

# THE POSTAL MARKINGS ST. JOHN'S GENERAL POST OFFICE AND SUB OFFICES 1840 - 1949

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## ST. JOHN'S G.P.O. MACHINE CANCELS

Machine cancels came into use at the St. John's General Post Office with the installation of 2 *International Machines* in 1910. These machines were in constant use from 1910 - 1949.

Beginning in 1919, slogan cancellations were introduced, of which there were 19 different types. From time to time the 2 machines used 1 or 2 slogans concurrently. This would account for the varieties in at least 2 slogans.

Meter cancels were introduced in 1928 at St. John's, Universal Frankers Ltd. of England issued their meter machines to 3 St. John's companies. In 1929, the Roneo-Neopast firm of England established their machine with the G.P.

O. These machines serviced 18 St. John's firms, plus 3 West Coast firms. The Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Company took over the issuance of meter machines in 1947, and continued until 1949. Two formats were in use, the first to 5 St. John's firms, plus one in Corner Brook. The second type was issued to at least 14 St. John's firms, plus one in Corner Brook. The second type was issued to at least 14 St. John's firms, and one in Corner Brook. The following Meter Numbers have not been identified as yet, and any help would be appreciated:

Numbers 10, 180012, 180013, and 180015.

**MC 1:** 7 wavy lines with *I* and *D*. 1910-1918

**MC 2:** 7 wavy lines with *I* and *R*. 1910-1918

**MC 3:** 7 wavy lines with *I* and no letter and straight lines under time. 1915-1918

**MC 4:** 7 wavy lines with no numbers or letter in box. 1915

**MC 5:** 7 wavy lines with *I* and *C*. 1918-1921

**MC 6:** 7 wavy lines with *I* and no letter. Curved line under time. 1920-1927

**MC 7:** 7 continuous wavy lines. 1937-1949

**MC 8:** Datestamp with slogan (19 types). 1919-1949

**MC 9:** Crown and GVR, GVIR in box. Numbered 1, 5, 6. 1928-1949

**MC 10:** Twin Hills in box. Numbered 2,3,4,7-32. 1928-1949

**MC 11:** Stag and Crown. Numbered 35500-35504, 35513. 1947-1949

**MC 12:** Crown and GVIR. Numbered 180000-180017. 1947-1949



1910-1918

MC 1



1910-1918

MC 2



1914-1922

MC 3



1915

MC 4



1918-1921  
MC 5



1920-1927  
MC 6



1937-1949  
MC 7



1919-1949  
MC 8



1928-1949  
MC 9



Type N2  
1928-1949  
MC 10



Type N3  
1947-1949  
MC 11



1947-1949  
MC 12