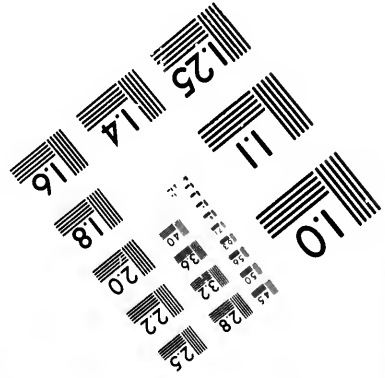
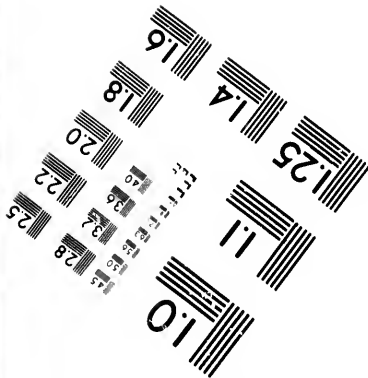
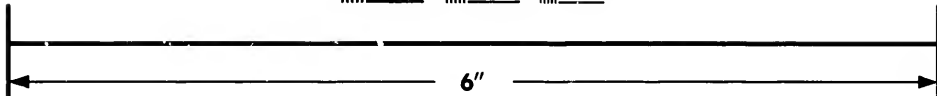
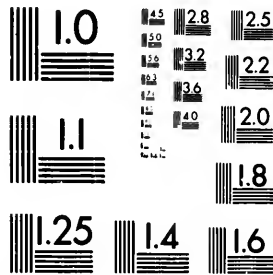


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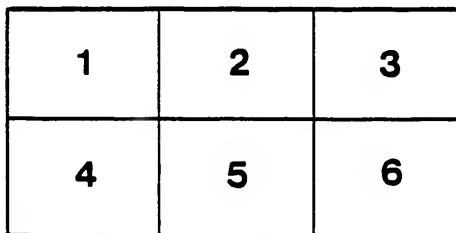
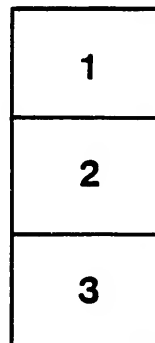
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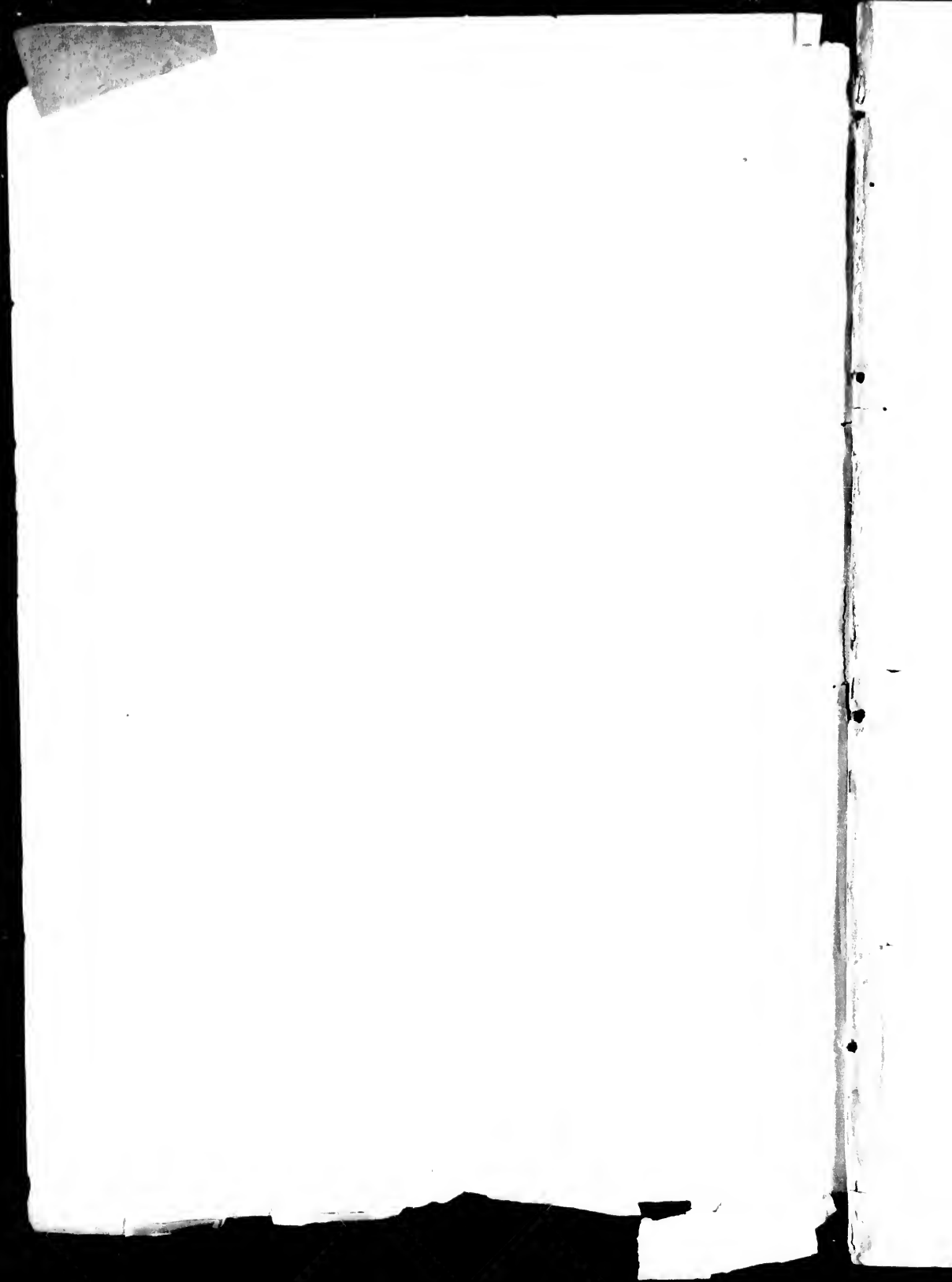
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The undersigned, desiring to establish a system of Money Order Exchange between Switzerland and Canada, have agreed, subject to ratification by proper authority, upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

There is established between the Dominion of Canada and Switzerland a regular exchange of Postal Orders. This exchange is to be effected by the exchange offices which each of the two Administrations shall have designated for this purpose, and which exchange offices shall notify each other by means of lists of Orders for payment.

ARTICLE II.

The amount of the Orders shall always be expressed in the money of the country where payment is to be made.

ARTICLE III.

1. No Order payable in Canada shall exceed the amount of fifty dollars, and no Order payable in Switzerland shall exceed an amount in francs equivalent to that sum.

2. Fractions of a cent, or of a centime, are not to be introduced into the amount of an Order.

ARTICLE IV.

Payment of the amount of Orders is to be effected in money of metallic value of the country of destination. This payment can also be effected in either country in paper money which is a legal tender therein. In that event, account is always to be taken of the difference of value, if there be any.

ARTICLE V.

1. Each of the two Administrations is at liberty to fix, at any time, the rate of conversion of the amount, payment of which is to be made in the other country.

2. The two Administrations will communicate to each other the rate of exchange or of conversion fixed by them, as well as the changes which they may make therein.

## ARTICLE VI.

1. Each of the two Administrations shall fix the fees charged upon Orders issued in its own country and payable in the other.

2. The two Administrations will communicate to each other the fees which they shall have established, and the changes which they may subsequently make therein.

## ARTICLE VII.

The Postal Administration by which the Money Orders are issued shall credit the Administration of the country of payment with the total amount of the Orders which it has certified to the latter, in addition to a half of one per cent. on the difference between the total amount of the Orders certified and the amount of void and repaid Orders.

## ARTICLE VIII.

1. The sums converted into Postal Orders are guaranteed to the remitters until they shall have been regularly paid to the payees or to the representatives of the latter, or shall have been refunded to the said remitters.

2. The sums received by each Administration in exchange for Postal Orders, the amounts of which shall not have been claimed by the persons entitled to payment before the expiration of the periods fixed by the laws or the regulations of the country of origin, become the absolute property of the Administration which has issued the Orders.

## ARTICLE IX.

At the end of each quarter the Swiss Postal Administration shall prepare an account comprising all sums paid by the offices of the two countries, and the credits to be given under each head in conformity with Article VII. above mentioned, as well as a statement of the Orders refunded by each Administration.

## ARTICLE X.

1. The Postal Administration of Canada shall examine this account, correct it if necessary, and if it is found to be the debtor, shall transmit the balance due within fifteen days at the latest after its receipt to the Administration of the Swiss Posts. If the account shows a balance to the credit of the Administration of Canada, the Postal Administration of Switzerland shall transmit the amount thereof to the former within fifteen days at the latest after receipt of notice of acceptance or of correction of the account.

2. The balance must always be paid in the money of metallic value of the country to which it is found due, by means of a bill of exchange on Berne, Basle or Paris, or on New York, as the case may be.

3. The expenses which may result from the payment of balances must always be borne by the Administration by which payment is made.

## ARTICLE XI.

1. To ascertain the amount to be paid the smaller credit is to be converted into the money of the country which has the larger credit, and is to be deducted from the latter credit. This conversion is to be effected according to the average rate of exchange at New York during the quarter to which the account pertains if the balance is to the credit of Switzerland, and according to the average rate of exchange at Berne during such quarter if the balance is to the credit of the Postal Administration of Canada.

2. If the Swiss Administration is to make payment she shall transmit to the other Administration, within five days at the latest after the expiration of the quarter, a certified statement of the rate of exchange for every business day of the quarter.

3. If, on the other hand, the Canadian office is indebted to the Swiss office, the latter shall make use of the statement furnished each quarter by the United States

Post Office in regard to the rates of exchange at New York during the quarter to which the account pertains.

#### ARTICLE XII.

Whenever, during the course of a quarter, it is found that the amount of Orders drawn upon either of the two Administrations exceeds by five thousand dollars, or twenty-five thousand francs, the amount of Orders drawn upon the other Administration, the latter shall send to the former the proximate amount of the ascertained difference in a round sum as a payment on account, by means of bills of exchange under the conditions prescribed in Article X.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

1. The form and the conditions of issue of Postal Orders in each country are subject to the regulations in force in the country of origin.

2. The form, as well as the conditions of payment of Postal Orders, including those relating to the suspension of payment, the renewing of Orders, the issue of duplicates and other matters concerning payment, are subject to the regulations in force in the country of destination.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

1. Each Administration is authorized to suspend temporarily the interchange of Postal Orders whenever the course of exchange or any other circumstance may give rise to abuses or cause detriment to the revenues.

2. Notice of action of this nature must be communicated immediately to the other Administration, and, if deemed necessary, by means of the telegraph.

#### ARTICLE XV.

The Postal Administrations of the two countries shall have power, by mutual agreement, to arrange detailed regulations for the execution of the present Convention, and to modify them at any time according to the requirements of the service.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

1. The present Convention shall take effect on the first day of July, 1883.

2. It shall remain in force until the expiration of a period of one year after the date upon which one of the two contracting Administrations shall have notified the other of its intention to terminate it.

Executed in duplicate, and signed at Berne on the sixteenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and at Ottawa on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN CARLING,

*Postmaster-General of Canada.*

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Ratifié la présente convention, conformément à l'autorisation du Conseil fédéral, du 23 avril 1883.

Berne, le 26 avril 1883.

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**DETAILED REGULATIONS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CONVENTION  
BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND CANADA, CONCERNING THE  
EXCHANGE OF POSTAL ORDERS, OF THE 28th MARCH—16th  
APRIL, 1883.**

In pursuance of the terms of Article XV. of the Convention of the 28th March—16th April, 1883, concerning the exchange of Postal Orders, the undersigned have agreed upon the following rules of action:—

**ARTICLE I.**

In conformity with Article I. of the Convention, the Money Order Office at Basle is designated as the exchange office on the part of Switzerland, and the office at Montreal as the exchange office on the part of Canada.

**ARTICLE II.**

For the lists by means of which the exchange offices are, in accordance with Article I. of the Convention, to notify each other of the Orders to be paid, the Money Order Office at Basle shall make use of Form "A" hereto annexed, and the Money Order Office at Montreal of the Form "B" hereto annexed.

**ARTICLE III.**

1. The lists are to be filled out in accordance with their printed headings with copying ink, which is also to be used in completing the letter of transmittal upon the first page thereof, and they are to be transmitted in duplicate by each out-going mail, that is to say, by all mails fixed by schedule which are conveyed between the offices of Basle and New York. The Swiss office will communicate this schedule to the Canadian office, and will advise all modifications which may arise. Should it happen, at the time of despatching any mail, that there are no Money Orders to be certified for payment, a list must, nevertheless, be sent in that mail; but, in such event, the despatching exchange office will write across the list the words: "No Money Orders."

2. The lists shall bear consecutive numbers, commencing with the calendar year and ending with it.

3. The Orders inscribed in the lists shall also be consecutively numbered, the series of numbers to commence with each month on the part of Switzerland, and with each 1st day of July on the part of Canada.

4. The Orders issued in Switzerland during a month, which may arrive at the exchange office at Basle in the following month, shall be entered on lists supplementary to the last list of the month, and Orders issued in Canada during the quarter ending the 30th June of each year, which may arrive at the office of exchange at Montreal in the following quarter, shall be in like manner entered on supplementary lists.

**ARTICLE IV.**

Each list is to be carefully examined by the receiving office, and if the latter finds that it contains manifest errors it will correct them with red ink. That office will then fill up the columns intended for its use, and return one of the copies of the list to the sending office. In the letter of transmittal of the next list which it has to send, the receiving office above mentioned will acknowledge the receipt of the list in question to the office which sent it. The corrections made are always to be mentioned with explanations at the end of the letter of transmittal.

**ARTICLE V.**

When the list contains errors or irregularities which cannot be corrected without consultation with the exchange office of the country of origin, the exchange office of

the country of destination shall request explanations from the sending exchange office at the same time that it acknowledges the receipt of the list. The explanations requested are to be furnished as promptly as possible. Meantime, the payment of Orders in regard to which errors have been discovered is to be suspended.

#### ARTICLE VI.

If it appears from the number of the list received that the preceding list has failed to arrive, the receiving office shall apply for such list by the first mail. The sending office, as soon as it is informed of the matter, shall send forthwith a duplicate of the missing list.

#### ARTICLE VII.

For the Orders entered in the lists the two exchange offices shall issue Inland Postal Orders in accordance with the regulations in force in the premises in the country of destination, and with the provisions of Article XIII. of the Convention.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

1. For the quarterly account provided for by Article IX. of the Convention, the Swiss Postal Administration shall make use of the Form "C" hereto annexed.

2. This account is to be made out upon the basis of the lists accepted or corrected by the receiving offices of exchange. It is always to be prepared promptly, and transmitted to the Postal Administration of Canada as soon as all the lists from the exchange office at Montreal bearing the date of the quarter to which it pertains shall have reached the Money Order Office of Basle, and all the duplicates of the lists of the same quarter despatched by the latter office shall have been returned to it from Montreal. If it be possible, this account is to be transmitted by the Swiss Postal Administration to that of Canada at the latest within six weeks after the close of the quarter.

#### ARTICLE IX.

1. The Postal Administration of the country of origin shall be duly notified of all Orders which shall not have been paid to the respective payees in the country of destination within one year after the date of the receipt of the list, and after an agreement shall have been reached in regard to these Orders, they shall be entered in the quarterly accounts, in order that the amounts thereof may be restored to the remitters in conformity with Article IX. of the Convention.

2. In like manner, there shall be embraced in this account Postal Orders, application for repayment of which has been made to, and permission therefor received from, the country of destination, in conformity with Article IX. of the Convention.

#### ARTICLE X.

1. The quarterly account is always to be transmitted in triplicate to the Postal Administration of Canada. If this account shows a balance in favor of the Swiss Postal Administration, two copies shall be returned to the latter, bearing an acknowledgment of the acceptance of the balance. In case the balance is in favor of the Postal Administration of Canada, the latter will retain two copies and send back but one.

2. When the balance found to be due the Swiss Postal Administration shall have been paid, the latter will affix its acknowledgment of receipt to one of the two copies which have been returned to it, and will send it back as a voucher to the Postal Administration of Canada.

3. In case the balance is in favor of the latter, it will, on receipt of the amount of such balance, affix its acknowledgment of receipt to one of the two copies of the account which it has retained, and will transmit the same as a voucher to the Swiss Office.

## ARTICLE XI.

Payments of balances and payments on account, made in pursuance of Articles X. and XII. of the Convention, are to be effected by means of bills of exchange, which, when the balance is in favor of the Swiss Postal Administration, are to be drawn on Berne, Basle or Paris, payable to the Director-General of Posts at Berne. When the balance is to the credit of the Postal Administration of Canada, the bills of exchange are to be drawn upon New York, payable to the Postmaster-General at Ottawa.

## ARTICLE XII.

1. For the purpose of balancing the quarterly account the conversion of one money into the other shall be made in compliance with the terms of Article XI. of the Convention. To that end, if the Swiss Administration has to make payment, it shall forward to the creditor Administration a certified tabular statement of the rates of exchange of Berne on New York for each business day of the preceding quarter, so far as such rates have been publicly quoted. For the said tabular statement the Swiss office will use Form "D" hereunto annexed, entering thereon the quotations of "Bid" and "Asked" made at Berne for "sight" exchange on New York, as published by the "Union of Bernese Banks." The average rate for the quarter shall then be established and serve as basis for the conversion of the smaller sum into money of the other Administration, by dividing the totals of the columns headed "Bid" and "Asked" and the totals of the columns headed "Highest" and "Lowest" by the number of quotations; the two averages thus obtained are then to be added, and the half of this sum shall represent the average rate for the quarter.

2. When the Balance is in favor of the Swiss Administration, it shall attach to the quarterly account mentioned in Clause 1, Article X., as above, a copy of the statement furnished to it by the United States Post Office, in conformity with Article XII. of the regulations made under the Convention between Switzerland and the United States, of the 18th October—30th November, 1851, an Article which contains the following:—

"For the purpose of balancing the quarterly account, the conversion of one money into the other shall be made in compliance with the terms of Article XI. of the Convention. To that end, the debtor Administration shall forward to the creditor Administration a certified tabular statement of the rates of exchange at Berne or at New York, as the case may be, quoted each business day during the preceding quarter. For the said tabular statement the Swiss office will use Form 'D' hereto annexed, entering thereon the quotations of 'Bid' and 'Asked' made at Berne for 'sight' exchange on New York, as published by the 'Union of Bernese Banks.' The office of the United States of America will use Form 'E' hereunto annexed, stating thereon the lowest and highest quotations made at New York for 'sight' exchange on Switzerland and published by the New York 'Journal of Commerce.'

"The average rate for the quarter shall then be established, and serve as basis for the conversion of the smaller sum into money of the other Administration, by dividing the totals of the columns headed 'Bid' and 'Asked' and the totals of the columns headed 'Lowest' and 'Highest,' by the number of quotations; the two averages thus obtained are then to be added, and the half of this sum shall represent the average rate for the quarter."

## ARTICLE XIII.

The Swiss Postal Administration undertakes to serve as intermediary for the exchange of Postal Orders from Canada to be paid in any European country with which that Administration maintains an exchange of Postal Orders, and with which the Postal Administration of Canada does not have such exchange, as well as for the exchange of Orders from any such European country destined for payment in Canada.

## ARTICLE XIV.

Orders from Canada for the countries in question are to be entered by the Exchange Money Order Office of Montreal upon the lists for Basle, with an exact statement of names and localities, in the same manner as if they were destined for Switzerland, and the exchange office at Basle will issue for them international Orders in the same manner as if they had originated at Basle, but under the condition of a deduction from the amounts entered in the lists of the ordinary fee for such Orders. A list of the fees charged in such cases shall be furnished to the Postal Administration of Canada.

## ARTICLE XV.

As regards the Orders in transit through Switzerland from other countries for Canada, these Orders are to be entered upon the lists for Montreal in the same manner as if they had been issued in Switzerland, and the exchange office of Montreal will treat them in the same manner as Swiss Orders.

## ARTICLE XVI.

In addition to the claims mentioned in Article IX., concerning the repayment of Orders, the two Administrations agree to take charge of other claims in relation to Orders exchanged between Switzerland and Canada; for example, in regard to changes of name, places of payment, requests for information concerning payments which have been made, &c., and to dispose of them in accordance with the regulations in force in each country, respectively.

## ARTICLE XVII.

The present Detailed Regulations shall take effect at the same time as the Convention of the 28th March—16th April, 1883, and shall continue in force as long as the latter.

Done in duplicate, and signed at Berne, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and at Ottawa, the twenty eighth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

JOHN CARLING,

*Postmaster-General of Canada.*

Le Directeur Général des Postes Suisses.

ED. HOHN.

Ratifié la présente convention, conformément à l'autorisation du Conseil fédéral, du 23 avril 1883.

Berne, le 26 avril 1883.

Le Conseiller fédéral, Chef du Département des Postes et Chemins de fer.

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List No.....

POST OFFICE, BASLE, SWITZERLAND.

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SIR,

I have received your List of International Money Orders No.

of the 188 , on the 188

The examination which has taken place has proved the correctness of the totals, viz: \* Amounts paid in                      francs                      centimes.

In return I transmit to you herewith (in duplicate) a List of International Money Orders No.                      the total amount of the List being                      dollars                      cents.

Be pleased to examine, complete and return to me the original copy of this List, with your acknowledgment of its receipt indorsed thereon.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

*The Chief of the Money Order Office.*

\* In case any differences are found, such differences to be stated below.

TO THE POSTMASTER,  
MONEY ORDER EXCHANGE OFFICE,  
MONTREAL, CANADA.



List No.

SHEET No.

BLANKS TO BE FILLED BY THE  
RECEIVING OFFICE OF MONTRÉAL.

BLANKS TO BE FILLED BY THE DESPATCHING OFFICE OF BASLE.

No. of the International Order.	No. of Original Money Order.	Date of Original Money Order.	Amount of the Original Money Order in Swiss Money.	Office at which the Original Order was issued.	Residence of Remitter.	GIVEN NAME AND SURNAME OF			ADDRESS OF BENEFICIARY.			Value of the Order in Canadian Currency, payable by the Office of Destination.	Nos. of the Inland Orders issued by the Exchange Office of Montreal.	Offices at which the Final Orders are to be paid.	REMARKS.
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MONTREAL, CANADA.

S'amp of Montreal Office

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SIR,

I have received your List of International Money Orders No. 188 of the 188, on the 188. The examination which has taken place has proved the correctness of the totals, viz: \* Amount paid in dollars cents.

In return I transmit to you herewith (in duplicate) a list of International Money Orders No. the total amount of the List being francs centimes.

Be pleased to examine, complete and return to me the original copy of this List, with your acknowledgment of its receipt indorsed thereon.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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*Postmaster Exchange Office.*


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TO THE MONEY ORDER OFFICE

AT

BASLE, SWITZERLAND.

LIST No.  
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						Re-mitter	Payee	Residence.	Town or City.					Canton
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			\$								Francs. Centimes.			







BALANCE:

TO THE CREDIT OF THE SWISS OFFICE.			TO THE CREDIT OF THE CANADA.		
	Francs.	C'es.		\$	Cts.
Amount of orders issued in Canada, less amount of void and repaid orders of Canadian origin.....			Amount of orders issued in Switzerland, less amount of void and repaid orders of Swiss origin.....		
Amount of commission due Switzerland at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the above amount.....			Amount of commission due Canada at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the above amount.....		
Total Swiss Credit.....			Canadian Credit.....		
CANADIAN CREDIT			SWISS CREDIT		
To be deducted \$ cts. (to be converted at the average rate of exchange in New York, during the quarter to which this account appertains.....			To be deducted Fr. C'es. (to be converted at the average rate of exchange in Berne, during the quarter to which this account appertains.....		
See Art. 11 of the Convention (\$1=Francs Centimes)			See Art. 11 of the Convention (Francs Centimes= 1)		
Balance to the credit of the Swiss Office paid on account by the Office of Canada.			Balance to the credit of the Canadian Office paid on account by the Office of Switzerland l.		
Dated.	Francs.	C'es.	Dated	\$	Cts.
Balance remaining.....			Balance remaining.....		

The within account exhibits a total balance of \_\_\_\_\_ which, after deduction of the payments on account, as therein stated, leaves a balance remaining of \_\_\_\_\_ due the \_\_\_\_\_ Office.

BERNE,

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LE CONTROLEUR EN CHEF.

The above statement of account is accepted with a balance of \_\_\_\_\_ due the \_\_\_\_\_ Office.

OTTAWA,

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Superintendent Money Order Office.



