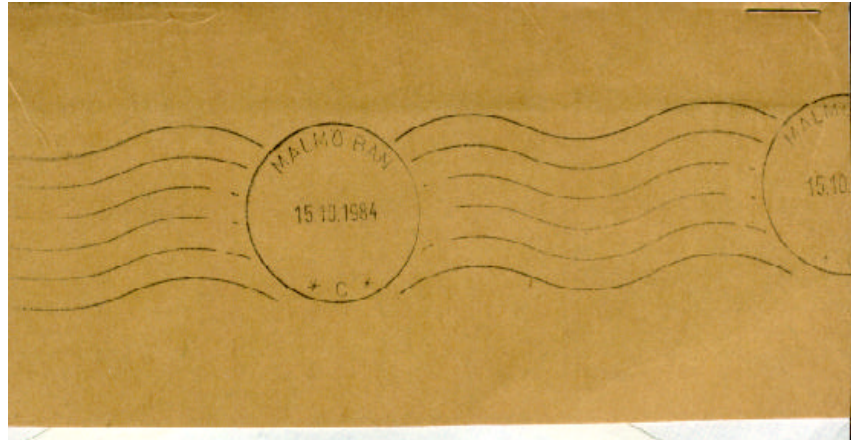


## ANOTHER WHATZIT ?

Bart Billings

I was rummaging around in my files a few days ago, and I came across a 3 x 5 piece of brown cardboard with a Canadian postal marking. It appears to be a proof. I've illustrated it to the right.



This piece goes back a long way, to the days when John McGee and John Koontz were editing *FORUM*. When I took on the responsibility of editing *FORUM*, John McGee provided me with a hoard of material which had been unpublished, and this is one of those items which has lain dormant ever since.

My records are pretty good, yet I'm not sure who actually submitted this piece. I think it was from one Charles Addington who had sent in a number of snippets about the Canadian postal service.

According to Tony Shaman, writing in *Linns* (1988, May 9, p39), International Peripheral Systems Inc. was supplying new machines to Canada Post to replace the slower Klussendorf machines which had been installed between 1983 and 1988. The IPS machines came upon the scene in 1986 when one of the first of the new machines was installed at Langley, BC.

With reference to the above, I believe it may have been a proof (or example) from one of the new International machines. The date (15 Oct, 1984) suggests it may have been a proof or trial specimen, and it appears to be quite similar to an actual specimen from an IPS machine as shown here.



What do you think ?

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