

THE KLUSSENDORFER

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This is the second copy of The Klussendorfer, and we now have some costs available. The cost of publishing one newsletter of about 14 to 18 pages (9 double sides), an envelope, and postage for Canada and the USA comes to about \$1.80 Canadian per copy. With an expected six issues per year, the dues will be set at \$10.00 Canadian per year. For American members, a \$10 bill cash is best, with credit being given for an extra amount for the future. Banks here charge \$2.00 to handle a U.S. item. If you send a cheque, make it payable to Allan Steinhart; by running it through my U.S. account there is only an 80-cent service charge. The exchange rate today is 85-1/2 cents including bank surcharge, or if you are sending a U.S. cheque or draft, \$9.35 U.S.

Those of you who are not members of BNAPS and have not yet sent your application to BNAPS, please do so. "They" monitor our membership list. And now on to other matters.

ALTONA, MB.

While sorting a recent batch of Klussendorf covers, I received a mild shock. A new Klussendorf! This is from ALTONA, MB dated 09 XII 1988-17. Keep alert for this new one.



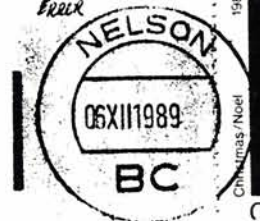
CARLETON PLACE, ON
NEW TM



NEW TM 9



06 XII 1989
ERROR



* SEE p. 25! →

Some recent observations:

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NEWCASTLE, NB | 28-29 IV 2017-17 | should be V 1988 - meter on cover |
| (27 V 1988) | confirms this. | Error corrected 29 V 1988. |
| CARLETON PLACE, ON | 25 XI 1988-22 | New timemark. |
| CRANBROOK, BC | 01-03 XI 1987 0 | Error for 1988, and new timemark. |
| CRANBROOK, BC | 25 XI 1988 9 | New timemark. |
| MANOTICK, ON | 24 XI 1999-08 | Error for 24 X 1988. |
| NELSON, BC | 06 XII 1989-BL | Error for 1988; corrected by |
| 07 XII. | | |

MACKENZIE, BC

I have an EKU of 13 III 1984 for MACKENZIE. The odd part is that in this strike the day portion is blank and the day is in the timemark space so that the cancel reads (BL) III 1984-13. PORT ALBERNI, BC did a similar thing, which I have occurring on three dates in April, 1984 with the cancels reading (BL) IV 1984-10, (BL) IV 1984-13, and (BL) IV 1984-19. Was this format peculiar to these two towns, or did it occur at other offices?

ALLISTON, ON

ALLISTON is an interesting town for the study of timemarks and other factors. The published EKU of 15 VII 1983 is impossible. The machine was installed and proofed by M. Millar on 22 II 1984. I have a proof strike on a proof card. My EKU is 27 II 1984 (Blank timemark). I record the use of timemarks as follows:

≅5 - 2 III 1984
.5 - 19 III 1984 to 26 VI 1986
.4 - 21 VII 1986 to 07 X 1986
4 - 08 X 1986 to 13 XII 1986
Blank - 15 XII 1986 to 18 XII 1986
9 - 20 XII 1986 to 31 XII 1986
.5 - 2 I 1987
.4 - 04 I 1987 to 06 III 1987
.6 - 13 III 1987 to 27 IV 1987
5 - 04 V 1986 to 13 V 1986 (error for 1987)
4 - 21 V 1987 to 10 VI 1987
5 - 15 VI 1987 to 19 VI 1987
4 - 24 VI 1987 to 07 VIII 1987
2 - 12 VIII 1987 to 29 VIII 1987
4 - 31 VIII 1987 to 31 XII 1987
16 - 5 I 1988 to 28 X 1988

There is an invert on 09 VIII 1984 .5. I have the 15 VII 1983 .4 error on a cut square, with the 32-cent rate. It is probably actually from 1984, possibly with a month error. I also have a cover, 32-cent rate, with 16 VII 1983 .4. If these are 1984, this would add another timemark usage.

In addition, there are a number of other errors at ALLISTON:

23 X 1988 5 error for 1987 (36-cent rate)
05 XI 1988 5 error for 1987 (36-cent rate)
19 XI 1988 5 error for 1987 (36-cent rate).

I have the following correct dates:

16 X 1987 4 and 26 X 1987 4,
4 XI 1987 4 and 8 XI 1987 4,
and 18 XI 1987 4 and 27 XI 1987 4.

During the error period of May 1987 when 1986 was used, I have recorded dates of 4, 6, 7, 11, and 13 V 1986 5.

Can someone expand the dates of use of the ALLISTON timemarks, errors, or invert?

SUSSEX, NB

The date of the EKU is in question here. Brian Plain's list gives the EKU as 2 II 1984. Dan Hunka in his article to be published soon in the PHSC Journal gives the information that the SUSSEX machine Serial #02300 was scheduled for delivery in December 1983, was delivered to CPC on 12-1-1984, and was installed on 07-11-1984. This is a conflict in which the EKU is before the date of installation. Hunka notes "Installed date is incorrect."

I have a postcard with a SUSSEX K dated 1 II 1984 17 which also has a meter impression dated 1 II 1984 (left, below). I also record the following February dates:

4 II 1984 17
 8 II 1984 18
 14 II 1984 17
 15 II 1984 18
 18 II 1984 18
 23 II 1984 18
 27 II 1984 18.



The important fact about my postcard is the notation on the reverse side saying that the date of purchase for the item the guarantee card is for is 31-01-1985. Checking my 1985 Klussendorf dates from SUSSEX, I find the last date for SUSSEX with an 18 timemark is 31 I 1985 with a timemark change in February. TM 19 appears in February, with my earliest date being 19 II 1985-19, and reports on the 26th and 27th until the end of 1985. I also have a 2 III 1985-19 report.

I submit that the strikes of timemarks 17 are errors of date and should be 1 II 1985-17, etc.; that is, timemark 18 dates are 1984 and timemark 17 dates are actually 1985 and are in error. I show no TM 18 or TM 19 or any reports from 1 II 1985 to 18 II 1985 and the TM 17 dates fit into this period. I further submit that the original date of installation of 07 II 1984 is correct and the 8 II 1984-18 report (right, above) is at present the EKU.

GRAVENHURST, ON

An examination of the records for GRAVENHURST for its first couple of months shows an interesting selection of timemarks. From the EKD of March 23, 1984 to June 15, I have recorded 53 different strikes, as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 23 III 1984-18 | *16 IV 1984-04 & 19 | 12 V 1984-17 |
| 26 III 1984=7 | 19 IV 1984-04 | 18 V 1984-19 |
| 27 III 1984=7 | 24 IV 1984-19 | 19 V 1984-04 |
| 29 III 1984=7 | 25 IV 1984-19 | 22 V 1984-04 |
| 30 III 1984=7 | 26 IV 1984-19 | *23 V 1984-04 & 18 |
| 31 III 1984-17 | 27 IV 1984-19 | 24 V 1984-04 |
| | 29 IV 1984-17 | 25 V 1984-18 |
| | 30 IV 1984-19 | 26 V 1984-17 |
| 2 IV 1984-19 | | 30 V 1984-18 |
| 3 IV 1984-19 | | 31 V 1984-18 |
| 4 IV 1984-04 | 2 V 1984-06 | |
| 5 IV 1984-19 | 3 V 1984-19 | |
| 6 IV 1984-19 | 4 V 1984-19 | 2 VI 1984-17 |
| 7 IV 1984-19 | 5 V 1984-17 | 4 VI 1984-19 |
| *9 IV 1984-04 & 18 | 7 V 1984-19 | 6 VI 1984-18 |
| 10 IV 1984-19 | 8 V 1984-18 | 8 VI 1984-18 |
| 11 IV 1984-19 | 9 V 1984-18 | 11 VI 1984-19 |
| 12 IV 1984-19 | 10 V 1984-18 | 14 VI 1984-04 |
| 13 IV 1984-19 | 11 V 1984-18 | |

The asterisks represent matched pairs of timemarks from two strikes on the same day. In this period of 84 days, counting Sundays we have 6 timemarks - 04, 06, *7, 17, 18, and 19, with more than one on some days. Could members report on their holdings for this period? Then we can fill the holes.

PORT ALBERNI, BC - Way mail and a ship marking

I have acquired a Klussendorf cover which is most interesting. It was mailed from Bamfield, B.C. but bears a PORT ALBERNI, BC 25 I 1988 =0 Klussendorf cancel. Port Alberni is at the head of Alberni Inlet which runs off Barkley Sound on the west side of Vancouver Island. The M.V. Lady Rose is a freighter operated by Alberni Marine Transportation Inc. that carries mail, cargo, and passengers from Port Alberni down Alberni Inlet to Bamfield (on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays year round, and on Sundays in summer) or Ucluelet (on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the summer only). The cover bears a handstamp "M.V. Lady Rose/vignette of ship/Barkley Sound Service/Way Mail/British/Columbia/Coastal/Service/1937-1987." This is obviously a special marking for the 50th anniversary of this service. A marking from the Lady Rose is listed in the Ludlow "Catalogue of Canadian Railway Cancellations and Related Transportation Postmarks" as S-191(1) recorded in 1937 only. It is quite different from my 1987 mark and so the latter is unrecorded. Therefore, in this case, we have a combination with a ship marking that is unreported, a way letter, and a Klussendorf used on a way letter.

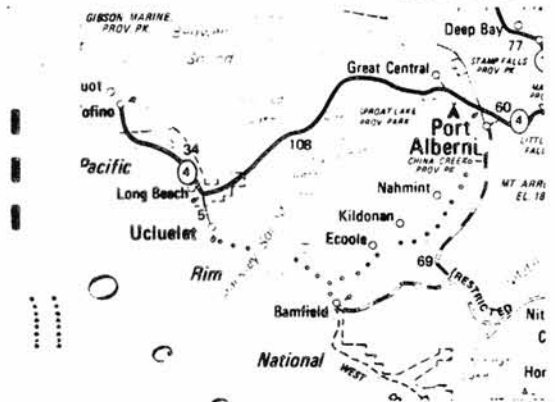
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 VILLE CITY VOR 100



CENTRE **MasterCard**
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 Montréal (Québec)
 H2X 3T1



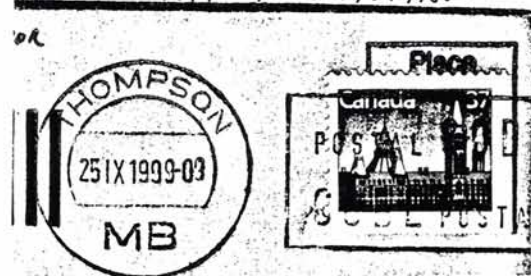
BRITISH COLUMBIA COASTAL SERVICE 1937-1987



INVERT + ERROR



19 TO 25 IX
 25 IX 1999-09 ERROR FOR 1988



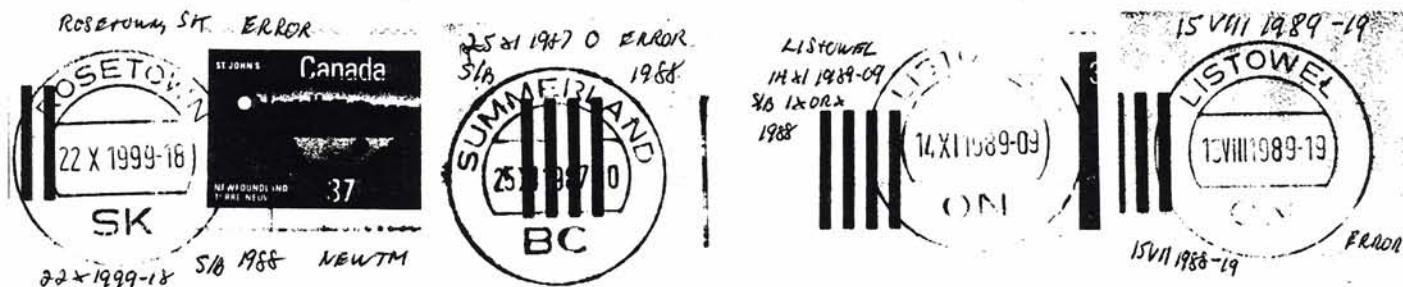
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Book review - "The Canadian Klussendorf Cancellations," by Greig Hutton.

This 186-page looseleaf book is a must for each of us! It is a compilation of information on all the known Klussendorf machines and cancels, up to November 1988. Most of the book is a presentation of the individual town cancellations, listed by province or territory - three to a page. Each entry has a sample cancellation, the serial number of the machine, population of the town, proof date, first day of use, and EKD, and the timemarks reported. Comments such as slogans and reports of errors are included here. The figures showing cancellations from the machines are outstanding. The main list is followed by a 14-page section on Klussendorf slogans, again with very clear sample cancellations. Next come entries for the town dater hubs that have not seen regular service (Amherstburg, Essex, Kingsville, Leamington, and Mission City) and other towns allocated K machines that have not yet been used. These individual entries are followed by a section that presents the patterns of timemark usages. Finally, there is an alphabetically-arranged index of all the post offices. The serial numbers and dates have been obtained from several sources, and appear to be the most accurate and complete data available at the time of publication. This excellent book is available from Greig (address on p. 13) for \$23.95 postpaid, or at George S. Wegg Ltd., 36 Victoria St., Toronto.

More recent observations:

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| ROSETOWN, SK | 22 X 1999-18 | Error for 1988, and new timemark. |
| SUMMERLAND, BC | 25 XI 1987 0 | Error for 1988. |
| WEYBURN, SK | 03 XII 1988 | . (slogan) New timemark with slogan. |
| LISTOWEL, ON | 14 XI 1989-09 | Error for IX or X 1988 - new timemark. |
| LISTOWEL, ON | 15-18 VIII 1989-19 | Error for VII 1988. |
| MORRISBURG, ON | 16-28 IX 1989-18 | Error for 1988. |
| WOLFFVILLE, NS | 29-30 VI 1987-25 | Error for VII or VIII 1988-25. |
| DIGBY, NS | 05-12 V 1987-18 | Error for 1988. |
| DELHI, ON | 17-31 VI 1987-17 | Error for VII 1988. |
| SWIFT CURRENT, SK | 31 VI 1988 BL | Error - June 31 impossible. |



Niagara Peninsula.

Further to the question of what is going on here, I have had responses from three of the four post offices in the Niagara Peninsula. The GRIMSBY, ON postmaster noted "Many of the offices are sending their mail in 'raw' to the big plants for processing, consequently the K machines are not widely used." For Grimsby, add the 1988 dates of use 22 I 1988 and 16 XII 1988. The letter from the Grimsby postmaster was cancelled by a Hamilton #2 IPS machine. The NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE postmaster gave no answer and the envelope was cancelled by a Pitney Bowes machine, code L2R 3B0. A cancel was obtained dated 16 XII 1988-17 from the Klussendorf machine showing that its use is continuing. The PORT COLBORNE, ON postmaster responded that "Most of our mail goes directly in 'raw form' to St. Catherines for processing and thus the reason for the

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seemingly few items cancelled at this point." PORT COLBORNE K 1988 covers have been seen dated 05 IV, 19 VIII, 16 VIII, 29 IX, and 19 XII 1988-18, which widens considerably its 1988 periods of use. At this time, no response has been received from the P.M. at BEAMSVILLE.

GRAVENHURST invert.

Dave Haines reports new dates of 22 and 23 VII 1987 for the GRAVENHURST invert (Klussendorfer, p. 5), and since it is known corrected on 23 VII, we have 21-23 VII 1987-19 invert and 23 VII 1987-19 normal.

GRAVENHURST, ON.

Dave also reports from the EKD of March 23 to June 15 a total of 21 strikes, some of which duplicate the previous report this issue (pp. 15 and 16) and some of which are new ones. The additional fill some of the holes, as follows:

- 2 IV 1984-16 & -19 matched pair
- 4 IV 1984-19 which with previous -04 makes a matched pair
- 9 IV 1984-04 & -18 another matched pair, confirmation of previous
- 14 IV 1984-17
- 7 V 1984-4 with previous makes a matched pair, -4 & -19
- 16 V 1984-19
- 21 V 1984-19
- 29 V 1984-18
- 6 VI 1984-04 which with previous -18 makes a matched pair.

A number of others were confirmations of other reports. It is interesting to note the only report of timemark -16 on 2 IV 1984 from 74 strikes in this short period. Also note the unusual matched pair timemarks -04 & -18, -04 & -19, and -16 & -19. Perhaps we can get some more reports of early GRAVENHURST strikes up to June 15, 1984.

New reports.

George Sangster sent us a copy of a series of reports he sent to member Robert Meek. A number of these add new information:

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|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| BEAUHARNOIS, PQ | 10 III 1985-08 | New timemark. |
| CHATHAM, ON | BL IV 1984-25 | Day in timemark slot. |
| KEMPTVILLE, ON | 11 VIII 1984-11 | New timemark. |
| NEW HAMBURG, ON | 16 I 1984-14 | New EKU. |
| OLIVER, BC | 28 V 1984-1 | New EKU. |
| PORT ELGIN, ON | 17 XI 1983-17 | New EKU; date of installation. |
| PORT HAWKESBURY, ON | 09 IV 1984-BL | New EKU. |
| REVELSTOKE, BC | 08 V 1984-17 | EKU confirmation. |
| SELKIRK, MB | 02 IV 1984-19 | EKU confirmation. |
| TERRACE, BC | 24 VI 1984-BL | New EKU. |
| WETASKIWIN, AB | 02 XII 1983 BL | EKU confirmation. |
| WHITEHORSE, YT | 20 I 1984 BL | EKU confirmation. |

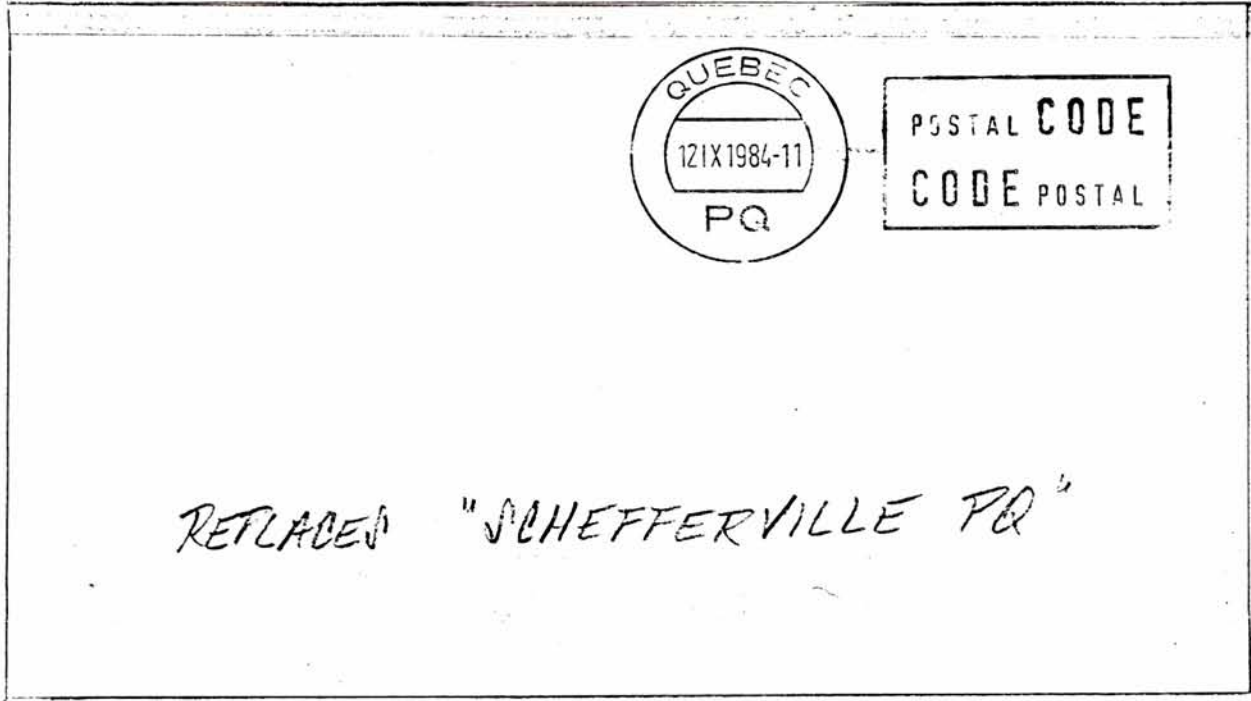
In a copy of a letter to Dan Hunka, George adds the following interesting strikes:

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|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| COCHRANE, ON | 09 V 1984-18 | New EKU. |
| CRANBROOK, BC | 10 IV 1984≡ | New EKU. |
| DOLBEAU, PQ | 09 V 1984≡ | New EKU. |
| GRAND FALLS, NB | 3 VIII 1984 BL | New EKU. |
| MELVILLE, SK | 09 V 1984 BL | New EKU. |
| SHERBROOKE, PQ | 20 XI 1983 BL | New EKU. |

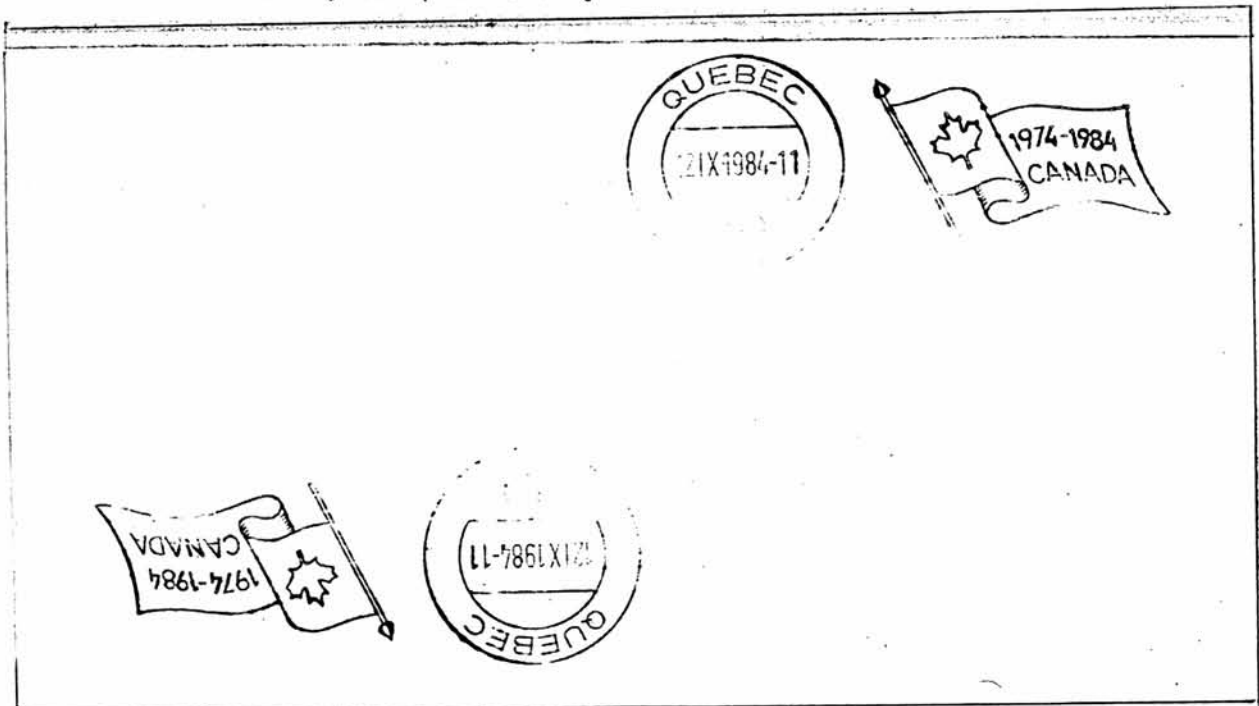
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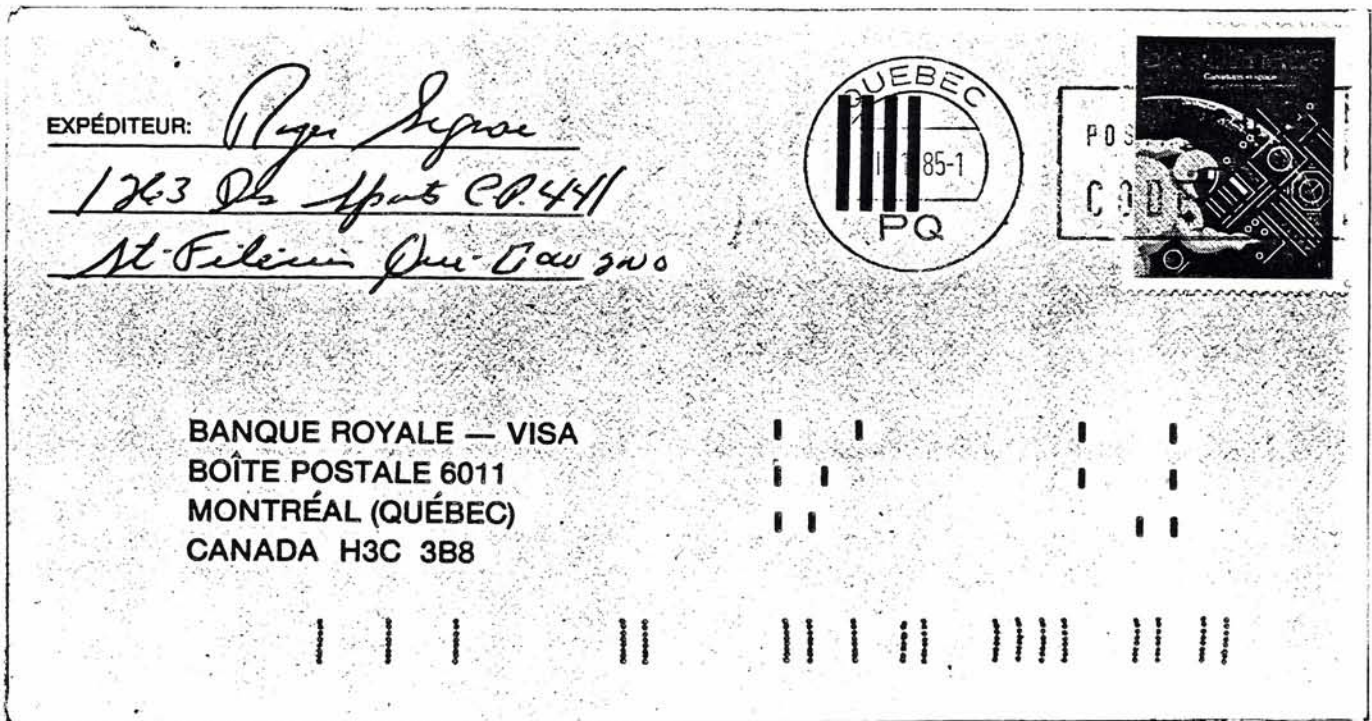
QUEBEC, PQ.

A fair bit has been written about the elusive QUEBEC Klussendorf cancel. These are photocopies of a pair of proof cards. One bears a proof strike of the QUEBEC dater 12 IX 1984-11 with the manuscript endorsement REPLACES "SCHEFFERVILLE PQ" which supports the theory that the SCHEFFERVILLE Klussendorf machine was not used. It appears that it was sent to QUEBEC, PQ and a new hub for QUEBEC was put on. Whether the date is accurate or not, we do not know.



The second item, also dated 12 IX 1984-11, has the QUEBEC hub but the flag slogan killer generally associated with the National Postal Museum K cancels. Both items are unusual, but proofs only.





Also pictured here (above) is a correct usage of the QUEBEC, PQ Klussendorf cancel on a cover dated ? IV 1985-1. The day is obscured by the bars, but the month and year are decipherable. Note that the return address is not Quebec City but ST.-FELICIEN, PQ. I know of another QUEBEC K cover that also has a ST.-FELICIEN return address during the same period. It is possible, and this is only a theory, that something happened to the K machine at ST.-FELICIEN, PQ and that this QUEBEC machine was the spare machine in the district. For whatever reason, it is possible that the machine was put into service at ST.-FELICIEN with the QUEBEC hub for a very short time in error, perhaps because the ST.-FELICIEN hub was in need of repair or whatever, or until the proper hub was placed in the machine, or until the original machine was put back into service.

ST. ANDREWS, NB.

This is one of the tougher Klussendorfs still in service to get. A note from the postmaster says "We had a lot of trouble with our machine but since it was recalled for an overhaul this summer it has worked better and we are using it more frequently." This explains the scarcity of the ST. ANDREWS Klussendorf as it appears the machine was in and out of service since its installation. The cover I received, it should be noted, had a date error of 25 XI 1987-11 for 1988. The postmaster's letter was dated 25/11/88.

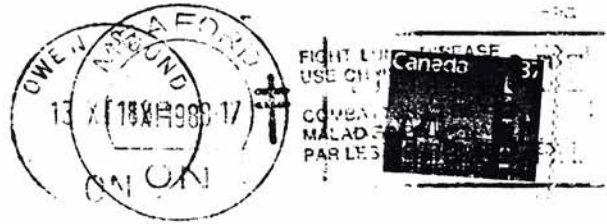
Christmas Slogans - 1988.

The postmaster at WEYBURN noted that a Post Office directive indicated the Fight Lung Disease slogan was "to be implemented Nov. 1, 1988." The PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE postmaster commented "Cancel slogan took effect on Nov. 1/88. This date runs the same every year." The MELFORT, SK postmaster noted "First day of use this year was 1 Nov. 88." The postmaster at SELKIRK, MB said Nov. 1, 1988 was the EKU there of the slogan. The TISDALE, SK p.m. noted "The slogan is to be used during November & December. We did not get ours in till Nov. 7th this year due to an oversight instead of Nov. 1st as it should have been."

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Two more slogans.

Dave Haines sends us a copy of a nice item with a MEAFORD Klussendorf and an OWEN SOUND, ON slogan IPS. The Owen Sound is 13 XI 1988 and the Meaford 18 XI 1988. He reports that this is the first combination K and IPS cover he has seen.

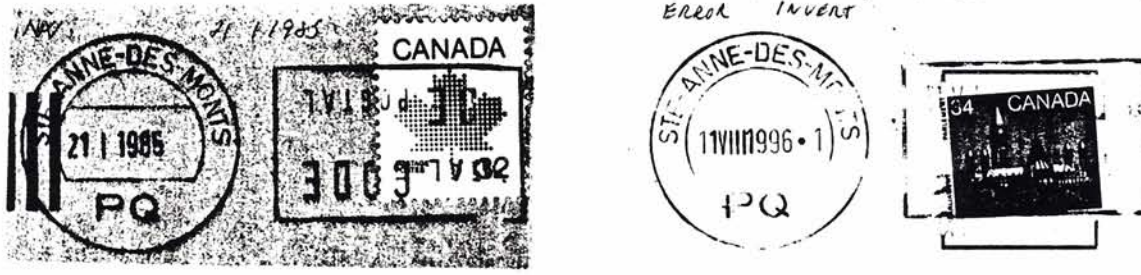


Regarding the CORUNNA, ON Bluewater Bridge K slogan, Dave send a photocopy of the slogan cancel used for the opening of the bridge.



ST.-ANNE-DES-MONTS, PQ.

This town has a notorious invert which lasted longer than any other. I have reports extending from 21 I 1985 BL to 11 IX 1985 BL. Compounded with the invert error, there occurs a significant date error. I have reports dated 08, 11, 15, and 18 VIII 1996.1. These are errors for VIII 1986. Correct dates with the invert have been seen for 6 VIII and 26 VIII. This is also the only reported period of use of the .1 timemark. This is an interesting error with another error.



Timemarks at PICTON, ON.

The postmaster at PICTON, in response to a query, clarified the use of the timemarks at PICTON. The -17 timemark is used at 5:00 PM during the week and the -11 timemark is used only on Saturdays. The timemarks reported at PICTON are: -17, -11, -1, and -07. The -17 and -11 are explained. The -07 occurs on an error. The -1 probably is a timemark error for -11 or -17, and since TM -1 occurs on 7 V 1988, a Saturday, it is a timemark error for -11. An examination of eleven -11 timemarks in 1987 and 1988 revealed them all to be Saturdays except one, 13 VII 1987, which was a Monday. Someone probably forgot to change

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the timemark from -11 to -17 after its Saturday use. 1984, 1985, and 1986 saw similar patterns with some discrepancies.

Reports.

Member George Sangster says he prefers B or BL for blank. A BL is better, as it cannot be confused with an 8. He also responds that he likes to keep -21 and 21 as different timemarks.

In response to some of the questions in Klussendorfer #1, Gordon McDonald feels that BL is better than - and also that -6 and 6 should be considered different. Several people have now responded on these two points and so we shall in future use BL for blank and -6 and 6 will be considered two different timemarks. We now have \equiv , ., - and BL separating timemarks from the year.

ABBOTSFORD, BC. Dave Haines reports his ABBOTSFORD, BC as dated 05 X 1984 BL and Gordon McDonald reports that his is dated 04 VI 1985 BL.

FORT ST. JOHN, BC invert. George Sangster reports a FORT ST. JOHN, BC invert with the date ? X 1989-1 which probably occurs before 08 X 1986. The -1 is a new and unreported timemark, not on any list.

AYLMER, PQ. George also reports a date of 19 II 1988-08 for AYLMEER, PQ for the EKU on the Klussendorf being put into service again.

ACTON, ON. Regarding the ACTON, ON error mentioned in issue # 1 (Klussendorfer p. 8), George reports an earlier date of 16 II 1989-21, making the period of use 16 II 1989 to 3 III 1989.

ST. ANDREWS, NB. George Sangster reports a fairly early use of 24 IV 1984 with timemark -16.

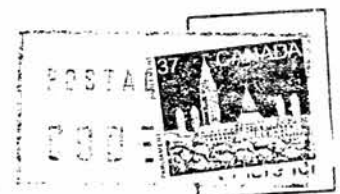
MISSION, BC invert. Gord McDonald reports finding a copy of the MISSION invert dated as previously reported (Klussendorfer, p. 7).

CORUNNA, ON slogan. Gordon has found a commercial usage of the one-day CORUNNA slogan (Klussendorfer, p. 3).

EKU for ST. MARYS, ON. Gordon reports an EKU of 12 III 1984. He says this was put through the machine the day it was installed. This installation date was not listed in the recent Dan Hunka list.

SWAN RIVER, MB error.

A nice error has been recorded from this new Klussendorf town, 12 and 13 VIII 1999, an error for 1988, but possibly June, July, or August.



5/15 12 VII 1988

ST.-FELICIEN, PQ timemark and error.

The normal timemark from the beginning of 1988 has been . . . the latest

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date for this TM that I record is 1 VIII 1988. I have an error of 5 VIII 1989 for 1988. The error was corrected and a new timemark put into use, the EKD so far being 12 VIII 1988.1 . Can we close the gap?

News and Notes.

POSTAL MUSEUM. Gray Scrimgeour received a letter from the National Postal Museum to the effect that the Museum Klussendorf was retired from service by Canada Post on April 1, 1988.

WEYBURN, SK invert. Greig Hutton advises that he has a WEYBURN, SK Fight Lung Disease slogan dated November 9, 1988 inverted, extending the date of use of the invert.

DELHI, ON invert. Mike Street reports an invert of the POSTAL CODE killer at DELHI, ON on 22 XI 1988-18. This is the second DELHI invert this year.

Slogans.

Wally Gutzman sends in some new EKDs & LKDs for slogans:

| | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----|------|------------------------|
| CRESTON, BC | EKD | 19 | IV | 1985 |
| CRESTON, BC | LKD | 16 | V | 1988 |
| EDSON, AB | LKD | 04 | XII | 1986 |
| KENTVILLE, NS | LKD | 00 | X | 1985 |
| PENTICTON, BC | LKD | 30 | XII | 1984 |
| PORT ALBERNI, BC | LKD | 28 | VII | 1986 - Forestry |
| PORT ALBERNI, BC | LKD | 07 | XI | 1986 - Forestry |
| RICHMOND, PQ | LKD | 26 | VIII | 1986 |
| HUMBOLDT, SK | EKD | 20 | XI | 1987 |
| SWIFT CURRENT, SK | EKD | 20 | XI | 1987 |
| TRENTON, ON | EKD | 03 | VI | 1986 |
| VILLEMARIE, PQ | EKD | 11 | IV | 1986 and LKD 09 I 1987 |

New timemarks.

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-------|------|--|
| ALTONA, MB | 17 | 9 | XII | 1988 |
| ALTONA, MB | 12 | 21 | XII | 1988 (both 12 & 17 in use) |
| BAIE COMEAU, PQ | .0 | 31 | X | 1988 |
| BAIE COMEAU, PQ | 0 | 24 | X | 1987 (error for 1988) |
| CAMPBELLTON, NB | .1 | 14-15 | XII | 1989 (error for XI 1988) |
| CARLETON PLACE, ON | -22 | 25 | XI | 1988 |
| CHAMBLY, PQ | -18 | 29 | III | 1987 (error for 1988, either II or IV) |
| CHANDLER, PQ | 1 | 02 | XI | 1988 (formerly -1) |
| COURCELETTE, PQ | -2 | 20 | VII | 1989 (error for VI 1988) |
| CRANBROOK, BC | 0 | 03 | XI | 1987 (error for 1988) |
| CRANBROOK, BC | 9 | 25 | XI | 1988 |
| DOLBEAU, PQ | -2 | 13 | VIII | 1996 (error for 1985, month = ?) |
| DORION-VAUDREUIL, PQ | -20 | 07 | XI | 1988 |
| FORT NELSON, BC | -0 | 10 | XI | 1988 |
| GLACE BAY, NS | BL | 21 | VIII | 1986 |
| GRAND FALLS-GRAND SAULT, NB | -16 | 05 | VIII | 1988 |
| LISTOWEL, ON | -09 | 14 | XI | 1989 (error for IX or X 1988-09) |
| LISTOWEL, ON | -19 | 18 | VIII | 1989 (error for 1988) |
| MANIWAKI, PQ | .9 | 24 | X | 1999 (error for IX 1988) |
| The .9 for MANIWAKI has also been found with a normal date. | | | | |
| MEADOW LAKE, SK | -18 | 09 | V | 1988 |
| MONTMAGNY, PQ | .2 | 28 | X | 1988 |
| NICOLET, PQ | -16 | 15 | VIII | 1987 (error for 1988) |
| RIVIERE DU LOUP, PQ | -18 | 11 | VI | 1985-18 (error for VII 1986) |

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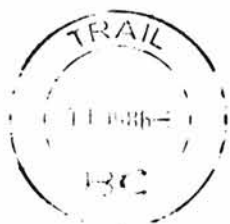
More new timemarks.

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|----------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| ROSETOWN, SK | -18 | 22 X 1999 (error for 1988) |
| SACKVILLE, NB | -29 | 31 XI 1999 (error for X 1988) |
| SWAN RIVER, MB | . | 12 VIII 1999 (error for VII 1988) |
| ST-BRUNO, PQ | BL | 22 I 1988 |
| VIRDEN, MB | 6 | 1 XI 1988 |
| VIRDEN, MB | -20 | 26 X 1988 |

Flash. BLENHEIM, ON is in BLUE in December, 1988. Dates later.

TRAIL, BC.

An interesting item from TRAIL, BC is a K cancel dated 1 I 1986=, a New Year's Day cancel with the unusual timemark for TRAIL of \equiv . This is my only report of the use of this timemark at TRAIL. A question arises. Is this really a New Year's Day cancel, or an error. And isn't it strange?



Article trouvé dans un
sac présumé vide
Item found in an otherwise
empty mail bag

LAC MEGANTIC, PQ.

A straightforward Klussendorf cover has been found dated 14 IX 1988. with the unusual handstamp in English and French "Article trouvé dans un/ sac présumé vide/ Item found in an otherwise/ empty mail bag." This makes a very common K cover into something unusual.

Editor's comment: In the summer of 1954, I worked for two weeks in the Bag Room of the main Vancouver Post Office. The Bag Room was the place where empty mail bags were opened to check for contents, and then stacked flat on dollies for reuse. One of my jobs was to open, check, and stack bags that had been stored since previous Christmas rushes. Of course, I found mail that would eventually (in the Postmaster's Office) have received a mark like that on this cover. The technique of opening the bags was to hold the bag in both hands and then insert the right elbow to force the bag open. Day one brought a nice blister! I would certainly like to have one of the registered covers that we found every once in a while, just to see what excuse of a postmark had been put on it (kgs).

WEYBURN, SK invert.

The turnover date of the WEYBURN slogan invert is 25 XI 1988=1. I have a 24 XI 1988 invert cover and a 25 XI 1988 cover with the correction. I believe I am responsible for this correction, as I sent a few covers to WEYBURN to get the slogan cancel and they were cancelled 25 XI 1988. I guess maybe my asking for some favour covers called the postmaster's attention to the invert, although I didn't know at the time there was one. I have found a double invert strike of 01 XI 1988, the probable first day.

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SUMMARY ON THE "FIGHT LUNG DISEASE" SLOGANS FOR CHRISTMAS 1988

The SWIFT CURRENT slogan did not start as early as the others (LKU of POSTAL CODE (PC) 18 XI 1988; slogan EKU 05 XII 1988). The postmaster there says first use was on December 1, 1988.

WEYBURN was the only town to change timemark during this period, from ≡1 on 29 XI 1988 to . on 3 XII 1988. The WEYBURN slogan was inverted from 1 XI 1988 to 24 XI 1988.

Please add to the current data on the slogans (dates 1988 unless noted):

| | LRU/PC | Pms ERD/sl. | ERU/slogan | LRU/slogan | ERU/PC |
|-------------------|--------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HUMBOLDT, SK | 24 X | | 28 X | 29 XII | 05 I 89 |
| MELFORT, SK | 24 X | 1 XI | 1 XI | 31 XII | 3 I 89 |
| PORT. LA PR., MB | 24 X | 1 XI | 1 XI | 31 XII | 3 I 89 |
| SELKIRK, MB | 31 X | 1 XI | 1 XI | 31 XII | 3 I 89 |
| SWIFT CURRENT, SK | 26 XI | 1 XII | 5 XII | 29 XII | 30 XII |
| THOMPSON, MB | 27 X | | 31 X | 30 XII | 3 I 89 |
| TISDALE, SK | 2 XI | 7 XI | 16 XI | 04 I 89 | 04 I 89 |
| WEYBURN, SK | 31 X | 1 XI | 1 XI | 31 XII | 2 I 89 |

INVERTS - additions to usage

CAMPBELL RIVER, BC 25-27 I 1986 BL
 ST-ANNE DES MONTS, PQ 21 I to 11 IX 1985 BL
 WEYBURN, SK 01 XI to 24 XI 1988 ≡ slogan
 DELHI, ON 22 XI 1988-18 corrected same day

EARLY DATE REPORTS

MORDEN, MB 20 X 1988 BL
 ST-CONSTANT, PQ 16 VIII 1988 BL
 ST-ZOTIQUE, PQ 22 XII 1987 .
 SWAN RIVER, MB 01 V 1988 BL
 WESTBANK, BC 10 V 1988 ≡

ALTONA, MB

The postmaster at ALTONA writes that the machine was received at ALTONA on Nov. 26, 1988 and its first day of use was Nov. 29, 1988. It came from the district office, serial no. 02437. The cover dated 05 I 1989 showed a new timemark of -12, rather than the earlier -17.

Serial no. 02437 had been allocated to MELVILLE, SK - but I have a MELVILLE K cancel for Nov. 29, 1988. A phone call to the MELVILLE post office revealed that a few years ago their Klussendorf machine was sent to Regina for repairs. A replacement machine was sent out on loan, but is still there (i.e., the original machine #02437 was not returned, but kept in Regina as a spare). The replacement machine at MELVILLE is #02359; a check showed that this machine was formerly at YORKTON, SK.

Lots more news, and 1 page left! Keep it coming.....

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Member Robert Meek, PO Box 1041, Brantford, Ont. N3T 5S7 publishes a lovely Klussendorf list with EKD, timemarks, slogans, errors, etc. It is available for \$3.76 postage prepaid - well worth it. His new list is just printed.

MORE NIAGARA PENINSULA (cf. pp. 3 and 17)

Gene Labiuk also reports that the machines at NIAGARA-ON-THE LAKE, PORT COLBORNE, BEAMSVILLE, and GRIMSBY are used for local mail only. Local mail must be handed over the counter. Mail deposited in drop boxes is taken to the regional sorting offices (St. Catharines for the first 2, Hamilton for the last 2). Gene wrote to each of the offices with stamped unaddressed envelopes and a stamped return envelope. GRIMSBY returned the covers with K cancels. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE and PORT COLBORNE covers came back to Mississauga, cancelled at the sorting office in St. Catharines. Gene obtained BEAMSVILLE local covers with a roller and a c.d.s., and finally - after placing covers during the Christmas rush in a box or bag covered with red wrapping paper in the lobby of the BEAMSVILLE post office - Klussendorf cancels, timemark 17. (His covers with the SASE were never returned.) Illustrations below.



ST-CONSTANT, PQ and ST. ANDREWS, NB

Gene wrote to these towns, and got one K back (see results above). ST. ANDREWS uses the Klussendorf for local mail only. What happened at ST-CONSTANT? (I dropped 4 covers off in LADYSMITH, BC in November, and got results like ST-CONSTANT. Any news from BC? kgs)

FLASH!! NEW SLOGAN AT LISTOWEL, ON

Andrew Chung sends word that the K machine at LISTOWEL will use a slogan reading "North America's Largest Irish Festival (bilingual)" starting late in January 1989. The slogan die had not arrived as of Friday the 13th (For rejuvenated POGO fans, Friday the 13th came on Friday this month!). The slogan is to publicize Paddyfest, held from March 4 to March 18, 1989. Last day for the cancel will be March 18, 1989. The die will be retained and reinstalled in the machine next year.

RPSC CONVENTION AT HAMILTON - MAY 5 TO 7, 1989

Andrew and Gene passed on word that the LISTOWEL Klussendorf machine will be used at the Royal show. The dater hub will be LISTOWEL, and no special slogan is planned.

Robert Meek has an ABBOTSFORD, BC (p. 7) of 02 IV 1984-16, giving us the reports of 02 IV 1984-16, 05 X 1984 BL, and 04 VI 1985 BL. He also confirms the EKD for ST. ANDREWS, NB as 02 IV 1984-16 (which gives us the timemark).

Editor's comments. That completes another issue. Geoff's Quebec report follows. I am trying to cross-reference by referring back to page numbers. You'll notice that we have decided to use continuous page numbers for this purpose. I have some illustrations on hand, but can always use more. A future issue will have the feature article on discontinued towns. Bye for now, Gray.

KEBEC KLUSSIE KOMMENTS NO. 2
by Geoff Newman

Since the last Komments were written in mid-November, new sources of information have come to hand as follows:

- (7) A. W. Walker collection.
- (8) Greig Hutton - "The Canadian Klussendorf Cancellations" and conversations with him.
- (9) Dan Hunka - "Klussendorf Installations" based in part on (3) and personal correspondence.
- (10) Wally Gutzman collection.

And here goes again.

ASBESTOS: This town is not on the Installation List (3) but is part of the April 1984 delivery schedule (9). The EKUs of 10 V 1984 (8) and 13 V 1984 (5 #3) are looking lonely. Dan (9) reports a known year date error of 13 V 1984 for 1985! Best supporting dates I am aware of are 15 VI 1984 B (2), 21 VI 1984 B (1), 26 VI 1984 B and 27 VI 1984 B (7). Has anyone got anything between 13 V and 15 VI 1984?

BAIE-COMEAU: Another possible EKU problem. The machine was received by Canada Post on 06 I 1984, but is reported as being installed in "Apr. 1984". Originally the EKU was reported as 6 IV 1984 in Feb. '87 (5) but later as 22 III 1984 in May '87 (5). I have 6 IV 1984 (1), but am not aware of anything between 22 III and 6 IV, can you help? Keep in mind there are known month errors in 1984 (1). (Or am I just annoyed that I don't have the EKU anymore?). This machine was sent to Quebec City where it was kept as a spare. In 1987 it was sent to Halifax where it was last reported being held as a spare (8). The Hauterive machine is currently being used in the Baie-Comeau office. There is no guarantee that the dater-hub from the original Baie-Comeau machine was not transferred to the Hauterive machine nor that a second Baie-Comeau hub was ever made. If anyone can track this down, please do so.

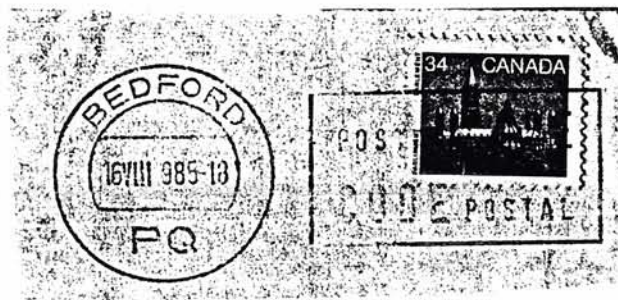
BEAUHARNOIS: Errrr - looks like I made a mistake! The LKU of the normal obliterator - 1st period is 28 IV 1986 (2) and the EKU of the slogan is the same day. (So I made a mistake A1 - we can't all be perfect like you.). How about an EKU for 2nd period of normal obliterator. Surely someone can beat my 16 IX 1986-18 (1).

It appears that the -18 time mark was commonly used from EKU to late 1988. The others appear to have been used only occasionally. Have not heard or seen of two different time marks (TM) on the same day. We have TM-16 from 5 II '84 (9) to 19 II '84 (9) and only two reports from (1) (7) both for 1 IV 1985 and 10 V '86 (9), which is during the slogan period. The -11 TM reports are 4 II '84 (9), 21 IV '84 (1), 15 IX '84 (7) all of which are Saturday. Can you provide some data other than -18, so we can get a better idea of time mark use?



BEDFORD: This machine was received by Canada Post on 03 I 1984 (3). The EKU of 9 I 1984 (5 #2) is looking good and has some support with 16 I 1984 (2) and 17 I 1984 (1) (damn, he beat me again!).

This town has the third smallest population (2,832) of the original Quebec towns with a K-machine. It is a little hard to find covers from here and to make things more difficult there are two new time marks to report. First, -17 with the 1983 for 1984 year error (1) illustrated above and -27 from 18 II '85 to 27 III '85 (9). Remember -18 appears to be the usual time mark from EKU to mid-1988, so can you report any others?



Now that's an early date! There is absolutely no trace of the "1". Does anyone else have this one?

BERTHIERVILLE: It is going to be really tough collecting an example of all the different postmarks from this town. This town is the smallest (2,120) of the original Quebec towns, has six known time marks and four known date errors, including the following new one of 22 VI 1997 -08 (2) for unknown.

There is some question about early dates. The machine is recorded as received by Canada Post on 9 I 1984 and installed 01 VI 1984. Reports are 23 IV 1984 (5 #5), 23 V 1984-18 (1), 25 V 1984 (8) and 6 VI 1984-18 (2) (beat you Al!). Can anyone shed more light on this subject? Time mark use appears to be as follows:

- 18 from EKU to 22 VI 1984 (1)
- 05 30 VII 1985 (2)
- 17 24 VIII 1984 (1) to 05 XI 1986 (10)
- 25 15 X 1987 (2) to 23 XI 1987 (2)
- returning to -17 thereafter
- 08 & -16 with year errors only

(4) Lists -07 but not -08, which I guess is a typo. Can you improve any of these dates?

BUCKINGHAM: A new EKU of 11 I 1984-17 (2) which looks good for now, because installed date is 10 I 1984 (3). Known time mark usage is as follows:

-17 from EKU to 31 XII 1985 (9)
-05 06 I 1986 (9) to 01 VIII 1986 (2)
-04 10 VIII 1986 (2) to 7 XI 1986 (2)
-05 10 XI 1986 (2) to Aug. 1988 etc.

Come on fellows, how about some improvements, (especially to those reports marked (2)).

CHAMBLY: The EKU of 12 I 1984-19 (2) is questioned, but definitely not impossible. Canada Post received the machine on 09 I 1984 (3) but it is reported as being installed on 13 I 1984 (3). The latest reported use of the Pitney-Bowes machine is 5 I '84 (9). Time mark use looks like -19 from EKU to 1988, except -18 with ? 1987 year error date for 1988 and -00 reported by (8) of which no details are known. Can anyone provide a photocopy of either -18 or -00?

CHANDLER: Believe the EKU of 21 II 1984 (5 #2) can be improved because the machine is reported received by Canada Post on 06 I 1984 and installed on 14 II 1984 (3). On the other hand maybe the EKU will stand because the Pitney-Bowes is known as late as 20 II '84 (9). Time mark usage also needs some work - can you help?

. EKU to 9 X 1984 (1)
*1 10 X 1984 (2) to 28 XII 1984 (2)
. 17 I 1985 (1) to 4 II 1985 (1)
B 01 III 1985 (1) to 25 VIII 1987 (2)
(note no .) 1 15 VIII 1987 (2) to 8 I 1987 (9)
-1 15 IX '87 (2) to 19 XI '87 (2)
10 4 XII 1987 (2) to 29 XII 1987 (2)
-1 29 I 1988 and thereafter
=4 (5) and (8) unknown

Two new date errors of 31 XI 1986 B (2) for ? possibly 1 XII and 33 III 1987 B (8) for unknown day.

CHATEAUGUAY: Can anyone report a later date than the current LKU of 29 VI 1986-19 (4)?

CHIBOUGAMAU: In contrast to the many machines that seem to have been delivered very quickly after receipt by Canada Post, the machine for this office apparently took a long time to be put into service. It was received by Canada Post on 19 XII 1983, but the EKU is 10 V 1984 (5).

New time marks are making collecting this town somewhat more interesting and are as follows:

B from EKU to 27 XII 1985 (2)
. all 1986 to 21 VII 1987 (2)
= 29 VII 1987 (2) to 4 V 1988 (2)
=0 30 V 1988 (2) to 22 VI '88 (9)

New errors reported - 25, 26, 29 II 1987= should be 1988 (2)
15 II and 1 III 1988= known correctly (2)

There are too many (2)s in that listing - how about it, can you make some changes?

FOLLOW-UPS TO THE PREVIOUS COLUMN

Missing



ACTON VALE: The time mark (TM) shown above is from (9), the -18 is from (1) (damn). So we have a new EKU. Time mark (TM) usage looks as follows:

- 15 EKU - only report
- 18 common from 04 I '84 (1) to 5 V '87 (2) and in 1988
- 12 scarce reports 7 I '84 (2) & (9), 19 V '84 and 13 X '84 (1) and all Saturdays
- 17 scarce in '84 - reports 9 V '84 and 26 VI only, but common from 8 V '87 (2) to 21 XII '87 (2)

This suggests -17 was occasionally used in lieu of -18 in 1984 and regularly for seven months in 1987. Nothing heard about TM -16. Errors - 21 II 1985-18 should be I (b/s 1985 Jan. 23); 25 III 1985-18 should be II (b/s 1985 Mar. 4).

ALMA: First, a correction to the table showing the time mark usage: read (2) for (3). Then change the data to the TM table as follows:

- 0 16 IV '85 (1)
- 1 22 IV '85 (9) to 25 IV '85 (1)
- 0 9 V '85 (9) to 12 XI '85 (2)
- and -10 25 & 26 XI '83 for '85 error
- B 28 XI '85 (1) to 31 XII '86 (2)
- 02 I '87 (2) to 31 XII '87 (2)
- =1 5 I '87 (2)
- = 16 III 1998 (8) for '87 error
- =1 4 to 11 I '88 (2)
- 12 I '88 (2) to 15 VIII '88 (1)

AMOS: The Pitney-Bowes machine is known as late as 29 June 1984 (9), which helps narrow the EKU down. Time marks look like:

- B EKU to 30 XII '87 (2)
- 7 I '88 (2) to 21 V '88 (2) (9)
- B 4 V '88 (2) to 22 VI '88 (2) ? because,
- 13 V '88 (9) to 25 VII '88 (9)

AMQUI: Dan Hunka (9) also questions the EKU of 20 I 1984 (5 #2) and adds that he has Pitney-Bowes cancellations of 16 I '84 and 8 II '84. It is looking very much like 20 or 21 II 1984 is the real EKU. If you can help with reports, please do.