



# THE KLUSSENDORFER

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Time flies, and it's typing time again. The past month has been busy, with Dan Hunka's workshop on Klussendorfs at Orapex and a chance to buy more covers from Oxfam, and then the Royal convention in Hamilton the following week (see GRIMSBY, below). With good weather here at last, I have the urge to be outdoors - but there are lots of news and feature items to send out.

## ELLIOT LAKE, ON.

A most unusual and completely new Klussendorf variety has been found, similar to but different from an IPS variety type. On March 21, 1989, the postmistress of ELLIOT LAKE reported by telephone that, after disassembling the Klussendorf machine for cleaning, a pin was broken when she was putting the parts back together. The broken piece was forwarded to Sudbury by registered mail, where it was received on the 22nd, repaired, and returned on the 23rd. The part sent for repair contained the town name. The machine was run on March 21, 22, and 23 without the town name and in its place is a 2-1/2 mm black bar in a curve and a blackout where the province should be. The Klussendorf is also known on March 21 with the town name correctly used. When the repaired part was returned, the postmistress was unable to make the timemark function, so a new TM is found. The earliest report so far is 29 III 1989 BL. Probably March 24 through 27 dates do not exist, as these would be Good Friday through Easter Monday. This is a most spectacular variety!



Above are strikes of ELLIOT LAKE from 21 III 1989-18 before the part broke, from 21 III 1989-18 with the "blackout" appearance, and from 29 III 1989 with the blank timemark. We'd like reports of other strikes of the variety and following the correction, to record this event while the information is still available.

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GRIMSBY, ON.

At the recent Royal Philatelic Society of Canada convention in Hamilton on May 5, 6, and 7, 1989, there was a real, live Klussendorfer machine on demonstration. It was Serial #5433, the original ELMIRA machine which is now the backup machine at district headquarters, with the GRIMSBY date slug. Favour cancellations were made for people on request. As we have previously reported, the GRIMSBY Klussendorfer machine is being used only for local mail as out-of-town mail is bagged and sent to the Hamilton sorting plant. The machine was operated by Walter Berry, the postmaster at Listowel. I obtained enough of the souvenir cards to send one to each member of the study group with this newsletter. Although used on all three days, only the 05 V 1989 date was used. Two timemarks (.1 and .2) were used.

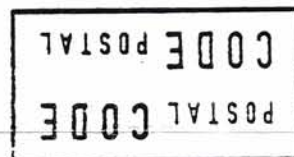
The machine was taken apart several times to show how it operated. During one of these demonstrations, it was shown how the timemarks are changed and .1 was changed to .2. Someone asked how inverts occurred. The insertion of the POSTAL CODE slug was shown and corrected, but on correction was mistakenly inserted inverted, assembled, and one run off to demonstrate how the machine worked. After a few more were run off, it was noticed that the POSTAL CODE was inverted and it was corrected. To the best of witnesses' knowledge, seven inverts got through: one on card and six on 38-cent #8 postal stationery envelopes.



05 V 1989.1

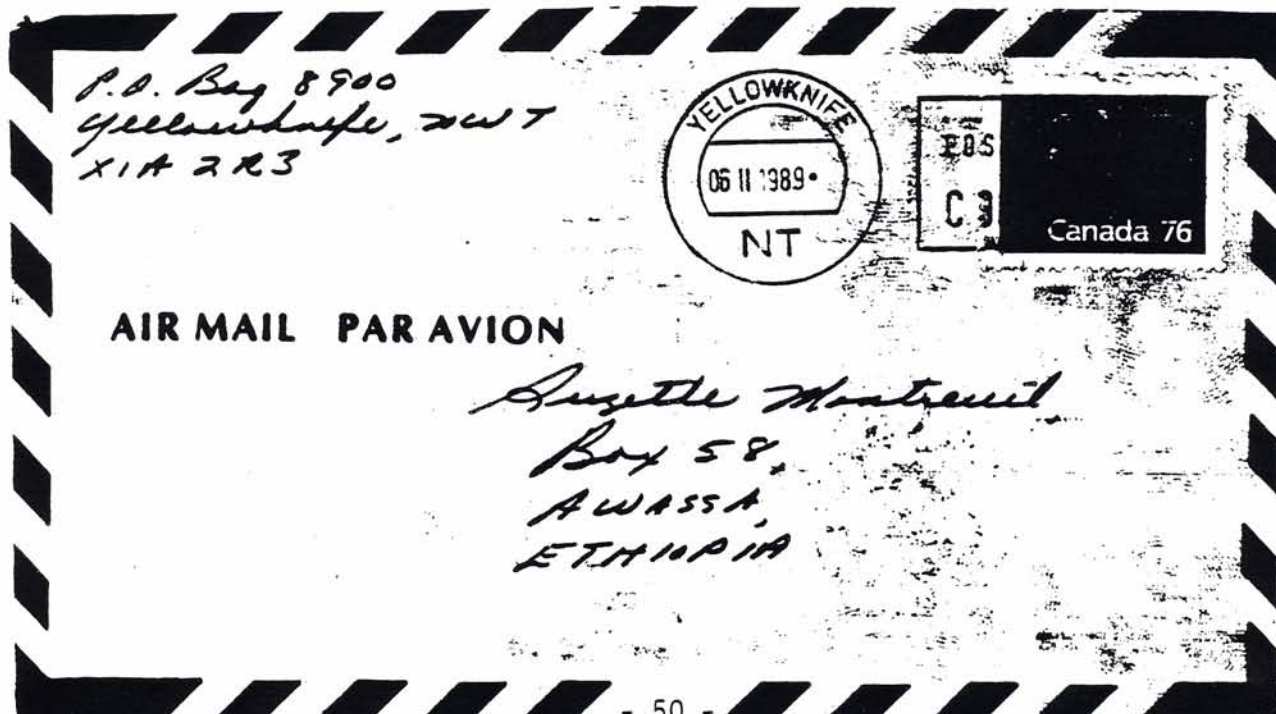


05 V 1989.2 INVERT



A foreign destination from YELLOWKNIFE, NT.

Yellowknife may be a common town, but here is an uncommon cover - YELLOWKNIFE, NT 06 II 1989. on a 76-cent airmail rate to Ethiopia.





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### NEWFOUNDLAND.

After sending a series of letters to a number of Klussendorf post offices in Newfoundland, we received some information regarding those many Newfoundland timemarks.

BELL ISLAND, NF. Mail passes through the machine twice a day: 09 which is the morning processing at 9 AM, and at 4 PM or TM 16.

BOTWOOD, NF. Mail is despatched twice a day, at 0800 (or 8 AM) with various timemarks such as 8 or -08 and again at 1600 or 4 PM with TM -14.

CHANNEL-PORT AUX BASQUES, NF. Mail is despatched twice a day, at 1000 hours (10 AM) and at 1800 hours (6 PM) which accounts for the timemarks -10 and -18. During the summer, they close an hour early at 1700 hours (5 PM) and hence use TM -17.

CLARENVILLE, NF. The postmaster reported that 4 AM and 8 PM are the times the mail drop boxes are cleared, and hence timemarks .4, 4, and -04 and also -20 have been used.

DEER LAKE, NF. The postmaster reports "New times in our K machine read 12 and 18. These are the last clearance of drop box mail before despatch."

GANDER, NF. The postmaster reported that the timemarks represent as close as possible the time that the mail was ready for processing or when it was picked up from their drop boxes. Numerous timemarks are used, with -17 or 5 PM the most common.

GRAND FALLS, NF. The postmaster reports "We use the timemark 17 indicating 1700 hours or 5 PM. This is the time our mail is despatched. This is the only timemark that should be used at our office."

HAPPY VALLEY, NF. The postmaster reports "09 coincides with our AM despatch of mail to the other local stations and St. John's, Nfld (our major despatch) and 15 to other local stations in the afternoon."

LABRADOR CITY, LB. The postmaster reports the following information. "At the Labrador City office, our hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 07:00 to 17:15 hours, Saturday 08:00 to 16:00 hours, therefore the timemarks 7, 07, 8, or 08 are start up times. We normally change every 3 to 4 hours. This enables us to monitor slow and peak periods, also it helps us to determine if any mail should miss its departure times, at what times it was processed. On the average we use 07, 08, 11, 14, 17, etc. A lot also depends on flight schedule changes. Over the last few years, we have used just about every hour mark from 07:00 to 18:00 hours.

MOUNT PEARL, NF. The timemarks are in line with their mail despatches to the mail processing plant at St. John's. TM -14 is the 1400 or 2 PM despatch and TM -18 is the 1800 or 6 PM despatch Monday to Friday. Timemark -16 is 1600 or 4 PM, used only on the single Saturday despatch.

STEPHENVILLE, NF. The postmaster noted that the timemark is changed three times a day on their machine.

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ROTHESAY, NB.

The postmaster at ROTHESAY has reported that they no longer have a Klussendorf machine. June 1, 1986 was the last day of use, according to the postmaster.

### REPORTS OF INTEREST.

Wally Gutzman reports the following new slogan dates:

MELFORT, SK 24 XII 1987. LKU.  
PORT ALBERNI, BC 13 XII 1985.8 LKU Christmas.  
PORT ALBERNI, BC 14 X 1986.8 LKU Forestry.  
PORT ALBERNI, BC 07 XI 1986.8 EKU POSTAL CODE after above.

Bill Robinson reports an error for KITIMAT, BC of 13 III 1989. which he received on 17/2/89. This is probably an error for 13 II 1989. .

Anatole Walker reports an error of 21 V 1998-07 for BELOEIL, PQ. I can add the dates 20 and 22 V 1998-07. These should be 20 to 22 IV 1987-07. Father Walker also reports 18 I 1987-07 for BELOEIL, which he believes is Sept. This is not so, as 18 IX 1987-07 is reported as are VI, VII, and XI. It is probably IV or April, the beginning of the timemark -07 period. 16 IV 1987-18 is reported. Walker also reports a DORION-VAUDREUIL, PQ error of 25 VI 1996-23 for 1985. I can confirm another strike of this same error.

Gene Tymchuk makes some interesting reports. He notes both 06 and 6 I 1986.8 at ST. FELICIEN, a most interesting observation. What's going on here? And why? Gene also reports the PORT HOPE, ON impossible date 37 XII 1988-19. Gene also reports PORT ALBERNI, BC 30 IV 1989.8 found April 24/89 which confirms another report. This is an error for 30 III 1989.8. Gene adds 29 and 30 IV 1990-08 to the other report of 27 IV 1990-08 for ANTIGONISH, NS, which should be 1989. Also LACHUTE, PQ 03 II 1990-00 is reported, an error for 1989; BAIE COMEAU 24 X 1987 0 error for 1988.

### MORE REPORTS.

MELVILLE, SK 04 I 1988.1 New timemark.  
100 MILE HOUSE, BC 11 IX 1997-21. Error; should be 11 IX 1986-21 (could be VIII).  
PENTICTON, BC 31 XII 1985 0 (no dash) - BL same day.  
SPRINGHILL, NS 22 IX 2014-25. Error; should be 22IX 1986-25. New timemark.  
ACTON, ON. 27 XII 1986= . Error; should be 1987.  
BRACEBRIDGE, ON 04 I 1987= . Error; should be 1988.  
CRANBROOK, BC 01 I 1988 BL & 10 I 1988 BL on same cover; 01 is in error.  
HUNTSVILLE, ON 19 II 1988. Odd timemark.  
SPRUCE GROVE, AB 23-31 XII 1986-09. Error; should be XII 1987-09.  
AYLMER, PQ 18 V 1995-18. Error; should be 18 IV 1984-18.  
GRIMSBY, ON 31 IV 1996-18. Error; should be 31 III or V 1985-18.  
LORETTEVILLE, PQ 11 I 1984= . Pitney Bowes same day.  
LORETTEVILLE, PQ 12 I 1984= . Pitney Bowes same day.  
PARIS, ON 04 XI 1987-18 and IPS SURREY, BC - same cover.  
BOTWOOD, NF 16 XI 1988 =8. New timemark.  
FARNHAM, PQ 16 XI 1998-09. Error; should be 16 X 1987-09. New timemark.  
ROBERVAL, PQ 13-18 I 1998 BL. Should be 1988.



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VAL D'OR, PQ 14-20 XI 1986.1. Error; should be XI 1985.1.

ALDERGROVE, BC.

What is happening here? Recent reports are scarce. I have only one report after April, 1988. Is the mail being sent to a sorting plant and the K used only as at BEAMSVILLE, GRIMSBY, etc.?

SLOGAN REPORTS.

AMHERST, NS	05 IV 1989-20	New centennial slogan in March.
CRANBROOK, BC	18 VII 1986.	EKU for POSTAL CODE after.
CRANBROOK, BC	06 VI 1986.	EKU second period.
HUMBOLDT, SK	30 XII 1988-17	LKU
MONTMAGNY, PQ	12 XI 1985 BL	Confirmation.
MONTMAGNY, PQ	16 XI 1985 BL	EKU POSTAL CODE after slogan.
NORTH SYDNEY, NS	05 VII 1985-17	EKU confirmation.
TISDALE, SK	07 XI 1988=1	EKU
VILLE MARIE, PQ	24 III 1986 BL	LKU POSTAL CODE before slogan.

Dates of some new EKUs.

AYLMER WEST, ON	13 XII 1983-18	
EDMUNDSTON, NB	26 VI 1984 BL	Confirmation.
HAUTERIVE, PQ	20 III 1984 BL	Confirmation.
KINCARDINE, ON	25 VI 1984-17	
MORDEN, MB	14 X 1988-BL	
WINDSOR, PQ	19 VI 1984 BL	

BOLTON, ON.

This town had an interesting sequence of errors and timemark changes in October 1987. I only record a few of the dates, so more of the story needs to be reported.

30 IX 1987-17  
02 X 1987-16  
05 X 1987-16  
07 X 1987-16  
08 IX 1986-15  
10 IX 1986-15  
19 XI 1986-17  
21 X 1986-17  
22 X 1987-17

Everything was normal until Sept. 30, 1987. On 02 X 1987, a new timemark, -16, was in use (reported on 02, 05, and 07 X 1987). On 08 X 1987, there was a month error, a year error, and a new timemark, -15, with 1986 for 1987 and IX for X. This same error is reported on 10 X 1987 as 10 IX 1986-15. Both error reports have 36-cent stamps which did not exist in 1986 and 10 IX 1987 and 10 XI 1987 are reported normal. My next report is 19 XI 1986-17. The timemark is back to normal but again we have the year error and a different month error. This cover is also franked with a 36-cent stamp and 19 XI 1987 is reported normally. On 21 X 1987, the month was corrected but the year is still in error and on 22 X 1987 the errors were all corrected. The 21 X 1986-17 cover has a meter impression of 21 X 1987. The 4th, 11th, and 18th were Sundays.



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1989 - 1989

NEW SLOGAN

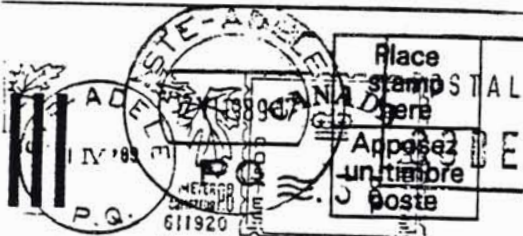


DORION-VAUDREUIL PQ 24 12/15-18 22  
REPEATIGNY PQ 30 1 1986-19  
DOUBLE STRIKE

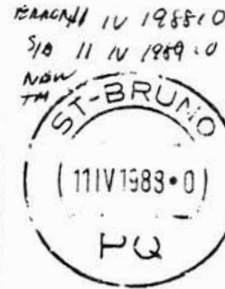
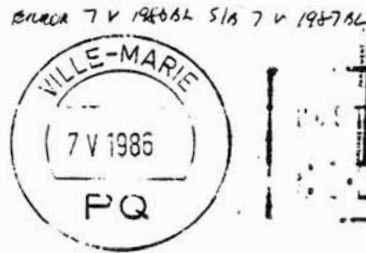
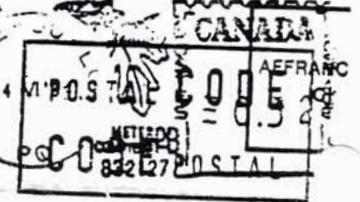
ERRORS 11 1988 1  
SIB 13 11 1989 1.



16/11/1989-18 INVERT 10-17TH

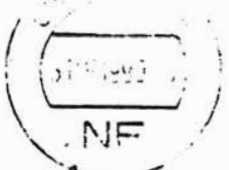


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Error 03 2/11 1989-18





GOOSE SIM A - NF  
31 IV 1990 9  
S/16 31 III 1989 9



BARON 02 IV 1990 9  
S/13 02 IV 1989 9



03 VII 1989 - ERASM  
S/15 03 IV 1989



Wed Apr 27/89

03 IV 1990 - 19  
S/03 IV 1989 - 19 ERASM



3 II 1985 - ERASM  
S/13 3 II 1984



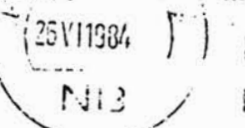
25 VI 1984 - 17  
ON  
32

EKU



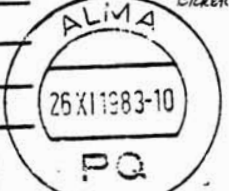
BELOEIL  
3 I 1984 - 18  
PQ

EDMONTON AB  
26 VI 1984 AL EKV




26 VI 1984  
N13

26 XI 1983 - 10  
S/126 XI 1985 - 20 ERASM



ALMA  
26 XI 1983 - 10  
PQ

16 XI 1988 - 09 ERASM  
S/116 XI 1987 - 09 + PM



16 XI 1988 - 09  
PQ

GODERICH ON  
21 III 1989 - 08 NEW TM



SPRINGHILL NS 21 III 1989 AL  
NSUTM




06 II 1989 EO  
LKV TM



HINTON  
06 II 1989 - 0  
AB

CAMPBELL FORTH ON  
25 II 1989 - 04 NEW TM



ON

03 I 1989 - 1  
LA SALLE PQ  
ONE DAY TM



03 I 1989 - 1  
PQ

ST. AGATHE-DE-MAISONNEUVE  
18 VI 1984 - 21  
SCARCE TM



STEPHANVILLE NB  
06 III 1989 4 NEW TM




Canada 1

28 III 1989 6  
NEW TM



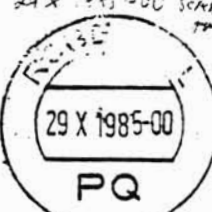
WOODSTOCK  
28 III 1989 6  
NB

04 XI 1984 0



MONT-JOLI  
04 XI 1984 0  
PQ  
SCARCE TM

ROOSEVELT PQ  
29 X 1985 - 00 SCARCE TM




29 X 1985 - 00  
PQ

22 XI 1985 0



CAMPBELLTON  
22 XI 1985 0  
PQ  
SCARCE TM

SCARCE TM




CHANDLER  
4 XII 1987 - 10  
PQ

AN EARLY STRIKE  
05 XII 1983 04 -



ANICOUCHE  
05 XII 1983  
PQ  
ANICOUCHE FORETE

18 IV 1989 - 11  
TM11 ON TUESDAY



PICTON  
18 IV 1989 - 11  
ON  
NOT SAT

DOUGLAS STRIKE



CAMPBELLTON  
10 I 1986  
PQ  
CAMPBELLTON NB  
10 I 1986  
20 I 1986

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Recent Observations for Late 1988 and Early 1989.

ALEXANDRIA, ON 03-04 IV 1990-19 Error; should be 1989. New TM period.  
 AMHERST, NS March-April, 1989 New slogan.  
 AMHERST, NS 27-30 XI 2017-27 Error for 30 I 1989-27. new timemark.  
 AMHERST, NS 22 II 1989-20 Timemark change from -19  
 AMQUI, PQ 9 III 1989. Timemark change from .1  
 ANTIGONISH, NS 03-04 IV 1988-18 ? Should be 1989; error, TM change.  
 ANTIGONISH, NS 27 IV 1990-08 Error; should be 27 IV 1989-08. New timemark.  
 ARNPRIOR, ON 3 XII 1989-18 Error; should be 3 I 1989-18  
 ASBESTOS, PQ 25 I 1989=2 New timemark.  
 BAIE COMEAU, PQ 07 II 1988.0 Error; should be 07 II 1989.0  
 BEAUHARNOIS, PQ 1 II 1989-06 New timemark.  
 BEAUHARNOIS, PQ 06 IV 1989-18 TM change from -06  
 BLIND RIVER, ON 04 VI 1989-18 Error; should be 04 IV 1989-18 - corrected same day.  
 BOWMANVILLE, ON 08 II 1989-18 Timemark chnge from -06 on 07 II.  
 BRADFORD, ON 11-18 XII 1988-15 Error; should be 1 1989-15; new timemark.  
 BRADFORD, ON 21-23 XII 1989-15 Error; should be 1 1989-15; corrected by 25th.  
 BROOKS, AB 0 III 1989. Impossible date.  
 BROOKS, AB 28 XII 1988 BL Timemark change from .1 - one week to 4 I 1989. timemark change  
 CAMPBELLFORD, ON 27 II 1989-04 New timemark.  
 CAMPBELLFORD, ON 25 II 1989-16 Error; should be 25 I 1989  
 CAMPBELL RIVER, BC 17 III 1990. Error; should be 17 IV 1989. New TM  
 CAMPBELLTON, NB 06 II 1989.1 New timemark - regular use; on error before.  
 CHANDLER, PQ 10 I 1989 BL & 2 Changeover on 10th; 2 timemark for 7 days only.  
 CLINTON, ON 30 IV 1989-17 Error; rec'd April 27, 1989. Not March or April.  
 COCHRANE, ON 03-08 III 1988-19 Error; should be 1989  
 COCHRANE, ON 30 II 1989-10 Impossible date.  
 COLLINGWOOD, ON 30 I 1989-09 Error; should be 03 I 1989-09. New timemark  
 COLLINGWOOD, ON 10 III 1989-18 Error; should be 01 III 1989-18; rec'd before 10 III 1989  
 COURCELETTE, PQ 31 III 1988 BL Error; should be 1989  
 DAUPHIN, MB 17 X 1988 8 New timemark.  
 DAWSON CREEK, BC 20-25 I 1988. Error; should be 1989.  
 DEER LAKE, NF 24 I 1989-18 New timemark.  
 DEER LAKE, NF 13 III 1989-12, -18 matched pair  
 DELHI, ON 10-17 III 1989-18 Invert.  
 DIGBY, NS 16 I 1989.1 New timemark.  
 DRUMHELLER, AB 10 IV 1989. Timemark change from .1  
 ELLIOT LAKE, ON 21-23 III 1989-18 Blind strikes (cf. page 49); normal strike 21 III  
 ELLIOT LAKE, ON 29 III 1989 BL New timemark.  
 ELMIRA, ON 03-04 XII 1988-06,-12,-18 Error; should be 03-04 I 1989  
 ESTEVAN, SK 11 I 1989= to 1 IV 1989= Purple ink.  
 FORT ST. JOHN, BC 28 III 1989.1 and IPS M1P 4T0 31 III 89= on same cover.  
 GANANOQUE, ON 05 VII 1999-09 Error; should be 05 VII 1988-09  
 GODERICH, ON 21 III 1989-08 New timemark.  
 GOOSE STN A, NF 31 IV 1990 9 Error; should be III 1989 9 (April 31 impossible).



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GOOSE STN A, NF 02 IV 1990 9 Error; should be 02 IV 1989 9  
 GRAND FALLS-GRAND SAULT, NB 13 II 1989-26 New TM  
 GRAND FORKS, BC 35 VIII 1988.1 Impossible, Aug. 35.  
 GRIMSBY, ON 05 V 1989.1 New timemark  
 GRIMSBY, ON 05 V 1989.2 New timemark  
 GRIMSBY, ON 05 V 1989.2 Invert  
 HINTON, AB 07 II 1989 BL Timemark change from =0  
 HUMBOLDT, SK 30 XII 1988-17 New LKU for slogan  
 KIMBERLEY, BC 20 II 1989 BL Timemark change from =  
 KIRKLAND LAKE, ON 30 I 1989. Timemark change from .1  
 KITIMAT, BC 2 I 1986. Error for 2 I 1989.  
 LABRADOR CITY, LB 01 II 1989-09 New timemark  
 LA MALBAIE, PQ 3 I 1989 1 New timemark  
 LA MALBAIE, PQ 07 II 1989 BL Timemark change from 1  
 LIVERPOOL, NS 31 IV 1988= Impossible date (Apr 31)  
 LOUISEVILLE, PQ 1 I 1989-08 New timemark, New Years Day; possible error.  
 MASCOUCHE, PQ 03-09 IV 1989-17 Error; should be III 1989.  
 MATANE, PQ 13 II 1980 BL Error; should be 1989  
 MEADOW LAKE, SK 22 III 1989-16 & -17 Same day  
 MELFORT, SK 3 VI 1989 BL Error; should be IV 1989 (rec'd May 7/89)  
 MELFORT, SK 10 II 1989 BL Timemark change  
 MONT JOLI, PQ 25 I 1989 BL Timemark change from .  
 MORDEN, MB 14 X 1988 BL New EKU  
 NIPAWIN, SK 03 I 1989-07 New timemark - changed to -18 on 04 I 1989  
 OLIVER, BC 11 I 1989.0 New timemark (09 I TM . and 13 I TM .9)  
 PEACE RIVER, BC 3 II 1988. Error; should be 1989  
 PORT ALBERNI, BC 31 I 1989=0 LKU timemark  
 PORT ALBERNI, BC 1 II 1987.8 Error; should be 1 II 1989.8 Timemark  
 change and corrected 02 II 1989.8  
 PORT ALBERNI, BC 30-31 IV 1989.8 Error; should be III 1989; 29 III & 1 IV  
 okay.  
 PRINCE RUPERT, BC 31 XII 1988 0 Oddball timemark  
 QUESNEL, BC 03-13 I 1989.1 Timemark changed to . on 14 I 1989  
 RICHMOND, ON 01 I 1989-17 New Years Day or error.  
 STE. ADELE, PQ Numerous timemark changes in 1989:  
 4-9 I 1989-17  
 19-23 I 1989-18  
 24 I 1990-19 (error for 1989)  
 30 I to 27 II 1989-19  
 3 III to 30 III 1989-18  
 3 IV to 6 IV 1989-17  
 12 VI 1989-17 Error; should be 12 IV 1989-17 (meter 11 IV 1989).  
 ST. ANDREWS, NB 09 III 1989-11 A report!  
 ST. ANTHONY, NF 31 I 1989 BL New timemark  
 ST. BRUNO, PQ 03-11 IV 1988.0 Error; should be 1989; new timemark.  
 STE. JULIE DE VERCHERES, PQ 3 III 1989-1 Error; should be 30 or 31 III 1989  
 STE. JULIE DE VERCHERES, PQ 01 IV 1989. New timemark  
 ST. MARYS, ON 3 V 1989-17 Error; should be 03 IV 1989-17; rec'd Apr.  
 27/89.  
 SHERBROOKE, PQ 24 II 1989 BL A report!  
 SIDNEY, BC 27 II 1989. Timemark change from .1  
 SPRINGHILL, NS 01 II 1989-26 New timemark  
 SPRINGHILL, NS 17 I 1989-25 Error; should be 17 II 1989; new timemark.  
 SPRINGHILL, NS 14 III 1989 BL New timemark  
 SPRUCE GROVE, AB 01-20 II 1999-00 Error; should be 1989. Corrected 21 II.

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SQUAMISH, BC	20 II 1989=	Timemark change from =1
STEPHENVILLE, NF	19 II 1989-12	New timemark
STEPHENVILLE, NF	06 III 1989 4	New timemark
STEPHENVILLE, NF	03 XII 1989-18	Error for 03 I 1989-18
SUSSEX, NB	12 I 1989-17	Timemark change from -18
SWIFT CURRENT, SK	17 III 1989 BL	Error; should be 17 II 1989; rec'd 12 III 1989.
THE PAS, MB	23 III 1988 6	New timemark
TRACADIE, NB	18 IV 2018=8	Error; should be 1989; new timemark
TRAIL, BC	16 XI 1999=1	Error; should be 16 X 1988
VANDERHOOF, BC	03 VII 1989.	Error; should be 03 IV 1989; new timemark.
Rec'd Apr. 27/89.		
WALLACEBURG, ON	02 III 1988-16	Error; should be 02 III 1989. New timemark; corrected same day.
WAWA, ON	16 III 1989-17	Error; should be 17 II 1989; rec'd Mar. 12/89.
WESTLOCK, AB	07-13 II 1988 1	Error; should be II 1989. 06 II is okay.
WILLIAMS LAKE, BC	31 I 1989.	Timemark change from =
WOODSTOCK, NB	28 III 1989 6	New timemark
WOODSTOCK, NB	30 III 1989-16	New timemark

CHATEAUGUAY, PQ

This proof strike dated 12 X 1983 was used in Ottawa, Ontario on November 1, 1983 at a cancelling training programme for the Model 280 L0 Klussendorf machine. They were also referred to as Model HHK 280/S, which were replacements for Pitney Bowes Model D and DD machines. Two machines were used at the demonstrations. The CHATEAUGUAY machine was in schedule #1, the first batch of 40 machines to be delivered in October 1983. Post office documents say it was delivered to Canada Post December 1, 1983 but obviously it was delivered before November 1, 1983. Various documents were given out to the Canada Post personnel attending this ten-hour session on the operation of this machine.



The operation of the Klussendorf machine was given as follows:

1. Place mail face down on transport belt with stamp away from you.
2. The separator rubber allows one piece of mail at a time to leave the stack.
3. The feed rollers grab the first piece of mail and accelerate it so that there is always a gap between the trailing edge of one letter and the leading end of the next.
4. When the letter enters the feed rollers, it pushes down on the tripping fingers which unlatch the clutch of the die shaft.
5. Cancelling is then completed and the letter is delivered to the output stacker.





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## Model 280 Table stamping machine

Electrically driven, with automatic inking mechanism, self-acting feeding and distributing device, having one 5-digit reset counter, suited for stamping and counting horizontally fed letters, post-cards and mixed mail.

The mail is fed into the machine from horizontal piles and transported to the stamping mechanism without interruption.

Capacity of the machine: up to 300 impressions  
per minute

Weight: net approx. 35 kg  
gross approx. 60 kg

Crate dimensions: 500 × 890 × 500 mm



# The Klussendorfer

While we're being technical, we might as well go all the way. I think you'll all find these next few pages about the operation of Klussendorf machines helpful in explaining their use and some of the misplaced or faulty postmarks we see.

## THE MANUAL

The technical description manual for Desk Cancelling Machine Model 280/S from Heinrich H. Klüssendorf GMBH & Co. of Berlin, West Germany has a great deal of interesting material for us. Below are some excerpts from this manual:

1. General description - The machine is used for cancelling letters, postcards and other mail items. The machine operates semi-automatically. The items to be cancelled are inserted manually as a stack, automatically separated, cancelled, stacked and the stack is removed manually.

The machine is designed as an office machine and can therefore be placed on any suitable flat surface.

2.4 Letter transport - The mail items are fed by the transport belt through the separator to the feed rollers ahead of the cancelling unit. The gap required between the letters for activation of the trigger finger is established by the different rates of speed of the transport belt and the feed rollers. These feed rollers provide the letters with sufficient speed so that they drop into the stacker box after cancellation .....

2.6 ...Tripping of the drive shaft for one revolution is initiated via the tripping finger by the front edge of the letter..... The clutch disks drive the drive shaft and as the letter passes through the machine it is imprinted at the predetermined position with information contained on the cancelling die....

2.9.1 Ink - Use an ink of low viscosity.

4.6 - The position of printing on the letter can be adjusted in the longitudinal direction ... turning the cancelling unit by one spline clockwise shifts the printing position by 4.8 mm further away from the leading edge.

5. Fault - Printing location moves along letter - excessive variation of letter thickness - adjust clutch.

Fault - Multiple printing on one letter. Adjust roller lever.

6. Mail size - Length - min. 100 mm max. 300 mm  
Height/Width - min. 70 mm max. 180 mm  
Thickness - min. 0.18 mm max. 6 mm

The following three pages from the operating manual of the Model 695 Klussendorf Cancelling Machine show the cancelling unit, its parts and functions.



1. General description

The cancelling unit is used for imprinting cancellation marks on paper materials with cancelling machines.

It carries customer-specific fixed text blocks and date wheels which can be adjusted manually.

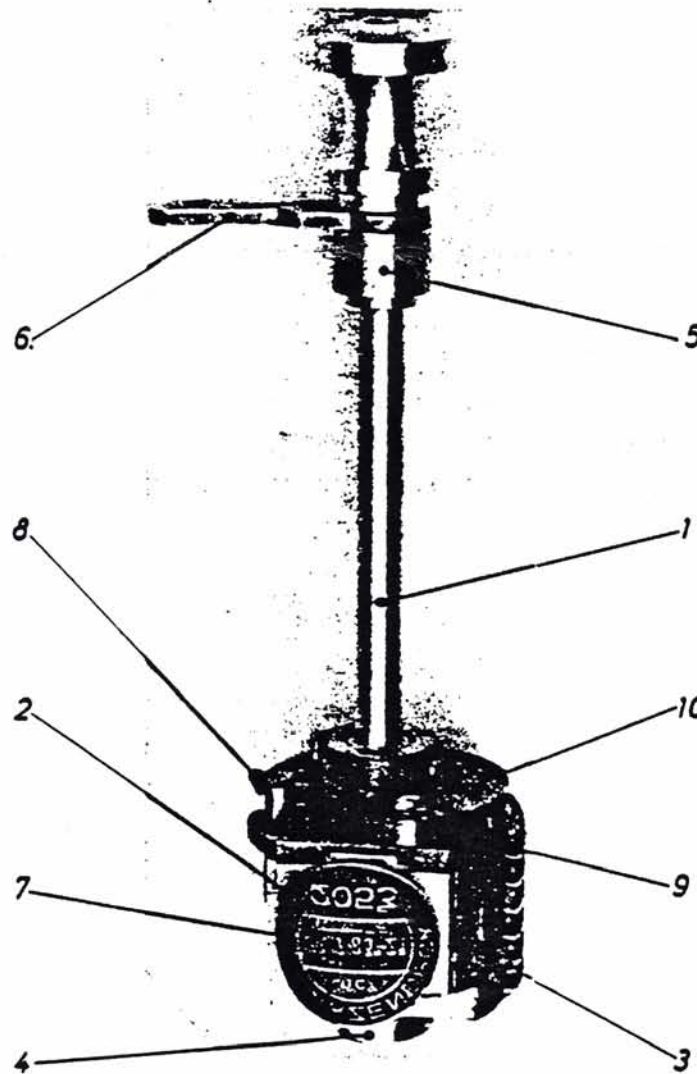
1. Description générale

L'oblitérateur, utilisé dans les machines à oblitérer, sert à imprimer des empreintes d'oblitération sur des articles de papier.

Il porte des clichés amovibles à inscription conforme aux spécifications du client et un timbre dateur réglable.

1.1 Illustration

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## 2. Functional groups

The principle of operation of the cancelling unit is described in the following functional groups.

The numbers in parentheses within the text are the corresponding item numbers on the illustration.

### 2.1 Die head assembly

The die head assembly (1) carries the postmark die (2) and the advertising /slogan plate (3).

It contains a splined hollow shaft (4) which is driven by the drive shaft of the machine. The bearing (5) and the locking lever (6) for locking the cancelling unit in the machine are located on the top of the unit.

### 2.2 Postmark die

This item is screwed to the die head and can be replaced or changed as required.

The postmark die (2) carries the customer-specific city information and the adjustable date-wheel set (7) for date and time.

The date wheels are held in their set positions by a clip (8).

### 2.3 Advertising / Slogan plate

The advertising / slogan plate (3), which is engraved in accordance with customer's requirements, is attached to the die head with a clamp (9).

## 3. Preparing for use

### 3.1 Date wheel adjustment

Lifting the retaining plate (10) releases the clip (8), which can then be pulled out. The date wheels can now be set with a pointed object and locked in position with the clip (8).

### 3.2 Replacing the advertising / slogan plate

Lifting the retaining plate (10) exposes clamp (9) which can be pulled out. The plate (3) can now be removed a new one inserted

## 2. Éléments principaux

Le principe de fonctionnement de l'oblitérateur se retrouve dans la description des éléments ci-dessous.

Les nombres figurant dans le texte correspondent aux repères de l'illustration.

### 2.1 Porte-clichés

Le porte-clichés (1) porte le cliché d'oblitération (2) et le cliché publicitaire (3).

Il comporte un arbre creux cannelé (4), qui est entraîné par l'arbre d'entraînement de la machine. Le palier (5) et levier de verrouillage (6) de l'oblitérateur se trouvent en haut de ce dernier.

### 2.2 Cliché d'oblitération

Le cliché d'oblitération est vissé au porte-clichés et peut être changé selon les besoins.

Le cliché d'oblitération (2) porte le nom de la ville en cause et le timbre dateur (7), qui imprime l'heure et la date.

Les roues du timbre dateur sont bloquées au moyen d'une pince (8).

### 2.3 Cliché publicitaire

Le cliché publicitaire (3), qui porte une inscription spécifiée par le client, est fixé au porte-clichés au moyen d'une pince (9)

## 3. Mise en service

### 3.1 Réglage du timbre dateur

Soulever la plaque de retenue (10) pour libérer la pince (8), puis retirer cette dernière. On peut maintenant régler les roues du timbre dateur à l'aide d'un objet pointu et les bloquer au moyen de la pince (8).

### 3.2 Changement de cliché publicitaire

Soulever la plaque de retenue (10) pour avoir accès à la pince (9), puis retirer cette dernière. On peut maintenant enlever le cliché (3), en insérer un autre



and locked in position with clamp (9).

et bloquer ce dernier au moyen de la pince (9).

3.3 Mounting the cancelling unit

3.3 Montage de l'oblitérateur

Mounting of the cancelling unit in the machine is carried out in accordance with the technical description of the particular machine being used.

Monter l'oblitérateur sur la machine conformément à la notice technique de la machine particulière.

4. Maintenance and repair

4. Dépannage et entretien

4.1 Correction of faults

4.1 Dépannage

Fault

Date wheels hard to move

Défaut - Grippage des roues du timbre dateur

Cause / Corrective action

Clean with solvent

Cause/remède

Nettoyer à l'aide d'un solvant

Fault

Poor quality print

Défaut - Empreinte de mauvaise qualité

Cause / Corrective action

Clean date wheels and text blocks; see also technical description of the cancelling machine used.

Cause/remède

Nettoyer les roues du timbre dateur et les clichés; voir aussi la notice technique de la machine à oblitérer en cause.

4.2 Maintenance

The date wheels and text blocks should be cleaned with a suitable solvent at intervals depending on the usage of the machine.

4.2 Entretien

Les roues du timbre dateur et les clichés doivent être nettoyés à l'aide d'un solvant approprié à intervalles dépendant du facteur d'utilisation.

5. Technical data

5. Données techniques

5.1 Dimensions

total length 172 mm  
diameter: 48 mm

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Longueur: 172 mm  
Diamètre: 48 mm

5.2 Weight

complete: approx. 0.3 kg

5.2 Poids

Poids total: env. 0,4 kg

5.3 Engraving

In accordance with customer's specifications.

5.3 Inscription

Conforme aux spécifications du client.

Klussendorfs are Fun

VERNON, BC.

This is one of the scarcer discontinued K cancels. An error has led to much confusion over the LKD. Many lists give the LKD as 16 VI 1986. This is not so. Timemark -18 was used until sometime in late March 1986/early April with 1 IV 1986 reported. The Pitney Bowes was again in use on 12 IV 1986, a Saturday. On the 13th, a Sunday, it is supposed no cancel was in use. On Monday the 14th, an error and a new timemark occur (14 VI 1986. for 14 IV 1986.). This was a month error. The same error occurred on the 15th and 16th, and was corrected on the 17th with the cancel reading 17 IV 1986. . The cancel has also been reported for the 21st, the LKD (21 IV 1986.). The IPS machine is noted on the 25th of April 1986. Of four error items examined, three had dates on the reverse, all April 1986. Of four error items examined, three had dates on the reverse, all April 13, 1986 or earlier. Although this is not 100% proof, I think it is a fairly safe assumption from the evidence.

INGERSOLL, ON.

Matched pairs of timemarks are still being used at INGERSOLL. The normal timemarks are -19 and =5 . On 14 XI 1988, the unusual timemark -05 was used instead of =5 and so we have the matched pair of timemark -19 and -05 on 14 XI as shown below.



COURCELETTE, PQ.

An indicia error occurs on 1 XI 1988. 31 X 1988 was normal and on 1 XI the date reads 1 XI 1989.1 . I record this error on 2 XI and 4 XI. It was corrected by 10 XI. The TM .1 is an unreported timemark and it appears to occur only with this error so far.

NELSON, BC

On 28 X 1988, there was a year date error in the Klussendorf cancel of Nelson with a strike of 28 X 1987 . It appears that the error was detected by the post office, corrected, and the mail for that day re-cancelled with strikes of 28 X 1988. As a result, we have covers with two strikes of the NELSON Klussendorf, one 28 X 1987 BL and one 28 X 1988 BL, a most interesting K error.



That's it until August. Reports from Cottin, Hunka, Meek, and Switt on hand. How about a summer all-photo issue for August? That'd save your typist some time! Send pictures you'd like others to see. Less than two weeks to PIPEX (oh, and STAMPEX).