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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Membership. We are pleased to welcome as new members to the Group

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and we also have one change of address to note

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RECORDING OF G. B. MACHINES
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Members are reminded that this work has now started and it is hoped to send out draft lists (to U.K. members and overseas members who request them) of the "H" and "U" from Great Britain and Eire and the "M" for Eire soon.

Sections already called for are the H, U, M (A to L excluding London), NZ and High Speed. If you have not already sent yours in please do so to Mr W. H. Bogue, "Woodward", Biggar, Lanarkshire. He will provide additional sheets for listing if needed.

The following are now also called for.

1. Pitney-Bowes P, PA and PC. Hasler fml (not HGB) As soon as possible.
 2. Automax A and AA by end of October
 3. Simplex S, SA and SB. Pitney-Bowes PB. by end of November
 4. Universal UA and UB. Neopost TN by end of December
- note - for fml machines please indicate on list as either V = number under value, L = number under lines or DEC = decimal design.

A NEW PITNEY-BOWES MACHINE ?
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Just as we were preparing this issue of the Bulletin we heard of a GB machine numbered PBL 001A. The "L" in the prefix is a new letter and it seems unlikely that this is a Model CV, as although this has not yet been reported in decimal form it is expected to use "C" in the prefix. We hope to have more details in the next Bulletin.

ARGENTINA - The New Peso.

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We have already recorded the Universal MV with a fixed zero fitted at the right (with angular figures of value). We now show two such machines above and it will be seen that although one has an added angular zero the other has a tall rounded zero, presumably to avoid cutting into the frame. Some time ago we recorded the Hasler "Map" design with an added fixed zero and have seen also the Postalia similarly fitted.

Such added zeros are usually a sign of a depreciating currency and of a possible future revaluation, this took place in Argentina on the 1st of January 1970 when the new Peso (equal to 100 old Pesos) was introduced - it has subsequently been devalued internationally by some 12½%.

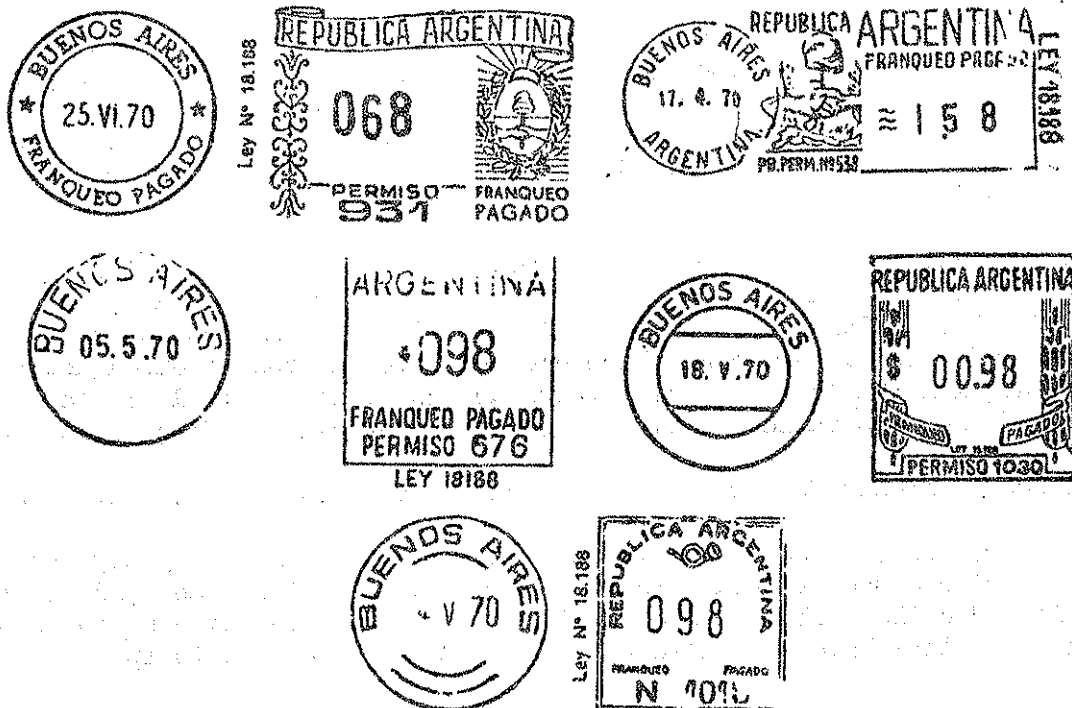


The use of new currency on machines is indicated in the impressions by the addition of "Ley. No. 18.188" in the design. The most spectacular we have seen so far is this Hasler map design with a part of the frame cut away and the space used to include the reference to the appropriate regulation. Figures of value either as in this, z0.0i or 0.0i

In addition to this we have seen a number of variations :-

- (a) Hasler, in the older "Cap of Liberty" design with the words reading upwards between the townmark and the die, figures of value either 0.0i or 00.0i
- (b) Pitney-Bowes Model R with words reading downwards at the right of the value panel.
- (c) Francotyp with legend underneath die.
- (d) Postalia with the wording either in letters only some 1 mm high above the box containing "Permiso" and number (a 4-bank machine) or with the wording reading upwards between the townmark and the die (a 3-bank machine number 1059).

ARGENTINA - The New Peso (Contd)



(e) Roneo-Neopost Model 205 with wording between townmark and die reading upwards.

(f) Automax, reading upwards between townmark and die, figures of value as =00i (thus having one large and one small centavo figure).

All the impressions are dated in 1970, the only one we have seen without the indication of new currency in 1970 is a "zero" impression from a Francotyp TME with value shown as z000.- (thus with no provision for two digits after the decimal point).

This is the first time we have recorded the Roneo-Neopost Model 205, does it exist before the "new" currency ?

(All the above based on notes from SDB, WHB, ESL and WS)

MEANWHILE, BACK IN BRAZIL !

the machines altered to New Cruzeiro continue in what seems an unending stream.

Universal MV number 1056 has now appeared with the angular value shown as NCr\$0,01 and has also had M added in front of the number. The townmark

BRAZIL (Contd.)

has also been replaced, now reading RIO DE JANEIRO with arcs and "Gb" at the bottom.

Pitney-Bowes Model R number M 5235 has the value as *0i" (the two small dashes making the " seem quite deliberate) and has NCR\$ at the top left of the value panel. M.5127 and M.5259 have the value as *.05= (the = is actually of wavy lines). Another Pitney-Bowes Model R also exists in the older currency shown as CR\$, value on 13 VIII 65 was shown as *0ooo (one or more of the zeros probably fixed.)

Automax P.B.-M.5854, which had the box enclosing the value extended nearly to Africa in the design has now had the last three zeros removed and now shows =0,75 and a large blank space in the value panel. P.B.-M.5858 now has the value as =0,75 and P.B.-M.5832, which did not have the box extended now has =,75== but with the last = looking very much as if it is fixed !! The actual position of the NCR\$ varies, P.B.-M.6595 has it between the flag and the number.

Francotyp 13022 (former Sales Tax machine) has N\$ z 00,05 (with comma).

However, help, or more trouble is at hand because on the 15 May 1970 the Cruzeiro replaced the New Cruzeiro (the value remained the same) and as Mr Muhr writes "so that all new meters will no doubt come out without the N of N\$ and those that have been altered will one day be changed to \$."

In passing, we might mention that at the end of 1969 the "Departamento de Correios e Telegrafos", which had been founded in 1932 by the fusion of the "Directoria Geral de Correios" and the "Reparticao Geral de Telegrafos", and was subordinated to the "Ministerio da Viacao e Obras Publicas" and, later, "Ministerio das Comunicacoes" changed into "Empresa Brasileira de Correios e Telegrafos S.A.", a Corporation.

G. B. NOTES.

Automax. We have mentioned before that the letters and figures of the numbers on the emblems dies of these machines vary in size, either 2½ or 3 mm high. This might not sound very much but comparison, say, of the larger letters on AA 239 with the smaller AA 909 makes the different sizes obvious on their own.

Mr Fletcher now tells us of a third style, AA 279 has the prefix AA with small size letters and the number 279 in larger figures. Theoretically we suppose that large letters and small figures could exist.

Pitney-Bowes Model CV. In our "Meter Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland", on Page 23, we list the Model CV under Types 47 and 48 with prefix "P" only. Mr W. H. Bogue tells us he has PA 1 (Edinburgh) in Type 48.

Could this be another of the "posthumous" GviR dies that were used at the time in Scotland, such as NA 156 and SZ 638 ?

Pitney-Bowes Model RT. This machine has now appeared in decimal design. Mr D. Fletcher reports PBR 002A and Mr Bogue shows us PBR 005A.

G. B. NOTES (Contd) - Pitney-Bowes Model RT.

Mr S. D. Barfoot shows us a series of impressions from RT 2447 between January and June 1967. The first shows the usual "-" after the pence figure in the value, which is 0/4-D (the "0", "/" and "D" are in fact all fixed) but this is rather faint. By June only "-" appeared and this was smaller but on 21 VI '67 appeared what seemed a new value segment with only "-" after the 4, giving a perfectly clear value as 0/4-D

Roneo-Neopost Model 505. Mr W. H. Bogue shows us a strip from RN 001. The "001" is the number that Roneo-Neopost usually have for Specimen machines and was certainly used on a demonstration machine some years ago. This time though it seems to have been used for normal postage. Townmark is LANCASTER & MORECOMBE and the impression is dated 12 VI 70, value 04 and with slogan of Storeys of Lancaster. Could this have been used as a relief machine ??

"Highest Numbers". Thanks are due this time to Messrs D. Fletcher, W. H. Bogue, P. D. Wood, M. L. Blakeston plus the Hon. Sec.

	N 62 J (a)	NW 245	TN 228
fml	1115	2015	*3039 *4019 *5003 *6020 *7007
HGB	1057	*2005	3007 *4002 5004 6002
	PBS 928 D	PBA 274 F	PBT 733 N
	PBS 349 Q (b)		PBT 073 U
	PBR 008 A (c)	(PBC 001 A)	
	(PBR 001 Y)	(PBC 001 Y)	PBL 001 A (d)
	AC.A35	JL 237 (e)	RN 2340 *G.0329

As usual, we have indicated with * those series for which we can record no advance since last time and have enclosed in brackets those expected but not yet actually seen.

- (a) Suffix "I" has not been reported and was probably not used.
- (b) Suffix "R" was used.
- (c) This is the first time we have recorded this series in Decimal form, it seems possible that in fact converted machines are being numbered using the suffix letters from the beginning of the alphabet like the Automax.
- (d) See note on page 37.
- (e) Prefix "JK" was used.

IRISH NOTES.

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Roneo-Neopost L.V. Another additional value for the older style design, our number 10, is the 1/1, shown us by Mr Lapham on N 771, used from B.A.C. on 25 X 66

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. In the Shield design NV 380 has the value as "006" and NV 383 has it as "04". Both used in B.A.C. (WHB)

Roneo-Neopost Model 505. This new machine has now appeared, Mr W. H. Bogue shows us RV 016 in the new "decimal" design, used from B.A.C. on 17 IV 70 and he also tells us of RV 007 (also B.A.C.) in the "Shield" design and value as "06".

Roneo-Neopost Model 605. We now have no less than four ways of expressing the value on these machines still in their original design. We use the "w" to denote the group of three wavy lines.

108 has the value shown as ww6D, 110 as w06, 117 as 6D and 111 as 6
(WHB)

A NEW COUNTRY ?



Sr. Ernst Muhr shows us this impression from Angola, but inscribed for "Military Postal Service".

It was in fact on a letter from a General in the Portuguese Army, he thinks from Luanda but is not sure. Of course, such an inscription could be used anywhere in the way that Army Post Office cancellations are, and need only be identified by the number.

He suggests E.P.M. stands for Estacao Postal Militar and for the time being we will classify it as Portugal (Military Postal Service).

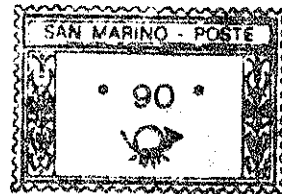
and THE NEW COUNTRY THAT WAS 'NT

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When Mr C. H. Smith sent us the impression we show on the next page we thought we had another country to list as a meter user.

The New Country that wasn't (Contd)

Ufficio Filatelico
Governativo della
Repubblica di S. Marino



Closer examination revealed however that in fact it is printed from a printing press (as Mr Smith says "the impression looks too good to be a meter") so must be classed with other printed "permits".

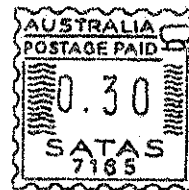
Several different "values" and dates have been seen and it seems as if the Philatelic Office of one of the countries with a large part of its income derived from the sale of adhesive stamps is making a determined effort to imitate a meter in the Italian style of design.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

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As usual, we have identified contributors by their initials if this is necessary. Again we are pleased to have a lot of reports, some have had to be held over, particularly East Africa.

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AUSTRALIA. A fairly recent Satas shows differences with the 5545 we illustrated in MSB 77. "POSTAGE PAID" is now underlined (and larger), the sheep has some ground to stand on and the townmark is now SC.

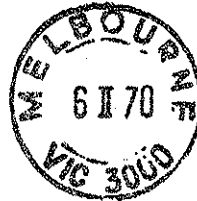
We reported a new "Flower" design recently and now show some examples. Werner Simon tells us that one of the reasons for the introduction of this design was the need for more space because of a change to showing machine numbers instead of licence numbers. Pitney-Bowes and Satas have been showing these machine numbers for some time but now, with the Roneo-Neopost we have a letter in front of the number which indicates the model concerned

Neopost LV (8 value)	RNE or N
Neopost LV (10 value)	RNX or X
Roneo-Neopost 205	E
Roneo-Neopost 505	B
Roneo-Neopost 305	FME or F

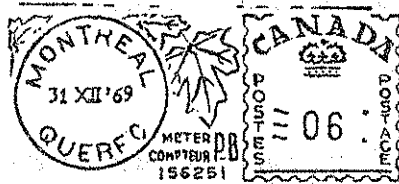
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - Australia.



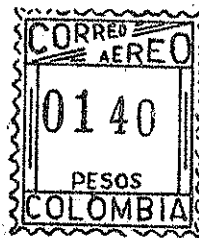
A DRESS BY
Trevola
LOOK FOR THIS LABEL
BEFORE YOU CHOOSE



Some have "POST PAID", others "POSTAGE PAID", but of course coming from Australia there has to be a complication. Those machines with an alphabetical suffix E or F appear to be licence numbers of the old system still available in New South Wales.



CANADA. Recent Pitney-Bowes Model R machines in the 156000 group of numbers have three wavy lines at the beginning of the value instead of the usual star. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us the one above and tells us he also has 156273.



COLUMBIA. Universal MV Air Mail machine LIC.201 has, unusually, UPF before the number. (ESL)

ITALY. When we wrote about the machines with "Conti Di Credito" in the townmark we implied that they were only used by the State Insurance scheme. That this is not so is shown us by Mr Werner Simon who has a number of covers with these impressions written from one bank to another and he suggests that they are in fact machines which have their postage charged to a credit account.

Notes and News from Overseas (contd.) - Italy

Lmae
N° 3212



More machines reveal their identity by showing the number with a form of identity prefix.

Lirma 3212 has "Lmae" and the number to the left of the townmark. (ESL)

Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 cc 2078 D has the number reading downwards between the townmark (NOVARA) and the die. Seen used with figures of value w001 on 13.2.70 (WHB)



BANCO ANGLO COSTARRICENSE
1863 AND DEL CENTENARIO 1963



COSTA RICA. Francotyp No F 128 (WHB)



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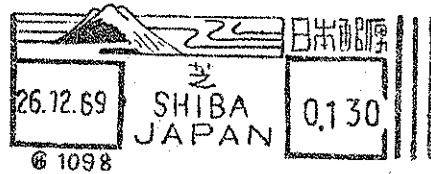


DENMARK. Krag, with "K" prefix. (ESL)

INDIA. An additional value for our Type 10.1 is the 0.80 used on B-2551 at Bombay on 13 X 66 (ESL)

IVORY COAST. We have recorded PR VI as having the name as just "COTE D'IVOIRE" (i.e. without "REPUBLIQUE DU"). Mr E. S. Lapham now shows us PR III used on 25 VIII 68 (hour inside townmark circle) with a space between the name, which is smaller and lower, and the top frame as if the "REPUBLIQUE DU" had been removed.

Notes and News from Overseas (contd.)



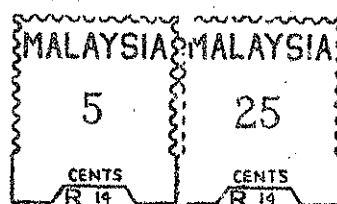
JAPAN. Another variant on the Hasler design. Three vertical lines at the right, wavy lines at right of mountains, no flower above value. (ESL)



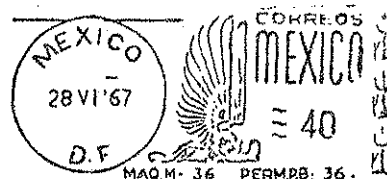
KOREA (SOUTH) We illustrate the Pitney-Bowes Series 5000. (WHB)

LEBANON. Pitney-Bowes P.B.263 has the number vertically at the right of the die, instead of the usual place below. (WHB)

LEICHTENSTEIN. In addition to our list of machines in use we have 2920 SCHAAN on 18.V.67, the user is HILTI TECHNIK.



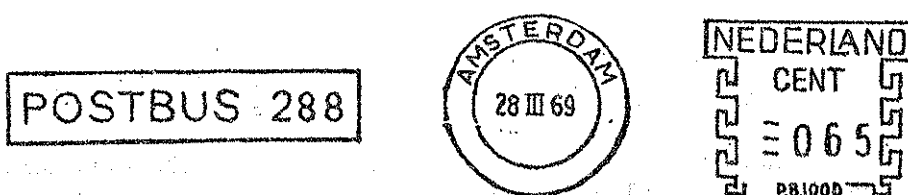
MALAYSIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 105 (?), prefix R. (ESL)



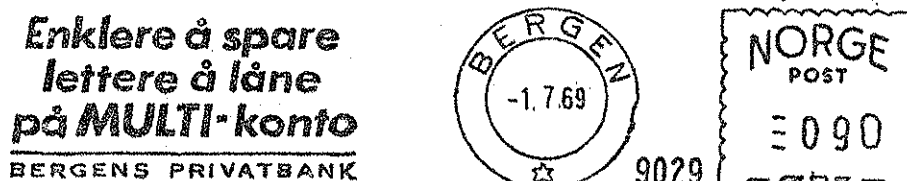
MEXICO. This Pitney-Bowes Model R, M-36, is the first that Mr Lapham has seen with three wavy lines followed by only two figures in Type 14. He suggests that as the number is so low it might have been converted from Type 5.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.) - Mexico.

Mr W. H. Bogue shows us a copy of Francotyp 81258 (the design with a snake vertically at the right). This has solid blocks instead of the actual figures after "PERMISO" and underneath the townmark, in two lines, "UTILICE EL SERVICIO / DE SECUROS POSTALES".



NETHERLANDS. Pitney-Bowes (GB) Series 5000. (ESL)



NORWAY. Pitney-Bowes (GB) Series 5000. (ESL and WHB)

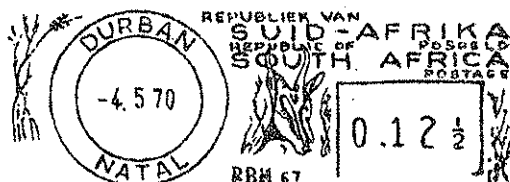


PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA. Pitney-Bowes shown us by Mr Bogue.

POLAND. An impression from SATAS 6906 suggests that the Postal District numbering system might have been abandoned. Dated 16 I 70 from WARSZAWA I this has the bottom line under the value as "POLSKA 6906" (ESL)

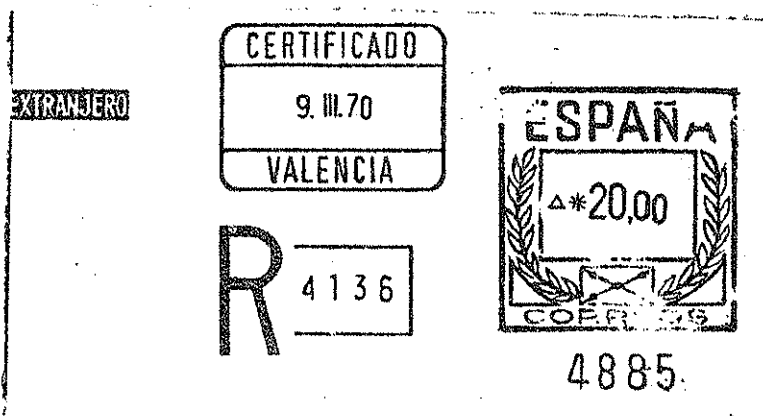
SOUTH AFRICA. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us a curiosity, an impression from Hasler H.56 (in fact on Pitney-Bowes tape !) which has the value shown as 01/00z (i.e. with what was a shilling bar) but dated 10.6.69 so it cannot possibly still be in the old £sd currency.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - South Africa.



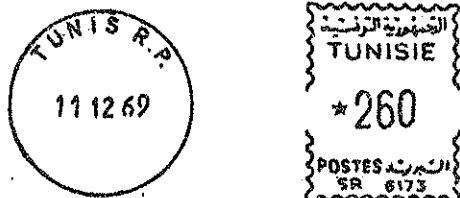
We have never illustrated the Pitney-Bowes Series 5000 before, although recorded some time ago. (WHB)

SPAIN. Automax ? shown us by WHB. Number at bottom of the townmark circle is 3.717 (the first figure could be a reversed "E"), usual square frame, figures of value =01200 with the last zero so far into the frame design and lower than the others that it may be a fized zero. Used in Madrid on 22 XII 69



Francotyp for Registered Post (WS)

SWEDEN. Francotyp Cc in the Crown and Posthorn design. (ESL)



TUNISIA. We now show the Satas Model R, thanks to ESL.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The Friden Model 9222 used for Postage Due is shown us by Mr G. Pustel. In the same design (complete with groups of vertical dashes) as the P.O. machine we showed in Bulletin 86 but this has in addition "POSTAGE DUE" in a T shaped box at the left. Numbered FO30375 so still within the same series as the normal Post Office machines.