

to: Messrs Samuelsohn Limited  
A Presentation to the Meter Stamp Society

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# Introduction

- ▶ This brief presentation will take us through some metered mail sent from various companies to Samuelsohn Limited, a maker of quality menswear since 1923.

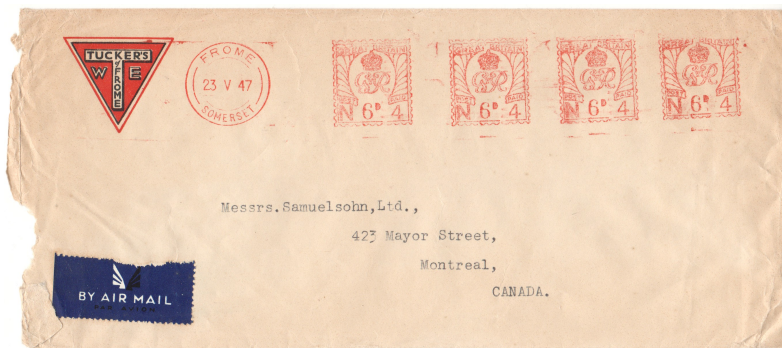
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1923

- ▶ Ten covers, covering nine meters and, three meter types will be shown.
- ▶ The covers are presented in order of the date they were sent.

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B

Cover from Tuckers of Frome franked with 4, 6d meter impressions paying the 2/ airmail rate for a 1 ounce letter.



Neopost, Meter Number 4 - Cancelled May 23, 1947 - Frome, Somerset

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B



- ▶ The manual positioning of the envelope to receive the 4 different meter impressions is off significantly.
- ▶ Heavy inking and reveals the bottom edge of the Die Head  $\approx$  3mm below the impressions.

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B

A cover sent by Kaye & Stewart Ltd. franked with 1/3d stamps covering the  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce airmail rate to Canada in place between 1952 and 1965.



Neopost, Meter Number 40 - Cancelled May 2, 1955 - Huddersfield, Yorkshire

# Neopost

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B



- ▶ The 3d stamp appears to be double printed.
- ▶ On the 1/ meter impression the value die is offset 1mm below the rest of the stamp.
- ▶ The die edge is visible  $\approx$  3mm below the stamp.

## Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6

Cover from T. & M. Bairstow, Limited with a 3/9d stamp covering the 1½ ounce airmail rate to Canada.



Universal "Multi-Value", Meter Number 437 - Cancelled August 12, 1955 - Sutton-in-Craven Keighley, Yorkshire

# Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6



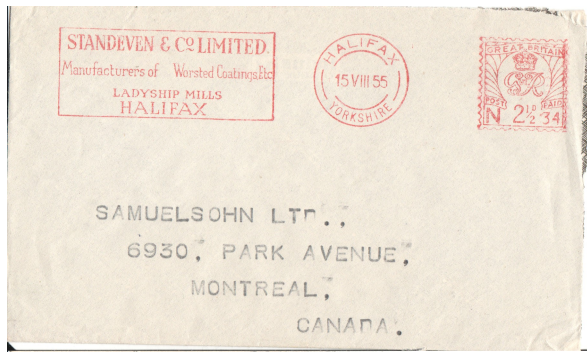
- ▶ The meter stamp is clear with no signs of over inking
- ▶ The Customs receiving stamp demonstrates a transit time of 3 days across the "Pond".



# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B

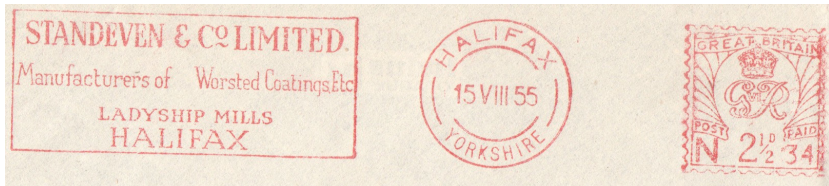
Cover sent from Standeven & Co Limited with a 2½d stamp paying the surface mail rate for 8 ounces.



Neopost, Meter Number 34 - Cancelled August 15, 1955 - Halifax, Yorkshire

# Neopost

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B



- ▶ The right edge of the meter stamp appears thinner than the left
- ▶ The town mark isn't as skewed as the slogan or meter stamp.

## Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6

Cover from an unknown sender with a 1/3d meter stamp paying the ½ ounce airmail rate to Canada.



Universal "Multi-Value", Meter Number 632 - Cancelled September 16, 1955 - Dewsbury, Yorkshire

# Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6

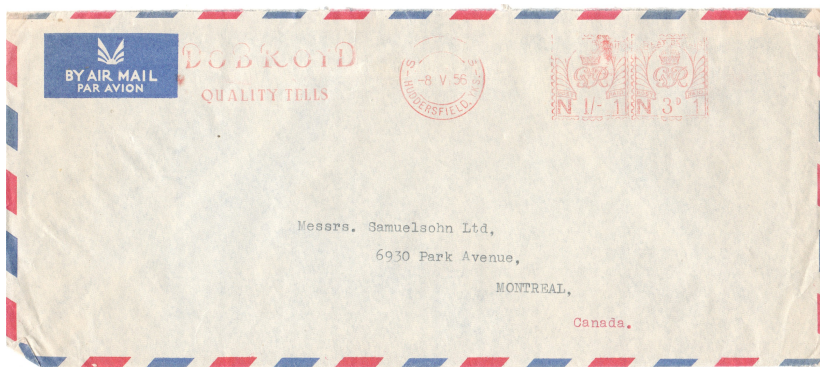


- ▶ Clear impressions for the most part.
- ▶ Possible sign of under inking or damage to the die at the top.

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B

Cover sent from Dobroyd Limited with a 1/ and a 3d meter stamp to pay the  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce airmail rate to Canada.



Neopost, Meter Number 1 - Cancelled May 8, 1956 - Huddersfield, Yorkshire

# Neopost

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B



- ▶ Nice to have a meter stamp with the meter number “1”.
- ▶ The two meter stamps are  $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ mm apart.
- ▶ Poor inking on the top of the die.
- ▶ On the left meter stamp the “Great” of Great Britain is missing.

# Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6

Cover from an unknown sender with 1/3d meter stamp to pay the ½ ounce airmail rate to Canada.



Universal "Multi-Value", Meter Number 555 - Cancelled May 11, 1956 - Manchester

# Universal “Multi-Value”

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6



- ▶ Light inking.
- ▶ The die appears to be damaged/bend towards the left on the bottom right by the meter number.
- ▶ Other examples of this Meter don't show the same “bending”.



# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B

A cover sent by Kaye & Stewart Ltd. franked with 1/3d stamps covering the  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce airmail rate to Canada.



Neopost, Meter Number 40 - Cancelled May 11, 1956 - Huddersfield, Yorkshire

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B



Neopost, Meter Number 40 - Cancelled May 11, 1956 - Huddersfield, Yorkshire

- ▶ Inking has improved from cover 2.
- ▶ The right meter stamp's value die is still offset 1mm below the rest of the stamp.
- ▶ The meter stamps appear to narrow at the bottom right as a result of excess ink.

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D3.B

Comparison of the same meter with usage 1 year and 9 days apart.



Neopost, Meter Number 40 - Cancelled May 2, 1955 - Cover 2

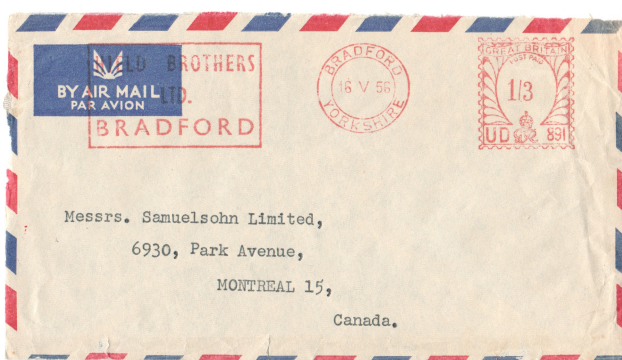


Neopost, Meter Number 40 - Cancelled May 11, 1956 - Cover 8

## Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6

Cover from Hield Brothers Ltd. with 1/3d meter stamp to pay the ½ ounce airmail rate to Canada.



Universal "Multi-Value", Meter Number 891 - Cancelled May 16, 1956 - Bradford, Yorkshire

# Universal "Multi-Value"

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. D6



- ▶ Clear impressions for the most part.
- ▶ Slight under inking in the Royal Cypher

# Neopost

## International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. BA4.B

Cover from an unknown sender franked with a 9d meter stamp.



Neopost, Meter Number 300 - Cancelled May 18, 1956 - Conmhagh, Republic of Ireland

# Neopost

International Meter Stamp Catalogue No. BA4.B



- ▶ I like the simple design.
- ▶ Conmhagh translates to “hound-plain”.
- ▶ There are 6 dots/dashes that pass through the meter stamp vertically roughly through the centre.

# Thank You

Thank you for listening to me discuss these covers with you. I hope that you enjoyed my take on them. It was a great opportunity for me to dive into some of my “hoard” and write them up and has inspired me to put together a larger article with mail to Samuelsohn that will be published on my website.



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