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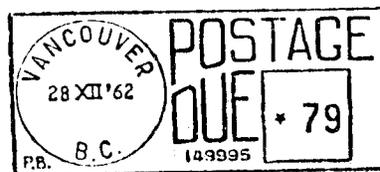
This autumn edition of the Newsletter is somewhat shorter than previous since not much has been received from our members. It includes notes on new House of Commons meter type; letters to the editor concerning Ross Irwin's request for views on a new Canadian meter catalogue; a Vancouver postage due meter; Alan Draves latest update to the Canada Town List he compiles and a Quebec law meter.

MEMBERSHIP - we now have about 33 active members, my thanks to those of you who continue to send in notes and contributions to buy postage. One of our members, Mrs. Gene Megowan has withdrawn since she has become too busy for meters. Mr. H.G. McGrandle's last newsletter was returned by the PO as "moved". Does anyone know his new address or could one of our BC members check somehow? Thanks!

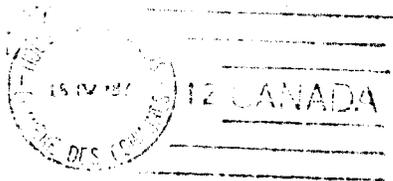
NEW CATALOGUE IDEAS - Ernest Roscoe writes that he wonders if the CMSG should establish a committee to look at the whole matter of classification of Canadian meters as was done in the USA in the 1950's by the Meter Stamp Society. They established a hierarchical system with Groups, Types and Varieties now published by Simon-Walsh. This system uses two capital letters and a numeral. Roscoe feels it is the most superior system in the world and points out that regardless of other factors, the debate on classification should be settled first before we can deal with the other points that Ross Irwin has raised. Ernest has also sent in a list of the major areas of interest to serious study of meters in general. It follows later in this newsletter.

If the editor may enter this debate.... I note there are now only about 100 Canadian meter basic subtypes in 35 categories and produced so far by only 8 companies since 1923. Since Irwin's system is now well established we should give realistic consideration to that and perhaps attempt to modify and improve a working model than recreate the wheel.... let's hear your views and by the time Newsletter rolls around next spring be well into the preparation of this updated catalogue.

VANCOUVER POSTAGE DUE METER - Used at Vancouver B.C., this type 17.1 was used in 1962-63 at least. It is illustrated here and ~~tape~~ copies are available from the editor at \$1.00 plus a self-addressed envelope. In Canada, please add the postage. Profit into the CMSG account.



HOUSE OF COMMONS - has introduced a new meter indicia sometime between April 16-27 1983. The old and new types are illustrated below. It comprises 5 lines horizontally with HOUSE OF COMMONS at the top and CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES at bottom. Time of impression to the hour is read at far left with OTTAWA CANADA and date D/M/Y in circle in middle of impression.



old style



new style

I am not yet sure if the Senate has a new style but its likely. There is also a parcel meter used but I haven't seen one in years.

HASLER METERS - popping up everywhere. Also I have noted one from HARARE ZIMBABWE in Africa.

OXFAM METERS - Several boxes now in circulation. If you're interested perhaps we can divert one your way for the cost of postage and a small contribution to OXFAM. I still have one more small box of International stuff. I suggest a cheque for \$15 will get it on its way...

SPELLING ERRORS - M.L. Brown in Saskatchewan sends us illustrations of some more meter townmark errors. They are:

- 1983 - BRUDERHIEM ALTA should read BRUDERHEIM on a type 20.1
- 1983 - ENTWHISTLE ALTA should read ENTWISTLE on type 20.1
- 1974 - MONTMARTE SASK should read MONTMARTRE on type 23.1
- 1983 - FT SASKATCHEWAN ALTA usually spelled out FORT on a 20.1
- 1969 - GRAVEL BOURG SASK should be GRAVELBOURG on type 21.2
- 1983 - WHITE COURT ALTA should read WHITECOURT on type 20.1
- 1979 - LLOYD MINSTER SASK should read LLOYDMINSTER on type 20.1

He also notes a small variety in the new PB meters which allow for fractional values, similar to type 20.1. The variety he has observed involves the spacing of the three wavy lines to the left of the indicia value. Two he sends in have spacing of 2mm and 3½mm respectively. He also forwarded a nice illustration of a slogan reading "MAILING IN BULK" used at Edmonton in three lines to left of a new Friden 370000 series impression with 13.8 ¢ postage.

TOWNLIST TYPE 41 additional reports - from Jean-Guy Dalpé in Quebec:

TORONTO CANADA
SCABROROUGH ONT
WESTERN ONTARIO

MONTREAL QUEBEC
EDMONTON ALTA

ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN LIST - CANADA (ALAN DRAVES)

ALTA ACME	PQ NAPIERVILLE	PQ ST-LIBOIRE
BRETON	NORMANDIN	ST-LOUIS-DE-
BRUDERHEIM +	NOTRE-DAME-DE-	GONZAGUE
CARBON	LA-MECCI	ST-LOUIS-DE-
ELNORA	NOTRE-DAME-DES-	TERREBONNE
EVANSBURG	LAURENTIDES	STE-LOUISE
GRIESBACH *	NOTRE-DAME-	ST-LUC
RYLEY	DES-PINS	ST-MARC-DES-
SMOKY LAKE	PIEDMONT	CARRIERES
	PLAISANCE	STE-MARTHE-SUR-
BC HALFMOON BAY	POINTE-DU-LAC	LE-LAC
SANDSPIT	QUYON	STE-MELANIE
WOSS	RIVIERE-A-PIERRE	ST-ODILON
	RIVIERE-BOIS-	ST-OURS
ONT ENGLEHART	CLAIR	ST-PASCAL
EXCELSIOR	STE-ALEXANDRE-DE-	ST-PAUL-DE-
GOODWOOD	KAMOURASKA	MONTMINY
MT. DENNIS *	STE-ANASTASIE	ST-PAULIN
TIVERTON	STE-ANNE-DES-	ST-PIERRE-LES-
VAL THERESE	PLAINES	BECQUETS
WALKERVILLE *	ST-ANTOINE-SUR-	ST-PRIME
	RICHELIEU	ST-RAPHAEL-DE-
PQ BOLDUC	ST-BARNABE-NORD	BELLECHASSE
CACOUNA	ST-BONAVENTURE	ST-REDEMPTEUR-
CHELSEA	STE-BRIGITTE-DE-	DE-LEVIS
DUPUY	LAVAL	ST-ROBERT
EAST BROUGHTON	ST-CALIXTE-DE-	ST-SIMEON
ENTRELACS	KILKENNY	ST-SIMON-DE-
FATIMA	ST-CECILE-DE-	BAGOT
FORTIERVILLE	MASHAM	STE-SOPHIE
FRAMPTON	ST-CHARLES-DE-	ST-STANISLAS-DE-
GENTILLY	BELLECHASSE	CHAMPLAIN
GRACEFIELD	ST-CLET	ST-THEODORE
HAVRE-AUBERT	ST-DENIS-SUR-	ST-THOMAS-
HEBERTVILLE	RICHELIEU	D'AQUIN
ILE-PERROT	ST-DOMINIQUE-DE	ST-VALERIEN
ISLE-VERTE	BAGOT	ST-VALLIER
KINGSBURY	ST-FLAVIEN	ST-WENCESLAS
KIPAWA	STE-FOY	ST-ZOTIQUE
LAC-BOUCHETTE	ST-GEDEON-DE-	SAYABEC
LACHENAIE	BEAUCE	SENNEVILLE
LAC-SAGUAY	STE-GENEVIEVE-DE-	SHAWBRIDGE
LAMBTON	BATISCAN	SQUATEC
LANGEVIN	ST-GEORGES-DE-	STRATFORD
LA VERNIERE	BEAUCE	CENTRE
LINIERE	ST-GERMAIN-DE-	SULLY
L'ISLET	GRANTHAM	UPTON
LOURDES-DU-	ST-GUILLAUME-	VAL-MORIN-
BLANC-SABLON	D'UPTON	STATION
LUSKVILLE	ST-JEAN-DE-DIEU	VERCHERES
MACAMIC	ST-JOSEPH-DU-LAC	WEEDON
MARIA	ST-LAMBERT-DE-	
MARSOUI	LEVIS	
MASSON	ST-LEONARD	
MERCIER	ST-LEONARD-	
MISTASSINI	D'ASTON	

SASK BALGONIE
 BEAUVAL
 BEECHY
 BRUNO
 CLAVET
 CONQUEST
 DILKE
 GREEN LAKE
 LACADENA

SASK LEBRET
 MAIDSTONE
 MARENGO
 MORTLACH
 OKLA
 OSLER
 SANDY BAY
 SEDLEY
 VONDA

CORRECTIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST:

On the town list, delete MARRGEAU PQ (listed in error for MORIGEAU)
 In Newsletter 8 change Roleau Sask to ROULEAU.

TIMIGAMI ONT will not appear as a town in the revised town list, as the spelling of this town was changed to TEMIGAMI in the postal directory. The new spelling was reported previously, and will appear on the revised Town List. The old spelling also exists on meters, and will be considered a variety.

NOTES TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST:

- + The reported print shows an error BRUDERHIEM.
- * Not in current postal directories, but verified by photocopy.

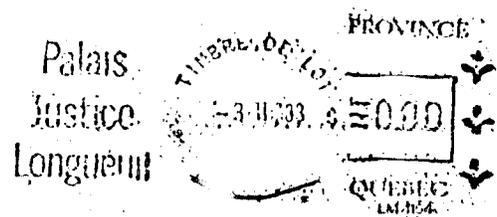
Please report any new U.S. and Canada towns to:
 Alan Draves, P.O. Box 190, New Knoxville, OH 45871.

A revised Canada Town List is now available, which includes new towns reported through this Bulletin. This list is available from Alan Draves for \$1.00 postpaid. (Anyone who bought the first printing of this list may obtain the revised list for 75c by returning the title page from their old list.)

NEW QUEBEC LAW METER TYPE

A completely new type of Quebec meter is reported by Jean-Guy Dalpé. It is illustrated here, no. LM 1154 used at Longueuil on 3 II 83. Can anyone get some data on this. It looks like a Friden design to me.

The editor will trade examples of BC law meters for any Quebec law meters actually used or specimens.



AREAS OF INTEREST FOR THE STUDY OF METERS - Ernest Roscoe notes there is much more to collecting meters than just collecting!! The list below provides a brief look at other aspects of meters that a serious student might pursue.

* The history of the system, particularly its relationship to, and difference from, the permit system.

* A knowledge of current regulations governing metered mail, which implies keeping abreast of changes in regulations.

* The significance of the metered system to postal operations, understanding the advantages it offers to both the postal system and the user.

* The study of postal rates, how they are determined and the history of rate changes in the various classes of mail as they have affected metered mail.

* Understanding the basic operational principles of postage meters. Closely allied to this is a knowledge of the history of the various meter manufacturers and the historical development of their products.

* Understanding the principles of meter stamp classification.

* A knowledge of the mechanics of meter stamp collecting, which relates to the collection and preservation of meter stamps as physical objects.

TOWNLIST REPORTS - The initial idea of creating townlists by province for types 11, 13-23 etc. was nice but only two of you replied for Alberta. I would be pleased to compile this if further reporters want to participate or if anyone has a specific area of Canada that you want pursued first. For instance Your editor travels frequently in northern areas of Canada and is compiling an NWT and Yukon meter list by town and user. Photocopies of any meters used in the north would be welcomed or traded. C. Rubec, 488 Athlone Ave. Ottawa, Ont. K1Z 5M8.

SPECIMENS (more yet) - As in a previous Newsletter, I would like to illustrate copies of Specimen meters for reference. I picked up a nice example of type 7.1 dated in 1942. The townmark should be added to the list of type 7 townmarks as SPECIMEN and three fancy marks. I paid \$20 for it which was probably robbery...



WHO'S YOUR EDITOR - You can tell I've run out of material at this point. Several of you have asked what I do in "real life". Well OK here goes. Clay Rubec graduated with a B.Sc. degree in Biology and Geography from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario in 1973 and an M.Sc. degree in Physical Geography and Remote Sensing from McMaster University in 1976. He is a research scientist employed by the Canada Department of Environment and has published over 30 scientific reports and papers in the fields of land resource mapping, land use monitoring and applications of satellite and geographic computer data. bases to topics such as acid precipitation, wetland conservation and landscape ecology. He is 32 years old, married to Leslie and has two daughters Natalee (age 2) and Elizabeth (2 months which explains why this Newsletter didn't appear earlier). His main philatelic interests are Canada and provinces revenue stamps and documents with minor activity in Canadian meters. Also dabble in perfin on revenues and postal stationery. He has published several articles in the Newsletters of BNAPS Perfin and Revenue Study Groups. Also currently working up a booklet on Canadian permit and business reply mail. Otherwise not too busy.

Cheers...No. 10 maybe at Christmas. Let's get the next meter catalogue underway with your suggestions. It would be nice to see it published in three-leaf unbound format so it could be updated and mailed out as sections are finalized through this newsletter. Perhaps it could be a CMSG product with Ross Irwin as senior editor and author....