

# NEWFOUNDLAND

## Postage Meters 1928-1949

### Synopsis

This is a complete study of all known meter numbers that were used by Newfoundland businesses before confederation with Canada on April 1, 1949. Provided is information and photos on the meter machines that were used with their denomination values and rates. Included in this display are photos of George Neal Limited's actual Neo-post meter #13 machine and its die that I personally photographed. This exhibit has been updated since last shown with newly found Neo-post Trade Sample Sheet shown on frame 1, page 7, seven new covers added and another new company discovered, The Riverside Woolen Mills Limited on frame 2, page 28. To my knowledge, this is the most comprehensive Newfoundland postage meter presentation and has been the result of over 28 years of collecting covers. It has been a daunting pursuit because Newfoundland meter covers are very scarce and sometimes impossible to find with clean clear impressions. What doesn't help is the fact that most Newfoundland machines weren't well maintained, and the GPO at that time period cancelled the meter strikes like they would a postage stamp.

Discoveries have been made revealing numerous unlisted businesses using meters, such as G.J. Hayward & Co. #18, The Riverside Woolen Mills Limited #30, United Adjustment Co., J.B. Mitchell & Son Ltd. #355002, Red Cross #180011, Pitney-Bowes of Canada Ltd. #180016, and The General Post Office #180023. As well, I have corrected some information that has been previously published by other contributors, for example The Corner Brook General Hospital was published as meter #10 when in fact it was meter #20 and Pitney-Bowes H5 machine used in Newfoundland was a limited value not a multi value type machine. This pertinent information has been passed onto John Walsh to update his NSSC Catalogue.

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