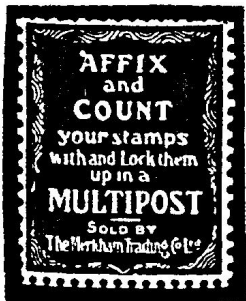


The illustration is actual size of a label which has come into my possession. The label is dark red with white writing and says, "AFFIX and COUNT your stamps with and Lock them up in a MULTIPOST. SOLD BY The Merkham Trading CO. Ltd."



As Roy Gault has a special interest in the POKO, FIXO and MULTIPOST affixing machines he has made the following comments about the label.

"Presumably it was used in some sort of demonstration machine, but I wonder if anything is known about the label? We can see from the torn sides that it is from a 'hand made' vertical delivering coil and was 'dispensed' by the machine giving the

straight cut top/bottom. The perforations show that it was intended for the G.B. market rather than the U.S.A. as the G.B. multipost machines went over to sideways delivery in 1920. The date for the label must be somewhere between 1912 and 1920, say c1915."

I draw your attention to the excellent article by Roy in Bulletin 254 (Oct'91) Pg.16-17, which described the Multipost machine. If anyone has anything else to add to the story of the Multipost - please write in.