

CANADA METER STUDY GROUP  
NEWSLETTER

NO. 16

JULY 1985

The middle of another summer sees the CMSG entering its fifth year. As initially proposed in 1981, four newsletters per year have been produced, a consistent membership of 30-35 now exists, and the first of a series of miscellaneous reports has been circulated. Special thanks are due to several regular contributors: Ross Irwin, Wilf Whitehouse, Alan Draves and the late Bretton Perry. All members have helped financially to cover the ever increasing postage and paper costs. Some individuals have come and gone from our membership; we need more members and perhaps we can lure some back and continue to attract more meter collectors. The editor thanks you all and will try to keep the Newsletter on track.

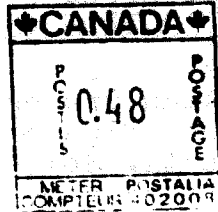
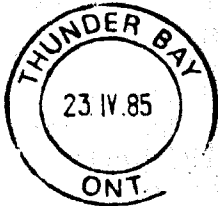
A few comments on our set-up are worth repeating. The CMSG has no formal executive, with the Editor (c. Rubec) acting as a general "coordinator" and running a small bank account. The CMSG is only affiliated with the Postal History Society of Canada and encourages membership in that society. The CMSG is in no way linked to the Meter Stamp Society but the two groups exchange newsletters and some members belong to both groups. Our focus is on Canadian meter postal and non-postal machines and their history of markings. All members may run adverts in the newsletter free of charge at any time. The Editor is very willing to advertise private treaty lots in the Newsletter for instance. The Newsletter appears quarterly in approximately June, October, December and March and is mailed at first class or air mail rates to members.

GENERAL NOTES

1. Y. Legris of 6700 Langelier blvd., Montreal, Quebec, H1M2C5, wrote with a want list and meter/permit offers for sale. See his ad later in this newsletter.
2. Wilf Whitehouse has noted a Newfoundland N1 dated 8 Mar 50 which is a late date compared to Ross Irwin's recent article.
3. Luc Legault was the member who displayed Expo 67 meters in Montreal a while back. and sent us a photocopy of 16 pages of examples. These indicia/slogans are illustrated in this newsletter.
4. Phil Wharton, Box 183, Waterford, Ontario, NOE 1Y0 is looking for any covers with corner cards (metered or otherwise) from Canadian radio (AM and FM) and television stations. Perhaps some of you can swap something with him.
5. Ross Irwin notes an Irwin type 18 with star to left, 32, and three wavy lines to the right used at Scarborough, Ontario meter number 163129 - another PB variety it appears.

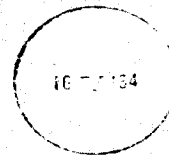
METER VARIETIES

1. The MSS Bulletin no. 187-188 was mailed using a new Postalia meter with three bank style as below and Dave Cooper notes 60 MS-5 series meters with four banks are coming into use as well. The latter was illustrated in the MSS bulletin.

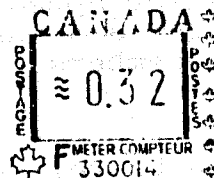
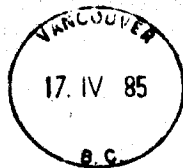


2. Ottawa Cablevision here is using a meter to cancel/date incoming cheques. As below it has a TM with date only and a bank deposit slogan slug to the left with red ink.

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3. Perhaps this is not new but a nice Friden four bank meter from Vancouver with large meter numbers thanks to W. Whitehouse.



TOWN LIST (thanks to Alan Draves, Box 190, New Knoxville, OH, 45871.

### ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

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	KILLARNEY	
NB DOUGLASTOWN	LA SALLE	SASK PLENTY
	MERRICKVILLE	TOMPKINS
NS WEST PUBNICO	MILLGROVE	
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## P.O. POSTAGE METERS

Ross W. Irwin

The post office will soon add more postage meters to the front desk sales staff in order to improve efficiency within the mailing system. This article reviews the use of metered mail within the post office and updates an article written in Postal History Society of Canada 19:14-16, 1979. This article does not deal with the postage due series. I am concerned here with postage meters which usually, but not always, have "P" and "O" in the townmark.

Apparently the first use of a postage meter, other than for postage due, in offices was at Toronto, Terminal A when a Type 9 Pitney Bowes Model JP machine, with a Model JDP postage meter was rented February 16, 1938, for use in the Insurance and COD wicketts. This was probably meter 94046. Other Type 9 meters used at this wickett were: 94039, 94028, and 94068.

In 1947 there were only 15 parcel post postage meters in Canada. Shortly after it rose to 21 - two each at Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa; and, one each in Truro and St. John which were Type 9, and Pitney Bowes RG machines with RF postage meters at Halifax, Charlottetown, Moncton, Kingston, London, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Lethbridge, New Westminster and Victoria. The meters in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal were Type 9.

The fall of 1952 the post office authorized 12 postage meters for stations in Toronto, 10 of them were Pitney Bowes. The post office also bought 28 used meters and 84 new meters of the Model RG machine with RF meter type from Pitney Bowes. These 112 meters were sent to 68 post offices - a list is in the Weekly Bulletin of May 4, 1952.

About 1959 the use of postage meters increased greatly when they were installed in all major post offices in Canada, thus eliminating the use of postage stamps for much of the parcel post.

A ruling was made April 11, 1961 that parcel post meter dies were not to be engraved with the postal or substation names - just the city. Provision was made to retain the old dies until they were worn out.

The following list is preliminary. It contains the meter number for those having "P" and "O" in the townmark. The post office often withdrew a meter for service and it appears later for a new town. The serial numbers also infer that meters were bought in batches. Can anyone add to this list? Please give the town name and date of use.

## PRELIMINARY LISTING OF P.O. POSTAGE METERS

Serial	Town	Serial	Town
51009	Ottawa	143654	Victoria
51010	Ottawa	143662	Hamilton
94007	Montreal	143670	Toronto
94028	Toronto	143676	Kitchener
94039	Toronto	143677	Edmonton
94040	Toronto	143684	Ottawa Stn D
94046	Toronto	143947	Vancouver DLO
94048	Toronto	144087	Lindsay
94054	Toronto	144220	Fort William
94057	Toronto	144229	Prince Albert, Yorkton
94047	Montreal	144777	Cornwall
94067	Ottawa	144814	Guelph
94068	Toronto	144872	Orillia
94075	Toronto	145202	Kitchener
94119	Truro	145236	Montreal
140189	North Battleford	145235	Medicine Hat
140201	Toronto	145249	London
140209	Montreal Stn B	145257	Vernon
140256	Niagara Falls	145371	St Thomas
140261	Lethbridge	145379	Guelph
140263	Charlottetown	145408	Toronto
140264	Victoria	145434	Ottawa
140265	New Westminster	146139	Vancouver Stn A
140266	North Battleford	146133	Nelson
140300	Montreal DLO	146134	Montreal Rosemount
140425	Toronto DLO	146140	Lethbridge
143413	Montreal	146141	Toronto
143426	Toronto	146143	South Burnaby
143429	Montreal	146144	Notre Dame de Grace
143469	Montreal	146148	Windsor
143529	Montreal	146261	Rock Island
143560	Brandon	146331	Kitchener
143613	Willowdale	146401	Regina

## P.O. METERS, cont'd

Serial	Town	Serial	Town	Serial	Town
146402	Toronto	146917	Kamloops	153343	Toronto
146403	Toronto F	146921	Quebec	153506	Montreal
146404		146924	Fredericton	153517	Downsview
146405	Downsview	146928	Granby	153520	Toronto B
146406	Toronto	146930	Windsor	153523	Calgary
146407	Penticton	146933	Toronto	153524	Toronto F
146408		146934		154655	St Laurent
146409		146935	Kitchener	154736	Barrie
146410	Glac Bay	146936	St Catharines	155201	St Catharines
146411	Hamilton	146937	Islington	155319	Ottawa E
146412		146938	Preston	155601	Montreal
146413		147530	Galt	158694	Sault Ste Marie
146414	Calgary	147545	Sudbury		
146415	Lindsay	147550	Toronto F		
146416		147565	Regina		
146417		147568	Hamilton		
146418	Regina	147577	Simcoe		
146426	Montreal	147583	Flin Flon		
146427	Montreal	147586	Hamilton		
146428	Deloniser	147754	Montreal		
146421	Vancouver O	147776	Edmonton		
146422	North Vancouver	148086	Camrose		
146423		148087	Lindsay		
146424	Vancouver C	148089	Toronto		
146425		148314	Stratford		
146429	Calgary	148440	Oakville		
146430	Toronto L	148441	Prince George		
146431		151116	Montreal		
146432		151120	Halifax		
146433	St. John's	151387	Vancouver		
146434		151967	Sherbrooke		
146435		151970	Toronto		
146436	Vancouver L	151972	Youville		
146437	Victoria	151976	Snowden		
146438	Vancouver K	151979	Toronto		
146439		151982	Scarborough		
146440	Vancouver B	151990	Peterborough		
146441	Toronto	152400	St Laurent		
146442		152401	Mount Royal		
146443	Halifax-Dartmouth	152407	Ottawa		
146460	Toronto L	152412	London		
146613	Kingston	152417	Brantford		
146833	Toronto	152418	Banff		
146839	Galt	153030	Willowdale		
146896	Guelph	153073	Toronto		
146899	Galt	153075	St John's		
146900		153078	Victoria Montreal		
146901	Chatham	153080	Dauphin		
146902	Oshawa	153082	Stratford		
146911	Mount Royal	153085	Place d'Arms		

## MIDGET POSTAGE METER INDICIA

Ross W. Irwin

It appears from reading CMSG Newsletters that there is some confusion, or lack of understanding, regarding the Midget Type 3 postage meter impressions. I hope this short article will explain the reasons and technology behind the sub-type classes.

Let us consider the technology first. About 500 Midget postage meters were used in Canada. There were all three-value meters, except for about 5 which were five-value. The three-value machine had three different rate heads and the five-value had five. To operate the meter the needed rate was dialed. Multiple rates could be placed on one cover. The rate was a part of the indicia. With this configuration it is possible that a Midget postage meter could have three of the four sub-types, although it would be unusual.

Pitney Bowes obtained the distribution rights to the Midget in 1927 and changed the indicia design from the rectangular Type 2 to the shield Type 3. The first known of the Type 3 is 21 II 27.

The Midget postage meter impressions bear a number. This is not a serial block assigned by the Post Office Department but is the actual production number assigned to the machine (i.e. the machine and meter were one unit). Based on these numbers, it appears the Pitney Bowes Company imported the machines in blocks of 20, and later in blocks of 50.

The first Midget postage meters, in the 300 block, are mostly Type 3.1, with METER and no "M".

A complaint was lodged that METER should read METRE so the indicia would be bilingual. The Post Office Department concurred and effective December 30, 1927, the Pitney Bowes factory was instructed to change all new dies to METRE. By this time nearly 400 machines were in use.

Pitney Bowes took a short-cut. They introduced an "M" before the machine number which created our Type 3.3. This is the common type for the 500 to 900 block of meters. The "M" actually stands for "Midget" as used on British and South African Midget meters.

Pitney Bowes also did one other modification. From 1928 the 3¢ rate printing head was changed to METRE, with no "M" in the machine block number. This is Type 3.2.

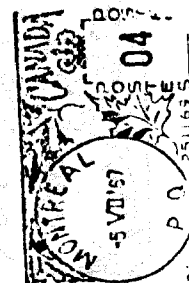
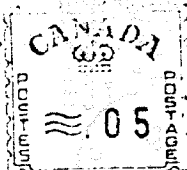
The 1400 and 2000 block of postage meters are Type 3.4 and have both the "METRE" and "M".

In general, the 500 to 900 block are Type 3.2 for the 3¢ rate and 3.3 for other rates. Machine blocks 1400 and 2000 are Type 3.2 for the 3¢ rate and Type 3.4 for other rates. As machines were repaired there some exchanges in Types but the key is that we are only dealing with one postage meter and Pitney Bowes first attempt at bilingualism.

# EXPO 67 METER MARKS (L. Legault)



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TO OCTOBER 27, 1967

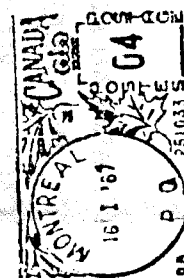
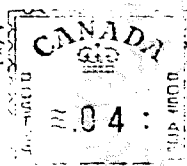


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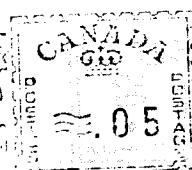


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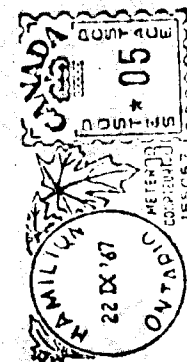
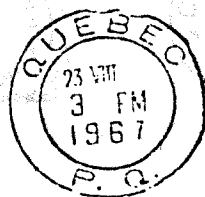


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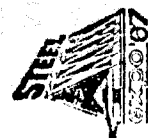
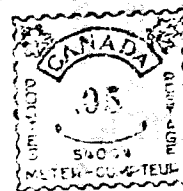


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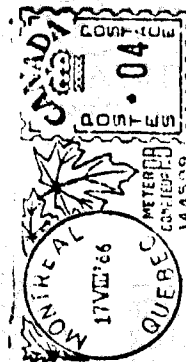
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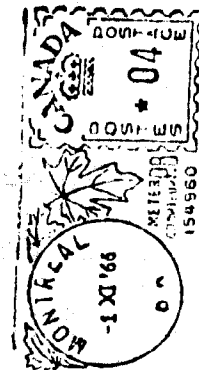
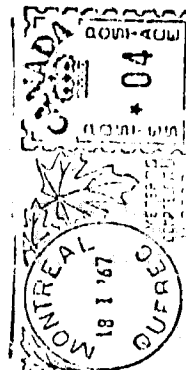
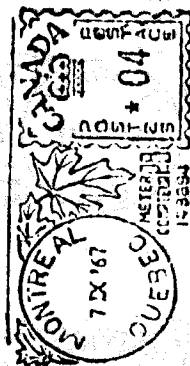
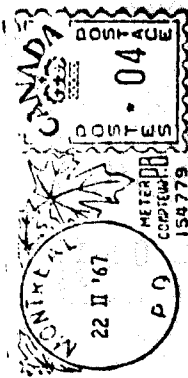
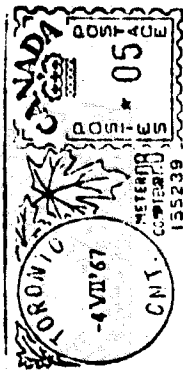
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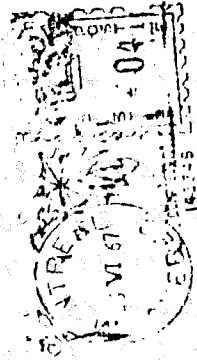
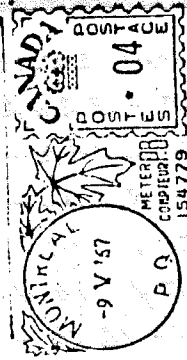
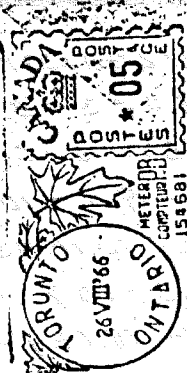
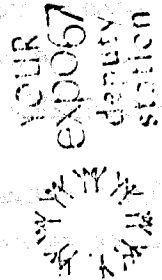


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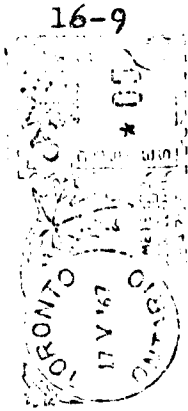
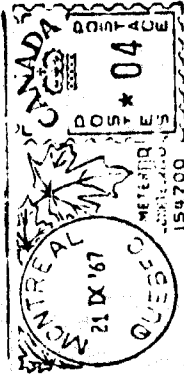
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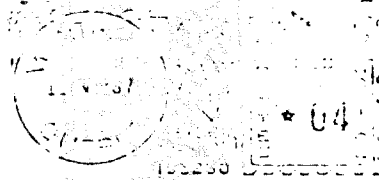
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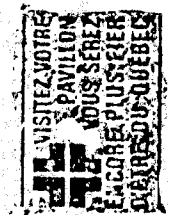
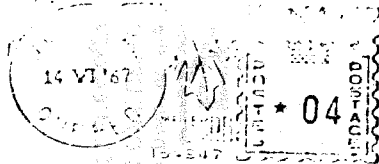
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 À MONTRÉAL - DU 28 AVRIL AU 27 OCTOBRE 1967



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