

# CMSG

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This newsletter incorporates a few notes on specimen and permit meter designs; updates on Wilf Whitehouse's survey of patriotic meter slogans; townlists for several types; membership notes, and a few advertisements.

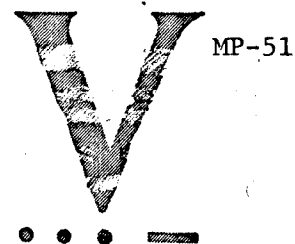
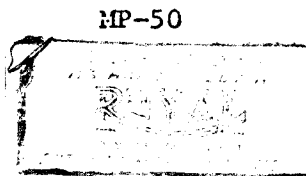
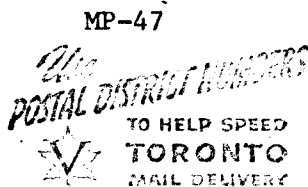
## PATRIOTIC SLOGAN SURVEY

Wilf Whitehouse is still seeking reports on slogans of patriotic nature from the 1940-45 period. He will wait sometime before compiling a draft report for circulation. After some discussion, there are a few corrections that should be relayed concerning the checklist circulated in Newsletter No. 5.

WS-10F - this would be more correctly listed as the french version of WS-11.  
Hence change to WS-11F.

MP-57 - is this just a poorly positioned version of the slogan slug for MP-32?  
or is it a distinct variety with "Toronto 2" omitted.

MP-47 - this was poorly sketched in newsletter no. 5. A photocopy is provided below



Several new types are listed above. One advertising slogan for Remington Typewriter is now labelled MP-50 and a variety similar to MP-15 is proposed as MP-51. This is subject to approval by Whitehouse. What do you think? I imagine there are numerous examples of similar types caused by variations in engraver's art.

## TYPE 23 EARLY DATE

A copy of Irwin type 23.1 dated 18 XII 68 used at Delta BC by the Bank of Montreal appears to predate that reported for early use in the catalogue. It could be an error but the impression is clearly "68". Does anyone have other early or later dates to report for other meter types? Thanks to M. Strecko for this report.

### SPECIMEN METERS

The use of trade samples marked "specimen" has been a standard advertising product by meter machine manufacturers since the first meters were introduced. This brief note examines some of the varieties; undoubtedly other collectors have many other varieties which could be illustrated in future editions of the Newsletter.

Figures 1 and 2 show two specimens created by Pitney Bowes in 1935, probably in Connecticut. They are identical except for the indicia - one is a USA design, the other for a Canadian excise design. Figure 3 shows one of the first specimen designs with "SAMPLE" incorporated over the Irwin type 1 design. All three of these designs on cover are very rare - I was fortunate to have picked them up at Jim Hennock's shop in Toronto this fall. He always seems to have at least a few interesting meter items.

Figures 4-9 show other specimen advertising material and actual specimen types on tape (Figure 8-9). I would welcome copies of other examples for my own collection and for illustration here. You will note the existence of french versions of specimen meters with "VILLE PROVINCE" in townmark. I have seen these on Irwin type 11 and 18 advertisements. Also the advertising examples (Figures 4-7) vary slightly in terms of letter size, etc. from actual meter used specimens.

### NEW MEMBERS OF THE CMSG

May I welcome two new members from Quebec and encourage others to join!!

Mr. Marcel Longpré  
220, rue Martigny  
Repentigny, Québec  
J6A 1S8

Collects Canada and the USA on front face or 2"x4" cuts or small envelopes. Major interest is Quebec town names.

Mr. Michel Strecko  
C.P. 790  
Succursale Desjardins  
Montréal, Québec

Collects worldwide on front face, strips or tape; especially rarities, air mail, commemorative slogans and post office meters. He has a garage full of material to trade.

### NEW ADDRESS

Ernest J. Roscoe  
110 South Eli Street  
Salmon. ID  
USA 83467

### MSS NOTES

Bulletin No. 177 of the Meter Stamp Society contains several notes on Canadian meters. One reports on "Pitney Bowes Electronic Meter Introduced into Canada" while a second reports the existence of proof copies of an Ohmer-Fare Register Co. meter used at Montreal in 1931, numbered 1991. The meter was not placed in use and is not included in Irwin's catalogue. A USA proof of the same design and meter number also exists.

SPECIMEN METERS

Figure 1

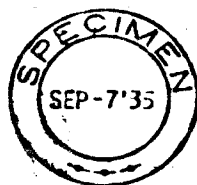


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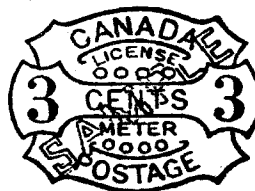
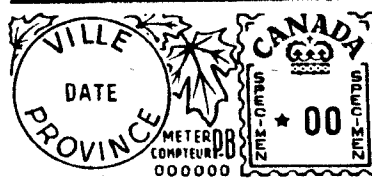
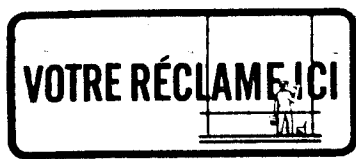


Figure 3



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Figure 4

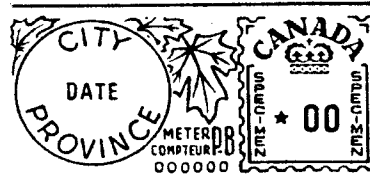


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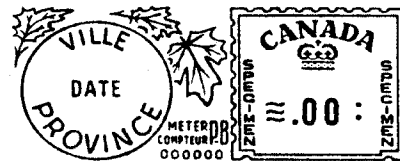


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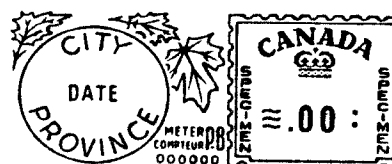


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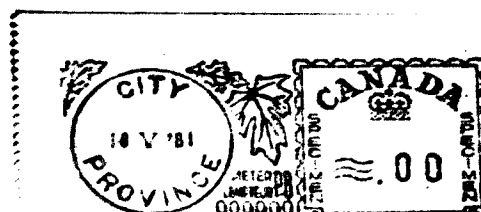


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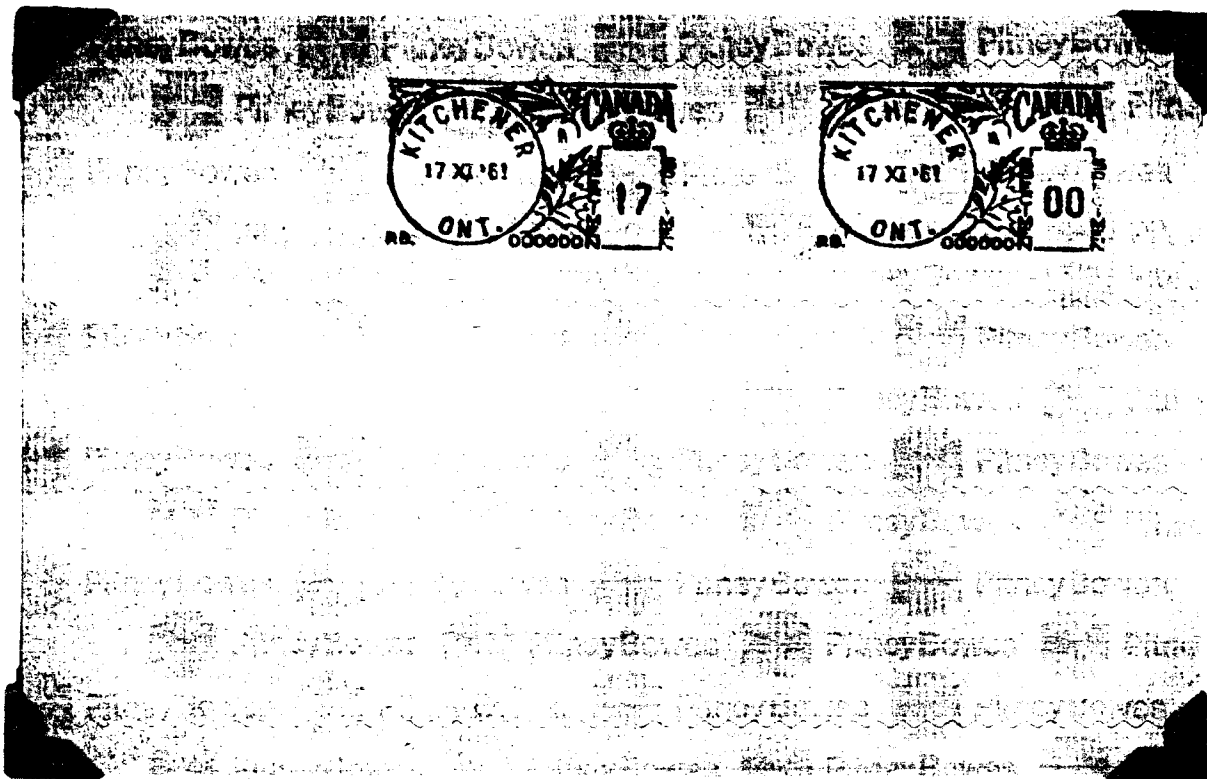
SPECIMENS (cont.)

Figure 9

TOWNLIST REPORTS BY IRWIN TYPE

Type 7 Additions: BEAUCEVILLE EST. QUEBEC

Type 8 Additions: VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA  
VANCOUVER B.C.  
REGINA SASKATCHEWAN

Type 9 Additions: HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TORONTO ONT.  
OTTAWA ONTARIO SUB. P.O. 18  
FORT WILLIAM ONTARIO  
ST. CATHERINES "  
QUEBEC QUEBEC  
REGINA SASKATCHEWAN  
SPECIMEN with star and 2 fancy marks

OXFAM METER LOTS

Several of you have responded to my note that lots of foreign meters are available. This is still the case but there are also now several accumulations of meters of Canadian types 11, 20, 23 and others by province. For instance would anyone like several hundred meters from Quebec (no Montreal) or Ontario (no Toronto) - mainly smaller places. Cost is what its worth to you plus postage - for OXFAM relief agency

# PERMIT METERS

Several interesting meter designs have been created with PERMIT NO.1 POSTAGE PAID in the indicia. One type 11 example is illustrated below. Another type 12.3.3 is referenced in Irwin's catalogue and used on January 20 1948, the same date as the type 11 below. Were they both used by the Dept. of National Health and Welfare at Toronto. I would appreciate a photocopy of the type 12 (or other varieties that exist) for verification.

The meter impression below is most unusual. It has a townmark and slogan but the indicia indicates special usage for bulk permit mailing. Preprinted permit envelopes and cards and permit cancelling devices are common, but use of what otherwise appears to be a meter impression for permit mailings is very rare indeed.

Meter No. 143336 used by the Department of National, Health and Welfare at Toronto is the only example known to me to have been used in this way.

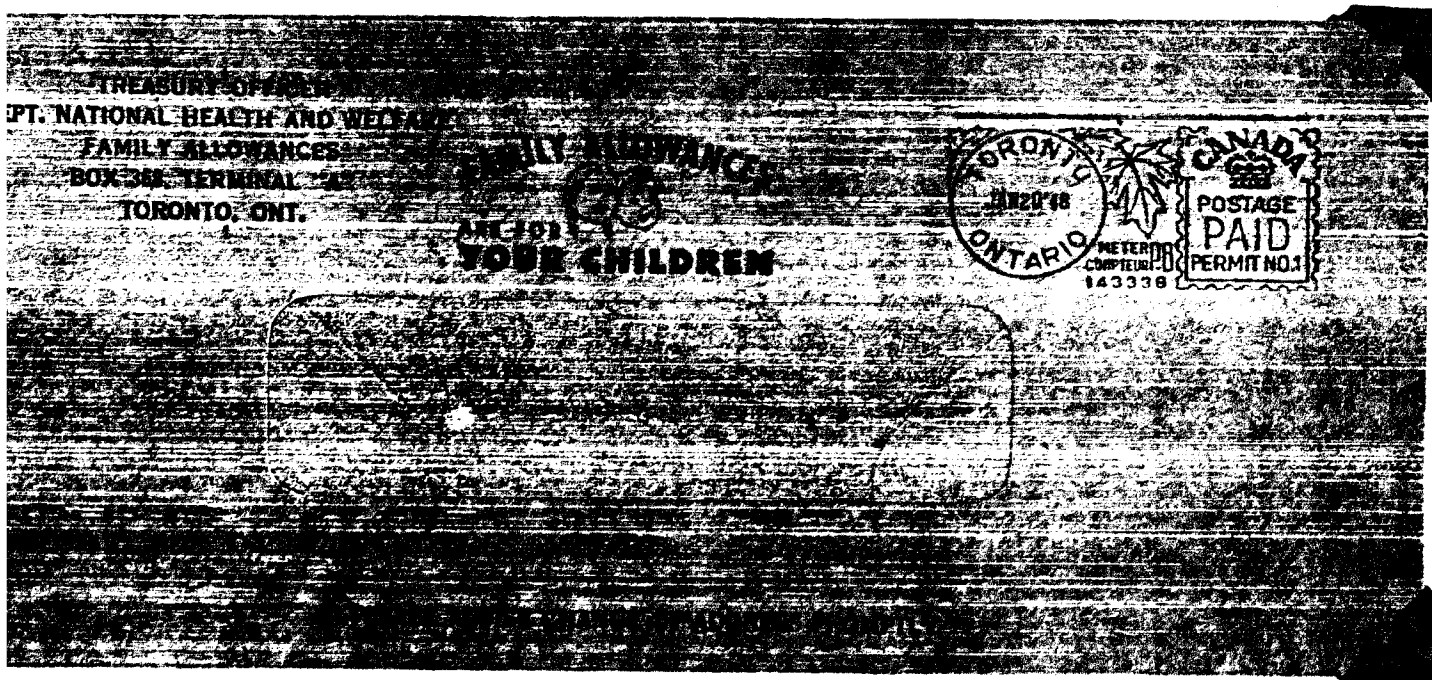


Figure 10

ONT WHITNEY  
PEI HUNTER RIVER  
ST-LOUIS  
TIGNISH  
TYNE VALLEY  
PQ DOMAINE-DES-  
HAUT-BOIS  
PONT-ROUGE  
ST-GREGOIRE  
TROIS-PISTOLE

The Canada Town List is still available from Alan Draves for 75c.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Are you interested in bank meters. I have a large accumulation to trade or sell.

M. Strecko, C.P. 790, Succursale Desjardins, Montreal, Québec, H5B 1B9  
(514) 844-5633 at home.

Pitney-Bowes Souvenir Covers For Sale

Type 8, meter 54050, MAY 12/6AM/1937 TORONTO ONTARIO with  
Coronation King George VI souvenir cover slogan - 1000 issued...\$ 10

Type 11, 145172, 2VI'53, TORONTO ONTARIO, Slogan- Coronation of  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - 1000 issued (numbered) ...\$ 8

Type 11.5, 51010, OTTAWA ONTARIO P.O. Mailomat First Day Cover  
Feb 3'44 .....\$ 15

PB-1, UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK, Oct 24'51. Slogan- FIRST DAY/  
UNITED NATIONS/METER STAMP, with cachet .....\$ 15

Type 11, 145574, 21 IX'51, TORONTO ONTARIO, FIRST DAY COVER  
Produced for Canadian International Philatelic Exhibition .....\$ 5

Type 11, 151117, 11 IX'57, slogan XIV CONGRESS UNIVERSAL  
POSTAL UNION - 1000 issued .....\$ 6

Type 11, 145758, 14 X'57, slogan THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT  
BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II - OTTAWA ONTARIO- 1000 issued \$ 6

Type 11, 151117, TORONTO ONTARIO, 26 VI'59, slogan  
THE OPENING OF ST LAWRENCE SEAWAY BY H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH-1000 \$ 6

Only a very limited number available. Check with order please.

ROSS W. IRWIN  
P. O. BOX 1263 Guelph, Ont.,  
N1H 6H6



### Additional Canada Meter References

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### PRELIMINARY TOWN LIST, IRWIN TYPE 12

TORONTO ONT.	MONTREAL QUEBEC
TORONTO ONTARIO	MONTREAL QUEBEC.
HAMILTON "	POINTE-CLAIRE-DORVAL P.Q.
OTTAWA "	HULL QUEBEC
DON MILLS "	

WINNIPEG MANITOBA

RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID

Irwin reports several types with CANADA in townmark. Which cities?

### US METER SLOGAN SLUGS AVAILABLE

A local dealer here in Ottawa has asked me to pass on to interested USA collectors the following items:

Original advertising slogan slugs for Pitney-Bowes meter types RT-RF in envelopes with machine mounting instructions. Envelope imprinted with sample slogan impression and meter specimen marked "PB TESTED" to the left of townmark. Four only available for sale.

- (1) CASHMATIC - BORROW MONEY/BY WRITING/A CHECK
- (2) SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES/TOP PROTECTION/LOW COST (illustrated with bank box)
- (3) SAV-O-MATIC/AUTOMATIC SAVINGS/EARN 4%
- (4) SAVE ON AUTO LOANS (illustrated with car).

All seem for use in Chester, Pa. in 1963.

Offers solicited for these rare items. 10% of sale value to CMSG coffers.

