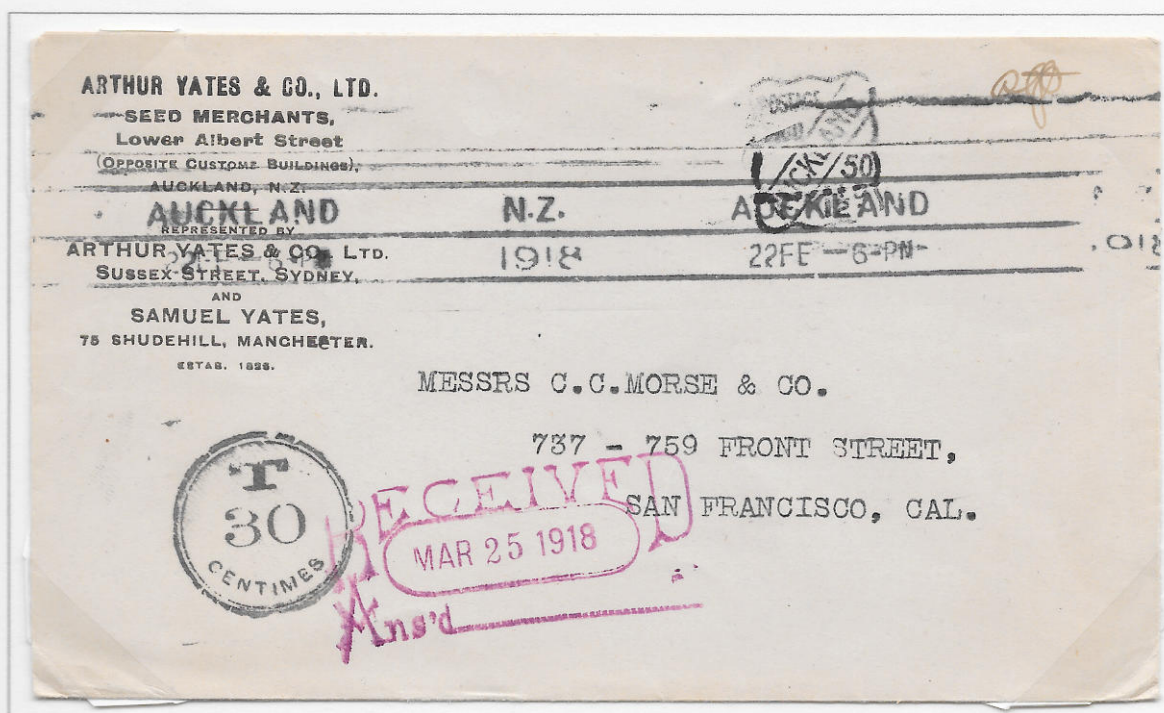


NZ METER MARKINGS

METERED MAIL - FRANKING MACHINES Moss Machine No. 4 (3rd. Office Machine) Model C

During 1907, the Company proposed several changes to improve the efficiency of the machine as well as suggesting several different designs for the franks. At first all Model C machines used a wide typewriter ribbon and the franks were produced by direct pressure of the dies through the ribbon. On the 18 September 1907, instructions were given to withdraw at once all copying ribbons from the machines and to replace them with black non-copying ribbons, however some machines were not changed. The main change to the franks was the inclusion of the "Town Name" and there were seven circular types produced. A rectangular type (No. 12) was produced for Wellington which included the letters "NZ" however it was decided that "NZ" should be omitted and Type 13 produced.

**Type 13 "POSTAGE PAID AUCKLAND" Meter Frank, (Office No. 50)
1½d value applied in black ink.**



22 February 1918 Auckland, Letter to California 25 March 1918

The postage paid was only 1½d which was the Internal Rate. The overseas rate set by the UPU on 1 July 1905 was 2½d for a half ounce letter, so it was underpaid, and initiated the Tax mark "T 30 centimes" mark requiring payment of the deficiency from the recipient.

METERED MAIL - FRANKING MACHINES

Moss Machine No. 4 (3rd. Office Machine) Model C

Mr. Earnest Moss of Christchurch, NZ, invented the first machine in 1903. Approval to use the new machine was given by the NZ Government on 2 February 1904 and a trial commenced from 31 March 1904 at Christchurch. The Postmaster was instructed to mark all mail for New Zealand with the official **PAID** Stamp, as the Meter Franks would not be recognized, and for mail addressed to overseas, postage stamps would have to be added. By 1906, the machines had been extensively modified and improved, and were being used by commercial offices, Prior to 28 September 1906, Franked letters had to be handed over the Post Office counter but after that date they could be posted in the normal way.

Type 4 "NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE PAID" Meter Frank, (Office No. 5)
1d and 3d values applied in purple ink.



24 October 1907 Christchurch, Registered Letter to London 30 Nov. 1907

