

SYNOPSIS - "BOSTON" MACHINE CANCELS USED IN GREAT BRITAIN 1898 - 1907

Treatment

This is a single frame exhibit of 16 pages.

Organization

The exhibit is laid out in machine order 1 to 6 for London followed by Liverpool machine 3 and 4. The main focus is on the markings used to test these machines.

Significance

Every combination used in the testing in both London and Liverpool is present except the d1k4 Dial of Liverpool, this was the first Dial issued and as of this printing I have not found one.

Limitation

Material for this period with these cancels is hard to find especially in good to very fine condition.

Philatelic Knowledge and Research

Most of my research involved the reading of the books listed under reference. I have also visited and used the British Postal Museum archives and as a member of the RPSL I have had access to their vast library. I have also relied on the assistance of many dealers and fellow collectors which I greatly appreciate. In doing my research I have been able to correct previous assumptions previously published concerning the earliest and latest know dates. I continue to learn.

Rarity and Condition

Finding clean and affordable material is difficult, these machines were not used every day and so the total numbers of covers and cards produced are limited and were generally not saved. Since starting the exhibit I have been able to secure some difficult to find material and by doing so have improved the exhibit. I consider this to be an ongoing process. None of the material has been repaired or altered and is in its original condition as found.

Significant items are highlighted by blue borders and/or *red bold italics*

References

Numerous publications issued by the Great Britain Philatelic Society
UK Machine Marks by Jack Peach