My definition of postmarks

Background

Postmarks in the Proud book has an id that does not say much about the postmark itself except that killer postmarks get a K plus index, a circular date stamp gets a D plus index etcetera. This means that the property of a postmark can't be compared between different post offices. My idea is that a 'C1' postmark is similar to another 'C1' postmark for another village

Numeral cancellations

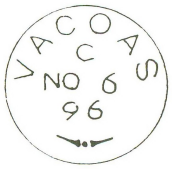
The numeral cancellations are circular two circle or three circle with a number in centre named N1a-N1c or killer cancellations named K1 and KD1 with some sub types.

Postmark	My name	Description	Comment
	N1	Circle cancellation	Main type
	N1a	Three Circle cancellation with number	Only used in Flacq and Mahébourg
	N1b	Two Circle cancellation with number	1 to 16 was used and some numbers were used in different locations
	N1c	Circle cancellation without number	Only used in Mare D'Albert
	K1	Killer cancellation	Main type
	K1a	Barred Oval Numeral Canceller (BONC). 3 bars above and below number	
	K1b	Barred Oval Numeral Canceller (BONC). 4 bars above and below number	
	K1c	Any other killer canceller	Only used in Mare D'Albert
	KD1	Duplex killer and datestamp	Only used in Port Louis

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Date stamps

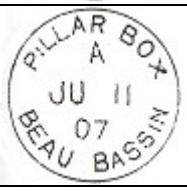
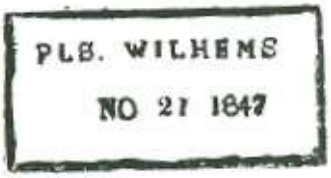
The numeral series (including B53) was withdrawn in 1893, and datestamps then became standard through the country. There are five circular date stamp main types, A to D and PB including a lot of sub types. There are two square type date stamps SQ1 and SQ2 and a machine postmark type named MP.

Postmark	My name	Description	Comment
	A	CDS with single circle diameter 23 mm and post office name in upper circumference and ornament(fleuron) at base. Day and month and (usually) a two digit year above ornament.	
	B1	CDS with single circle diameter 19½ mm and straight post office name in the middle and no country name. Thimble type.	
	B2	CDS with single circle diameter 19-21 mm and post office name in upper circumference, date on two lines with year expressed with 2 figures and no country name. Thimble type. For Port Louis cancellations diameter can be up to 26 mm	
	B3	CDS with single circle diameter 19½mm and post office name in upper circumference, date on two lines and no country name. Year expressed with four figures Thimble type.	This mark was introduced for all offices on January 1 1900
	B3a	Year expressed with two figures	Diameter about 22 mm. Only 'Trou-aux-Biches'
	B3b	Year expressed with one figure	

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	C1	CDS with single circle diameter 23-25 mm and post office name in upper circumference. MAURITIUS in lower. Date on two lines and year expressed with two figures.	This postmark was used in 61 post offices from 1910.
	C1c	No country name at base	
	C1e	Partly modified	
	DT	CDS with double frame 27 mm in diameter	Main type
	DT1	CDS with double frame, with slugs, time and MAURITIUS at bottom	"Birmingham"
	DT1c	No country name	
	DT2	CDS with double frame, with arcs, time and MAURITIUS at bottom	"New Birmingham"
	DT2c	Same as above but no arcs	

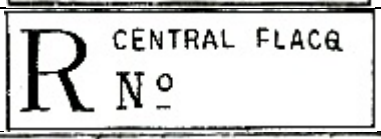
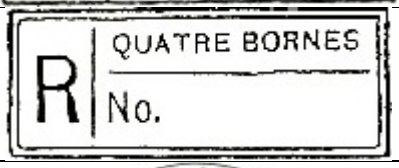
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Postmark	My name	Description	Comment
	DT2g	No country name	
	DT3	CDS with double circle, with arcs and number at bottom	
	PB	Pillar Box type	
	SQ1	Square cancellation	
	SQ2	Square cancellation with bewelled corners	
	MP	Machine Postmarks. With a slogan or waves. Only found in Port Louis	Reduced size

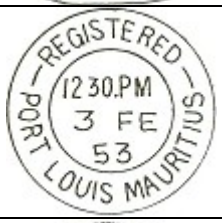
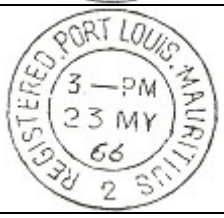
Registered postmarks

Postmark	My name	Description	Comment
	R	Registered postmarks	Main type
	R1	One line ‘REGISTERED’	
	R2	Two line ‘REGISTERED’ and ‘No’	

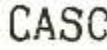
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Postmark	My name	Description	Comment
	R3	Only an ‘R’	
	R3a	‘R’ and ‘No’	
	R4	Encircled ‘R’	
	R5	Square, no dividing line and no ‘No’	
	R5a	Square, no dividing line and ‘No’	
	R5b	Square, dividing line and ‘No’	
	R5c	Double framed square, dividing line and ‘No’	
	R6	Oblong, ‘No’ and ‘MAURITIUS’	Only Port Louis
Not known type	R6a	Oblong, no ‘No’ and ‘MAURITIUS’	Only Port Louis
	R6b	Oblong, ‘No’ and ‘G.P.O. MAURITIUS’	Only Port Louis

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	R6c	Oblong, no 'No' and 'G.P.O. MAURITIUS'	Only Port Louis
	R7	Circular date stamp with double frame and arcs	Only Port Louis
	R7a	Circular date stamp with double frame and no arcs	Only Port Louis
	R7b	Circular date stamp with double frame and no arcs and number at bottom	Only Port Louis

Other postmarks

Postmark	My name	Description	Comment
	HS	Handstamped Slogans	Mainly used in Port Louis, but there are some used in the villages.
	L	Straight line cancellation, no date	Only found in Cascade Road

Definition of cancellation types

All postmarks are black except those postmarks that are described with other colours.