

INTERNATIONAL STAMP CANCELLING MACHINES

used in BRANDON, MANITOBA: 1907–1919



Purpose and Scope:

This one frame exhibit is a postal history study of the International Model "L" and Model "S" stamp cancelling machines used at the Brandon, Manitoba Post Office. These machines were leased from the International Postal Supply Co. between 17 September 1907 and 1 July 1919.

Treatment:

The exhibit identifies periods of service for both cancelling machines and shows posted examples or proofing images of every dater, obliterator or slogan cancel known to be used. Revenue data is shown, and interspersed in loose chronological order are examples of changing rates, new stamps or daily tasks reflective of the era; all cancelled with an International machine. The exhibit concludes with an example of the last International slogan issued and a cover processed by the Universal replacement after the contract ended on 1 July 1919.

Historical context:

Brandon's rapid growth was aided by the political influence of Sir Clifford Sifton, the local M.P. and Minister of the Interior. Clustering offices like Customs, Immigration and Land Agency in Brandon positioned it to become the hub for western Manitoba. Post Office box numbers soared to 1,100 customers, which kept pace with population and business growth, but overwhelmed a postal facility built in 1889 to serve a smaller community.

In 1907, three upgrades were provided. A Model L cancelling machine, Stamp Vendors Office and free mail delivery eased workloads, reduced wicket congestion and added 7 new mail carriers to the staff. In December, Brandon was reclassified to a Class 3 Government Post Office, officially recognizing the changes in operating procedures. ●

The installation of the Model L machine heralded the arrival of a modern, mechanized era of postal services in Brandon, and becomes the starting point of this exhibit.

Exhibit items of significance have been mounted **within a blue frame, with blue text highlights.**

Personal research is denoted with a red dot. ●

Glossary: ERU/LRU is earliest or latest **reported** use.

References:

-PHSC dater and slogan databases: www.postalhistory.net

-Library and Archives Canada: 1907 start date of contract

<https://archive.org/details/n01qvsessionalpap43canauoft/page/n177>

Exhibit Plan

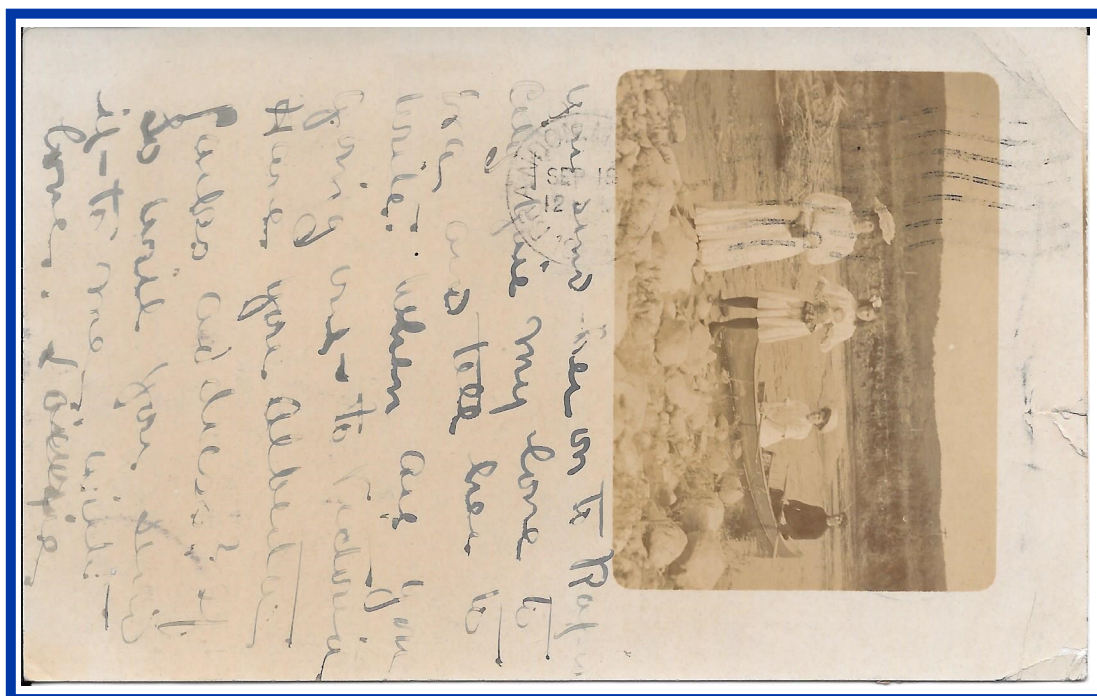
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Chapter I: Model L (1907-1912) pp. 2-8

Transition • Daters • Bare Dater • Obliterators
Machine 1 indicia • Received mail/Redirected Mail
Tercentenary Stamp/Admiral Stamp issues

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Electric power • Dominion Fair • Summer Fair
War Tax • Stamp issue/Postal stationery
Soldiers mail • Slogan cancels • End of an era



SEP 18 1907

BRANDON, MAN. CAN transit cancel on the photo side of a Real Photo Post Card. **Earliest reported machine cancel at Brandon and the 2nd day of contract for the Model L machine** with the International Postal Supply Co.



SP17 07 RAPID CITY MAN.

Dispatch post mark on reverse. Sent to Souris, Man.

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