



If Great Britain had adopted the ABEL/BEAM registration machine that had been planned at one stage (date uncertain, but probably c1910), then I believe that it would have resembled the mock-up above. This design is based purely on examples seen from Germany, Russia, Belarus and Latvia, where the machines (made by DAPAG of Germany) are recorded as having been implemented.

Has any recipient of this sheet seen such a marking? Worth looking for, as it will be a true rarity.

There is nothing to indicate that trials were ever undertaken in the field, indeed according to an item seen on an album page "the machine was inspected by the GPO but a trial was refused until the trial of the Vending Machine at King Edward Building was satisfactory."

SVMs clearly proved to be the better option and the ABEL/BEAM machine never materialised in the United Kingdom.

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