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LAZO

The first Lazo Post Office was established, in 1911, a few miles north of Comox on Little River Road near the junction with Ryan Road and although it is still in the same general location, it has undergone a number of major name changes. The original Post Office was located in Charles H. Piggott's General Store and remained in operation for ten years and was closed in 1920 following the introduction of Rural Free Delivery operating out of Comox.

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CHANGES IN POST OFFICES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

OFFICES CLOSED.

- b Lazo..... District of Comox-Alberni, B.C.....closed 15th Oct.
- Lusignan..... District of East Edmonton, Alberta.....closed 30th Oct.
- McEwan..... District of Macleod, Alberta.....
- Querrin..... District of Weyburn, Sask.....closed 30th Sept.
- Seven Lakes..... District of Cariboo, B.C.....
- Toronto Sub-Office No. 14. City of Toronto, East, O..... temporarily closed 1st Oct.
- Toronto Sub-Office No. 63. County of York, W.R., O..... temporarily closed 13th Oct.
- Warnock..... District of North Battleford, Sask.....closed 16th Oct.
- Willmont..... District of Humboldt, Sask.....closed 2nd Oct.

b Closed on the inauguration of Rural Free Delivery.

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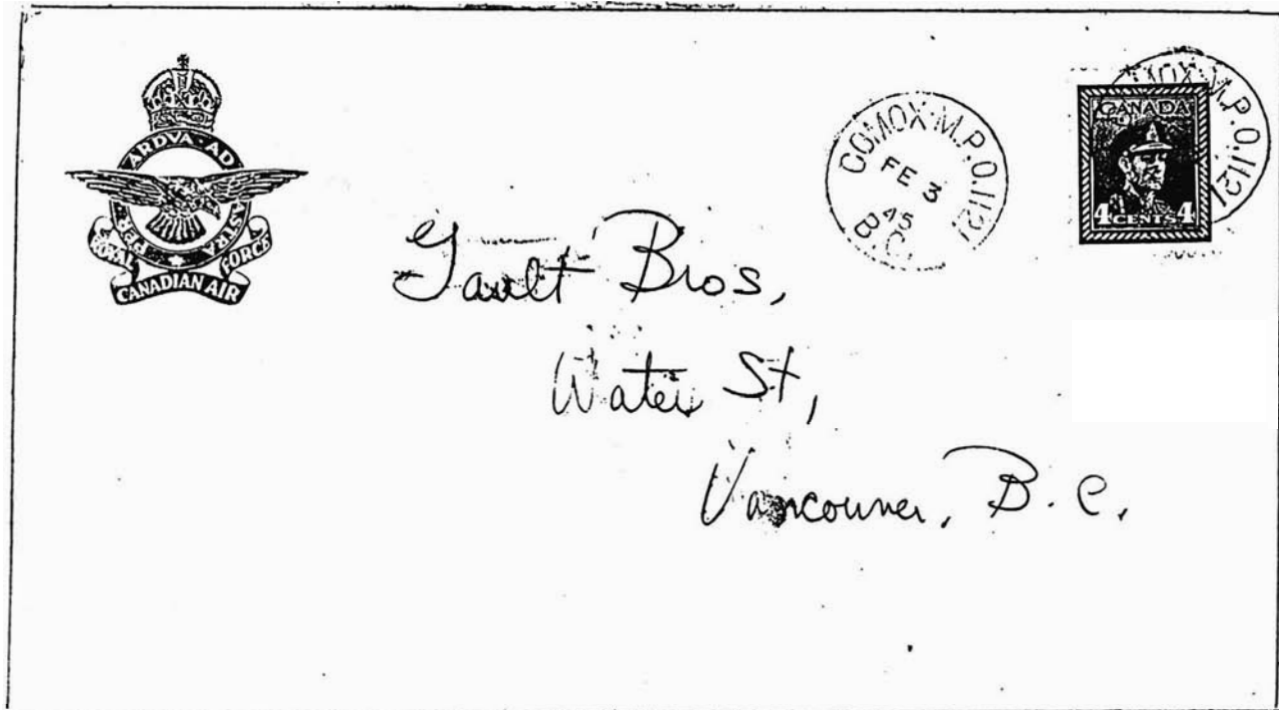
Cape Lazo

Cape Lazo was named "Punta de Lazo de la Vega" by Captain Jose Maria Narvaez while he was exploring the strait of Georgia in the schooner *Saturnina* as part of the Lieutenant Eliza's expedition. The point when seen from the east has a long flat appearance and ends in a shoal extending well off shore. "Lazo" in Spanish means a snare and "Vega" an open plain, thus in English it means "Point Snare of the plain" or Snare Point.

COMOX - M.P.O. 1121

In 1944 the Royal Canadian Air Force took advantage of the flat land above Cape Lazo and established a military air field on the east side of Little River Road across the road from the former Lazo Post Office. The Postal Corps operated the post office with Sergeant E.H. Salt acting as postmaster. The post office was opened on July 15, 1944 and closed January 15, 1946 although the base remained in operation.

COMOX M.P.O. 1121 / FE 3 / 45 / B.C.

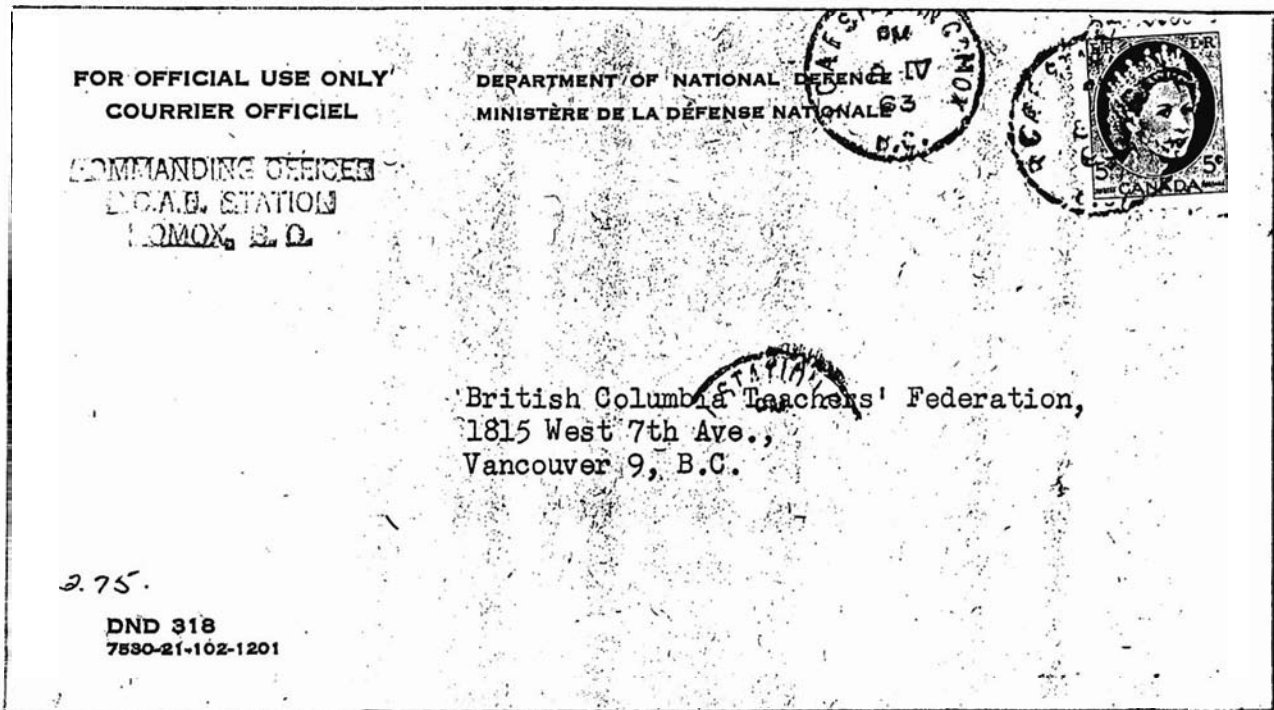


Following the war the Comox Air Station continued in operation as a search and rescue station and in 1954 an R.C.A.F. post office was established on the air station to serve the military and civilian population. The Comox M.P.O. 1121 Post Office was located in the base canteen to the north of the main entrance to the station at the junction of Little River and Ryan Roads.

R.C.A.F. STATION COMOX

On April 28, 1954, the R.C.A.F. Station Comox Post Office was established in the same location as the former Comox M.P.O. Mr. H. Gray served as the first Postmaster and on July 1, 1946 he was replaced by Edmond Dennis Wilson who continued as postmaster after the post office was converted to civilian status and revert to the original name "Lazo".

R.C.A.F. STATION COMOX / 8 IV / 63 / B.C.



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CHANGES IN POST OFFICES

UP TO THE

1st JUNE, 1954

LIST OF OFFICES OPENED

OFFICE NUMBER	POST OFFICE	POSTAL DISTRICT	PARISH TOWNSHIP OR STREET ADDRESS	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	PROVINCE	POSTMASTER
9153	R.C.A.F. Station Comox—(28th April)	V.	.....	Comox-Alberni.	B.C....	Henry Gray.....
2804	R.C.A.F. Station Edgar (11th May)	T.	.....	Simcoe East....	Ont....	Harvie Grant Robertson
2057	R.C.A.F. Station Poymount (22nd April)	O.	15.1 Miles S.E. of Killaloo Station	Renfrew South.	Ont....	Mrs. Olive Gertrude Dunning
1709	R.C.A.F. Station Senneterro (23rd April)	Q.	.....	Chapleau.....	P.Q....	Mrs. Henriette Latraverse
.....						

LAZO - formerly R.C.A.F. STATION COMOX

On October 1, 1966 all R.C.A.F. post offices in Western Canada were converted to civilian operation and R.C.A.F. Station Comox reverted to the earlier name Lazo. The Lazo Post Office remained on the base until the new Lazo post office across the road from the entrance to the base was opened in 1972. Edmund Dennis Williams continued as postmaster until 1973 when he was replaced by A.M. Kueber. Joan Curtis replace him in 1984 and she was replaced, in 1996, by the present postmaster Theresa Vadeboncoeur.

Vancouver Postal Service Order No. 26 -- September 26, 1966

Vancouver 3, B.C.
26th September 1966

Postal Service Order No. 26
and Circular to Postmasters

Effective the 1st October, 1966, the names of the following offices will be changed:

RCAF Station Comox to Lazo, B.C.
RCAF Station Holberg to San Josef, B.C.
RCAF Station Whitehorse to Hillcrest, Y.T.

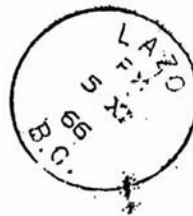
There will be no change in the location of any of these Post Offices.

R.F. Reid
District Director

PS8/5-21

LAZO/PM/5 XI/66/B.C.

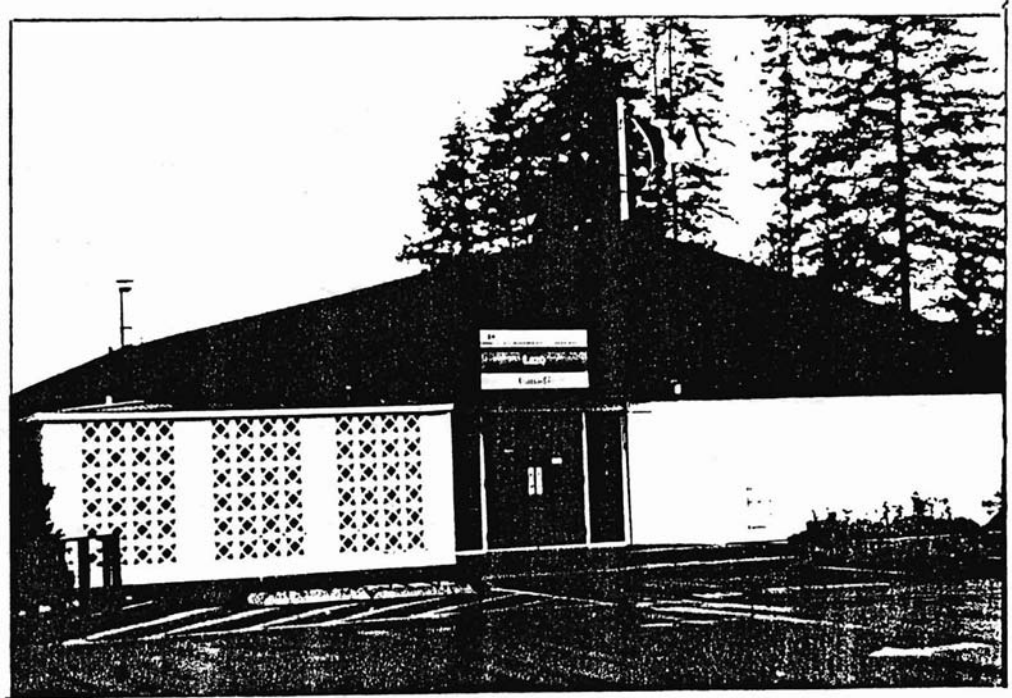
Box 367,
Comox, B.C.



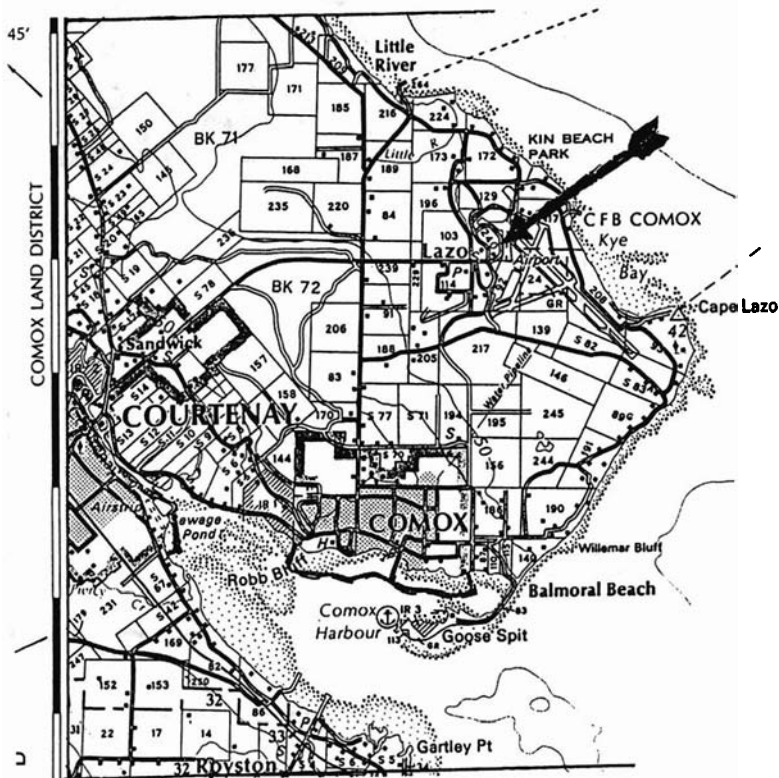
Mr. Ken Aitchison,
B.c.C.T.F.,
1815 West 7th Avenue,
Vancouver 9, B.C.

- 1 - Lazo (1910-20)
- 2 - Comox M.P.O. 1121 (1944-46)
- 3 - R.C.A.F. Station Comox (1954-66)
- 4 - Lazo (1966-open)

Lazo
 Proof Strike
 PM 20 VIII 66



Lazo Post Office opened March 20, 1972



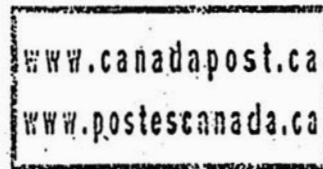
B.C. Department of Lands
 Powell River - Map 93 F/NE
 Pre-emptor - 1976

LAZO - Rapid Cancelling Machine

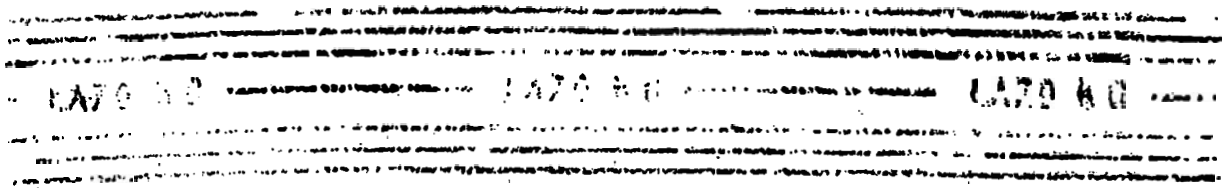
Pitney Bowes Model "K"
Serial number 3636
Introduced February 1969
Replaced February 28, 2002



I.P.S. Model 4900
First Day February 28, 2002





Lazo roller - unreported
Introduced 1966

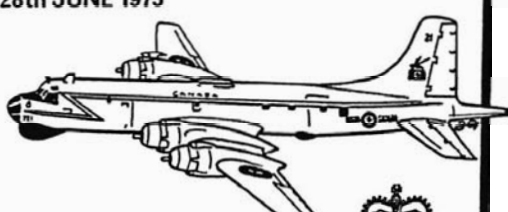


R.C.A.F. Special flight - June 28, 1975

No 13
LOCKHEED HUDSON Mk V
No 407 SQUADRON RCAF
CANADAIR CP-107 ARGUS Mk I
No 407 SQUADRON CAF







**PRESENTATION OF
THE SQUADRON STANDARD**
28th JUNE 1975



407 SQUADRON
CANADIAN
ARMED FORCES

407 ESCADRILLE
FORCES ARMÉES
CANADIENNES




FLOWN IN
PRESENTATION FLY-PAST
MAJOR J. MAR ARGUS 10716

ARCTIC OPERATIONS JULY 1975
CAPTAIN F. SANDER ARGUS 10711

Officer Commanding
407 Squadron
C.F.B. Comox

I.P.S. 4900 Rapid Cancelling Machine

The Response Form in the last News Letter listed a new type of Rapid Cancelling Machine as "Unidentified". The new type of machine is an I.P.S. Model 4900 RCM manufactured by International Peripheral Systems Inc. and is also marketed by Pitney Bowes as Model 3900. In recent year I.P.S. has been making parts for old Pitney Bowes Model "K" RCM's and since June 1994 has made the die hubs for the Klussendorf Model 280/5 equipment. The new replacement dies are in use in Parksville and Duncan.

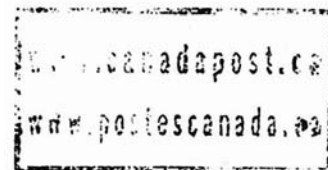
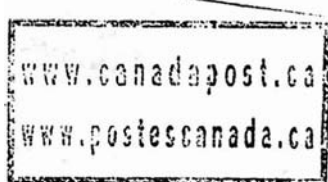
The new I.P.S. Model 4900 is similar in size and operation to the Klussendorf equipment but, according to postmasters who have used both, is a much easier machine to use. The die hub and many other parts are interchangeable with the older I.P.S. Model HD2 equipment. The machine is electrically operated and like the Klussendorf RCM and letters are fed in flat and face down. Initial plans call for the new IPS Model 4900 to replace the aging hand operated Pitney Bowes Model "K" equipment. At the same time some of the Klussendorf 280/5 machines are also being replaced or re-assigned.

The first of the new IPS 4900 RCMs was introduced at Embrun, Ontario on May 18, 2000. The Model 4900 equipment proved to be an improvement over earlier equipment and in September 2000 Canada Post placed an initial order for 56 machines. Cranbrook was the only B.C. post office to receive Model 4900 RCM from the first order.

Presently 14 IPS Model 4900 machines have been reported in use in British Columbia, namely at;

Chemainus
 Chetwynd
 Creston
 Cranbrook
 Cumberland
 Fort Nelson
 Invermere

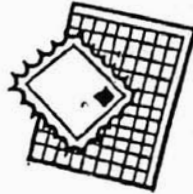
Lantzville
 Lazo
 Madeira Park
 100 Mile House
 Qualicum Beach
 Revelstoke
 Trail



LOCAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARKS

"Canada Post is pleased to present philatelic cancels to collect. These cancellations will be available on an ongoing basis from post offices across Canada. To obtain any of these cancels, send your stamped envelopes and /or covers with proper postage (48c) inside a stamped envelope addressed to the "Postmaster" followed by the name and full address of the post office as it appears below (or on the back page) for the particular cancel." From Canada Post details, Volume XI No. 3, pp 10 & 11.

Thanks to Terry Watchman of the Nanaimo Post Office, details of the recent Vancouver Island local postmarks are provided below:



HUB CITY STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2002

LOCAL POSTMARKS



Shown above are cancellations produced by North Isle Printers, a local graphics company here in Nanaimo for the various island post offices. V9R 5HO is the Main Post Office at Harbour Park and V9S 5L0 is the Mail Processing Plant on East Wellington Road. If you hand your envelopes to the postal clerk for cancelling, they will apply the requested image. Many thanks to Brian Atkinson of North Isle Printers for these images.

Canada Post has expanded the production of Pictorial Cancels and although some have been publicized through regular postal sources many have not. In January 1988, under the direction of Daniel G. Rosenblat, *The Slogan Box*, undertook the listing of the slogan hand stamps issued by the Post Office or other organizations. In 1997, Steven Friedenthal published the new information compiled by *The Slogan Box* in a work entitled *Hand Stamp Slogan Postal Markings of Canada*. This 131 page work illustrated all markings reported prior to publication and the March-April 1998 issue of *The Slogan Box* published an additional 33 pages of illustrations. In the July-October 1999 issue of *The Slogan Box* an additional 66 pages of illustrations were published. Dan and Steve are to be complimented for their excellent work.

Over the past few years, in addition to providing a variety of Pictorial Cancels to philatelic exhibitions and other special events, postmasters have been encouraged to suggest special markings that might be provided. Markings produced for the Nanaimo postal region are reproduced on the previous page and the markings illustrated in the July to September issue of *details* are reproduced on the next page.

Listed below are markings that have been recently reported to the editor since 1998. Photocopies or on cover copies of unlisted markings would be appreciated

1999

Lazo R.C.A.F. - 75 years
 Manson Creek (pack train)
 Quathiaski Cove 1899-1999

2002

Tahsis Great walk

2001

Sooke Douglas fir

2002

Brackendale Bald Eagle
 Chemainus World famous murals
 Crofton 1902-2002
 Duncan (large totem pole)
 Hornby Island (face)
 Nanaimo X 3 (bath tub)
 Port Alberni Mill historic site
 Summerland KVR engine
 Tofino (whale)
 Ucluelet (whale)



HOME OF THE TANOIS
 GREAT WALK JUN 08 2000
 www.greatwalk.com



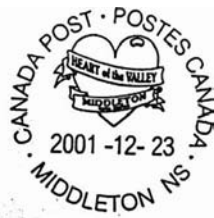
BC
 647047

Forms should be mailed to:
 Bill Topping, 7430 Angus Drive,
 Vancouver, B.C. V6P 5K2

Name
 Address.....



Carrot River Post Office
1020 Main Street
Carrot River SK S0E 0L0



Middleton Post Office
275 Main Street
Middleton NS B0S 1P0



Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix Post Office
285 Notre-Dame Street
Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix QC J0V 1P0
*available until January 2003



Saint-Victor Post Office
106 Roy Street
Saint-Victor QC G0M 2B0

Bureau de poste de Carrot River
1020, rue Main
Carrot River SK S0E 0L0

Bureau de poste de Middleton
275, rue Main
Middleton NS B0S 1P0

Bureau de poste de Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix
285, rue Notre-Dame
Notre-Dame-de-la-Paix QC J0V 1P0
*jusqu'en janvier 2003

Bureau de poste de Saint-Victor
106, rue Roy
Saint-Victor QC G0M 2B0



Montpellier Post Office
33 Principale
Montpellier QC J0V 1M0
*available until January 2003



Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly Post Office
3868 Chemin de Tilly
Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly QC G0S :
*available until January 2003



Saint-Pascal Post Office
502 Hébert Boulevard
Saint-Pascal QC G0L 3Y0
*available until April 2003



Brackendale Post Office
41703 Government Road
Brackendale BC V0N 1H0

Bureau de poste de Montpellier
33, rue Principale
Montpellier QC J0V 1M0
*jusqu'en janvier 2003

Bureau de poste de Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly
3868, chemin de Tilly
Saint-Antoine-de-Tilly QC G0S :
*jusqu'en janvier 2003

Bureau de poste de Saint-Pascal
502, boulevard Hébert
Saint-Pascal QC G0L 3Y0
*jusqu'en avril 2003

Bureau de poste de Brackendale
41703, chemin Government
Brackendale BC V0N 1H0



Chemainus Post Office
9769 Willow Street
Chemainus BC V0R 1K0



Crofton Post Office
8126 York Street
Crofton BC V0R 1R0



Caledonia Post Office
13 Caithness Street West
Caledonia ON N3W 1A0



Peggy's Cove Post Office
General Delivery
Peggy's Cove NS B0J 2N0

Bureau de poste de Chemainus
9769, rue Willow
Chemainus BC V0R 1K0

Bureau de poste de Crofton
8126, rue York
Crofton BC V0R 1R0

Bureau de poste de Caledonia
13, rue Caithness Ouest
Caledonia ON N3W 1A0

Bureau de poste de Peggy's Cove
Poste restante
Peggy's Cove NS B0J 2N0



Duncan Post Office
191 Ingram Street
Duncan BC V9L 1P0



Tillsonburg Post Office
54 Brock Street East
Tillsonburg ON N4G 3R0



Guelph Post Office
138 Wyndham Street North
Guelph ON N1H 4E0



Ottawa Station B
59 Sparks Street
Ottawa ON K1P 5A0

Bureau de poste de Duncan
191, rue Ingram
Duncan BC V9L 1P0

Bureau de poste de Tillsonburg
54, rue Brock Est
Tillsonburg ON N4G 3R0

Bureau de poste de Guelph
138, rue Wyndham Nord
Guelph ON N1H 4E0

Succursale B d'Ottawa
59, rue Sparks
Ottawa ON K1P 5A0