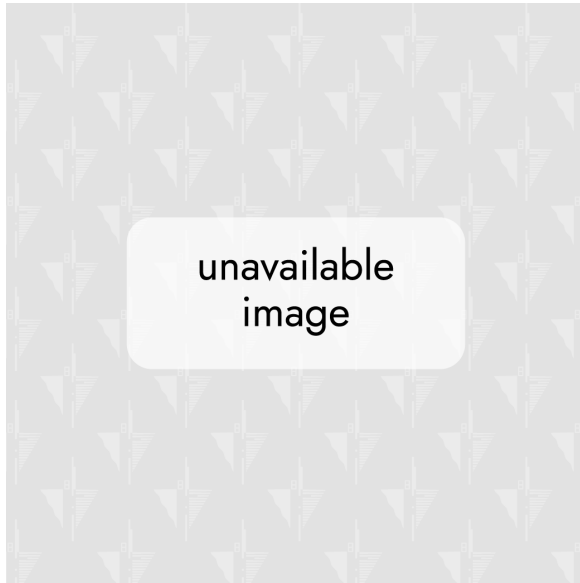


Typewriter

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Black metal typewriter by L.C. SMITH & CORONA TYPEWRITERS OF CANADA. The name in gold appears above the keyboard in the center. The object has a black ink spool. The keyboard has 49 metal-ringed keys with various characters such as: the alphabet, punctuation marks, numbers 0-9, mathematical signs.

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Fabricant / Éditeur Smith & Corona typewriters of Canada

Materials metal, plastic

Historical context

This L.C. Smith & Corona typewriter is the Super Speed Silent #12, produced in 1938, used by employees of the Canadian National Bank. An American company, L.C. Smith & Corona was formed in 1926 from the merger of two well-known typewriter manufacturers, L.C. Smith & Brothers and Corona Typewriter Company.

A Quebec banking institution, Canadian National Bank (CNB) was founded in 1924 with the merger of Banque d'Hochelaga and Banque Nationale. In 1979, the BCN merged with the Provincial Bank of Canada to become the National Bank of Canada we know today.

The arrival of the typewriter in banks at the beginning of the 20th century revolutionized bankers' work, facilitating the keeping of account books and simplifying customer access to their files. The use of the mechanographic machine dominated the world of banking management until the 1960s, when the arrival of first- and second-generation computers gradually revolutionized banking work.

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