

CANADIAN METER STAMP NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S NOTES

- The Editor visited CAPEX (June 8 - 15) for one very full day. My observations are below.
- Dealers are beginning to stock meters, but not much choice.
- There was no meter exhibit. You wouldn't expect one in this type of show. There were very few exhibits with just postage stamps. Most had postal stationery, even meters, and other ancilliary items to fill out the theme.
- The displays were awesome. There were about 3,500 exhibits with 16 pages per frame. It took several hours just to quickly walk through it.
- Meter cut squares (2 x 6) were common in exhibits. Germany and Netherlands had the better postal ads to use in a theme. There were also some France, Italy and other countries. Canada and the USA were sparce.
- Noted Carnaval de Quebec for 1966, 1973 and 1981.
- Saw a NED INDIE meter of 1935.
- Also saw FOROYAR, I didn't know what it was until I saw the Faroe Islands sales booth.
- In a POW exhibit there were two meters - P.O.W. 132, 48009, a Pitney Bowes sample; and, P.O.W. 133, 47007, used on a POW letter sheet to Germany Jun 25'44. This meter was installed in December 1943.
- There were several Canadian Mail-O-Mat covers, particularly the 51010 First Day covers of Feb 3 '44 at Ottawa P.O.

What did I buy? I bought a Calgary tape with POSTAGE DUE/DEPOT 1/CALGARY. I am afraid to look as I may already have one! A better item is a tape with REGINA P.O. of 1976 with 58¢ postage and a registration mark. I have not seen a registered item with P.O. before. It cost me \$4. And that was the sum total of my metered mail. I got a few items to add to my Victoria County postal history collection, at more than \$4!

PB Meter 140796, R.C.A.F. STN. BORDEN ONT. had the RCAF STN removed in 1966 upon the unification of the forces, leaving an off-centre townmark. How many others of this type exist for 1966-7?

NEW TOWN NAMES

PERKINSFIELD ON	H2001391	STE-FOY QC	H2001294
CALEDON EAST ONT.	H2005200	BUCKHORN ONT	
CITY OF YORK ONT		FLINTON ONT	
KIRKTON ONT		LISLE ONT	
SUTTON ONT		TAMWORTH ONT	
UPSALA ONT		ROSEDALE STATION ALTA	
GLEN EWEN SASK		KAHNAWAKE PQ	
SABREVOIS PQ		ST-JANVIER PQ	

Thanks to Alan Draves for supplying town names for the above list. Have you any to add to the list of towns using a postage meter. Send in the town and province exactly as in the townmark and give the serial number. I will check the list for duplication.

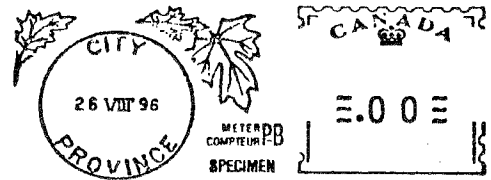
ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PARAGON POSTAGE METERS (See NL 44.3)

200006 OTTAWA	200259 NORTH YORK	200626 SCARBOROUGH
200057 VANCOUVER	200270 VANCOUVER	ONT
200066 VICTORIA	200282 VANCOUVER	200635 NORTH YORK ON
200070 VANCOUVER	200307 REXDALE	200647 VANCOUVER
200099 VANCOUVER	200322 SHERBROOKE	200654 OTTAWA ONT
200100 DON MILLS	200330 VANCOUVER	201075 TORONTO ON
200119 VICTORIA	200340 KELOWNA	
200121 TORONTO	200343 VANCOUVER	*****
200133 SURREY	200344 VANCOUVER	
200137 KITCHENER ONT	200348 OTTAWA	
200143 VANCOUVER	200349 KELOWNA	
200149 OTTAWA	200359 CALGARY	
200157 VANCOUVER	200370 VICTORIA	
200166 VANCOUVER	200371 VANCOUVER	
200177 TORONTO	200373 WINNIPEG	
200178 CHARLOTTETOWN	200377 QUEBEC	
200180 TORONTO	200379 CHILLIWACK	
200190 WINNIPEG	200381 VANCOUVER	
200203 OTTAWA	200416 MISSISSAUGA	
200207 WINNIPEG	200441 TORONTO	
200216 VANCOUVER	200467 MISSISSAUGA	
200225 OTTAWA	200472 TORONTO	
200231 OTTAWA	200567 MISSISSAUGA	
200232 TORONTO ON	200572 MISSISSAUGA	
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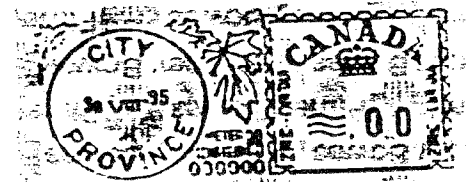
Canada Post recently issued a note on "Mechanical Postage Meter Replacement". They state there are 150,000 meters in use in the country and they plan to phase out the mechanical meters and replace them with electronic types "over the next few years". They are concerned about postage reliability. The electronic are remote-refill meters and counter-refill meters.

Was in London this week and visited Pitney Bowes. Most interesting material and brochures are in Toronto but I illustrate some material. These are sample tapes which often don't print clear due to the stuffing and method of insertion by hand.

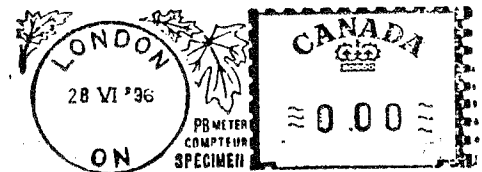
Pitney Bowes Model 6991
RMRS electronic, stand-alone meter, to \$9.999.



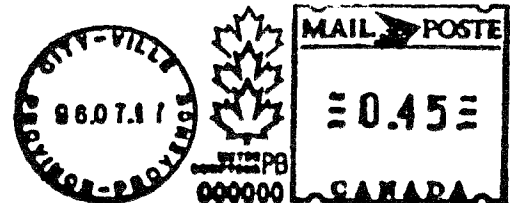
Model 5384 is being phased out and is replaced by the electronic Model 8911.



Model 6510 is reset at the post office. Model 6511 is a Postage by Phone resetting system.



The Paragon has an internal postage meter and uses a transfer inking system



I noticed this when I got home and have no idea what it is. I expect it is a parcel post register. Will check on it.



SPECIMEN / SPECIMEN
132 1210 \$00.45 00PB000000
96 08 21
0254 POSTPERFECT B711 000000

Recent acquisition - a scarce PPIC label on a whole cover. This was used in 1917 to search out funds for the Patriotic Campaign.



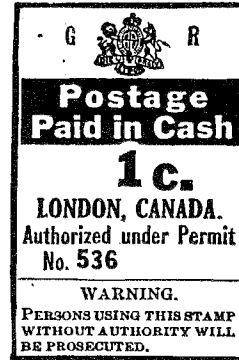
To the Householder,
City of London.

\$300,000 PATRIOTIC CAMPAIGN
February 19th, 20th and 21st

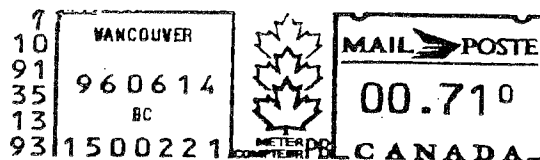
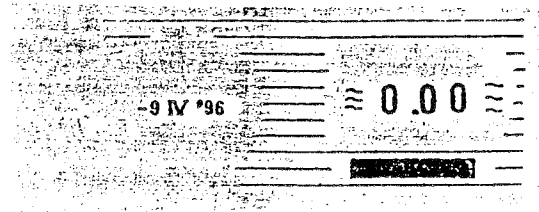
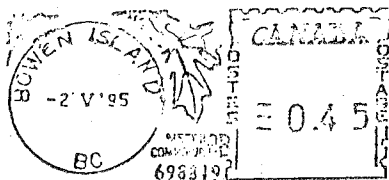
Chairman of the Campaign Committee,
SIR GEORGE C. GIBBONS.
Treasurer Campaign Committee,
A. D. McLEAN.

President Red Cross Society,
LADY BECK.
President London Patriotic Association,
W. M. GARTSHORE.

Campaign Headquarters: Bank of Commerce Building.



Wilf Whitehouse sent in two items. The first appears to be part of the Paragon family and was used to solicit funds for a charity. Any more information on it??? The second item is Pitney Bowes #698819 with townmark BOWEN ISLAND, BC. To quote Wilf "although Bowen Island is not a town in the strict sense, that's what the townmark says. Awhile ago I reported SALT SPRING ISLAND and mentioned that Canada Post does not recognize that as a mailing point. The post office is at GANGES on SALT SPRING ISLAND. It has now closed in favor of GANGES.



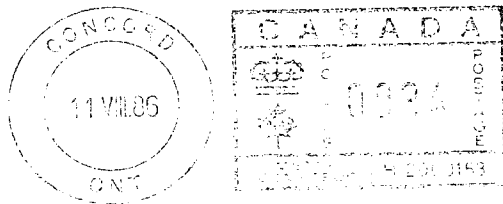
Paragon meter with decimal rate. Note the day has been replaced with two double lines.

CMSG TYPE 29 HASLER POSTAGE METERS

Hasler SA of Berne, Switzerland, is a major manufacturer of postage meters. Their first machine was authorized 25 Sep 1923, and its first usage was 1 Feb 1924. Hasler developed a large market in Europe. Banking was not the 24 hour style we have today so the company marketed a postage recharge system similar to using a credit card where a cartridge was filled with postage at the post office and the customer inserted it in the postage meter.

In 1950 a Hasler Model FML 88 was tested by Canada Post. The machine was declared unacceptable as the credit card system was not considered to be secure for safeguarding revenue in Canada. There were other security problems. The credit card system was considered to be a weakness for the system. This is the system most companies are adopting today!

In 1981, Better Packages Inc., of Sheldon, Conn. obtained the distribution rights to market Hasler postage meters in the USA and Canada. The first use in the USA was 24 July 1981. The company was also known as International Mailing Systems. Hasler purchased IMS in 1989. By September 1993 there were 87,208 Hasler postage meters in the USA.



The Hasler postage meter was approved for use in Canada 15 Nov 1981 and exclusive distribution was assigned to International Mailing Systems, a Division of Better Packages of Canada. The postage meter system was named the Mailmaster. The first installation was meter H2000001 at the Upper Canada Mint, at Markham, on 15 Dec 1981. The company is now named Ascom Hasler. It should be noted that all Hasler meters are manufactured in Switzerland. The townmark is produced locally, and uses English measurements, not millimeters. The original description of this series was by Jean Dalpe in 1988.

Townmark province designations used by Hasler are:- BC, B.C., AB, ALTA., SK, SASK, MB, MAN, ON, ONT, ONT., QC, P.Q., NFLD., NWT.

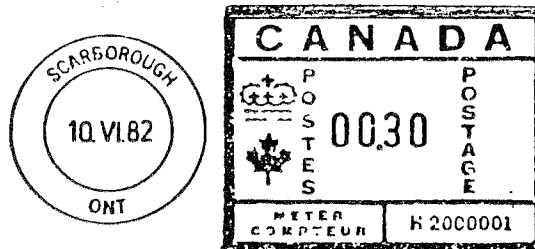
The following Table shows the many Hasler postage meter models and mailing machines. Identification is difficult as the indicia is almost identical except for the value.

SUMMARY OF HASLER POSTAGE METER RANGES							
METER MODEL	LOCK-OUT-\$		POSTAGE \$	SETTING \$		B	MAILING MACHINES MODEL NUMBER
133	10	M	9990	9.99	N	3	101, 202
143	10	M	99990	9.99	N	4	101, 202
4310	10	M	99990	9.99	N	3	202, 204
5410	100	M	99990	99.99	N	4	202, 204
25863	10	M	9999	9.999	Y	4	202, 204
5463	10	M	9990	9.999	Y	4	202, 204
6210	10	E	99990	9.99	N	3	304, 305
6310	100	E	99990	99.99	N	4	304, 305
6363	10	E	9990	9.999	Y	4	304, 305
55863	10	E	99990	9.999	Y	4	304, 305
9210	10	E	99990	9.99	N	3	307
9310	100	E	99990	99.99	N	4	307
9363	10	E	9990	9.999	Y	4	307
75863	10	E	99990	9.999	Y	4	307
1135	10	M	9990	9.99	N	3	120, 220
13410	100	M	99990	99.99	N	4	220, 320
13863	10	M	99990	9.99.9	Y	4	320
1441	0.01	E	999999	99.99	N	4	120, 220
16410	0.01	E	999999	99.99	N	4	220, 320, 335, 337
17560	0.01	E	99999	99.99.9	Y	4	220, 320, 335, 337

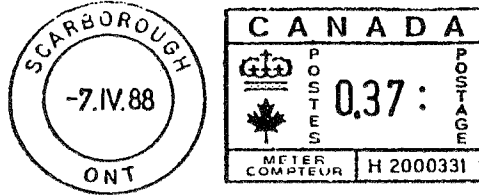
M - mechanical E - electronic N - decimal

Description of the Indicia

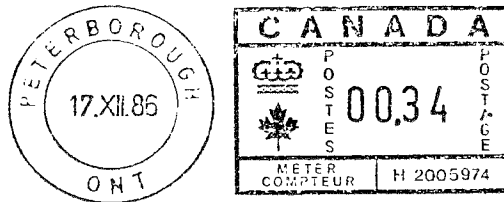
The Hasler indicia is of three major types. The original test indicia has a townmark 27 mm x 17 mm and a rate box 36 mm x 42 mm. The value is 00.00 and the DM is 12.V.82. It was used at MARKHAM ONT.



The second type, and the first commercial use, uses a double circle townmark 27 mm x 17 mm. The province is one of the following:- BC: B.C.; AB; ALTA.; SK; SASK.; MB; MAN.; ON; ONT.; Q.C.; P.Q.; NFLD.; NWT.



The rate frame is 36 mm x 25 mm. The setting is 2 mm and the indicia is 65 mm overall. Value is 00.00. The 4th digit is under the "D" of CANADA. Note, machines with 4 figures in the value are not all four bank machines. Some are 3-bank with the final "0" does not print. Serial is 2 mm high, "H" and number. Province is abbreviated and date mark is D.M.Y. CANADA is large font



The third type has a double circle townmark that is 26.5 mm x 18 mm. The rate frame is 36 mm x 25 mm. The setting is 2 mm and overall indicia is 65 mm.

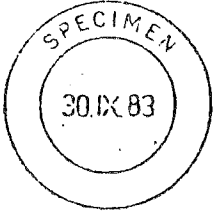
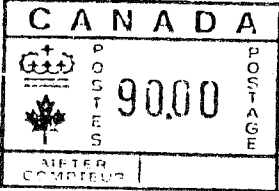
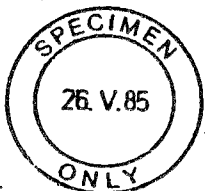


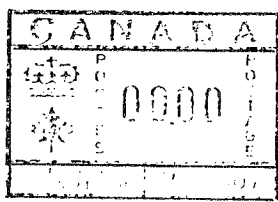
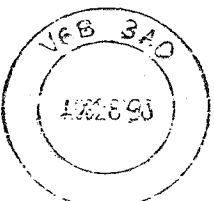
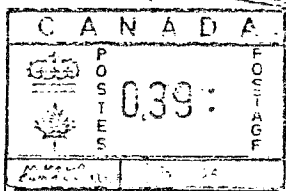
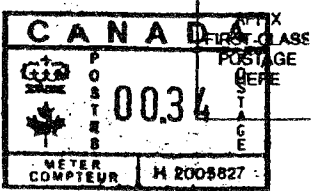
Datemark - D.M.Y Setting - 3/32 in Indicia - 1-11/16 in x 1-3/8 in. Lower segment is divided in half with METER/COMPTEUR in the left segment and the serial number in the right. Crown and single maple leaf at left. POSTES and POSTAGE vertically. CANADA at top. Value 00.00 4th digit under "D" of CANADA.

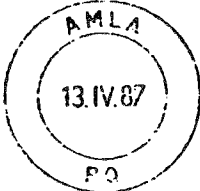
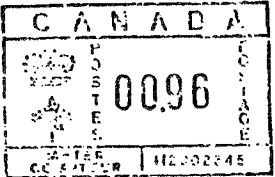

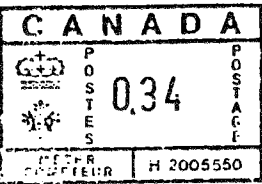

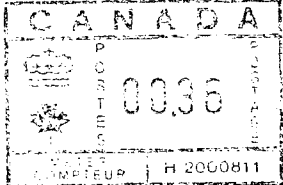

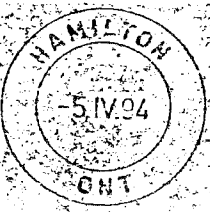
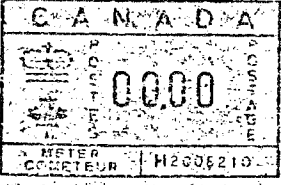

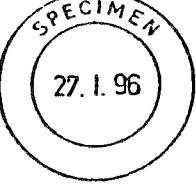
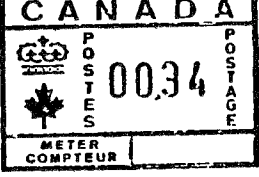
The value is also found as 00.00: , 0.00 , 0.00: Some are 3-bank meters and the initial "0" does not print a different value.

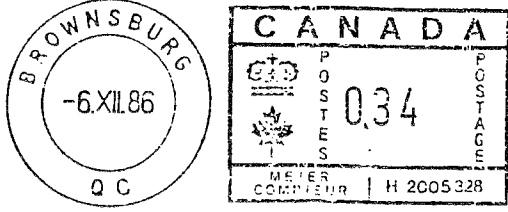
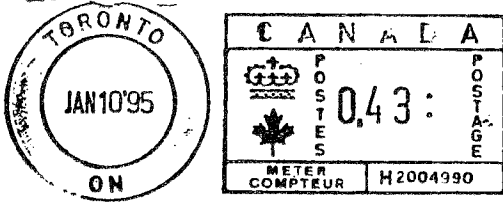
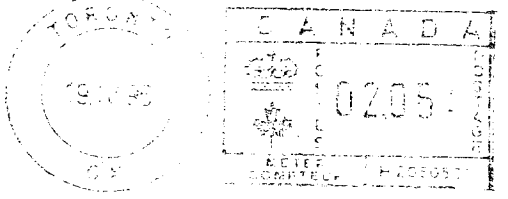
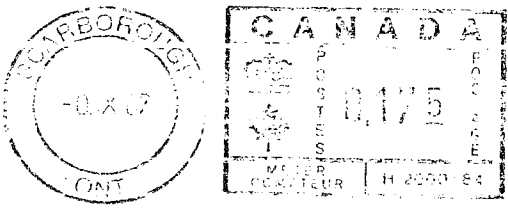
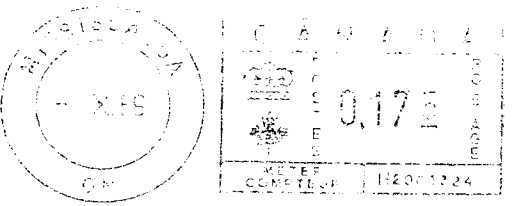
25.2 Has the same townmark and datemark. The rate box is 1-3/8 in x 15/16 in. The serial font is 3/32 in high. Overall length - 2- 9/16 in.


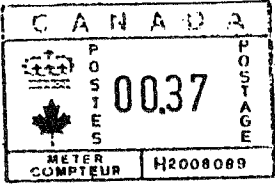

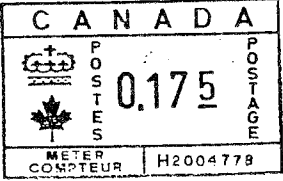
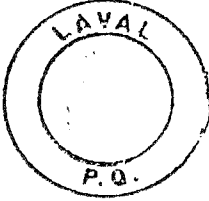
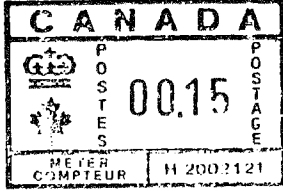

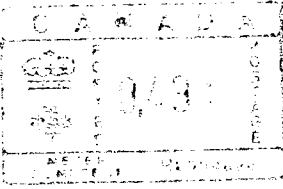
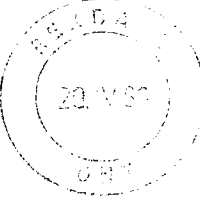
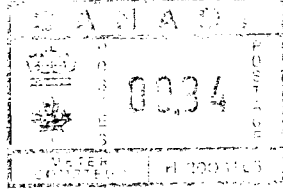
25.2 The second indicia was re-engraved. There were no major changes in design. CANADA is a finer type font. POSTES/POSTAGE are slightly different in font. There are also small differences in the Crown and maple leaf. The rate box is 1 mm longer. The box is 1 mm less in height.


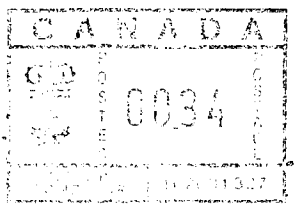
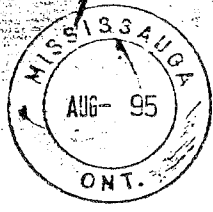
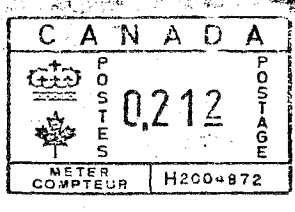

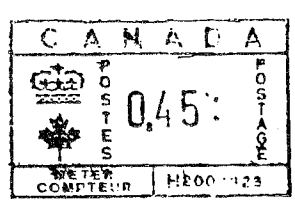
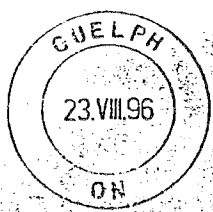
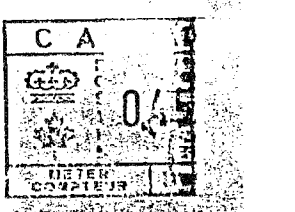

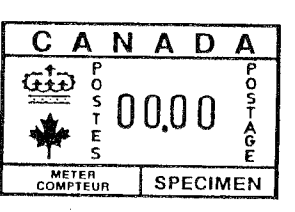
CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
29.1	 	TM - SPECIMEN
29.1.1	 	TM - SPECIMEN / ONLY
29.1.2	 	TM - BLACK (DEMO METER)
29.1.3	 	TM - POSTAL CODE V6B 3A0
29.1.4	<p data-bbox="373 1543 470 1585">-7.X.86</p> 	TM - BLANK, DM only

Type	Indicia	Remarks
29.1.5	 	TM - ERROR AMLA for ALMA
29.1.6	 	TM - PROV, WITH PERIOD
29.1.7	 	TM - PROV, 2 LETTER CODE
29.1.8	  	POSTAL AD AGE PREPAID
29.1.9	  	POSTAL AD RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID/ OUR/PAYE

Type	Indicia	Remarks
29.1.10		VALUE - 0.00
29.1.11		VALUE - 0.00: Decimal value
29.1.12		VALUE - 00.00: Decimal value
29.1.13		DM - 0.M.Y M - RN
29.1.14		DM - -- M.Y M - RN

Type	Indicia	Remarks
29.1.15	 	DM - MDY
29.1.16	 	DM - MOY
29.1.17	 	DM - blank
29.1.18	 	Serial - "H" 2 mm Numbers 1.5 mm
29.1.19	 	Serial - "H" and numbers same size

29.1.20	 	TM - size 26 mm x 18 mm
29.1.21	 	DM - M - Y
	 	Said to be a constant variety with broken inner circle???
	 	Misfeed inserting cover into meter
	 	Not a meter, actually an advertising cover with printed impression

NOTE ON SERIAL NUMBERS

The Hasler serial block began at H2000001. Each meter sold was assigned the next available number into the H2010000 series. The highest number noted is H2013024.

When the electronic postage meters were introduced in 1994 they were assigned a serial block which began at H2050001. The highest number noted to date is H2050601. These appear to be 4-bank meters with a decimal capacity.

A serial block beginning at H2060001 has been assigned to the new electronic Telemeter postage meter series. This is at the low end of the product line; that is, a desk top for small offices.

The original serial numbers had a large "H" and numerals of the same size. About serial number H2000700 the serial number had the same large "H" and smaller numerals. They now have an "H" and numerals of the same size.

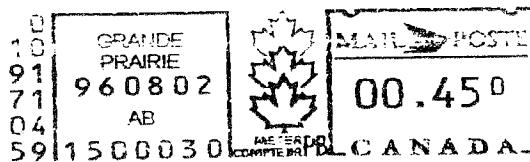
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Did you know Canada Post delivered mail to 12,468,000 addresses in Canada. The average cost is \$45 to \$147 per delivery point!

ROSS is the Editor's name. It is also (Retail Outlet Support System) for a more user friendly system. This is through 7,500 full service postal outlets and 18,500 access points to postal products and services.

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Leland Brown sent in the following item - that's two in this issue. I have yet to see one in the East.



Leland and I have been trying to trade Type 9 items but we have come to an impasse with nothing left the other wants. However, Leland has searched his collection and has some new high numbers for use. Can you beat him? See NL 43, page 8.

PB 500000	501586	320000	323044
PB 520000	520394	355000	356071
PB 542000	590892	800000	868067
PB 500000	594502	380000	390239
PB 557000	557157		
PB 600000	625426		
PB 630000	631650		
PB 660000	699201		

Leland notes the 557000 series begins at 557118. Seems strange.

Leland has also made an interesting study of the 557000 series relating the serial numbers to the postage meter type.

SERIAL	TOWN	TYPE
557007	BARRIE ONT.	5307
557031	SPRINGDALE, NFLD.	5307
557108	TORONTO, ONT	5307
557111	MISSISSAUGA, ONT	5307
557118	TORONTO, ONT	5321
557122	TORONTO, ONT.	5321
557135	MONTREAL, P.Q.	5321
557139	TORONTO, ONT.	5321
557140	MONTREAL, P.Q.	5321
557144	VICTORIA, B.C.	5321
557146	MONTREAL, P.Q.	5321
557149	VICTORIA, BC	5321
557157	SASKATOON, SASK	5321
557162	MILTON, ONT	5307
557172	TURTLEFORD, SASK	5307
557173	TRENTON, NS	5307

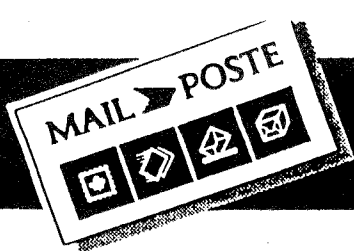
Leland suggest we should list the PB 5321 as a separate type as they can be distinguished by the fact that they differ from Type 20.1 as the 3 wavy lines are always further to the left from the period before the value and the two dots at the right of the value are much closer to the word POSTAGE than in the Model 5306. Any comments on this suggestion?

Leland also notes in the 600000 series the rounded "3" in the value is used up to 607748 and the flat top "3" starts at 607760. Can anyone narrow this small spread?

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To all outlets

Replacement of mechanical postage meters

Today, most of the existing postage meter customers use meter technology which is almost 75 years old. Electronic meter technology is more reliable, simplifies the payment and collection of postage and supports the Corporation's efforts in ensuring it receives full payment for services provided. That's why Canada Post and the four postage meter suppliers are working together to promote the gradual replacement of mechanical meters with electronic meters.

For details on this initiative, refer to the following pages which include "Questions and Answers" and a copy of the letter sent to meter customers.

If customers have questions or concerns, give them the Customer Service 1 800 number.

2701 RIVERSIDE DR SUITE N0021
OTTAWA ON K1A 0B1

March 29, 1996

Dear Customer

For the past 75 years, postage meters have been widely used by our customers as a method of postage payment. Today in Canada there are approximately 150,000 meters in operation and supplied by:

Ascom Canada Ltd
Francotyp-Postalia Canada Ltd.
Neopost Canada
Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd

Just as office equipment technology has evolved over the last decade, there have also been advances in postage meter technology resulting in electronic systems. Canada Post and the four postage meter suppliers in Canada are working together to promote the replacement of mechanical meters with these electronic systems. The phase-in of electronic refill meters will be gradual and Canada Post will continue to provide refill service for meter customers.

Some electronic meters are refilled by telephone using the suppliers' electronic postage setting system which provides meter customers with the convenience of refilling their meter from their business location. This is a positive development since the electronic telephone refill technology is more reliable and simplifies the payment and collection of postage while maintaining the flexibility customers need.

You should expect to be contacted by your meter supplier to discuss the electronic meter options available to you.

For more information, please call Canada Post Corporation at 1-800-XXX-XXXX or contact your local postage meter supplier.

Regards

Divisional General Manager
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