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EDITORS' NOTES

I want to thank members who send me short notes, items of correction or addition, and otherwise being very helpful. Should the item not appear in the next issue don't be disappointed. These important items all go in the "Newsletter file" and will certainly be used - so keep writing.

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It also seems that our listing of Type 1 is stalled - not because it isn't done, but because other important items have displaced it. This series will be completed and I want to thank those members who sent me additions and changes for the list. I am keeping these and will make all the changes at one time when the series is completed.

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Did you know there are fewer Type 2 postage meter impressions than there are 12 penny black postage stamps. The 12d lists at \$100,000 on cover!!!

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Hans Reiche writes a column in Canadian Philatelist. I quote from the June issue:

"We wonder what collectors will have to say about the new plan by our "well beloved" Canada Post Corp. to have all parcels which do not have postage paid by postage meter to be a higher fee. Any parcel carrying stamps would be charged an additional amount. One wonders how long it will take before this procedure may be adopted on letters as well."

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The strange item on page 20.18 which the Associate Editor reproduced from the MSS Bulletin 200 has been hard to track down. I still do not have a personal copy but with some luck I hope to use one on your Newsletter cover.

The item comes from Canada Post. Canada Post is establishing franchise operations in major centres - much like a sub-post office. This move is what the postal unions have been fighting. The franchise is guaranteed a specific market area within which no one else will be permitted to sell stamps unless authorized by the franchisee. The cost of a franchise is high; however, one major part of the cost (\$18,000) is the "cash register system" which generated the label shown in the last issue. The indicia contained the total postage paid, serial number of the machine, and the franchise office number.

The "system" is the heart of the franchise operation. It is actually a computerized accounting system. The old sub-post offices kept their revenue in coffee cans, etc. and balanced the books daily. The new cash register system is the main attraction for franchise operations because the labour input and bookkeeping is almost zero. Every transaction, such as the sale of a single 1c stamp, or a complicated transaction such as a registered special delivery parcel, must be entered in the system. A monthly balance is determined by pressing one key of the audit system.

One option in the system is the production of a peelable tape from the computer dot matrix printer to apply to parcels and covers. This is what I hope to obtain for you. The system is a NIXDORF (hence the "N" in the serial) which was developed in Switzerland but is now manufactured in the U.K.

The first installation in Toronto was in August 1988, although they were placed in eastern and western Canada before this date. There are three installations in the Toronto area. Check with your local district office for locations in your area.

There are two franchise operations in the Halifax area. One is at the Dartmouth Mall and the other near Bedford. When I was in the city I read that one was to close due to lack of business. I did not obtain a copy of the label.

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Are there projects started in previous Newsletters that you feel should be completed? What are they? Who can do it?

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

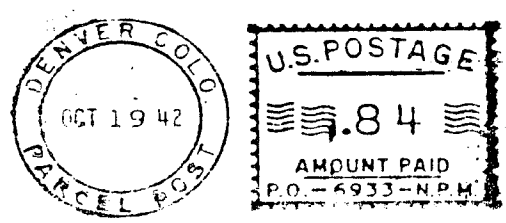
C. Clifton Oberlin, 45 Albion St., #410, Brantford, ON, N3T 6A2

PARTIAL LISTING OF POSTAL RATES FROM 1923 TO 1968

| DATE | SINGLE LETTER | | | | | POST CARD | | | | AIR MAIL | | | PRINTED MATTER | | | |
|--|---|----|----|----|----|-----------|---|---|---|----------|----|----|----------------|---|---|---|
| | L | D | U | B | F | D | U | B | F | D | U | F | D | U | B | F |
| 1923 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 1/9/25 | | | | | | | | | 4 | | | | | | | |
| 1/10/25 | | | | | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/7/26 | | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24/8/28 | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 5 | | | | | |
| 25/12/28 | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/7/30 | | | | | 5 | | | | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| 1/7/31 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 6 | 6 | | | | | |
| 1/3/39 | Special delivery rate reduced from 20 to 10 cents | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/4/43 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | | | | | |
| 1/4/51 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 1/10/67 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 1/11/68 | - | 6 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | - | 10 | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Registration fee was 10c in 1923, increased to 20c in 1951 and to 50c in 1967. Added to basic postage rate. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rates after 1968 become quite varied depending on the type of mail. A few of the common rates are included here for reference. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/7/71 | | 7 | 7 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/72 | | 8 | 8 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/9/76 | | 10 | 10 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/3/77 | | 12 | 12 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/4/78 | | 14 | 14 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/4/79 | | 17 | 17 | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/82 | | 30 | 35 | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15/1/83 | | 32 | 37 | 64 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24/6/85 | | 34 | 39 | 68 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/4/87 | | 36 | 41 | 72 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/88 | | 37 | 43 | 74 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/89 | | 38 | 44 | 76 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

L - Local or "drop letter"
 D - Single rate domestic
 U - Single rate to U.S.
 B - Single rate to U.K., etc
 F - Single rate to UPU

Ed Lapham suggested we do such a table. The value of it is to determine the postal use of an indicia and when the rates changed. Double rates are not included here.



Wilfred Whitehouse sent in the above cover stating "seems a bit odd". My limited knowledge of US meters would classify it as P(GA)2c. I have no idea of its rarity.

CATALOG SHEETS

I am not happy with the Type 3 catalog sheets in this issue and after hearing from you we may redo them. It seems to me that the SPECIMEN probably does not exist and needs to be eliminated. I don't consider a rubber stamp addition as a specimen. It should be printed as part of the indicia. Also, there are a number of small machine varieties and operator varieties. The machine variety is where a figure of date has failed to be cut and it leaves a blank rectangle. This is not a constant variety, just poor quality control. What do you think? Again, in the datemark, when the day or month is left blank is it a variety? I tend to think it may be inasmuch as postal regulations specified that the day should not be included in the printed matter category as this type of mail is often delayed and they don't want people to know by how much. This is a bit different than the many loose type varieties in Type 1. I have included those I know about but could be persuaded to leave them out.

Legris, in his Addendum to his catalog, lists values used for Type 3. His list is really strange, and in my view most don't exist. The values I have found in my collection are as follows:

Type 3.1 - - 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12

Type 3.2 - - 3

Type 3.3 - - 1, 2, 3, 5

Type 3.4 - - 1, 2, 3, 5

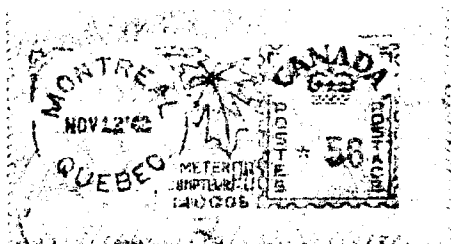
I don't own the reported 6 and 25 cent values. Can you add to this?

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You may notice some catalog changes (from my catalog) as we go along. These are to correct the original work. I assume that the first issue is the basic type, whether single or many copies by year of issue.

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Ron Kitchen sent in the following print and asked whether I had seen a PB Model R impression with only two arcs, and not a complete circle. In actual fact this is a factory error. There is a complete circle however in making the die the print face was not recessed or ground off enough and left the town and province high which does not permit the circle to print. It is really not a catalogable variety, but could be saved as an error.



Ron Kitchen took a picture of the CMSG resurrection meeting at CAPEX. Shown are Dave Cooper on the left. Smiling in the centre, after showing us his "buys", is Leland Brown. The editor (in his used car saleman's coat) appears particularly happy, but I can't think why.



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Hint: When reporting meter indicia dimensions always measure the townmark vertically, and to the inside of the circle. Report the value to the closest millimetre, although we must recognize that most older meters were built using inches (probably to the closest 1/32 in.). The covers often slip which elongates the indicia, or sometimes it shrinks it, hence the reason for the vertical measurements.

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The new towns were submitted by Alan Draves, with our thanks. There must be quite a few new ones for you to report. I have the following to add:

| | | | |
|------------------|------|----------|--|
| NORTH YORK | ONT | 603821 | |
| DANIEL'S HARBOUR | NFLD | 854476 | This has the (?) |
| BERWYN | ALTA | H2002596 | |
| KUUJJUAK | PQ | 656228 | (This is the new name for Fort Chimo, the most northerly PO in Quebec) |

ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

These are additions to the most recent printing of the Canada Town List (labeled "Thru MSS Bul. 191"). These additions are also listed in Meter Stamp Society Bulletins 194, 196, and 200.

| | | |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| ALTA CAROLINE | ONT BEACHVILLE | SASK ABERNETHY |
| DELBURNE | BINBROOK | ALIDA |
| HYTHE | BOTHWELL | BELLEGARDE |
| INNISFREE | BYRON | BORDEN |
| LA CRETE | COPE TOWN | BROCK |
| SPIRIT RIVER | DORSET | BULYEA |
| STANDARD | MIDHURST | CREELMAN |
| TILLEY | NORTH YORK | DODSLAND |
| | OIL SPRINGS | EDAM |
| BC EDGEWOOD | SOUTH WOODSLEE | FOX VALLEY |
| FIELD | SPRINGFIELD | GLENAVON |
| HARRISON MILLS | VAR S | GRAYSON |
| | VIRGINIATOWN | INVERMAY |
| NB ALMA | | LEOVILLE |
| CHARLO | PQ BELLEFEUILLE | MARSHALL |
| RIVER GLADE | CAP-A-L'AIGLE | MAYMONT |
| STANLEY | DU BON CONSEIL | NOKOMIS |
| YOUNGS COVE ROAD | KOUJUAQ | RICHARDSON |
| | MASCOUCHE | RUSH LAKE |
| NFLD HAWKES BAY | HEIGHTS | ST-DENIS |
| TOPSAIL | NEW RICHMOND | ST-GREGOR |
| | STATION | ST-LOUIS |
| NWT ALERT | PERKINS | SENLAC |
| ESKIMO POINT | RADISSON | SPY HILL |
| RAE | ST-ALEXIS | STOCKHOLM |
| | DES MONTS | TOGO |
| | ST-AUGUSTIN-DE- | TUGASKE |
| | DESMAURES | VIBANK |
| | ST-SIMON | WASECA |
| | SHAWINIGAN-SUD | WELWYN |
| | VILLE ST ANTOINE | WISHART |

Please make the following corrections to the Canada Town List:

- Change Hauterive-Sac PQ to HAUTERIVE-SAG
- Change St-Nicholas Est PQ to ST-NICOLAS EST
- Change Englefield SASK to ENGLEFELD

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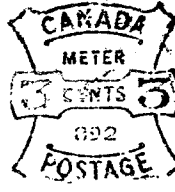




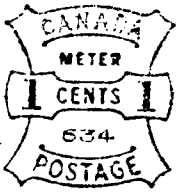
Please report any new Canada towns to:
 Alan Draves, P.O. Box 2009, Cridersville OH 45806.

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

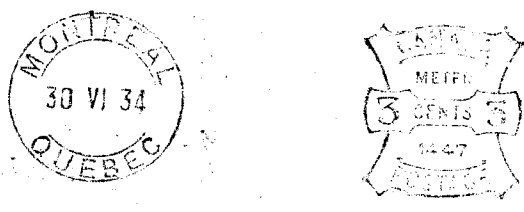

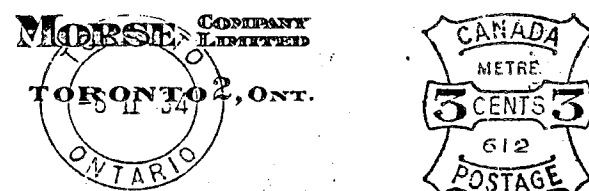
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The Canada Town List is available from Alan Draves, P.O. Box 2009,
 Cridersville OH 45806. The price is \$1.00 U.S. or \$1.25 Canadian, postpai









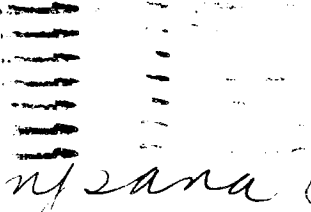





CMSG METER CATALOG

| Type | Indicia | Remarks |
|-------|--|---|
| 3.1 |   | Basic type - TM OD23 ID17 letters 2.5; DM - D M Y, M in RN 3 high; RATE FRAME- 25x21.5; VALUE - 4 high; CENTS 8 long, serial 2.4 high; setting 25; overall 71 METER above CENTS |
| 3.1.1 |   | SPECIMEN not seen. This item, from an ad, may not exist. |
| 3.1.2 |   | Broken inner circle in TM TM - OD24 ID16 |
| 3.1.3 | <p>PRODUCTS LIMITED</p>   | Province abbreviated |
| 3.1.4 |  | No TM - (3rd Class Mail) |
| 3.1.5 |   | DM as Type 5 - MDY |
| 3.1.6 |   | Error: 1 CENTS (634) |








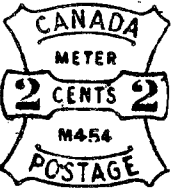

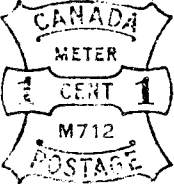

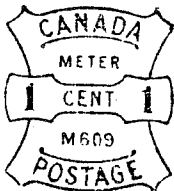
CMSG METER CATALOG

| Type | Indicia | Remarks |
|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 3.1.7 |  | Value lighter print (1447) |
| 3.1.8 |  | Large TM - OD25 ID17 |
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| | | |
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| | | |
| 3.2.7 |  | CENTS 9 mm long |



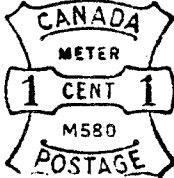






CMSG METER CATALOG

| Type | Indicia | Remarks |
|-------|---|---|
| 3.2 |   | Basic type as 3.1 except METRE in rate frame above CENTS. Machine number 2. |
| 3.2.1 |   | Broken inner circle in TM |
| 3.2.2 |   | Province abbreviated |
| 3.2.3 |   | DM as Type 5 - MDY |
| 3.2.4 |   | No TM - (3rd Class Mail) |
| 3.2.5 |   | Large TM - OD25 ID17 |
| 3.2.6 |   | CENTS 10 mm long |









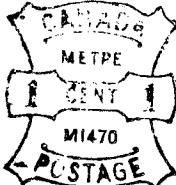
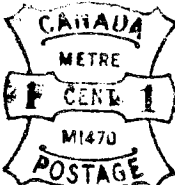


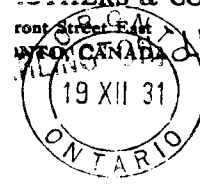

CMSG METER CATALOG

| Type | Indicia | Remarks |
|-------|---|--|
| 3.3 |   | Basic type as 3.1 except "M" before machine number |
| 3.3.1 |   | Broken circle in TM |
| 3.3.2 |   | Province abbreviated |
| 3.3.3 |   | DM as Type 5 - MDY |
| 3.3.4 | | Error: 1 CENTS |
| 3.3.5 |   | Day omitted in DM (Printed Matter) |
| 3.3.6 |   | Year uncut in DM |

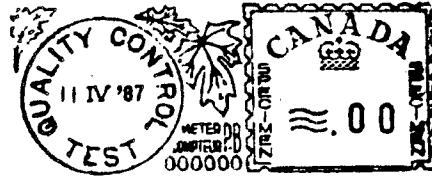
CMSG METER CATALOG

| Type | Indicia | Remarks |
|-----------------|--|---|
| 3.3.7 |  | No TM (3rd Class Mail) |
| 3.3.8 |   | Month only in TM |
| 3.3.9 |   | Large TM - OD25 ID17 |
| | | |
| | | |
| Earliest Slogan | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Built—Not Stuffed"</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ostermoor Mattress</p> |   |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION POSTAL EXHIBIT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIMEN ONLY</p> |   |

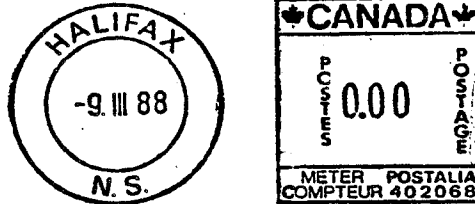
CMSG METER CATALOG

| Type | Indicia | Remarks |
|-------|---|--|
| 3.4 |   | Basic type as 3.2 except "M" before machine number |
| 3.4.1 |   | Broken inner circle |
| 3.4.2 |   | DM as Type 5 - MDY |
| 3.4.3 |   | Province abbreviated |
| 3.4.4 |   | No TM (3rd Class Mail) |
| 3.4.5 |   | Large town letters |
| 3.4.6 |   | Tall, 2mm, machine number |

CINDERELLA "FINDS" ON MY TRIP EAST THIS SUMMER



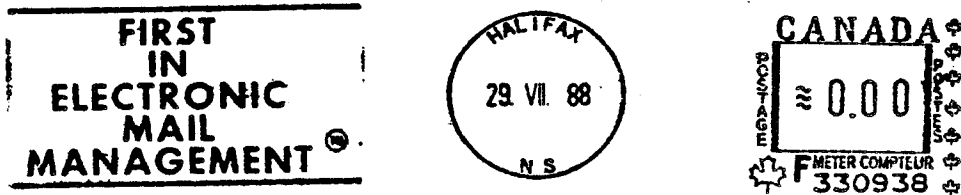
Pitney Bowes SPECIMEN but with the factory QUALITY CONTROL TEST slug which is usually no available in sales offices.



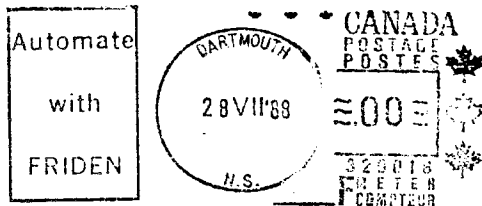
The old Postalia is still being sold. They market two types of meters.



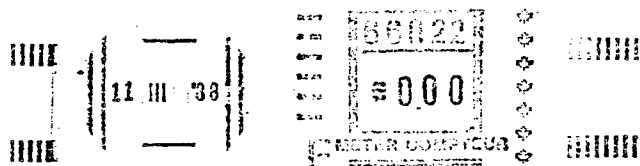
Another Postalia which didn't work that well.



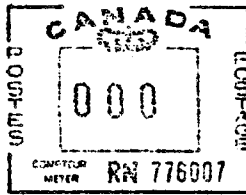
The Model 9215 Friden meter impression.



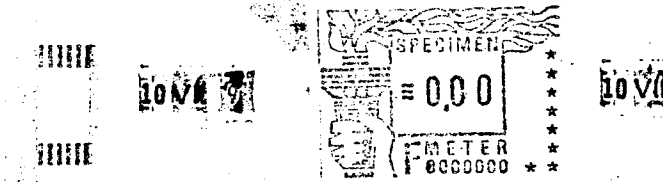
Model 9225 Friden meter impression



Friden Parcel Register impression



Roneo Neopost still sold



Friden Parcel Register, note the date and the US impression

There are also several forms of gummed tapes for parcels. I show front and back and how they are used.

CAUTION

U.S. POSTAL REGULATIONS PART 144—POSTAGE METER AND METER STAMPS

Regulation Number 144.44—Meter Stamps on Tape.

“When meter stamps are printed on tape, only tape approved by the Postal Service may be used.”

The enclosed pressure sensitive material is certified to be in compliance with the above as defined under Federal Specifications UU-T-1331A dated 6-10-76.

Designed for all models of Mailing Equipment.
For Service, Supplies and New Equipment, look in the yellow pages under “Mailing Machines & Equipment” for Friden or F.M.E. Corporation.



POSTAGE METER TAPES
FOR ALL MODELS OF MAILING MACHINES
THIS SHEET GOOD FOR TWO POSTAGE TAPES

PART NO,
7449704

POSTAGE METER TAPES PART NO. 7456593

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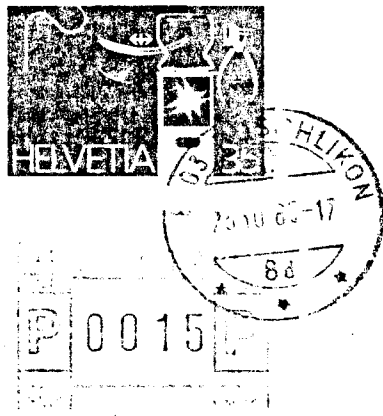
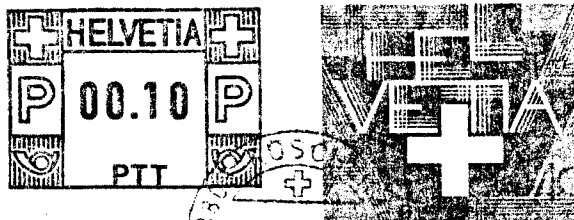


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Mr. Ross W. Irwin,

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Canada

THIS COVER HAS THREE FORMS OF POSTAGE
PRINTED ENVELOPE - .40 + .10f
POSTAGE STAMP - .35f
A FORM OF METER - .15f

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TYPE 3 - TOWN LIST

(Note: Province is in full except as noted.)

| | | | |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| HALIFAX | KENTVILLE | SYDNEY | TRURO |
| TRURO N.S. | FREDERICTON N.B. | SAINT JOHN | GRANBY |
| MONTREAL | MONTREAL QUE. | QUEBEC | QUEBEC P.Q. |
| SHERBROOKE | TROIS RIVIERES | BRANTFORD | BROCKVILLE |
| CORNWALL | HAMILTON | HAMILTON ONT. | KITCHENER |
| LONDON ONT. | OTTAWA | OTTAWA ONT. | PARIS |
| PETERBORO | RENFREW | STRATFORD ONT. | TORONTO |
| WATERLOO | WAWANESA | WINNIPEG | REGINA |
| SASKATOON | CALGARY | EDMONTON | TRAIL |
| VANCOUVER | No town mark | | |

Earliest Type 3 seen - January 3, 1927 on 543

Latest Type 3 seen - February 17, 1938 on 1459

(I have a March 9, 1941 but think it is an operator error for 1931)

Review of METERED MAIL by Ross W. Irwin. By E. J. Roscoe.

Privately published by the author, PO Box 1263, Guelph, ON, N1H 6N6, 1986. Price \$5.00.

This 8.5 in. x 5.5 in. spiral bound 102 unnumbered page book is a reprinting of the author's columns appearing in Canadian Stamp News between Oct. 3, 1977 and February 1981. The columns appear in chronological order but not all have dates.

The scope covers a wide range of subjects. Included is much information on the general history of metered mail, usage of meters in Canada, the meter models used and corresponding indicia, slogans, effect of rate changes, postal directives, official mail, coin-post (mailomats), and other special aspects of metered mail.

The author is Prof. of Agricultural Engineering, University of Guelph. He relates that he became interested in metered mail in 1967 as a result of becoming dissatisfied with the Canadian issuance of adhesives, a not too unfamiliar story in the US.

Irwin's Canadian Postage Meter Catalogue was published in 1972, with a revised edition appearing in 1975. His system of classifying Canadian meter stamps has become the standard for Canadian indicia. The present work constitutes an invaluable handbook to Canadian metered mail and an excellent adjunct to his catalog.

FREE CLASSIFIED SECTION FOR YOUR USE

Attached to this Newsletter is my advertisement. A number of special covers which I offer at the prices shown. These will be sold on the basis of when I receive an order. Some are singles, some are more numerous.

I require the following machine numbers in Type 3. Will exchange for any you need.

197, 336, 337, 346, 363, 363, 379, 453, 466, 487, 501, 502, 503,
504, 506, 507, 508, 510, 511, 542, 545, 556, 558, 560, 570, 576,
605, 621, 627, 631, 635, 668, 681, 706, 719, 722, 731, 734, 786,
807, 811, 827, 893, 897, 902, 906, 908, 914, 917, 924, 926, 927,
928, 1428, 1438, 1441, 1445, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006.

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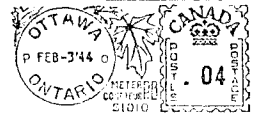
FIRST-DAY COVER

Commemorating the first general public operation of a "coin letter box in Ottawa, Canada, installed for official test in Postal Station B ... February 3, 1944.

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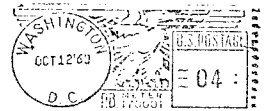
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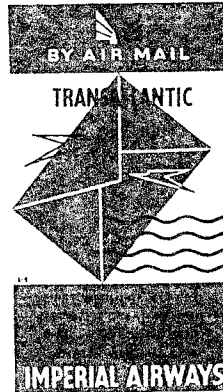


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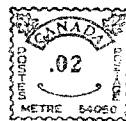
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