



NEW PITNEY-BOWES NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR GREAT BRITAIN.  
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In the last issue of the MSB we noted on pages 25 and 28 the use of what appeared to be a new series of numbers for the new "AD 1971" models which had been introduced for decimal currency.

Messrs Pitney-Bowes have now kindly sent us details of their plans for the future numbering of machines, which will be applied both to new machines and also those old ones converted. The opportunity has been taken to rationalise the system with a view to quick identification (for meter collectors as well!). The numbers will be as follows :-

PBS 001A	to	PBS 999Y	-	"Simplex" machines.
PBA 001A	to	PBA 999Y	-	"Automax" machines
PBT 001A	to	PBT 999Y	-	5000 Series Meters
PBR 001A	to	PBR 999Y	-	R.T. Meters
PBC 001A	to	PBC 999Y	-	C.V. Series Meters

In all these series it is intended that the letters 'O', 'I' and 'Z' will not be used for suffixes or for the alphabetical code letter (position three) should it be necessary to introduce additional codes - in both cases to avoid confusion with other letters.

Regarding the Republic of Ireland, Pitney-Bowes will continue to use the existing system of numbering for new machines installed in 1968, as they do not expect to install or convert Irish machines until early 1969.

We have no information on changes for Roneo-Neopost or Franking Machines Ltd., or any intimation that they intend to change their existing numbering systems. Mr P. D. Wood reports NR 930 (Croydon, Surrey) in the new design, value as "21" on 16 VIII 68. As the Roneo-Neopost Model 305 numbers are now well into the NT prefix group it would seem that this is a converted machine retaining the same number. We have not seen or had reports of any "fml" machines in decimal currency.

AUSTRALIAN LICENCE NUMBERS.  
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More gaps filled in by Mr E. S. Lapham, who shows us IC 2 and IZ 1, both used in N.S.W.

He also shows us Neopost Model 205 with number NE 27 L, used on 11 12 67 from Hawthorn, Vic.

This number does not fall into the normal system but could mean one of two things. Either that the Neopost 205 have adopted an independent system of numbers, as have the Satas and the Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 or, that having virtually exhausted the double letter prefixes the letter is now a suffix after the number. The idea of transferring the letter from in front to behind the number was used with car licence numbers in Great Britain some years ago. The prefix "L" was originally used in N.S.W. - can anyone prove or disprove this theory which only adds another facet to one of the most complicated numbering systems that exists?

## THE INTRODUCTION OF POSTAGE METERS.

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Some time ago Mr A. P. Overment (U.S.A.) asked us to bring up-to-date a list showing the countries that have adopted meters and the years in which they did so. We have done this and reproduce it in the hope that it will prove of interest to our members.

The list shows the name of countries introducing meters under the appropriate year. Where a name is shown in brackets, e.g. (Ghana) it is a change of name of a previously meter-using country, this change may be just a change of name but can also be a temporary change of political status. A name underlined, e.g. Katanga indicates a change of name of part of a meter using country and a name shown in inverted commas, e.g. "Mali Federation" indicates a grouping of former meter using countries. We have not shown the dates of the re-introduction of meters with the same name, for example in Czechoslovakia.

We do not attempt to take sides in any argument as to which country was the first to "invent" meters but take the date when what we understand as meters became available for public use and ignore certain experimental Post Office trials and the early coin-operated machines in Australia, New Zealand, Norway and Great Britain.

- 1903 Norway.
- 1905 New Zealand.
- 1920 United States of America.
- 1922 Egypt, Great Britain, India.
- 1923 Canada, Germany, Switzerland.
- 1924 Austria, France, Uruguay.
- 1925 Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Leichtenstein, Netherlands.
- 1926 Czechoslovakia, Danzig, Finland, Irish Free State, Luxemburg, Saar, Sweden, South Africa.
- 1927 Australia, Ceylon, Federated Malay States, Italy, Morocco, Peru, Poland, Straits Settlements.
- 1928 Hungary, Latvia, Monaco, Siam.
- 1929 Belgian Congo, Estonia, Iceland, Mexico, Netherlands Indies, Palestine, Newfoundland, Philippines, Roumania, Southern Rhodesia.
- 1930 Algeria, Chile, Jugoslavia, Russia, Trinidad and Tobago.
- 1931 Columbia, Kenya and Uganda, South West Africa.
- 1932 Fiji, Spain, Tunisia.
- 1933 Ethiopia, Lithuania.
- 1934 Barbados, Vatican.
- 1936 British Guiana, China, Hong Kong.

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- 1937 Burma, Selangor.
- 1938 Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Negri Sembilan, Perak,  
(Eire - formerly Irish Free State)
- 1939 Greece, Jamaica, Hyderabad, Nicaragua.  
Slovakia - part of Czeckoslovakia.
- 1941 Iraq.  
Croatia and Serbia - each part of Jugoslavia.
- 1942 Venezuela.  
Bohemia & Moravia - part of Czeckoslovakia.  
Generalgouvernement - part of Poland.
- 1947 Guatemala.  
(Kenya Uganda & Tanganyika - formerly Kenya & Uganda)  
"Malaya" - formerly Federated Malay Straits and Straits Settlements.
- 1948 Indo China.
- 1949 Gold Coast.  
(Indonesia - formerly Netherlands Indies)  
Pakistan - part of India.
- 1950 Aden, Bahrain, Bolivia, French Equatorial Africa, French West  
Africa, Japan, Nigeria, Portugal, Sudan.  
(Israel - formerly Palestine)  
(Netherlands Antilles - formerly Curacao)
- 1951 Ecuador, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Ruanda-Urundi, United  
Nations.  
Federal German Republic - part of Germany.
- 1952 French Somali Coast, Madagascar.  
(Thailand - formerly Siam)
- 1953 Mauritius, Panama Canal Zone, Sierra Leone, French Camaroons.  
Viet Nam (South) - part of Indo China.  
"Rhodesia and Nyasaland" - formerly Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland  
and Southern Rhodesia.
- 1954 Dominican Republic, Taiwan (Formosa), Turkey.  
Viet Nam (North) - part of Indo China.
- 1955 Kuwait, Panama Republic, Salvador.
- 1956 Basutoland, Brunei, Gibraltar.
- 1957 Iran, Surinam.  
(Ghana - formerly Gold Coast)
- 1958 Swaziland.  
Cambodia - part of Indo China.
- 1959 Libya, New Caledonia & Dependencies, Togo Republic.  
(Malagasy Republic - formerly Madagascar)

THE INTRODUCTION OF POSTAGE METERS (Contd.)

- 1960 Cyprus, Mozambique, French Polynesia, Grenada.  
(United Arab Republic - formerly Egypt)  
(Congo - formerly Belgian Congo)  
Katanga - part of Belgian Congo.  
Central African Republic, Gabon, - parts of French Equatorial Africa.  
Ivory Coast, Congo Republic, - parts of French West Africa.  
Upper Volta - parts of Ivory Coast and French West Africa.  
"Mali Federation" - formerly parts of French West Africa.
- 1961 Angola, Honduras, Papua & New Guinea.  
Tchad - part of French Equatorial Africa.  
Mauritania, Senegal - parts of French West Africa.
- 1963 Bermuda, Malta, North Borneo.
- 1964 Lebanon, Somalia.  
(Malaysia - formerly Malaya)  
(Sabah-Malaysia - formerly North Borneo)
- 1965 Andorra, Honduras, Liberia, Paraguay.  
Malawi, Rhodesia, Zambia, - parts of Rhodesia & Nyasaland.  
Singapore - part of Malaysia.  
(Kenya-Uganda-Tanzania - formerly Kenya-Uganda-Tanganyika and Zanzibar)  
(Federation of South Arabia - formerly Aden)  
Niger - part of French West Africa.
- 1966 British Soloman Islands, Dubai, St. Lucia.  
(Lesotho - formerly Basutoland)
- 1967 Korea (South)  
(Guyana - formerly British Guiana)
- 1968 (Afar and Issa - formerly French Somali Coast)

There are bound to be additions to this list as soon as soon as we finish typing it but we hope there are no serious omissions!

G. B. NOTES.

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Hasler F 88 Postage and Revenue Franking Machines announced recently that a value card of 200s has been approved by the Post Office. This new £10 value is in addition to the £50 or £500 cards already available. At the same time it was announced that the cards can now be purchased through the post in any number required, the need to exchange an old card at the time of purchase has been removed.

G. B. NOTES (Contd.)

Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. Two forms of figures of value have been noticed by Mr G. R. Pearson on the new decimal designs. P.B.T039A and P.B.T042A have value shown as 03 or 04 whereas P.B.T201A and P.B.T237A both have just "3", without the zero. We do not know if there is any significance in this.

The actual position of the identification number also seems to vary. On P.B.T008A the number is centralised between the bottom frame line but on P.B.T362A the number has the bottom of the figures aligned with the frame line. Whether in fact each type of figures of value will occur with each position of the identification number we will have to wait and see.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305 ("Frankmaster") In our last bulletin we noted that the identification number on NR-695 was considerably larger than usual. Mr D. Fletcher tells us that NR-771 has larger figures as well so this was not an isolated case.

Apart from the "=" instead of "-" between the prefix letters and the number this seems the first variation on the Model 305 since the "Emblems" die was introduced.



Simplex. We have previously recorded SS 308 (Edinburgh) with a "D" attached to the frame as well as a "D" attached to the figures of value as long ago as 24 V 66. Mr G. R. Pearson shows us another, SA 335 used earlier this year. This is interesting also in that we had previously recorded only the "Major" model (ST, SS, SR etc) with the "D" on the frame.

"Decimal" Slogan. On machine number P.B.T725A at Harlow, Essex, Pitney-Bowes are using a topical slogan which reads "STAMPED BY A / PITNEY-BOWES DECIMALISED / POSTAGE METER", all enclosed in a simple frame.

New Town Name. An impression from P.B.945J seen on the -7 VIII 68 has the townmark shown as "STOCKTON-ON-TREES / TEESSIDE", the new County Borough formed recently.

"Highest Numbers". Thanks to reports from Messrs M. L. Blakeston, W. H. Thomas, G. R. Pearson, D. H. Fletcher, R. T. Jacques and S. D. Barfoot, we have shown advances on only two of the old series and two of the new. Those unchanged from last time are indicated by an asterisk, the new series of which we have had no reports yet are shown in parenthesis.

G. B. NOTES - Highest Numbers (Contd)

* SG 517		* N 383 G
* NT 389		J 7990
PB 874 L		* RT 2456
* PC 176		TN 144
fml * 1062 * 2001 * 3025 * 4012		* 6009 * 7004
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P.B.S 296 A	P.B.A (001A)	P.B.T 738 A
P.B.R (001A)	P.B.C (001A)	

With the introduction of the new system of numbering for Pitney-Bowes machines it can be expected that additions to the SG, PB, PC and RT series will soon cease but please keep on the look-out for the last numbers.

IRISH NOTES  
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"T.I.M." Parcel Post Machine. In our last bulletin we reported and illustrated a new (to us) Parcel Post Machine that had been shown to us by Mr F. E. Dixon.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs in Dublin tell us that there were 13 machines supplied by Ticket Equipment Ltd., Cirencester, Gloucestershire. This is the former "Ticket Issuing Machines" Ltd., and since the end of 1964 has formed part of the Plessey group of companies. Recently, in fact, T.I.M. machines used on buses have had Plessey nameplates and manufacture is carried out by Plessey at their Mechanical Products Division at Swindon.

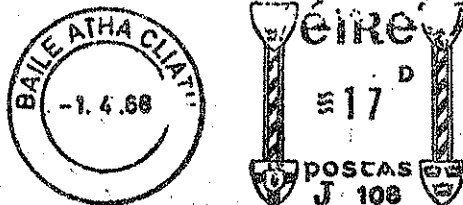
The machines were issued in December 1966 to :-

BAILE ATHA CLIATH	DUBLIN	Numbered 1 to 4
SRAID SAN AINDREAS BAILE ATHA CLIATH	ST. ANDREWS STREET DUBLIN	Numbered 1 to 3
SRAID ANNA THEAS BAILE ATHA CLIATH	ANNA THERESA STREET DUBLIN	Numbered 1 and 2
SRAID SAN SEAMUS BAILE ATHA CLIATH	ST. JAMES STREET DUBLIN	(One machine, no number)
CORCAIGH	CORK	Numbered 1 and 2
LUIMNEACH	LIMERICK	(One machine, no number)

The value range is from 1d to 9/11 in steps of one penny.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. We reported in the last MSB that NP 157 has figures of value as 0 5 - The Department of Posts and Telegraphs in a letter of the 2nd of August confirm that "Roneo-Neopost franking machines are now installed in this country on an 'all pence' system".

IRISH NOTES (Contd.)



Roneo-Neopost Model 605. George Pearson shows us this "17d" value (this is the 1/5d Air Mail rate, in this case to South Africa).

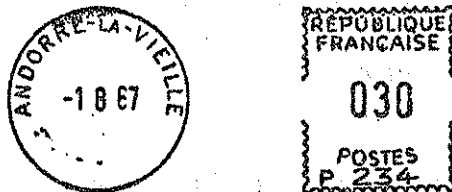
Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. In our last bulletin we listed a number of these machines which appeared to be numbered in groups within the Great Britain series, all submitted by Mr O. M. Richards. Mr G. M. Stelfox adds these :-

PB 434 H	Dublin
PB 452 H	"
PB 815 J	Dublin
PB 518 K	Dublin
PB 613 L	Dublin

In addition he reports PB 854 J used at Cork (by Henry Ford & Son Ltd), this was shown in our original list as being used in Dublin.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS  
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Thanks are due to Messrs E. S. Lapham, S. D. Barfoot, E. Muhr and G. R. Pearson, etc. Where necessary we have indicated them by their initials.



ANDORRA. We have previously reported a machine inscribed "PRINCIPAUTE / D'ANDORRE", numbered P.00232. Mr G. R. Pearson now shows us this machine with what appears to be a normal French die but with the name of the Principality in the townmark.



NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)



ANGOLA. Francotyp in modified design. Note No 59 at bottom right. (SDB)

The Universal MV exists with the figures of value in three forms, 00\$io and 0\$io as listed some time ago and also 000\$io, shown to us by Mr E. S. Lapham.

BRAZIL. Sr. Ernst Muhr shows us specimens from the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 (M.15001) and the Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 (M.60001). This latter should, of course, now have the value shown as "NCR\$".

CEYLON. Universal MV Number 106 in our type 8.1.2 seen used on 30 I 67 but without R. No. (SDB)

FRANCE. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us NB 1137 and wonders if this is a continuation of the NA series? Also Postalia relief machine TW 3988.

GREECE. An "H" has been added in front of the number on Hasler H 23246. This has a die with "Hellas" at the bottom. (SDB)

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

GUATEMALA. There is a second machine used for a travelling Post Office. PB 78 has townmark "AMBULANTE/GUATEMALA-AYUTLA", values recorded 01c and 20c. A value of 05c also exists for PB 81. (SDB)

CHEMOLIMPEX  
MAGYAR VEGYIÁRU  
KÜLKERESKEDELMI VÁLLALAT  
BUDAPEST 5.  
P.O.B. 121.



HUNGARY. Postalia, as illustrated. (SDB)

ITALY. The number of the Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 machine illustrated last time should be PB 1016 D.

LEBANON. Francotyp, numbered F 200. Usual design, close setting between the townmark and the frank. (ESL)

MALAWI. Simplex in design with Crowing Cock at bottom, "MALAWI" at the top. S 1 used from Blantyre on 29 V 68 (SDB)



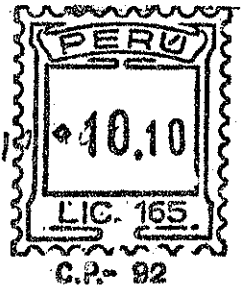
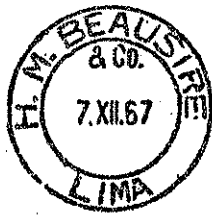
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MONACO. We do not seem to have recorded the Satas SD series before. (SDB)



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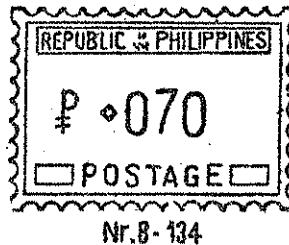
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CASILLER 1033



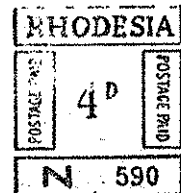
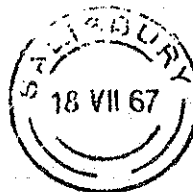
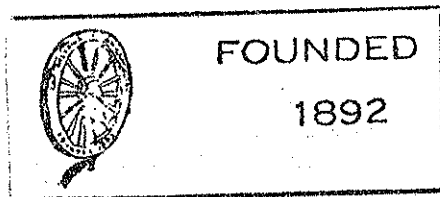
PERU. Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 (illustrated on the previous page), note accent over the "U" of the name of the country. The "M" preceding the number in the townmark may indicate a Post Office machine. (BSL)

Illustrated above are more variations in the townmark on Hasler's, the name of the user on LIC 165 and date only on LIC 261. (GRP)



PHILIPPINES. We illustrate an unusual townmark. (GRP)

Some time ago we mentioned a modified design for Pitney-Bowes with three large stars at the right and a line over the value. Mr Lapham shows us a copy of number 189212 with the same die used as long ago as 12.11.62 and points out that this is a Series 5000, not Model R.



RHODESIA. New design for the Roneo-Neopost Model 105 (SDB)

Mr Barfoot also shows us two impressions from Simplex machines. S 8 used on 11 X 67 has what appears to be a re-issued "SOUTHERN RHODESIA" die (the "SOUTHERN" has not been removed) with "POSTAGE" at each side whereas S 61 on -9 XI 67 has a die with "SOUTHERN" and "RHODESIA" in smaller letters and also "POSTAGE PAID" at each side.

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ROUMANIA. Mr Lapham shows us this new inscription on Francotyp A number 4, with "POSTA" before "ROMANA" instead of "R.P.", "LEI" only at the bottom. This machine has now been in use (with various dies) for nearly forty years.

SWEDEN. Two more makes in the "Crown and Posthorn" design are the 1600 series (Francotyp AN) and the 11000 series (Hasler F66). (ESL)

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. We saw a proof of the Postalia a long time ago, Mr S. D. Barfoot now shows us P 2 used on 18. 8. 61

VENEZUELA. Pitney-Bowes Model R number 100 has the number shown at the bottom as "MH-100-P.B." instead of the usual "LIC" prefix. (ESL)

ZAMBIA. We illustrated Frankmaster RN 650 in the last bulletin. Mr Barfoot points out that the eagle on RN 664 is slightly lower than on RN 562 and that the name "ZAMBIA" is also in larger letters on RN 664.

He also shows us an impression from RN 693 dated 21 V 68 in decimal currency, value as 0.15= This has no eagle but a space at the bottom.

INFORMATION WANTED  
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SINGAPORE.

We have had a number of reports of changes in machines from this country and are collating them for an article in the December bulletin, if you have anything to add to previous reports please let us have it as soon as possible.

ZANZIBAR.

Again in connection with an article "on the stocks", can we have details of any impressions from this country either before or after its incorporation in what is now Tanzania-Uganda-Kenya.