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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Membership. We are again pleased to welcome some more new members to the Group with this issue of the Bulletin, they are :-

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| (190) Mr W. H. Thomas,         | 46 Glenalla Road, LLANELLI, Carmarthen.                   |
| (191) Mr J. Ramsdale,          | 18 Brookfield Street, LEIGH, Lancashire.                  |
| (192) Rev. Garner Scott Odell, | 35 Lost Valley Drive, Orinda,<br>California 94563, U.S.A. |
| (193) Mr R. T. Jacques,        | 10 Gordon Road, DOVERCOURT, Essex.                        |
| (194) Mr K. R. Pollard,        | "Loreto", Fownhope, HEREFORDSHIRE.                        |
| (195) Mr J. D. Loughrey,       | 213 Allerton Road, LIVERPOOL 18.                          |
| (196) Mr C. W. Delk, Sr.       | 1329 22nd Street, Des Moines,<br>Iowa 50311, U.S.A.       |

(Mr Jacques is particularly interested in machines used by Shipping and Air travel firms, the "rag trade" and Council offices.)

The Editor. We much regret to say that our Editor, Alfred Dewey, is still too ill to carry out any work for the Group or to answer any correspondence from members. He had to return to hospital recently and for the time being the Hon. Sec. is undertaking the compilation of the Bulletin. Please send all notes and news direct to him.

Next Bulletin. This is expected to be in September 1967. We have, at the moment, several contributions which have had to be held over, either because of lack of space or because they raise points which need to be checked before publication. On the next page we have listed some items for which we need information, please check through this and your own collection carefully and see if you can help at all.

Contributions, news, "highest numbers" etc. should be sent to the Hon. Sec. to arrive before the middle of August if possible.

INFORMATION WANTED.

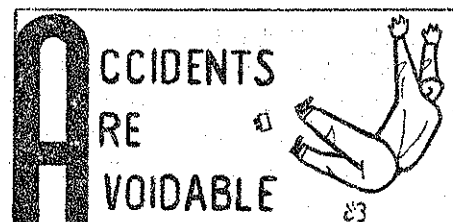
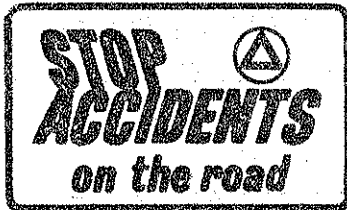
Can any member report the following machines used in Great Britain ?

P.B.434H      P.B.831H      NE 365 (Southampton)      SA 779

or the location of UG 260 and UG 261 before use in Edinburgh and Dundee respectively. Details, if any, to the Hon. Sec.

"STANDARD SLOGANS"

We recently received a press notice from Messrs Pitney-Bowes which announced the availability of three different "Safety" slogans issued in conjunction with "ROSPA" (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) and available at reduced prices to meter users. They are illustrated below, on the left.



"STANDARD SLOGANS" (Contd.)

Almost by the same post Mr Warren, of Vancouver, sent us information of three slogans available in Canada and issued there by Pitney-Bowes in conjunction with the Workmens Compensation Board of British Columbia, these are illustrated opposite, on the right.

In conjunction with the centennial of the Canadian Confederation and the associated "Expo 67" Pitney-Bowes are also offering a range of suitable slogans, in both English and French and on a more local basis a range for users in British Columbia. The cost of these in Canada is \$9.00 for the smaller (to suit Models DM and DM-3) and \$12.00 for the larger (to suit all other models).

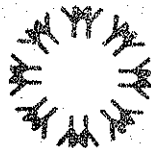
(As with all such exhibitions and celebrations there will also be many "private" slogans incorporating the various centennial symbols, some have already been seen.)



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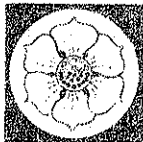


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"STANDARD SLOGANS" (Contd.)

The issue of these "Standard" slogans has been referred to recently in this Bulletin in connection with the Shakespeare Tercentenary and the World (Football) Cup games. Such slogans have a long history in the USA and some of the earlier ones used in connection with the "NRA" (National Recovery Administration), "Parcel Post Jubilee" and the war-time "Buy Victory Bonds" are much sought after by meter collectors.

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BOOK REVIEW.

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"THE FIRST U.S. OVAL POSTAGE METERS", Compiled by Robert T. Needels, 34 pages 11" x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " plus 11 pages of tables. Spiral binding. Available from the Author at 874 North Howard Street, Akron, Ohio 44310, U.S.A., price \$3.00 including postage.

For some years Mr Needels has been making a specialised study of the U.S.A. "Ovals", Barfoot & Simon Type C 1, known in the U.S.A. as the "Type EE", of which a total of some 5195 were manufactured by Pitney-Bowes and he has been recording every machine, its location, values, etc.

This book is a preliminary report and summary of his findings into the various dies that were factory produced and does not take into account varieties of townmark, colours or the different values produced by the use of re-valuing "slugs" in the die itself or in the townmark. There were other manufacturers who produced machines printing similar designs but these, too, are excluded.

It commences with a brief history of the machines and then goes on to discuss all the possible and likely combinations of values and inscription (such as "ONE CENT PAID", "CENTS PAID", "CENTS", etc.) and the changes that were or could have been made from one to another. All those known are well illustrated by actual examples - the offset process used is good for such illustrations - and the text explains each one fully.

The tables that follow show, in rather an ingenious form, the actual values known to have been used on each machine, in some cases there are more than one as quite a few machines were altered at some time or another, but in most cases only one value is known to have existed.

A book for the U.S.A. specialist and recommended for every collector of these fascinating early issues - the Hon. Sec. has already gone back to his own collection to check again !!

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Having written the paragraphs above we must also congratulate Mr Needels on the award of a silver medal at "Interpex 1967" for his display entitled "Those Classical Experimental Mailomats".

## G. B. NOTES

Automax. The number of the earlier machines, in the "A" series and up to AA 90, which were changed from the EiiR die to the Emblems die proves to be much greater than we first supposed, and lists have been submitted by Messrs M. L. Blakeston, C. Delahoy, D. Fletcher, J. T. Brown, M. Richards (Durham), T. M. Richards (W.2.), G. M. Stelfox and P. D. Wood.

Altogether, including those listed previously, there are more than 60 with the "A" prefix and 30-odd (up to 90) with the "AA" prefix, which are too many to list here. It may however be mentioned that A 1 was used by Pitney-Bowes at HARLOW as well as before their removal from LONDON N.18.

For reasons of space this was omitted from the last Bulletin.

Pitney-Bowes Model CV. In reporting a "highest number" Mr Fletcher remarks that the letters and figures of PC 173 (without stops) are noticeably larger, being fully 3mm high. Earlier ones are between  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $2\frac{3}{4}$ mm high.

Mr J. T. W. Mann also shows us a copy of PC 137 in which the day and month (4 APR) are in letters  $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high and the year (1967) is in letters 3mm high.

Taken together with the possible permutations of size of townmark circle, stops after or between the letters and now these, the series seems to be getting very complicated !

Pitney-Bowes Model 4255. Mr D. Fletcher points out some differences between RT 2227 (BIRMINGHAM) and RT 2447. The latter, used at Northampton, has a plain DC townmark as compared with RT 2227 which has a lower arc, and the "0" of the value in RT 2447 is close to the frame leaving a gap before the "/". The identification number on 2447 is also in smaller figures than that on 2227.

Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. Mr P. D. Wood shows us a copy of P.B.8820 on which the town name "HYDE / CHESHIRE" has the "HYDE" set to the right (or clock-wise) some  $27^{\circ}$  from the centre as if part of the name has been cut away.

Mr D. Fletcher reports P.B.078E with the month of the date in Arabic figures, i.e. 24.4.67 and 26.4.67, on 10 IV 67 this machine was using the normal Roman figures.

(See also "Irish Notes" on page 81.)

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. The manufacturers have confirmed that the change of the date figures from Arabic to Roman is deliberate and is being made for all countries except Sweden, who insist on the Arabic. The actual point of change is not known but Mr Blakeston reports J 5011 in Arabic and J 5053, 5085, 5137 and 5200 in Roman figures.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305 ("Frankmaster"). A non-member, Mr S. C. A. Walker, has shown us impressions from NA 446 in which the county is incorrectly spelt as Worcestershrie, various dates in 1956 and 1957.

Roneo-Neopost Model 605 ("Postalia"). Mr M. L. Blakeston was the first to show us a copy from this machine, numbered TN 117, dated 13.4.67. The design otherwise is as illustrated previously (MSB IX/40) and with the three wavy lines before the value. It is not known whether the numbering started at 100 or 101. TN 104 dated 10.4.67 has also been reported by Mr R. Jacques.

G. B. NOTES (Contd.)

Universal MV. Mr Barfoot has shown us another example with the small date figures, UC 183. This, too, has the townmark with closer circles and it seems possible that the smaller figures were fitted at the same time as the new townmark. The frank in this case is GviR, design D6, No 46 in our "GB and Eire" Catalogue.

Pitney-Bowes "Tapes". Mr M. Richards reports that he has the new-style tapes imprinted "Pitney-Bowes" as early as 20 Jan 1965 (31mm) on P.B.916A and 12 Aug 1965 (36mm) on AD 437.

Highest Numbers. Thanks to reports received from Messrs G. V. Eltringham, D. H. Fletcher, J. T. Brown, M. L. Blakeston, P. D. Wood, R. T. Jacques, G. M. Stelfox (plus items from the Hon. Sec.), we now have :-

SL 788	N 449 D
* NR 567	J 5523
**** P.B.492J	*** RT 2448
PC 173	TN 117

\*\* fml 1006, 3003, 4002.

\* No advance since last time.

\*\* These machines seem to be numbered on a "Regional" basis, all the 1000 group are in London or the surrounding area - 1001 is used by the Agents at Leighton Buzzard, Beds., 3001 is at Ellesmere Port, Wirral, Cheshire, 3002 and 3003 are in Manchester and 4002 is in Birmingham. For the time being at least we will note the highest number in each group.

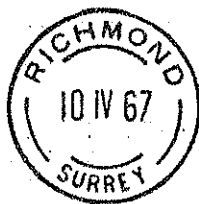
\*\*\* The system of numbering is not yet clear, RT 2448 is in London E.1.

\*\*\*\* See also Eire.

frank     A new edition of the Post Office leaflet has now appeared, dated  
ing        "2/67" and this now has the name and address of Postage & Revenue  
sense     Franking Machines Ltd. in addition to Pitney-Bowes and Roneo-  
===== Neopost. These last have made a neat adaption of the title of  
          the leaflet for their own slogan, as illustrated.

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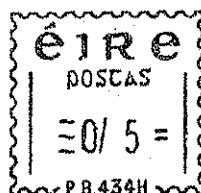


IRISH NOTES.

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Neopost "Hybrid" Type. We apologise for two mistakes which occurred in the last Bulletin (page 67) in the paragraph on this subject.

The 6p value reported by Mr Richards, like the second 3p., is on machine N 23 (Baile Atha Cliath), and the first of the three values included in the catalogue but which Mr Richards does not possess should read 2½p. instead of 2p.

Mr Stelfox has also sent us a list of those he has. They are N.1, 10, 23, 48, 51, 53 and 63, values either ½p or 2p (or both). He also has N.20 used in 1954 with 2p and 1p together to make up the 3p rate.



Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. This series has now appeared in Eire, but so far it seems that they are numbered in the same series as Great Britain. Mr D. Fletcher shows us P.B.434 H, used at Baile Atha Cliath and Mr M. Richards P.B.831 H, also B A C. We do not know if these two numbers have been used in Great Britain but if so it would have been for only a very short while.

Roneo-Neopost 105. The numbers of these machines have now passed the 1000 mark. Mr M. Richards shows us N 1034 (CABHAN), Design C, used on 16 III 67, and Mr G. Stelfox reports N 1002. The odd numbers 01, 02, etc. previously reported have not yet been explained.

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UNITED STATES : THE "CENTER RATE SHIELD" TYPE.  
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(B & S Type D.9)

In the November 1966 MSB we listed "missing machines" of the "Flying Eagle" type from the book by Mr R. H. Harsh entitled "An Introduction to the Hobby of Collecting the Postage Meter Stamps" (which actually dealt only with two types from the U.S.A.). This time we continue with the "Center Rate Shield" type and if any of our members can fill some of the gaps the reports will be welcomed and passed on to Mr Harsh.

UNITED STATES : THE "CENTER RATE SHIELD" TYPE (Contd.)

These machines, L.V.6, were manufactured by the International Postal Supply Co. and were introduced in 1938. By this time most other makers were offering multi-value machines and the result was that less than 200 were sold. Most have now been withdrawn. The numbers ran from 6000 up to 6198?, the first, number 6000, being used for test runs in Washington, D.C., by the U.S. Bureau of Standards.

The numbers of the machines that Mr Harsh has not located are :-  
6003, 6014, 6152, 6174, 6177, 6178, 6179, 6182, 6185, 6186, 6187, 6188,  
6189, 6194 and any over number 6198.

The various rates that have been recorded are :-  
1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25,  
26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 37, 40, 50.

Of these, Mr Harsh classes as "Scarce to Rare" (Valuation about \$1.00 to \$5.00) the 4½, 7, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 30 cents and classes as "Really Rare" (valuation up to \$15.00 at least) the 15, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 37 and 40 cents. All values over 10c except the 25c and 50c can be considered either "Scarce" or "Rare".

Two machines are of interest because their townmarks had States shown in an unusual abbreviated form. 6079 was at Philadelphia P A (with a space between the "P" and the "A", and 6144 was at Jarratt, V.A. (with a stop between the "V" and the "A").

CANADA - MACHINES USED FOR P.O.W. MAIL  
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A recent article by our member Mr Werner Simon (USA) in "Die Sammler-Lupe" gave details of three machines used at camps for German Prisoners-of-War during the 1939-45 war. All are Pitney-Bowes Model HS (F.V.I.) - B & S Type 6 - and had townmarks reading "P.O.W. ---" (with number) at the top and three ornaments consisting of short lines with a stop in the centre of each at the bottom.

"METRE" 48007 was used at Camp 133, located at Lethbridge, Alberta; 48008 at Camp 23, Monteith, Ontario; and 48009 at Camp 132, Medicine Hat, Alberta. The article illustrated an impression from 48009 dated MAR 2-'45 with rate or 30 cents and a "slogan" reading "AIR / MAIL".

Reference to the B & S Catalogue shows that machine number 48008 was originally introduced as B & S Type 4 - No 14 - and 48007, 48009 and 48010 as B & S Type 6 - No 21 - all having a 1c value only recorded. It would seem that the three machines were resurrected and fitted with new townmarks and the 30c value for this particular use. Impressions must be rare, Mr Simon tells us that the article was illustrated by a specimen impression from 48009 but he has since learnt of 3 or 4 air-letters bearing copies and has secured a complete air-letter with an impression of 48007 for himself.



## COLOURS IN CANADA

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Meter Collectors in this country are used to all impressions being in the usual red colour but collectors of meters from the USA and Canada in particular know that machines there are permitted to print in many other colours. The UPU regulations on metered postage at one time stipulated that impressions for international mail should be in red and the practical difficulties of segregating international and inland mail led to most users keeping to the one colour.

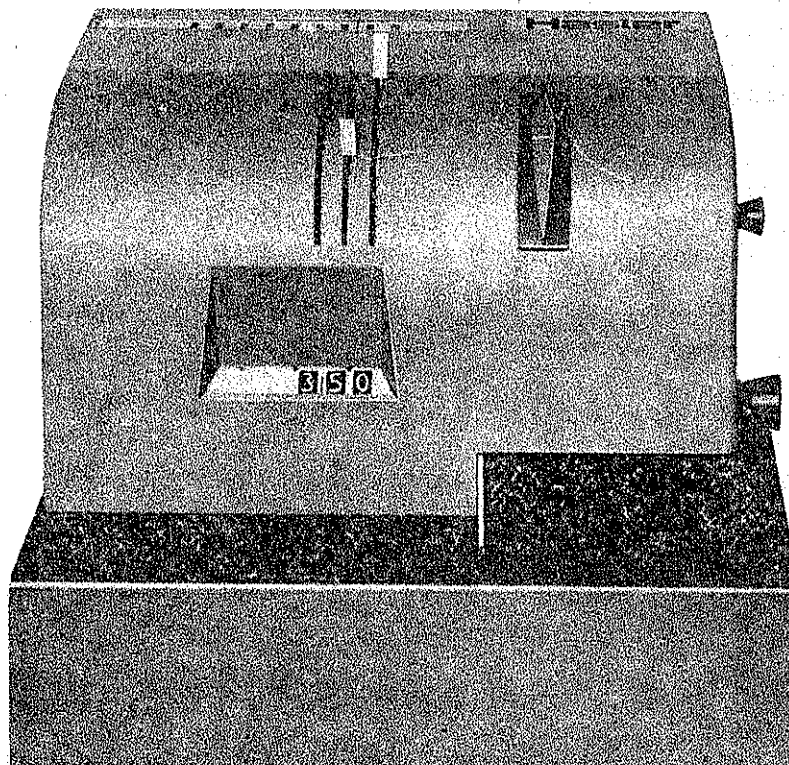
In North America however this has never been enforced and for many years the early fixed value machines in Canada printed the various values in the colours of the equivalent adhesive stamps.

Mr H. K. Warren of Vancouver has been making a study of the colours in use and says that Red is still the most common, followed closely by Blue and Purple. Then follow Green, Brown, Orange and most rare of all Gold.

This last colour is usually assumed to be a pale impression from Brown but is in fact a distinct colour and held up to the light it can be seen to have a metallic glint. We doubt if it is really worth the effort as most receiptants would not notice the difference between Brown, Yellow Orange or Gold and according to Pitney-Bowes in Canada they only supply it on special request. It is not popular with mechanics either as it is very difficult to clean from the machine when changing to another colour.

HASLER - The F88, 99 and 66.

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HASLER - The F88, 99 and 66 (Contd.)

As a background to the introduction of the "fml 88" in Great Britain Herr H. Dürst (Switzerland) has sent us information concerning the various Hasler machines.

The Model F88 was introduced as long ago as 1936 and is still the main one in use in Switzerland, covering about 80% of the market. It is available in either 3, 4 or 5-bank versions.

It was supplemented some 15 years ago by the Model F99, available as a 3-bank only, a hand operated machine printing smaller figures of value ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm high) than the F88 (6mm high). It has never proved very popular and sales have now been discontinued.

The new addition to the range is the Model F66, which we illustrate on the previous page. This can be either hand or electrically operated and is available either as a 3 or 4-bank model. Impressions are not distinguishable from those of the F88 (except, of course, that a 5-bank must be the latter.)

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.  
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We are grateful to several members for reports and news, where necessary they are indicated by their initials. SDB - Mr Barfoot, AAD - Mr Dewey, ESL - Mr Lapham, GRP - Mr Pearson, WS - Mr Simon, plus some items from the Hon. Sec.

AUSTRALIA. Mr Werner Simon reports several more types in decimal currency. P-B Series 5000 with Roman month figures in date as well as with Arabic. Of these there are also varieties with no line below "Postage Paid" and/or no line at the bottom of the value box. Both types of Automax, the original with the aeroplane tilted and the bottom of the map broken as well as the later type in which the aeroplane is straighter and the map is complete. The Universal MV Flag type exists with F. of V. as 0.01 and also =0.01 and the Simplex with values either as 5 or .04. The old Neopost with the "N" in a rectangle has been seen with value as "04". Mr G. R. Pearson also reports several of these and adds to the list the Roneo-Neopost Model 305 ("Frankmaster") in the Ram design, the Universal MV in the old Half-circle design (B & S Type 5) and the N.C.R. parcel label (words and figures only.)

BELGIUM. Mr Werner Simon tells us that the prefix "P" is used for Post Office machines regardless of make. He has, with this prefix :-

- SATAS, F. of V. as +00.01 with hour between SC townmark and frank. Both types, one with "BELGIE" at the top and one with "BELGIQUE" at the top.
- Hasler, F. of V. as \*0001, SC townmark, again both types, "BELGIE" or "BELGIQUE" at the top of the frank.
- C.A.M.P. (This is the French machine that has a "P" prefix in France !), (Societe C.A.M.P. = Construction d'Appareils Mecaniques de Precision)
- F. of V. as =0001 with SC townmark, seen only with "BELGIQUE" at top.

They are all numbered within the 2000 series and are in addition to the old "P" series listed in the B & S Catalogue.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

BOLIVIA. Satas in new currency, similar design to S-2 previously reported but now with "\$b" before the figures of value and much smaller date figures, rather like the French "SR" machines.

Machine number S-14 ? with a vertical R between townmark and frank. (ESL)  
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DENMARK. Pitney-Bowes (Great Britain) Series 5000. (WS)

GREECE. Francotyp with "HELLAS" in Roman letters at the bottom of the frank die, name in townmark also in two types of lettering. Machine number F 1083 seen used 03.2.67 and F 1089 used 27.3.67 (ESL & GRP)

HONG KONG. Roneo-Neopost Model 205, numbered N 30, figures of value as 0:01 seen used 22.12 66 Usual design but smaller. (ESL)

Pitney-Bowes (Great Britain) Series 5000, two seen, one numbered U.404 and the other P.B.311, otherwise exactly the same. (WS)

ITALY. Pitney-Bowes (Great Britain) Series 5000, numbered P.B.579D - could this be an extension of the British series of numbering ? (WS)

JAPAN. Slightly different design for Hasler. Wavy lines to the right of mountain instead of all straight lines, smaller value box and an additional vertical line at the right. (ESL)

JAMAICA. Pitney-Bowes (Great Britain) Series 5000. (WS)

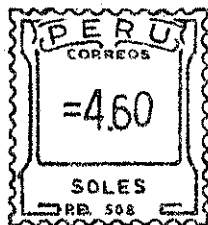
LESOTHO. (formerly Basutoland) The Roneo-Neopost Model 305 ("Frankmaster") was reported in "Stamp Collecting" on the 5th of May as now existing with the new name of the country, machine number NB 5 used at Roma on 20 Jan 1967. Design with POSTAGE at left and REVENUE at the right.

LUXEMBOURG. In the January 1967 MSB we recorded the Automax as having the number in small figures in a narrow box at the bottom "without perfs", this should have been "without prefix".

MEXICO. Pitney-Bowes (Great Britain) Series 5000. (WS)

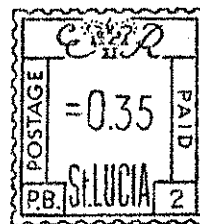
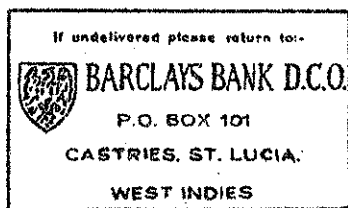
NEW ZEALAND. We mentioned recently (MSB IX/48) a coin-in-the-slot machine installed at the Christchurch Chief P.O. from 13 Apr 1964 to the 25 Oct 1964. The Chief Postmaster at Christchurch tells us that it was manufactured by Messrs Coin Machines Ltd, of Christchurch, whose name has now been changed to Comac Industries Ltd. During the period of use 27,302 impressions at 3d each were made and the machine proved "most successful". The basic rate for first-class mail was increased from 3d to 4d on the 1 Oct 1964 and the use of the machine fell off. Development costs to convert it to take both a 3d and a 1d coin for the new rate were not considered worth while in view of the introduction of decimal currency on 10 July 1967, but it is expected that another version will be submitted for testing in due course. Can any member show us a copy ?

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)



PERU. Automax, as illustrated. Note only "6" for year ! (AAD)

SOUTH AFRICA. Pitney-Bowes (Great Britain) Series 5000, numbered with the PBH series. (WS)



ST. LUCIA. Automax, as illustrated, the first from this country that we have seen, is PB 1 also in use ? (AAD)

SWEDEN. We have seen a proof, LIC 1801, of the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 in the "Crown and Posthorn" design.

Hasler has also appeared in this design, LIC 5125 seen used on the 11.11.66 (ESL)

There are at least two varieties of the Krag machines in the 1300 series, 1301 has the usual 5-figure seriffed R. No., F. of V. z0.01 (green slogan) whereas 1350 has no R. No. and F. of V. 0001 (blue slogan) (ESL)

TANZANIA-UGANDA-KENYA. The Universal MV 4-bank has now been seen with the altered name and the foilage remaining. U 126 with F. of V. as 00oi used on 14 XI 66 (AAD) Neopost 205 also seen with the new name. (ESL)

YUGOSLAVIA. Francotyp (?) seen with value in new currency with comma after first digit, value as 1,50- Design with coat of arms at right. (AAD)



GERMANY. Is this the Adrema Pitney-Bowes ? (ESL & GRP)