

SYNOPSIS

CANADA'S INSPECTION OF ELECTRICITY METERS 1895-1950'S

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PURPOSE OF EXHIBIT: This revenue exhibit explores the use of specialized inspection stamps to show payment of fees for inspection of electrical meters, with examples of usages, documents, and a description on calculation of fees.

IMPORTANCE: The exhibit documents the growth of electrical usage / production in Canada, and provides insight on how the federal government attempted to regulate this historical change. The conversion to electricity marks a major "stepping stone" in the growth of Canada and Canadian industry.

CHALLENGE FACTOR: Documents with stamps showing payment of fees were given to companies and utilities for their files, and thus did not get into the hands of collectors easily. When these documents could be obtained, a lot of the stamps on such documents were soaked off for inclusion in albums.

WHAT IS PRESENTED: This exhibit traces the history of electric meter inspection in Canada through numerous acts and amendments until the end of usage of these stamps to show payment. Example of the various stamps printed for this use plus examples of usage are shown, along with regulatory acts, some examples of rate structures, and their impact on this service.

MATERIAL HIGHLIGHT: Properly used reporting forms and stamps, including examples of different forms and stamps used for this purpose.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Revenue Study Group newsletters, British North American Philatelic Society

The Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalogue (2009) by E.S. J. van Dam (pages 12 & 13)

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