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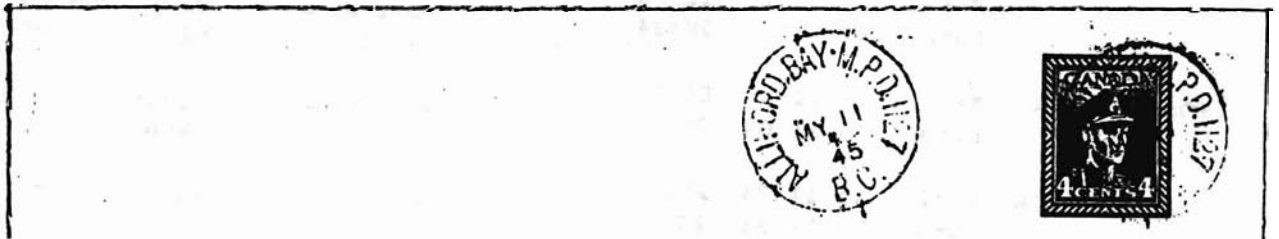
DECEMBER 1995

ALLIFORD BAY - M.P.O. 1127

Alliford Bay was the last Military Post Office established in British Columbia during World War II. The official date of establishment is listed as January 16, 1945, although the cover below would indicate that the first mail was not processed until January 18. The "ALLIFORD BAY - M.P.O. 1127" hammer had not arrived and a hammer reading "VANCOUVER DISTRICT / EMERGENCY No.1" was used. The Alliford Bay hammer appears to have arrived a few days later as a cover dated January 24 is known. Following the surrender of the Japanese the camp closed and the Post Office was no longer required. The office closed on September 10, 1945 after only eight and a half months of operation.

Face - ALLIFORD BAY - M.P.O. 1127 / MY 11 / 45 / B.C.

Face - VANCOUVER DISTRICT / JAN 18 / 45 / EMERGENCY No 1



From Cape St. James Radio Beacon
C/o #28, Radio Unit, R.C.A.F.
via Alliford Bay, B.C.
December 30th 1944.



Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Palmer,
2850 Garnet St.,
Regina, Sask.

SUPERMAN COMES TO CANADA POST

October was stamp month and to popularize the event Canada Post issued the Comic Book Superheroes booklets consisting of a pane of ten stamps depicting five Canadian comic book heroes. Yes, one of the creators of Superman was a Canadian, Joe Shuster. In addition to the usual First Day Covers, collectors could buy a Super Mousepad at \$9.95 or a set of 10 postcards at \$2.25. Also available was the United States "Comic Strip Classics" sheet of 20 stamps at \$9.99. I have been assured by Canada Post that the latter stamps are not good for postage in Canada despite Free Trade. The success of the Marilyn Monroe promotion by Canada Post at \$42.99 has resulted in the stocking of close to 50 items produced by the United States and the United Nations Post Offices at prices ranging up to \$74.99 plus GST and PST.

To advertise the Superheroes a "Superman" slogan was placed on much of the Jet Spray equipment in use in Canada. Both Vancouver and Victoria used the "SUPERMAN (TM/MC) ///////////////" cancellation. The "POSTAL CODE/CODE POSTAL ///////////////" slogan was reintroduced at the end of September but three days later, Vancouver changed to a slogan advertising the opening of Canuck Place. December 2 marked the introduction of the "Happy Holiday Bons Voeux ///////////////" Christmas slogan which was redone in capital letters five days later. The slogan was changed a week later to read "GREETINGS JOYEUSES FETE ///////////////".

Vancouver

Victoria

POSTAL CODE	Late	95 09 16	17:28
SUPERMAN	Early	95 09 18	22:11
	Late	95 10 31	10:24
POSTAL CODE	Early	95 11 01	00:50
	Late	95 11 03	06:16
CANUCK PLACE	Early	95 11 03	20:41
	Late	95 11 28	23:34
POSTAL CODE	Early	95 11 29	05:38
	Late	95 12 01	12:16
Happy Holiday	Early	95 12 01	20:53
	Late	95 12 05	06:38
HAPPY HOLIDAY	Early	95 12 05	09:32
	Late	95 12 13	05:48 *
* unreadable	From	95 06 to	95 07
GREETINGS	Early	95 12 13	10:32

POSTAL CODE	Late	95 09 19	13:25 *
bottom head	Early	95 09 19	20:49
* blank -	Late	95 09 19	22:06
SUPERMAN	Early	95 09 19	22:13
	Late	95 10 31	03:40
POSTAL CODE	Early	95 10 31	21:19
	Late	95 12 01	03:24
HAPPY HOLIDAY	Early	95 12 01	17:52
	Late	95 12 14	09:41
GREETINGS	Early	95 12 14	17:53

118 V8Z 4B0 950927 00:21 ///////////////

SUPERMAN (TM/MC) ///////////////

082 V6B 3A0 951204 17:23 ///////////////

HAPPY Holiday Bons Voeux ///////////////

082 V6B 3A0 951107 16:32 ///////////////

CANUCK PLACE OPENS THANKS BC ///////////////

VESUVIUS POST OFFICE

From time to time it has been pointed out that there was a Post Office at Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring Island and that both Melvin, and Topping and Robinson have failed to list the opening and closing dates of the Vesuvius Post Office. Bill Tidball has added to the debate by providing a photograph of the Vesuvius Post Office taken from a book on Salt Spring Island written by Rev. Wilson in 1895. Rev. Wilson also provides a list of the five Post offices located on Salt Spring Island in 1895; Vesuvius, North End, Burgoyne Bay, Fulford Harbour and Beaver Point. He also listed the names of the postmasters and states that the postmaster at Vesuvius was Joel Broadwell.



Broadwell Home & Vesuvius Post Office
-Saint Mark's to right

Wilson, Rev. E.P., "Salt Spring Island - 1895", page 5.

Bill makes a good case for the existence of a Vesuvius Post Office based on evidence taken from a contemporary local history. Rev. Wilson is correct in stating that there was a Post Office near Vesuvius Bay and that the postmaster was Joel Broadwell. A check of Melvin and the 1895 Postal Guide shows that there was a postmaster on Salt Spring Island in 1895 of that name. In both sources he is listed at Salt Spring Island Post Office located some three miles inland from Vesuvius Bay wharf. The 1895 Postal Guide does list a Vesuvius Post office located in King's County, Nova Scotia with Denis Reden as Postmaster.

Salt Spring Island - 1895 page 25

There are five Post Offices on the Island, viz.: Vesuvius (Joel Broadwell); North End (Levi Lakin); Burgoyne Bay (S. Maxwell); Fulford Harbor (H. M. Rogers); Beaver Point (A. McLennan). Five steamboat wharves, viz:— Fernwood, Vesuvius Bay, Ganges Harbor, Burgoyne Bay, Fulford Harbor.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

On Salt Spring Island.
Named on account of salt springs here, by H.B.C. in 1850.

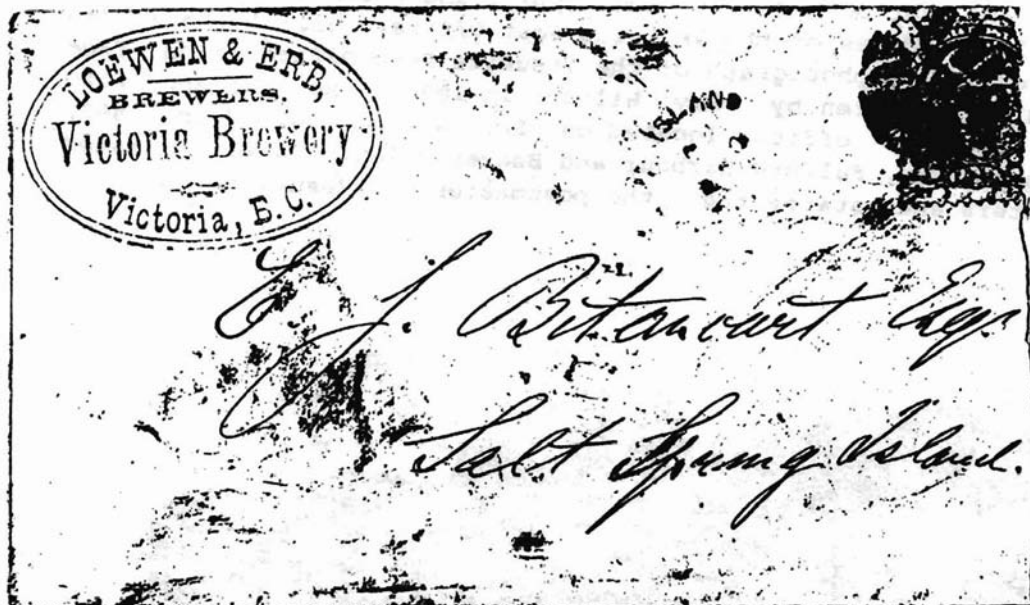
Est. 1-9-1874, closed 22-12-33.

T. C. Perry	1- 9-74	1- 7-83
J. Broadwell	1- 7-83	14-12-97
J. A. Broadwell	1- 2-98	18- 3-01
P. Purvis	15- 4-01	13- 4-08
G. J. Mowat	1- 5-08	22- 9-11
J. Henry	15- 4-12	14-11-33

Melvin, George H.,
"Post Office of British Columbia"

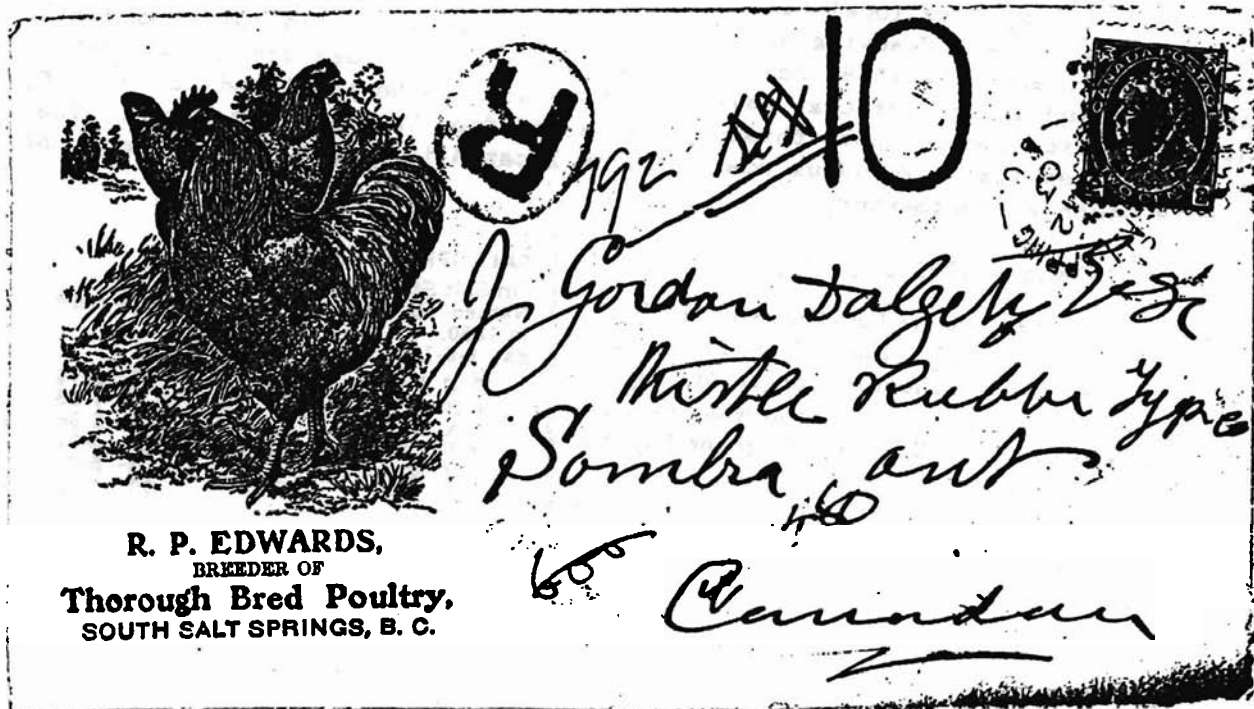
SALT SPRING ISLAND

Face - SALT SPRING ISLAND / AP 7 / 88 / B.C.



Local histories provide an excellent source of information for postal historians but much of the information is based on recollections or local tradition and thus should be used with caution. In the case of Salt Spring Island there were, in 1895, two Salt Spring Post Offices, that is Salt Spring Island and North Salt Spring. It is obvious from Rev. Wilson's booklet that locals did not use these official names but rather referred to them as Vesuvius and North End. Local tradition dies hard and in the 1983 history of Salt Spring Island, titled "Times Past", Vesuvius and North End continue to be listed Post Offices (Page 77).

Face - SALT SPRING ISLAND / JU 12 / 03 / B.C.
VICTORIA B.C. (roller)



QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND - an up date

see - Vol. 1 No. 4, page vii/viii and
Vol. 2 No. 2, page 48 & xi/xii

Andrew Scott has provided an up date for the Queen Charlotte Island postmarks. His lists first appeared in Volume 1 Number 4 for metal hammers and Volume 2 Number 2 for rubber hammers and stamps. The hammer numbering is the same as in the original lists with the exception of QUEEN CHARLOTTE POCON Pcl which has been deleted and the remaining hammers have been renumbered.

The following legend is used:

Types "A", "B", "C" "D" - see Topping and Robinson
M - rapid cancelling machine
Md - MOOD rubber stamp
Mo - MOON rubber stamp
Pc - POCON rubber stamp
Rg - Registration box rubber stamp

Dates ERD - earliest recorded
LRD - latest recorded

Rarity "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" as by Topping & Robinson
(-) - reported copies for "E" rarity only

Office (Proof date)	Ty	ERD	LRD	R/#	Comments
Aero (10/04/48) (PB, no date)	B	03/26/49	11/23/54	E (6)	covers very rare
Alliford Bay (03/03/13)	A			E	reported status in doubt
Alliford Bay MPO 1127	B	01/24/45	08/24/45	D	
	Mo	08/09/45	09/10/45		only blue ink noted
Buckley Bay (07/02/18)	A	06/09/20	05/07/34	E (7)	
Graham Centre (02/15/12)	A	07/03/12	11/30/12	E (3)	only cut-outs reported
Haida (17/14/36)	Cl	04/25/57	02/09/59	D	PB lists C2 (12/10/63) but office closed 04/30/60
Hydah (02/25/11)	A	09/01/12	10/17/15	E (2)	
Jedway (06/29/09) (03/09/62)	A	04/25/15	08/31/19	E (2)	
	C	11/16/62	09/09/67	D	LRD uncertain
	Rg	10/22/62	03/15/65		
Juskatla (01/27/50) (10/24/66)	B	06/27/50	10/28/54	D	
	C	04/07/67	08/15/88	B	still in use
	Mn	12/08/66	06/13/72		*9332
	Pc	10/22/74	08/15/88		*643254
(PB, no date)	Rg	02/14/74	08/15/78		
Lawn Hill (02/25/11)	A	11/30/11	04/04/26	E (7)	
Lockeport (06/29/09)	A1	11/04/11	03/16/36	E (5)	PB lists A2 (09/11/44) but office closed 07/25/38
	Rg	03/10/36			
Masset (05/06/48)	B	08/20/49	08/15/88	B	
	Mo	02/19/51	10/27/53		purple, green ink noted
	Mn1	10/06/66	03/11/70		*9436, san-serif lettering
	Mn2	06/08/70	08/20/76		serif lettering
	Pc1	05/17/73	10/29/76		*644226, no box
	Pc2	01/18/77	04/27/84		boxed, small B.C.
	Pc3		08/15/88		boxed, large B.C.
	Pc4	03/18/87	02/12/91		boxed, postal code
(PB, no date)	Rg1	05/26/58	10/09/78		No.
	Rg2	11/07/80	05/04/92		postal code
	M	02/10/75			still in use.
Masset (06/25/09)	A	10/17/10	06/27/41	C	
(12/30/41)	B	06/16/43	03/29/47		
(12/22/41)	Mo	06/16/43	04/10/46		
(12/--/41)	Rg	04/10/46			
Naden Harbour (08/26/12)	A			U	
Nadu River (12/13/13)	A			U	
Pacofi (08/26/11)	A	09/30/18		E (1)	
(08/09/39)	B	10/01/39	04/25/45	E (5)	
(01/10/41)	Mo				
(08/--/39)	Rg				

Face - BUCKLEY BAY / JUL 16 / 21 / B.C.

Back - nil

MASSET TIMBER CO. (1919) LTD.
BUCKLEY BAY, B. C.



Geo. Meyer Esq.,
Port Moresby, B.C.

Office (Proof/date)	Ty	FRD	LRD	R/*	Comments	
Port Clements (04/04/14) (11/19/18) (01/11/56) (08/19/44) (06/05/52)	A	12/24/20	12/31/53	B		
	B	01/04/22	--/--/27			
	C	03/16/56	09/14/91			
	Mo					
	Mn1	12/09/54	09/01/55		tall san-serif name	
	Mn2	12/12/57	11/12/63		*9590, serif BC	
		12/12/57	09/09/59		(same, green ink phase)	
	Mn3	07/21/64	01/03/67		small name, P-S 23mm	
	Mn4	09/17/67	05/19/72		small name, P-S 20mm	
	Pc1	06/20/73	05/01/75		*645621, no box	
(02/--/28)	Pc2	07/23/74	08/11/88		boxed	
	Rg1				l/c, ORIGINAL NO.	
	Rg2	07/23/74	02/23/77		caps	
	Rg3	02/24/67	08/11/88		lower case	
	Queen Charlotte (08/09/08) (02/10/40) (04/18/58) (08/19/27) (07/22/32) (PB, no date) (09/08/41)	A	02/03/11	01/29/40	B	08/05/08 reported
		B	02/18/41	06/20/46		green ink (02/18/41)
		C	08/17/58	08/16/88		several diff. hammers?
		D	11/03/30	01/17/57		DBC-312
		Md1				caps
		Md2	02/18/41			lower case
Mo		10/22/41	06/23/53		purple ink noted	
Mn1		01/11/57	04/03/58		l/c name, purple, red ink	
Mn2		12/11/58	09/28/66		large B.C., 2 lines, red ink	
Mn3		08/11/68	04/06/73		large B.C., 1 line name	
Rose Harbour (05/15/11) (07/23/27) (07/--/27)	Mn4	08/14/71	04/08/76		*9635, small B.C.	
	Pc1	08/04/71	04/08/76		*646024, boxed	
	Pc2	06/04/74	06/07/84		no box, QN, CHARLOTTE	
	Pc3	11/14/85	09/26/85		no box, QUEEN CH...	
	Pc4	03/29/75	09/26/85		boxed, QUEEN/date/CH...	
	Pc5	01/27/86	09/13/88		boxed, postal code	
	Rg1	06/23/53	09/29/64		Orig No., purple ink noted	
	Rg2	09/27/74	08/16/88		No.	
	Sandspit (09/23/15) (03/25/45) (09/30/52)	A1			E(3)	19mm hammer
		A2	07/31/28	02/05/39		21mm hammer
Rg						
Sewall (08/02/17) Sewall Inlet		A	08/18/18	09/27/91	B	two different hammers
		Mo				
		Mn1	08/23/63	08/02/64		*9679, tall PO name
		Mn2	08/23/66	05/06/71		short PO name
		Pc		08/12/88		*646431
		Rg1	02/02/36	07/06/60		Orig No.
		Rg2	08/09/62	08/12/88		No.
	Skidegate (11/08/50) (04/29/44) (01/23/53) (05/--/34)	A	03/22/72	08/26/88	U	
		C	05/03/72	02/06/73	B	*9697
		Mn	04/09/73	05/14/73		*646636, no box
Pc1		10/14/82	08/26/88		boxed, postal code	
Pc2						
Skidegate Mission (5/25/21) (08/18/49) (11/07/51)		A	07/13/99	10/10/49	C	
		B	11/03/51	06/02/71		
		Mo				
		Mn1	--/07/66			*9713, san-serif
		Mn2	06/24/66	11/20/71		serif PO name
	Rg					
	Tasū (12/24/65)	A	11/01/26	04/01/48	D	
		B	12/03/49	01/24/56		
		Mn				*9700
		Rg1	02/02/36	12/03/49		Orig No.
Rg2		--/--/50			No.	
Thurston Harbour (--/--/18) Toll (03/06/12) (11/08/50) (PB unclear) (10/--/41)		C	03/09/66	08/13/79	C	
		Mn	07/03/67	05/25/71		*9472, blue ink noted
		P1	09/12/73	07/20/78		TASU/B.C.
		P2	05/02/81	02/01/83		POST OFFICE/TASU.B.C.
		Rg	09/12/73			
	Tow Hill (01/09/13) Waton River (10/20/23) (11/--/23)	A	12/07/12	12/17/49	B	
		B	01/16/52	01/22/57		
		C	10/01/58	08/11/88		
		Pc		08/11/88		*641510
		Rg	03/31/47	08/11/88		
Woden River (10/03/13)		A	05/21/13		E(1)	cut-out only
		A	12/11/30		E(1)	
		Rg				
		A			U	



S.S. PRINCE GEORGE II

The S.S. Prince George II entered service on June 23, 1948, replacing the Prince George I which had been destroyed by fire at Ketchikan in 1945. From 1948 until the Prince George II caught fire at Vancouver in 1975 the ship served on the Vancouver - Ocean Falls - Prince Rupert - Ketchikan route for Canadian National Steamships. Like its predecessor fire brought it to an end. On Sunday, October 15, 1995 a fire of unknown origin gutted the Prince George II at the dock at Britannia Beach where it had been tied up since its unsuccessful use as a floating hotel for Expo'86.

The Prince George II was built in 1948 at Yarrows Limited in Victoria and was the largest passenger vessel ever built at that time in British Columbia. It was 350 feet long with breadth of 52 feet and state room accommodation for 260 passengers. The ship was an attractive ship but lacked the luxury of the earlier ships on the Alaska run. It was also built at the time passenger service was declining and after the 1975 fire it was sold to the British Columbia Government for use on the Seattle run, but was soon replaced by the Princess Margurite. It was used as a restaurant at Nanaimo and a floating hotel at New Westminster before being left to rust at Britannia Beach. The recent fire appears to have ended plans to refurbish the Prince George and use it either as a cruise ship or a restaurant.

BRILLIANT - P.O. No. 9079

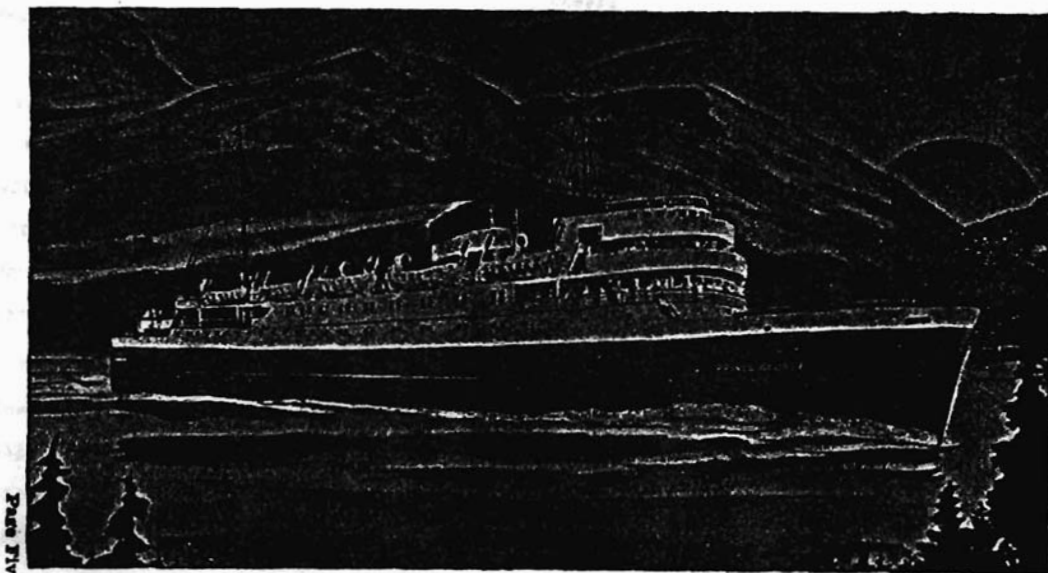
A correction.

See page 113 (Vol. 4 No. 3)

Herb Marion quite correctly points out that I combined the names of two well known Victoria stamp dealers, Reginald Nairne and Roger Newberry. The dealer involved in the production of the Brilliant roller covers was Reginald Nairne.

Mike Sagar questioned the statement that Peter Verigin was killed by a premature explosion of a bomb while he was trying to blow up the tracks of the Kettle Valley Railway in October 1924. The correct date was December 16, 1924 and there is considerable difference of opinion as to how he died. Most sources attributed the bombing to Peter Verigin's cousin Peter Petrovitch Verigin who, it is alleged, placed a clockwork type bomb under a seat on the Kettle Valley train. Peter (the Lordly) Verigin was killed in the bomb explosion.

The question of the scarcity of the Brilliant roller cancellations was also raised. As reported in the last issue, covers are known between April 26, 1929 and December 24, 1932. All appear to be philatelic and, following discussions with a number of dealers, it would appear the total would be less than two dozen with about half being on long envelopes.



S.S. "Prince George"—5,700 gross tonnage, length 350 feet.

FROM CANADA POST

Pat Hue of Canada Post has again provided an updated list of openings and closings of British Columbia Post Offices. Offices that changed their address are listed as well as a group of offices in the North Okanagan that received a new Postal Code on 95-07-05.

CLOSING / TRANSFERRING				REPLACEMENT / OPENING			
<u>Province</u>	<u>Close Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Close Date</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>
	95-02-28	GH	Prince George GMO 12	GH	Prince George GMO 12	95-03-01	653551
	95-03-02	GH	CHILLIWACK GMO #7	GH	CHILLIWACK GMO #7	95-03-03	018767
	95-03-03	FA	Westgate Plaza PO				134066
	95-03-05	FB	Fanny Bay RO	FB	Fanny Bay RO	95-03-06	113972
	95-03-05	FB	Royston RO	FB	Royston RO	95-03-06	054100
	95-03-06	RV	Cedarvale Post office	RV	Cedarvale Post Office	95-03-07	641189
	95-03-09	GH	Powell River GMO #11	GH	Powell River GMO #11	95-03-10	155187
	95-03-12	GH	Vernon GMO 2	GH	Vernon GMO 2	95-04-05	158593
	95-03-12	FB	Courtenay North RO	GH	Courtenay GMO North	95-03-13	654728
	95-03-24	GH	Abbotsford GMO #11	GH	Abbotsford GMO #11	95-03-24	148598
	95-03-31	FB	Harrogate RO	FB	Harrogate RO	95-04-01	113530
	95-03-31	FA	Coquitlam Center PO	FA	Coquitlam Centre PO	95-04-01	019976
	95-03-31	SB	Terrace RPO #2				642541
	95-04-01	FA	Downtown PO				134295
	95-04-07	FA	Renfrew Heights Postal Outlet				656658
	95-04-11	FA	Duncan Mall Postal Outlet	FA	Duncan Mall Postal Outlet	95-04-12	072192
	95-04-15	FA	Hillside Postal Outlet	FA	Hillside Postal Outlet	95-04-17	631477
	95-04-16	GH	Victoria GMO 36	GH	Victoria GMO 36	95-04-17	649066
	95-04-27	FB	Moyle BC	FB	Moyle BC	95-04-28	057312
	95-04-30	GH	Victoria GMO 62 (Cadboro Bay)	GH	Victoria GMO 62	95-05-01	152161
	95-05-01	FA	Southlands Postal Outlet	FA	Musqueam Postal Outlet	95-05-02	169404
	95-05-17	CB	Namu				644633
	95-05-23	FA	Waterfront Centre Retail Outlet	FA	Waterfront Centre Retail Outlet	95-05-24	055018
	95-05-25	FA	Valley Fair Postal Outlet				655031
	95-05-31	SS	Winfield	SS	Winfield	95-06-01	649325
	95-05-31	SB	Surrey RPO 13	GH	Surrey GMO 13	95-06-01	644935
	95-06-11	FA	Seafair Postal Outlet	FA	Seafair Postal Outlet	95-06-12	656593
	95-06-11	FA	Como Lake Postal Outlet	FA	Como Lake Postal Outlet	95-06-12	656976
	95-06-18	FB	Lower Nicola Postal Outlet	FB	Lower Nicola Postal Outlet	95-06-19	117927
	95-06-24	FA	Coquitlam Centre PO	FA	Coquitlam Centre Po	95-06-25	170429
	95-06-29	FA	Austin Ave Postal Outlet	FA	Austin Ave Postal Outlet	95-06-30	157651
	95-07-04	RV	Okanagan Centre	RV	Okanagan Centre	95-07-05	645311
	95-07-04	FB	Winfield South Postal Outlet	FB	Winfield South Postal Outlet	95-07-05	656895
	95-07-04	FB	Oyama	FB	Oyama	95-07-05	011428
	95-07-04	FB	Winfield North Postal Outlet	FB	Winfield North Postal Outlet	95-07-05	138827

PRINCE GEORGE II

With the recent gutting by fire of the Prince George II at Britannia Beach, it seemed a suitable time to look at postal markings of one of the last ships to serve on the British Columbia coastal service.

Postal markings from the Prince George II are reasonably common although all appear to be of philatelic origin and unlike earlier ships on the Alaska run no provision was made for processing mail in a formal fashion.

Ludlow	Shape	Reported	Early	Late
S-256	rectangle	22 known	1948 06 23	1964 05 30
S-112b	square	4 known	1948 07 09	1949 11 14
NL	1 line	2 known		1951 08 31
S-253	circle *	* proof 16 known	1950 11 16 1951 01 05	1951 11 20
S-113	square	14 known	1963 04 28	1969 08 02
S-255	rectangle	6 known	1966 08 25	1974 04 30
NL	net tonns	4 known	1971 09 28	1973 05 30
NL	1 line	2 known	1973 08 07	1973 08 09

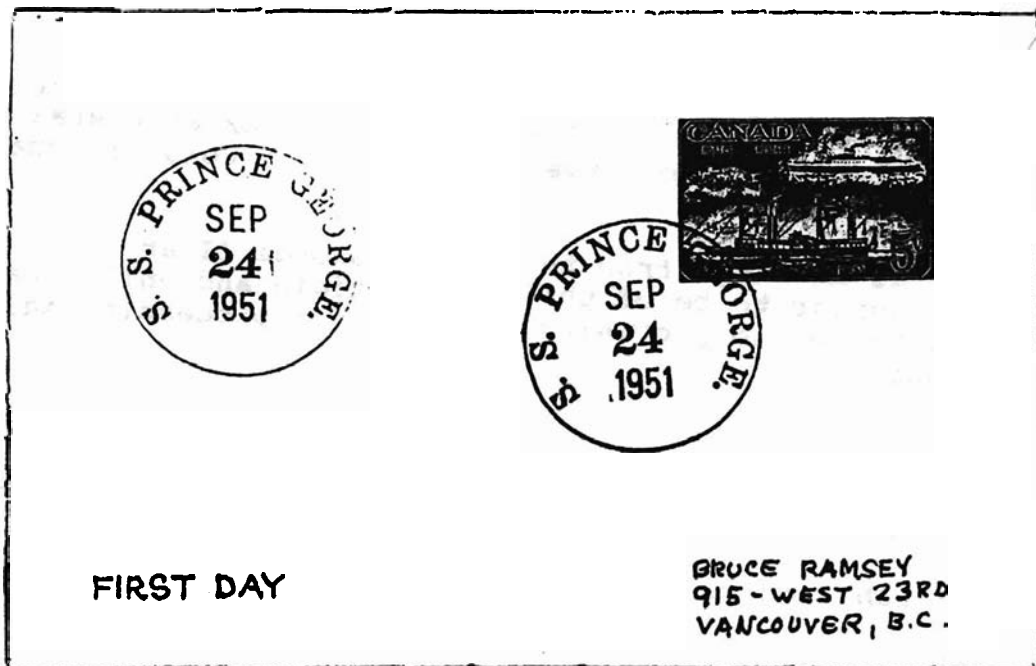
I can add no new dates

Name Forms should be mailed to -
 Bill Topping
 Address B.C. Postal History News Letter
 7430 Angus Drive
 Vancouver, B.C. V6P 5K2

Starting with this issue of the News Letter the back of the Response Form will be used to display interesting or unusual covers that require little or no comment. In some cases the covers will be related to a story appearing in the News Letter in others they will be just nice looking covers. If you have a cover or two or three that you think could be used in this way send the Editor a good clean xerox copy.

FIRST DAY COVER OF PRINCE GEORGE II STAMP POASTED ON BOARD

First Day cover mailed on board the Prince George II by well known postal historian Bruce Ramsey - September 24, 1951 and cancelled with Ludlow S-253.



From 1984 Canadian National Steamships booklet

TABLE OF DISTANCES
NAUTICAL MILES (as per schedule)
T.S.S. "Prince George"

NORTHBOUND

Distance from VANCOUVER								
Ocean Falls....	318	Ocean Falls						
Prince Rupert..	514	201	Prince Rupert					
Ketchikan.....	608	295	94	Ketchikan				
Taku Glacier..	842	529	328	234	Taku Glacier			
Juneau.....	871	558	357	263	29	Juneau		
Haines.....	960	647	446	352	118	89	Haines	
Skagway.....	974	661	460	366	132	103	14	

SOUTHBOUND

Distance from SKAGWAY								
Haines.....	14	Haines						
Juneau.....	103	89	Juneau					
Wrangell.....	253	230	150	Wrangell				
Ketchikan.....	342	328	239	89	Ketchikan			
Prince Rupert..	436	422	333	183	94	Prince Rupert		
Head of Douglas Chan.	592	548	459	309	220	126	Head of Douglas Channel	
Head of Gardner Canal	633	619	530	380	291	197	71	Head of Gardner Canal
Ocean Falls....	817	803	714	564	475	381	255	184
Vancouver.....	1130	1116	1027	877	788	694	568	497
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The port to port distances from Vancouver to Skagway and return total 2,104 nautical miles, which is approximately 2,413 statute or land miles.



Top—Bedroom of one of the Deluxe Suites.

Centre—View of a special class stateroom.

Bottom — The standard staterooms are bright and cheery.