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## EDITOR'S NOTES

This issue of CMSG Newsletter returns to regular metered mail and we cover the Type 12 Commercial Controls postage meter. First, we do want to thank Rich Toop for his major effort with the NIXDORF listing in NL 36, and to Dave Cooper for fitting it all into one issue. Please check your collection against the list and let myself or Rich know about any errors or omissions. I even have a short list myself. I would like to run the corrections next NL.

I am not sure I should print rumours, but why not! It is said that postage meter indicia will be modified to read MAIL\*POSTE instead of POSTAGE POSTES. If anyone gets one of these please send a photocopy for the NL. There may be some truth in it as I just received a large envelope bearing the standard rectangular envelope appearing CANADA POSTAGE POSTES CANADA which has been in use for bulk mail for 20 years. A label was pasted over it bearing the new MAIL\*POSTE indicia. It came from Edmonton. If this happens we will have a few more meter types to catalogue.

## METER NEWS

Below is an indicia by Pitney Bowes from a new mailing system that was just introduced on September 22, 1992, as well as one I received in the mail. The advertisement is reproduced so you can read the details of this system. Note that the date of the indicia in the ad is 92.08.18, which is probably close to the time it was approved by Canada Post. The system has also been introduced in the USA.

It is called the Mail Centre 2000 Paragon Mail Processor and has all the bells and whistles. It accepts mail of assorted sizes in a tray, feeds and weighs each piece, seals and applies the proper postage, records the transaction and produces a report of the days transactions. Prior sorting by size is a thing of the past. It will process 250 pieces a minute. I have not been able to find much on the postage meter but it has three different stored meter ads. The date is set electronically. It produces a tape for parcels. They call it a "Present Impression" meter.

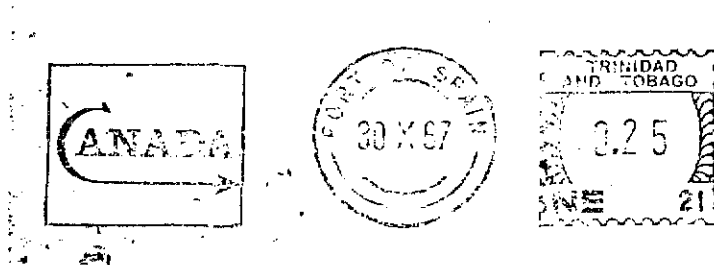
Note the date is the new style of Y-M-D. Their ad shows an example dated at Ottawa 92.08.18. The ad appears to be a 4-bank meter but the above impression looks as if it might be a decimal meter as well.

Wilf Whitehouse sends the illustration below. This item was not listed on page 35-15. Unless someone produces an illustration of 14.1.2 I will use that number for this specimen, altherwise it has to go at the end.

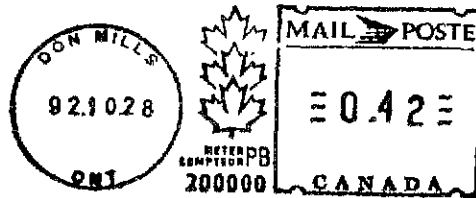


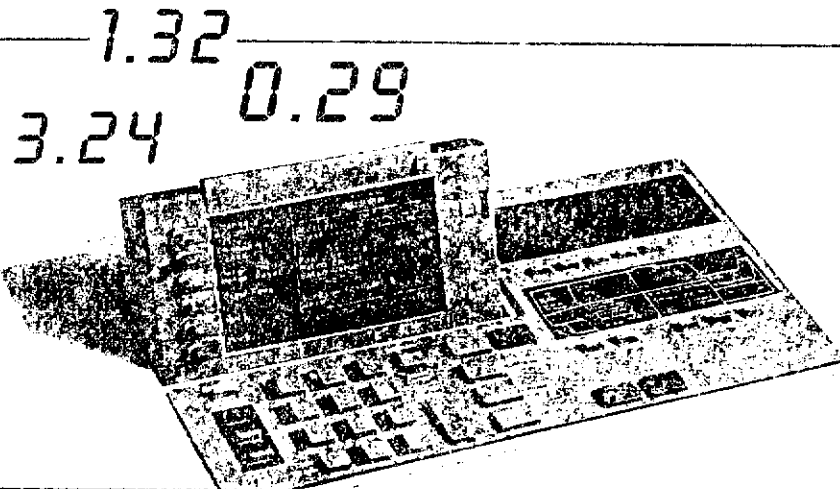
No one has sent in any new meter towns for a long time. I hardly know what has been reported. In any case I acquired:

CROOKED RIVER SASK	665932	ROUYN NORANDA QUE.	330037
FOAM LAKE SASK	H2002354	E.T.L.C. H3C 1S0	1002122
KUROKI SASK	690471	WICKHAM PQ	590226
MUIRKIRK ONT	579301	ANGUS ONT	563990
WATERFORD ONT.	403202	RUSSELL ONT.	???????
ROCKWOOD ONT	882940	GLENCOE ONT	879346
WALTON ONT	678909	COPETWON ONT	667879



**We know how business works.  
We started in the mailroom.**



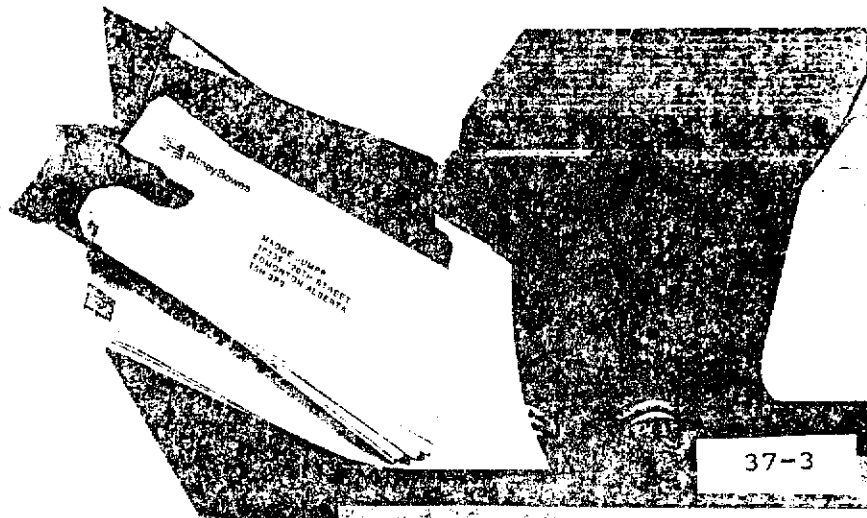
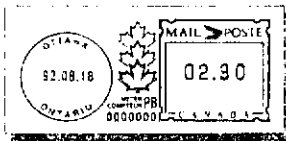


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MAIL RUN	
Change Account	Acct. No. 123
Change Class	Class Letter
Meter Info	Post. Left: \$ 1000.00
Meter Reset	Batch Count: 0
View Fees	Batch Values: 0.00
Quit	Working Postage: \$ 290
None	Weight: 40.86 g
	Press START to run mail.

The Future  
 Of Mail Processing.

- Speeds Up To 240 Per Minute
- Command Centre Control
- Mixed Mail Feeding
- Weigh-On-The-Way™
- Automated Metering
- All-Inclusive Accounting



# Pitney Bowes brings you the future of mail processing.

## Mail Centre 2000™ —

This is it. The end of mail processing as it used to be. The beginning of the future.

It is Mail Centre 2000™. A whole new generation of mail processing products and systems. Unlike anything you've ever seen before.

The star of the Mail Centre 2000™ family, the leader of the revolution, is the PARAGON™ Mail Processor . . . a do-everything system that will change your mailroom forever.

## PARAGON™, it's mail processing transformed.

PARAGON™ was created to free you from your limitations. It has rewritten all the rules. From feeding to weighing to metering through accounting, you have never experienced such speed, control, accuracy, reliability and flexibility.

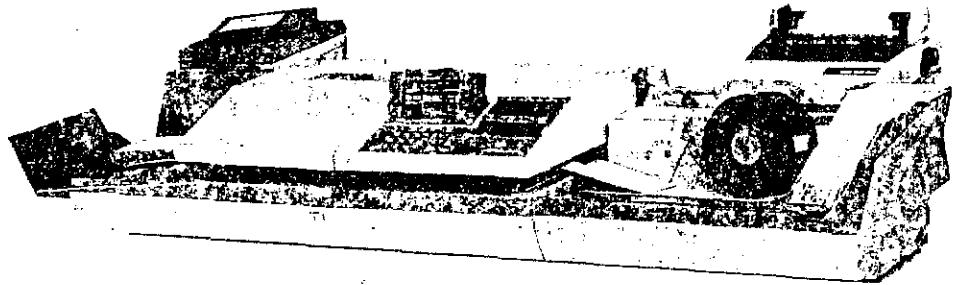
## A revolution in control.



You operate PARAGON™ with fingertip control from the Para-Text™ Command Centre. Every function from weighing and metering through accounting is controlled by you on the easy-to-use, computerized master control panel. And every function is monitored and reported back to you . . . as it happens.

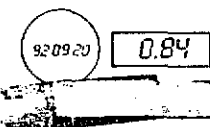
## Sorting by size is a thing of the past.

PARAGON™ frees you forever. Because now you feed the mail as it comes. Large pieces with small. Light with heavy. Open flap with closed. Sealed and unsealed envelopes in the same batch. Feed sizes as small as 5" or as large as 15" long and 3/4" thick. And every piece comes out sealed, posted and ready to go, saving an average of 12.5 hours per work week!



## W-O-W™— Weigh-On-The-Way™.

This high-tech revolutionary system weighs every piece as it speeds through, automatically calculating the correct postage and setting the meter as it goes. PARAGON™



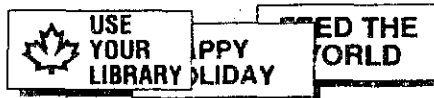
reaches speeds of 240 pieces per minute for uniform mail. And it automatically slows

when the W-O-W™ feature determines it's necessary due to size or weight — unbeatable throughput for all types of mail.

And PARAGON™ handles more than just letters and flats. Its integrated electronic platform scale weighs your parcels and provides meter tapes too!

## Metering reinvented.

PARAGON™ gives you choice and control you never had before. You can select from 3 different stored meter ads with the touch of a button. And PARAGON™ not only knows and prints the correct date, but the Present Impression™ meter can be programmed to refill itself at the touch of a button.



## Productive stacking.

PARAGON™ gives you the productivity you need. The input feeder accepts a full 7" stack. And your mail will exit into the 600-piece power stacker.

## The genius of it all . . . and, your bottom line.

PARAGON™ knows all and sees all. Its Data Trail™ Accounting System tracks, stores and reports every piece of mail. It gives you formal reports on weight, size, quantity and destination. It lets you charge-back by account or department which shows where it really counts . . . on the bottom line.

## Redefining customer service.

The revolutionary PARAGON™ is backed by revolutionary customer service.

- Free comprehensive operator training.
- Diagnostic hot line for instant over-the-phone repair assistance.
- National computerized dispatch network assures the fastest local service response.
- Scheduled preventative maintenance for maximum uptime.

## Our Unconditional Guarantee

Nobody takes customer satisfaction more seriously than we do. For five years, we'll repair or replace this Pitney Bowes mailing product if it does not perform to specifications when you purchase service from us.

To start revolutionizing your mailroom, call 1-800-465-3777 or 1-416-420-6959 in the Metropolitan Toronto Area.

 Pitney Bowes

NATIONAL POSTAGE METER - COMMERCIAL CONTROLS  
TYPE 12

Ross W. Irwin

**Company History**

The National Postal Meter Co. of Los Angeles, CA, was formed through a merger of the Mack, Whitlock and Multipost companies in 1933. These were early firms developed postage meters in the United States. The National Postal Meter Co. developed three models of omni-denominational meters. Model 14 developed in July 1938 had a capacity of \$9.99; Model 14A developed in October 1940 had a capacity of \$1.99 and Model 14B to \$4.99. The NPM company moved their head office to Rochester, NY, in 1941.

A Mr Russell of NPM Co., Rochester, called at the Post Office September 11, 1942, and asked for approval after the war of their postage meter stating "authority might not look with favour on the introduction of a non-essential product during the war period". The Post Office replied there was "no point in doing it now."

On January 6, 1943 the N.P.M. Co. again made a request to demonstrate their postage meter to the Canadian Post Office for their approval. A E. Jubinville delivered a hand operated machine January 7, 1943, (Model 45 mailing machine with meter 9922). It was sent to the Mechanical Branch for inspection January 12, 1943. The inspection was completed February 16, 1943.

A field test was to start immediately and was to conclude by May 31, 1943. A condition of the test was the meter was to go to Ottawa after test. The local agent was Mr Watts of Office Appliances Ltd., Queen St, Ottawa.

N.P.M. Meter 9922 was installed at the Sun Life Assurance Co., Toronto, On., under license 1360. The first day of use was April 13, 1943. At the end of the test period, June 4, 1943, the meter had recorded 94,003 impressions. The POD approved the meter for use July 24, 1943. Sun Life replaced the meter with P.B. HX83373.

The first commercial use in Canada was N.P.M. NO 9923 installed at the International Business Machine Co., Toronto. The earliest known use is AUG 15 44, and the latest FEB 13 47. Simon gives a date of DEC 1 43.

The company name was changed to Commercial Controls of Canada, 73 Adelaide St., Toronto, on April 25, 1944. Mr Baenziger, General Manager. The first example with CC is FEB 25 46.

In addition to the Model 45 mailing machine originally tested a Model 55 electric machine with Model 14 postage meter was put on the market in early 1946. In 1952 Commercial Controls stopped competing in the market. The company was purchased by Friden Inc. in 1956 but the Commercial Controls meter was not manufactured. Manufacturing had been discontinued in 1947.

# THE USPM METERED MAIL SYSTEM

## Makes any Mailroom run like clockwork!

**F**AST, smooth-working mailroom facilities are essential to the efficient conduct of any business. Nothing provides this speed and smoothness more effectively than a USPM Metered Mail System.

Such a system cuts postage costs, saves clerical hours, increases sales and builds prestige. It gives you greater direct mail

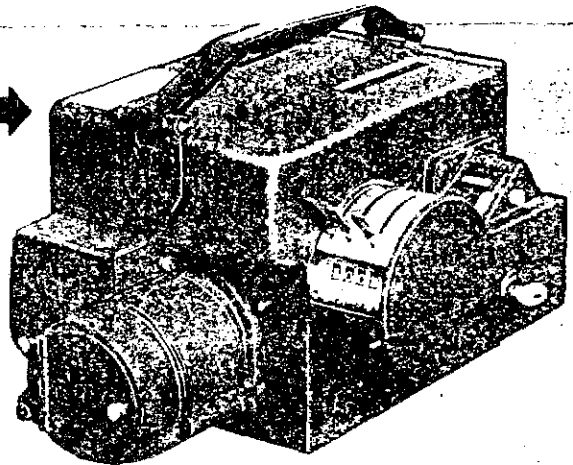
returns and the value of your own advertising message printed on every piece of mail. It steps up mail handling in your own office and through the post office. It establishes positive control over your postage account and automatic protection against postage loss. A USPM Metered Mail System makes *any* mailroom run like clockwork!

### HEART OF THE SYSTEM . . .

#### THE USPM OMNI DENOMINATION METER →

USPM Omni Meters are built for heavy duty and are capable of withstanding continuous operating punishment for many years. They will print any denomination of postage from ½ cent to \$9.99½ in one impression directly onto envelopes or on gummed tape for overweight mail and parcel post. Convenient fingertip controls adapt the meter for rapid preparation of all classes of mail: first class, third and fourth class, air mail, registered mail and bulk mailings. The Omni meterstamp gives uniform appearance to all classes of mail.

In addition, these meters provide a running record of the amount of postage used, show the amount of postage remaining in the meter and count the pieces mailed—giving a complete audit of your postage account.



Commercial Controls Postage Meter

By 1959 there were no further spare parts available and available machines were cannabilized. The reason for their continued use by such large mailing companies as Bell Canada was these postage meters were ideal for use with the Phillipsburg Inserting machines. Pitney Bowes could not supply a satisfactory meter.

After 1960 the supply of gummed tape had been used up but as the meters were used on inserters it did not matter.

In September 1969 the Post Office gave notice that Commercial Controls postage meters should be withdrawn. Permission was granted at the end of the year to print in the date stamp:- 2 JAN 19-0 since the highest year on the meter was 1969. The meters were used during the period of conversion but were withdrawn by August 1970. Only 5 had been in service that year.

### Postage Meter

The NPM and CC mailing machine and postage meter was heavy, weighing over 40 pounds. The date circle was made of brass as well as the denomination wheels. There was a descending register and ascending register for postage accounting as well as an operation counter to record the number of pieces of mail processed. The control lock was set in units of \$10.00 up to \$9900 and locked out at the first impression below \$10.00. It was slow and noisy, but very reliable.

The townmark is a single circle 27 mm in diameter with broken inner arcs. The town and province are usually in full. The datemark reads: month in letters, day, year. The frank follows the general Post Office guidelines with CANADA above and POSTES and POSTAGE at either side. The three bank postage meter has two figures of value preceded by 5 wavy lines and a period. Below the value is the word COMPTEUR/N.P.M. NO 9922. This is Irwin Type 12.1. Irwin Type 12.2 has the word COMPTEUR replaced by METER-COMPTEUR. Irwin Type 12.3 has CC instead of N.P.M. in the frank. The townmark is 26 mm x 21 mm BIC. The rate frame is 25 mm x 32 mm. The indicia is 59 mm overall and the setting is a close 2 mm.

Slogans were used. The ad plate is 1" x 1-7/8". Parcel post tapes were also used. Meters had a 1/2¢ capability but was not used in Canada.

Serial blocks used in Canada by the Commercial Controls Model 14 series postage meter were: 40001 - 40020; 40071 - 40087; 40131 - 40140 and 40191 - 40225. At any one time less than 40 postage meters were in use. One meter was used for Excise Tax purposes.

The series is interesting to collectors, particularly in the later years, as the indicia contain many errors in spelling and other surprises for the observant person.

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These meters were moved around the country. Instead of trying to record each user I have just recorded the town name for each of the meter numbers. The list is probably incomplete as a check of CMSG Newsletter pages 8.4 and 12.7 indicates some towns not listed here. Can anyone supply the meter number for the additional towns?

I do not own an example of meter numbers: 40197, 40198, 40201, 40203, 40212, 40213, 40214, 40216, 40218, 40221 and 40223. Can anyone supply information on these meters?

Simon reports that Type 12.2 was used by the International Business Machine Co. Ltd., Toronto. He gives a date of DEC 1 43. For this N.P.M. 9923 postage meter can we narrow its period of use. My analysis is as follows:

9923	First use	DEC 1 43	40019	Last use	MAR 28 51
9923	Last use	APR 3 47	40136	First use	AUG 15 52
40019	First use	MAR 2 48	40136	Last use	FEB 5 58

Companies using Commercial Controls postage meters on Phillipsburg  
Inserting machines were:-

Bell Phone, Don Mills	5 machines
Bell Phone, Pointe-Claire-Dorval	40010, 40073, 40076, 40215
Bell Phone, Montreal	40009, 40071
BC Phone, Vancouver	40209
Manufacturers Life, Toronto	40193
TransAmerica Finance, Toronto	40223
Ont. Hospital Commission, Toronto	40135
R.L. Polk & Co., Toronto	40221
Heather Advertising, Toronto	40002, 40008, 40211,
Grolier Enterprises, Toronto	40203
Robt Simpson, Toronto	40013
T. Eaton, Toronto	40014
Southern Murray, Toronto	40075
Hydro Electric Power Comm, Toronto	40204
Prov of Ontario, Toronto	40210
McLean Hunter, Toronto	40219
Royal Trust, Toronto	40224
Superior Envelopes, Winnipeg	40136
DF Marketing, Scarborough	40216
Automatic Mails & Printing, Montreal	40017
Aluminum Co of Can, Montreal	40012
Canadian Broadcasting Corp, Montreal	40200
Credico Ltd, Montreal	40105
Commonwealth International, Montreal	40222
Columbia Records, Don Mills	1 machine

40008 was used on an inserting machine by Canadian Petrofina in  
1961 at Montreal.

Bell Phone, Montreal, used meter 40132. When they converted to  
40016 November 26, 1964 there were 2,039,003 impressions from meter  
40132!

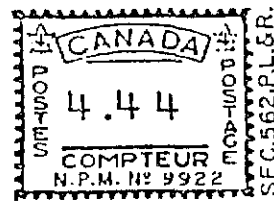
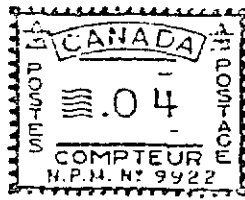
The Friden Agency also maintained a stock of replacement meters.

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Legris illustrates two indicia in his catalog supplement, both from  
meter 9922. The first day of use as a test meter was April 13,  
1943. He shows a double circle townmark with OTTAWA ONTARIO and  
the prior date of MAR 31 43. The rate frame is a standard 9922  
imprint; however, at the right, vertically, is SEC.562,P.L.& R.  
which is a US mail category not applicable in Canada. This proof  
indicia must have accompanied the machine from Rochester and was  
used in the test procedure by the Mechanical Division of the Post  
Office.

The other proof indicia is the standard single circle with arcs.  
The townmark is TORONTO ONTARIO, the same as that used on April 13  
except the date is APR -1 43. One can surmise that this indicia  
was prepared by Commercial Controls for immediate use by the test





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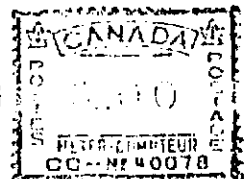
company. This example is in black instead of the usual red ink.

Legris also lists in his catalog a PORT DE RETOUR PAYE. Can anyone supply a photocopy to confirm this listing?

RETURN TO THE  
RETOURNEZ AU  
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS  
BUREAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE  
OTTAWA, CANADA

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN 15 DAYS  
SI NON RÉCLAMÉE DANS 15 JOURS

O. H. M. S.  
S. S. M.



TYPE 12 NON-STANDARD INDICIA

- 2.3.2 -- 40001, 40078, 40140
- 2.3.3 -- (ONT.) 40003, 40010, 40011, 40013, 40016, 40072, 40133,  
40139, 40191 (B.C.) 40013, 40140
- 2.3.5 -- 40010, 40076
- 2.3.6 -- 40009, 40071
- 2.3.8 -- 40008, 40012
- 2.3.9 -- 40017, 40132
- 2.3.10 -- 40001, 40017, 40200
- 2.3.12 -- 40131
- 2.3.13 -- 40016
- 2.3.14 -- QUBEC 40078, ONTARI 40001, 40013

TYPE 12 TOWNS

METER TOWNS WHERE METER WAS IN USE

40001	MONTREAL	VANCOUVER	HAMILTON	TORONTO	
40002	RENFREW	TORONTO			
40003	BELLEVILLE	TORONTO	HAMILTON	<del>TORONTO</del>	OTTAWA
40004	MONTREAL	DON MILLS	TORONTO		
40005	BELLEVILLE				
40006	TORONTO	VANCOUVER	OTTAWA	MONTREAL	
40007	TORONTO	KITCHENER			
40008	TORONTO	MONTREAL			
40009	NIAGARA FALLS	TORONTO	MONTREAL		
40010	TORONTO	MONTREAL	POINTE-CLAIRE		
40011	TORONTO	OTTAWA	SASKATOON		
40012	OTTAWA	HULL	MONTREAL	TORONTO	
40013	OTTAWA	VANCOUVER	TORONTO		
40014	TORONTO				
40015	OTTAWA	HULL	DON MILLS		
40016	MONTREAL	TORONTO			
40017	QUEBEC	HULL	TORONTO	BELLEVILLE	VANCOUVER MONTREAL
40018	DON MILLS	TORONTO	MONTREAL		
40019	TORONTO	EDMONTON			
40020	TORONTO	MONTREAL	DON MILLS		
40071	TORONTO	MONTREAL	OTTAWA		
40072	TORONTO	MONTREAL			
40073	MONTREAL	TORONTO	POINTE-CLAIRE		
40074	HAMILTON	MALTON	TORONTO		
40075	HULL	VANCOUVER	MONTREAL	LONDON	POINT-CLA
40076	OTTAWA	TORONTO	POINTE-CLAIRE		
40077	TORONTO	VANCOUVER			
40078	OTTAWA	WINDSOR	LONDON	MONTREAL	
40079	MONTREAL	MONT-LAURIER			
40080	MONTREAL	HAMILTON	TORONTO	VANCOUVER	
40081	TORONTO	MONTREAL			
40082	DON MILLS	TORONTO			
40083	MONTREAL	TORONTO			
40084	LONDON	TORONTO	MONTREAL		
40085	TORONTO	MONTREAL			
40086	OTTAWA	TORONTO			
40087	TORONTO				
40131	TORONTO	ETOBICOKE			
40132	VANCOUVER	MONTREAL	TORONTO		
40133	HAMILTON	OTTAWA	TORONTO	HULL	
40134	TORONTO	MONTREAL			

40135	OTTAWA	VANCOUVER	TORONTO
40136	TORONTO	OTTAWA	
40137	OTTAWA	VANCOUVER	
40138	VANCOUVER		
40139	HAMILTON	TORONTO	MT LAURIER
40140	VANCOUVER	MONTREAL	
40191	OTTAWA	TORONTO	DON MILLS
40192	OTTAWA	TORONTO	MONTREAL
40193	OTTAWA	TORONTO	VANCOUVER
40194	MONTREAL	TORONTO	
40195	DON MILLS	TORONTO	OTTAWA
40196	TORONTO	MONTREAL	
40197			
40198			
40199	TORONTO	MONTREAL	VANCOUVER
40200	TORONTO	VANCOUVER	
40201			
40202	LONDON		
40203	TORONTO		
40204	MONTREAL	TORONTO	
40205	MONTREAL		
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40222	MONTREAL		
40223			
40224	TORONTO		
40225	TORONTO		

The article below from Stamp Collector shows the Unity for Victory postmark ad which was used with the Canadian NPM Type 12.1. I wonder if this ad was created for the Canadian meter as the form seems more Canadian than American. Will we ever know?

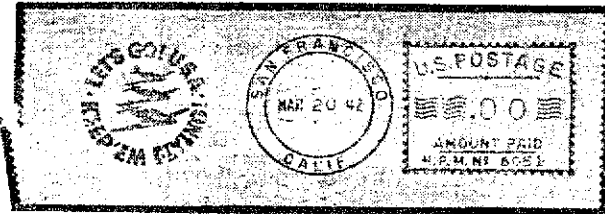


Fig. 1. NPM meters from the 1940s.

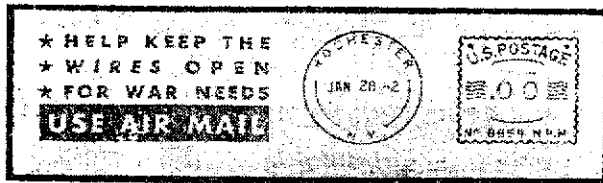
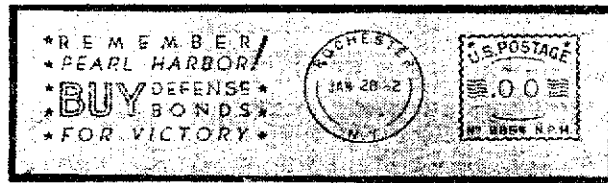


Fig. 2. These NPM meters are from the same machine (8854), but with different slogans.



## Meter company evolved from 1930s

By HOWARD L. LUCAS  
For Stamp Collector

The National Postage Meter Co. (NPM) of 1933-1944 has gone through several changes of ownership, eventually becoming what is today Friden, Inc.

In the 1940s as the Allied nations were becoming ever more involved in World War II, the NPM developed advertising slogans for use with its meter postage machines.

The two NPM meters illustrated in figure #1 gave space to slogans urging unity and perseverance. They are classified as types GA and GB, and the letters NPM are incorporated in the base of the design. The "UNITY for VICTORY" slogan was printed in dark blue ink on NPM paper. I'm puzzled about why it has no date/town mark, and suspect that it has been clipped off this sample. The examples in the other illustrations were printed in red ink.

Note that the meters in figure #2 are from the same postage machine, but with different slogans. The NPM meters illustrated in this ar-

ticle are printed on oak-colored tape stock with "NPMco" and six wavy lines printed repeatedly down the strip in very pale green (figure #3).

I understand that early US postage meters of the 1920s were printed in the same colors as the US stamps they replaced. I am curious as to when this practice was changed. Printing in color was not the case of these World War II slogan meters.

The NPM Co. name was changed to Commercial Controls Corporation (CC) when the US Postal Meter Co. acquired NPM and IBM in 1944. (figure #4). Type GC meters show the initials "CC" at the base of the meter design.

In 1959 Friden (F) acquired CC, and in 1963 Friden was acquired by Singer Co. The designs have changed over the years and there have been other business changes, but Friden continues to manufacture meter machines today under that name. I will illustrate Friden Meters in a future article.

If you find an interesting

meter, send a photo copy, or if you would like the US Meter Stamp Society's address — send an SASE to me at the address below. □

You may write to Howard Lucas, Box 532, Manassas, Virginia 22193. Please include an SASE if you would like a reply.

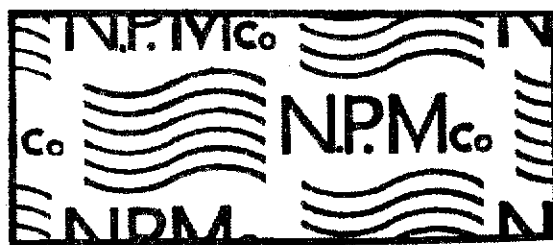


Fig. 3. An example of the stock used to print the NPM meters illustrated here.

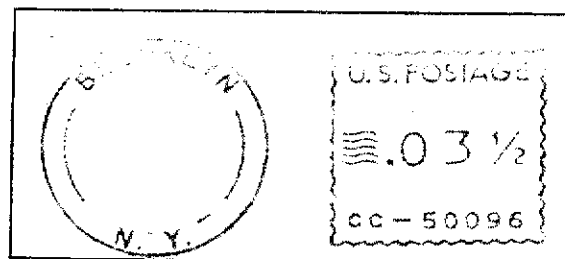
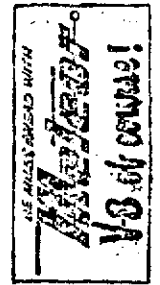
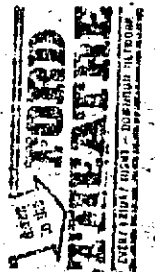
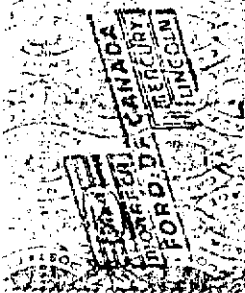
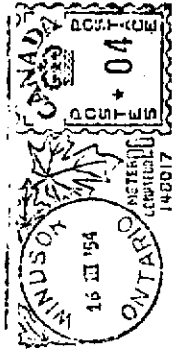
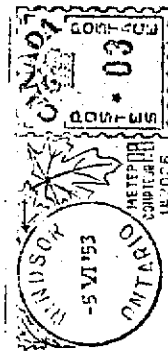
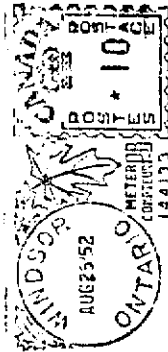
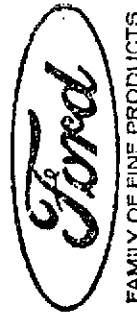
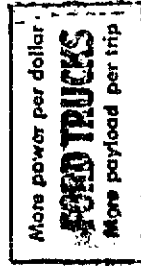
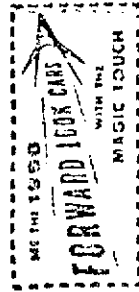
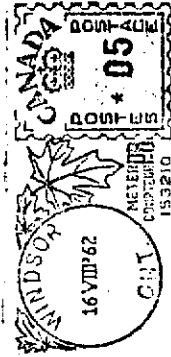
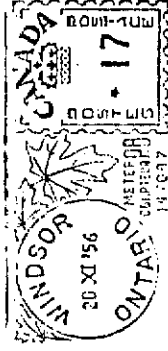

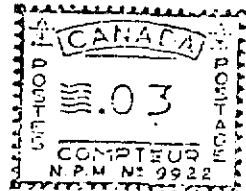

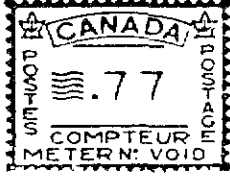

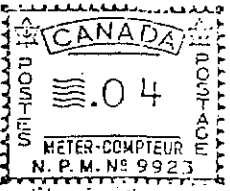

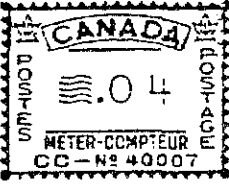

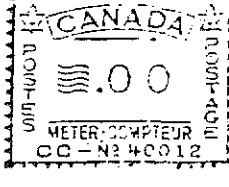

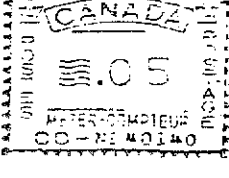



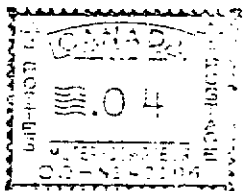

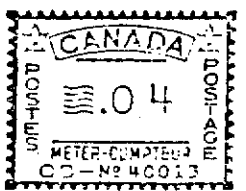

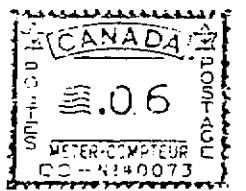
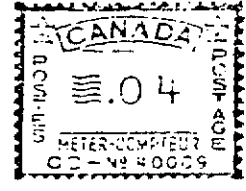

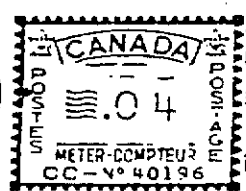

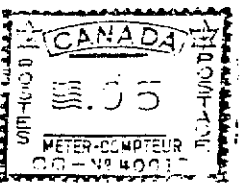

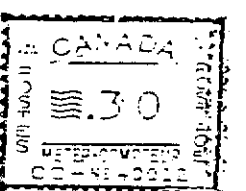
Fig. 4. The CC designates Commercial Controls Corp., new name for the NPM Co., in 1944.




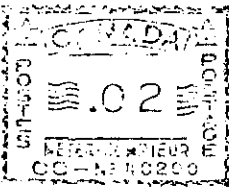

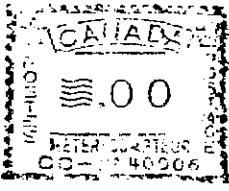

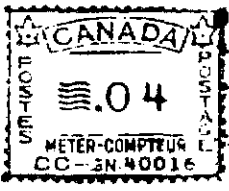

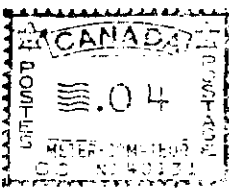

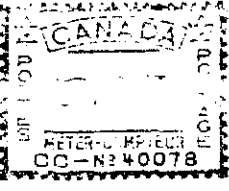

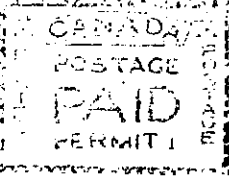
# CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
12.1	 	Basic type COMPTEUR N.P.M. No 9922
12.1.1	 	Specimen VOID for 9922
12.2	 	Basic type METER-COMPTEUR N.P.M. No 9923
<p><b>UNITY for VICTORY</b></p>		
12.3	 	Basic type METER-COMPTEUR CC-No 40001
12.3.1	 	RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID
12.3.2	 	TM, CANADA for province

# CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
12.3.3	 	TM, period after province
12.3.4	 	TM, province abbreviated
12.3.5	 	Prov. abbr., no periods
12.3.6		TM, omitted
12.3.7	 	DM, small year numerals
12.3.8	 	DM, blank
12.3.9	 	DM, blank for "7"

# CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
12.3.10	 	5 wavy lines after rate
12.3.11	 	Rate .00, government frank
12.3.12	 	Serial "No" inverted
12.3.13	 	Serial No., no dash CC and No
12.3.14	 	Province misspelled
12.3.15	 	POSTAGE/PAID/PERMIT 1
12.3.16		



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### EDITOR'S NOTES

In case anyone is so rash as to write a contribution to the Newsletter, please note the change in address for both the Editor and Associate Editor. Canada Post has driven both of us out of their mail boxes when they closed the main post office in each town. After 30 years in a house I had to move and it a sole-searching experience to toss out the considered to be valuable mass of material. Anyway the deed is done.

This issue is being written in the mid of my move. It is a collection of minor items that have accumulated over time. I think many of them have some interest.

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The current issue of the BNAPS Journal has an article on several areas of collecting off the mainstream. Postage meters are mentioned; however, they stress and area which we tend to ignore. That is the collection of postage meters to show rates of postage and how it was used. Meters are an excellent way of building a rate collection. I will discuss this later in this issue.

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The Canadian Philatelist, January 1993, p. 71, gives an analysis of the types of cancels found on 6,000 Nova Scotia covers from June and July 1992. Of the 3,109 covers covered in the survey 1065, or 34 percent, bore meter impressions. Of those that carried stamps only 15 percent were commemorative issues.

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Some more towns that recently came my way, I think some have been reported before but here they are anyway:-

LOWER SACKVILLE NS 886871

TIGNISH P.E.I. 335030

ELMSDALE PEI 812840

SHAG HARBOUR NS 852708

MIDDLE WEST PUBNICO NS 563226

INVERNESS NS 1051623

O'LEARY P.E.I. 335311

MINTO NB 834019

CATALINA NFLD 858204

MORINVILLE ALTA 2002209

The Pitney Bowes Paragon postage meter, with MAIL > POSTE, is showing up quite frequently. Many companies have invested big bucks in this system. I have not seen anything I can call a variety yet. Keep this new meter in mind and send in what you discover.

Meters that I have saved from the garbage are as follows, all large companies or government. Can you add to the list.

SERIAL	TOWNMARK	USER
200010	HALIFAX NS	NS DEPT OF EDUCATION
200053	FREDERICTON NB	Province of New Brunswick
200082	TORONTO ONT	Royal Trust
200170	OTTAWA ONT	Agriculture Canada
200183	TORONTO ONT	Ministry of Transportation

Fortune Magazine, Oct. 19, 1992 describes the new system.

## New postage meter does it all

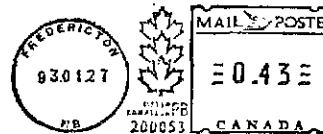
The latest postage meter rolling off the Pitney Bowes assembly line in Shelton, Connecticut, is not only crammed with high-tech features, it also represents a major shift for the company.

Introduced in July, the Paragon mail processor seals letters by spraying a thin jet of water on the glued edge of the envelope, weighs the letter in milliseconds, prints on the appropriate postage and shoots the envelope out of the machine at a rate of 240 pieces per minute. The Paragon uses three kind of microprocessors and its development resulted in 75 new patents.

Pitney Bowes CEO George Harvey says the Paragon represents a major transformation for the firm from a stodgy office supply company to a sophisticated high-tech manufacturer. Harvey began the swing to high tech in 1985 when the company faced stiff competition for the first time in its bread-and-butter postage meter business. Postage meters and related equipment account for 50 per cent of sales and profits. The company also sells fax machines, copiers and dictating machines.

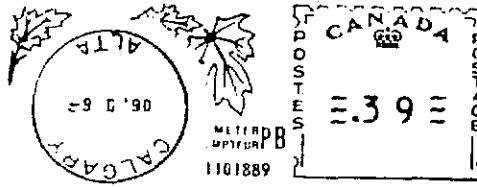
At \$20,000 U.S. each, the Paragon is being billed as a labor-saving device. Pitney Bowes estimates the machine can save three worker-hours of mail sorting per day for the average mailroom. The machine is expected to generate \$100 million in revenues during the next year.

*Fortune*, Oct. 19, 1992

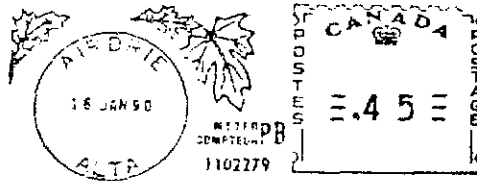


Wilf Whitehouse seems to find interesting items. Below are two of the small Pitney Bowes meters, one with the townmark inverted, and the other with the date mark in text script. Wilf also included a Roneo meter with the larger style of serial number.

670, 1414 - 8 ST. S.W.  
CALGARY, ALBERTA  
T2R 1J6



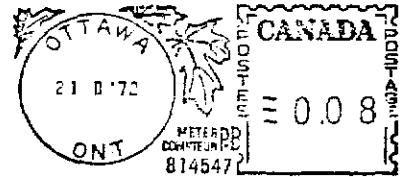
SUPPLY RITE  
BOX 3636  
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA  
T4B 2B8



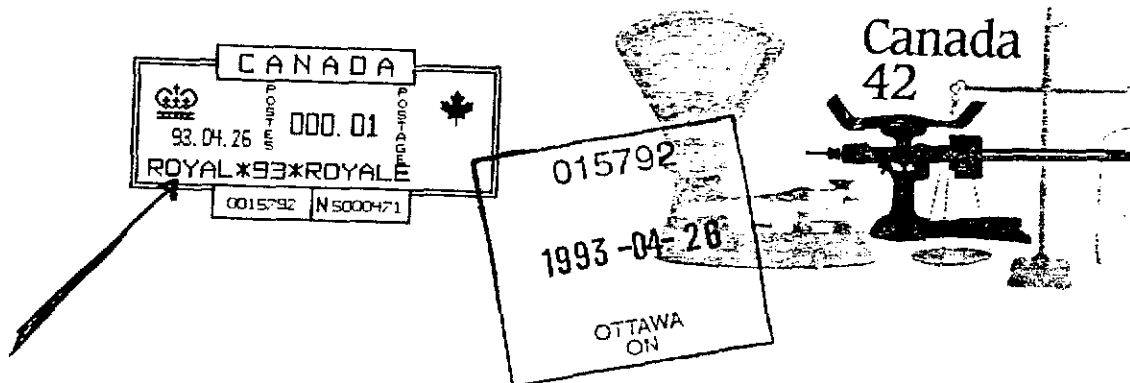
Below is an interesting postal advertisement. The standard deviation of a population!

**MONROE**  
THE CALCULATOR COMPANY

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum X^2}{N} - \left(\frac{\sum X}{N}\right)^2}$$

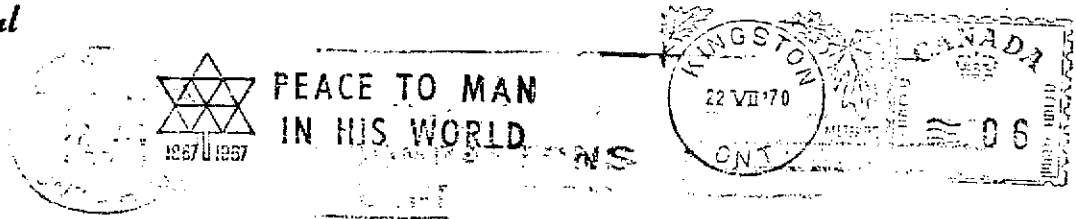


Rich Toop sent some Nixdorf labels used at the recent Royal\*93\*Royale in Ottawa. The machine used was already installed at an Ottawa franchise at 112 Kent. St, courtesy of Canada Post. The slogan in the label was in used from April 26 to April 30, 1993. Rich thinks there will be more of this type of material generated for stamp shows. I wonder who is authorized to mess around with the software?



Below is a 1967 Centennial slogan still in use in 1970.

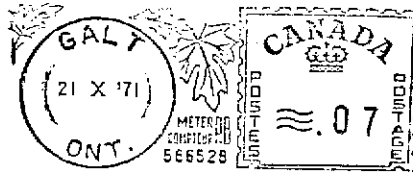
*Hotel Dieu Hospital*  
KINGSTON, ONTARIO  
CANADA



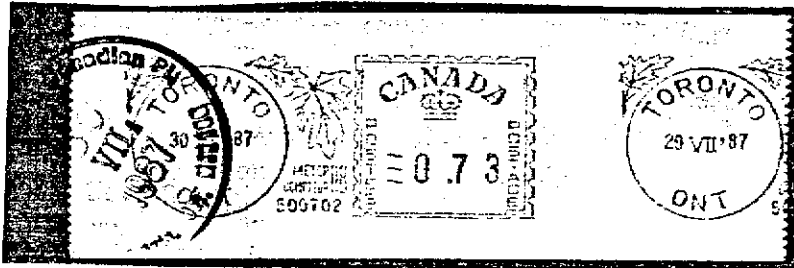
A very interesting 1967 Centennial cover from the City of Regina.



Broken inner circle? Just a poor adjustment of the datemark wheels.

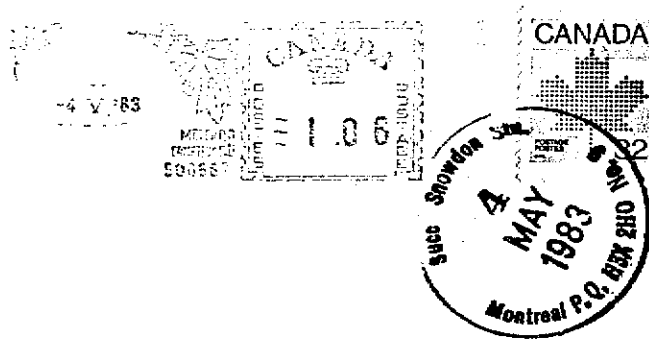


A tape with the extra townmark from a second cancel.



A Special Delivery cover but the townmark did not print, just the datemark.

Special Delivery Expres



**Buy an IMS/Hasler**  

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**Mailing Machine**  

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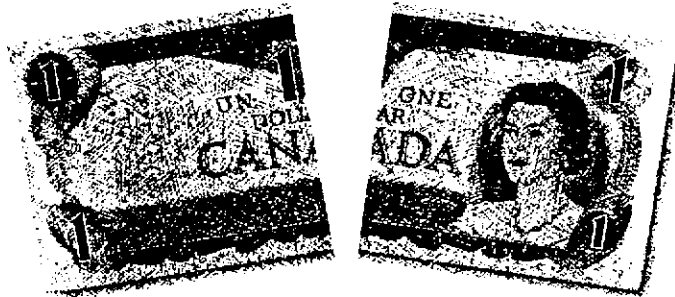
**at INS and cut**  

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**your mailing**  

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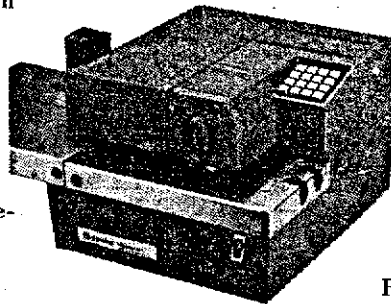
**costs in half.**



**SAVE UP TO 50% ON MAILING COSTS**

Swiss-made precision, value and performance in a top quality mailing machine are yours with IMS/Hasler. The independent consumer guide "What to buy for business" rates the IMS/Hasler mailing machines as 3 of the top 4 selections. Independent research shows 8 out of 10 prefer the IMS/Hasler.

Check out our competition. Ask the people in your mailroom about your present postage



**IMS/Hasler**

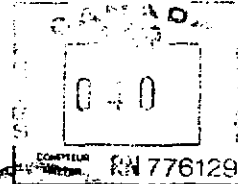
INS, superior quality products for over 22 years

meter. Are you experiencing delays caused by nesting envelopes prior to feed? Have you lost time while double checking for secure envelope sealing? Are you frustrated by ink spills or downtime caused by jammed meter tape?

If you have experienced any of these problems, then contact Arnie Radford and let him show you why the IMS Hasler is absolutely, positively a superior postage meter.

Item submitted by Wilf Whitehouse - Ronco with larger serial numerals.

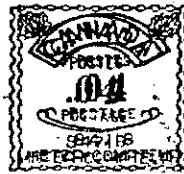
ATNES  
TRAFER SALES  
BOX 99  
WINTERBURN, ALTA.  
T0E 2N0



TRANSALTA UTILITIES  
CUSTOMER ACCOUNTING  
BOX 2444, STN. M  
CALGARY, ALBERTA

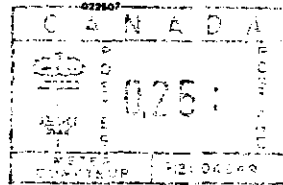
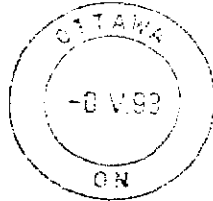


This Type 8 meter was run through twice for some reason.



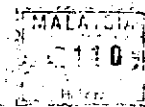
This indicia was used to mail out Brian Mulroneys family photograph. Note the rate.

B  
U  
L  
K



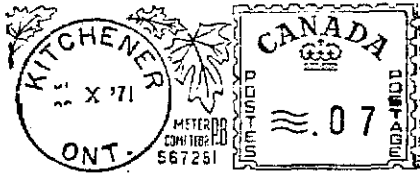
COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
Canadian High Commission  
P.O. Box 10990,  
50732 Kuala Lumpur.  
MALAYSIA.

CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION  
KUALA-LUMPUR  
MALAYSIA  
HAUT COMMISSARIAT DU CANADA  
KEDUTAAN TINGGI CANADA



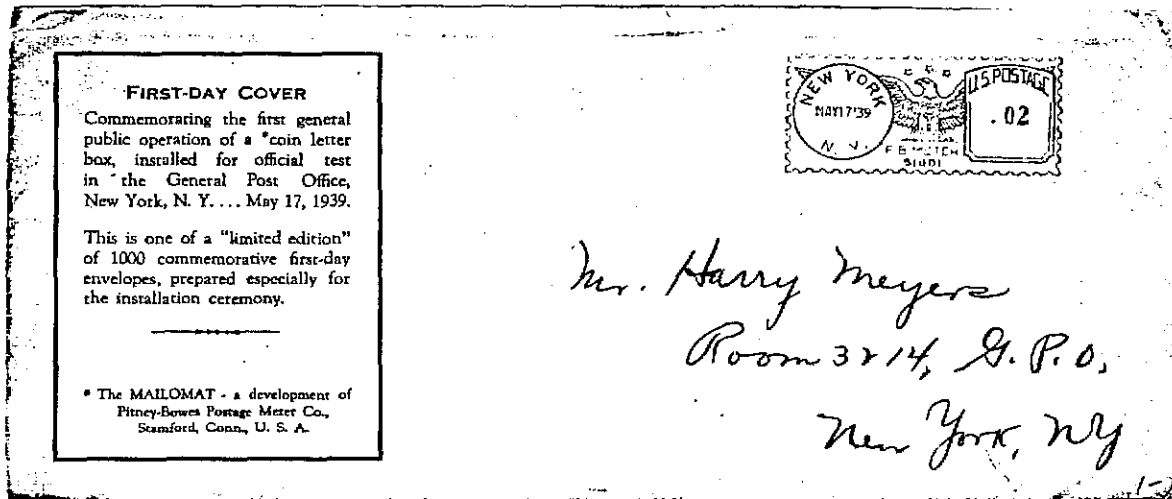
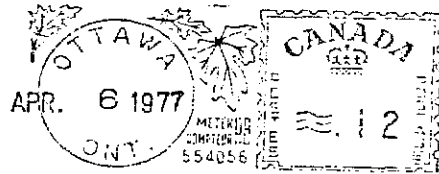
The Honourable Minister William McKnight  
Minister of Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture Canada

These Pitney Bowes indicia shows the day in the datemark did not completely lock in place. We have the top of one die and the bottom of another one.



What happened here? It appears they rubber stamped the date on an indicia which did not print the date. What did 12¢ pay as a rate in 1977?

ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAWA  
CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1N 8S7



ADDITIONS TO THE CANADA TOWN LIST

AB CALAHOOD	NS CAMBRIDGE STATION	QC BETSIAMITES
	CHETICAMP	BOISBRIAND
BC BAMFIELD	KENNETCOOK	HAM-NORD
BLIND BAY	MIDDLE	ILE-AUX-NOIX
CULTUS LAKE	MUSQUODOBOIT	ILE SOEURS
PENDER ISLAND	MUSQUODOBOIT	LEGARDEUR
SOUTH SLOCAN	HARBOUR	MT ST HILAIRE
	NEWPORT	PREVOST
MB BALDUR	STEWIACKE	ROXTON FALLS
OAKBANK	TANTALLON	ST-AMBROISE-DE-
		CHICOUTIMI
NB QUISPAMIS	ON ALGOMA MILLS	ST-FRANCOIS
STE-ANNE-DE-KENT	BARRHAVEN	ST-HUGUES
	DESBORO	ST-LAZARE-DE-
	DWIGHT	BELLECHASSE
	GLENBURNIE	ST-MICHEL-DES-
	LORETTO	SAINTS
	MALLORYTOWN	ST-PROSPER
	MATTICE	STE ROSELAVAL
	PAISLEY	SHERRINGTON
	QUEENSVILLE	TECUMSEH a
	WOODVILLE	

NOTES TO CANADA TOWN LIST:

a Reported with both the listed spelling and an error, TECHUMSE.

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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 \$1.50 U.S. (\$2.00 Canadian), postpaid



Statistics on the Use of Postage Meters in Canada from the National Archives RG 3 file 13-1-5

POSTAGE METERS IN USE IN CANADA

| YEAR | NFLD | PEI | N.S. | N.B. | QUE  | ONT  | MAN | SASK | ALB | B.C. | NWT | TOTAL |
|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 1941 |      |     | 53   | 45   | 708  | 1162 | 198 | 76   | 117 | 129  |     | 2488  |
| 1942 |      | 1   | 59   | 52   | 785  | 1267 | 232 | 94   | 141 | 149  |     | 2780  |
| 1943 |      | 1   | 65   | 53   | 844  | 1327 | 246 | 121  | 155 | 162  |     | 2974  |
| 1944 |      | 2   | 67   | 54   | 869  | 1361 | 251 | 124  | 158 | 168  |     | 3054  |
| 1945 |      | 2   | 67   | 54   | 866  | 1362 | 251 | 127  | 157 | 170  |     | 3056  |
| 1946 |      | 2   | 75   | 62   | 967  | 1597 | 295 | 157  | 176 | 238  |     | 3569  |
| 1947 |      | 12  | 192  | 110  | 1287 | 2273 | 388 | 235  | 267 | 387  |     | 5151  |
| 1948 |      | 17  | 230  | 157  | 1492 | 2603 | 453 | 255  | 319 | 492  |     | 6018  |
| 1949 | 47   | 26  | 274  | 177  | 1694 | 2959 | 503 | 281  | 356 | 597  |     | 6914  |
| 1950 | 62   | 34  | 345  | 206  | 1961 | 3645 | 593 | 340  | 473 | 763  | 1   | 8424  |

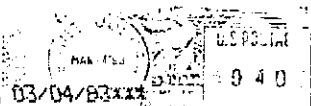
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE METERS IN CANADA

|      |   |   |    |    |     |     |    |    |    |    |   |     |
|------|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| 1949 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 16 | 192 | 315 | 58 | 18 | 23 | 59 | 1 | 705 |
|------|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|-----|

Newfoundland became a province of Canada March 31, 1949. There were 10 postage meters in the province on May 31 and 35 on June 30, 1949. The above figures are for the year ends.

The "spray-on" postal routing information has been used in the USA for a couple of years. It means that metered mail must now be run through the sorting machines which was not the case previously. The first cover was posted at St Joseph MI and was processed at Kalamazoo for delivery to Canada.

  
 American Society of Agricultural Engineers  
 2950 Niles Road  
 St. Joseph, Michigan  
 49085-9659 USA

  
 KALAMAZOO MI 490 PM 03/04/83

Ross H Irwin 003740

Similar equipment is used in Canada. This one is the Toronto South Letter Processing Plant. The <<<<>>>> are for cancelling the stamps.

  
 Ontario Federation of Agriculture  
 491 Eglinton Avenue West, 5th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3A2

MLOCR05A TSCLPP M4L3T0 FEB 03 20:15:41 <<<<>>>>

As I mentioned above, a lot of the metered mail now goes through the sorting system and we get a spoiled indicia. I have started to collect the cancelling machine indicia and am missing many of the early items - early means 1980. Notice the cancel has the postal code and a sorting machine number "2" at 11:00 o'clock. There is also a time mark in the datemark which I don't bother with. Many of the earlier sorting plants have been closed and specimens are hard to find.

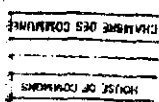
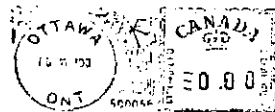
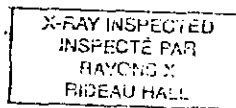
Ontario Farmer Publications  
P.O. Box 7400, Station E.  
London, Ontario N5Y 4K3



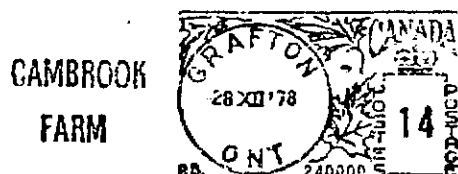
What happened with the rate on this Minnedosa indicia? It must have bounced when the cover was first fed into the machine as the balance of the indicia is clear.



Here is another example of inspected mail at Government House (Rideau Hall) in Ottawa. Both the Rideau Hall and House of Commons indicia are dated Feb 12, 1993.



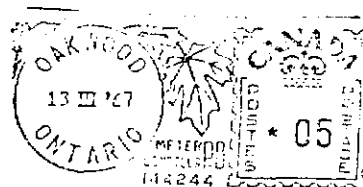
K. Campbell Dalglish was President of Pitney-Bowes Canada from 1953 to 1967. When he retired in 1967 to his farm "Cambrook Farm" at Grafton the company presented him with the original Desk Model (Type 14) postage meter for his personal use. Note that this meter was originally a Type 13 and the serial number is of the more recent type with closed "4" and smaller oval numerals. It was the only postage meter at Grafton for several years.



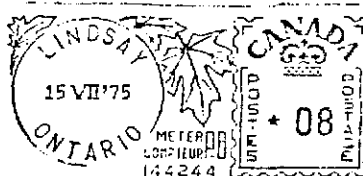
My home village - Oakwood! Hogg & Lytle Ltd were seed merchants from 1886. They acquired a Type 11 postage meter (144244) with OAKWOOD town mark. The postmark ad reads LAWN AND GARDEN MAY FESTIVAL with the Canada Centennial logo 1867-1967 in the centre. It was convenient to have the meter set at the larger LINDSAY post office so the cover shows that town but the Oakwood return address. The Township of Mariposa obtained a Hasler meter about 1989 so this is the second meter for this village.

## HOGG & LYTLE SEEDS

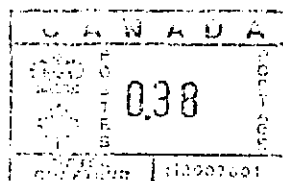
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OAKWOOD, ONTARIO, CANADA



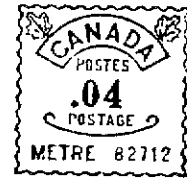
RETURN TO  
OAKWOOD, ONTARIO  
KOM 2M0



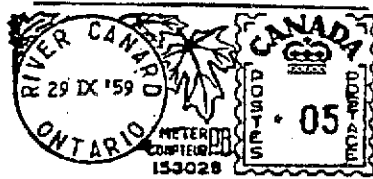
TOWNSHIP OF MARIPOSA  
BOX 70  
OAKWOOD, ONTARIO  
KOM 2M0



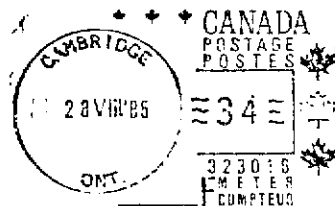
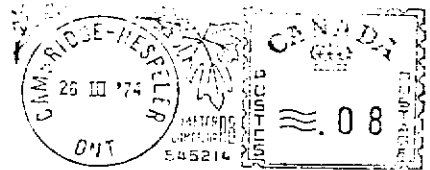
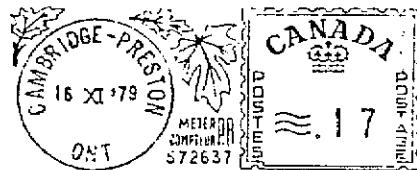
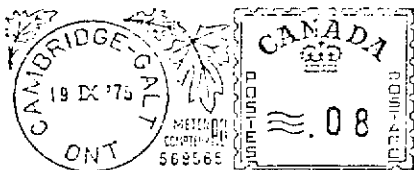
PAMOUR and SOUTH PORCUPINE were gold mining towns in Northern Ontario. When the mines closed the towns more or less disappeared.



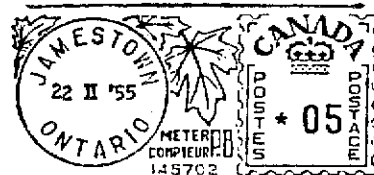
RIVER CANARD, or Wolf River, is in Essex County near Windsor. Locals call the place River Can-or.



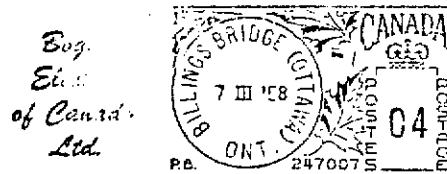
When the Region of Waterloo was formed the three existing small towns of Galt, Preston and Hespeler in south Waterloo were joined to form a single city. The name Cambridge was chosen as the city name. Apparently this name had some historical connection to the area. Shown here are some transitional town marks and the final townmark.



William James was President of the Algoma Iron Ore Company. They renamed the town of WAWA to JAMESTOWN in his honour. WAWA was the port for shipping of the ore. The local residents raised a major fuss and after a brief use the JAMESTOWN town mark was replaced by WAWA. It would be nice to bracket this change in names.



Sub-post offices usually have the major town first in the title. Here we have the reverse as BILLINGS BRIDGE (OTTAWA). This cancel is not common.



For those interested, An Introduction to US Railroad Postage Meter Slogans has been released by Howard L. Lucas at POB 532, Manassas, VA., 22110. Evenings at 703-680-9502.

### CANADIAN POSTAL ARCHIVES RELOCATES

**Ottawa - The National Archives of Canada announces that the Canadian Postal Archives, formerly situated at 365 Laurier Street West, Ottawa, has been relocated to the West Memorial Building, 344 Wellington Street, Ottawa, across from the main National Archives building.**

**This move conforms with the National Archives' policy of facilitating access to its collections by consolidating them in one location, thereby improving its reference and research services. There will no longer be a permanent philatelic exhibit; instead, items from the Canadian Postal Archives will be incorporated in the National Archives thematic exhibitions.**

**Services at the Canadian Postal Archives, including inter-institutional loans, are suspended until April 14, to allow for the installation of the collections in the new location.**

**The new mailing address is:**

**National Archives of Canada  
Canadian Postal Archives Section  
395 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0N3**

**Service will be provided between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.**



ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE "NIXDORF POSTAGE LABELS" LISTINGS dated 18 September 1992 in "Newsletter No 36".incorporating the amendments

Print-out date: 1993 07 08

**Note:** "P.O.." on the receipt imprint is printed out in full as "POSTAL OUTLET"  
 "C.P.." on the receipt imprint is printed out in full as "COMPTOIR POSTAL"  
 "<>" = an "N5"-size label with an "N3" or "N4" number

| RC#     | Nixdorf   | Label imprint | Receipt imprint (/ = start of new line)                      |
|---------|-----------|---------------|--|
| Change  | 0590266   | N3-11         | BOW VALLEY P.O.O..   |
| Change  | 0553158   | N3-83         | BRODERS ANNEX P.O.O.. (= No Apostrophy!)                     |
| Change  | 0361275   | N3-89         | ROCKWOOD P.O.O.. (= No "Mall")                               |
| Add     | 0124265 < | N3-144        | BLUE CROSS CENTRE P.O.O..                                    |
| Add     | 0365572 < | N3-146        | KINGSPOINT P.O.O../ 370 MAIN STREET NORTH/ BRAMPTON          |
| Change  | 0408638   | N3-148        | EASTOWN (= Closed, went bankrupt)                            |
| Add     | 0317136 < | N3-185        | KOZLOV CENTRE P.O.O../ 400 BAYFIELD ST/ BARRIE               |
| Change  | 0124168 < | N3-197        | C.R.P.O MONCTON P.O.O.. (= No P.V.S.)                        |
| Change  | 0124168 < | N3-198        | C.R.P.O MONCTON P.O.O.. (= No P.V.S.)                        |
| Change  | 0124168 < | N3-199        | C.R.P.O MONCTON P.O.O.. (= No P.V.S.)                        |
| Change  | 0232882   | N3-236        | POINTE CLAIRE P.O.O..  |
| Add     | 0049018   | N3-249        | INDUSTRIAL PARK P.O.O..                                      |
| Add     | 0126357 < | N3-252        | ELMWOOD P.O.O..  |
| Add     | 0126691 < | N3-253        | KING'S SQUARE P.O.O..  |
| Change  | 0008958   | N3-271        | TORBAY RD. P.O.O.. (= Road is abbreviated)                   |
| Add     | 0126675 < | N3-280        | RIVERVIEW MALL P.O.O..                                       |
| Change  | 0011886   | N3-294        | C.P.. PL. VERSAILLES (= Place is abbreviated)                |
| Add     | 0013196 < | N3-301        | PINE GLEN P.O.O..  |
| Add     | 0458562 < | N3-306        | DOWNTOWN P.O.O..   |
| Change  | 0011940   | N3-317        | FIESTA P.O.O.. (=No space between STONEY CREEK and ON.)      |
| Change  | 0015725   | N3-335        | MAPLE GROVE VIL. P.O.O.. (= VILLAGE is abbreviated)          |
| Add     | 0018635 < | N3-360        | MARKET PLACE P.O.O../ 280 GUELPH STREET/ GEORGETOWN          |
| Add ??? | (018643)  |               | MAIN ST P.O.O../ 76 MAIN ST S/ GEORGETOWN                    |
| Add     | 0015814 < | N3-370        | BAYFIELD MALL P.O.O../ 320 BAYFIELD ST BAYFIELD MALL/ BARRIE |
| Change  | 0019690   | N3-371        | U OF ALBERTA P.O.O.. (= University is abbreviated)           |
| Add     | 0019704 < | N3-384        | BOLTON SOUTH P.O.O../ 301 QUEEN STREET SOUTH/ BOLTON         |
| Add     | 0368644   | N4-10         | CLIFFCREST PLAZA P.O.O.. (= on the old N3 type label)        |
| Change  | 0028118   | N5-34         | MARKVILLE S.C. P.O.O../ 5000 HIGHWAY #7 EAST/ MARKHAM        |
| Change  | 0026565   | N5-47         | LONGBRANCH P.O.O.. (Longbranch all in one word)              |
| Change  | 0027332   | N5-52         | AURORA SHOP. CTR P.O.O.. (= Words are abbreviated)           |
| Change  | 0027358   | N5-63         | S. COMMON MALL P.O.O.. (= SOUTH is abbreviated)              |

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| 056758  | NS-101    | REGINA, SASK.      | ROSEMONT P.O...  |             |
| 0057193 | NS-108    | HALIFAX, N.S.      | HALIFAX CORPORATE P.O...                                       |             |
| 0079235 | NS-142    | NORTH YORK, ON     | THE CONCOURSE P.O../ 1057 STEELS AVENUE WEST/ NORTH YORK       | ON/ M2R 250 |
| 0056529 | NS-160    | ST. ALBERT, AB     | ST. ALBERT CTR P.O.. (=Centre is abbreviated)                  |             |
| 0028371 | NS-181    | EDMONTON, AB       | QUEENMARY PARK P.O.. (= Queenmary all in one word)             |             |
| 0054964 | NS-209    | HAMILTON, ON       | UPPER OTTAWA P.O../ 712 MOHAWK ROAD EAST/ HAMILTON             | ON/ L8T 150 |
| 0067393 | NS-215    | ST-JOHN'S, NF      | LONG'S HILL P.O.. (There is a "dash" between ST and JOHN'S)    |             |
| 0068993 | NS-237    | MISSISSAUGA, ON    | PARK ROYAL PLAZA P.O...  |             |
| 0025557 | NS-248    | ETOBICOKE, ON      | KIPLING QUEENSWAY P.O...                                       |             |
| 0071994 | NS-277??? | Toronto            | CASTLEWOOD P.O../ 550 EGLINTON AVENUE WEST/ TORONTO            | ON/ MSN 180 |
|         |           |                    | (They will print labels only for denominations above \$100.00) |             |
| 0026638 | NS-291    | OSHAWA, ON         | OSHAWA P.O../ 64 SIMCOE STREET N./ OSHAWA                      | ON/ L1G 450 |
| 0069086 | NS-297    | WINDSOR, ON        | FOREST GLADE P.O...  |             |
| 0072737 | NS-298    | HAMILTON, ON       | STONECHURCH P.O...   |             |
| 0072850 | NS-304    | AJAX, ON           | AJAX MARKET PL. P.O...   |             |
| 0069027 | NS-332    | TELUONSEH, ON      | TELUONSEH CENTRE P.O...  |             |
| 0071773 | NS-335    | TORONTO, ON        | CORSO ITALIA P.O../ 1655 DUFFERIN ST./ TORONTO                 | ON/ M6H 3L0 |
| 0071706 | NS-349    | GALT-CAMBRIDGE, ON | PINEBUSH P.O...  |             |
| 0074195 | NS-355    | NORTH YORK, ON     | VICTORIA TERRACE P.O...  |             |
| 0074616 | NS-356    | SCARBOROUGH, ON    | TERRY TOWN P.O...  |             |
| 0075167 | NS-382    | BRAMPTON, ON       | MACKAY PLAZA P.O../ 390 NORTH PARK ROAD/ BRAMPTON              | ON/ L6S 3Y0 |
| 0076023 | NS-394    | ST-JOHN'S, NF      | MACDONALD DRIVE P.O.. (= with a dash between ST and JOHN'S)    |             |
| 0058106 | NS-397    | ST-JOHN'S, NF      | VILLAGE MALL P.O.. (= with a dash between ST and JOHN'S)       |             |
| 0101079 | NS-405    | CONCORD, ON        | CONCORD, ON  |             |
| 0079545 | NS-408    | SCARBOROUGH, ON    | SCARB. TOWN CENTRE P.O...                                      |             |
| 0075159 | NS-411    | PICKERING, ON      | TOWN CENTRE P.O...   |             |
| 0081898 | NS-421    | DOWNSVIEW, ON      | DOWNSVIEW P.O.. (=without 2 W at the end)                      |             |
| 0015784 | NS-423    | WILLOWDALE, ON     | CORNER PLAZA P.O...  |             |
| 0078565 | NS-425    | DON MILLS, ON      | PARKWOODS CENTRE P.O...  |             |
| 0074667 | NS-431    | KITCHENER, ON      | HIGHLAND HILLS P.O.. (= not Mills)                             |             |
| 0078646 | NS-433    | RICHMOND HILL, ON  | RICHMOND HEIGHTS P.O../ 10520 YONGE STREET/ RICHMOND HILL      | ON/ L4C 4H0 |
| 0078638 | NS-438    | RICHMOND HILL, ON  | HILLCREST MALL P.O...  |             |
| 0078522 | NS-441    | DOWNSVIEW, ON      | NORTH SHERIDAN MALL P.O...                                     |             |
| 0082694 | NS-444    | SCARBOROUGH, ON    | MC COWAN P.O.. (= with a space between MC and COWAN)           |             |
| 0078549 | NS-478    | ETOBICOKE, ON      | HUMBERTOWN CENTRE P.O...                                       |             |
| 0078007 | NS-487    | MONCTON, NB        | MONCTON MALL P.O../ 1390 MOUNTAIN RD/ MONCTON                  | NB/ E1C 2TC |
| 0078514 | NS-494    | ISLINGTON, ON      | SIX POINTS PLAZA P.O../ 5230 DUNDAS ST/ ISLINGTON              | ON/ M9B 1L0 |
| 0068985 | NS-504    | ST THOMAS, ON      | ST. THOMAS CENTRE P.O../ 456 TALBOT ST/ ST THOMAS              | ON/ NSP 1E0 |
| 0068553 | NS-505    | ST THOMAS, ON      | TALBOT ST P.O../ 808 TALBOT ST/ ST THOMAS                      | ON/ NSP 1E0 |
| 0068043 | NS-520    | KITCHENER, ON      | MARKET SQUARE P.O../ 25 FREDERICK ST/ KITCHENER                | ON/ N2H 6M0 |
| 0081922 | NS-530    | ISLINGTON, ON      | CLOVERDALE MALL P.O../ 250 THE EAST MALL/ ISLINGTON            | ON/ M9B 3Y0 |

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| view | 0093637 | NS-548 | KINGSTON, ON  | REDEEMDALE P.O../ 730 FRONT RD/ KINGSTON                 | ON/ K7M 6P0 |
| view | 0089702 | NS-565 | TORONTO, ON   | COLLEGE SQUARE P.O../ 725 COLLEGE ST/ TORONTO            | ON/ M6G 1C0 |
| view | 0078530 | NS-581 | TORONTO, ON   | DUFFERIN LAWRENCE P.O../ 3089 DUFFERIN ST/ TORONTO       | ON/ M6A 2T0 |
| view | 0101516 | NS-588 | ORONTOCTO, NB | ORONTOCTO MALL P.O../ ORONTOCTO SHOPPING MALL/ ORONTOCTO | NB/ E2V 1B0 |
| view | 0104973 | NS-620 | KINGSTON, ON  | GARDINERS P.O../ 466 GARDINERS RD/ KINGSTON              | ON/ K7M 4Y0 |
|      | 0020966 | NS     | Hamilton      | JAMESVILLE P.O../ 308 JAMES STREET NORTH/ HAMILTON       | ON/ L8L 1J0 |

(Label printer has been broken for a year and the manager seems to have no intention to have it repaired)

change???

The foregoing corrections to the September 1992 Nixdorf list has been compiled by Norbert Krommer based on actual labels and receipts. He also supplied additional information which I must hold over to the next Newsletter. One interesting point is the laser labels fade > We may not have a hobby in a few years unless we photocopy the label????





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## EDITOR'S NOTES

This issue of the CMSG Newsletter is on National Cash Register postage registers. It is an area full of minor varieties and which does not appear to have been searched in detail. I trust you will compare your holdings with what is listed here so a more accurate listing may be made. Next issue will return to the NIXDORF area where many changes are taking place.

### NATIONAL CASH REGISTERS - TYPES 40 - 41

Ross W. Irwin

Parcel post started in Canada in 1914. By 1930 it represented 40 percent of the total mail carried - 70 million pounds. Following the successful introduction of postage meters for the prepayment of postage commercial cash registers were introduced for the prepayment of postage on parcels of 4th class printed matter or parcel post and bulky matter prepaid at the letter rate.

Earlier, August 19, 1922, Realsilk Hosiery Mills wrote the Postmaster stating they had seen a postage due sticker and suggested the use of a cash register for mail.

National Cash Register Co. was not very interested in promoting their product. Postmaster Brown at Winnipeg requested a cash register to assist with parcels at Christmas. He wrote to mail order houses suggesting they appeal to Ottawa to get the system approved.

On September 3, 1925, Permit No. 100 was issued to the T.Eaton Co., Toronto, by the Secretary Branch of the Post Office Department for the use of a cash register to receive and record the amount of postage paid.

The Post Office Department Weekly Bulletin, and Sec 120 of the Canada Official Postal Guide, described the Regulation - "Postmasters are informed that in order to facilitate the handling and despatch of parcels posted at the large centres where extensive mailings are made, for delivery at places in the Dominion of Canada or in the United States, the Postage Paid in Cash system has been extended to parcel post. Each parcel mailed under the Postage Paid in Cash system will have affixed to it at the upper right hand corner of the address, where stamps are usually placed, and impression in red showing the amount of postage paid."

The Postal Guide gave additional information on the use of a register: "for prepayment of postage on packages of printed matter, samples, parcel post, and bulky first class matter mailed in quantity." And later, "Impressions are made on approved gummed paper tape showing the amount of postage with the place and date of mailing."