1953	Hand		Values: 0 to 99/11½d
UPF006	UPF-Frankopost	MV	Automax AZ3748	1958	Hand & electric		

*FV = fixed value; LV = limited value; MV = multivalue

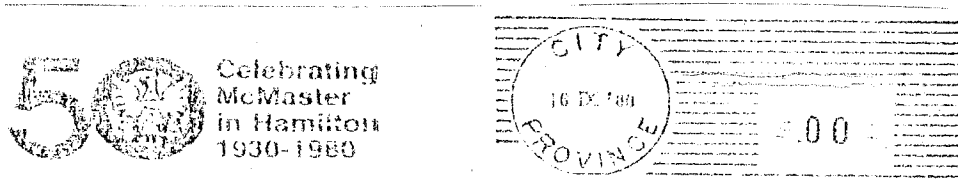
McMaster University 50th Anniversary

A bit of history on one postmark ad. In 1980 McMaster University, Hamilton, celebrated its 50th Anniversary. One of the promotional items was to develop a postage meter ad. This was done through cooperation with Pitney Bowes and later with Friden and Roneo Neopost. The specimen slugs for these companies is shown below. There were 25 establishments in Hamilton that bought a slug to use with their own postage meter. The results are below:

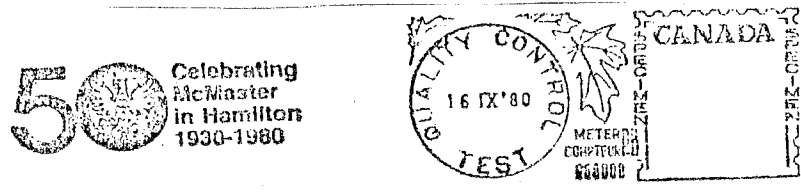
Pitney Bowes, Model RF postage meter - 16 companies



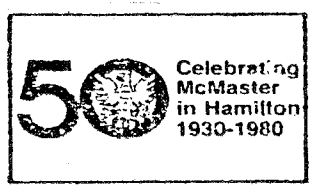
Pitney Bowes, Model 5319 postage meter - 9 companies



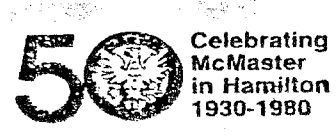
Pitney Bowes, Model 5714 postage meter - 3 companies



Roneo Neopost, Model 505 - 1 company

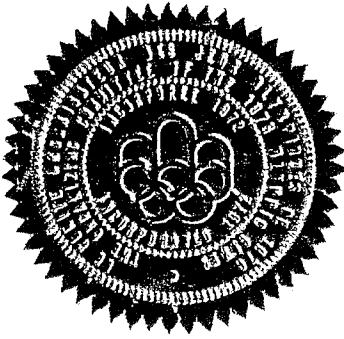


Friden, Model 9120, 1 company




So, for postmark ad collectors, if you have a Union Gas (F9120) or Slater Industries (RN505) you have a unique item.



Toronto is bidding for the 2008 Olympics. Shown below are some items from the 1976 Quebec Olympics. The postmark ad describes the use.





DAY OF ISSUE
JOUR D'ÉMISSION



Jeux de la
XXIe Olympiade
Montréal
1976






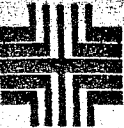

**CBC
YOUR
OLYMPIC
NETWORKS**
 Miss. Bellefleur
 Box 364,
 Minnedosa, Man.
 ROJ 1E0.








 KODAK
 Official Photographic
 Consultant
 Conseiller photographique
 officiel




Pitney Bowes
 At Point of Mailing


 Official
 Supplier
 to the 1976
 Olympic
 Games

w. v. dawson limited
 ENVELOPE MANUFACTURERS PAPER DEALERS
 346 MONTÉE DE LIESSE, ST-LAURENT, MONTRÉAL 377, P.Q.
 FABRICANTS D'ENVELOPPES — PAPIERS EN GROS


 OLYMPIQUES 1976 OLYMPICS
 MONTREAL

The Meter Stamp Society auction listed in bulletin 252 includes the Newfoundland item show below. This is a PB manufacturers essay. The important thing about it is the date - Feb 1 '47. This must be the earliest date for the Newfoundland Type 4 postage meter giving a hint to the date of introduction.



From Freistempel sind vollgültige

Canada

Literatur: F. Aretz, Deutsche Briefmarken-Ztg. 1930 S. 13

1923. Breites Querformat, Ziermuster. (Pitney-Bowes) T.

1 oben: License-Nr. —.20



Diese Apparate sind zählende Stempelmaschinen mit unveränderlicher Wertstufe. Siehe auch Vereinigte Staaten.

Für jede Wertstufe war ursprünglich eine bestimmte Farbe vorgesehen. Wir finden daher Abdrücke in

1 Ct. gelb, orange, grün, 2 Cts. braun, grün, rot, lila, 3 Ct. grün, 4 Ct. oliv, 5 Ct. rot usw.

1927. Quadratisches Format, Höhe 22mm. (Postage Meter Co., Midget) T (250)



2 Canada und Postage enger anstehend . . . —.15

1928. Hochformat, Höhe 25mm. (Postage Meter Co. Midget) T (400)

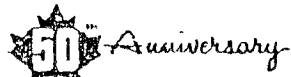


3 Canada und Postage weiter abstehend . . . —.10
 4 desgl. mit M-Nr. —.08
 5 Inschrift Metre statt Meter —.30

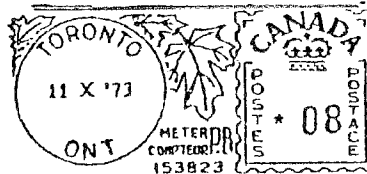
Vorkommende Wertstufen: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 Cts.
 Apparat-Nr.: bis 4.000 Midget; über 4.000 und 40.000 Postage Meter Co.

In Canada ist Barfreimachung (Einführung, Gruppe 4c) gebräuchlich. Entsprechende Vermerke des Absenders sind nicht mit Freistempeln zu verwechseln, da ohne „Meter-Nr.“! — Für Pakete sind aufklebbare Francozettel mit Inschrift Canada, Postage Paid, Wert usw. in Verwendung. Dienstbriefe erhalten Maschinen-Stempel mit Inschrift: FREE (frei).

PITNEY BOWES OF CANADA LIMITED



FIRST POSTAGE METER INSTALLATION



When I got to page 8 we decided to let the Catalogue sit for another issue as there are some decisions not finalized. So, what follows is a collection of items that I am printing without a catalogue number, nor much comment.

If you are on the net, send a message so we have your address. See address in masthead.

Competition in the sale of postage meters is lessening. In Oct 2001, Neopost bought the Hasler Mailing Machine division of Ascom. They expect consolidation to have been completed by February 2002. What meters will be continued?

Pitney Bowes recently bought the French postage meter manufacturer - Secap for \$180 million. Secap is a subsidiary of the French holding company Fimalac and has more than 30% of the postage meter business in France.

Neopost-Hasler has 25% of the world market and 16% of the US market. Pitney Bowes has 85% of the US market and 61% of the global market. The 3rd largest is Frankotyp-Postalia.

Independent companies include Frama, Telefrank and Mail It. There is a large choice in mailing machines but a much smaller choice in the postage meter.

A survey of PostPerfect items in collections indicates the following highs and lows - anyone expand on these?

450467	1450400	1460043	1465535	1500001	1510109
453757	1454438	1463865	1467665	1509993	1513529
1600002	1610020				
1603722	1619033				

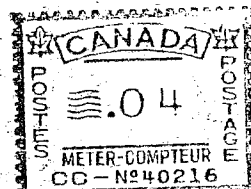
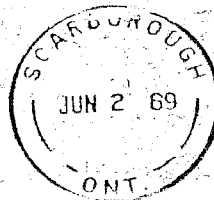
I am still trying to bracket the NEOPOST section of the FRIDEN meter. My lowest NEOPOST is 340276 and the highest NEOPOST IS 340892. This looks like it will be a scarce item with only 500 numbers used. See below for a variety.

Another unusual item. This is a standard Commercial Controls (40216), although it is quite a late use in 1969. However, note the BULK/EN NOMBRE ad plate which is not common with this postage meter.

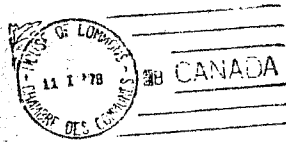
Return Postage Guaranteed

PRODUCT SELECTOR Division of:
DF MARKETING LIMITED
 2220 MIDLAND AVE.,
 SCARBORO, ONT., CANADA

**BULK
 EN NOMBRE**



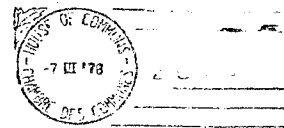
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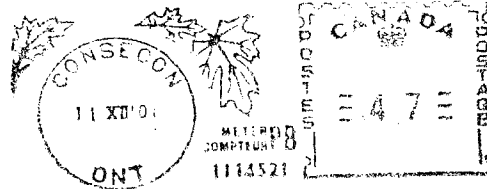
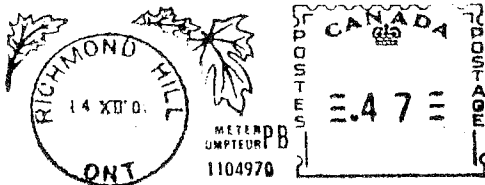
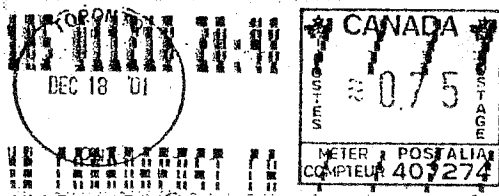
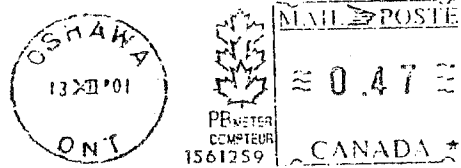
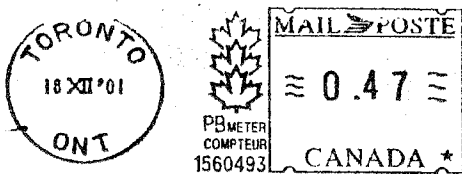
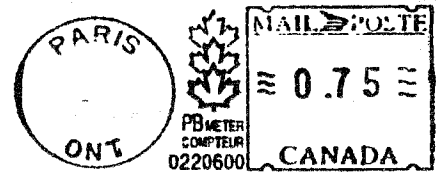
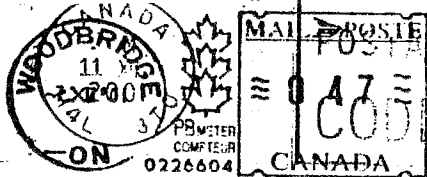
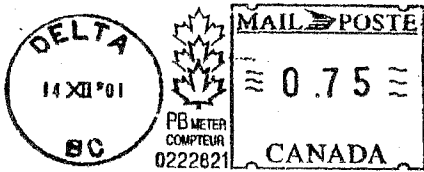
Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin,
OAKWOOD, Ontario.
K-M 2M0



So *note Baker*

Prof. R.W. Irwin,
Department of Agricultural Engineering,
University of Guelph,
Guelph, Ontario.

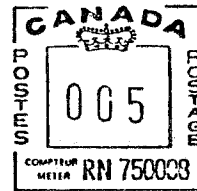
Joe Clark
L.O. - C. de P.O.



I bought this as it was such a well inked copy. I think Rapid Data was a distributor of Roneo-Neopost at the time. It is also the first year of use.

Return address
 259 Lakeshore
 Blvd. E., Toronto 2

RAPID DATA
 means Efficiency



This may not print. It is a standard Pitney Bowes RT meter and ad plate but is printed on a FRIDEN label.

CANADIAN GENERAL ELECTRIC
 COMPANY LIMITED
 1350 CASLEFIELD ROAD
 TORONTO 19, ONTARIO



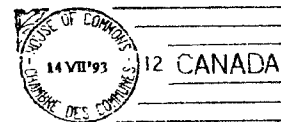
AD - Now Speeding Our Service with METERED MAIL - 1940. Unusual to have a private firm use a Pitney Bowes sales ad.

WALTERS AXE COMPANY
 MANUFACTURERS OF



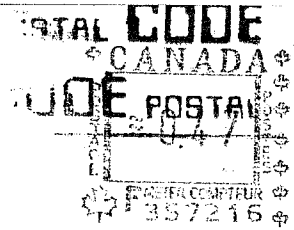
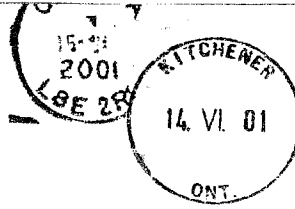
HOUSE OF COMMONS with signatures of Jean Cretien (1993) and Joe Clark (1978) as Leaders of the Opposition and John Diefenbaker (1978) as Prime Minister

HON. JEAN CHRÉTIEN
 LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
 CHEF DE L'OPPOSITION

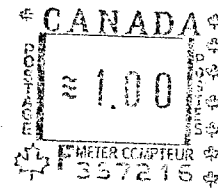


FRIDEN 357216 - is the ad plate crooked or is it a rubber stamp? . In both directions? The inking is uniform

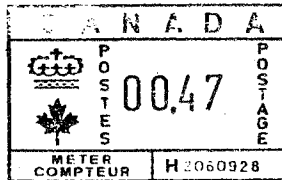
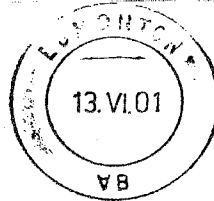
GERTH TRANSPORT
280 SHOEMAKER ST.
KITCHENER, ONTARIO
CANADA N2B 2R1



GERTH TRANSPORT
280 SHOEMAKER ST.
KITCHENER, ONTARIO
CANADA N2E 3E1



HASLER 2060928 - note the province "AB" is inverted!



RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID is hardly used anymore. This is an example of its use when postage increased from 30¢ to 32¢ in 19xxxxxx



The Permanent
Corporate Custodial Services
320 Bay Street
9th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 2P6

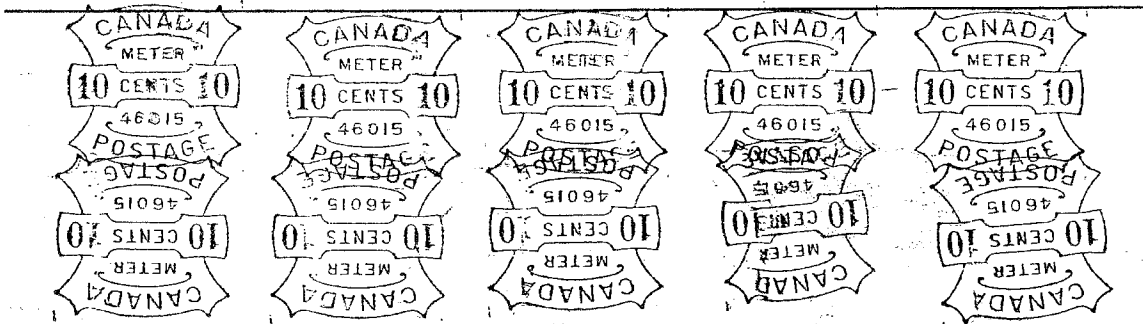
RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID in 1979 ruined by the sorting machine cancel. The use of the slug on a Model 5911 postage meter is not common.

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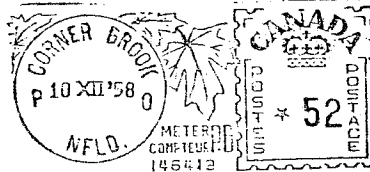


An early tape from a Lewis Limited (46015) with \$1.00 in postage. Note the clerk had to reverse the package to get the second row of postage on the label.

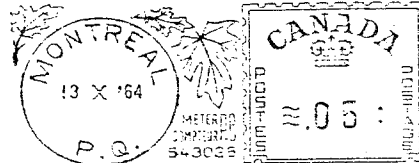
From: LEWIS LIMITED



Another unusual item. A post office (P.O.) From CORNER BROOK NFLD. 146419 however it has an ad plate. Most post office meters did not use them.



Canada's World Fair, 1967. The ad looks quite plain and is probably quite scarce, if anyone collects them. Once an event is over it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm for the output as something else takes its place. I have noticed a modest increase in interest in WW II meter ads.

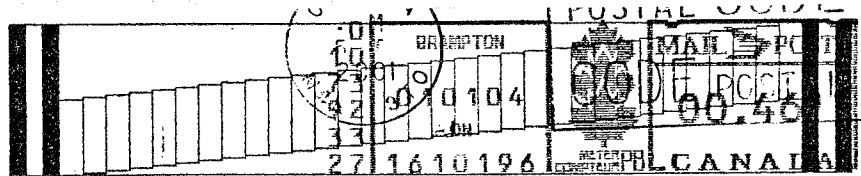
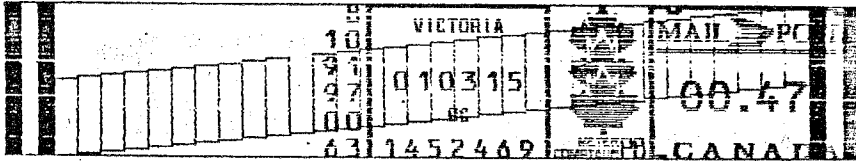


A SELECTION OF POSTAGE METER ADS
WILF WHITEHOUSES' PAGE

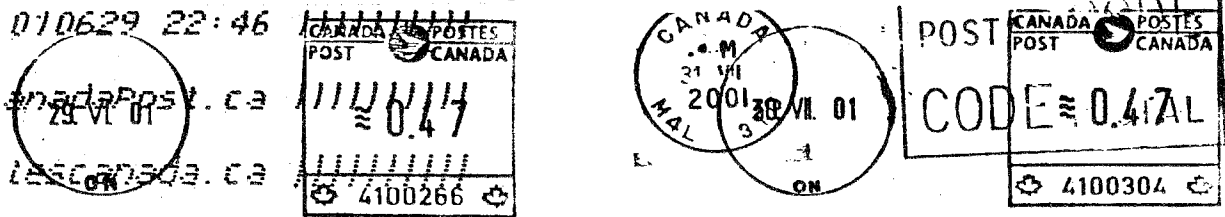
Pitney Bowes PostPerfect

These two examples I understand are printed when the postage meter is first put into service.

They are not supposed to be used for postage. Shown here are the dot matrix types 1452469 and 1610196. I also found one but they are not common.

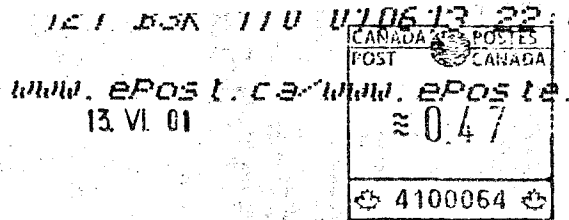


4100304 and 4100266 have the town missing on a 47¢ rate too

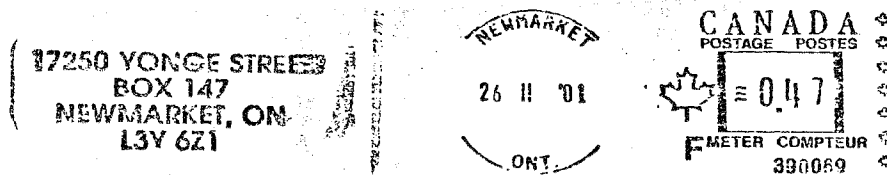


4100064 date mark only, no townmark Note the new style serial number with wide "0" and meter rate numerals.

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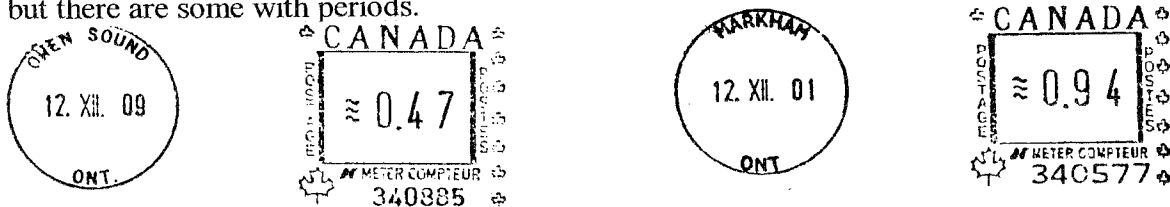
Friden - Townmark outline broken. Probably an error



Town collecting has been an interest to some. For the Francotype-Postalnia how about a collection of postal codes since there is not townmark?

The Friden F385000 series has to be the hardest meters to get a decent copy for a collection. They sold the Alberta and Saskatchewan governments the meters but didn't include any ink.

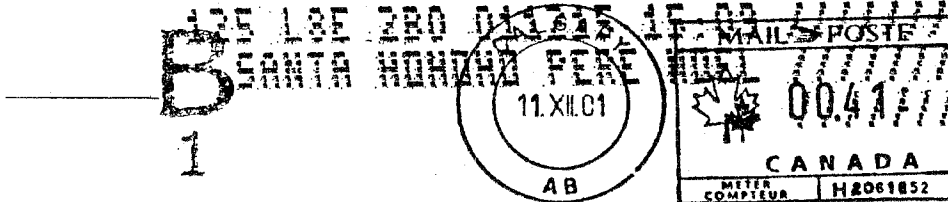
NEOPOST - note 340276 has a wider numeral and closed "4" and round "0" compared to 340885. The change in serial font is between 340712 and 340765. The province is abbreviated but there are some with periods.



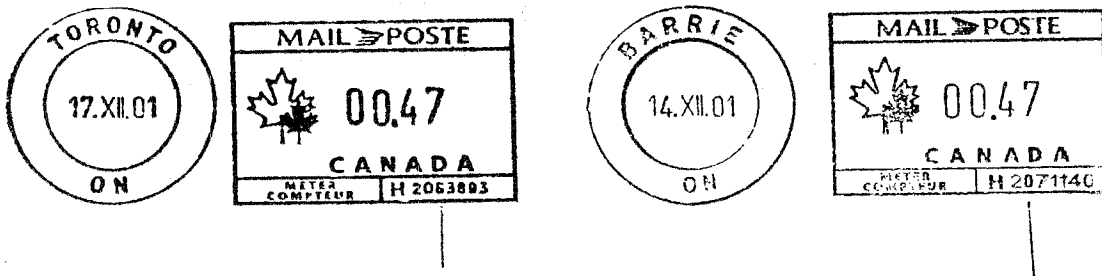
Friden-Postalia - note the form of date 00000000 and 0000.00.00. I think they are different meters when you see the serial blocks 4000000 and 4150000. Then note the new Neopost below with "NE" in serial and a 3300000 serial block and redesigned indicia.



New form of Ad-Mail logo "B" with "1" below. Santa doesn't count here.

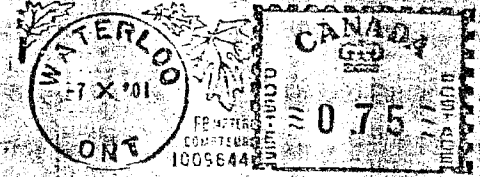
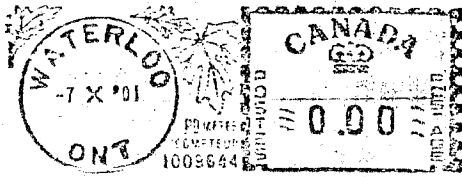


Hasler still uses two or three sizes of font for the serial

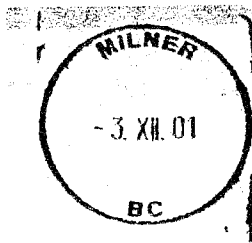


I see no reason for the 0.00 tape unless the first did not include the postmark ad???

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