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Best Western Vernon Lodge


The dates of the BNAPS Convention at Vernon, this September, almost coincide with the dates of "The Okanagan Exhibition" held in Vernon from September 18 to 20, 1911. The 1911 Exhibition offered \$10,000 in prizes, a large sum in 1911. BNAPS only offers gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze, and bronze awards to its winners.

1911 Okanagan Exhibition cover

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The Okanagan Exhibition

Vernon, B. C. 1911 Sept. 18-19-20



MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF FRUIT, VEGETABLES POULTRY AND LIVE STOCK	MRS A. E. BOYER.
LIBERAL PREMIUMS OFFERED	c/o. MRS. W. J. McWATERS, 14 KINGSWOOD ROAD.
HORSE RACES AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS	BALMY BEACH.
REDUCED RATES FROM ALL POINTS	EAST TORONTO. ONT.

LAYRITZ NURSERY
Headquarters for Choice
Nursery Stock
KELOWNA, - B. C.

\$10,000 IN PRIZES, ATTRACTIONS, Etc.—\$10,000

Back - nil

The British Columbia Postal History Research Group will meet at Vernon on Thursday, September 16 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. The Editor, Bill Topping, will chair the meeting. The topic for the session will be "Coastal mail along the British Columbia coast". A display of coastal ship mail will be presented as well. It is hoped that all members of the study group will attend. The October News Letter will be distributed at BNAPS'99, Vernon. Bill will also be speaking at the Air Mail Study Group on Yukon Airways.

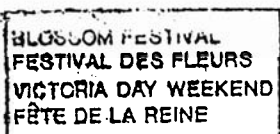
NEW WESTMINSTER ROLLER - NEW TYPE

New Westminster Post Office appears to have been issued with at least two Vertical Bar type rollers shortly after the introduction of roller cancellers in 1894. Smythies handbook lists 5 types as being issued to New Westminster between 1894 and 1929. The Lee catalogue of roller markings also shows 5 vertical type rollers, two of which are shown as being used before 1900. A type "D" (town name on one line and Provincial name below plus number "1") and a type "E" (town and province in one line plus number "2") were both reported as being used before 1900.

A third type, on a two cent numeral, has been reported by Joe Smith. The 8 bar roller has "NEW" on the top line, "WESTMINSTER" on the second, and "B.C." on a third, plus the number "1" between the bars. A second copy, on a one cent leaf post card, is in the Editors collection. This configuration is not shown in either of the roller handbooks and appears to be unique to New Westminster. It is identified as a Type "J" by Bob Lee.

Type D

New report



MOUNTED POLICE MAP FOR 1888

For those who collect the Territorial post marks of Canada a new map issued by the Geological Survey of Canada is a must. It is a reproduction of an 1888 map entitled "Mounted Police Stations and Patrols throughout the North-West Territories" for the year 1888. The map is centered on the Saskatchewan and Assiniboia Territories but includes limited parts of Manitoba and the Alberta Territory.

The map which measures two feet by three feet has a scale of about 20 miles to the inch and as a result place locations are shown with considerable accuracy. All stations along the newly opened Canada Pacific Railway are shown as are settlements located along the various trails crossing present day Saskatchewan. A red overlay has been produced on the map to emphasize the location of R.C.M.P. posts.

The map is available from the Geological Survey of Canada, 101 - 605 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 5J3 at a cost of \$14.25 plus taxes and mailing costs.



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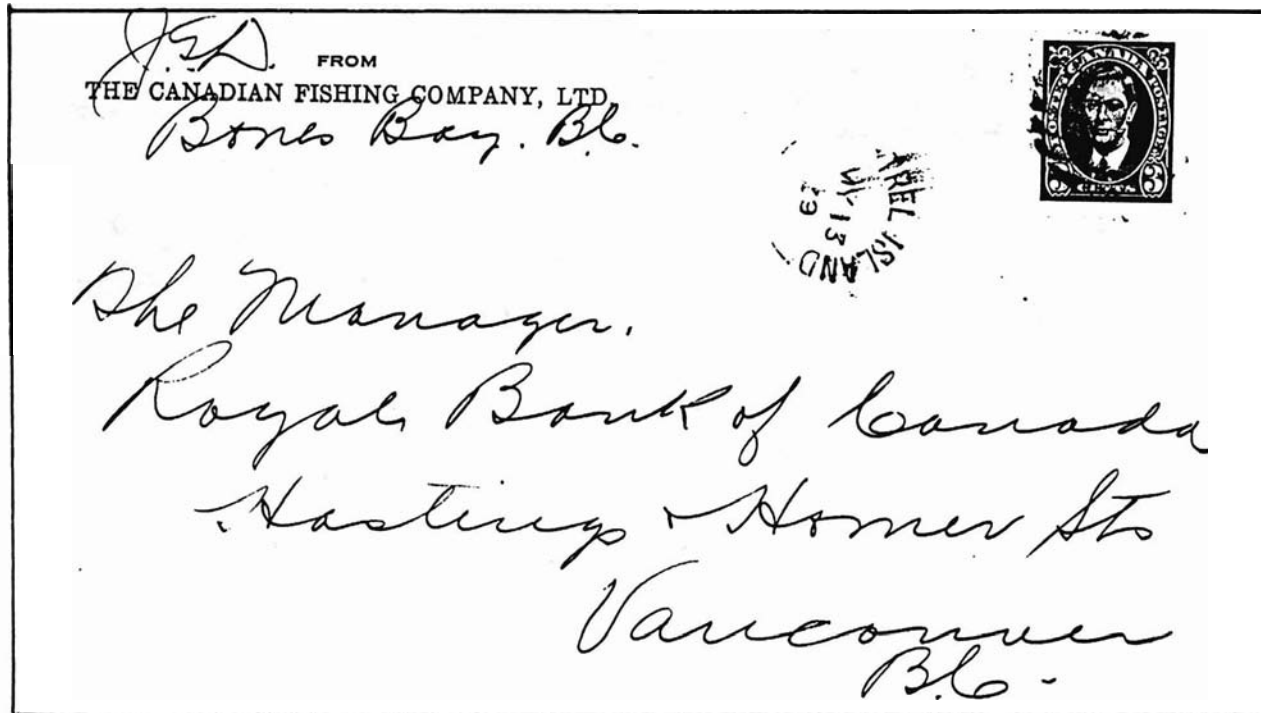
MINSTREL ISLAND

Minstrel Island is located at the mouth of Knight Inlet and local tradition claims that a "minstrel boat" carrying a survey crew landed on the island in 1876. The ship was probably the corvette H.M.S. *Amethyst* which surveyed the coast between 1875 and 1878 and was known to have had an amateur troupe of "nigger minstrels" on board. Nearby Bones Bay and Sambo Point also commemorate the minstrel show characters "Mr. Bones" and "Mr. Sambo".

A Post Office was open briefly on Minstrel Island in July and August 1909 and type "A" hammer was proofed on JUN 9 1909. The Post Office Transactions for May, June, July 1909 list Henry Twidle as Postmaster.

In 1921, under Postal Order 4164, dated June 21, 1921, a second Post Office was authorized to open at Minstrel Island with Mrs. Martha A. Hood as postmaster and a second "A" type hammer was proofed on JUN 29, 1921. The opening of the office appears to have been delayed as the January 1922 Post Office Transactions, lists it as opening December 1, 1921. Mrs. Hood served as postmaster until February 1937 when N. Hood took over. He served until August 1945 when he was succeeded by A.J. McDonald who served until September 1947.

Envelope from "JED" Canadian Fish Company at Bones Bay mailed at Minstrel Island.

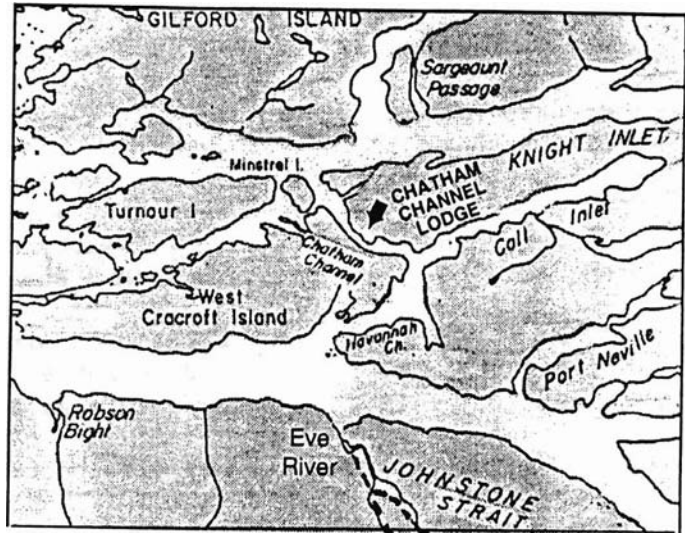


Face - MINSTREL ISLAND / MY 13 / 39 / B.C.

For many years the Minstrel Island Post Offices served the fishing community that worked at the The Canadian Fishing Company Limited plant and like many cannery post offices there was and almost yearly change of postmasters as can be seen from the following list.

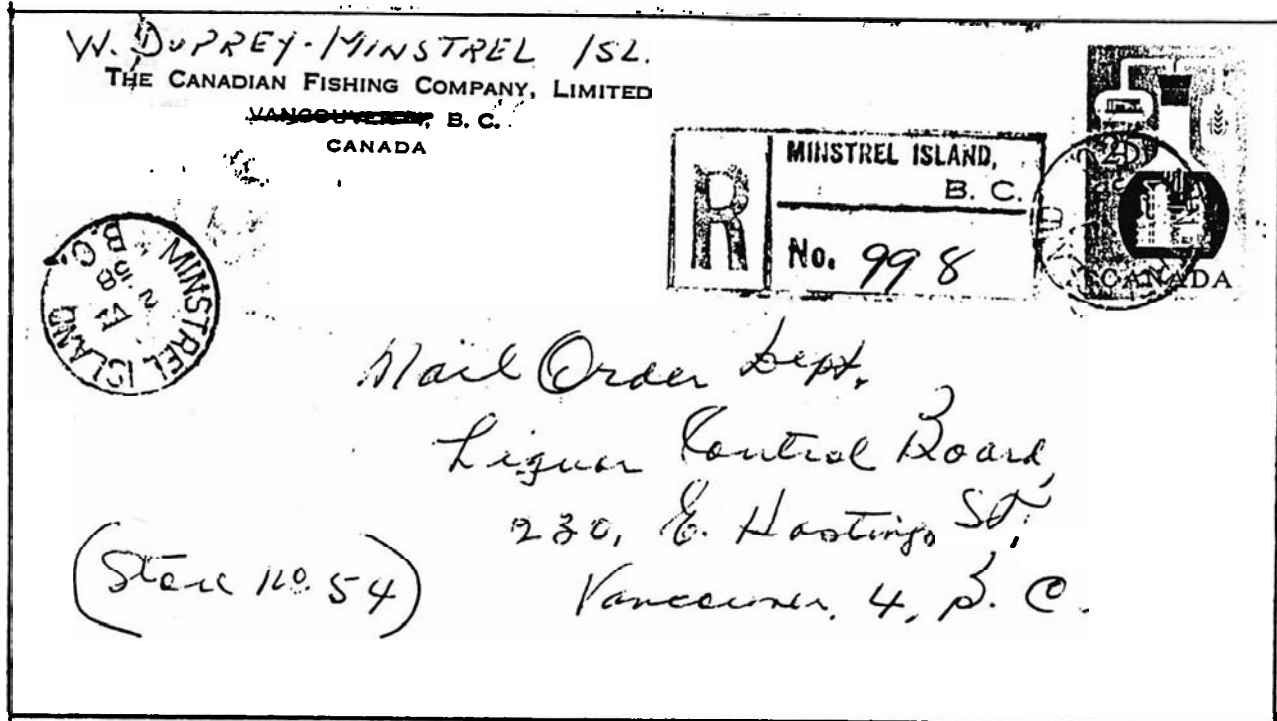
Minstrel Island - Postmasters

Mrs. M.E. Rose (acting)	1947 10 01
L.E. Rose	1947 12 06
E.J.A. Courchene (acting)	1951 06 26
Mrs. M.E. Rose (acting)	1952 12 12
Mrs. F.M. Clarke	1953 05 23
Mrs. M.E. Rose (acting)	1957 01 01
Mrs A.G. Gark	1957 01 08
Mrs. W.O. Nuite	1957 06 29
Mrs. F.M. Clarke	1959 11 --
Mrs. E. Rose	1964 10 --
Mrs. M. Carder	?
Mrs. L. Scott (acting)	1962
Pat Davidson	1985 09 --
Sharon Unwin (acting)	1997 09 --
Sharon Unwin	1898 06 --



The Minstrel Island Post Office usually received weekly mail service via the S.S. CHELOHSIN which left the Union Steamship Dock at 6:00 PM each Thursday and returned Sunday morning. In addition to serving the workers in the cannery on Minstrel Island the Post office also provided mail service to the many small canneries, such as Bones Bay, and the many small logging companies that operated in the area.

Registered letter from W. Duprey, Minstrel Island to Vancouver.

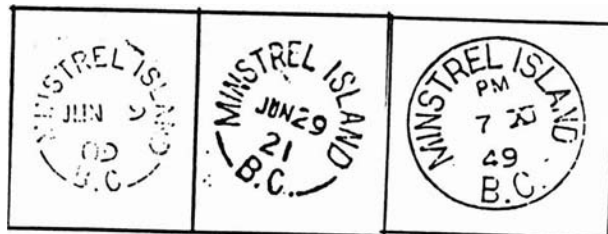


Face - MINSTREL ISLAND / 2 VII / 58 / B.C.

Back - VANCOUVER B.C. / 2 VII 12 PM 1958

In 1990, the Minstrel Island Post Office was moved from the Minstrel Island Cannery to Chatham Channel Lodge on Loughborough Island.

Hammer Proofs -->



"POSTAL", "POSTLE", or "POSTALE"

See Vol. 7, No. 4, page 224

The Vancouver Mail Processing Plant seems to be having a spelling problem when it comes to the French equivalent of "POSTAL". On OCR 081 it has been spelled "POSTALE", "POSTLE" and "POSTAL". On FSM 619 it has always been spelled "POSTAL", as it has been on OCR 118 in Victoria.

The French spelling, reading "POSTAL" came into use with the introduction of the multi-line Image Jet Spray Printer in July 1994 when the "POSTAL CODE/CODE POSTAL" slogan was introduced and was the main slogan on all OCR's in Canada. In July 1998, OCR 081 was re-programmed with the three line slogan "USE A POSTAL MONEY ORDER" and the bottom head (Head "B", JET 21 position 1) continued to use the "POSTAL CODE" slogan but the French spelling was changed to read "POSTALE". The spelling reverted to "POSTAL" in November but was changed to "POSTLE" in January 1999. The spelling has been changed back and forth at least 25 times with each change lasting about a week..

Please, what is the French equivalent of "POSTAL"?

081 V6B 3A0 990622 00:34 |||

POSTAL CODE / CODE POSTAL |||

619 V6B 1V9 981122 19:52

081 V6B 3A0 990513 01:10 |||

POSTAL CODE / CODE POSTALE |||

POSTAL CODE/CODE POSTAL

081 V6B 3A0 990409 23:59 ||



POSTAL CODE / CODE POSTLE ||

The recent "HaPPy Father's (Fathers) Day!" slogan seems to have created another problem for the Victoria MPP (OCR 118). "Father's Day" is correctly shown on the Vancouver (OCR 081) slogan.

A detailed listing of these errors is available from the Editor.

081 V6B 3A0 990618 01:17 |||

Happy Father's Day! |||

Joyeuse Fête des Pères! |||



118 V8Z 4B0 990615 23:22 |

Happy Fathers Day |||

Joyeuse Fête des Pères! |||



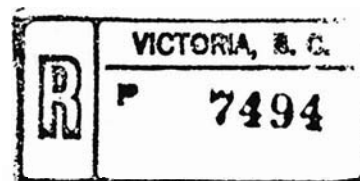
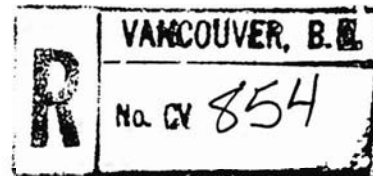
1870'S REGISTERED COVERS - AN UPDATE

See Vol.7, No. 4 p. 219 - 221

A total of nine pre-1880 British Columbia Registered covers have been reported since the topic was raised in the January 1999 News letter. Of these five were in the Harry Lussey collection and were sold by Bob Lee in his May 1999 Auction. BNAPS has issued the Harry W. Lussey Registered Markings collection as Numbner 9 in its Exhibits series. It can be obtained from Ken Ellison.

The following is a listing of the nine covers reported to date:

- New Westminster - OC 23 / 72 to Victoria
- Cowichan - PR 15 / 73 to Victoria
- New Westminster (Clinton?) - MY 2 / 73 to Victoria
- Okanagon - SP 12 / 74 to Cumberland, England
- New Westminster - JA 16 / 75 to Victoria
- Okanagon - NO 18 / 77 to Cumberland, England
- Nanaimo - JA 7 / 78 to (Victoria ?)
- Lillooet - MY 12 / 79 to Victoria
- Lillooet - JY 7 / 79 to Victoria

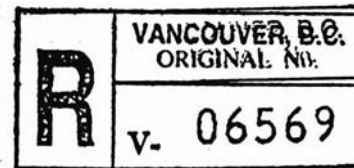
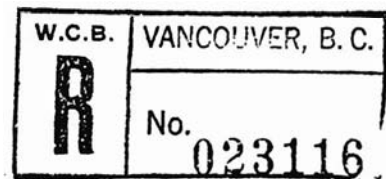
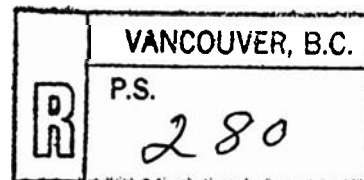


PRIVATE REGISTRATION BOXES

The production of private or special registration box handstamps forms a logical follow up to the study of the early registration markings used in British Columbia. In most cases they are identical to those used by the Post Offices and as a result cannot be identified, but a small number, usually associated with some level of government, contain identifying letters.

- "CV" - City of Vancouver reported 1987
- "P" - Parliament Buildings, Victoria reported 1965 to 1978
- "P.S." - Provincial Government, Vancouver reported 1987
- "V" - Revenue Canada, Vancouver reported 1987 - 1989
- "W.C.B." - Workman's Compensation Board, Vancouver reported 1966

Reports of any other private registration handstamps would be greatly appreciated by the Editor.



FROM CANADA POST

Since the listing of post office openings and closings were published in the March News Letter two changes have taken place at Canada Post. Ray Maurice, our source of much of the recent information, has retired and we wish him the best. Secondly, Canada Post has upgraded its computer equipment, in part as a result of the year 2000. As a result we now receive the information on openings and closings in quite a different format. The listing below shows the opening dates of new offices but does not include the former name, if any, although the postal code will often provide a clue to the former office. The new programme also does not include a listing of offices that have been closed. These are now listed separately.




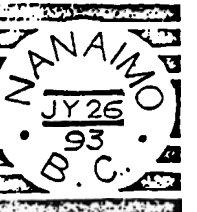
RC	OUTLET NAME	TOWN	GRADE	POST CODE	DATE OPENED	DATE CLOSED
358754	CASTLEAIRD RO	CASTLEGAR	FA	V1N 2M0	1999/5/19	
358584	CLARKE ROAD RO	Coquitlam	FA	V3J 3X0	1999/5/10	
354619	IRONWOOD RO	RICHMOND	FA	V7A 1N0	1999/5/3	
640468	BARKERVILLE	BARKERVILLE	RV 2	V0K 1B0	1999/5/1	1997/9/30
357367	PEMBERTON PLAZA RO	North Vancouver	FA	V7P 1T0	1999/4/23	
355488	NANAIMO-MPP-RETAIL COUNTER-ROLL	NANAIMO	PS	V9S 5L0	1999/3/31	
355186	CREST CENTRE RO	Burnaby	FA	V3N 2S0	1999/3/29	
355976	VICTORIA GMO 61	VICTORIA	GMO	V9A 2A0	1999/3/22	
356069	GORDON PARK RO	VANCOUVER	FA	V5P 3X0	1999/3/15	
355712	HARBOUR CENTRE RO	Vancouver	FA	V6B 4P0	1999/3/8	
352314	UNIVERSITY RO	VANCOUVER	FA	V6T 1K0	1999/3/1	
351938	SUMMERLAND RO	SUMMERLAND	FA	V0H 1Z0	1999/2/24	
646636	SEWELL INLET	SEWELL INLET	CN	V0T 1V0	1999/2/1	1998/10/24
351768	MAPLE PARK RO	QUESNEL	FA	V2J 5B0	1999/1/24	
352063	BROADMOOR RO	Richmond	FA	V7A 1G0	1999/1/20	
353825	TOPLEY RO	TOPLEY	FB	V0J 2Y0	1999/1/1	
349100	FLEETWOOD RO	SURREY	FA	V3S 2W0	1998/11/4	
349437	COURTENAY DOWNTOWN RO	COURTENAY	FA	V9N 2G0	1998/10/21	
350303	VERNON SQUARE RO	VERNON	FA	V1T 9H0	1998/10/17	
347159	FORT ST JOHN CO-OP RO	FORT ST. JOHN	FA	V1J 1S0	1998/10/13	
349119	COOK ST RO	VICTORIA	FA	V8V 3X0	1998/10/1	
347256	PENTICTON PLAZA RO	PENTICTON	FA	V2A 5E0	1998/9/16	
345776	LIKELY RO	LIKELY	FB	V0L 1N0	1998/8/19	
344990	LIONS BAY RO	LIONS BAY	FB	V0N 2E0	1998/8/9	
345067	PINK MOUNTAIN RO	PINK MOUNTAIN	FB	V0C 2B0	1998/8/9	
344605	DOWNTOWN RO	TERRACE	FA	V8G 5P9	1998/7/2	
344141	MAYNE ISLAND RO	MAYNE ISLAND	FB	V0N 2J0	1998/6/16	
641499	COMOX PS A	COMOX	PS	V9N 3Z0	1998/6/11	1992/12/14
631183	NANAIMO MPP	NANAIMO	PS	V9S 5L0	1998/6/9	
640093	PORT ALBERNI P.U. A	PORT ALBERNI	PS	V9Y 5M0	1998/6/3	1991/7/19
343803	OLIVER GMO 2	OLIVER	GMO	V0H 2G0	1998/5/19	
342076	CHAHKO MIKA RO	NELSON	FA	V1L 6Z0	1998/4/16	
342661	MOYIE RO	MOYIE	FB	V0B 2A0	1998/4/1	
342122	DELTA SHOP MALL RO	DELTA	FA	V4C 6R0	1998/3/20	
342289	BRIDGE LAKE RO	BRIDGE LAKE	FB	V0K 1E0	1998/3/16	
342068	DOWNTOWN RO	VERNON	FA	V1T 5M0	1998/3/16	
341606	PARKSVILLE GMO 4	PARKSVILLE	GMO	V9P 3Y0	1998/3/2	1998/4/5
340200	PRITCHARD RO	PRITCHARD	FB	V0E 2P0	1998/2/1	
289906	LOUGHEED MALL RO	BURNABY	FA	V3J 1N0	1998/1/15	

Outlet name	Town	Closed	RC
Vancouver RPO 55	Vancouver	1999 02 20	948167
Huntingdon	Abbotsford	1999 02 26	179671
Port Alberni GMO 7	Port Alberni	1999 02 ??	155675
Yellowhead PO	Smithers	1999 03 12	089591
Royal Square PO	New Westminster	1999 03 21	655112
to Crest Centre PO	see above		
Mission GMO 1	Mission	1999 03 27	650536
Castlegar GMO 1	Castlegar	1999 04 06	162523
Tillicum Mall PO	Victoria	1999 05 01	656801
Langley GMO 2	Langley	1999 05 31	647055
Victoria GMO 28	Victoria	1999 05 31	648825

NANAIMO CANCELLATIONS 1897

Joe Smith is a collector of "sock on the nose" cancellations on the Jubilee Issue of 1897 and has become interested in the Nanaimo handstamps. He has identified that three hammers were in use in 1897, one reading "AM and two reading "PM". He has designated them as H-I, H-II, and H-III. (See Response Form)

Joe has provided a chart for the three hammers with dates from June 19, to December 26, 1897 indicating the dates for which use has been reported. He has asked if members of the Study Group can provide additional dates of usage.

	DATE	H-I	H-II	H-III	DATE	H-I	H-II	H-III	DATE	H-I	H-II	H-III	DATE	H-I	H-II	H-III
H-I									22-Sep				9-Nov	AM	PM	
	19-Jun				6-Aug		PM	PM	23-Sep				10-Nov			
Proof	S 20 Jun	AM			7-Aug				24-Sep		PM		11-Nov			
	21-Jun		PM		S 8 Aug	AM			S 25-Sep			PM	12-Nov			PM
	22-Jun				9-Aug				26-Sep	AM			13-Nov	AM		PM
	23-Jun				10-Aug			PM	27-Sep	AM			S 14 Nov			
	24-Jun				11-Aug	AM		PM	28-Sep				15-Nov	AM		
	25-Jun				12-Aug		PM		29-Sep				16-Nov			
	26-Jun		PM		13-Aug			PM	30-Sep		PM		17-Nov			
	S 27 Jun				14-Aug		PM	PM	1-Oct				18-Nov			
1897	28-Jun		PM		S 15 Aug				S 2-Oct				19-Nov			
	29-Jun				16-Aug			PM	S 3 Oct				20-Nov			
	30-Jun			PM	17-Aug	AM		PM	4-Oct				S 21 Nov			PM (Lynn)
	1-Jul	AM			18-Aug	AM			5-Oct				22-Nov			
	2-Jul		PM	PM	19-Aug				6-Oct				23-Nov			
	3-Jul			PM	20-Aug				7-Oct				24-Nov			
	S 4 Jul		PM		21-Aug				8-Oct				25-Nov			
H-II	5-Jul		PM		S 22 Aug				9-Oct				26-Nov			
	6-Jul		PM	PM	23-Aug			PM	S 10 Oct				27-Nov			
	7-Jul			PM	24-Aug				11-Oct	AM			S 28 Nov			
	8-Jul				25-Aug			PM	12-Oct				29-Nov			
	9-Jul	AM			26-Aug				13-Oct				30-Nov			
	10-Jul				27-Aug			PM	14-Oct				1-Dec			
	S 11 Jul				28-Aug				15-Oct				2-Dec			PM
	12-Jul		PM		S 29 Aug				16-Oct				3-Dec			
	13-Jul	AM	PM	PM	30-Aug		PM	PM	S 17 Oct				4-Dec			
	14-Jul		PM		31-Aug				18-Oct		PM		S 5 Dec			
H-III	15-Jul		PM		1-Sep	AM		PM	19-Oct				6-Dec			
	16-Jul				2-Sep		PM		20-Oct	AM			7-Dec			
Proof	17-Jul				3-Sep				21-Oct		PM		8-Dec			
	S 18 Jul				4-Sep				22-Oct				9-Dec			
	19-Jul				S 5 Sep				23-Oct				10-Dec			
	20-Jul				6-Sep	AM			S 24 Oct				11-Dec			
	21-Jul	AM		PM	7-Sep		PM		25-Oct				S 12 Dec			
	22-Jul		PM		8-Sep			PM	26-Oct				13-Dec			
	23-Jul			PM	9-Sep	AM			27-Oct	AM			14-Dec			
	24-Jul		PM		10-Sep				28-Oct				15-Dec			
	S 25 Jul				11-Sep				29-Oct		PM		16-Dec			
	26-Jul				S 12 Sep				30-Oct				17-Dec			
1897	27-Jul				13-Sep				S 31 Oct				18-Dec			
	28-Jul	AM			14-Sep			PM	1-Nov				S 19 Dec			
	29-Jul		PM		15-Sep		PM		2-Nov				20-Dec			PM
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	3-Aug				S 19 Sep				6-Nov				24-Dec			
	4-Aug	AM		PM	20-Sep				S 7 Nov				25-Dec			
	5-Aug	AM		PM	21-Sep				8-Nov				S 26 Dec			

NANAIMO CANCELLATIONS ON JUBILEE ISSUE - 1897

Nanaimo appears to have used three CDS hammers during 1897 and Joe Smith of Rocky Mountain House has asked for assistance in studying these hammers. He has designated them as H-I, H-II. and H-III.

H-I - Proofed "MR 8 92" - "B.C." in large letters. Damage to rim above second "N" in NANAIMO and nick in rim below "B" of "B.C.". "AM" only.

H-II - No proof known - "B.C. in smaller letters and no apparent damage. Year "97" almost touching "B.C.". "PM" only.

H-III - Cut-down squared circle - Proofed "JY 26 93" and cut-down Christmas week 1896. Broken bars in outer rim and two dots and two bars in hammer. "PM" only.

CDS H-I



CDS H-II



CDS H-III



Please check your collection for information that might help Joe.

Date 1897	Hammer I AM / PM	Hammer II AM / PM	Hammer III AM / PM	Other
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Forms should be mailed to
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