

CANADIAN METER STUDY GROUP
NEWSLETTER

No. 2

September 1981

The response to our first newsletter in June was encouraging; my thanks to those of have sent in a small donation to assist with postage, etc. The Postmaster General has indicated rates may double shortly. Isn't it amazing...

This newsletter includes notes on several new meter varieties; contributions by members on the new Pitney-Bowes remote meter setting (RMS) system and on page layout style for meter collecting; a preliminary list of townmarks for Irwin types 1-4; a list of our members' collecting interests and addresses; and other trivia.

NEW VARIETIES

Type 18: a fourth indicia type now is reported (Rubec, Irwin). It has three wavy lines to the left of the value and two dots to the right spaced $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Would this be type 18.4?

Type 22.3: a postage due meter of this style is in use in Toronto. Meter No. 775374 thanks to Dave Cooper for digging it up.

RMS PITNEY BOWES

Attached is a contribution by Ross Irwin concerning the new remote meter setting system developed by Pitney Bowes. Start looking for this new series!

DISPLAYING YOUR COLLECTION

I suppose everyone has a different method for doing this. Jean-Pierre Forest has included a copy of one of his pages and requested others sent us a copy of one of your favorite page layouts. This is a good idea. Contributions in French or English will be published in the author's choice of language.

TOWN LISTS

Several members have been town collectors for a long time. Ed Lapham and Alan Draves have indicated they keep listings of town marks for Canadian meters. Several other members have expressed an interest in compiling a list of towns by meter type. This is a big job obviously. May I propose we use this Newsletter to create it? Each edition will carry a preliminary list for several meter types (based on Irwin's Canadian Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue). Subsequent editions will carry corrections and additions to these lists as well as preliminary lists for the next few types. In Newsletter No. 2 hence, please find my list of types 1-4 based on my collection (those marked with an asterisk are in my collection) and other notes, one's seen, etc. Please send in your additions and your lists for types 5-7. Newsletter No. 3 will appear in December or so, which gives everyone lots of time to reply.

PRELIMINARY TOWN LIST, TYPE 1

*TORONTO ONT.
 *TORONTO ONTARIO
 *TORONTO ONTARIO.
 *HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TORONTO. ONT.
 *HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TORONTO ONTARIO
 *HAMILTON ONTARIO
 *LONDON ONT.
 *OTTAWA ONT.
 *FERGUS ONTARIO
 OSHAWA _____
 WINDSOR ONT. WALKERVILLE POSTAL STA.
 FORT ERIE _____
 * WINDSOR ONTARIO

*WINNIPEG MAN.
 *WINNIPEG MANITOBA

*REGINA SASKATCHEWAN
 REGINA SASK.

*HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

MONCTON _____

*MONTREAL QUEBEC
 *MONTREAL QUEBEC.
 *MONTREAL P.Q.
 *QUEBEC P.Q.

*EDMONTON ALTA.
 CALGARY _____

*VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA
 *VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA

RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID

* blank no townmark

PRELIMINARY TOWN LIST TYPE 2

MONTREAL QUEBEC
 OTTAWA ONT.
 OTTAWA ONTARIO

PRELIMINARY TOWN LIST TYPE 3

*TORONTO ONTARIO
 *OTTAWA "
 *PETERBORO "
 *PARIS "
 WINDSOR "
 LONDON "

*VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA
 VANCOUVER " "

HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA

*MONTREAL QUEBEC

*WINNIPEG MANITOBA

*CALGARY ALBERTA
 EDMONTON "
 MEDICINE HAT ALBERTA

The following provinces exist abbreviated, but what city? QUE., N.S., B.C., ONT.

RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID

PRELIMINARY TOWN LIST TYPE 4

*TORONTO ONTARIO

Several meter types exist on almost everyone's want list. From my perspective the following material is the hardest to find: Irwin types 1.1, 2, 4, 6.17 (POW), 9.1, 10, 11.3, 11.4, 11.6, 12.1, 15, 16, 19.1, 40, 41, 50.1, 50.2, 60, 70. If you have any of this material for sale/trade please send the Newsletter an advertisement. I can guarantee it will be snapped up quickly.

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I am looking for examples or photocopies of any law, excise, vacation pay, revenue useage and any paracel delivery service meters used in Canada. Law meters are used in BC and Quebec at court houses and land registry offices. (C. Rubec).

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I was in Vancouver, BC last week and stopped into the BC law courts. At least eight law meter machines are in use there with special indicia (example below). Others are used in New Westminister and Victoria. All other law courts and registry offices use law stamps (adhesives). So there are only about 20-25 BC law court meters. Quebec meters are more intersting. In each major city they are used in the Palais de Justice (example below)-there may be over 100 in number. The supreme court registrar's office in Quebec City has three such machines (one is a spare and rarely used). (Rubec)

BC meter numbers: 149200 - 149225??

Quebec meter numbers: 149000-149199

I would like to see examples of any of the above material for further research.

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Several members are compiling lists of meter types 1, 3 and 5 by number. If they would write me a note, we can help with reference material. Rubec, Irwin and Cooper for instance collect type 1 by number. A old list exists but only up to about 1930. It needs updating. I record the meter number, date of use, location, townmark, value, colour, licence number and keep one of each colour by number in a three ring binder (three binders now in fact).

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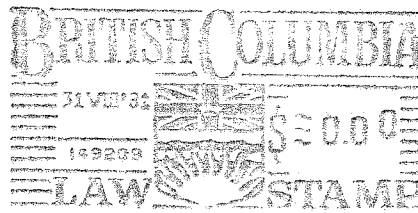
The enclosed list of members includes address and stated interests where provided. Newsletters will continue to everyone as long as you help with the postage. If its not worth a few bucks to you, fine at least others know your interests and can now write directly. My thanks to the dozen or so who have contributed. Each issue is costing about \$11 to sent out so far.

Newsletter No. 3 to appear in December I hope. It will include town lists for Irwin types 5, 6 and 7. Also a preliminary list of Canadian military base meters. Perhaps those collecting that area could send me the following: town mark, meter type, meter number, full text and layout of slogans or return addresses in English and French please. Your lists will be added to the one coordinated list and presented here. Any suggestions?

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Thanks for your interest.

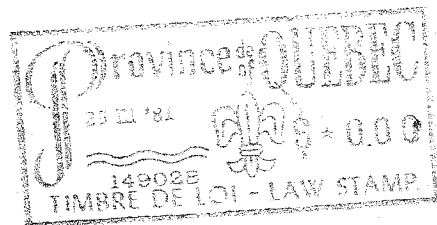
EXAMPLES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND QUEBEC LAW COURT METERS



SPECIMEN OF LAW COURT METER
IN USE AT VANCOUVER, B.C



Specimen of Law Meter
Court House
Quebec City



Specimen Law Meter
Palais de Justice
Montreal

PITNEY-BOWES REMOTE METER RESETTING SYSTEM (RMRS)

Ross W. Irwin

Pitney-Bowes introduced the Remote Meter Resetting System (RMRS) to selected cities in Canada in August 1980. I have reason to believe that first-day covers would be dated 2 IX'80. General distribution was delayed due to the unavailability of WATTS lines however national distribution was complete by March 1981.

The system uses two postage meters. Model 5384 has a setting capacity of \$200 and had an initial serial number of 600001. The other postage meter is Model 5385 and has a resetting capacity of \$2000. The initial serial number was 630001. The indicium of each is identical to Irwin Type 20.1.

These postage meters are usually one part of a complete mailing system which weighs, computes the appropriate postage, meters, seals and stacks the envelopes. Instead of taking the postage meter to the local post office to have it reset with additional postage the meter operator, using a touch-tone telephone, calls the Royal Bank data centre on the WATTS line. The postage meter serial number as well as the current ascending and descending dial readings are transmitted using the telephone buttons. The bank operator responds with a random number code. The code is used to set five red numbers and five white numbers which are located on the postage meter. These are punched using a special key. A knob is then turned which is used to dial in the amount of postage to be purchased - either \$200 or \$2000, or multiples of lesser amounts, depending on the meter.

This mailing system will be used by large volume mail houses so keep a close look at your Type 20 envelopes. The author has only found one to date.

L'AFFRANCHISSEMENT MECANIQUE

Jean-Pierre Forest

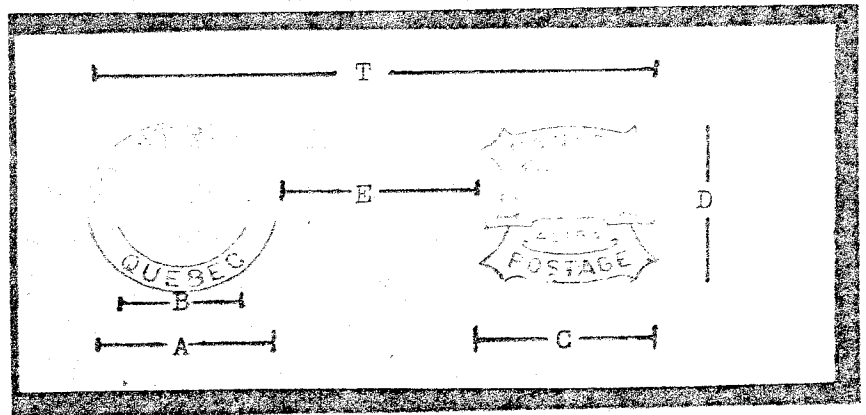
L'affranchissement mécanique est apparu au Canada le 29 septembre 1923. Le premier utilisateur a été T. J. Eaton et Cie. Cette chaîne de grands magasins venait de se procurer trois modèles-"A" de la firme Pitney-Bowes.

Dans cet exhibit, l'auteur présente une sélection d'empreintes particulières à un domaine de la philatélie qui est encore méconnu. Dans le texte, l'auteur adoptera la classification de Ross W. Irwin et représentera les dimensions en millimètres suivant une méthode personnelle expliquée ci-dessous.

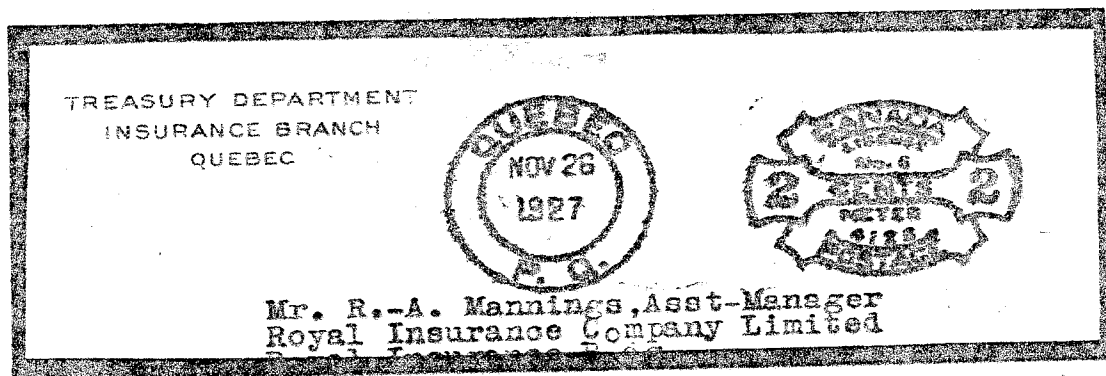
(24,17),26,(22,22)-(72)

(A, B), E,(C, D)-(T)

A : cercle externe
 B : cercle interne
 C : longueur (indice)
 D : hauteur (indice)
 E : distance entre A & C
 T : longueur totale
 (slogan exclus)



LE TYPE 1: MANUFACTURIER : Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., Stamford, Conn.
 PERIODE : 7 Août 1923 jusqu'en 1950
 MODELE : Compteur de modèle "M" utilisé sur une machine A
 VALEURS : 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 et 13 cents.



Type 1.2.4 (point après la province) (27,18),12,(35,23)-(74)

Propriétaire: Ministère du Trésor, Service des Assurances, Qué.
 Numéro : METER 4126
 Date : NOV 26 / 1927
 Détails : 2 CENTS, encre verte, LICENSE No. 6

MEMBERS OF THE
CANADIAN METER STUDY GROUP
TENTATIVE LISTING

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| | Ernest J. Roscoe
P.O. Box 2144
Salmon, Idaho
USA 83467 | Collects Canada and world generally; specialty USA varieties especially postal history; Prefers on cover; Treasurer USA Meter Stamp Society; Columnist <u>Stamp Collector</u> magazine. |
| | Ernest T. Merriken
Box 984
Morrisburg, Ontario
KOC 1X0 | Canada, USA and World - all basic types; prefers front face or 3"x5", tapes or cover if available; Collects towns, provinces, P.O. meters, air mail, non-postal meters, military mail, rates and slogans. |
| 184 | Ross W. Irwin
Box 1263
Guelph, Ontario
N1H 6H6 | Canada meter specialist; author Canada Postage Meter Catalogue Editions 1 and 2; Specializes in towns, and numbers types 1-5. Prefers face with address or tape. World generalist. |
| 282 | Clayton Rubec
2473 Huntley Ave
Ottawa, Ont.
K1V8E7 | Canada specialist; worldwide generally except USA and UK (not collected); Prefers tape and full cover; Type 1 by number; revenue meters; non-postal meters; permit mail. T. Eaton Co. interest, free meters. |
| 426 | James L. Bacon
50 Merry Road
Sale, Chesire
England M33 1LF | Collects Canada basic types on cover; President Philateli Society of Great Britain. |
| | Gabriel Pustel
Box 1345
Jackson, N.J.
USA 08527 | Collects world on cover and tape; P.O, gov't,advertising slogans, transportation, POW meters; Secretary US Meter Stamp Society. |
| | Bretton Perry
Appletree Lane
Norwalk, Conn.
USA 06850 | Collects Canada basic types; on strip with address preferred; Serial No all types before 1950; Towns and slogans 1924-50. Member former Meter Slogan Associator |
| | Stuart Phillips
219 Stilt Court
Foster City, Calif.
USA 94404 | Collects Canada, USA and world generally; prefers tape or strip 2"x4"; Towns, PO meters, gov't, commorative and advertising slogans. |
| 159 | Doug Murray
Box 693
Charlottetown, PEI
C1A 7L3 | PEI meters and towns on small envelopes. |
| 355 | Jean-Guy Dalpé
684 Rue Le Laboureur
Boucherville, Québec
J4B 3S2 | Collects Canada subtypes and serial numbers; prefers tapes and 2"x4" cuts; Quebec meters and towns; gov't, Quebec advertising; Christmas, Centennial, Expo 67, Red Cross, Easter, Olympic Games, Banks, interesting slogans. |
| 229 | Ron Kitchen
1387 Pearl Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1T 1C6 | Mainly Canada, worldwide casually;all subtypes; Military specialist on cover or tape preferred; Aircraft slogans; Military slogans or addresses. |

- Fred Jeffrey
80 Dalewood Ave South
Hamilton, Ontario
L8S 1Z2
Canada, USA and world basic types; prefers strip with sender address. Collects slogans especially.
- Alan Draves
Box 190
New Knoxville, Ohio
USA 45871
Canada, USA basic types; prefers cover or strip with sender address; collects towns; maintains US and Canada computerized townlist. Edito US Meter Stamp Society Bulletin.
- Werner Simon
690 West Suggs Drive
Memphis, Tenn.
USA 38119
Worldwide specialist; prefers cover or tape; all variet including Law, gov't, Non-postal, Unemployment, and PO meters. Specialty Canada NCR meter tapes, postal directive slogans; Author Barfoot-Simon Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue(world listing) and Simon-Walsh The United States Postage Meter Catalog. Chief Editor MSS Bulletin
- 72 R.G. Moore
77 Metcalfe Street
St. Thomas, Ontario
N5R 3K6
Canada basic types; on cover preferred; Postal rates of interest.
- James Stuart
Box 86283
North Vancouver, B.C.
V7L 4J8
Canada, USA, world all types in any available format; Varieties, revenue and non-postal meters
- 354 David Cooper
Box 2372
Postal Station "P"
Thunder Bay, Ontario
P7B 5E9
Canada Specialist, all varieties, rates, types. Types 1-10 by serial number; law, gov't, revenue, slogans and varieties.
- 216 Sherwin Podolsky
16035 Tupper Street
Sepulveda, Calif.
USA 91343
Worldwide Olympic Games topical only.
- 487 Francine Davis
84 Timberbank Blvd
Agincourt, Ontario
M1W 1ZY
Joyce King
Box 6093
Station "D"
London, Ontario
H.G. McGrandle
204 Seymour St. West
Kamloops, B.C.
V2C 1E7
Collects Canada and Worldwide and USA; all basic types on cover or tape, by serial number, any size ad cuts; town names, gov't meters, registered covers, postal rates, air mail and non-postal meters.
- 289 W.D. Whitehouse
2427 Greenfield Avenue
Kamloops, B.C.
V2B 4P6
Canada all basic types; tape or cover preferred; BC towns; gov't, law, revenue, airgraphs; Military and wartime patriotic slogans.

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Robert Kitchener
114 - 15 Street West
Cornwall, Ontario
K6J 3J8

Canada, USA; and worldwide casually; all types; early meters by number; tape or 2"x4" cut preferred. Gov't, law and revenue meters of interest.

M.L. Brown
Box 628
Unity, Saskatchewan
SOK 4L0

Canada all basic types and varieties; USA and World basic types; Prefers strips or tapes.

David Crotty
41 Eason Street
Highland Park, MI
USA 48203

Canada, USA, UK, Mexico all basic types; Prefers tape or 2"x4" cut; PO and Gov't meters of interest.

Edwin S. Lapham
Box 185
Wading River, N.Y.
USA 11792

World all basic types; Prefers cover or front face; Town specialist; non-postal meters (UPS, PAPAN, etc) of interest; has up-to-date Canada townlist.

Robert Swan
2495 Dufferin Street
Apt. 302
Toronto, Ontario
M6B3R3

Canada, USA, UK (and world generally) all basic types and numbers; Any format; slogans

Jean-Pierre Forest
4014 Des Cèdres
Cap-Rouge, Québec
GOA 1K0

Canada all basic types; cover, tape or address strip preferred; Quebec towns and gov't meters, illustrated covers of interest. Bank of Montreal, Hudson Bay Co., Bell Canada, Quebec Government meters.

Yvon Legris
5817 Madore Street
Montreal, Quebec
HiM 1H3

Canada all basic types and varieties; permit mail; law, gov't, revenue meters of interest.

Gene McGowan
3375 Fan Louis
Ventura, California
USA

Wallace G. McDonald
10601 Zenith Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn.
USA 55531

Canada and USA collected, all basic types on strip with sender address preferred. Town names, PO meters, gov't and non-postal meters, advertising and commem. covers, air mail, and transportation illustrations.

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Ted L. Kilish
40735 Newporte Drive
Plymouth, MI
USA 48170

Canada, USA and World, all basic types, entire cover on early material, or cuts with address of sender or or tape preferred.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Accumulation of meters on envelope 1970-80, mainly North Dakota and Minnesota available for sale by Mr. Alfred Hagan, 501 Cherry Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota, USA 58201.

The following lots are mostly one-of-a-kind from all the stuff I've accumulated. I think all are complete, clean covers.

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| 1. Type 1.3 1931-32 London Toronto | each | \$3 |
| 2. " 3.1 1928 #378 Montreal | each | \$4 |
| 3. " 3.3 combined rate 1¢+2¢ Toronto 1931 | each | \$5 |
| 4. " 3.3 Montreal 1928-30 | each | \$4 |
| 5. " 5.1 five different cities Toronto, London,
Windsor, Montreal, Winnipeg | lot | \$4 |
| 6. Type 5.1 24 different various rates and cities
1930-46 | lot | \$7 |
| 7. Type 6.1 four different cities Montreal,
Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa | lot | \$3 |
| 8. Type 6.1 twelve different, various rates and
cities 1935-49 | lot | \$5 |
| 9. Type 7.1 1936 | each | \$2 |
| 10. Type 7.2 six cities Montreal, Toronto, Quebec,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Halifax, Ottawa | lot | \$4 |
| 11. Type 7.2 44 different, various rates and
cities 1932-49 | lot | \$12 |
| 12. Type 7.2 slogan "Back the Attack...Buy Victory
Bonds", Brockville 1943 | each | \$4 |
| 13. Type 7.3 38 different, various cities and rates
1942-58 | lot | \$8 |
| 14. Type 7.3 14 different various cities, rates | lot | \$3 |
| 15. Type 7.3 three colours red, blue, purple | lot | \$2 |
| 16. Type 7.3.9 with type 3 date | each | \$5 |
| 17. Type 7.3 five towns Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto,
Brantford, Halifax | lot | \$2 |
| 18. Types 8.1 or 8.2 Bell Canada, 72 illustrated
covers 1937-50 on white or manila paper | lot | \$17 |
| 19. Type 11.1 54 different towns with PROV. and
PROVINCE varieties | lot | \$5 |

From: C. Rubec, 2473 Huntley Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1V 8E7