

Strangely Numbered Crocks

Tony Schlachter has the only known example of one of the specially numbered crocks made by Medalta. His crock which is one gallon in size and has a drain hole on the side just above the bottom is marked number 29 near the top. The number is underglaze indicating that it was placed there at the Medalta factory and not added later.

While I did not find any specific reference to crocks with numbers in the twenties on them, the Medalta records indicate that four or more agricultural or horticultural centres were placing orders for numbered crocks. The order shown here, filled on May 12, 1926, was for nine sets of one gallon crocks numbered from 1 to 12. Another order filled 4 February 1927 was for "153 only 1 gallon Wine Meas-



544 May 12th, 1926.

Messrs. H. Morgan & Son,
914 Galt Avenue,
MONTREAL, Que.
2 1/2 30 days - 60 days net.

MONTREAL CAR. 9 - 30

150 only	6 In.	Special Yellow Bowl		7 25	10 87
150 "	8 "	"		9 75	14 83
300 "	9 "	"		11 75	35 25
470 "	10 "	"		13 00	61 10
300 "	1 Gal.	Crocks	300	09	27 00
72 "	8 In.	Mixing Bowl - Casserole Glass		09 1/2	8 88
98 "	6 1/2 "	Cuspidors		10 00	9 80
108 "	1 Gal.	Crocks stamped as follows on back & front	108	20	21 80
		9 #1	9 #5	9 #9	
		9 #2	9 #6	9 #10	
		9 #3	9 #7	9 #11	
		9 #4	9 #8	9 #12	
				188 91	188 91
Prepaid freight to Montreal on above invoices - 5434 lbs @ \$1.00 per 100 lbs.				54 34	
				132 57	
5% Discount				6 63	6 63
				125 94	180 28
5% Government Tax					6 30
					\$ 186 58

Goods sold f.o.b. Montreal.
Shipped in car C.P. #203695



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ure Crocks previously ordered. Numbered 1 - 9 inclusive. 17 sets." And the latest order to show up in the Medalta records came from an horticultural station in Ontario which ordered 36 holed four gallon crocks; however it is not known whether or not they were specially numbered.

Thanks to Ken Pattison of Victoria, B.C. who sent me a copy of the "Canadian Geographical Journal" Vol. XLIV, No. 2, February 1952, I have been able to include a photograph showing numbered crocks in use by the Ontario Forest Service. In this instance 3 gallon imperial crocks were used and where the numbers can be read, they are in the two hundreds. The photograph in the article is so clear that you can even see that the crock with number 224 on it was actually one of Medalta's Ice Water crocks (stamp no. G.11).