

CANADIAN METER STAMP NEWSLETTER

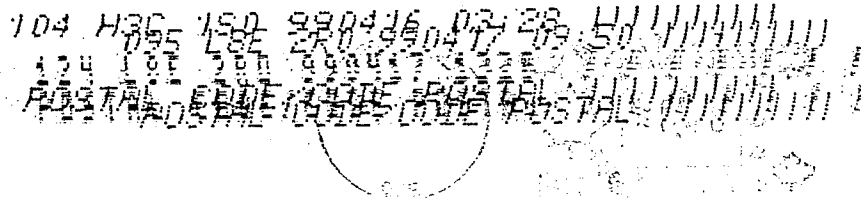
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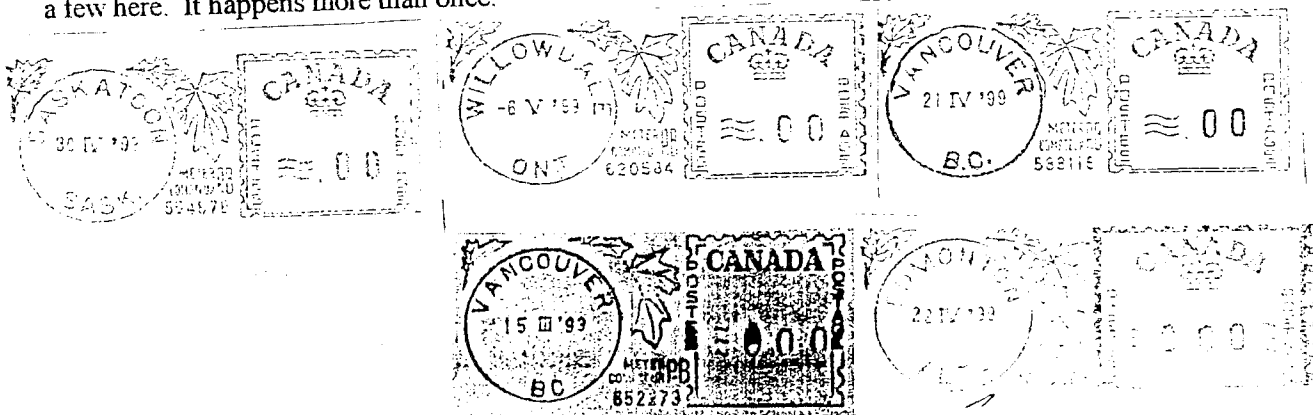
EDITOR'S NOTES

Again, what's in the mail? Well I was given 40 pounds, or about 4,000 metered covers recently. These were from Mutual Insurance and just covered the period from Apr 13 to May 5. They get a lot of mail! It was highly duplicated and badly cancelled - see below as an example. There were about 1,000 Paragon meters mostly from banks and financial institutions. Vancouver seems to have a lot of these. There were about 1,000 Pitney Bowes 1,000,000 series. In other words half the bags were of these two meter types. To roughly break down the balance they were: - F380 - 100; F330 - 175; F385 - only 10. Hasler there were 25 Mail Poste and 200 others. Pitney Bowes Touchmatic type - 250; Pitney Bowes with long triad - 250; PB 155 - 50; PB 020 - 185; PB 110 - 320. There were a few Friden/Postalia and only 2 Neopost. I found nothing new for my collection but will remark on a few items below. It was a lot of time for little reward but I always live in hope of a major find. Don't we all.



Here is what the Post Office did to the above cover. It is not even useful in a cancellation collection. The cover was posted at Montreal and processed through 104 H3C 1S0 / CODE POSTAL - POSTAL CODE in two lines. At Stoney Creek (Hamilton) it was processed with 095 L8E 2R0 POSTAL CODE - CODE POSTAL in two lines. It was reprocessed at Stoney Creek with 124 L8E 2R0 and POSTAL CODE / CODE POSTAL in two lines. It made quite a mess.

I am also amazed at the number of metered covers going through the mail with .00 postage paid. I illustrate a few here. It happens more than once.

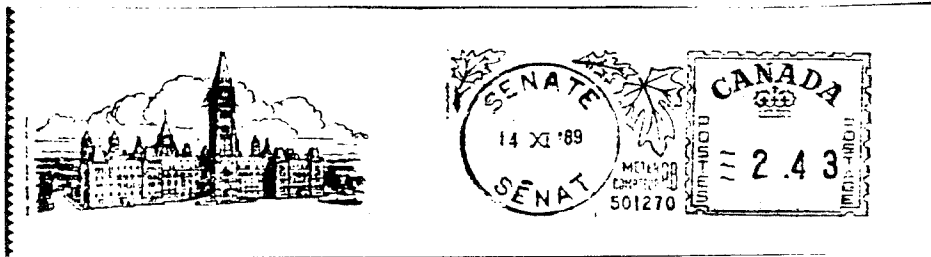


Note from the Debates of the House of Commons, May 18, 1976, p. 13651

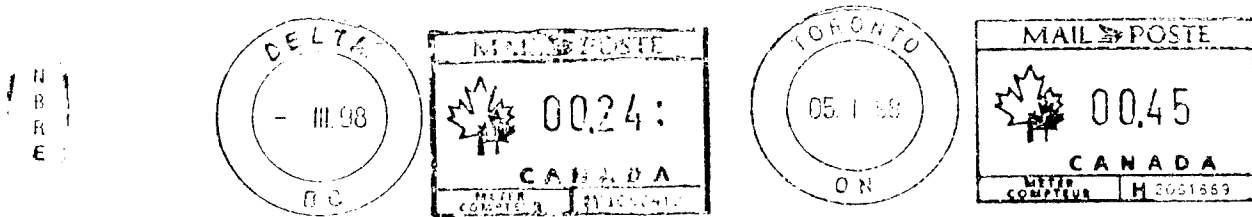
“Olympic dies available at \$150, shared with Post Office and Olympics. Form letter had been sent to all meter users March 17, 1976.”

I am finally housecleaning letters I have received over the past couple of years. Some of the cuts may be repeats. Most are from Wilf Whitehouse whom I thank very much for sharing his finds with us.

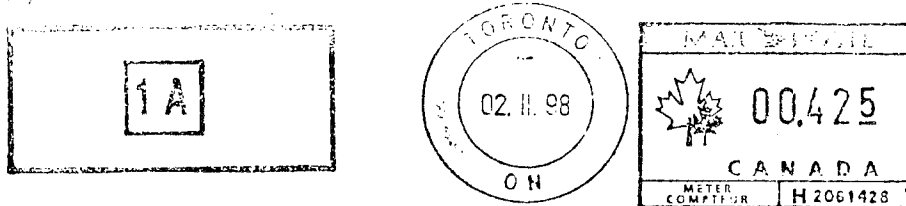
Wilf Whitehouse sent the Pitney Bowes tape to me. Should it be Type 20.3, or a Senate meter. I vote for the Senate even though such use on a regular postage meter is unusual. Note they even paid postage. The Senate printing head obviously could not be used for this mail.



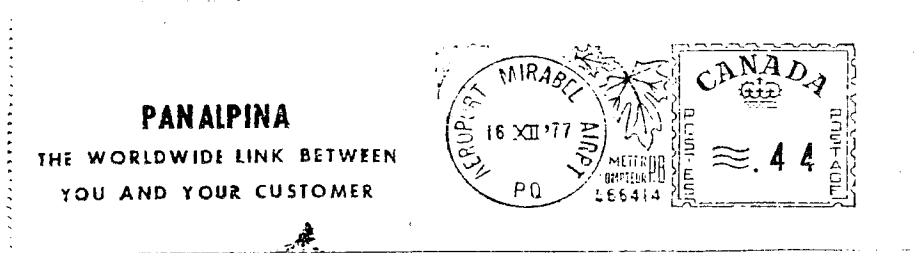
Wilf also sent the item below. Note it is the Ascom Hasler new design featuring MAIL >> POSTE with subservient CANADA. The reduced bulk rate is 24¢. Note that NBRE is vertically at left. With bulk rate the day of posting is not included. [H2052412]



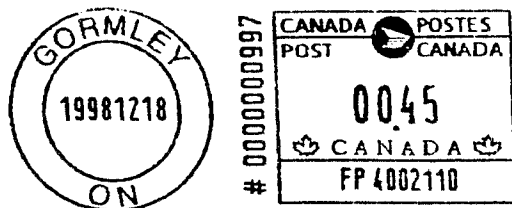
Another contribution from Wilf. Two more Ascom Hasler examples. Meter (4-bank) H2061669 and (5 bank) H2061428. Seems strange use of “1A” which indicates First Class lettermail. How did they get a discount of 2.5¢??



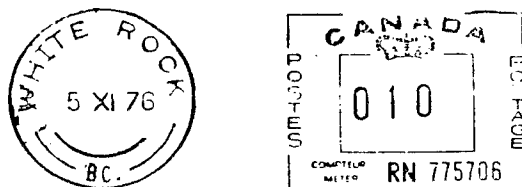
Pitney Bowes meter 566414 with townmark AEROPORT MIRABEL AIRPT / PQ. Note the French name has precedence in Quebec.



A Conquest Model T-1000 which we have shown before. Note the date line which is contrary to postal regulations, but may be Y2K compliant. [FP4002110]

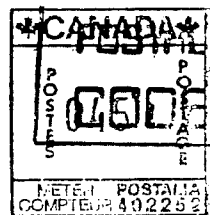
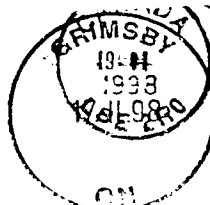


An old Roneo Neopost 775706. Note the period missing in the province.

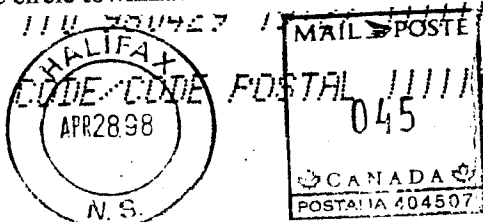


Postalia 402252 with single circle, DM - DMY. CANADA at top

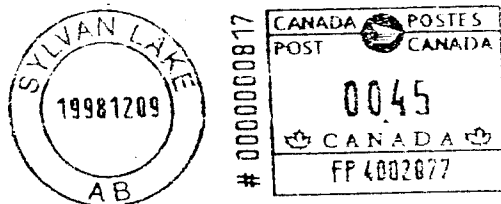
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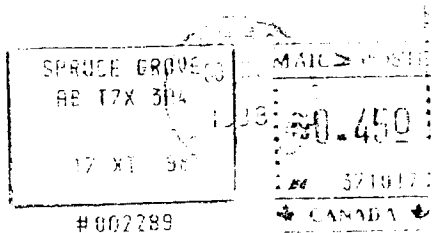
Postalia 404507 with double circle townmark and datemark MDY, MAIL>>POSTE at top



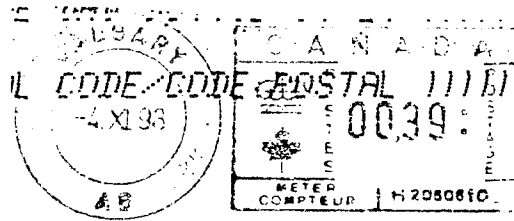
Frankotyp Postalia, FP4002877 with new CANADA POST logo at top.



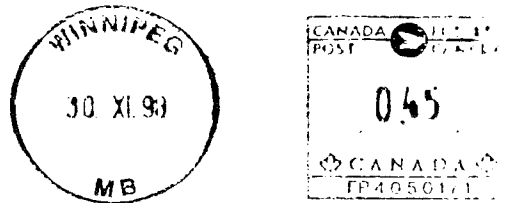
Neopost postage meter [N371017], value triad 0.000; MAIL>>POSTE. Counter at lower left. Left box includes the town / prov + postal code / date



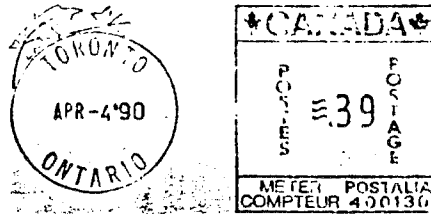
Ascom Hasler [H2060610] with frame line broken out.



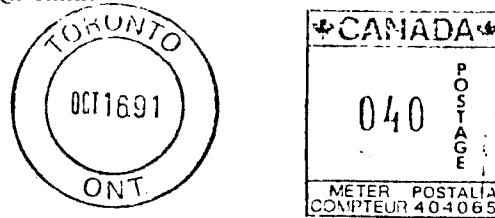
FP4050171 with new CANADA POST logo, TM - sc; value 0.00,



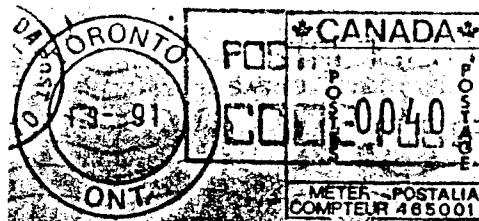
Postalia, 400136, small townmark, month in letters, province in full



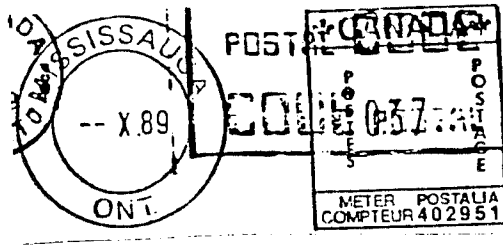
Postalia, 404065, double circle townmark, datemark in letters, no dot after province, no dot in value, POSTES omitted to left of value



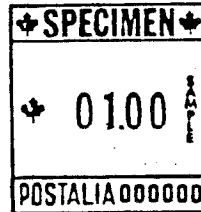
Postalia, 465001, tape, two dashes for day. Unusual as not a reduced rate, 4-bank meter.



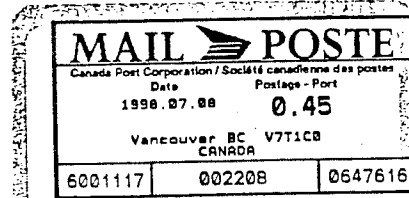
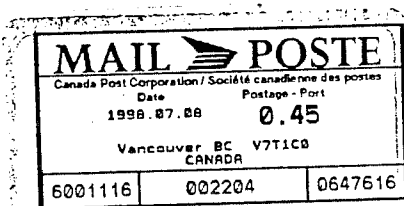
Postalia, 402951, two dashes for day with reduced rate



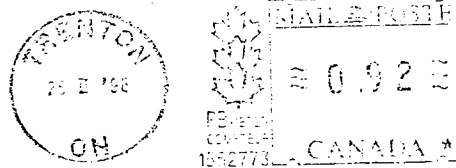
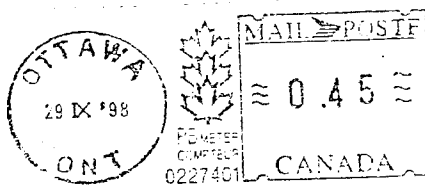
Postalia, specimen, MS-5, 4-bank meter



Data on the new "Nixdorf" RPO system shows DAYTEK on the keyboard and monitor with a model number - DT-xxxxD. The name plate is DAYTEK ELECTRONICS CORP M392596, also TESORO machines with an IBM computer under the desk. Both use the same software as the labels are identical. Shown below are two registers from the same RPO. Notice the R.C. # at lower right is the same [0647616]. The transaction number has increased due to waiting in line for the second machine. The Register number is different - 6001116 and 6001117



Compare these Pitney Bowes meters. Both use the MAIL>>>POSTE at the top of the rate frame. The value is =0.00=. The only difference I see is meter 0227401 has no star at the end of CANADA in the lower right corner while meter 1552773 has a star. The province varies, some have a period and others do not.



Quite awhile ago I had a list of some military meters. Wilf has sent in a list of numbers for two Fleet Mail Offices.

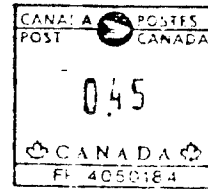
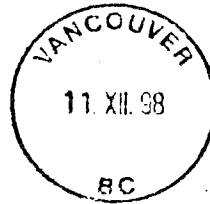
FMO VICTORIA / BC

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 501333 1990 868776 1992

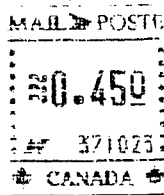
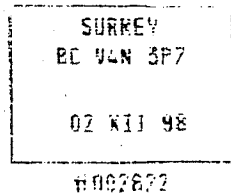
FMO HALIFAX / NS

818113 1972 816923 1972
 817262 1972 300138 1973
 156343 1974 831061 1978
 878310 1979 833432 1979
 572735 1979 818310 1979
 567106 1987 847949 1993

Wilf send me these candidates for the catalogue which I missed or did not own. Francotyp Postalia (Type 33). Compare [FP4050053], province in full, single circle, with the new design with CANADA POST and new logo at top. Province abbreviated, no periods. Note the serial number [FP4050184]. Can we narrow this down to determine when the design changed? Also note in these designs that the dollar digit and the dot is lower then the cents numbers.

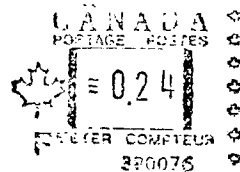


Another example of the new Neopost small postage meter. What is the postal code "V4N 3P7"? Is it the mailers address?

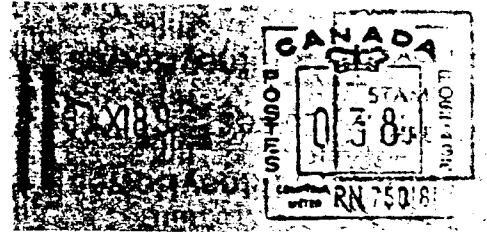
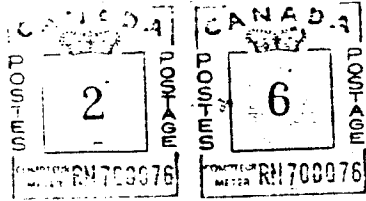
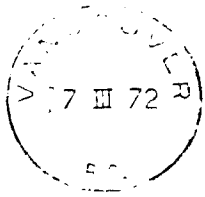


Friden, Type 25.1, meter number 380076. Bulk rate so dash used for day in DM.

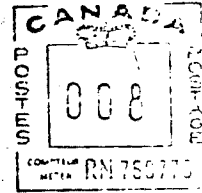
**BULK
 EN NOMBRE**



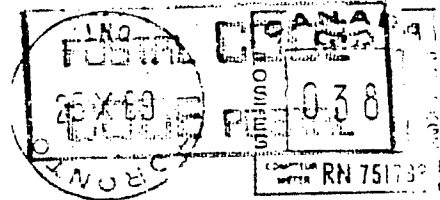
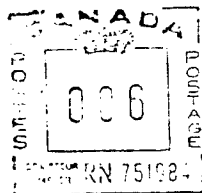
Roneo Neopost, Type 34.1, townmark single circle [700076] Roneo Neopost, Type 34.2, no TM [750181]



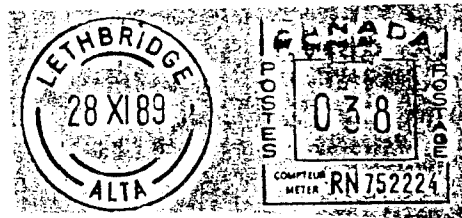
RN, Type 34.2, province in full [750123] RN, Type 34.2, broken inner circle [750776]



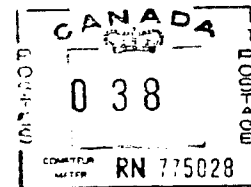
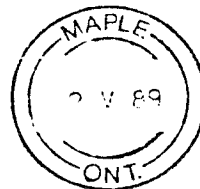
RN, Type 34.2, TM "AMF" [751984] RN, Type 34.2, townmark inverted [751789]



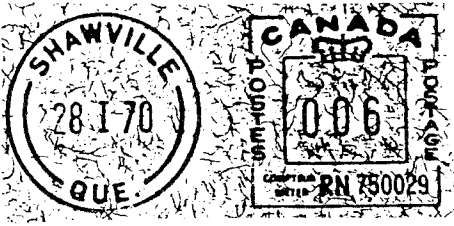
RN, Type 34.2, no period after "B" in BC [750445] RN, Type 34.2, new font used in TM [752224]



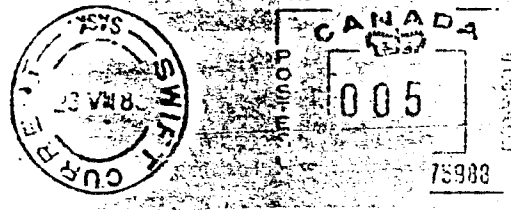
RN, Type 34.3, town name off centre [775163] RN, Type 34.3, new font used in TM [775028]



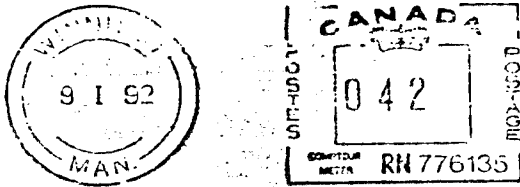
RN, Type 34.3, font in TM different [775029]



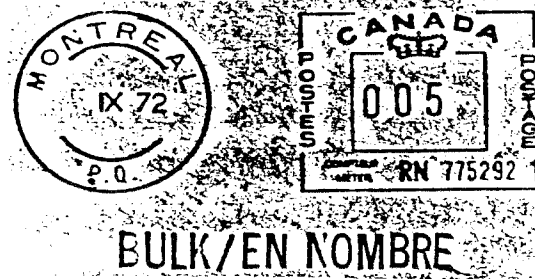
RN, Type 34.3, townmark inverted [775988]



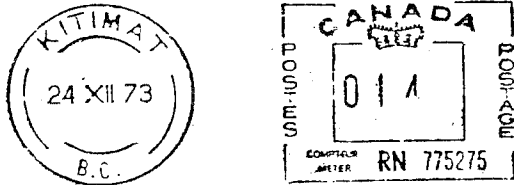
RN, Type 34.3, large serial font [776135]



RN, Type 34.3, day blank in DM, [775292]



RM, Type 34.3, province off centre to left [775275]



RN, Type 34.2 [750029]

O.H.M.S. Postage Paid card for return statistical data

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Canadian postage meters

Swiftly on the heels of the successful introduction of the Pitney Bowes postage meter in the United States in 1920 and Great Britain in 1922, Pitney Bowes Postage Meter

The Canadian post office authorized the use of postage meters on Canadian mail in October 1922 based on meter demonstrations and meter stamp design approval the previous month.

Meter Stamps

By Doug Kelsey

Co.'s corporate focus was directed to the Canadian post office for the purpose of a similar conquest.

Figure 1 shows the hand-drawn essays submitted to Canadian postal officials for approval in September 1922. They were found in the personal archives of Arthur Pitney in 1992.

The Pitney postage meter was demonstrated again to postal officials during May

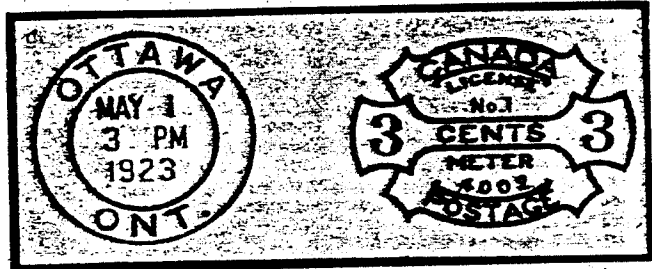


Figure 2. Meter stamp imprint for the May 1923 postage meter demonstration to Canadian postal officials.

1923 for final approval after requested modifications were made to the Pitney Bowes device. Postal officials granted their final approval in July 1923.

Figure 2 depicts the printed portion of a cover from that demonstration. The indicium, a proof, is dated May 1, 1923, and is imprinted in brown ink. The design is similar to that of the 4¢ value of the 1922 essays shown in Figure 1.

As in the United States, the inaugural postage meters introduced in Canada were capable of imprinting only one denomination. Known values are 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 12¢ and 13¢.

Meter numbers assigned to the first Canadian meter stamps were 4001 to 4305. It is not known if all the numbers were used.

T. Eaton Co. was granted the first Canadian license to use meters Sept. 29, 1923, 11 months after Canadian post office authorization of me-

tered mail. A likely reason for the delay in inaugurating Canadian metered mail is that Pitney Bowes could not manufacture the machines fast enough to meet the burgeoning demand.

The United States was in the midst of a major changeover of postage meter machines, as directed by the U.S. postmaster general. Also, at the same time, postage meter machines were being exported to Great Britain to fulfill the new market demand in that country.

This was an intense time for the young meter manufacturing company, and demand for its machines was exploding.

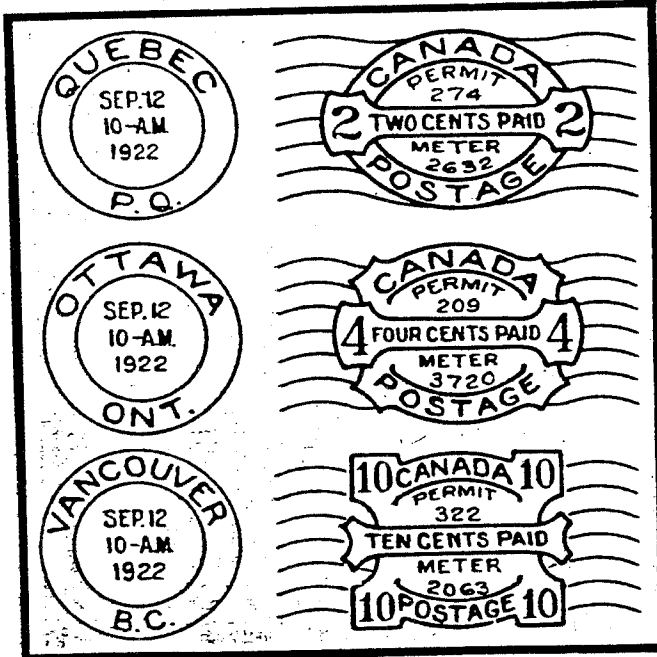


Figure 1. Original hand-drawn essays submitted for approval in 1922 for the first Canadian meter stamp.

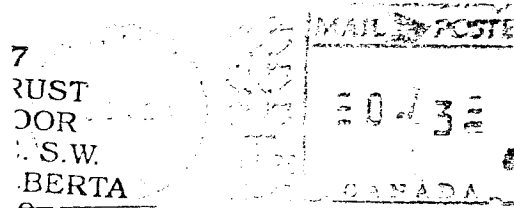
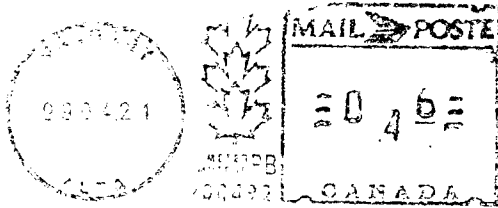
Type 1 essays. Article by Doug Kelsey column in Linn's Stamp News, May 20, 1996

Post-Perfect Specimen, 1995

Neopost, STE BRIGETTE, PQ, G0R 3K0



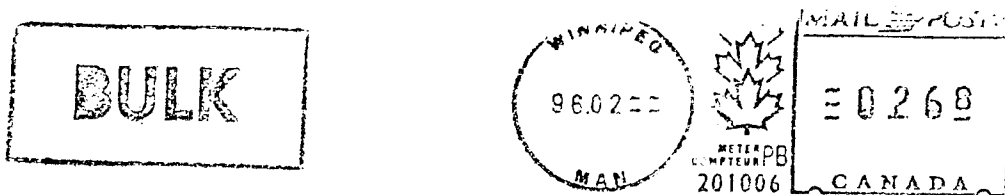
PB Paragon meter 200497
 Note the poor registration
 of the "4" and "6" on the 20th
 and 21 st. Note the higher "7"
 and lower "3" on the 21st.



PB meter 1005108 showing a partial restrike of the value. How did this occur?



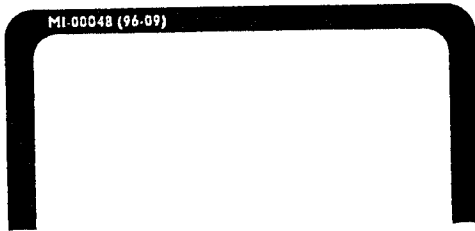
PB Paragon showing a decimal value for bulk rate. The day has dashes.



Outlets with a Point of Sale System

Printing the new POS meter labels

Sometimes it appears that your RPOS label printer is not aligning the "printed" portion of the new labels properly within the grey border.



Don't worry, the printed portion of the label is correctly aligned. The thickness of the new grey border causes the illusion of it being misaligned. It is okay for this to occur as long as the entire printed portion is displayed on the label.

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RETAIL POINT OF SALES
PO.# 620495 REQ. # 2045654
SKU: 2 ROLLS OF 1,000 LABELS**

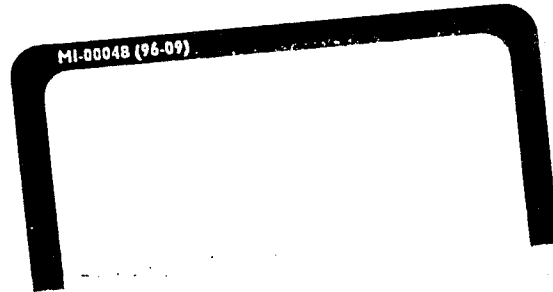
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Outlets with a Point of Sale System

have the benefit of new security features and improved adhesion.

P.O.S. postage labels

Remember to use up your current stock of P.O.S. postage labels before you start using the new P.O.S. postage labels, which are available from the RSC. As of January 1997, using the new labels will be mandatory. These labels



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MAIL POSTE

Canada Post Corporation

NATIONAL PHILATELIC CENTRE
75 ST NINIAN ST
ANTIGONISH NS B2G 2R8
CANADA

Société canadienne des postes

CENTRE NATIONAL DE PHILATÉLIE
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Canada Post "revalued" cover?
The "On Postal Service" has been changed to Lettermail with their customer number.



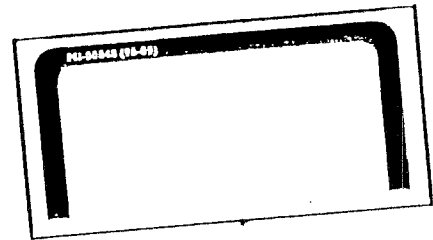


INFO Σ Flash

To: All Postal Outlets with a Point of Sale System

New P.O.S. postage labels cost less and offer improved features!

We've heard what you've been saying and we've taken note! The new design and reduced cost of the P.O.S. postage labels will benefit both CPC and our partners.



New label features

Next time you order P.O.S. postage labels from the RSC you'll notice several improvements. Designed with your comments in mind, the new P.O.S. postage labels have new security features and improved adhesion. These features will prevent unauthorized duplication and reuse. As well, the item number (MI00048) is on the label to make reordering easier.

Great new price for franchises!

Canada Post went shopping for better prices on the P.O.S. postage label and other products. Now we are passing these savings on to you. For example, you will save approximately 71% when you buy a box of labels for \$12.78. *New prices effective in October.*

DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	NEW \$	OLD \$	SAVINGS
RPOS BJB ribbons	MI00045	12.45	19.00	34.5 %
RPOS dot matrix ribbons	MI00046	3.65	5.00	27 %
RPOS receipt journal rolls - 50	MI00047	37.79	44.00	14.1 %
RPOS labels - 2,000*	MI00048	12.78	44.00	71 %

* Each box contains two rolls of 1,000 labels (2,000 labels/box). Keep unused label rolls in the box and out of direct sunlight to prevent fading and yellowing.

Labels phased in starting in October

Beginning in October the RSC will fill all label orders with the new labels. Please use up your current supply of labels before using the new ones, as the old labels cannot be returned. Most of you have an existing inventory of labels so we have made the date for mandatory use effective January 1997.

Mechanical Postage Meter Replacement

Questions and Answers

1. What is this initiative all about?

Postage meter technology dates back almost 75 years and most of the 150,000 meters in use today are still using this original technology. Canada Post and the four meter suppliers are working together to promote the phasing out of mechanical meters and their replacement with electronic meters over the next few years.

2. Why is Canada Post doing this?

New meter technology is more reliable and simplifies the payment and collection of postage and supports the Corporation's efforts in ensuring it receives full payment for services provided.

3. What is meant by an electronic meter ?

There are two types of meters that use electronic technology rather than mechanical technology. These are electronic remote-refill meters and electronic counter-refill meters.

Electronic remote-refill meters offer customers the convenience of refilling their postage meter by telephone, from their place of business, using the suppliers' electronic postage setting system. Electronic counter-fill meters use electronic technology and are refilled at the counter.

4. What is meant by Electronic Postage Setting System (EPSS)?

Electronic Postage Setting Systems or EPSS refers to all of the electronic meter setting systems used by the four meter suppliers in Canada to remotely refill meters by telephone (previously referred to as RMRS - remote meter resetting system).

5. When does the phasing out of mechanical meters take place?

Electronic postage meters have been introduced in the marketplace over the past several years; however, no specific time frame for the phasing out of mechanical meters has been determined. Canada Post and the four meter suppliers are working together on the gradual phasing out of the mechanical postage meters and their replacement with electronic postage meters.

6. Does the customer have to change to new meter technology right away?

While customers are under no obligation to change to electronic meters immediately, they are encouraged to explore their options with their meter supplier with a view to replacing their mechanical postage meters with electronic ones.

7. Why should the customer switch to electronic meters?

Some electronic meters are refilled by telephone using the suppliers' Electronic Postage Setting System. This provides customers with the convenience of refilling their meters from their business location which can result in a cost-savings to the customer and provide improved efficiencies in their business activities.

8. Will Canada Post continue to fill mechanical meters?

There has been some confusion regarding the message being sent to customers by supplier representatives. The suppliers have been notified that customers are under no obligation to change to electronic remote refill meters. For now, there will be no changes with respect to the refilling of meters at counters. The customer will continue to access meter refilling as they have done in the past.

9. How will Canada Post be communicating this initiative?

Canada Post has prepared a letter that will be sent to all meter customers in late March '96 informing them of the electronic postage meter technology. In addition, a letter will be sent to Canadian associations such as NAMMU (National Association of Major Mail Users), CDMA (Canadian Direct Marketing Association) and the Retail Council of Canada. In its internal communications, Canada Post will also provide its Customer Service, Sales and Retail personnel with ongoing information to assist them in answering customer enquiries.

10. Will it cost the customer more to switch to an electronic system?

The cost of the electronic system will be determined by the options selected by the customer. Customers are encouraged to explore their options with the meter suppliers.

11. What CPC labour impacts are anticipated as a result of customers switching from mechanical meters to electronic remote refill meters?

The replacement of mechanical meters has been occurring over the last twenty years. The phasing-in of new technology is gradual. There are no significant labour impacts anticipated. Any time that may become available, as a result of customers choosing electronic remote-refill meters, will allow counter personnel to better serve the many needs of our customers.

12. Will customers who already have electronic meters receive the same letter as those customers who have mechanical meters?

The one letter will be sent to all meter customers to inform them of the replacement of mechanical meters.

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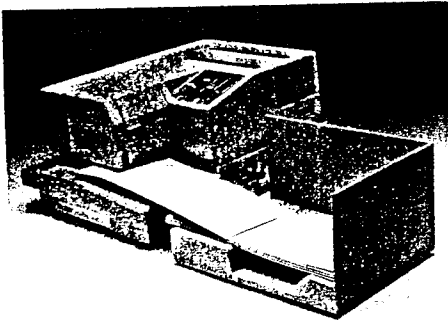
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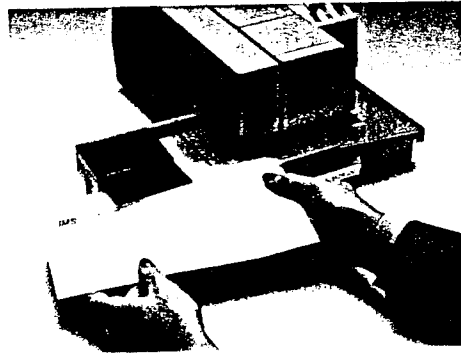
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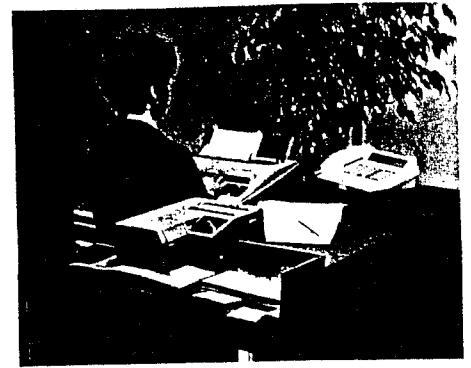
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Mr David Cooper,
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Dear David;

Just a little note to let you know that at the Royal convention two weeks ago at Fredericton NB that I had entered three frames of "Metered Markings of Canada" and received a Bronze for my efforts. This must have been a little different task for the judges, as I dont imagine too many of them are familiar with a meter collection.

All the information and write up on the pages was done by hand printing, as that was the way I had started it, and this was carried out through the whole collection. I picked out pages that best described each type of meter that I have from the first to the last types. I have double that amount of pages in two binders, and I was just testing the waters to see how a meter collection would do.

I had fully intended of attending the convention and had booked my hotel in February and planned driving to Fredericton, but two weeks before I had to cancel and mail my exhibit to the chairman. I would liked to have sat in on the judges critique to find out what should be done to improve my collection. Perhaps next year I can enter it at ORAPEX or the BNAPS show in Chicago. At ORAPEX this year I entered one frame of "Canadian Unusual Markings" and took a Bronze also for this effort. One of the members of the Perth Stamp club took the exhibit down and mounted it for me, and sat in on the judges critique, which he told me was quite interesting. I was able to go to the show on the Sunday, and then claim my exhibit at the end of the show.

I thought perhaps some of the members of the study group would be intersted in this information, and perhaps be brave enough to try to exhibit some of their collections at some future stamp show.

Yours sincerely

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