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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Jason T. W. Mann. We are very sorry to tell members that Dr Mann (who was no relation to your Hon. Sec.) died on the 19th December 1969. He had been a very keen member of the Group for many years and only in our last issue we included an item by him. His particular interests were Great Britain and India and Pakistan but his interest in meters covered many other countries apart from these. He will be missed by us all.

Membership. We have several new members to record with this issue, several of whom have learned of us through an article in "Stamp Collecting" by our Mr G. V. Eltringham, for which he deserves our thanks.

- (209) Mr H. A. Cowgill, 1 Regent St., Wellington, TELFORD, Shropshire.
(210) Mr Peter H. J. Day, 80 Rhyddings Park Rd., Brynmill, SWANSEA SA2 0AF
(211) Mr R. L. Woodward-Clarke, 19 Wrekin Rd., SUTTON COLDFIELD, Warwickshire.
(212) Mr P. Capper, 42 Rugby Road, Milverton, LEAMINGTON SPA, Warwickshire.
(213) Mr M. A. Marlow, 9 Merlin Court, Merlin Road, Four Marks, ALTON, Hampshire.

(Mr Marlow's interests are G.B. and Germany)

and two changes of address :-

Mr G. M. Stelfox now 38 Annadale Avenue, BELFAST BT7 3JJ
Mr O. M. Richards "Keswick", 38 High Street, Gwersyllt, WREXHAM, Denbighshire.

Members Wants and Offers. Mr W. H. Bogue, "Woodward", Biggar, Lanarkshire, offers "G. B. Meters, as they come, £2 per 1000, Foreign, per 100 as they come, 5/-, GvR "U" per 25, 5/-". All postage extra. Please write direct.

Mr William R. Bird, 289 Edgewood Road, Salem, Illinois 62881, U.S.A., wants United Nations meters and offers for these some mint GB adhesives, mint and used Bermuda and the same of Australia. Again, please write direct.

Wants and Offers (Contd.) - "Fine Art" on meter slogans.

A correspondent abroad, Mr Georg Matziol, Thalkirchner Str 188, 8 - Munchen 25, West Germany, is seeking meter impressions with, in their slogans, anything showing buildings, monuments, posters, paintings and all other such subjects of fine art. He also includes meter slogans with names such as Shakespeare Street or Leonardo da Vinci Square included. Seems a large theme to us but anyone who can help is asked to write direct.

"Christianity" on slogans.

A similar request, this time for any slogans having a connection with the Christian religion, comes from Mr Bernard Cole, 31 Northcote Road, Leicester LE2 3PH. As above, please write direct.

"The Experimental Postage Due Meter Testings, 1941 - 1962"

by Walter M. Swan, available from the author at PO Box 786, Corinth, NY 12822, U.S.A., price \$1.25

Walter is one of the old school of meter collectors and for many years has collated information on that group of machines used in the USA for the collection of postage due, most of this on "Business Reply" mail and thus not too often seen.

This 8-page booklet lists all the machines that were used during the trial period and gives prices against each machine.

It is interesting to note, from the booklet, that although the proportion of mail paid for by meter in the USA is as high as 48% of the value (and this of course means much more than 48% of the number of pieces of mail), the similar proportion of postage due paid for by meter is over 70%.

"HGB" replaces "fml"
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From the 2nd September 1969 Messrs Hasler (Great Britain) Ltd. took over the responsibility of installing and maintaining Hasler F88 machines in Great Britain, formerly carried out by Messrs Postage and Revenue Franking Machines Ltd.

At the same time the prefix fml (in lower case letters) was replaced by HGB (in capitals) and Hasler (Great Britain) tell us that this prefix has been used on all machines licenced and installed by them. Machines sold by Postage and Revenue Franking Machines Ltd. which had the fml prefix will continue with the old one.

The regional system of numbering is still in use and is being "strictly adhered to". This system, which we have only guessed at before, is reproduced on the next page and is broadly as imagined.

We have had reports of HGB 1027 (London), HGB 2001 (St. Andrews, Fife) and also of HGB 4002, and as these numbers are in each case within the ranges already recorded for the fml groups it would seem that they are starting at 1001 (or 1000) again in each area.

"HGB" replaces "fml" (Contd.)

Allocation of Die Numbers within the United Kingdom.

HGB 1xxx	Greater London, Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Buckingham, Oxford, Berkshire and Hertfordshire.
HGB 2xxx	Scotland.
HGB 3xxx	Cheshire, Lancashire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Northumberland and Durham.
HGB 4xxx	Warwick, Worcester, Northampton, Rutland, Leicester, Stafford, Shropshire, Montgomery, Merioneth, Caernarvon, Anglesey, Flint and Denbigh.
HGB 5xxx	Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Radnor, Brecknock, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Cardigan and Pembroke.
HGB 6xxx	Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln and Yorkshire.
HGB 7xxx	Hampshire, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall and Isle of Wight.
HGB 8xxx	Northern Ireland.
HGB 9xxx	Eire.

It will be noticed that this list of areas contains Eire but does not include either of the Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, which are now postally independent, as is Eire fully independent of course, nor does it include the Isle of Man; whose postal affairs are still the responsibility of the Post Office in Great Britain and where meters are in use.

G. B. NOTES.

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Neopost L.V. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us a new value on the emblems design, 8d, on N 203, Hull, Yorkshire, used on 27 I 69

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Up to now we have only recorded "decimal" machines with two-letter prefixes (JA, JB etc) but Mr A. H. Ehreich reported J 598, J 981. J 2971 and J 3023 and followed with a further list, to his reports Mr W. H. Bogue adds J 2160 and we can add J 4093. Presumably these are all machines that have been converted from £sd to £p and the two-letter prefixes have been used for machines that were originally manufactured as £p.

More reports continue on machines numbered before the 5000 area now with Roman date figures, they are obviously being converted as and when convenient.

G. B. NOTES (Contd.)

"Area" Townmarks. We have previously reported townmarks with names describing an area rather than a particular town or postal district, such as "Teesside". Mr O. M. Richards shows us an impression from NP-494 dated 30 X 69 in which the town is shown as CAERNARVON / NORTH WALES.

"Highest Numbers" We mentioned last time that there were many changes in the numbering systems in Great Britain and this seems to continue. Thanks to the following for reports, A. Ehreich, T. A. Stalker, W. H. Bogue, D. Fletcher and some from the Hon. Sec. The position now is :-

* <u>SG 852</u>		N 190 H				
NU 781		* <u>J 8041</u>				
* <u>PB 879 L</u>		* <u>RT 2456</u>				
* <u>PC 177</u>		TN 201				
fml * <u>1112</u>	* <u>2012</u>	* <u>3039</u>	* <u>4019</u>	* <u>5003</u>	* <u>6011</u>	* <u>7007</u>
HGB 1027	2001		4002			
	PBS 450 C		FBA 354 E		PBT 847 K	
	PBS 035 T		(PBA 001 Y)		PBT 780 X	
	(PBR 001 A)				(PBC 001 A)	
	(PBR 001 Y)				(PBC 001 Y)	
	* AC.A 20		JH 243		RN 998	

As in the past, we have underlined the series which can be regarded as having been replaced. In fact in each of these cases there has been no advance either, indicated by an *, so it would seem reasonable to leave them out in future (of course, there will then be some reports, but these will be more in the nature of amendments to this, apparent, final list).

With regard to the HGB series, replacing the fml, we show on page 17 of this Bulletin the areas covered by the various groups, please check to see if these numbers start at the 1000 or the 1001 mark in each group.

The series shown in brackets are those which we expect but have not so far seen examples from.

See the note on Page 17 regarding numbering of the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 machines - if our assumption that converted machines are retaining their original number is correct we will not go past J 8041, but it is always worth checking.

Prefix JG was used.

GUERNSEY AND JERSEY.

Our final comment on the new design in the last MSB was that all these machines had probably been converted to "pence only" operation before being fitted with the new dies. We immediately had reports from Mr A. H. Ehreich of Guernsey 27 and Jersey J 3023 with £sd values. Both are Roneo-Neopost Model 205, Guernsey 27 was previously J 3924.

The Agents in the Channel Islands for Pitney-Bowes machines tell us that in the case of their machines all were converted to "pence only" before the new dies were fitted, but the Agents for Roneo-Neopost tell us that in the case of some comparatively modern £sd machines the users decided to postpone decimalisation, so these £sd values will continue for a while with the new (Channel Islands) design dies. Quite a number of machines in both islands had already been either supplied or converted to "pence only" and thus exists with the newer Great Britain dies.

We have had confirmation also that although Jersey continued with the existing townmarks all the Guernsey machines have been fitted with those that read "GUERNSEY/POST OFFICE" but this does not mean that they are used at Post Offices in the way that we have always described "Post Office" machines.

Roneo-Neopost machines have recently, for the first time, been installed on the two smaller islands of Alderney and Sark. Both of these come under the jurisdiction of the Guernsey Post Office Board, and although they have the normal Guernsey dies they do not have the normal townmarks. We hope to be able to describe or illustrate these in a later Bulletin.

IRISH NOTES. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us an
===== additional value in the old
plain Neopost L.V. design,
(Type 10), 1/9. This is used on N 830 from
Baile Atha Cliath on the 17 II 69 and is
the same machine we had previously seen with
a 1/5 value (at that time we inadvertently
recorded the number as 530) so this machine,
although still in the old design, may have
been fitted with the new range of values
omitting halfpence and extending from 3d
to 2/-.



Mr A. H. Ehreich shows us this impression from NP 321, Roneo-Neopost Model 205, in a new "decimal" design.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

In the last Bulletin we noted that we had a considerable back-log of reports from members, most of these are now included with thanks to those who have sent us the details. As usual, they are identified where necessary by their initials. The contributors are :- SDB - S. D. Barfoot, ESL - E. S. Lapham, de W - Lt Col de Wailly.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

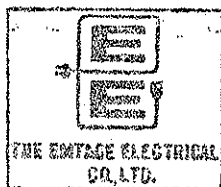
ALGERIA. Satas SR 0041 seen in the Republican design and also Hasler CG 864 as previously illustrated but this time with figures of value as *001 instead of *01 and Arabic month figures in the date instead of Roman figures. (ESL)

ARGENTINA. When we were discussing Italian machines used for Registered Post we noted the "zero" values used when the charges had been paid by adhesive stamps and queried the possibility of a zero impression when a "private" meter had been used to pay the postage etc. Mr E. S. Lapham confirms that this does happen in Argentina and shows us a zero impression from Francootyp Model TME number 1 AA in the square design we illustrated before. This has, on the other side of the cover, an impression from Postalia Permiso 1389. The bottom line of the townmark reads "CERT. Y EXPRESOS."

He also shows us a Hasler (Permiso 18) in the horizontal version of the design with the Cap of Liberty at the right. This now has a dollar sign incorporated in the frame at the left, as on the Map design we have shown.

BAHRAIN. We have suggested in the past that the Automax machines from this country were numbered in the same series as those from, at least, Dubai.

This proves not to be the case however, as Mr Werner Simon tells us he has P.B.1. from Dubai, this number is already recorded for Bahrain.



BARBADOS. We show the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 (ESL)

BELGIUM. The Hasler F88 P.O. machines exist with both SC and DC townmarks. P 2310 used from HUY has the former and P 2242 from ANTWERPEN the latter.

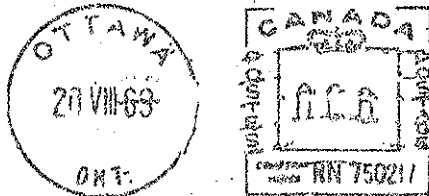
A "normal" Hasler, B 2460 has a very narrow setting and shows the figures of value as *0010 (fixed zero at the right) (both SDB)

BERMUDA. Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 number P.B.1001 now seen with decimal value as "15". The impression, dated 14 X 69 is, unusually, in blue. (ESL)

CONGO REPUBLIC (BRAZZAVILLE) C.A.M.P. machine, number PR 1003, seen used on 06 IX 68 Usual design with name shown as "REPUBLIQUE/DU CONGO", figures of value as *001F and townmark reading "BRAZZAVILLE - R.P. / CONGO" (ESL)

DUBAI. See Bahrain above.

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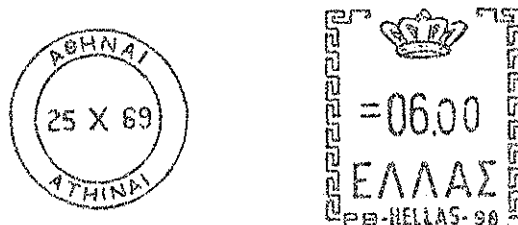
CANADA. We show the Roneo-Neopost Model 205. (ESL)



DENMARK. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us this impression from a Pitney-Bowes Series 5000, but in this case the Crown is smaller and higher than on PB 34, which we illustrated previously.

FRANCE. We suggested tentatively some time ago that the prefix NB might be a continuation of prefix NA after the latter had reached, say, 9999. NC, as we have already reported, is allocated to the "Stella" machine. The Havas machines are not continuing with the NB prefix, and this is shown by Mr E. S. Lapham with an impression from NA 13074 (i.e. 5-digit number), used from Orly Aerogare on -8 7 68

C.A.M.P. machine PR 437 used from Port-du-France, Martinique, has a postal code "972" in the townmark, the first 3-digit number we have seen thus.



GREECE. We show the Automax with "HELLAS" incorporated in the design. (ESL)

HONG KONG. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number N 91 has Roman month figures in the date, impression seen dated 10 IX 69 (ESL)

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

ISRAEL. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us an impression from a new Series of Francotyp machine. This has two Hebrew characters at the bottom right instead of one as before. No 13 in the new series (Jerusalem) thus has the same number as one of the old series used in Haifa. Figures of value as z0.01 used on 16.6.69

IVORY COAST. An impression from C.A.M.P. machine PR VI dated 04 IV 69 has, rather unexpectedly, the older type of inscription COTE D'IVOIRE without the "REPUBLIQUE DU" Figures of value are as *0 01 (space between 2nd and 3rd digit) and time between townmark and frank. The Roman machine number is also rather unusual. (ESL)

MALAGASY REPUBLIC (MADAGASCAR) Satas SR 6157 in the same general design as earlier machines recorded but this time has the name shown as "REPOBLIKA / MALAGASY" instead of "REPUBLIQUE / MALGACHE" (Lt. Col. de Wailly)

Mr E. S. Lapham shows us other various Satas machines, all with the name shown as "Republique" Etc, these are SJ 5120 used on 16 7 69, SR 1061 used on 29 10 63 and SPM 1 used on 31 7 69. All are used from Tananarive.

MAROCOCO. Satas S 005 has a frame measuring 21mm wide and 29mm high made up of very large "perforations" and the inscriptions within this are arranged as :- Arabic name at the top with MAROC underneath, figures of value as *045 then a further Arabic inscription over "POSTES S005" (Lt. Col. de Wailly)

MEXICO. Pitney-Bowes Model DM number 1562 showed a value of "2.00" on the 17 VII '66 To reach such a value it seems likely that this machine, at least, has been fitted with values progressing in "steps" of 0.10 rather than 0.05, as had been recorded in one of our earlier Catalogue Supplements. (ESL)

NEPAL. Mr Werner Simon reports a Neopost from this new country (new to meters that is), but we have not seen an impression yet.

NEW ZEALAND. More decimal values shown us by Mr S. D. Barfoot are :-

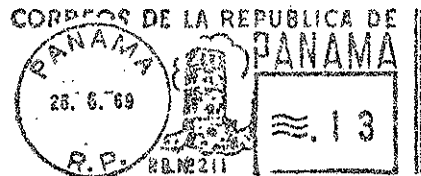
"A" prefix - "Ace"	3, 24 (seen on A.184)
"H" prefix - "Rotex"	2c, 4c, 12c.
"N" prefix - "Neopost"	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
"Z" prefix - "Regent"	3, 4, 5, 6.
"B" prefix - "New Rotex"	8c, 20c.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. J 26 used from Auckland on 9 Sep 1968, value shown as "18-", design similar to earlier Neoposts with zig-zag lines at the sides. (SDB and ESL)

Universal MV number U 226 has the value shown as 0.01 (i.e. no "=" as reported on other machines) (ESL)

NIGERIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 305 number RN 325 has a solid ring instead of a townmark. Impression seen used on 8 VIII 69 and apparently from Apapa. (ESL)

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)



PANAMA (REPUBLIC). Mr E. S. Lapham shows us the Pitney-Bowes (US) Series 5000, and as will be seen from the illustration above, the inscription on this, "CORREOS DE LA REPUBLICA DE / PANAMA" is different to that on the older Model R, which has "REPUBLICA DE PANAMA / CORREOS".

PERU. The bewildering series of varieties on the Hasler machines continues. Some time ago we reported, and illustrated, M-043 with the number incorporated in the frame as well as at the foot of the townmark. We have now seen M-005 and M-014 similarly treated, but these have figures of value 5-bank, as z00.oi whereas M-043 has 6-bank as z000.oi

We have also mentioned before the changing of the wording in the townmarks to include the name of the user. Again with Hasler we now have several types of townmark.

- (a) M-031 This has a solid arc at the top and M-031 at the bottom (it is actually used from Lima), figures of value as z00.oi and with "CORREOS" only at the bottom of the die and no wording below the bottom perforated frame.
- (b) M-027 "SUC. CARABAYA" at the top and M-027 at bottom of the actual townmark. "CORREOS/LIMA" at the bottom of the die and also M.027 below the perforated frame.

M-048 similar but from MIRAFLORES

Hasler F88 C.P.135 has a townmark with the firms name at the top, the town, LA OROYA at the bottom. C.P.-135- over Lic.-325 below the perforated frame. Figures of value as 00.oi with a large solid rectangle before the figures.

Pitney-Bowes also have their varieties of townmark. P.B.35 had "LIMA" at the top and "LICENCIA 200" at the bottom when used on 16 III'62 but by the 4 XII'67 this had changed to "MERCK SHARP & DOHME - PERU S.A." at the top and L.200 - 59 - at the bottom. Any suggestions for the significance of the "59".

Three types of wording on the Automax townmarks are :-

- (a) Firms Name / LIC.296 - LIMA on P.B.511
- (b) LIMA / LICENCIA - 271 - on P.B.515
- (c) Firms Name / LIMA LIC.313 on P.B.547 (all SDB)

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.) - Peru.

Can anyone explain the wording in the townmark of Hasler machine 022 (Correos Lima at the bottom) shown us by Mr E. S. Lapham. This has the wording in the circle as "LEYES N^{OS} / 16208-16078 Y 17050".

Could these be laws relating to some special surcharge, this impression of z0.40 seems to be in addition to the normal M-034 value of z001,60 Both are dated 14.XI.68



SOUTH AFRICA. An unusual townmark on Neopost NA 293, which we show above, has the normal inner circle containing a vertical line at each side.

Automax UA 523, also shown, has a new, wider die.

Universal MV U 301 (KIMBERLEY) has the value shown simply as "2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (i.e. no initial "0" or "R.0") and this is set to the right. Impression seen dated 22 V 69 - can anyone say whether this is constant on this or other machines?.

The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 comes in at least three sub-types :-

- (a) Wide die (the line at each side of "Posgeld Betaal" is approx. $\frac{3}{2}$ mm long), double line at left and right and value as $0.*2\frac{1}{2}$ (J 2 seen)
- (b) Wider dies as above but value as $002\frac{1}{2}$
- (c) Narrowed die (the line at each side of "Posgeld Betaal" is approx 2mm long), single line at left and right and value as $0.02\frac{1}{2}$

The size of the initial "R" in the value on the Safag (prefix "A") machines varies. A.1. has a much larger R than does A.10 The impression seen from the latter is in black.

An unusual combination of values used together to achieve $22\frac{1}{2}c$ seen on Simplex S 508 is $11c$ and $11\frac{1}{2}c$.

(all SDB)

SOUTH WEST AFRICA. Mr S. D. Barfoot shows us a series of decimal value Universal MV's, all different.

U 1, Die as for South Africa except for name, value as R=.01

U 3, as the old type with very small letters and numbers in the die and value as $-.17\frac{1}{2}$

U 4, Wider die, larger lettering, value as $-.02\frac{1}{2}$

U 5, same style of die as U 4 but value as .03

He has not yet seen an impression from U 2!

TUNIS. Satas Model R. Inscription at top as Arabic name over TUNISIE, value as *060 (no "F") and at bottom POSTES, over Arabic inscription and finally the number SR 6164 (Lt. Col de W)

URUGUAY. Mr S. D. Barfoot reports MV-82 with an added fixed zero at the right, making the figures of value as 05200, probably the result of devaluation.