

With the arrival of spring in most places, a few new meter items and trivia seems called for.... thanks to those who continue to urge the editor to keep up trying.. This newsletter includes notes on several new types, new subtypes, Italian collectors, postage due and wire meter illustrations and foremost the arrival of a new postal meter catalogue (book review, comments and even a new mail sale - dealer).

MEMBERS

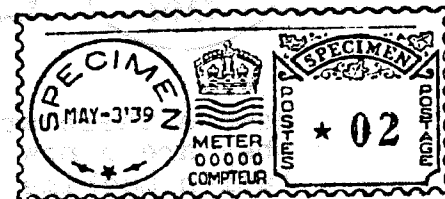
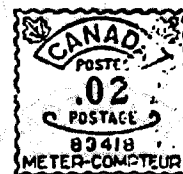
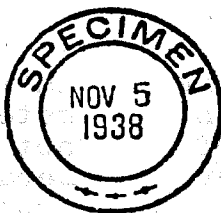
The last newsletter listed 29 active members. Unfortunately, W.G. McDonald of Minneapolis has withdrawn to spend more time with his family activities.

Yvon Legris is alive and well and living at 6700 Langelier blvd., Montreal, Quebec, H1M 2C5.

Speak to your friends we need members.

CHRISTMAS SLOGANS

Wilf Whitehouse sent along illustrations of PB christmas slogans (below) from 1938 and 1942. He also queried whther anyone has other Royal Visit slogans than the two noted here (a) CROWN with GR to left and ER to right and ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA below (b) as below from palmolive soap.



These obviously also are nice specimen illustrations for Irwin types 7 and 9.

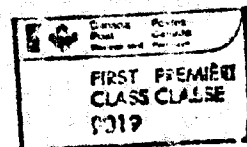
MILITARY

Whitehouse also reports the introduction of Friden meters to the military at CFB Borden meter no. 380205.

Hasler meters now are in use by military as well: Meter No. 2000082 is used at National Defence HQ in Ottawa since at least Sept 1, 1983.

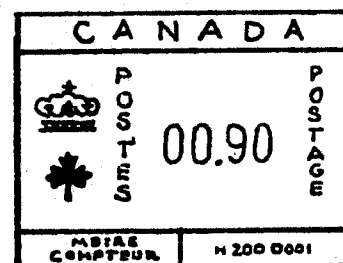
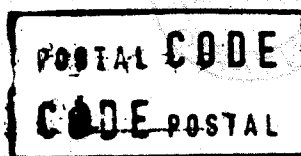
Hasler meters as noted in earlier Newsletters are everywhere now including 2 the editor saw this week from Turkey (H0091) and Zimbabwe (HAS 27).

NEW THINGS



The Senate has a new meter townmark as expected probably introduced in April 1983 along with new House of Commons design. Old style HC meter design is still in use suggesting more than one machine is now in use there (see Newsletter No.9).

An Irwin type 56.1 permit meter style. First I've seen not used by a government Department. This one is from a Crown Corp. Petro-Canada in Calgary.



Beware these are not meter cancels: they are a new post office cancellation machine type in use in many small P.O. now including Sussex, N.B., Prescott Ont. Renfrew, Ont. Paris, Ont. etc.

A new Hasler variety with larger size indicia (with acknowledgements to Yvon Legris's new book for the illustration.

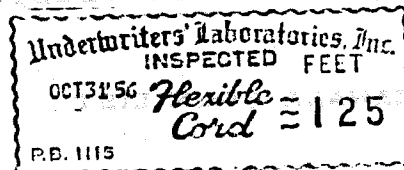
ITALIAN  
METER COLLECTORS

The Italian Association of Meter Stamp Collectors wrote the CMSG in February. They were founded two years ago with 150 active members (about 15 members live outside of Italy). Popular themes with their group include sports, scouting, cars, wine, animals, aviation, trains, ships. They publish a newsletter called Bulletin AICAM FLASH. Free ads from CMSG members would be run regarding exchanges etc. They have asked to exchange newsletters and invite enquiries in English or French about the range of Italian meter designs made by the 10 manufacture in 30 basic types. Contact

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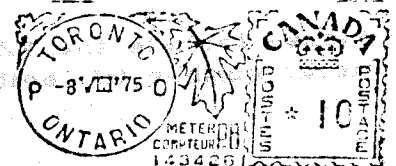
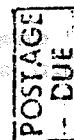
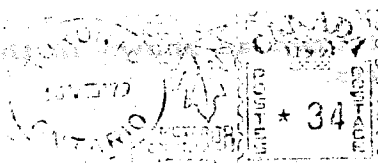
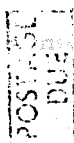
WIRING METERS

Ed Lapham kindly sent me a copy of a US "Flexible Cord" meter like the one illustrated in Newsletter No. 10. It appears the Canadian styles are the same as US designs. From a meter classification point of view how does one list these US types when used in Canada?? Any ideas??



POSTAGE DUE

Illustrations of two postage due meters discussed in a previous Newsletter are provided below with the generosity of Dave Cooper. Many thanks! Now are these rare relative to others such as the type 40.3.1 OR 41.5??



UPDATE TO TOWN LIST

Alan Draves continues to bless the Newsletters with his latest update to his meter town list for Canada (see next page). Please refer your new reports to him. The editor can add Rankin Inlet NWT. on a type 20.1, No. 548024.

## ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

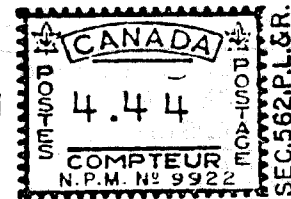
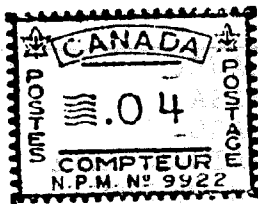
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RICHARDS	MORIN-HEIGHTS	ST-ELZEAR-DE-
LANDING	NEUBOIS	BEAUCE
SHEBANDOWAN	NOMININGUE	ST-FERREOL-LES-
	NORTH HATLEY	NEIGES
PQ ANGERS	NOTRE-DAME-	STE-FLORENCE
ARUNDEL	DU-NORD	STE-GERMAINE-
BEAUMONT	PALMAROLLE	STATION
BELAIR	PERCE	ST-GILLES
BUCKLAND	POINTE-A-LA-	ST-HIPPOLYTE
EAST HEREFORD	CROIX	ST-ISIDORE-
HONFLEUR	PORT DANIEL	DORCHESTER
ISSOUDUN	PROULXVILLE	ST-LUDGER
JOUTEL	RIVIERE-OUELLE	STE-MADELEINE
LAC-DROLET	SACRE-COEUR-	ST-PACOME
LAC-MASSON	SAGUENAY	ST-PHILIPPE-DE-
LAC-ST-CHARLES	ST-ANACLET	LAPRAIRIE
LANORAIE	STE-ANNE-DE-LA-	ST-ROCH-DES-
LA PATRIE	ROCHELLE	AULNAIES
LA PRESENTATION	ST-ANTOINE-ABBE	ST-UBALD
LAVALTRIE	ST-ANTOINE	ST-VALERE
LA VISITATION	DE TILLY	ST-ZENON
LESAGE	ST-APOLLINAIRE	SILLERY
LONGUE-POINTE-	ST-BARTHELEMY	STONEHAM
DE-MINGAN	ST-BONIFACE-DE-	WEST BROME
LORRAINVILLE	SHAWINIGAN	WOTTON
	ST-CHRYSOSTOME	

## CORRECTIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST:

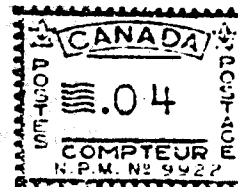
In Bulletin 182 and the Canada Town List, change Englefield Sask to ENGLEFELD.  
In Bulletin 182, change Dinsmore Sask to DINSMORE. This town is correct on the new town list.

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

Please include the EXACT spelling of town as shown in the town circle, and meter number (if legible) in all reports.

NPM METERS

AFTER TEN DAYS RETURN TO  
**J LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY  
 OF CANADA**  
*At point of mailing*



*By cover from first NPM  
 is used in Canada*

Illustrated above are pre-first day proofs of NPM meter 9922 (Irwin type 12.1). One has "SEC. 562, P.L.&R" which has no relevance in Canada, dated MAR 31 '43. A second proof has APR -1 '43 dated in black rather than the usual red. Both of these items predate the first day cover illustrated above as well for the Sun Life Insurance Co. in Toronto on APR 13 '43.

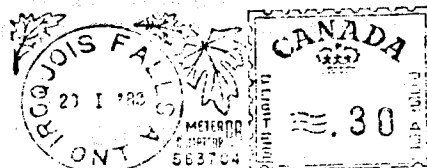
POSTALIA METERS

Irwin type 19 Postalia meters in the 100000 series were introduced in Canada in 1959. The most recent issue of the MSS Bulletin (no.182) contains news that Postalia model MS 5 meters have been approved for use in Canada. A proof numbered 100133 at Toronto Ontario on SEP 13 '83 is illustrated with report by J.G. Dalpé.

NORTHERN METER USE

Recently I prepared a list of town names on meters and machine types in use in the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory. This reflects items in my own collection and reports. I would welcome further reports of items omitted below. Many thanks (the editor!!).

COCHRANE-IROQUOIS FALLS  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 BOX 520  
 IROQUOIS FALLS "A", ONT.  
 POK 100



IROQUOIS FALLS IS STILL USING THE "A", interesting?

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
(N W T in all cases in townmark)

YUKON TERRITORY  
( Y T in town mark except \*  
where YUKON appears)

TOWN MARK	IRWIN TYPE				TOWN MARK	IRWIN TYPE			
	11.1	14.1	20.1	23.1		11.1	14.1	20.1	23.1
ALERT (Unconfirmed Military Meter)					DAWSON				
CAMBRIDGE BAY				X	ELSA				
FORT SIMPSON					FARO				
FORT SMITH			X	X	WATSON LAKE				
FROBISHER BAY				X	WHITEHORSE	X	X*	X	X
GJOA HAVEN (see note A)				X					
HAY RIVER			X	X					
IGLOOLIK									
INUVIK	X		X	X					
PINE POINT				X					
RANKIN INLET			X						
TUKTOYAKTUK									
YELLOWKNIFE	X		X	X					

A - A meter was in use in Gjoa Haven in July 1982 but uses the Cambridge Bay townmark since there is only limited postal services in this community.

#### MORE ON HASLERS

Yvon Legris in his new booklet (reviewed next page in this newsletter) points out that two types of the basic Hasler meter exist:

value as 00.00 or value as 0.00:

#### NEW METER CATALOGUE

A review of a new Canadian meter and permit mail catalogue is given on the next page. It is written by two of our members and deserves your market support. I will be acquiring two copies, one to scribble in and the other for my library. Recommended.

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Newsletter No. 12 will be in early summer or whenever enough news accumulates. Would anyone like to take a crack at editing an issue sometime and give the editor a break?

SPRING IS HERE.

The CMSG Newsletter is published about four times yearly. The CMSG is affiliated with the Postal History Society of Canada. Group Coordinator and newsletter editor is Mr. Clay Rubec, 488 Athlone Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, K1Z 5 M8. Ph. (613) 725-0456.

BOOK REVIEW

1984 CANADA METER AND PERMIT POSTAGE STAMPS SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE. Yvon Legris and Jean-Guy Dalpé. Published by Yan Philatelic, 6700 Langelier blvd. Montreal, Quebec, H1M 2C5. Soft coated cover, staple bound. 96 p. Price \$10, or \$7(3 copies), and \$6 (12 or more copies).

It is always a pleasure to see a new meter publication become available. This catalogue provides a long over-due update to Irwin's second edition from 1975. As indicated in the contents list below it offers numerous and ambitious sections. It is organized in the same vein as Irwin did but with a novel code system for major varieties, subtypes and operator errors, etc. The illustrations are very good throughout with a long introductory section subdivided into headings clearly explaining what are townmarks, return postage, slogans and specimens for example. A detailed section on adhesive tape types, papers, and valuation is devised. All current new varieties and types are included up to late 1983. A listing of postal directive slogans is given with a classification system.

For permit collectors, a first time catalogue of permit and business return mail is provided in a 4 page section. It overviews and illustrates most of the known types with a priced valuation. Nine basic types, with 35 subtypes and 164 varieties are listed. Only 18 items are priced in the \$2 to over \$10 category. The type 2 (1918) permits priced at \$1-\$3 is too low (dealer stocks seem to be at least \$10-20 for a good cover here. This a new field so expect it to take off.

The meter section of this book suffers equally from pricing based on the author's opinion of rarity rather than current markets. This is understandable since few want to stock meters and collectors are few in number. The prices here are generally conservative. Specimen covers and POW meters are priced all at under \$10. Good luck finding such a bargain. So pick and choose. A real wonder to me is pricing of long lists of varieties in the 5 to 75 cent range - no one sells this stuff so why price it??

A confusing aspect of this book is the renumbering of basic types

differently than Irwin. The basic organization is unchanged so it will cause severe headaches for some time. The book needs some english language editing, illustrations are a bit crowded in places and there are several errors such as calling the time mark on House of Commons meters a "permit" number. THE UIC, Excise and Law meter lists are welcome but need some expansion to be fully useful.

Let's not be overly critical. The authors have done a fine job in publishing this work and I very much recommend its purchase by meter and permit collectors. As with previous meter catalogues no reference to earlier listings published in journals, etc. is provided. We still need a basic, properly researched guide to Canada's meter (and permit) field. It is unfortunate that Mr. Legris and Mr. Dalpé did not call upon fellow members of the Canada Meter Study Group for at least a final edit or review of the book prior to its publication. In my experience as editor of the CMSG Newsletter, most meter collectors give freely and liberally of their experience and knowledge.

Copies of this publication are distributed directly by the publisher.

1984  
CANADA  
METER & PERMIT  
POSTAGE STAMPS  
SPECIALIZED  
CATALOGUE



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# METER AND PERMIT POSTAGE STAMPS MAIL SALES

These quarterly sales will be held always at the same date Feb. 15, -  
May 15, - August 15, - November 15. The first sale to be held May 15, 1984.

## wish to buy?

METER AND PERMIT POSTAGE STAMP COLLECTORS

If you wish to receive our quarterly list of offers just send stamp-  
ed self address envelope (no. 10).

METER AND PERMIT POSTAGE STAMPS ONLY

mostly from Canada but also from U.S.A. and world. Lots of them of  
many types. UNITS - LOTS - COLLECTIONS of entires, cut outs, adhesive  
tapes.

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receipt when received). You will also receive in due time N.C.  
The list of offers and after the sale the price realized and the pay-  
ment.

YOUR COST 20% OF THE PRICE REALIZED

When sending goods please describe your lot clearly and also state  
the minimum bid asked.

All lots must preceed the date of sale of a two month period, the list  
of offers being sent a month prior to the sale.

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