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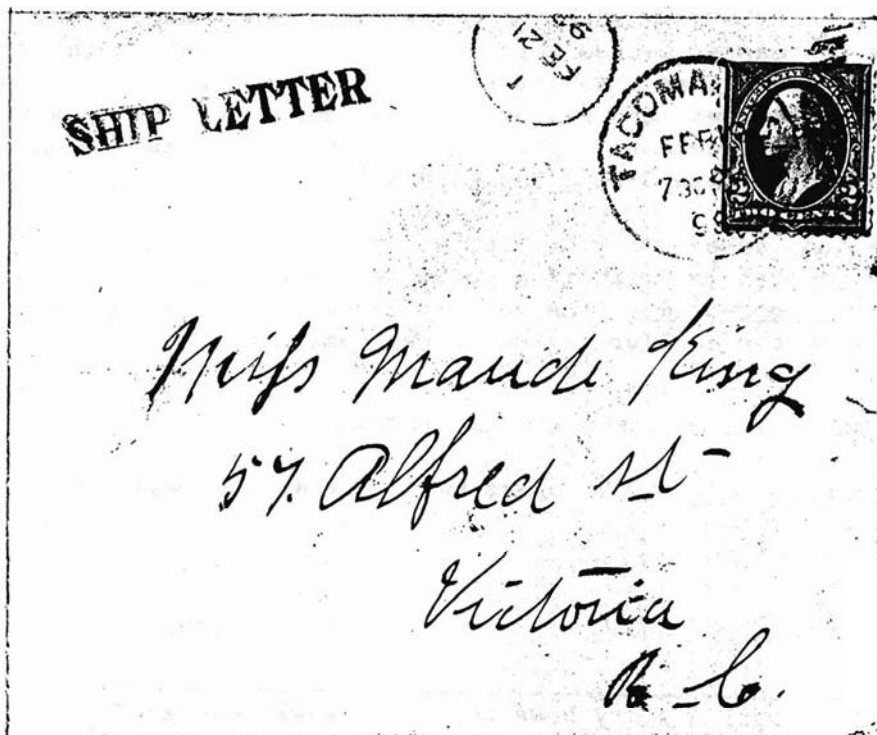
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**"SHIPLETTER"**

The "SHIP LETTER" marking on the cover shown below is probably not a British Columbia item even though the cover is addressed to Victoria and has a Victoria carriers mark dated, "FE 21 / 98". Similar ship markings are illustrated in Gustav Lund's "The Paquebot Marks of the Americas" and are known to have been used in the Eastern United States around the turn of the century but none are reported for the West Coast. This type of marking was not used in Canada. Gray Scrimgeour speculated that it may be a gold rush item and may have been carried on a US ship from Alaska. The 2 cent US stamp and the "TACOMA, WASH. FEB 19 / 7:30 PM / 98" postmark would indicate that it was carried by US ship to Tacoma. A similar cover was in the Max Guggenheim collection and contained a letter from Dawson and was postmarked at Tacoma in March 1898. A similar but not the same "SHIP LETTER" marking is on the cover. Has anyone seen similar markings that might assist in determining the mailing point of this letter?



**GLENORA (1) AND (2)**

Colin Campbell has provided an excellent multiple strike of GLENORA (2) on a block of six of the 5 cent leaves issue dated SP 20 / 98. He also raises the question regarding the location of GLENORA (2). Melvin locates it "Just SW of Duncan." on Vancouver Island while Topping and Robinson show it as the same location as GLENORA (1). Both agree that GLENORA (1) was located near TELEGRAPH CREEK and the 1930 "Geographical Gazetteer of British Columbia" list it as an "abandoned H.B.C. post on Stikine river, about 10 m. S.W. of Telegraph Creek, Cassiar dist." (p. 99) and makes no reference to any other settlement called Glenora.



The 1880 "Canadian Official Postal Guide" lists GLENORA (1) as being in the Burrard Electoral District, which is the Electoral District that included all the coastal region of British Columbia from Vancouver to Alaska. In the 1903 "Canada Official Postal Guide" the location of GLENORA (2) is also listed as the Burrard Electoral District. The Telegraph Creek Post Office is shown in the same district. If GLENORA (2) had been south of Duncan, as suggested by Melvin, it would have been in the Vancouver Electoral District. Thus, it is safe to conclude that GLENORA (1) and (2) were in the same location, namely 10 miles south west of the present Telegraph Creek.

Topping and Robinson are not totally correct in their information in that GLENORA (1) officially closed 30 June 1886. not 1894 as stated, and it may have closed a year earlier as postmaster George Prichett resigned in 1885. The Vancouver Post Office records indicate that, as the result of death or resignations, there was considerable delay between the resignation or death of one postmaster and the appointment of his replacement. There is no indication as to whether the post office continued to operate during these periods.

The question is then asked "Why do Topping and Robinson call them (1) and (2)?" The answer in general is that if a post office was in a new location or was closed for five or more years the new office would be designate with a (2) to distinguish it from the earlier office of the same name.

**NEW SPRAY-ON SLOGANS IN USE AT VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA**

Just as the News Letter was going to press two new spray-on slogans were introduced.

082 V6B 3A0 960430 11:17 1111

082 V6B 3A0 960508 19:29 1111111111

YOUTH WK/SEM JEUNESSE 96 1111

CAPEX 96 JUNE 8-16 JUIN 1111111111

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**BLACK CREEK POST OFFICE TO BE 60 YEARS OLD IN JUNE**

60 th ANNIVERSARY  
60 eme ANNIVERSAIRE



BLACK CREEK  
POST OFFICE  
1936-1996

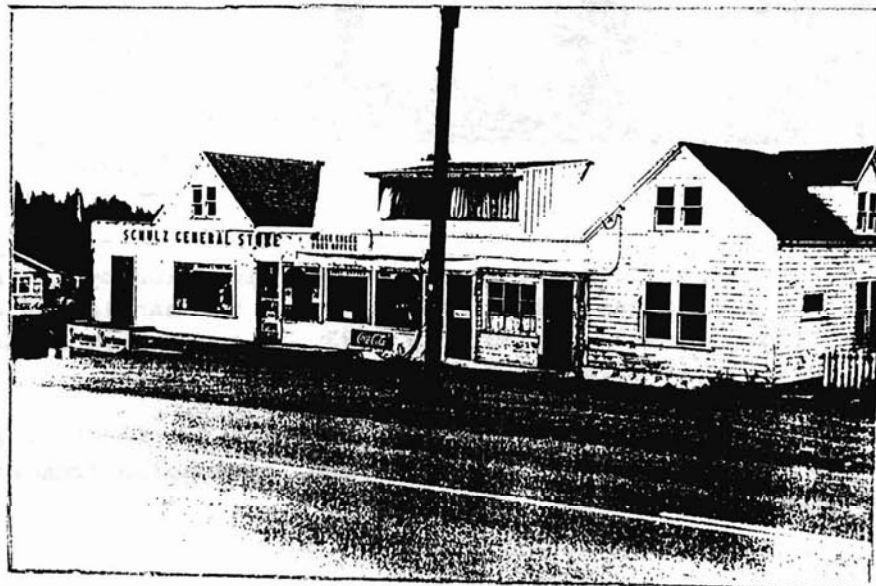


Courtesy- Mary Currie Wood

The first settlers to the Black Creek area picked their mail up at the Merville Store and Post Office. Later, Henry Schulz, Sr. would go to the Oyster River Post Office (at the Fisherman's Lodge) to pick up the mail to be handed out from the store. The H. Schulz General Store stood on the site currently occupied by the Black Creek Store.

Mr. Schulz was approached by Mr. A.W. Neill, Member of Parliament for the Comox-Alberni riding. Mr. Neill asked if Mr. Schulz would be interested in having a Post Office in his store and being Postmaster. Mr. Schulz was delighted at the prospect. It was felt the fact that Mr. Schulz had been a Captain with the Russian army while they were allies of Canada helped get the Post Office established quickly. On June 1st, 1936 the Black Creek Post Office was officially opened.

Schulz General Store  
BLACK CREEK - V.I., B.C.



Black Creek  
Post Office  
April 1957

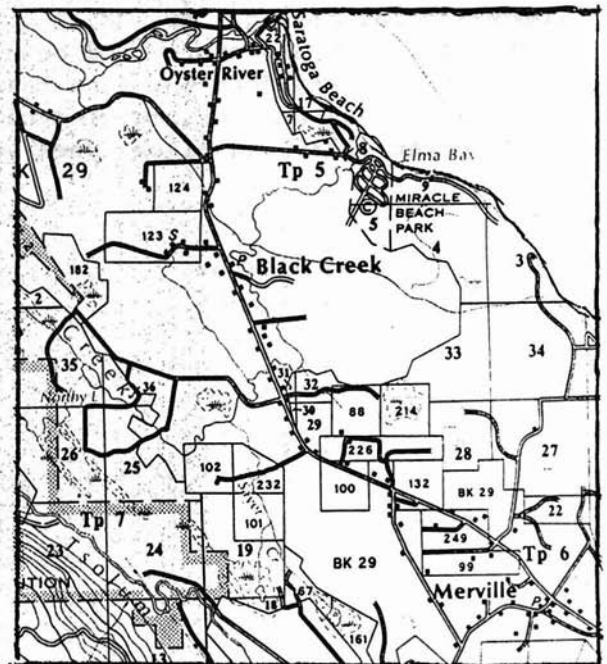
**BLACK CREEK POST OFFICE - continued**

The first Post Office shared space in the small store (it measured six feet by eight feet). The Coach Lines bus delivered the mail at first. Later Canadian Pacific trucking was used as the mail carrier. When Oyster River Post Office was disbanded the volume of mail increased at Black Creek. Soon a new store was built adjoining the Schulz's residence. Mr. Schulz installed the first mail boxes in Black Creek. The early mail boxes had combination locks.

Henry Schulz was the first Postmaster until his untimely death in 1955. His son Peter Schulz was officially named Postmaster on February 3, 1955. The first rural route was established in 1962. Mr. P. Schulz served as Postmaster until he sold the store to Siegfried Kussauer. Mr. Kussauer was Postmaster from May 24, 1966 to November 12, 1974. It was while Mr. Kuassauer owned the store that the original building (by this time much altered) burned. He then rebuilt it, creating the framework for the current Black Creek Store. Morris Quinn took over as Postmaster the day he bought the store from M. Kussauer in 1974. It was while Mr. Quinn was Postmaster that the Post Office moved out of the store into a separate part of the building. Ill health forced Mr. Quinn to resign his position on October 2nd, 1982. Helen Arlitt was the acting Postmaster at the time. She then went on to become the first postmaster of Black Creek who was not also the owner of the Black Creek Store. It was in 1985 that Mrs. Arlitt was officially named Postmaster.

NTS map 92 F/NW - 1977

Black Creek Post Office - 1987

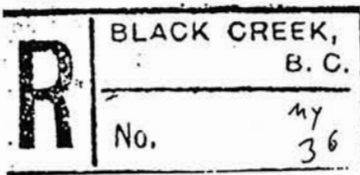


In 1992 the post office moved to its current location by the Miracle Beach junction. The new post office has almost enough space to handle the extra volume we get at Christmas time. It was during July 1993, in a move to centralize operations, that the mail sorting was moved to Campbell River.

Over the last sixty years we have grown from a few boxes at the Store serving local settlers to two rural routes serving 1,200 households from Howard Road north to the south side of Oyster River.

**BLACK CREEK POST OFFICE**

Proof strikes  
May 13, 1936



Proof strike  
Dec. 12, 1950



**POST OFFICE TRANSACTIONS**

UP TO THE  
1st July, 1936

**LIST OF POST OFFICES OPENED**

OFFICE NO.	POST OFFICE	POSTAL DISTRICT	TOWNSHIP OR PARISH	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF POSTMASTER
92051	Amelia (5th June)	E.	S.W. Sec. 3, Tp. 57, R. 21, W. 4th M.	Vegreville.....Alta.	H. A. J. Libbey.
88085	Arabella (Re-opened 16th June)	S.	N.E. Sec. 34, Tp. 35, R. 1, W. 2nd M.	Maekensie.....Sask.	Fred Sapach.
96321	Black Creek (1st June)	V.		Comox-Alberni.....B.C.	Henry Schuls.
79042	Diver (Re-opened 21st May)	N.B.		Timiskaming.....Ont.	G. L. McGee.
79094	Duclos Point (summer office) (1st June)	T.		York North.....Ont.	Herbert Carpentier.
76574	Golden Arm (8th June)	W.		Konora-Rainy River Ont.	S. F. Porteous (acting)
85750	Hazelglen (1st June)	W.	S.W. Sec. 19, Tp. 12, R. 7, E.P.M.	Springfield.....Man.	Stephen Lucko.
72522	La Corne (25th May)	Q.	La Corne	Pontiac.....P.Q.	A. P. J. Goyette.
0631	(a) Low (9th June)	O.		Wright.....P.Q.	D. B. Smith.
73188	(n) Low Station (9th June)	O.		Wright.....P.Q.	J. C. Noonan.
80665	Malchin (19th May)	W.		Konora-Rainy River Ont.	R. G. MacKay.
73231	Malartic (25th May)	N.B.	Fourniere	Pontiac.....P.Q.	Armand Blais.
73853	Montreal Sub Office No. 81 (2nd June)	M.	1232 Demontigny St.	St. James.....P.Q.	Adolard Gravel.
73674	Montreal Sub Office No. 98 (22nd May)	M.	20 Mount Royal Ave. W.	Cartier.....P.Q.	J. S. Tanenbaum.
73675	Montreal Sub Office No. 99 (22nd May)	M.	5401 Verdun Ave.	Jacques Cartier.....P.Q.	A. S. McAllister.
86439	Ontecod (1st June)	W.	N.E. Sec. 22, Tp. 23, R. 24, W.P.M.	Dauphin.....Man.	W. R. McNichol.
98256	Paldi (1st June)	V.		Nanaimo.....B.C.	W. L. Kenyon.
75057	Pointe Calumot (summer office) (1st June)	M.		Laval-Two Mountains P.Q.	Bruno Guitard.
75213	Preissne (13th June)	Q.		Pontiac.....P.Q.	M. A. Marchand.
75259	Quebec Sub Office No. 16 (15th June)	Q.	5 Turnbull Ave.	Quebec South.....P.Q.	A. E. Lacasse.
75552	Remigny (26th May)	N.B.	Remigny	Pontiac.....P.Q.	Rev. Roch Mageau.
75685	Riviere Iluva (25th May)	N.B.	Malartic	Pontiac.....P.Q.	Auguste Cardinal.
76675	Ste. Rosa Station (summer office) (1st June)	M.		Laval-Two Mountains P.Q.	H. G. Louch.
95114	Sylvester (13th June)	E.	N.W. Sec. 19, Tp. 69, R. 11, W. 6th M.	Peace River.....Alta.	T. R. Elliott.
82690	Toronto Sub Office No. 121 (8th June)	T.	1024 Bloor St. W.	Davenport.....Ont.	John Nimmo.
82703	Toronto Sub Office No. 128 (26th May)	T.	266 Brollwoods Ave.	Spadina.....Ont.	A. G. Grimaldi.
99168	Vancouver Sub Office No. 48 (1st June)	V.	1290 East 12th Ave.	Vancouver-Durrard.....B.C.	A. A. Crawford.

Face - BLACK CREEK / PM / JAN 8 / 46 / B.C.

MOON - 1969



*Box 7, Black Creek, B.C.*

*Vancouver Island Coach Lines*

*Victoria*

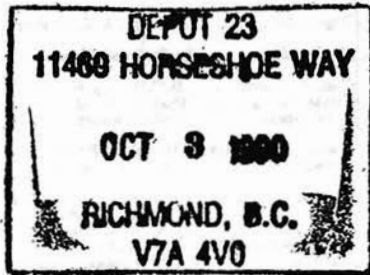
*B. C.*

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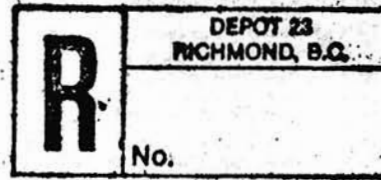
**640662**  
30 IV 1973  
BLACK CREEK  
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**DEPOT 23 - RICHMOND**

Depot 23 in Richmond was established at 11460 Horseshoe Way, Richmond, Poatal Code V7A 4V0 on December 1, 1986. By October 1990 I had yet to see a marking from Depot 23 and so I asked our local postman if it was possible to obtain a marking from Depot 23. The 46 markings on these two pages were his answer.



Depot 23 had been open less than four year when I made the request. How many marking would there have been if the request had been made to an office that had been open for 20 or 30 or even 100 years?



POSTAL DEPOT #23  
11460 HORSESHOE WAY  
RICHMOND, B.C. V7A 4V0  
271-1421

POSTAL DEPOT # 23  
11460 HORSESHOE WAY  
RICHMOND, B.C. V7A 4V0  
271-1421

NO SUCH POSTAL CODE  
CODE POSTAL INEXISTANTE  
DEPOT 23, RICHMOND, B.C.

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CODE POSTAL INEXISTANTE  
DEPOT 23, RICHMOND, B.C.

TO RICHMOND "MAIN" FOR PICKUP  
AU BUREAU DE POSTE "PRINCIPAL"  
DE RICHMOND POUR RAMASSAGE

RICHMOND MAIN  
FOR PICK UP  
PRINCIPAL DE RICHMOND  
POUR RAMASSAGE.

NOT IN LETTER  
CARRIER DELIVERY  
PAS DANS LE SECTEUR  
DU FACTEUR



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DU FACTEUR

RETURN TO SENDER  
7 RICHMOND ADDRESSES WERE  
RENUMBERED IN 1977 FORMER  
NUMBERS ARE LONG OBSOLETE  
PLEASE USE NEW NUMBERS.

Canada Post Corporation  
For Deposit Only to the Credit of  
The Receiver General For Canada  
Société Canadienne des Postes  
pour Dépôt Seulement au Crédit  
du Receveur Général du Canada

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ATTENTION: NOTE NEW ADDRESS AND TIMES  
VEUILLEZ PRENDRE NOTE DE LA NOUVELLE  
ADRESSE ET DES NOUVELLES HEURES

DEPOT 23 - RICHMOND - continued

RECEIVED IN DAMAGED  
CONDITION AT  
REÇU EN ÉTAT D'AVARIE

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CONDITION AT  
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CONDITION AT  
REÇU EN ÉTAT D'AVARIE

RECEIVED WITHOUT  
CONTENTS  
REÇU SANS CONTENU

Please advise your correspondents  
of your correct postal address.  
Prière de donner à vos corres-  
pondants votre adresse postale  
exacte.

VACANT

DEMOLISHED

NOT KNOWN

REFUSED

1ST ATTEMPT

2ND ATTEMPT

NO SUCH #

MOVED

NOT AT ADDRESS

DECEASED

NOT LISTED

FINAL NOTICE  
DERNIER AVIS

SUB 148 - BOOTS DRUGSTORE  
#117, 10151 No. 3 ROAD  
RICHMOND, B.C. V7A 1W0  
MON. - SAT. 09:30-18:00

**RETURN TO SENDER  
SERVOI A L'EXPEDITEUR**

- Undelivered  
Non délivré
- No such address  
Adresse inexistante
- Address incomplete  
Adresse incomplète
- Mailed, Address unknown  
Expédié, Adresse inconnue
- No-mail Post Office  
Bureau postal
- Refused by addressee  
Refusé par le destinataire
- Damaged  
Endommagé
- Address changed  
Adresse changée

CARD SENT CARTE EXPÉDIÉE	
FINAL NOTICE DERNIER AVIS	
RETURN ON RETOURNEZ LE	

ADDRESS INCOMPLETE  
ADRESSE INCOMPLÈTE

ADDRESS INCOMPLETE  
ADRESSE INCOMPLÈTE

**MAIL DELAYED  
WRONG POSTAL CODE**  
Please notify your  
correspondents

**COMPLAINT RETARDE  
Mauv. Postal Code**  
Veuillez aviser vos  
correspondants

LANSDOWNE POST OFFICE  
FOR PICK UP  
BUREAU DE POSTE LANSDOWNE  
POUR RAMASSAGE

Retail Postal Outlet #141  
Pharmasave  
#1, 11080 Williams Road  
(Shell Road and Williams)  
Richmond, B.C. V7A 1J0 277-6036  
Mon. - Fri. 09:00 - 21:00  
Sat. 09:00 - 18:00  
Sun. 11:00 - 17:00

**BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH**

CAPEX'96 is featuring a display of Klondike Gold Rush postal history. Although the bulk of the material organized by Gray Scrimgeour is from the Yukon a small part of the display will deal with British Columbia and a number of superb B.C. items will be on display.

The first post office established in the region was GLENORA (See page 138) but this office was closed before the gold rush of 1898 began. GLENORA was re-established on May 1, 1898 and on the same date a post office was established at LAKE BENNETT. In the following year, British Columbia post offices were established at ATLIN, DISCOVERY, LOG CABIN, and TELEGRAPH CREEK. The six post offices all served miners on their way to or from the Yukon and should be included in any display related to the Gold Rush of '98. Of these offices LAKE BENNETT appears to be the most common with well over a dozen markings being reported. No markings are reported for LOG CABIN during the actual Gold Rush period although a half dozen markings are known between 1903 and 1908.

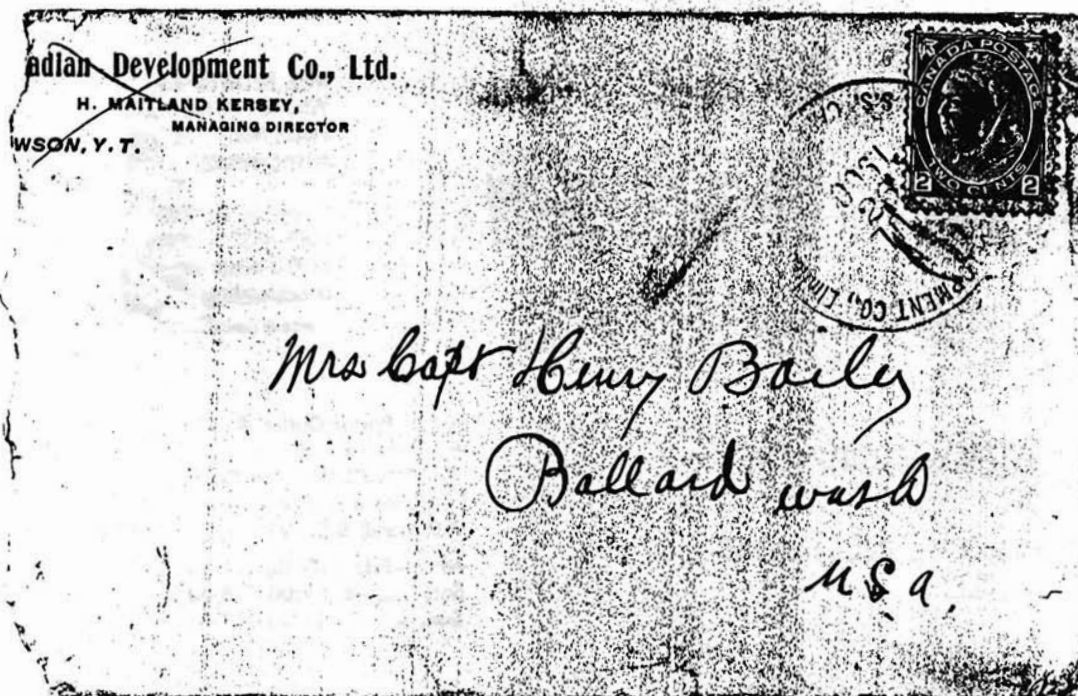
This months response form requests informaton of early/late dates of these markings as well as the number of known copies.

**CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

In the last News Letter the topic of ship markings being used as corner cards was discussed. It has since been pointed out that by far the largest number of these are found from river boats in the Yukon and are being represented by dealers as legitimate ship cancellations. The cover below is one of the few legitimate river boat cancellations from the Yukon.

The letter, which is enclosed, was mailed by Captain Henry Baily on the "S.S. CANADIAN" to his wife in Portland, Oregon. The river steamer was owned by the Canadian Development Company who held the mail contract, from Lake Bennett to Dawson and from Lake Bennett to Atlin, between June 1899 to summer 1902. The C.D. company provided twice weekly mail service on the route. The C.D. company was taken over by the White Pass and Yukon Railway in the summer of 1902.

S.S. CANADIAN - JUL 26 1900





**GOLD RUSH POST OFFICES OF NORTH WESTERN B.C.**

Please indicate early or late dates you have for the six Klondike gold rush post offices located in British Columbia. Please indicate the number of items you have dated before December 1909.

		Type	Early	Late (<1910)	Number
<b>ATLIN</b>					
Established	1899 04 01	A	1899 04 03	1889 08 08	
Still open	-	B	1899 08 05	1902 08 18	
	Wide "C", narrow "N"	B	1903 08 20	1908 03 03 +	
		R	1902 05 12		
<hr/>					
<b>DISCOVERY</b>					
Established	1899 07 01	A	1899 10 27	1909 10 08 +	
Closed	1930 12 15				
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<b>GLENORA</b>					
Established	1875 03 01	A?			
Closed	1886 06 30				
Re-est.	1898 05 01	A	1898 05 21	1901 05 01	
Closed	1903 07 01				
<hr/>					
<b>LAKE BENNETT</b>					
Established	1898 05 01	A	1898 05 01	1901 09 07	
Closed	1901 11 01				
<hr/>					
<b>LOG CABIN</b>					
Established	1899 04 01	A	1903 08 10	1908 06 26	
Closed	1909 08 01				
<hr/>					
<b>TELEGRAPH CREEK</b>					
Established	1899 06 14	A	1900 06 12	1908 08 25 +	
Still open	-				

Name .....

Address .....

.....

BRITISH COLUMBIA

PIONEER LINE FRASER RIVER STEAMERS



COVER TO SUMAS, FRASER RIVER (LATER "ATCHELIZ") FROM NEW WESTMINSTER JA 18 81 - THE PIONEER LINE FRASER RIVER STEAMERS - JOHN IRVING, MANAGER.

THEIR PURPLE STAMPING OF THE COMPANY ON THE BACK IS THE ONE ILLUSTRATED IN JARRETT (P. 447) AND APPEARS TO BE UNIQUE.



VIOLET