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SECRETARY'S NOTES

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Membership. We only have some changes of address to record this time, they are as follows :-

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"Philympia". Your Hon. Sec. expects to be at the forthcoming exhibition at Olympia, in London, in September on most days during the week from the 19th of September onwards. Such an event provides an ideal chance for members of a Group such as ours to meet and discuss mutual interests in congenial surroundings, if any members of the Group are coming to London during or for the exhibition a letter beforehand will enable us to make arrangements to meet.

RECORDING OF G. B. MACHINES

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Mr W. H. Bogue, "Woodward", Biggar, Lanarkshire, has undertaken to co-ordinate this work. Members of the Group are asked for their support both in sending in the relevant information when called for and by also taking up the full listing of sections.

Would those members prepared to help with this latter task please advise Mr Bogue of their particular interests as soon as possible so that the order of the work can be adequately planned.

All members are asked to contribute the relevant information from their collections on the standard worksheets which, together with instruct-

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ions for their completion are available from Mr Bogue. These sheets should be returned to him by the dates specified, and will then be passed on to the member working on the section concerned. To start with we are calling for the following :-

1. Pitney-Bowes "H" machines as soon as possible.
 2. Universal MV "U" prefix only by the end of August
 3. Midget "M" from towns A to L only
but excluding London by the end of September.
 4. "NZ" and "High Speed" by the end of October.
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RECENT DISCOVERIES FROM LATVIA.
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Mr Werner Simon recently had the chance to examine the collection of a Latvian specialist and discovered amongst this a number of previously un-recorded items. The list that follows should be read with the Barfoot-Simon Catalogue and members are reminded that the abbreviations used are those used in that Catalogue, including those used to describe the figures of value.

Additions to Barfoot-Simon Catalogue (based on Petrovics collection)

LATVIA.

1. 2s value used by Latviesu Konversacijas Vardnica. (previously recorded but not known used.)

re-number after 13:

1940. Type 6. Safag (MV). As Type 3. R.No.nil. Rm.MF in D.M.Yr., stops after D., M. and Yr. Sl.L.

14. VN 0 3(0+2)Ov.

1940 Type 7. Hasler F22 (MV). As Type 14, but R.No. and S to left of TM.

15. N 5S AT 3(5-pt.st.+2)Ov
a. TM inverted, date upright (1940)

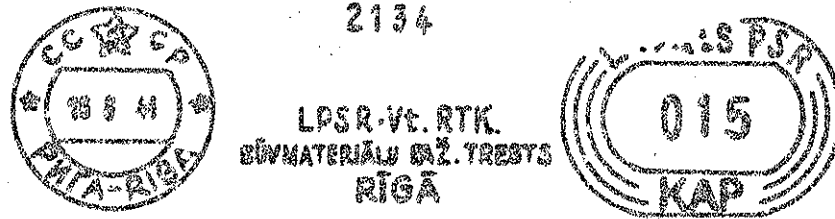
Russian Occupation.

1941 Type 8. Francotyp (MV). As Type 3, but "LATVIJAS PSR" at T in place of "LATVIJA" and "KAP" at B in place of "SANT". TM. SC, with hammer and sickle in star at T., with CCCP at T and bilingual town at B.

16 W TC 3(0+2)CG

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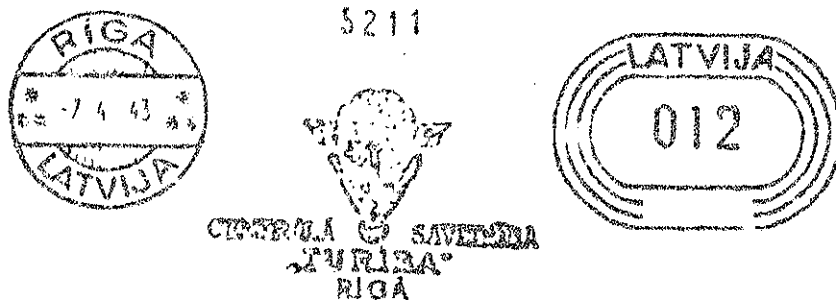
(Type 8)

German Occupation.

1942/1943 Type 9. Francotyp (MV), as Type 3, but "SANT" removed at B., for use with Mark values.

A. Francotyp A.

17 N TC 4(Loz.+3)G



B. Francotyp C.

18. W TC 3(0+2)CE

19. W TC 3(0+2)CG

1943. Type 10. Francotyp (MV). As Type 3, but "SANT" replaced by "Rpf" in cursive letters.

20. W TC 3(0+2)CE

1944. Type 11. Hasler F22. As Type 7, but "SANT" replaced by "Rpf" in cursive letters.

21. N 5S AT 3(5-pt.st.+2)Ov.

(an illustration appears on Page 30)

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21125
Ostland Öl
 VERTRIEBS - GESELLSCHAFT
 M. D. H.
 RISA, ADOLF HITLER STR. 2.



(Type 11)



3178
 F.G.
 GALVENĀ FINANSU KASE
 RĪGĀ



1943. Type 12. Francotyp (MV). As Type 3, but "LATVIJA" removed at T., "SANT" replaced by "Rpf" at B.

22. W TC 3(0+2)CE "LATVIJA" also removed from B. of TM

RUSSIA.

Russian administration of former Latvia.

1941. Francotyp (MV). Design as Latvia Type 3, but curved NOYTA CCCP with star at T., KOP. at B, hammer and sickle at right and left of value, TM with hammer and sickle in star at T., with CCCP at T, bilingual at B.

A. Francotyp A.

10. N 4S TC 4(0+3)A

B. Francotyp B.

11. W 4S TC 3(St.+2)A

C. Francotyp C.

12. W 4S TC 3(0+2)CE

13. W 4S TC 3(0+2)CG

1960. Design as before, but NOYTA CCCP straight with small star.

14. W 0 3(0+2)CG

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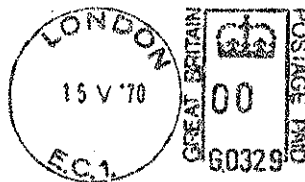
Russian administration of former Estonia.

Francotyp C., as above, No 12, used at Tallin (Estonia)

GERMANY. Former Latvian machine? used in German Type 13 (tall rectangular design, with eagle at top inscribed "Deutsche Reichspost" at bottom) with SC townmark inscribed "RIGA/OSTLAND". Impression seen dated 9 4 43 and used by "Deutsche Zeitung um Ostland", figures of value 4(0+3) and 4-figure Registration number at top.

FRIDEN ARRIVE

Three of our members reported machines with a new "G" prefix at the same time, Mr Eltringham, Mr Bogue and Mr Fletcher. These are machines manufactured by Messrs Friden Ltd., who are in fact now a subsidiary of the Singer Company, whose machines have been in use in the USA and Canada for some years. Following the introduction of decimal currency machines in this country it was to be expected that manufacturers in other countries would take the opportunity of introducing their machines now that special versions are no longer necessary.



We show the impressions in their two versions. G.0194 is in the now usual "pence only" design but G.0329 is probably the smallest GB design we have had so far. The single-circle townmarks are a novelty in recent years as is also the presentation of the year in the date with apostrophe before the two digits, American fashion.

The larger design is for Models 410 and 420 - the difference between these is that the first is semi-automatic and the latter is fully automatic and impressions cannot be separated - and the smaller is for Models 9010

FRIDEN ARRIVE (Contd.)

and 9020. Values for the 410/420 are $\frac{1}{2}$ to $999\frac{1}{2}$ and for the 9010/9020 are $\frac{1}{2}$ to $99\frac{1}{2}$. It is expected that a further type in the 9000 series, with values from 1 to 999 (without a $\frac{1}{2}$ and suitable for parcel post) will be introduced later.

The machines appear to be numbered irrespective of model, "G" prefix.

Two types of "tape" have been seen by Mr Ehreich who describes them as (a) pinkish paper with the word Friden (25 mm long) repeated and (b) light beige with the name smaller (20 mm long). Each label approx 140 x 35 mm.

G. B. NOTES.
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Automax - numbering of £p machines. When we originally reported on Pitney-Bowes numbering system for "decimal" machines we treated all groups of machines the same and made no special mention of the types no longer being manufactured.

All the impressions reported from Automax machines however, where actual manufacture ceased some years ago, have had suffixes from the beginning of the alphabet, not from the end as might have been expected. PBA 163F (London S.W.L.) is almost certainly a converted machine and has a rather worn townmark. Mr W. H. Bogue similarly reports PBA 898E and he is sure this is a conversion (of AG 811) and again this has a worn townmark.

It looks as if we must assume that in the case of Automax, as new machines are not being allocated numbers at the beginning of the alphabet the converted machines are using these instead. We will leave out the "possible" from our highest numbers list for the time being.

Pitney-Bowes Model CV. A long time ago (MSB 77), we mentioned smaller, sans-serif figures of value on PC 108. Mr A. Ehreich shows us a similar figure 3 and 4 used on PC.106 in 1964 and 1965 but by early 1966 these had both changed (or reverted?) to the usual serif style.

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. Mr W. H. Bogue tells us that N 931 F (Oxford), which is still in the "Emblems" design, has at least two of the figures, 4 and 5, without the "D".

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us an impression from NW-22 (used from London, W.C.2 on 17 III 70). This is a new prefix and in fact was the highest number at the time but it is, unexpectedly, in the Emblems design. The same user was using NO-775 in the decimal design as long ago as 19 VI 69. He also reports NU-856 in the "Emblems" design.

Another odd number is NP 521 which has larger letters and figures but in this case, no dash between the letters and the figures. Sgown us by Mr A. Ehreich.

Universal MV. On several occasions we have reported machines fitted with "Simplex" style date figures in the townmark and Mr D. Fletcher adds one more. UA 261 with an EiiR die now has these and also the wording in the

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townmark now reads simply DUNDEE (omitting Angus) - this is no longer considered necessary by the Post Office. He later reported UE 969 similarly fitted in December 1969 and two more, UB 392 and UB 783 (both with GviR dies) used in January 1969. It would seem likely that these simplex style figures are now the stock issue for replacements.

Simplex Parcel Post. In our booklet on the Parcel Post machines we recorded the values known. Mr G. R. Pearson reports one he has just found, a 1/5d. We also recorded that the machine at Aberdeen was in use until 1955. Mr Pearson can extend this period of use until 23 Jan 1957, he also has an example dated 15.1.57 so this is not likely to be an error.

Guernsey and Jersey. Recent Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 machines, some have been shown us by Mr Ehreich and others are illustrated in an article by our member Mr Ehrmann in "GB and Commonwealth Review", all have single-circle townmarks reading JERSEY/CHANNEL ISLANDS. It would seem likely that these SC townmarks are now fitted on new machines and that that they will eventually replace older ones as well.

Also illustrated in the article mentioned is the machine installed on Sark, a Roneo-Neopost Model 105, still with £sd values, numbered 50. This has a single circle townmark with GUERNSEY POST OFFICE at the top and SARK at the bottom with curved arcs between the top lettering and the name of the smaller island.

"Highest Numbers" Thanks this time for reports from Messrs W. H. Bogue, A. Ehreich and D. Fletcher with some from the Hon. Sec.

As suggested last time we have left out the apparently redundant series (these are, with their final numbers, Simplex, SG 852; R-N Model 205, J 8041; P-B Model CV, PC 177; P-B Series 5000, PB 879L; P-B Model R, RT 2456) and we have also omitted the P-B Model R, the Model CV and the "tail-end" Automax, (see page 32). The "fml" are left in as we are still getting reports.

	N 724 H	NW 212	TN 214			
fml	<u>1113</u>	* <u>2012</u>	* <u>3039</u>	* <u>4019</u>	* <u>5003</u>	<u>6020</u> * <u>7007</u>
HGB	1041	2005		* 4002		
	FBS 700 D					PBT 101 M
	FBS 392 S		FBA 274 F			PBT 289 V
	AC.A24	JJ 703	RN 1782			G.0329

As usual, we have asterisked those with no advance and the fml have been underlined as redundant.

We should also record that suffixes "L" and "W" were used for the P-B Series 5000 and that apparently prefixes "JI" and "NV" were not used.

IRISH NOTES.
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Pitney-Bowes Automax. Mr W. H. Bogue reports PBA 020 D in the new "Decimal" design - still apparently numbered in the GB series, and like these at the beginning of the alphabet.

Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. We have commented several times that the numbers of these, and others from Pitney-Bowes, are in the same series as GB. Mr W. H. Bogue sends us more additions to those already recorded.

PB 835 H, 809 J, 823 J, 989 J, 991 J and PB 205 L in the £sd design and PBT 937 E in the £p design. All these seem to confirm that "blocks" of the numbers are allocated for use in the Republic.

PITNEY-BOWES "MAILLOMAT" CARDS.
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Most collectors of USA material will know that many impressions from coin-operated machines of Barfoot & Simon Types M.4 and M.5 are on illustrated cards published by Pitney-Bowes.

Looking through some of these recently we found that there are three types of card, apart from any differences in the impression. The picture of the girl posting armfuls of letters and of the postman collecting them remains the same but the wording changes over the years.

On the original ("pre-war") the final paragraph starts "The Mailomat was developed by Pitney-Bowes" etc. By 1944, or earlier, this had become "The Mailomat is a pre-war invention of Pitney-Bowes" etc and goes on to talk of saying "hello to that boy in Service". The third type ("post-war") has its last paragraph reading "The Mailomat, a product of Pitney-Bowes, was developed in co-operation with the POD" etc.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.
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As usual, we have indicated those who have sent in reports by their initials if necessary. ESL - Mr Lapham, WEB - Mr Bogue, WS - Mr Simon.

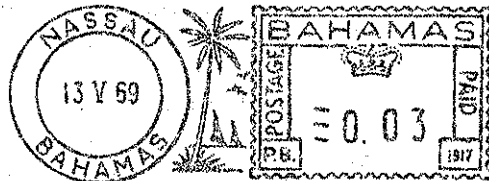
BELGIUM. Have we ever mentioned the Postalia before?. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us C 289 and we have certainly seen specimens some time ago, all numbered with the "C" prefix.

CAYMAN ISLANDS. Mr Werner Simon tells us he has an impression from Jamaica P.B.46 (decimal currency) with a townmark as "GEORGETOWN/GRAND CAYMAN W.I." As far as we have always understood it Jamaica and Grand Cayman are separate political entities (and issue their own adhesives). Apart from anything else this has the date in Arabic instead of the usual Roman figures and is the first decimal Jamaican machine noted.

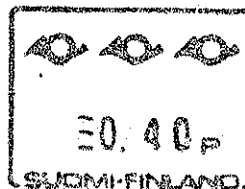
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BRITISH
AMERICAN'S
50th
year



BAHAMAS. We reported the existence of Pitney-Bowes machines some time ago. We now show the Series 5000. (WHB)

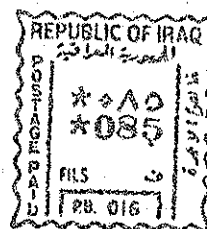


FINLAND. We show a Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 (or Adrema), this has the number to the left of the die and the "SUOMI-FINLAND" in one line instead of two as on other types. Possibly numbered from 4001 upwards. (WHB, and also ESL who shows us 4072)

FRANCE. Mr E. S. Lapham writes "I wondered why there was a zero in front of the number on some "P" machines, and apparently the French (Post Office) did also". He shows us two impressions, P 02201 on 12 12 66 and another with the number altered to P 2201 on -6 3 68

GHANA. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number NE 96 (Accra) with a straight edge die and no imitation perforations similar to the Model 305 already noted.

GREENLAND. A new country. Mr Werner Simon reports the Francotyp in the same design as Denmark.



IRAQ. A country we have not mentioned for many years. We show Pitney-Bowes Automax P.B.016, thanks to Mr G. R. Pearson. Mr WHB also shows us a similar P.B.007.

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KOREA (SOUTH) Francotyp reported by Mr Simon, No KP27.

KUWAIT. Mr WHB shows us Pitney-Bowes Automax P.B.14 used on 17 XI 69. Usual design with "KUWAIT" at top left, Arabic value over Roman value, as *001

LUXEMBOURG. We mentioned F330 as the only Francotyp with the "F" prefix. Mr Simon tells us that F322 has this prefix, as does F.304 but the latter has a stop between the letter and the number and this is enclosed within a box. 325 also is within a box, but has no F.

NEW ZEALAND. More decimal values for the Ace machine are $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 4, both on A 151 (WS)

POLAND. Mr WS tells us that the Postalia was used as early as 1960. He has WR 204 with townmark DC-A but otherwise the same as UR 219, and also one from Gdynia with value as "Z/ 002.50" and solid un-engraved blocks left and right.

SEYCHELLES. According to a report in "Stamp Collecting", franking machines have been authorised under a PO regulation published in March.

SWITZERLAND. Since the 1 Jan 1970 "official" mail is reserved for the Federal Government and other authorities such as Towns, Cantons etc must either frank their mail normally or agree a "lump sum" with the postal authorities. Zurich Canton has adopted the latter method and the die of their Hasler machine has been replaced by an oblong box enclosing "PAUSCHALFRANKIERT/8090 ZURICH". (Heiner Durst)

TAIWAN (FORMOSA). Mr ESL shows us an impression from Automax A.1038. This has on the cover a Registered Label showing TAIPEI/(POSTAGE METER)/No-----". This presumably is a special counter position or office for Meter users.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Pitney-Bowes series 5000 (British) seen used from Port of Spain, numbered P.B.7 between the townmark and the die. (ESL)



UNITED NATIONS (EUROPE). Mr Charles H. Smith is the first to report this new user of meters. A Hasler Model F22, the design is an adaption of the usual Swiss design. We do not know when they first came into use but adhesives have been used since 1950.

ZAMBIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 in decimal currency. Usual design with the Eagle removed, NE 21 from Lusaka on 29 8 69 (WHB)