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SECRETARY'S NOTES.
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Membership. With this issue of the bulletin we welcome a new member :-

(225) Mr T. Mathewson. 252 Clayhall Avenue, ILFORD, Essex.

have one change of address :-

Mr D. M. V. Aspinwall, now 9 The Meadway, Dore, SHEFFIELD, S17 3EB
and have postal codes to add to the addresses of three others.

Mr C. Delahoy add LN8 3DD

Mr O. M. Richards add LL11 4LS

Miss M. E. Thornton add LL18 5SN

Publications. Work is well ahead on a second edition of the "Meter Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland (Eire)" and we should be able to include an order form with the next issue of the Bulletin, please do not order yet as the actual price is uncertain. We still have plenty of copies of the list of East African Postal Area reprinted with covers, at 25p including post.

Our next Bulletin. will be issue number 100 and as this co-incides with the 50th anniversary of the introduction of meters in Great Britain we hope to make this something really special, not only larger than usual, but articles by some of the pioneers of meter collecting. Notes and news for this issue by the beginning of August please, a little earlier than usual.

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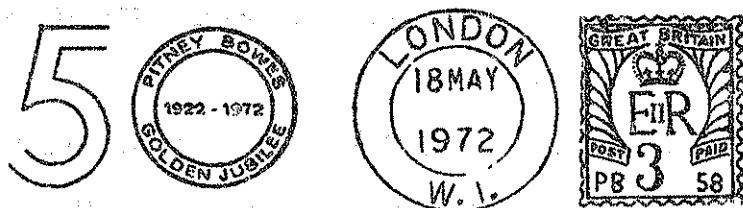
Mr O. M. Richards reports the first Pitney Bowes Model 6300 from Eire, it is numbered in what appears to be the Great Britain series, fuller details next time.

PITNEY BOWES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS IN GREAT BRITAIN
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"I was a young squirt when I came over in 1922 with the Model A". It was 50 years ago that Walter H. Wheeler sold the British Post Office on the idea of postage metered mail. This week he is back in London to celebrate the event and at a special ceremony today he will be franking a few commemorative letters on the original machine he sold the Prudential Assurance Company."

Thus began an article in the Business Diary of "The Times" of Thursday 18 May 1972, which went on to give a brief history of the Company and the principle of postage meters, together with a picture of Mr Wheeler.

The ceremony mentioned was a press reception held at the Dorchester in London, which followed a cocktail party given the evening before at which Mr Wheeler was able to meet many old friends.



The commemorative covers were franked with Model A number PB 58, and as will be seen from the illustration above, the die used was an EiiR 3d value from which the "d" has been removed to make it suitable for decimal values, it is probably the only one in the pre-decimal designs to be used in this way and creates a new listing for us !!

G. B. NOTES.
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Pitney Bowes Model RT. Mr O. M. Richards shows us another of these machines, PBR 010 A, which has a "miniature" towmark only 19 mm dia. from London W.6. on MAR -9'72

Channel Islands. Jersey. The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 (in decimal form at least) comes with two types of month figures in the date, 26 has Arabic and 33 has Roman. (SDB)

"Highest Numbers". (The footnotes to our last report seem to have become somewhat confused during typing, the reference to 135A and 035A should have been (iii) and referred to the Pitney Bowes Model C, PBC prefix, note (ii) referring to the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 should have read "JQ not reported".)

G. B. NOTES (Contd) - Highest Numbers.

Thanks mainly to reports from Mr W. H. Bogue and Mr T. A. Stalker and also from several others the latest position we have is :-

*N 192 L *NX 255 JR 699 RN 4169

*TN 258 *G.0520 *AC.A 37

HGB *1102 2010 *3029 *4003 5008 *6006

*PBA 551 F *PBL 824 A PBC 038 A

*PBR 015 A PBS 755 G PBT 1891 F

PBS 916 Q

* indicates no advance since our last report.

IRISH NOTES.

Midget. In our catalogue of GB and Eire the Neopost machines are listed with the pence values either with a Gaelic "d" or a Roman "D" (the former looks like a "d" lying on its side). Values over one shilling have an "s" between the first figure and the shilling bar if they are Gaelic but this is omitted for "Roman" values.

Mr E. S. Lapham now shows us an impression from M 142 which has the Gaelic type $\frac{1}{2}d$ and $2\frac{1}{2}d$ and in addition a 1/- value with no "s" or space for it, so it would seem that the Midget too comes in Roman values.

Decimalisation. Roneo-Neopost Model 605 number J 127, which we noted as still having a "D" above the value was still showing this as late as the 17.8.71 (ESL)

THE LICENSING OF FRANKING MACHINES IN AUSTRALIA

Additional notes by Richard C. Peck.

Pitney Bowes Simplex. The 'new' die with map and aeroplane design has appeared in all states except Tasmania. In Victoria one re-licensed machine has 69V from the old series instead of PB and the machine number; PB 14305, 14898 and 23023 have the number engraved in larger figures, probably local. In the old design one machine from Victoria has 14111 and no PB !!

Pitney Bowes Automax. Second-hand machines in Victoria, N.S.W., Tasmania and Western Australia are using the old licence numbers, none have been seen from South Australia.

The Licensing of Franking Machines in Australia (Contd.)

Roneo-Neopost Model 105. If sold second-hand by Roneo-Vickers these use the old series, e.g. 10H in N.S.W. or VX 246 in Vic. (this latter was previously Roneo-Vickers own machine, PV 9). No other States seen.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Second-hand machines seen from Qld. (VE 1562) and N.S.W. (37 H) only.

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. Control Systems numbers are C/S 3000 (Vic.), C/S 3500 (Qld.) and C/S 3600 (N.S.W.), S.A. not seen yet. V 1850 in South Australia, sold by Roneo-Vickers, is an error for VF 1850.

Roneo-Neopost Model 505. Control Systems use a "B" prefix and Roneo-Vickers use a "VB" prefix with the machine number and yet B133 and VB133 and B134 and VB 134 have all appeared and are still in use ??

Postalia. Numbers are in C/S 5000 series with numbers from all States. C/S 5902, a very high number, is said to have had this on it when imported from Germany. C/S 5036 has appeared, but this is a Roneo-Neopost Model 205 from South Australia and is an error for E 5036 !!

As far as dies are concerned all C/S 8-value and 105 machines now have "Kangeroo and Boomerang" dies and all machines which change also have these, thus 16H in N.S.W., the C/S is already on the die, and C/S X2325, formerly Flower Emblem X 2325.

In the general number field, Tasmania is still using up ZAL-ZZ9 and Roneo-Vickers are also using a V prefix, thus VZV6, really ZV6. Western Australia is still on 10X-99X.

===== OTHER PEOPLE'S BULLETINS =====

We mentioned last time a new Meter Bulletin from Australia. Further issues have been received and it now seems that this has become established. As a supplement with one issue also came a detailed listing of Australian machines from A1 to B9 with an introduction which itself is very detailed. Points listed are the usual ones of town, user, etc and also changes in the range of values and the dates of changes, illustrated where necessary.

From France come the bulletins of A.C.E.M.A. - Association des Collectionneurs d'Emprints de Machine a Affranchir - a group formed some 24 years ago. This is published five or six times a year, in French, and tends to concentrate on the machines from France, with details of new types and varieties etc., and also wants and offers from members.

Although we do not mention it very often we have for many years also received copies of the Meter Stamp Society Bulletin, which tends to confine itself to meters from the USA and Canada and has contained detailed lists as supplements to the USA section of the Barfoot-Simon catalogue, compiled by Werner Simon.

Other People's Bulletins (Contd)

All these can be of great help to any collector specialising in the particular field they cover, full details can be obtained from :-

Australia. Richard C. Peck, PO Box 85, Drummoyne, NSW 2047, Australia.

France. M. Michel, 12 Parc Athenee, 06 Nice, France.

U.S.A. Harold H. Rugg, 118 Spring Grove Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, U S.A.

A LISTING OF THE FRENCH COMMUNITY

Our member in Paris, Michel de Wailly, has contributed to "La Philatelie Francaise" a series of illustrated articles which list all types from the German Occupation of Alsace Lorraine, 1940-1945; the French overseas departments (Guyane, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Reunion); Andorra and the countries we know as the "French Community".

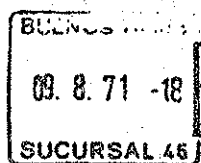
These detailed listings complete his 1969 catalogue of France and Monaco and are included in issues number 206 to 214 and represent a very considerable addition to the literature on meters, for which he deserves our congratulations. We hope to quote new items from these listings in the future.

and of MEXICO.

Another of our members, Werner Simon in the U.S.A., has contributed to "Mexicana", published by the Elmhurst Philatelic Society, a detailed and also fully illustrated listing of machines used in Mexico and these were published in the issues between July 1970 and July 1971.

Again, our congratulations for this.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

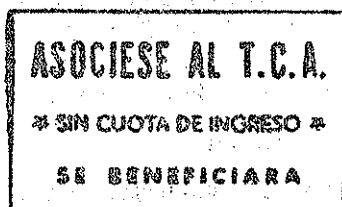


CFRT AEPEA

ARGENTINA. The square Francotyp used for Registered Post in a slightly modified form, with the "R" and the machine number breaking the townmark and frank respectively.

The Postalia with very small "Ley 18188" above "Permiso" also exists as 3-bank, numbers 1790 and 1551, and the Automax also exists as =01 (ESL & SDB)

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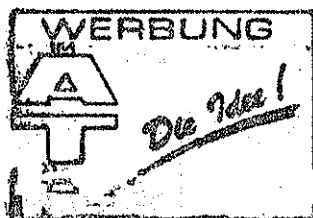


The old Barfoot and Simon Type 6 lives on! This Francotyp Cc has the wording "Franqueo Pagado Permiso" which seems standard for all recent ones.

A Postalia, 1234, from Buenos Aires on 18.IX.69 has figures of value as 0001.= so presumably the stop and = were placed at the right to overcome the inflation at that time, they are probably fixed. (SDB)

AUSTRALIA. We have only briefly mentioned the Neopost LV in the "Ram" design. The numbers exist in two definite forms, Mr Barfoot shows us N IH2 in normal style and N Y09 with the Y09 white on a coloured rectangle. We have already noted YL2 in similar form to Y09, both are from Perth W.A. and Mr Barfoot adds that most he has seen from Western Australia are like this.

The Pitney Bowes Series 5000 has been illustrated with a double-circle townmark, usually with ornaments at the sides as well. Mr Barfoot shows us P.B.2229 D used on -4.8.70 from INDOOROPHILLY/QLD.4086 which has a single-circle townmark and larger lettering than usual, no ornaments.

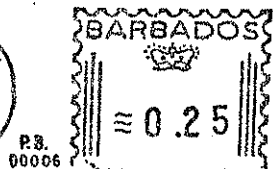
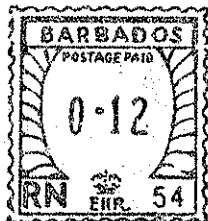


AUSTRIA. Francotyp with Postal Zone number in townmark. No slogan, so it is probably a Post Office machine.

The Automax exists in two forms, either with the words "OSTERREICH" and "GROSCHEN" in letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high and a double-circle townmark or with the words in letters $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm high and a single-circle townmark. The latter has the first "O" slightly smaller than the other letters and is (correctly) shown with two dots over it. (ESL)

What make of machine is this, 1103, another similar one is from WIEN 1030 and has -9 between townmark and die. (SDB)

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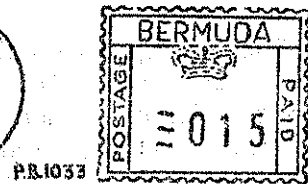
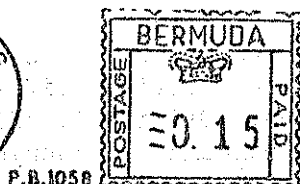
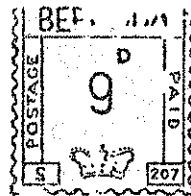
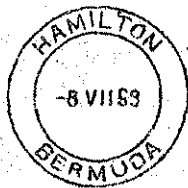
BARBADOS. Roneo-Neopost Model 305 with "Postage Paid" instead of "Post Paid" originally listed many years ago.

Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000. (ESL)

BELGIUM. Hasler B 707 seen by Mr E. S. Lapham in Dec 1970 had a townmark with a postal zone number (1000) incorporated, and similarly Satas H 3022 has TOURNAI/7500 in the townmark. The latter, used on 23 _ 70 also has small date figures.

Mr Barfoot reports another Hasler, B 2459 in Barfoot and Simon Type 6 with figures of value as z00.10 and this is the first he has seen with an initial lozenge.

The Postalìa, which uses a "C" prefix, comes in two types, either they are inscribed "BELGIE-BELGIQUE" or they have "BELGIQUE-BELGIE". C 150, which may have been the first one used, had the month in the date in letters, later ones have Roman figures. (SDB)



BERMUDA. Simplex, used as long ago as -8 VII 69 in £sd, and Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 with the figures of value as either w0.01 (with stop) or as w001 (no stop) (SDB & ESL)

CEYLON. became the republic of SRI LANKA at noon on the 22nd of May 1972, so new designs can be expected.

CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) Michel de Wailly reports SP 3018 inscribed at the top "REP. POP. / DU CONGO", otherwise usual French style design. Figures of value 4-bank, as *001

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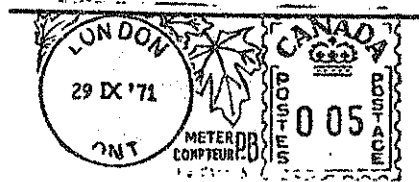
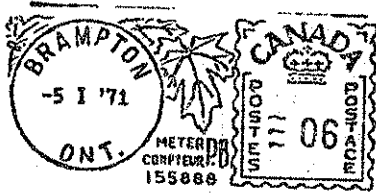
BRAZIL. Universal MV with "N" removed and two large wavy lines following the figures. We do not know why these wavy lines have been included.

The Pitney Bowes Model R exists with a space in the corner of the box surrounding the value where the "N" of NCr has been removed (M 5303, Recife).

The Francotyp Cc has now appeared without a gap (11549 from Sao Paulo).

Automax P.B.-M.5887 with the "N" removed leaving a space between the diamond on the flag in the design and the "0" Value as 1,80== and thus presumably =,01== (ESL & SDB)

COLUMBIA. We noted in MSB 93 that the Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000 existed with the figures of value in two forms, either w0.01 in "modern" sans-serif form or with an older style first used in the USA in the 1930's. Mr Barfoot notes that PB 524 and PB 545 with these older style figures have an initial zero and no stop, as 0001



CANADA. The Pitney Bowes Model R has appeared in two forms, either a narrow or a wide "box" around the value being the most obvious difference. At the same time the figures themselves have varied. Originally *01 (with a star preceding the figures, except from former Newfoundland machines which had three wavy lines, conventionally shown as w01), recent "wide" dies have had the wavy lines, 156251 was shown in MSB XI/44

Now, however, some recent machines in the "narrow" type also have the wavy lines, thus re-introducing the type produced by the old ex-Newfoundland machines. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us 153838 above and tells us he also has 155769, 155828 and 155836, all similar.

Another recent machine, which we also show, has the figures as 001

FINLAND. We showed Pitney Bowes Series 5000 number 4012 recently. This had figures of value as w0.01 with a space between the dot and the next figure. Mr E. S. Lapham now shows us number 4454 in the same model but in this case the figures of value are as w001 without the stop or the gap.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

CHILE. Some unrecorded varieties from Mr S. D. Barfoot.

Universal MV with "CORREOS DE CHILE" in seriffed letters and figures of value as E--0.01 Double-circle townmark, no date.

Universal MV with "CORREO AERO / CHILE" and figures of value E--0.01 Francotyp, all numbered with "F" prefix and figures of value as :-

E^o001

E^o0,01

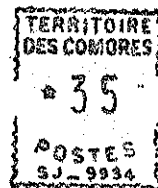
E^oz001 with a comma below the 2nd and 3rd figures.

E^oz001 with comma below 2nd and 3rd figures and with the "E" breaking the frame at the left.

E^o=0,01



Pitney Bowes Desk Model. (ESL)



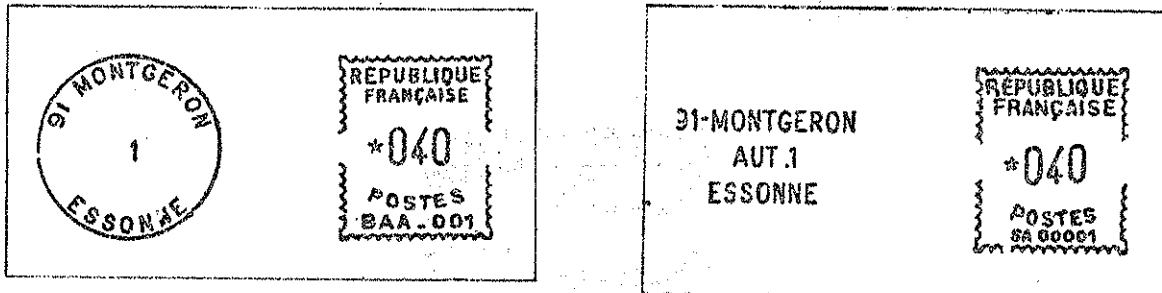
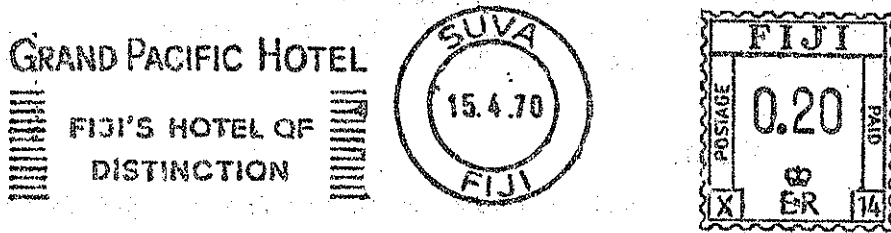
COMORO ISLANDS. This Satas, with an unusual townmark, is the first we have seen from this country.



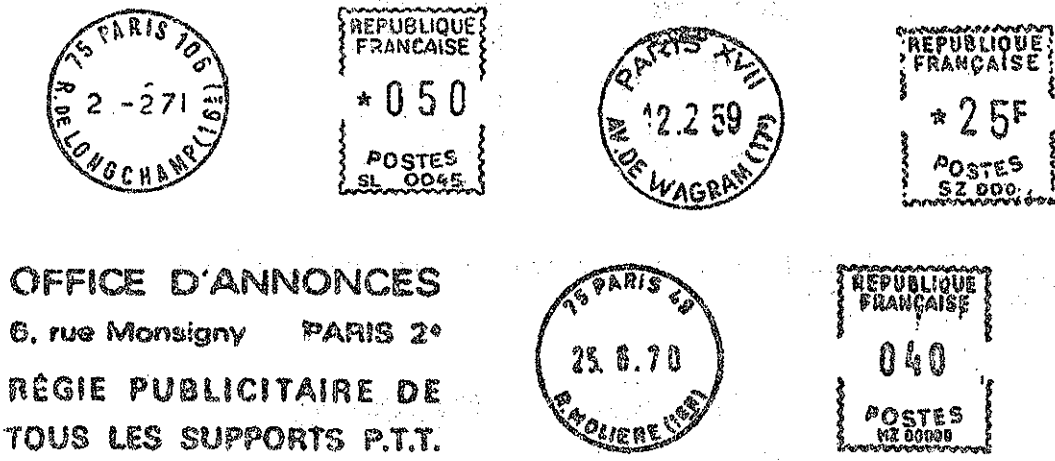
CONGO (KINSHASA). Francoty in "Democratic Republic" design. (ESL)

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FIJI. Francotyp with decimal figures of value (ESL)



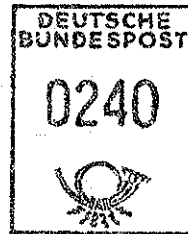
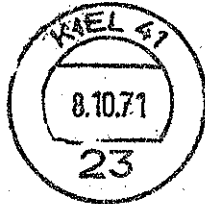
FRANCE. Thanks to M de Wailly we show the machines used at the do-it-yourself post office at Montgeron. BAA was used in 1969 and 1970 and was replaced by SA, which was withdrawn on 14 Dec 1970. BAA stands for "Bureau Automatique Anneye" but both machines were probably manufactured by Satas.



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TOUS LES SUPPORTS P.T.T.

He also shows us other newcomers, all maintaining that uniformity or style that is the despair of some and the joy of others. The prefix of SLW has also been seen.
 Werner Simon reports in one of his articles in "Stamps", published in the USA, that reduced tariffs for bulk mailings have been indicated by "TARIF REDUIT No 1" etc. but this has been simplified by the use of one or two stars in the slogan area of the impression in place of any other notation.

HELL



GERMANY Mr E. S. Lapham believes this is a Hasler, if so the first seen from Germany. Note that the date figures are close together and the day is shown as "8" rather than the usual Francotyp "08" or Frama "-8". The slogan is the name of the user, Dr-Ing Rudolf Hell.

GHANA We cannot trace easily any record of having listed the Neopost L.V. in £sd. Mr Lapham queries this and shows us N18 used from Accra in 1962, value 1/-.

The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 has either Arabic month figures (NE 20) or Roman month figures (NE 147) (SDB)



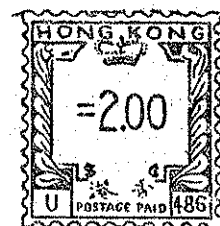
GUATEMALA Pitney Bowes (USA) Series 5000. (ESL)

HONG KONG Two more Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 impressions again throw doubt on the numbering system for these, U 702 and PB 715 (with the PB over the figures).

Automax for Parcel Post in distinctive design. Rectangular double lined frame, Registration number at top left, date at bottom, inscribed in large letters "PARCEL POST / PAID / HONG KONG" and "No 2". Value as 00.01 over \pounds and \pounds (SDB)

The name of the country itself is shown without a hyphen on some machines but this is included in others.

Hong Kong's discovery airline
CATHAY PACIFIC

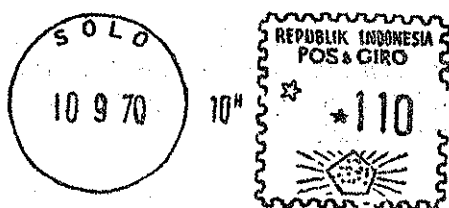


This sideways townmark at least leaves the name at the top ! (ESL)

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd.)

INDIA. Additional Postal Area letters :-

- G - probably Gujerat.
- KL - probably Kerala.
- EP - Delhi, in addition to D or L. (SDB & ESL)



INDONESIA. Satas P.O. Machine, note "POS & GIRO" ! (SDB & ESL)

IRAN. Two more of the machines with P.B. prefix show differences when compared with those already reported. P.B.0017 has a "normal" DC townmark with European date. A (machine?) number, 22463, appears to the left of the die reading down. P.B.0019 is generally similar but without the machine number. Each has a slogan at the left.



We now show the Hasler machine used with a slogan but without licence or machine numbers. (ESL)

LEICHTENSTEIN. Some time ago we published a list of the machines in current use and the remark was made that taking all the variations in the name of the country in the frank, name in the townmark, figures of value and inclusion of machine numbers no two machines were in fact alike.

An additional machine recently noted by Mr Lapham is a Hasler, 9192, "F.LIECHTENSTEIN" in both frank and townmark and figures of value 5-bank as 00001. The user is Balzers.

This, as a 5-bank machine, is also different to all the others !!

LUXEMBOURG. Postalia 422 has the number inside the frame, not below, as the others seen. (SDB)