

Canadian Meter Stamp Newsletter

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Metered mail has a number of advantages for specialized collectors. For example, look at the large variety of rates that I have found on my personal mail received since January 1, 1995. These rates are all below \$1.00. Can you add to this list, or identify the use.

The first group is what they call admail. The standard rate is .26¢ for letter size in lots of 1,000 for firms having a permit. For oversize mail the standard rate for permit mail, over 1,000 pieces, is 28¢. The other rates are where mail is sorted by computer into letter carrier walks ordered by individual addresses. These rates should all have the BULK designation. There are more rates in this series.

.20⁵ BULK
.21² BULK
.26⁸ BULK
.27 BULK - rate probably .26⁸ and refund for overpayment
.28⁹ BULK

The second group of strange rates is derived from "Incentive" mail. These rates must be obtained from Ottawa. They depend on OCR sorting and volume. The newest rates were established 17 January 1995.

.34 volume 250,000 per year
.37⁵
.38⁴ 1A
.39⁵ 1A
.41⁵
.42⁵
.49⁵ 1A
.52⁵ 1A

The rates for 30 to 50 grams are: .58⁵; .62, .63⁵, .65, .67 and .68¢
There are also the standard rates:

.43 1A - first class for less than 30 grams
.69 - over 30 grams and less than 50 grams, 1st class
.88 - large envelopes, 1st class

RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID

A RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID die was approved by the Post Office Department 10 Dec 1926. Notice of its use and approval was included in the Weekly Bulletin of 11 Dec 1926. (POD file 13-1-27)

The Postal Guide stated "In order to facilitate the handling of large mailings, approval has been given to a system whereby firms when sending out letters, enquiries, etc., to the public, may enclose an addressed reply envelope having the postage prepaid thereon by means of a postage impression. As the reply postage will have been prepaid in cash, such mailings are to be date stamped at the office posting, forwarded and delivered free of charge. The system was not to be used for the prepayment of regular postage.

Illustrated in the Canadian Postal Guide were two Type 1 indicia. The one on the left with RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID in the townmark is reasonably available. The one on the right with RETURN POSTAGE across the rate has not been seen.



New instructions were issued in 1929 and the Supplement to the Canadian Postal Guide for February 1930 deleted this second option.

In early 1947 the Province of Quebec obtained from the Post Office a RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID die containing both English and French words. This was used on CMSG Type 8.1.2.

In August 1947 a bilingual die was authorized for a Pitney Bowes HX (CMSG Type 7.2.4) for Alliance Nationale of Montreal.

PORT DE RETOUR PAYE was approved for use with the Postalia on 8 Jan 1958.

The text used for this postal use has been, including errors. I have omitted the usual "/" break that indicates the bottom of the die. The following "classes" are used here.

1. RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID
2. RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID - PORT DE RETOUR PAYE
3. POSTAGE PREPAID RETURN
4. PORT DE RETOUR PAYE
5. RETURN POSTAGE PORT DE RETOUR PAYE PREPAID
6. RETURN POSTAGE PAID
7. PORT PAYE - RETURN POSTAGE

Our CMSG catalogue indicates the following uses:-

Class 1

1.2.2; 1.3.2; 5.1.2; 6.1.1; 7.2.3; 7.3.6; 7.4.1; 7.6.2; 8.1.1;
8.2.1; 8.3.6; 9.2.1; 9.3.1; 11.1.4; 11.2.3; 13.1.3; 14.1.1;
12.3.1; 18.1.1

Class 2

7.2.4; 8.1.2

Class 3

5.1.12 inv; 7.3.7

Class 4

11.1.5; 11.2.1; 13.1.4; 14.1.2; 18.1.2

Class 5

11.1.6; 11.2.2

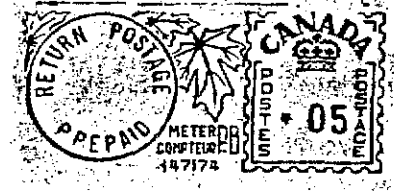
Class 6

12

Class 7

11.1.42;

It appears to me this list must be incomplete. What can you add? The newer meters such as Hasler tend to place RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID in the postal ad rather than the town mark.



PITNEY-BOWES TYPE 11 4-DIGIT SERIAL NUMBERS

Pitney Bowes introduced their new series of Model RF/RT postage meters in June 1940. The earliest date of record is AUG 20'40. The serial block for this CMSG Type 11 postage meter began at 140000.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission legislation came into effect July 1, 1941. Firms were permitted to use a modified postage meter to frank the UIC premiums in the employee book. By the end of 1941 there were over 400 UIC insurance meters in use. The serial block assigned to this meter series began at 141000.

Due to some oversight in the Pitney Bowes factory, when the postage meter sales was at 140999 they continued with 141000, not realizing they had impinged on the UIC serial block, indeed there were 1624 meters placed in service before it was noticed. Material and labour was in short supply so to rectify the problem technicians examined each of the new postage meters had filed the "14" removed from the die. This is the reason for the 4-digit serial number in the Type 11 series. A very collectable item.

Pitney Bowes stated that the actual serial numbers placed in service were from 1004 to 1614. My search through old covers found a low of 1005 and then more or less complete to 1353. Above 1353 I only found 1396, 1614, 1624 and 1634. Have you a lower starting serial number or any of the missing numbers? This is a pretty short series.



At Leland's initiative I have restarted the inventory series. Note that I am doing the easy ones first. If you have items not included, or earlier or later usage, please let me know.

INVENTORY OF TYPE 2 POSTAGE METER USE

NUMBER	TOWNMARK		EARLIEST	LATEST	USER
501	OTTAWA	ONT.	4 VIII 26		
502	OTTAWA	ONT.	14 I 27		
503	OTTAWA	ONTARIO	12 III 27		
505	MONTREAL	QUEBEC	20 VIII 26	18 VIII 27	Northern Electric
507	MONTREAL	QUEBEC	11 III 27		
509	MONTREAL	QUEBEC	9 XII 26	12 VII 27	Henry Birks
512	MONTREAL	QUEBEC	5 I 27	1 V 27	Laporte, Martin
513	MONTREAL	QUEBEC	6 IV 27		Can Industrial Alcohol

INVENTORY OF TYPE 4 POSTAGE METER USE

NUMBER	TOWNMARK		EARLIEST	LATEST	USER
1021	TORONTO	ONTARIO	SEP 14'33	JAN 9'34	Bank of Commerce
1022	TORONTO	ONTARIO	FEB 23'34	AUG 14'36	Lever
1023	TORONTO	ONTARIO	NOV 16'34	FEB 1'36	Lever
1024	TORONTO	ONTARIO	SEP 11'34	NOV 6'36	Bank of Commerce
1025	TORONTO	ONTARIO	MAY 23'35	NOV 12'35	Lever

INVENTORY OF TYPE 10 POSTAGE METER USE

NUMBER	TOWNMARK		EARLIEST	LATEST	USER
101	TORONTO	ONTARIO	SEP 21'38	NOV 10'38	Pitney Bowes

Note: A trial date of Aug 29'38 is known.

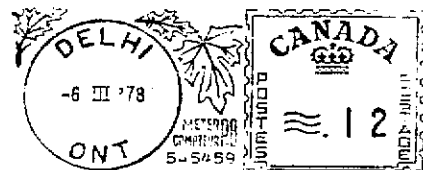
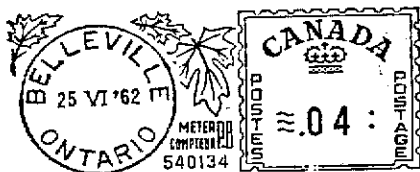
PITNEY BOWES TYPE 20 POSTAGE METER INDICIA

The Pitney Bowes series of postage meters which produce a Type 20 indicia is the most important collecting series with respect to numbers (about 50,000) available for collectors. The use of this indicia covers several product codes and has been the basic design used by Pitney Bowes since 1960. The basic design was approved by the Post Office Department 5 September 1957, and continues in use today, almost 40 years later.

The Pitney Bowes Model 5300 Series was designed to fill the gap between the small desk model Pitney Bowes Model DM3 with its 21¢ limit of postage, and their high speed Model R series of multi-denomination meters. The first meters in the series were desk-models with combined stamping and sealing. They utilized the new "ducking die" mechanism.

The Pitney Bowes Models 5306 and 5307 postage meters were approved by the Post Office Department on 29 September 1959. They were not placed in service until 8 February 1960. The earliest known example is dated 15 March 1960. The two meters could be used interchangeably with either the Model 5500 hand operated mailing machine, or the Model 5400 electrically operated mailing machine. When decimal postage meters were required US meters were imported as the Model 5300 and 5700 were the same.

The Model 5306 postage meter had a complete range of values from 1¢ to \$1.09½. This covered the surface and air rates at the time and also produced tapes for parcel postage. Postage ads were an optional feature which included a pad style bulk postage permit printer, and two inches of ad space. The entire unit weighed only 28 pounds of which the detachable meter weighed only 10 pounds. The Model 5306 was a high cost machine to manufacture and only a few were produced. It was replaced by a less expensive Model 5319 which was given a top value of \$10.00.

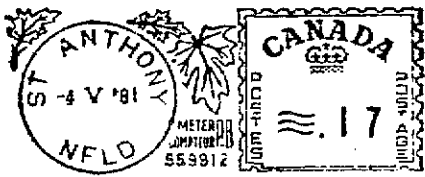


Model 5306

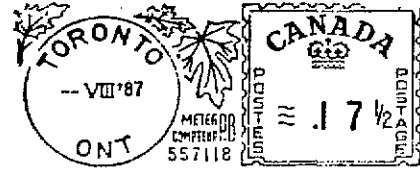
Model 5307

The Pitney Bowes Model 5307 was a 4-bank meter and had the capability of printing from 1¢ to \$9.99. It was used on a Model 5400, low cost, electric mailing machine. The dots at the right of the value were not active. This meter was primarily used on the Model 5403 desk model electric mailing machine. Machine bases were made in the UK for Canada after mid 1964. The Model 5307 was very popular.

The Pitney Bowes Model 5319 postage meter was a lower cost replacement for the Model 5306. It was given a postage range of 1¢ to \$10.00. It was introduced in 1964. It was a very popular postage meter. On August 31, 1970 there were 15,496 Model 5319 and 5,934 Model 5307 postage meters in use.



Model 5319



Model 5321

The Pitney Bowes Model 5321 postage meter was approved 8 July 1968. It was a Model 5319 converted to a 3½-bank fractional use; that is to 9.99½. The serial block is from 557000. The highest serial seen is 557122.

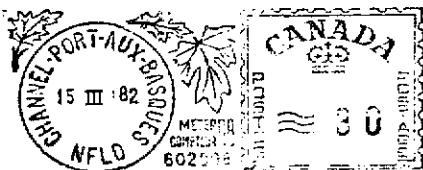
The Post Office had introduced a fractional rate effective 1 April 1964. A very few Model 5320, 2½-bank postage meters were made to serve this limited use. The value range was 00½ to 99½.

The Model 5318 postage meter was the US Model 5308, a 3-bank meter having a \$10.00 lockout.

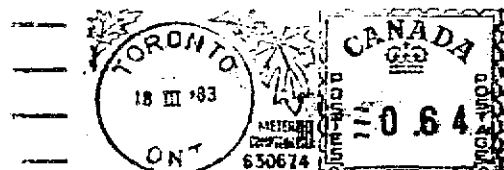
Two special purpose single rate postage meters were approved 1 June 1964. The RT-13 had the single rate ≡05≡. The RT-14 had a single rate of ≡08≡ for airmail. The serial block assigned was 606001.

Pitney Bowes tested the Remote Meter Resetting System (RMRS) in 1977 and marketed it in the USA in 1979. It was introduced to selected cities in Canada in August 1980. General distribution was delayed due to the unavailability of WATTS lines; however, national distribution was complete by March 1981. First day covers are dated 2 IX '80.

The original RMRS system used two postage meters. Model 5384, a 3-bank meter, had a setting capacity of \$200. The initial serial number started at 600001. The serial block exceeds 607613.



Model 5384



Model 5385

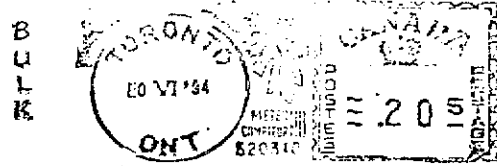
The second postage meter, a 4-bank non-decimal meter, Model 5385, had a resetting capacity of \$2,000. The initial serial number was 630001. This serial block now exceeds 631564.

These meters are one part of a complete mailing system which weighs, computes the appropriate postage, meters, seals and stacks the envelopes. Instead of taking the postage meter to the post office for resetting the meter operator, using a touch tone telephone, calls a data centre on the WATTS line. The postage meter serial number as well as the current ascending and descending dial readings are transmitted using the telephone buttons. The bank operator responds with a random number code. The code is used to set five red numbers and five white numbers which are located on the postage meter. These are punched using a special key. A knob is turned to dial the amount of postage to be purchased - either \$200, or \$2,000 or multiples of lesser amounts, depending on the meter.

Pitney Bowes Product Code 5397 is a non-decimal, non-fractional postage meter having a top value of \$99.99. The serial block assigned to this meter was from 500000 to 509999. The highest serial seen is 501550.



Model 5397



Model 0649

Pitney Bowes Product Code 0649 was a 3½-bank decimal postage meter with a top value of \$9.99⁹ for decimal use in mailing houses. The serial block assigned to this meter was 520000 to 520999. The highest serial number seen is 520334.

BASIC TYPE 20 INDICIA

The indicia is 22 mm by 55 mm overall. It has a postmark ad setting of 15mm and with the postmark ad the overall length is 101 mm. The townmark is single circle 20 mm in diameter. Early postage meters have the province abbreviated with a period following. The datemark is similar to the Model R series, single line with DMY, the month is in Roman numerals with serifs. Tapes are used with this series.

Maple leaves are at the top left and right of the townmark. In the centre, below a maple leaf are the words METER/COMPTEUR at left of PB and a six-digit serial number below between the townmark and frank. Imitation perforations, 8, on top and sides; CANADA above and Crown below with POSTES and POSTAGE vertically at the

sides.

The serial numerals have two forms. The original form used a wide "5", and open "4", a round top "3" and curved tail "9". Newer serial numbers were restyled with a narrow "5", a closed "4" and a flat top "3". The first open "4" starts with meter 542780.

The form of the rate is the only distinguishing major variety in the Type 20 series. A "triad" is the term that describes the 3 horizontal lines "=" placed before the rate value.

Type 20.1 uses a form with a short triad, a period and two figures of value, A colon with dots 2 mm apart follows the value. For fractional rates the colon is replaced by " $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The colon was non functional on some Model 5306 postage meters. Meter serial numbers using this form begin at 540000 and 557000. The triad does not print when values exceed \$1.00.

Type 20.2 uses a form with a long triad, a period and two figures of value. (Models 5319, 5384) Meter serial numbers using this form begin at 542500 and goes to about 582000, and 600000. When values are over \$1.00 a one-half triad is shown. At \$10.00 the balance of the triad disappears. Note, the same serial number exists in both Type 20.1 and Type 20.2 where a postage meter has been reconditioned. Types 20.1 and 20.2 are mixed in the range 542500 to 549263. In 1968 about 220 postage meters were reconditioned. The indicia was converted from Type 20.1 to Type 20.2. Example numbers where both types exist are 544575, 544786 and 544478.

Type 20.3 (Model 5397, 5385) uses a form with a short triad, a dollar value, a period and two figures of value. Meter serial numbers using this form begin at 500000 and 630000.

Type 20.4 (Model 0649) uses a form with a short triad, a period and two figures of value followed by a short triad. For decimal rates the last triad is replaced with a small superscript numeral. Meter serial numbers using this form begin at 520000.

SERIAL BLOCKS

500000 -	highest seen is 501550 -	Type 20.3
520000 - 520999	highest seen is 520334 -	Type 20.4
540002 - 542499		- Type 20.1
542500 - 557118	highest seen is 581434 -	Mixed Type 20.1 and 20.2
550001 -		
557001 -	highest seen is 557122 -	Type 20.1
600001 -	highest seen is 607613 -	Type 20.2
630001 -	highest seen is 631564 -	Type 20.3

Examples of mixed types are:-

544390 : 544402 ≡ 544405 : 544411 : 544414 ≡ 544420 :
544431 : 544435 ≡ 544436 ≡ 544440 : 544441 :

Postal ads with vertical postage notices are BLK RATE and THIRD-CLASS

Out of postage? Talk. Don't walk.

We Get You There Fast!

Mr. N. Taylor
13 Eastwind Drive
Toronto, Ontario
M4W 2P3

Reset your postage meter by phone!

With Pitney Bowes new Remote Meter Resetting System, the Post Office is only a phone call away. One toll-free* call allows you to reset your postage meter in just 90 seconds, without ever leaving your office. Which means never being without postage. No more worries about missing important mailing deadlines. Fewer trips to the post office. And no more waiting in line to have the meter reset. The RMRS[®] System more than pays for itself in the costly man-hours it saves you. Whether you mail a few letters a day, or a few hundred, find out how the RMRS System can put the Post Office at your fingertips.

*A small charge is made for each transaction.

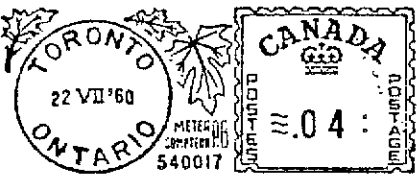
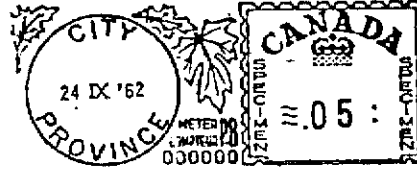
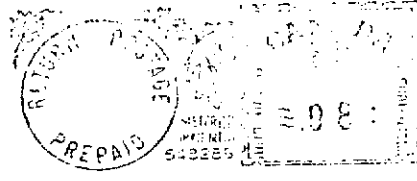
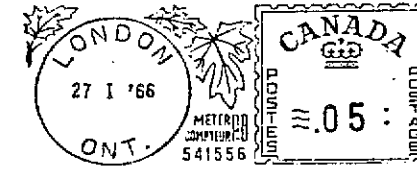
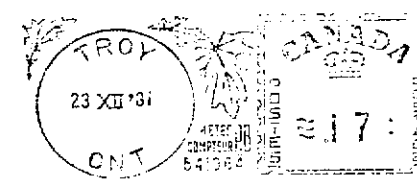
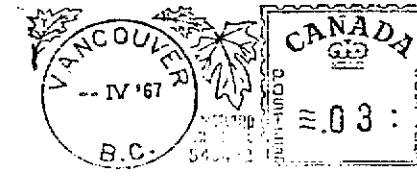
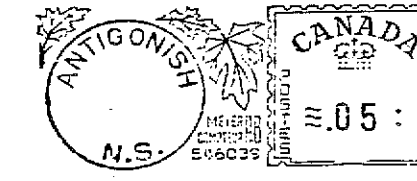
Call us for a demonstration.
Toll free 1-800-268-7801
(in B.C. 112-800-268-7801)

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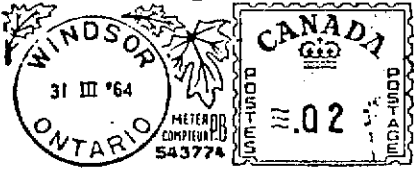
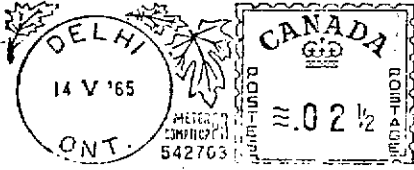

Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd., 150 Ferrand Drive, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3B5, over 50 offices across Canada.
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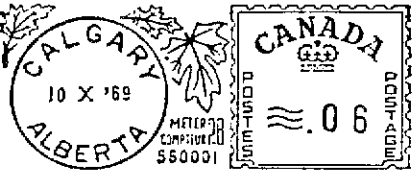

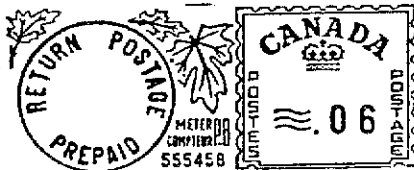
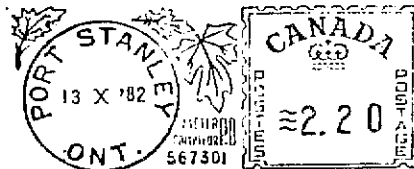
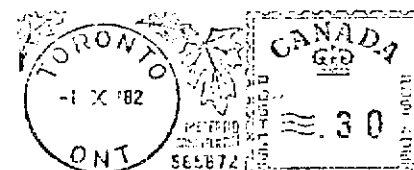
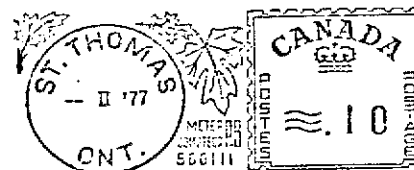
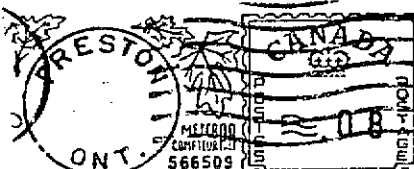
CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
20.1.	 <p>TORONTO 22 VII '60 ONTARIO METER NO. 540017</p> <p>CANADA 0.04</p>	Basic type
20.1.1	 <p>CITY 24 IX '62 PROVINCE METER NO. 000000</p> <p>CANADA 0.05</p>	CITY PROVINCE SPECIMEN
20.1.2	 <p>RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID METER NO. 540000</p> <p>CANADA 0.08</p>	RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID
20.1.3	 <p>LONDON 27 I '66 ONT. METER NO. 541556</p> <p>CANADA 0.05</p>	Province abbr, with dot
20.1.4	 <p>TROY 23 XII '61 ONT. METER NO. 541556</p> <p>CANADA 0.17</p>	Province abbr, no dot
20.1.5	 <p>VANCOUVER -- IV '67 B.C. METER NO. 541556</p> <p>CANADA 0.03</p>	DATEMARK: No day
20.1.6	 <p>ANTIGONISH N.S. METER NO. E06039</p> <p>CANADA 0.05</p>	DATEMARK: Blank

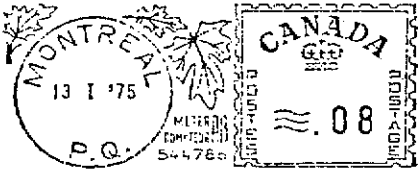

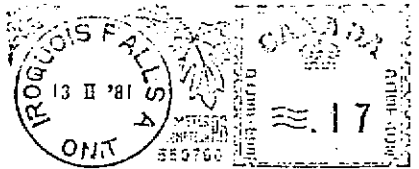
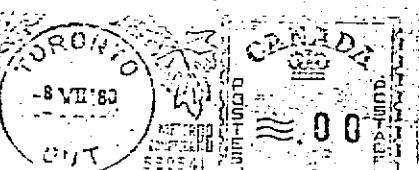
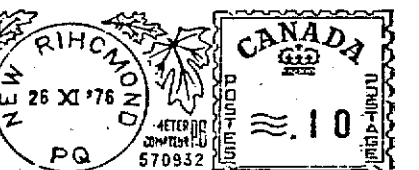
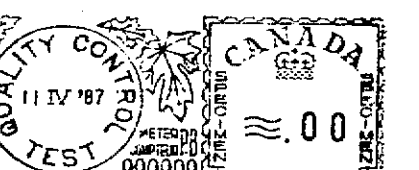
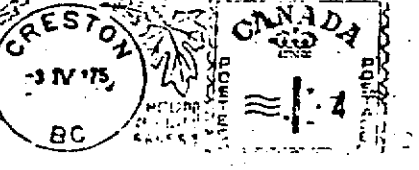
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20.1.8		Fractional rate
		Military use

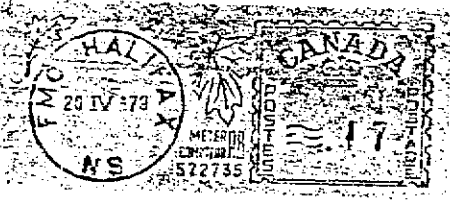
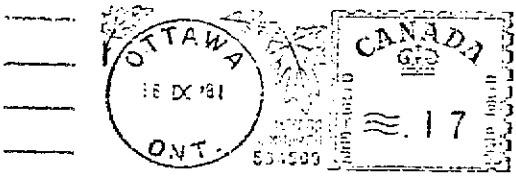
CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
20.2		Basic type
20.2.1		CITY PROVINCE SPECIMEN
20.2.2		RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID
20.2.3		Province abbr, with dot
20.2.4		Province abbr, no dot
20.2.5		DATEMARK: No day
20.2.6		DATEMARK: Blank

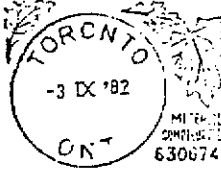


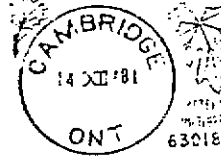


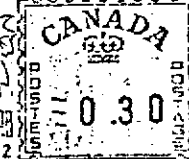

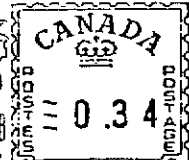
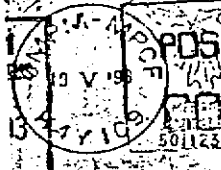
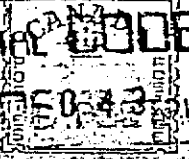


CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
20.2.7		Serial: Open 4
20.2.8		No dot before value
20.2.9		Sub-post office
20.2.10		POSTAGE DUE use
20.2.11		ERROR: Town name
20.2.12		QUALITY CONTROL TEST - SPECIMEN
20.2.13		

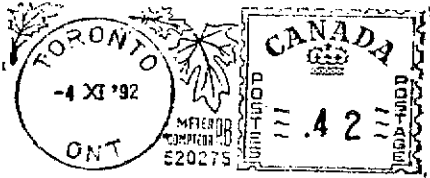
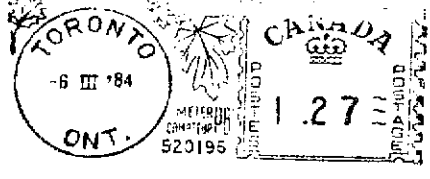


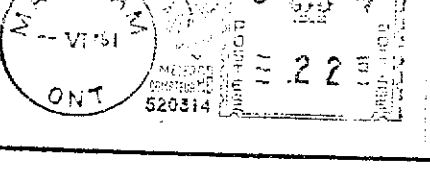
CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
20.2.14		
		

MSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
20.3	 	Basic type
20.3.1	  	3 bars at left
20.3.2	 	RETURN POSTAGE PREPAID
20.3.3	 	Province abbr, with dot
20.3.4	 	Postal code in Townmark
20.3.5	 	Military use

CMSG METER CATALOG

Type	Indicia	Remarks
20.4		Basic type
20.4.1		Province abbr, with dot
20.4.2		DATEMARK: No day
20.4.3		DATEMARK: 0 for day
20.4.4		Decimal rate

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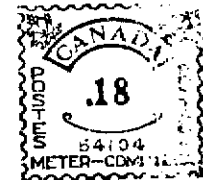
EDITOR'S NOTES

The next Newsletter will have Type 21 - the Friden group of postage meters as a theme. It will take me awhile to get things in one place to write it up. If you have unique items in the Friden line please send in a photocopy.

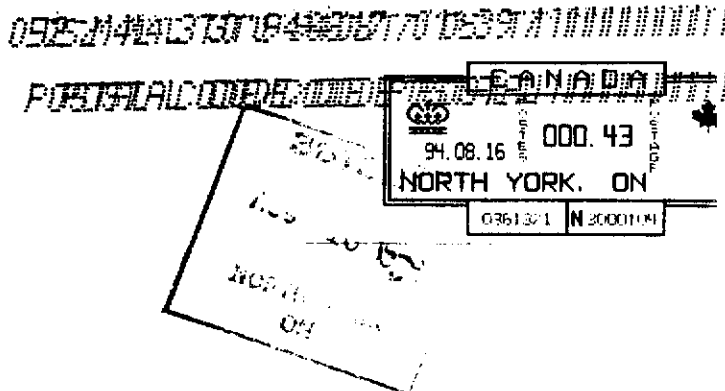
This issue has no theme. It strictly deals with items that members have sent in over the years and I am just getting around to use. Some are quite poor due to bad photocopies or very light impressions. I will describe the main features for inclusion. There are some very nice (meaning I wish I owned it) items shown here.

The first item I picked up for 10¢ in a dealers box at the Kitchener Stamp Show. It is an 18¢ rate. I didn't realize it existed.

The Ottawa Citizen
PATTERN DEPARTMENT
RESS AVE. SCARBOROUGH, ONT. M1P 4P7
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED



Norbert sent me a Nixdorf (N3-104) from near North York city hall. They refused to give a sample so the purchased cover went through the mail. It has the North York RPO hand cancel and the 052 Toronto South Central Letter Processing Plant impression showing it went through the system twice. Somedays we get such treatment. Why?



In case you have a lot of money for which you do not have a plan. Canada Post will offer you a good franchise.

The attractive brochure can be picked up at your local RPO. I have reduced it here so you can read what goodies they will offer to you.

Take advantage of it through Canada Post Corporation's new *Postal Franchising Program*.

A program that offers the public more conveniently located post offices and extended hours of service. A program that offers you excellent new retail opportunities. And a program that will sweep Canada's retail postal service right into the future.

New Profit Opportunities

Postal products are always in demand. Everyone needs them. So day after day, stamps, parcels, registered letters, electronic mail and Priority Post courier service will be excellent profit opportunities for you.

The opportunity to run postal franchise right in your

You'll also profit from the sale of specialty items such as first edition stamps and stamp collecting accessories. A host of attractive postal novelties and gift items will catch customers' eyes too.

More Customer Traffic

A postal franchise will draw more people into your store. The simple fact is, as a traffic builder, franchising's potential is enormous.

Thousands of post office customers will come to you. And that will have a positive impact on sales throughout your store.

selves. (What's more, stamps will be both pre-packaged *and* available elsewhere in your store - near the cash registers for example.)

As a result, line-ups will be reduced or eliminated and postal transactions will take much less time.

Unique, Attractive Design

In designing the franchise, we kept two ideas firmly in mind. The first was to create a work area that could easily be integrated into any store.

The second was to plan for the most efficient use of space.

a store.

The result is an attractive, unique component design that can easily be adapted to any store.

We included modern point of sale technology that enables your employees to handle each customer quickly. We also planned the entire layout so your employees will find everything close at hand.

You'll find the franchise offers you ample room and no wasted space. You'll be pleased with the return per square foot it delivers.

Which Stores Qualify?

Only well-managed retail businesses should apply. Applicants are assessed on such criteria as store location, hours, parking facilities, the interior space available for the franchise, the store's general appearance and more. Your credit worthiness is an important factor, too.

Each Franchise Territory Is Defined

Each franchise has specific boundaries. In addition to the master franchise store, subsidiary locations can be operated within the franchise area.

Right now, franchise locations are being studied in communities all across Canada. Customer needs, population density and

traffic patterns are among the factors that will determine exactly where they will be.

You Get Comprehensive Support
Thorough training and ongoing support are available.

Special product, sales and marketing promotions and a Promotional Planning Calendar will be provided to support your sales effort throughout the year.

Merchandising And Presentation
All of your products will be attractively presented and easy to buy.

Most postal items will be pre-packaged, so customers will be able to serve them-

Better Postal Service For All
Franchising takes the two best qualities of private retail business - convenience and selling expertise - and combines them with the products and services of Canada Post Corporation.

The result is a modern retail postal service that will benefit Canadians from coast to coast.

That, in a nutshell, is the whole idea



behind the new Retail Postal Franchising Program.

It is an excellent opportunity to improve our retail service, as well as an excellent retail opportunity for you.

To find out more, write:

Director of Franchising, Sir Alexander Campbell Building, Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0B1

PITNEY-BOWES PARAGON MAIL SYSTEM INVENTORY

SERIAL TOWN

000000 CITY-VILLE
 200000 DON MILLS ONT
 200008 ETOBICOKE ONT
 200010 HALIFAX NS
 200021 VANCOUVER BC
 200030 WATERLOO ONT
 200032 HALIFAX NS
 200035 MISSISSAUGA ONT
 200040 WESTON ONT
 200041 HALIFAX NS
 200042 VANCOUVER BC
 200047 SASKATOON SASK
 200052 WOLFVILLE NS
 200053 FREDERICTON NB
 200059 DON MILLS ONT
 200067 DON MILLS ONT
 200070 VANCOUVER BC
 200073 PRINCE RUPERT BC
 200075 MONTREAL P.Q.
 200076 OTTAWA ONT
 200079 HALIFAX NS
 200082 TORONTO ONT
 200085 VICTORIA BC
 200086 VANCOUVER BC
 200089 VANCOUVER BC
 200092 MISSISSAUGA ONT
 200108 VANCOUVER BC
 200113 OTTAWA ONT
 200117 KAMLOOPS BC
 200120 VICTORIA BC
 200124 VANCOUVER BC
 200131 TORONTO ON
 200132 VANCOUVER BC
 200138 MONTREAL PQ
 200146 TORONTO ONT
 200151 THUNDER BAY ONT
 200159 OTTAWA ONT
 200162 OTTAWA ONT
 200163 ALMA PQ
 200170 OTTAWA ONT
 200174 KINGSTON ONT
 200183 TORONTO ONT
 200196 OTTAWA ONT
 200200 THUNDER BAY ONT
 200222 REGINA SASK
 200224 INUVIK NT
 200227 MISSISSAUGA ONT
 200228 CALGARY ALTA
 200260 WATERLOO ONT
 200266 OTTAWA ONT
 200273 OTTAWA ONT
 200284 KAMLOOPS BC
 200316 VANCOUVER BC
 200326 WINNIPEG MAN
 200327 VICTORIA BC
 200337 OAKVILLE ONT
 200372 VANCOUVER BC
 200375 HALIFAX NS
 200380 TORONTO ON

200430 ST JOHNS NF
 200466 TORONTO ON
 200470 PETERBOROUGH ONT
 200491 TORONTO ON
 200523 SASKATOON SASK
 200565 GORE BAY ON
 200636 VANCOUVER BC
 200637 HALIFAX NS
 200639 MONCTON NB
 200648 HAMILTON ONT
 200685 CALGARY ALTA
 200774 TORONTO ON

Who has more for this list? Particularly any varieties. Note the "ON" on 200466.

Mailing machines

Offices use swift high technology to generate information. If they choose to transmit documents by mail, they are using sluggish old technology that, at the end, relies on shoe leather to get the message to its destination. Bringing new methods to this old industry, **Pitney Bowes Inc.** of Stamford, Conn., dominates and leads the mailing technology market.

Its fastest machine, the Paragon Mail Processor, can measure, weigh, and apply postage to 90 envelopes a minute. If the envelopes are all the same size, it will do 225 a minute.

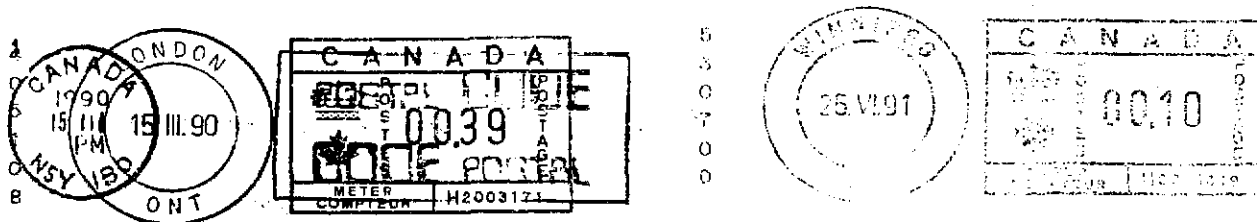
Paragons can be bought from \$18,000 to \$30,000 plus tax, the price depending on software and accessories. At the other end of the market, PB's smallest machines lease for \$15.50 a month plus tax. Tell them the cheque is in the mail.

Leland Brown sent me information that I can use over the next several issues including an inventory of Type 5, Type 6 and Type 12 meters. Leland also included the following items.

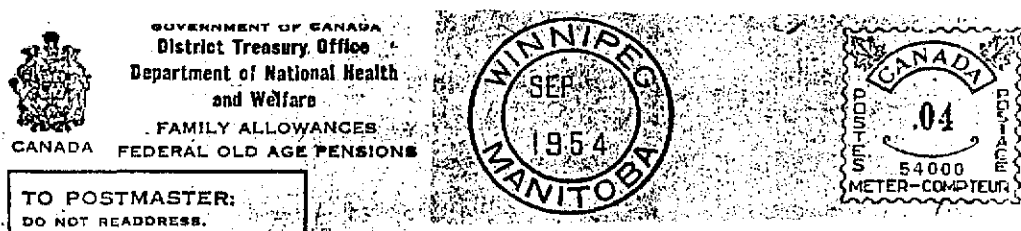
Toronto Air Mail Facility - TORONTO AMF in townmark. Meter RN775661 dated 17 XI 81



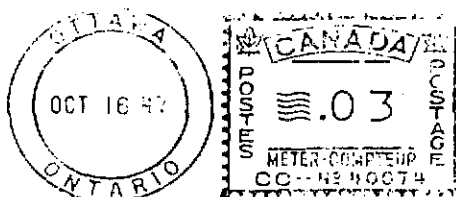
Two Hasler meters (H2003171 LONDON ONT, 15.III.90, and H2004419 WINNIPEG MB, 25.VI.91) showing the RPO number vertically to left of the townmark. These read 405108 and 530700. What was the use for these meters?



Proof that Type 8 starts at 54000, not 54001 as previously reported. This is meter 54000 used for Family Allowance payments at Winnipeg in September 1954.

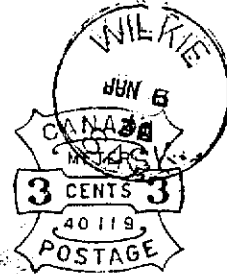


Double circle townmarks in Type 12 are scarce. This one is from Ottawa, used Oct 16'47. Meter 40074

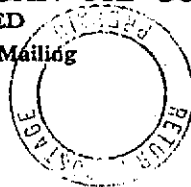


Shown here is a Type 5 RETURN POSTAGE / PREPAID using a smaller type font. Below is the same townmark but inverted. This is meter 40119 used in 1932. A very early use.

THE
BRITISH AMERICAN OIL CO.
LIMITED
At Point of Mailing



THE
BRITISH AMERICAN OIL CO.
LIMITED
At Point of Mailing



This Type 3.1, 4¢ rate is another rare item. Note it pays the airmail rate of 6¢ in 1930. The meter number is 1424 and was used at Winnipeg. The 2¢ rate is Type 3.3.



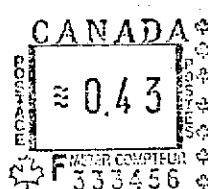
Type 11.1 with postmark ad reading POSTAGE DUE / DEPOT 1 / CALGARY. There is no townmark. The datemark reads:- 2 IV'80. Serial number 143590.

POSTAGE DUE
DEPOT 1
CALGARY

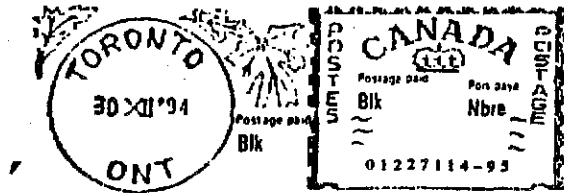


Friden meter 333456 showing a datemark (19.IV.93) but no townmark.

19. IV. 93



And finally something really new. It appears to be a Pitney Bowes 1000000 series postage meter with the same rate frame and town and datemark. Note that below the maple leaf it reads "Postage paid" and "Blk". Within the rate frame are the postage indicators of "Blk" and "Nbre" with 3 dashes below each one. At the bottom is a number - 01227114 - 95. Has anyone any clue as to what it is? Is it a meter or printed stamp?



The following is a Canadian Meter Town Checklist which I inherited and is dated 1949. Just running it here for the record.

CANADIAN METER TOWN CHECKLIST

<u>Alberta</u>	<u>Meter No.</u>	<u>Nova Scotia</u>	
Calgary	54020	Amherst	40176
Edmonton	54008	*Antigonish	84421
Lethbridge	83870	Halifax	54028
Medicine Hat	1438	Kentville	1148
Raymond	83241	Liverpool	140226
Sedgewick	84543	Sydney	40190
		Trenton	83970
		Truro	46015
<u>British Columbia</u>			
Kelowne	140524		
N.P.C. 1113 (Navy P.O.)	140231		
*Nelson	140901	<u>Ontario</u>	
New Westminster	83983	Acton	46091
Powell River	83987	Aginacourt	84267
*Trail	140583	*Ajax	140214
Vancouver	54019	Allandale	82724
Vernon	40226	Batawa	84011
Victoria	54023	Belleville	82765
Mission City	1331	Brampton	82800
		Brantford	82406
		Brockville	40169
		Burlington	82668
		Cardinal	82761
		Chatham	82494
<u>Manitoba</u>		Cobourg	40025
Brandon	1182	Copper Cliff	83811
Ninette	84150	Cornwall	82512
Portage La Prairie	40018	Dundas	83465
St. Boniface	82453	Dunnville	82547
Wawanesa	94066	Essex	1034
Winnipeg	04003	Fergus	82485
		Fort Erie	83807
		Fort Erie North	4070
		Fort William	82909
		Frankford	84034
		Galt	40228
<u>New Brunswick</u>		Cananoque	83251
Bathurst	83759	Georgetown	140228
Edmundston	40046	Gravenhurst	83006
Fairville	40268	Grimsby	47202
Fredericton	40229	Guelph	82656
Moncton	4264	Hamilton	54023
*Port Elgin	84794	Hespler	83844
Sackville	47000	Humberstone	82881
Saint John	40079	Ingersoll	46156
*Woodstock	83304	IrOquois	82771
		Kingston	83769
		Kitchener	46040
		Leamington	83701
		Lindsay	82693
		London	54066

INVENTORY OF TYPE 11 MAIL-O-MAT USE

NUMBER	TOWNMARK	EARLIEST	LATEST	USER
51002	TORONTO ONTARIO	AUG 22'47	SEP 6'47	Pitney Bowes (CNE)
51009	OTTAWA ONTARIO P.O.	JAN 3'45	AUG 6'53	Pitney Bowes
51010	OTTAWA ONTARIO P.O.	FEB 3'44	JAN 3'45	Pitney Bowes
51010	OTTAWA ONTARIO P.O.	17 IX'57	19 IX'57	Pitney Bowes (UPU)

Wilf Whitehouse reports the following town:-
OYAMA BC serial 670990

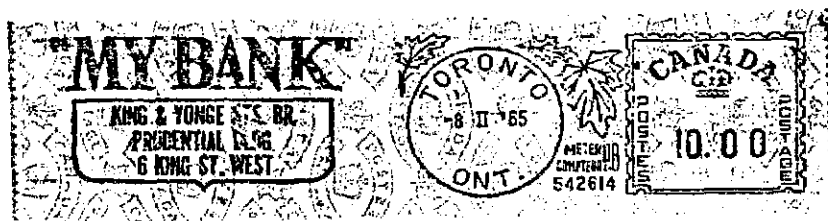
"No doubt you are aware there has been a change in the style of meter serial numbers in Type 11. I have not been able to pin down at exactly where the change took place; however, the last number in the old style of serial number I have is 160294, while the lowest number in the new style is 160402. The new style numbers are similar to those in Type 18. Can anyone narrow the gap for this change in type font?"

Type 18 serial numbers reported include 156000 and 156086.

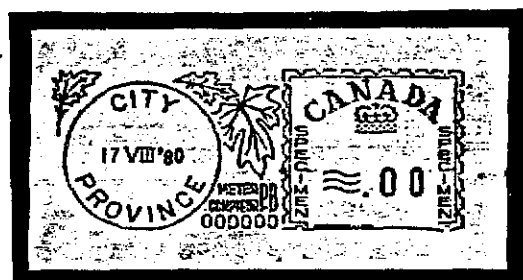
Below is a ≡.00 free frank in meter 556454. The meter is from the Gouvernement du Quebec, Cabinet du Premier Ministre. I thought free franking was only available in Ottawa while the legislature was in session. Is this an authorized use?



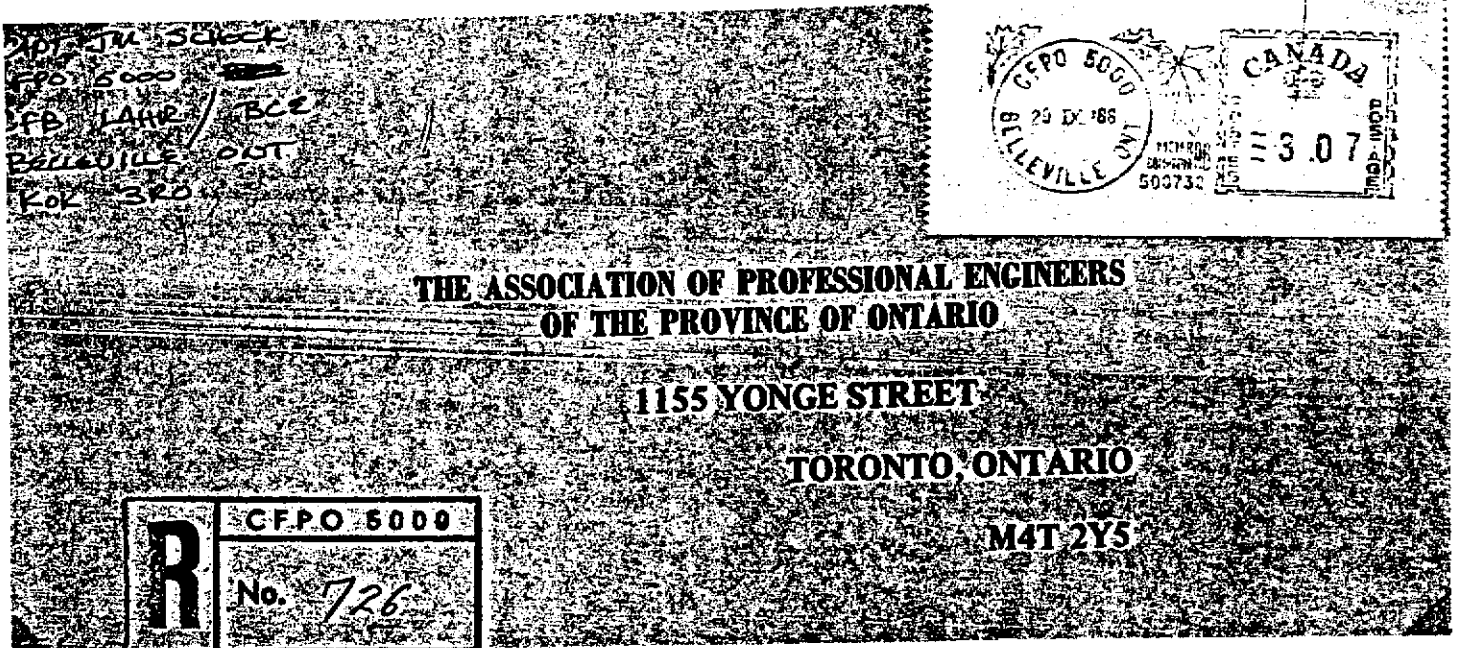
Just to show that the 542000 series has a \$10.00 value, not \$9.99. The difference is the indicia below is from a Model 5319.



Dave Cooper sent in quite a few examples of Type 20. Here is a tape showing the new machine cut ends (non-serrated) that was introduced in early 1980.

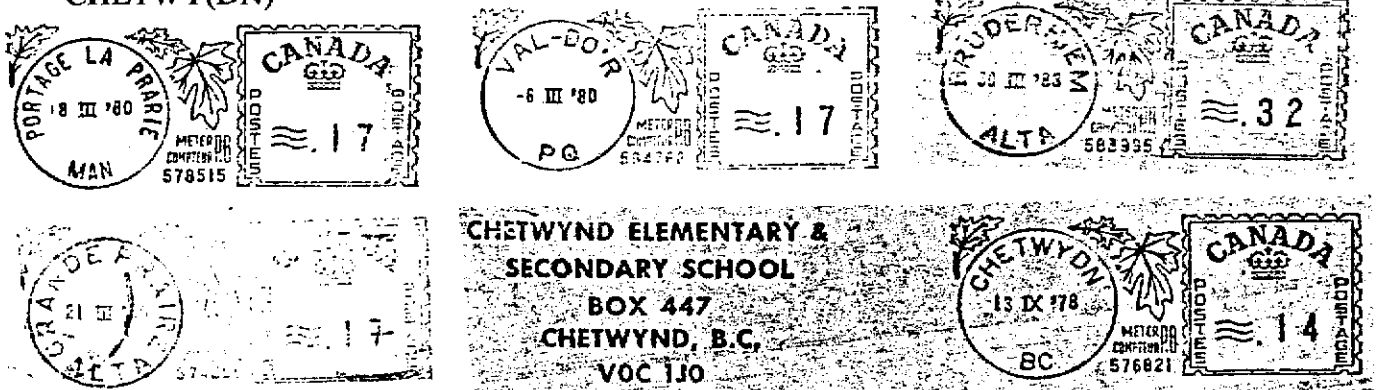


Cover posted at CFPO 5000 in Lahr, Germany, to Toronto. The meter was applied at the main Post Office in Belleville which houses CFPO 5000. I don't know about the Registration.



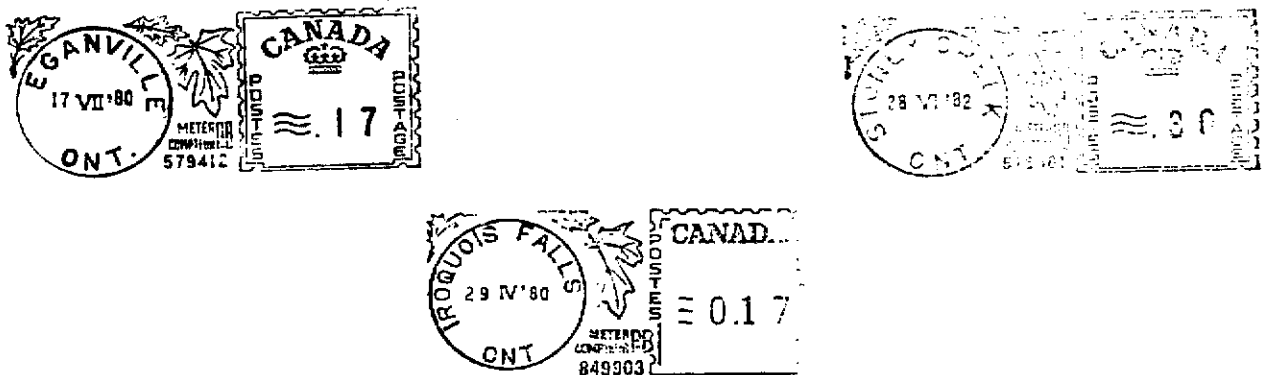
Below are some indicia with incorrect spelling in the townmark.

PORTAGE LA PRA(I)RIE; VAL-D() OR; BRUDERH(IE)M; GRANDE PRAIR(I)E; CHETWY(DN)



Below are some town names which are off centre - EGANVILLE, STONEY CREEK.

The "A" has been removed from IROQUOIS FALLS A



Looks like this die for WILLIAMSTOWN has been recut higher?



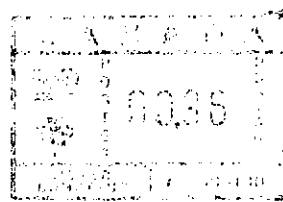
A number of postal directives of interest.

IMPORTANT; URGENT; RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED; COURRIER;
HOUSEHOLDER RATE; BULK MAIL (Note the postal code warning)
Postmark ad inverted.

IMPORTANT



URGENT



RETURN
POSTAGE
GUARANTEED

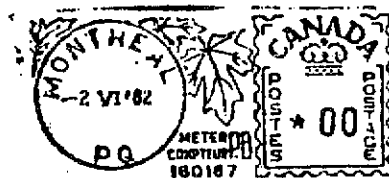


CAPITAINE
Ass: HENRI ANDRE RENE
The Casualty/Excelsior Life

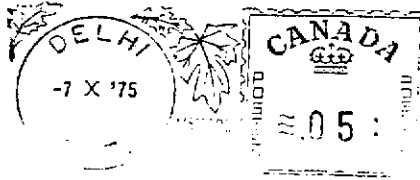
COURRIER
Canada postage meter stamp with a value of 00.



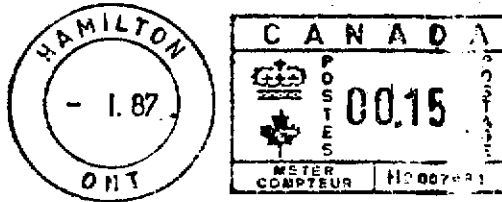
Tarifs Des Envois
Sans Adresse
Householder Rate



BULK
EN BLOC



BULK MAIL

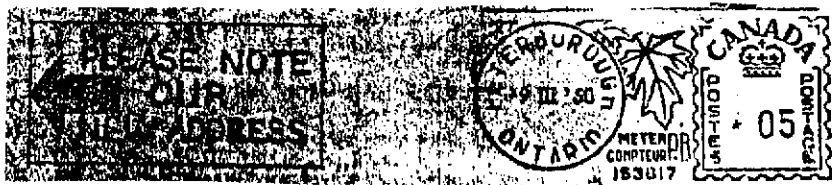


DA LINDSEY
CHIEF EXEC
GUELPH DC-LINE LIMITED
WELLINGTON STREET W
GUELPH

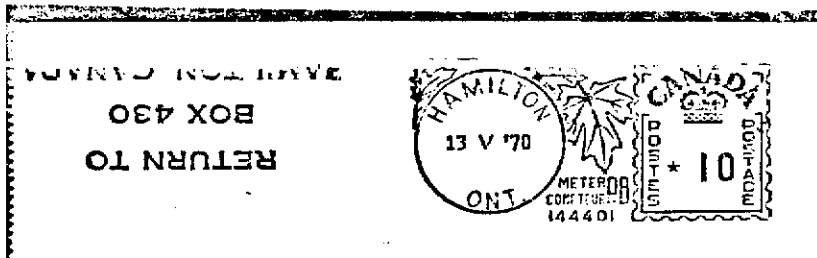
N5C 3K5

ONT

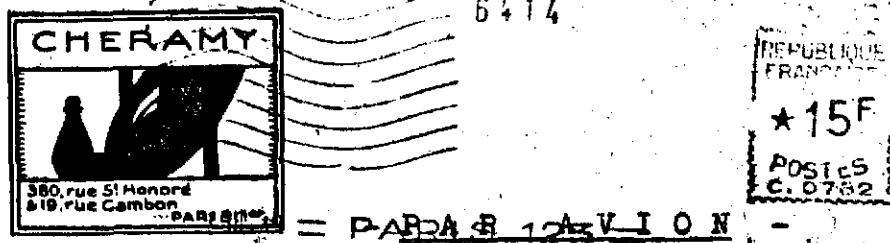
MAIL DELAYED
WRONG POSTAL CODE
Please notify your
correspondents
COURRIER RETARDE
CODE POSTAL ERREUR
Veuillez aviser vos
correspondants



RETURN TO
BOX 430
HAMILTON, CANADA



A cover posted at Paris, France, using a Havas Model C.0762 meter and addressed to the Isles de St.Pierre & Miquelon, just off Newfoundland. The receiving handstamp is dated 15-3-1949.



Monsieur Eugène LEDRET,

DE LUXE STORE,

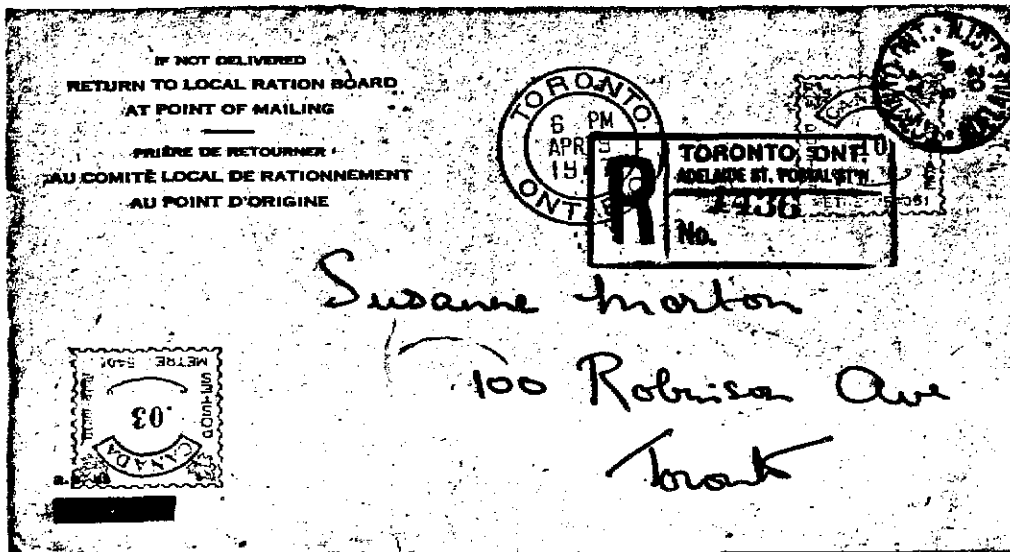
P.O.Box 66,

SAINT-PIERRE -

- Iles de St.Pierre & Miquelon -

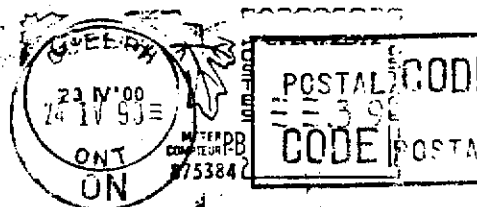
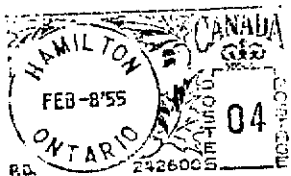


Reduced in size, registered cover shows the postage rate of 3¢ in the lower left and the registration charge of 10¢ in the upper right. The handstamp is the Toronto Adelaide St P.O.

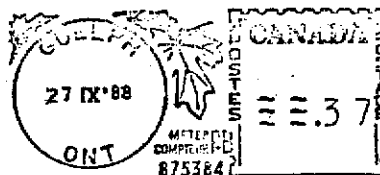
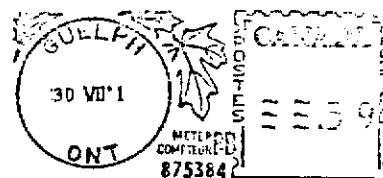
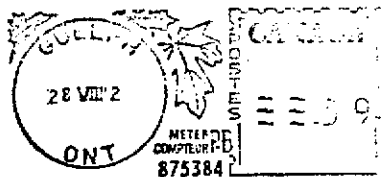
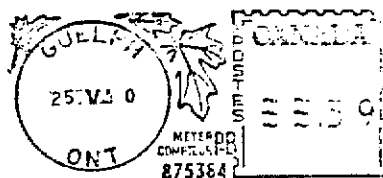
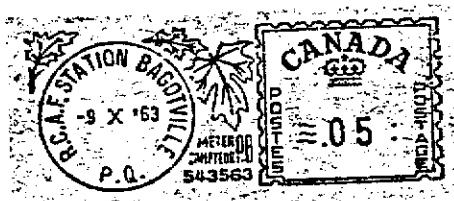


Here are examples from the same meter in Guelph. Note the year in the datemark. Only the last one is correct.

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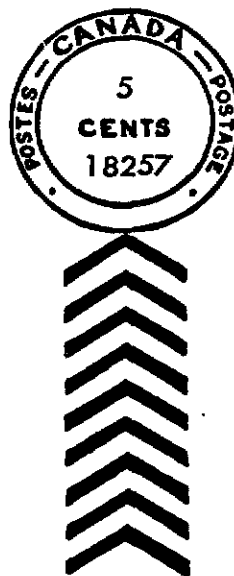


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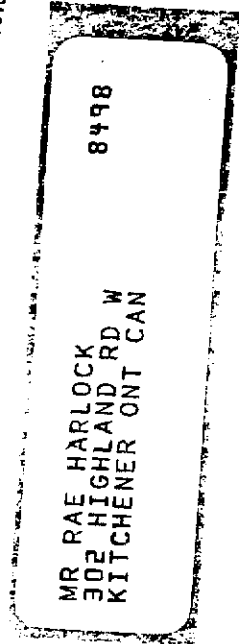
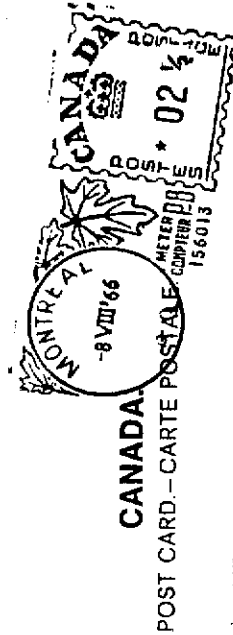
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