# CANADIAN METER STAMP NEWSLETTER

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#### **EDITORIAL**

New postage "meters" continue to be developed and a couple of Neopost items are listed below. In many cases the new items are identical in appearance to the old except for the serial number which identifies the meter. Question is then are we saving postage meters by their use or by their appearance. It is up to the collector. I save by meter product when I know the serial number. We will have to argue about that.

I printed the Canadian Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue in 1972. That 1st Edition was a 30 page catalogue and sold for 95 cents. It included up to Type 23 of 1969. It was printed by Charlton Numismatics. In 1975 a 68 page Second Edition was printed by Canadian Wholesale Supply and sold for \$3.00. The content was the same as the First Edition but the layout and illustrations had been improved. Canadian Wholesale made additional printings of the catalogue.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Canadian Meter Postage Stamp Catalog is immanent and will be printed and distributed by Longley Auctions. It will be about 100 pages and include all known items to 2004. It is a priced catalog - the prices of course are guesses for a really pristine copy. Some will say they are too high but they do reflect scarcity. Of major interest and concern to collectors is the new catalog system which will take a lot of getting used to. As with the earlier catalogs, only the major meter types are illustrated. The system is simple inasmuch as it starts at PB-1 and goes by time line to the latest known PB-20 meter indicia. It does the same for each manufacturer. The reason for this change is it will simplify additions of newly issued or discovered items at the end of each manufacturers list. Remember, the old catalog was by time line and manufacturers were mixed. It is the way to go even though I have a problem getting used to it.

Now, what about the CMSG catalog? As you know this catalog tried to illustrate every catalogued item. It was an ambitious task and is close to being complete. The cost of publishing such a work as a stand-alone book would be very high. I intend to complete the CMSG listing in future newsletters as there are only a few types left to do.

#### POST OFFICE NEWS

Canada Post stated the Price Cap Formula permited them to raise the cost of postage effective January 12, 2004. The cost of Domestic Lettermail increased from 48¢ to 49¢. The rates for other classes and destinations may be found in your local library in the Canada Gazette, Part 1, vol.

canadagazette.gc.ca/part1/index-e.html 137, No. 5, 2003, or on their website:-From the meter collecting point of view this also affects the mail class Addressed Admail which should bear in the adspace the words "Addressed Admail" and "Mediaposte avec adresse"

Meters may be used to pay the postage for the mail class Incentive Lettermail. Incentive lettermail is identified by the use of "1A" in the ad space for letters that are "machineable"; that is, items that require no internal sorting even though the evidence points to highly cancelled covers. Addressed Admail is also identified with "1B" in the adspace to indicate it has been presorted.

Kitchener Stamp Club invited the local Canada Post Retail Business Manager for the Guelph area as a speaker. He oversees 40 post offices of which only 12 are corporate offices and (shades of Canadian Tire Corp) there are 29 "dealerships". It was interesting how postage stamps are ordered. The question of postage meters did not arise but he told me all in-house meters are now supplied by Pitney Bowes even though there are many local examples of the FP meter. It is certainly a fluid situation.

# YOUR COLLECTION, HOW IS IT FILED, STORED OR DISPLAYED?

Send me your suggestions. How do you store and display your postage meter collection and accumulation so you are able to locate an item? How do you display the material - its not like pasting postage stamps on printed pages. How do you keep track of surplus material?

When you start on a path it is difficult to redo mistakes. What I do is not the way to go. My basic collection, that is one of each type and sub-type, is in photo albums. The kind you find in Zellers, etc. The pages have a sticky back and a clear see-through plastic back and front. So the "glue" does not bleed into the meter I cut good quality paper to the cover size as a backing. The overlay keeps it in place. When you buy cheap folders the plastic wrinkles. I then type up a small label to place below the cover regarding the meter type. I have about 20 volumes. Very large covers don't fit well. I gave up on this system at the end of Type 23. The advantage of the system is each cover is where it should be.

I have displayed an 8 or 16 page exhibit at local stamp shows. I leave them that way rather than replacing the item in a book. Displaying your covers forces you to arrange them!

I also have a large metal cabinet that one time housed computer punch cards. My numerical collections and "scarce" items found in the mail are loose and not protected with a cover. Items are easily mixed. I like it but has no advantage over my other filing system which is cardboard boxes in the store room. No idea what and where to look for items. I dare say most of you use a similar system.

So, write and tell us what you do.

In 1978 Canada Post conducted a number of customer evaluations on the speed of mail delivery. One of their letters is printed below. They used a number of RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID slugs. I show one as part of the letter.

THRN ADDRESSES Canada **Postes** PETER DOR MARK Canada Post Confederation Heights 2001年6月1日 OTTAWA, Ontario KIA OBI 25 May 1978 E. R. Toop 2830-B Sandalwood Drive OTTAWA, Ontario K1V 7P5 Dear Test Participant: As part of our customer evaluation program, we plan to measure the service given to certified mail. In the past, we have experienced some difficulty in assessing this product on a national scale; this year, we hope to overcome this problem by using our CEP mailing list. The test is tentatively scheduled for June 1978. The Scheme consists of sending a certified mail test letter kit to each of our CEP test participant. Due to the nature of the product, it will not be necessary for participants to return test items. However, since certified mail is a personal contact item, you may be required to pick up the test item at your local post office, postal station or sub if the delivering employee was unable to obtain a signature. Should you object to participating in such a test, please inform us by completing the form below and returning it in the enclosed envelope. If you have not signed and returned this form by the 2nd June 1978 we will assume that you are willing to participate and we will prepare a test item accordingly. We trust you will help us in this testing venture. Your interest in our customer evaluation program is appreciated. Schryburt Quality Assurance I do not wish to participate in

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Signed\_

Canada Post has been aggressively soliciting greater mail volume - that is, revenue. A new program you can view on the "net" at www.epost.ca. It is a method of paying bills etc without going through the post. You can now buy postage and gifts on line at www.canadapost.ca/sgo. Xpresspost has also been expanded internationally. They are also using it on envelope advertising, for example a letter of 23 Apr 2003 has the machine print - WWW.EPOST.CA WWW.POSTEL.CA /////

Unaddressed admail bears no meter stamp however a new procedure for handling it will be adopted in early 2004. There will be event manager software which uses barcode information to make the delivery process more efficient.

Re-mail is of great concern to the post office since they lose money. This is where a letter from England has been postmarked in Singapore or other location and delivered in Canada. Remail is inbound or outbound international mail with postage paid in a country other than where it originates. It costs Canada Post \$80 million a year and they have asked their employees to report any personal mail that arrives in that fashion. An example was mail posted in Syracuse NY which then went to New York City and then to Amsterdam, then to Surinam and to Toronto finally getting to Ottawa. The post office only got 14 cents per piece based on Surinam's lower terminal dues whereas the post office should have collected 34 cents for this bulk mail.

Recently I was informed Canada Post changed the content of the quad matrix of new postage meters. This would probably be a collectable item if we could read it!

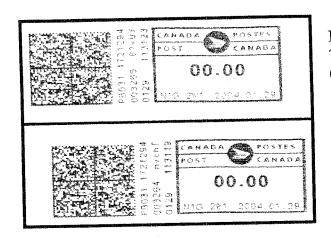
Have you seen this?

Question - The PB DM series (030) prints the indicia on the cover; however, it also prints the company name as a corner card. The cover I am looking at (won't print) has a brown stripe 21 mm high and about 227 mm long.

Jacques Vanhove, C.H.S. l'Accueil, Doyard 15, 4990 - LIERNEUX, Belgium, wishes to contact anyone with a theme (postoffice ad, etc) concerning turtles. He sent me a copy of the attached ad which apparently was supplied by the post office. Didn't know they did this. Write him.

### **New Meter Installation**

Have been monitoring the installation of the top-of-the-line PB-DM1000 postage meter at the Univ of Guelph. It has taken months to get it running but it accounts for everything and charges it back to departments, etc. Have learned a bit about the indicia. There are two dates in the indicia which usually agree but if the mail is delayed after posting the second date will change.



New University of Guelph Pitney Bowes indicia. Two consecutive labels - note the counters are 003264 and 003265.

Pitney Bowes have a number of meter models in the old Type 20 indicia. The first three numbers in each are 500, 520 (high is 520374), 540, 550 (high is 501798), 557 (I have 557118 and 557152), 600, 606, 630 and there may be more. I have sorted a pile of these and have discovered that serial numbers exist in my hoard from 542 to 590 except I can't find a 579. I have none from 591 through 601. I don't have 606, 618 and from 630 (high is 631974) and higher. I wonder if these blocks were used. Any comments?

TOWN N	AMES
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ST-ELZEAR-DE-BEAUCE / PQ 621261	2000
31-10 7 DAK-DE DE XOOF / X V	ነለለን
DOLBEAU-MISTASSINI / PO 567/15	2003
ST-JEAN-CHRYSOSTOME / PQ 603141	2000
NOTRE D MT CARMEL / PQ 500794	
LEBEL SUR QUEVILLON / P.Q. 560225	
SAINT HUBERT / QUE. 358375	
SAINT HODERT / QCE.	2002
BOIS DES FILLION / QC	1983
ST-FRANCOIS-DES-MADAWASKA/ 11B	
G1V 1T2 / PQ 4006614	2003

# TYPE 9.1 - Users of Pitney-Bowes meter 94000

Consolidated Advertising Service - Apr 17'36 to Mar 14'38 Canadian General Electric - Mar 6' 41 to Sep 2 ' 41

Canadian Kodak - Jun 16 '42 - Jun 15 '53

Toronto Star - Jun '49 to Jan '50 but probably used Canadian Kodak

# SINGLE VALUE PITNEY-BOWES MODEL M POSTAGE METERS

Remember the Pitney Bowes Model M postage meter was a single value machine. You needed a different meter for each value you wished to print. This leads to a number of collecting options. A few years ago we began a list of the uses for each Model M meter but the task proved to be too large and it was abandoned. However, I list here a number of collectable items to consider.

On July 1, 1931 a War Tax of 1¢ was added to the domestic postal rate increasing it from 2¢ to 3¢. Consequently a number of single rate meters were re-rated. The serial numbers of meters changed were:- 4019, 4087, 4090, 4120, 4126, 4127, 4157, 4180, 4186, 4206, 4224 and 4298. You should include in your collection one or two of these meters showing both rates.

The Model M postage meter was also used with the Model CA mailing machine. The Model CA machine had the capability of using a tape attachment; however, in order to fit the Model M postage meter the setting had to be changed so we have listed these as our Types 7.4 to 7.5. These meters were first used in 1934 (earliest date APR18 '34?).

When the War Tax was increased to  $2\phi$ , April 1, 1943, and added to the domestic First-Class rate of  $2\phi$ , postage increased from  $3\phi$  to  $4\phi$ . Some Type 7 postage meters were revalued at this time. One should also consider adding one of each rate to your collection. Since the list is not long I include all Model M postage meters used on a Model CA mailing machine below. Can you add to it?

METRE NO Setting 5 0400003 - WINDSOR, ONT. 0400102 - TORONTO ONTARIO. 0400103 - CALGARY, ALBERTA 0400104 - TORONTO, ONTARIO. 0400203 - OTTAWA, ONT. 0400303 - WINNIPEG, MANITOBA 0400303 - LONDON, ONT. 0400301 - TORONTO, ONTARIO. 0400301 - TORONTO, ONTARIO.	<ul> <li>1934 Ford Wakerville Postal Sta.</li> <li>1934 Toronto Star</li></ul>
METRE - Setting 5 0400403 - WINDSOR, ONT. 0400404 - N.P.O. 617 0400403 - TORONTO, ONTARIO 0400501 - OSHAWA, ONT. 0400502 - TORONTO, ONTARIO 0400601 - OSHAWA, ONT. 0400604 - QUEBEC, P.Q. 0400703 - OSHAWA, ONT.	1936 Ford, Walkerville Postal Sta. 1944 Government of Canada 1946 Cancer Campaign 1936 GM 1941 Bell Tel. 1935 GM 1944 Government of Quebec 1935 GM 1945

1940 Nova Kelp 04008 - .01 - TORONTO, ONTARIO 04008 - .04 - REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN1948 Sask. govt (small meter number) 04009 -1935 04010 - .02 - WINNIPEG, MANITOBA 1944 04010 - .04 - TORONTO ONT. 1945 Prudential Trust 04010 - .04 - TORONTO, ONTARIO 1949 Prudential Trust 04010 - .04 - TORONTO, ONTARIO. 04011 - .01 - TORONTO, ONTARIO 1946 Ontario Cancer Fdn 04011 - .04 - TORONTO, ONTARIO. 04011 - .01 - WINNIPEG, MANITOBA 1938 1937 Manitoba Tel. 04012 - .03 - WINNIPEG, MAN. METER-COMPTEUR ??? 04013 -??? 04014 -1937 Consumer's Gas 04015 - ½¢ - TORONTO, ONTARIO METER-COMPTEUR - Settiing 5, Type 8 1937 Quebec government

04016 - .03 - QUEBEC, P.Q.

04017 - .01 - QUEBEC, P.Q.

04018 - .02 - QUEBEC, P.Q.

1937 Quebec government
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# SOME LOWS AND HIGHS TO ESTABLISH NUMBERS

(Can you widen or narrow the gap?)

High 4100157 Low 4100002 CP 4002068 4002028 M < Phigh 0004150175 FP low 0004150002 Low N - 340276 High F - 340252 open 4 - 340720 N - closed 4 340667 501798 PB 500000 520374 PB 520000 631974 PB 630306 557152 PB 557118 PB 030 1704378

PB 030 1704378 PB 031 1722437 PB 031 1776955

NE 01-03203998 NE 01-03301611 NE 01-03401743

#### **FINDS**

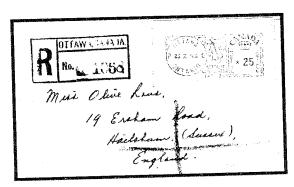
Sort of an interesting label advertisement but don't know any detail on it.



A dirty, but interesting cover dated 1952 when the single letter rate was 4¢ and the Registration added charge was 20¢, so we have 4 + 10 + 10. There is also an A-R stamp plus the Registration stamp.

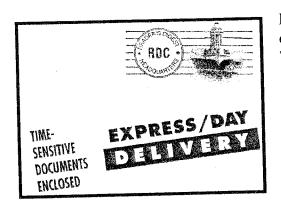


For some reason metered Registered covers are hard to find. This has the Ottawa registration mark but the meter was applied at the Ottawa Post Office (P.O.) And is for  $25\phi$ .  $(5\phi + 20\phi)$ 

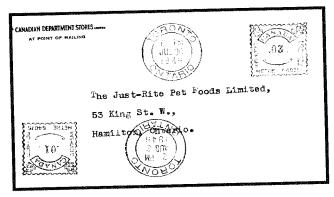


I also "found", of little value, a brown business envelope which wont print from the City of North York. The meter is barely readable but is PB 156144 with new style font and dated 9 III'83. The town mark - CITY OF NORTH YORK makes it a bit different.

I also bought a Nixdorf cover from OTTAWA to REXDALE because of the Special Delivery Expres sticker on the face. On the back is a hand cancel from Ottawa on Sep. 10, 1981, and receiving mark at Toronto on Sep. 11, 1981. Postage paid was \$3.05. The Nixdorf label has faded badly so I do not show it, however, the serial number is N3000264.



Readers Digest is back at it again. They seem to be a law onto themselves and create their own indicia for mail. This is not in the postal guide.

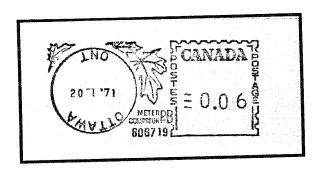


This is an interesting cover showing two indicia to make up the required rate - but that is not why it is here.

I have noted on quite a few Type 8 indicia a **small consistent dot** which is clearly seem at the end of the rate. It must be part of the printing mechanism. Have a look at your own copies.



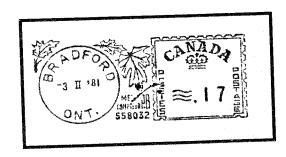
Coca-Cola at Prince Albert, SK., hasn't fixed their indicia. Ordinarily they are upside down but this is half way. I have another the same so they are consistent. Both are very poor quality.



Inverted town mark, nice copy but a cut square.



New Neopost meter with serial block NE 014 3300175. Between the two rectangles you see the date in large numbers "1028". I assume the third line to be a counter. This is from the University of Waterloo.



Notice the "die dirt" which has printed above "PB". I have not seen this before.



Most of you have seen XPRESSPOST labels. They are getting larger and have a scan code. Also on the label is a "Nixdorf" type indicia. These are the same size and have the same info as those that are printed by the dealers. Saving these takes a lot of album space.



Note the different style of serial number in Friden within the 359xxx number block.

For your records:- Type 8 has a 14¢ value on meter 54104; also, there is 11¢ on meter 54124 in 1960

#### HISTORICAL FACTS

#### PITNEY BOWES TYPE 1

The first license was issued at Toronto to the T.Eaton Co. on September 27, 1923. According to Pike postage meters  $4003 - 1\phi$ ;  $4004 - 2\phi$  and  $4007 - 3\phi$ . Meter 4009 replaced meter 4007 on 29 Feb 1924.

The earliest known postally used is Oct. 23, 1923 on 4002 at Ottawa. The earliest demonstration use known is May 25, 1923, at Ottawa on meter 4001. Pike shows meter 4002 with a date of May 1, 1923.

By the fall of 1924 only 10 postage meters were in use. Two of these were used by the Postage Meter Company (4002 at Ottawa and 4005 at Montreal). Meters 4006, 4008 and 4013 were in use by Great Western Insurance, Winnipeg, and meter 4014 by the Winnipeg Electric R.R. Co.

Date License Issued by PO	Firm Awarded License		City No.	Permit 1¢	Origina 2¢	al Serial Number 3¢
19230807 19230929 19231211	Postage Meter Co. T. Eaton Co. Postage Meter Co	Ottawa Toronto Montreal	1 1 2	4020 4003	4089 4004 4005	4002 4007
19240129 19240304	Great West Life Co Postage Meter Co	Winnipeg Toronto	1 2	4008	4006	4013
19240423 19240513	Metropolitan Life Winnipeg Electric	Ottawa Winnipeg Toronto	2 2 3	4016	4095 4014	4010 4011
19240705 19240721 19240808	Goodyear Tire T. Eaton Co Ottawa Light & Heat	Winnipeg	3 3	4017 4023	4015 4019	4001 4018
19241018 19241205	Consolidated Press General Motors	Toronto Oshawa	4 1	4029 4030	4088 4027	4012 4025

There were an additional 12 licenses issued in 1925. These early imprints are surely scarce and any I have seen are usually cut squares

The inclusion of a license number became optional in 1927 and is often found blank.

## RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID in townmark

1¢ - 4181, 4182, 4197

2¢ - 4004, 4015, 4095, 4102, 4180, 4201, 4217

3¢ - 4043, 4054, 4080, 4180, 4279, 4295

License Number inverted - 5 / 4077; 21 / 4090; 5 / 4138

Special townmarks -

Walkerville Postal Stn. - 4049, 4051, 4059

House of Assembly (3 varieties) - 4003, 4044, 4065, 4066, 4067, 4084, 4102, 4126, 4276, 4296,

Unknown meter numbers (Anyone have one?) - 4085, 4094, 4113, 4137, 4159, 4163, 4164, 4165, 4200, 4205, 4210, 4230, 4233, 4242, 4245, 4256, 4257, 4258.

Total of 304 meter numbers plus 11 re-valued meters.

Below are some collection challenges to obtain both items in a category.

#### RE-VALUED POSTAGE METERS

TYPE 1 - For the record - Type 1 has the following **rare** values -  $13\phi$  - 4296;  $12\phi$  - 4085, 4201;  $6\phi$  - 4086, 4067;  $5\phi$  - 4055, 4065, 4067;  $4\phi$  - 4066, 4111, 4112, 4123, 4124.

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TYPE 1, revalued (2¢ < 3¢)
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4011 - 2<3; 4019 - 2<3; 4035 - 3<?; 4070 - 1<3; 4071 - 1<3; 4087 - 2<3; 4090 - 2<3

4120 - 2<3; 4126 - 2<3; 4127 - 2<3; 4157 - 2<3; 4180 - 2<3; 4183 - 1<3; 4186 - 2<3

4206 - 2<3; 4208 - 2<3; 4224 - 2<3; 4225 - 2<1; 4240 - 1<3; 4287 - 2<3; 4298 - 2<3

#### TYPE 2 to TYPE 3

Midget Meters existing as both Type 2 and Type 3 - 504, 505, 509, 512, 513

There were 29 shield Type 5 postage meters converted to square Type 6 between 40023 and 40408.

#### MIDGET POSTAGE METERS

Produced by Universal Postal Frankers Ltd., London, England Inspected in May 1926. On June 13, 1927 five out of 90 had a defect. Midget postage meter was authorized for use in Canada July 4, 1926. First commercial machine was used at Laporte-Martin Ltd., Montreal, July 20, 1926.

Indicia was the Type 2 rectangular pattern. Last use of the rectangular indicia was in July 18, 1927, only a year of use! All meters were used at Ottawa and Montreal.

### The following meters are known:-

501 1¢	Ottawa, Ontario, Instruments Limited
502 2¢	Ottawa, Ontario
503 1¢	Ottawa, Ontario
504 2¢	Ottawa, Ontario, Ottawa Journal - Type 3
505 1¢, 2¢, 3¢	Montreal, Quebec, Northern Electric?

506	Montreal, Quebec
507 2¢	Montreal, Quebec
509 2¢	Montreal, Quebec, Henry Birks Ltd.
512 2¢	Montreal, Quebec, Laporte-Martin Ltd.
513 1¢	Montreal, Quebec, Canadian Industrial Alcohol

### SHIELD PATTERN - Type 3



New indicia following the successful one year trial of Type 2.

Apparently approved July 15, 1927; however, the earliest date known is 21 II 27 on meter 347 Only 12 Type 3 still in service Feb 1, 1938, and were withdrawn shortly after as PB was promoting their Type 5 Midget. The last UPF Midget was removed from service Sep. 13, 1938. On Feb 21, 1928 there were 463 of these popular meters in use.

Meters were imported from the UK in batches or blocks. Those blocks used were: 197 [1]; 331-350 [20]; 361-381 [20]; 451-490 [40]; 501-513 [12]; 541-580 [40]; 601-640 [40]; 661-740 [80]; 781-830 [50]; 884-930 [50]; 1421-1470 [50]; 2007-2009 [3]; 2076 [1]

Earliest known Type 3 - 21 II 27 Values used - 1¢, 2¢, 3¢. 4¢,[720]; 5¢, 6¢, [924]; 10¢, [689, 825, 2007]; 12¢ [802, 1435; 2009]

Province in full except for B.C. - B.C. in full on 615

N.S. on 544; ONT. on 481, 484, 667, 687, 701, 740, 782, 784, 798, 886, 2008 QUE. on 347, 361, 362, 618, 798, 892

Broken inner circle - 462, 463, 464, 468, 470, 484, // 546, 553, 555, 563, 568, 572, // 607, 615, 634, 639, // 663, 664, 667, 679, 687, 695, 697, 698, 701, 705, 707, 712, 723, 726, 735, 736, 740, // 781, 782, 784, 787, 789, 790, 794, 796, 797, 798, 800, 803, 805, 806, 808, 809, 810, 814, 816, 822, 824, 828, // 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 898, 901, 912, 917, 920, 921, 923, // 1427, 1429, 1434, 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1451, 1454, 1456, 1457, 1462, 1465, 1467, 1470, // 2007, 2008.

Error:- 1 CENTS - 634, 683

No townmark, mainly on 1¢ but on 334 and 913 as 2¢ and 726 as 3¢

Small PB type townmark (month in letters) and date - 454, 464, 671, 1436, 1447

Earliest slogan - 28 VII 27 on 721 Meters using slogans - 338, 346, 364, 456, 463, 502, 504, 541, 550, 664, 707, 715, 721, 727, 898, 900, 1442, 1467.

Tapes not used

## PITNEY BOWES MODEL J POSTAGE METER (Type 9)

Earliest date known is APR 30, 1936 (94003) Most withdrawn by 1958

94000 - small date, dot in front of value as in US meters From 94001, date larger and star replaces the dot METRE - 94000 - 94034 METER-COMPTEUR - 94035 - 94124

**VARIETIES** 

with DEPT.P.P.& S.

At left of indicia, regular TM - 94009

At left of indicia, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, SUB.P.O. 18 - 94009

RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID - 94020, 94069

sometimes with a date

P.O. in townmark - Montreal - M - 94007, M-C - 94047

Toronto - M - 94028, M-C 94039, 94040, 94046,

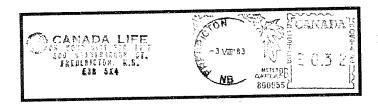
Ottawa - M-C 94048, 94067

Townmark blank - 94053

House of Assembly, Toronto, ONT. - M - 94033, M-C 94117

# PITNEY BOWES MODEL R POSTAGE METER (Type 11)

Earliest known date - May 30, 1940 (140002) Star in value upright or inverted Month in Roman Numerals - 140023 - Quebec V 1' 41

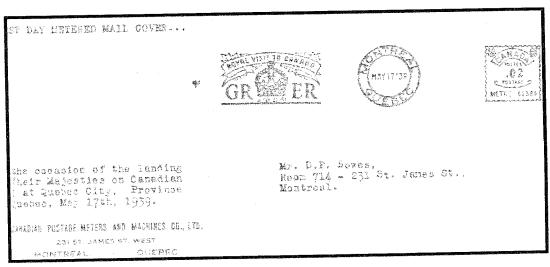


Assume the missing word in the townmark is JUNCTION. Anyone seen an original?



How do we get this form of bounce without some distortion of the townmark?

Hasler meter H2065211



How many of these souvenir covers would have been produced? I would think not many when the inscription is typewritten rather than being printed.

FIRST DAY METERED MAIL COVER...

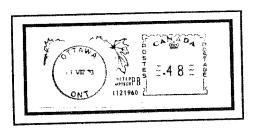
On the occasion of the landing of Their Majesties on Canadian soil at Quebec City, Province of Quebec, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1939.

Note the townmark is MONTREAL?

FP meter 4006614 with postal code "G1V 1T2 / PQ" in townmark
Date - 2003 10 30



Pitney Bowes meter showing an incorrect position for the dot in the value. This seems to be a common fault with this meter. I save it but would not catalogue it since it is not a design change. Meter 1121960

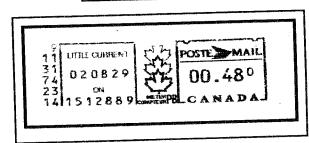


You can tell this is a wet bag tag. Of interest is some person cut out the townmark and indica from a postage meter, including the postal ad and glued them on to the bag tag. Of more interest it the fact the post Office actually delivered the package. Sorry about the appearance.



Ontario postage meter having the French inscription "POSTE MAIL".

This isn't supposed to happen. I have a couple of other Ontario towns with the same "error".



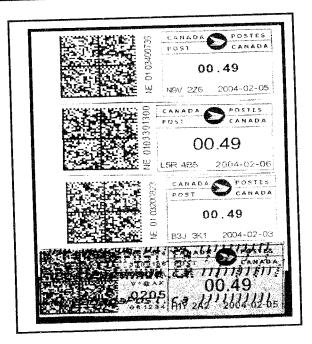
Shown here are the current NEOPOST postage meter indicia. It is hard to get excited about sych small differences.

NE 01 034 400736 - small rate IJ 45 meter

NE 01 033 01300 - large rate and wider rate box

NE 01 032 00823 - same as 034

NE 01 034 00186 - brown paper so not print, IJ 85 meter note extra space and width



This is a first attempt at a computer generated newsletter with graphic cuts. Very large file, hope it works.