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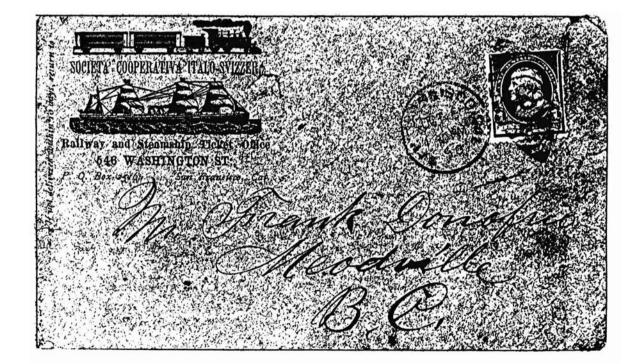
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VANCOUVER AREA POST OFFICES PRE 1900

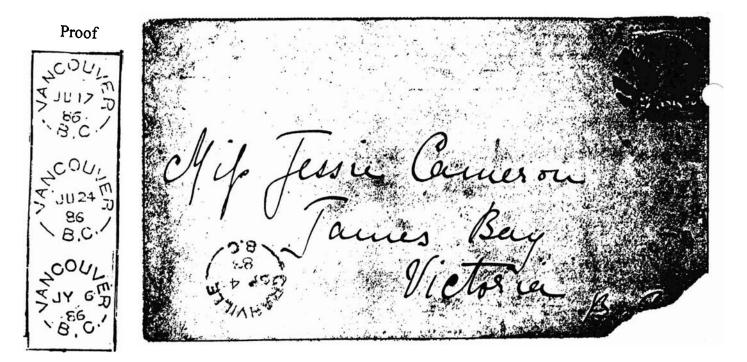
The item appearing in the last News Letter on the establishment of street letter box service at four location in Vancouver in 1888 produced considerable amount of comment. The early postal service in what is now the City of Vancouver began in Colonial time with the establishment of Colonial Post Office "28" [Burrard Inlet] on the 12 of July 1869 with Maximillian Michaud as Post Master. The post office was in the Brighton Hotel, re-named the Hastings Hotel in 1871, and located at the northern end of the Douglas Road from New Westminster. The Burrard Inlet Post Office was one of the first post offices established after British Columbia entered Confederation in 1871, although the exact date is confusing in the postal records. In 1880 George Black built the Brighton Hotel and in 1886 he became postmaster. He remained postmaster until 1886 when the post office was re-named Hastings after the Government Reserve known as the Hastings Townsite, established in 1889. The Hastings Post Office closed in 1900 as the result of "mismanagement".



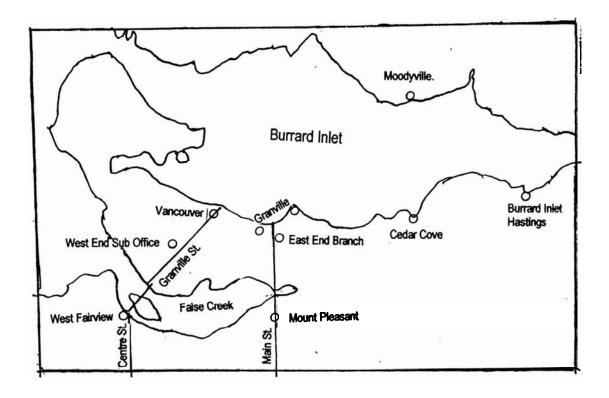
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In 1874 two new post offices were established on Burrard Inlet to serve the rapidly expanding logging industry, the first, established March 1, 1974, was known as Moodyville and was located at the Moody Sawmill on the north side if the inlet. The second, known as Granville, was established a month later and was located at Hasting Mill at the foot of Dunlevy Street on the south side of the inlet. The Moodyville post office remained at the Moodyville mill until 1902 when it was moved to the foot of Lonsdale Steet and re-named North Vancouver. During the same period rapid expansion took on the south side of the inlet and with the arrival of the C.P.R. in 1886 the Granville Post office moved from Hastings Mill to the rear of Tilley's Stationery Store on Carrall Street between Powell and Cordova Streets, At the same time the Granville post office was re-named Vancouver after Vancouver Island at the request of the C.P.R. The city of Vancouver expanded rapidly during the next ten years. The Vancouver post office moved from building to building until 1892 when it was moved to a newly constructed post office building located at the corner of Pender and Granville. Letter Carrier service was introduced on January 7, 1895, at which time carrier marks were introduced for use on un-addressed mail. By 1900 Vancouver had become the major post office on the mainland and Post Office Inspector William H. Dorman was appointed to supervise postal affairs on the mainland, although Post Office Inspector Everard H. Fletcher of Victoria remained as senior inspector in British Columbia.



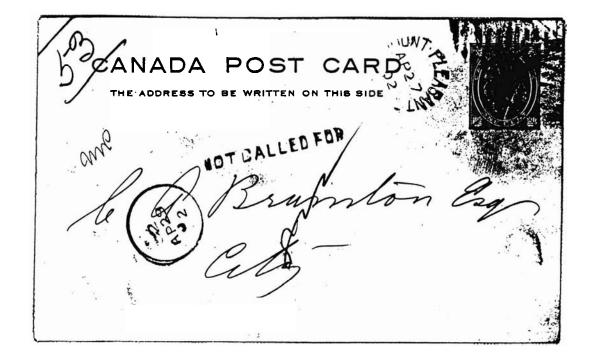
On October 1, 1891, the first of the Vancouver regional Branch or Sub Post Offices was established on Westminster Avenue (now Main Street) at the south end of the "New" False Creek Bridge in the upper class region known as Mount Pleasant. There is some confusion in the record as to status of the Mount Pleasant Post Office as in some cases it appears to have been a full status post office while in other cases it is referred to as a sub-office. In 1908, as part of a reorganization of the Vancouver postal system the Mount Pleasant Post Office became Vancouver Sub-office "8" and following a number of changes of name and relocations it still serves the vicinity of Main Street and Broadway.



By 1897 the need for a major post office to serve the city east of Main Street had become obvious and as a result a full service post office known as the East End Branch was opened at 444 Main Street with John N. Woodward as Postmaster. Unlike many of the other post offices established at this time the office provided full postal services including the sale of Money Orders. In either 1913 or 1914 (the official records quote both years) the East End Branch was moved to a new post office building at 249 East Hastings Street and was re-named Postal Station "B" that served the area until it closed in 1990.



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At about the same time, in 1898, a new Sub-office, known as the West End Sub Office was established at 1055 Burrard Street to serve the area west of Burrard Street with D.J. McDonald as postmaster. In a letter dated 28 May 1898, William D. LeSueur, Secretary of the Canadian Post Office, Ottawa, wrote to Post Office Inspector Everard H. Fletcher to explain the status of the West End Post Office. It reads in part:

"Vancouver West End Sub Office, City of Vancouver District of Burrard – D.J. McDonald [PM]. "The Inspector will make the most economical arrangement possible for the conveyance of mail between the new sub office and the Vancouver Post Office. The sub office is not to be a savings bank office." (thanks to Tracy Cooper)

The Vancouver West End Sub Office closed July 22, 1908 with the notation in the Official records "no person willing".

At the same time as the West End Sub Office was established another sub post office was established on Centre Street (now Granville Street) on False Creek near the south end of the Granville Bridge. The new office was established, 1 November 1898, and was called West Fairview (sub-office) so as not to be confused with Fairview Post Office that was established in the Okanagon in 1892. In 1910, the West Fairview Sub Office became Vancouver Sub 6 and was located at 2301 Granville. In 1921, Sub 6 closed and was replaced by Vancouver Postal Station "D" located on Broadway Street at Granville.

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The last of the early post office established in the central core of Vancouver was Cedar Cove Sub-office, located on Burrard Inlet at the north end of Victoria Drive. The post office was opened in 1900 shortly before the closing of the Hasting Post Office locate about a mile to the east. The Douglas Road had been replaced by Kingsway as the main route to New Westminster and as a result little development had taken within the Hastings Townsite which was part of the Government Reserve now known as Hasting Park. In 1908 Cedar Cove became Vancouver Sub 15 and was relocated to Hastings Street in 1927.

Following the turn of the century the City of Vancouver expanded very rapidly and as a result postal service also had to expand and by 1914 close to 50 named post office and 20 numbered sub-offices being established within what is now the City of Vancouver. By 1922 most of the names post office had been converted to numbered sub-offices. The expansion of number sub offices until by 1990 well over 150 sub post offices served the Vancouver Postal District.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HOTEL COVERS, 1880 TO 1920 by Ken Ellison, (2003)

Spiral bound, 138 pages, 8.5 x 11. Published by the British North America Philatelic Society, (BNAPS) and Auxano Philatelic Services, Calgary, AB, stock no. 99014.1 (colour) @ \$83.00 CAN. & 99014.0 (B&W) @ \$31.95 CAN. shipping extra, 10% Canada, 15% US and 20% overseas, plus GST in Canada, and BNA member receive a 40% discount on retail price. Available from Ian Kimmerly, 112 Sparks Street, Ottawa, ON, K1P 5B6 – (613) 235-9119. email: <u>kimmerly@cyberus.ca</u> Internet http://www.iankimmerly.com/boutique/books.html

The British Columbia Hotel Covers book, although not identified as such, is part of the BNAPS collections series and makes an excellent addition to the series. The work is based on a selection of pages from Ken Ellison's collection of British Columbia hotel covers as well as other hotel related items of special interest to cover collectors. The period covered is from the late 1880's to the 1920's with emphasis on the early 1900's when the art of producing illustrated hotel covers reached it peak. This art of producing attractive covers seem to have been lost by modern producers of the drab stationary found in most hotels today. As a result the 1920's makes a suitable end to the study although it should be noted that the period covered supposedly end in the 1920's, in the second section a few hotel cover up to the 1960's are included.

The covers are divided into three sections. The first section (91 pages) groups the covers by city or town and devotes one or more pages to each hotel. This section includes a brief history of the hotel as well as details related to the cover. As might be expected hotels in Victoria (16) and Vancouver (26) dominate the section but many covers from small town such as Sandon (3) and Rossland (2) with the Ferguson Hotel postmarked Ferguson SP 8 02 being one of the gems of the collection. In many cases Ken includes post cards picturing the hotel that provides a greater depth to the study. In the second section (34 pages) there is limited write up and the covers are grouped by the time period. The final section (4 pages) includes postcards showing excellent pictures of hotels for which no corner card are known.

As with many of the books in the BNA collection series the book is highly specialized in nature, but on the other hand for those interested in the study of illustrated envelopes this is one of the best collections published to date and is well worth the addition to any philatelic library. For those considering purchase I would suggest that despite the higher price the colour version is well worth the additional cost as much of the charm of the book is lost in the black and white version. For those living overseas, who are not members of BNA, the price of close to \$100 CAN is excessive and that they would do well to purchase the book through a BNA member living in Canada.

LIKELY – 100226 From Jim Miller

When Likely Post Office changed to a Call For Stamp Shop on April 5, 2002 the R.C. Number was changed from 345776 to 100226 an error was made and the new dater read 100236 not 100226. Between July 17 and August 4 the dater was corrected.



From Canada Post

Thanks again to John Gannon and Darlene Lam for providing the latest post Office changes.

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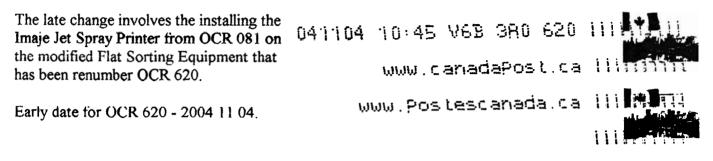
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100751	WEST END PO	WEST END GROCERY STORE	GRAND FORKS	VOH 2EO	2004/02/16	
100809	EAST RICHMOND PO	HAMILTON SHELL	RICHMOND	V6V 1B0	2004/05/12	-
100910	CAMPBELL RIVER SOUTH PO	7-ELEVEN # 27270	CAMPBELL RIVER	V9W 1E0	2004/02/02	
101112	FORT WARE PO	NORTHERN #277	FORT WARE	VOJ 3BO	2004/01/13	
101179	MOUNT WASHINGTON PO	MOUNT WASHINGTON ALPINE RESORT	MOUNT WASHINGTON	V9J 1L0	2004/03/01	
101213	WESTBANK PO	PHARMASAVE # 229	WESTBANK	V4T 2G0	2004/02/02	
101218	ALDERGROVE MALL PO	PAYLESS IDA DRUGS	ALDERGROVE	V4W 3N0	2004/01/07	
101224	PIONEER PLAZA PO	SUN'S SMOKE & CONVENIENCE STORE	LANGLEY	V3A 4P0	2004/02/09	
101237	SASAMAT PO	MOLLIE'S STATIONARY	VANCOUVER	V6R 2H0	2004/03/01	
101271	MAYNE ISLAND PO	ACTIVE PASS AUTO & MARINE LTD	MAYNE ISLAND	VON 2JO	2004/03/29	
101329	FRASER HEIGHTS PO	GIANT FOODS	SURREY	V4N 1P0	2004/06/09	
101329	BROADMOOR PO	HOUSE OF CARDS	RICHMOND	V7A 1G0	2004/06/21	1
101356	LANSDOWNE PO	THE EXPRESS LANE	RICHMOND	V6X 2X0	2004/09/01	
101357	CITY SQUARE PO	HYE PARK EXPRESS	VANCOUVER	V5Z 3X0	2004/07/15	5
101375	CENTRAL LONSDALE PO	LONSDALE STATIONERY	NORTH VANCOUVER	V7M 2J0	2004/07/31	
101375	MOUNT LEHMAN PO	GREAT CANADIAN DOLLAR STORE	ABBOTSFORD	V4X 2M0	2004/08/23	3

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Rcnumber	Outlet	Business	City	Pcode	Open	Close	
000088	ALDERGROVE MALL	PAYLESS DRUGS	ALDERGROVE	V4W 3N0	and the second s	2004/01/06	
009400	BILL'S FOOD & FEED SS/CF	BILL'S FOOD & FEED	SOOKE	VOS 1NO	2003/01/01	2004/06/13	
058912	VANCOUVER STN SOUTH DEL CTR VANCOUVER STN SOUTH DEL CTR		VANCOUVER	V6P 5G0	1991/03/28	2004/09/24	
068691	SKAHA LAKE P.O.	SKAHA PHARMACY	PENTICTON	V2A 3T0	1991/09/24	2004/09/06	
071676	GOVERNMENT STREET PO	IGA PLUS	PENTICTON	V2A 4V0	1991/10/15		
073369	MONTE CREEK P.O.	COUNTRY CRAFTS FOR EWE	MONTE CREEK	VOE 2M0	1991/11/26	2004/01/30	
089990	GRAND FORKS GMO #1	WEST END GROCERY	GRAND FORKS	VOH 1H0		2004/02/15	
100108	FRASER HEIGHTS	GIANT FOODS	SURREY	V4N 1P0		2004/06/08	
100208	FORT WARE	KWADACHA NATION BAND ADMINISTRA	PRINCE GEORGE	V2L 3H1	2002/06/10		
100235	COAL HARBOUR	COAL HARBOUR COMMUNITY CLUB	COAL HARBOUR	VON 1K0	2002/06/24		
100458	SQUAMISH	TWIN PEAKS MOVIELAND (2002)	SQUAMISH	VON 3G0	2002/12/02		
100740	WESTSIDE PO	MOVIES & MORE	QUESNEL	V2J 1E0	2003/06/23	2004/02/28	
101057	MAC'S CONVENIENCE STORE	MAC'S CONVENIENCE STORE #11193	PORT ALBERNI	V9Y 5N4	2003/08/25	2004/09/01	
101069	BROADMOOR PO	HOUSE OF CARDS	RICHMOND	V7A 1G0	2003/10/20	2004/06/20	
112879	WESTBANK P.O.	PHARMASAVE #229	WESTBANK	V4T 2G0	1993/07/06	2004/02/01	
129615	CAMPBELL RIVER GMO#1	7-ELEVEN FOOD STORES #27270	CAMPBELL RIVER	V9W 1E0	1993/06/21		
138371	SHERIDAN LAKE P.O.	SHERIDAN LAKE GENERAL STORE	LONE BUTTE	VOK 1X0	and the second design of the s	2004/06/02	
170038	HARROGATE P.O.	HARROGATE GEN. STORE & CAFE	HARROGATE	VOA 1JO		2004/04/09	
344141	MAYNE ISLAND P.O.	TRU VALUE FOOD CENTRE	MAYNE ISLAND	VON 2JO	1998/06/16	2004/03/27	
384925	LANSDOWNE	TICKET MASTER	RICHMOND	V6X 2X0	1999/09/29	2004/08/31	
388572	CAMPBELL RIVER	DUNCAN BAY STORE	CAMPBELL RIVER	V9W 2J0		2004/01/15	
388777	SASAMAT	MOLLIE'S STATIONERY	VANCOUVER	V6R 2V2	2000/02/01	2004/02/29	
415340	VANDERHOOF	BROOKSIDE GENERAL STORE	VANDERHOOF	VOJ 3A0	2000/06/01	2004/03/01	
416487	SOOKE	FRENCH BEACH MINI MART	SOOKE	VOS 1NO	2000/06/08	2004/09/04	
426121	CITY SQUARE	HYE PARK EXPRESS	VANCOUVER	V5Z 3X0	2001/01/02	2004/07/14	
429937	VANDERHOOF	BROOKSIDE RESORT	VANDERHOOF	VOJ 3A0	2001/02/22	2004/03/01	
437085	PIONEER PLAZA	SUN SMOKE AND CONVENIENCE STORE	LANGLEY	V1M 3Y7	2001/11/28	2004/02/08	
437093	MOUNT LEHMAN	GREAT CANADIAN DOLLAR STORE	ABBOTSFORD	V4X 2M0	2001/09/03	2004/08/22	
631531	TAKYSIE P.O.	LIKKEL'S LAKESIDE STORE	TAKYSIE LAKE	V0J 2V0	1989/06/05	2004/08/04	
640468	BARKERVILLE PO	BARKERVILLE PO	BARKERVILLE	VOK 1BO	2004/05/01	2004/09/30	
643874	LOUIS CREEK PO	LOUIS CREEK PO	LOUIS CREEK	VOE 2E0	1981/10/16	2004/05/06	
644390	NANAIMO SUB 10	NANAIMO SUB 10	NANAIMO	V9S 1H0	1978/10/02	2004/05/24	
655422	CENTRAL LONSDALE P.O.	LONSDALE STATIONERY	NORTH VANCOUVER	V7M 2J0	1990/07/01	2004/07	
729388	FERNIE	FERNIE MOUNTAIN MARKET	FERNIE	VOB 1MO	2002/01/21	2004/02/-	

VANCOUVER MPP - an update

During the past few months the Vancouver MPP has undergone a major upgrade with equipment, such as the Culler Facer Cancelling (OCR 081) equipment being withdrawn, and recently developed equipment being installed to replace it. Some of these changes were discussed in the July 2004 News Letter (p.404) and more are in progress. The upgrading should be completed in mid Spring 2005 and at that time a complete summary of the changes will be printed in the News Letter.



WINFIELD TO LAKE COUNTRY

In response to local political pressure Canada Post changed the name of Winfield to Lake Country. Although the new dater reads "Lake Country" the Model K machine cancel still reads "Winfield".



MORE PICTORIAL CANCELS

As has been reported in earlier News Letters, Canada Post has entered into the production of "PHILATELIC PICTORIAL CANCELS" on an almost daily basis, 39 in the last two months. The new cancels are listed regularly in *Details / En detail* and are illustrated on the Canada Post website at: <u>www.canadapost.ca/collecting</u>. At the same time local communities or post offices have produced their own cancellers to advertise local events. The official Canada Post cancels are easy to identify as the all have "CANADA POST – POSTES CANADA" (CPPC) around the upper portion of the cancellation, while locally made cancellers do not. The use of the equipment varies greatly between one post office and another, some offices use the device to cancel all mail while in other the daters are secreted out back and are only used on request. In a few cases such as Sooke there have been two cancellers each with a different size of tree. It would appear that there is a considerable backlog of cancels as many of the dates appearing in *Details* differ by more than two years from early reported dates seen by the editor. Additions to the following list would be appreciated.

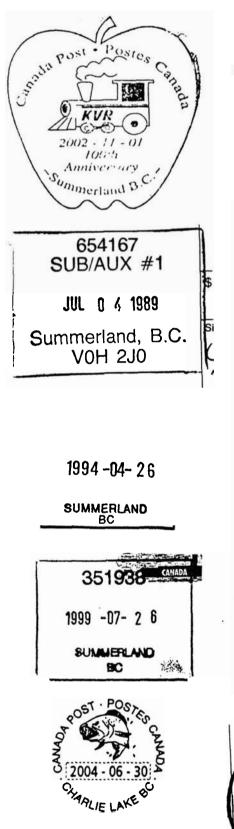
The spread of cancellations on page 415 was provided by Andrew Scott.

Atlin	1998 07 28		(gold pan)
Barkerville	1996 07 20	CPPC	celebrate 125 British Columbia (in banner)
Barkerville	2003 07 16		(Billy Barker POCON at right)
Barkerville	2004 01 25		(Billy Barker POCON above)
Brackendale	2002 03 15	CPPC	winter home of the bald eagle (eagle in oval)
Campbell River	2002 05 24	CPPC	(salmon in circle) second dater see HF83
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PHILATELIC PICTORIAL CANCELLATIONS

Charlie Labo	2004.07.20	/	
Charlie Lake	2004 06 30	CPPC CPPC	(salmon) (world famous murals)
Chemainus	2002 03 15	CPPC	
Comox	2004 08 03		(jet fighter monument)
Crofton	2002 05 01	CPPC	Crofton Centennial 1902-2002 (around mill)
Crofton	2002 03 15	CPPC	Crofton Centennial 1902-2002 (below mill)
Cumberland	1998 04 01	CPPC	100th anniversary (Post Office)
Cumberland	2003 08 09	CPPC	(miners cap + pick and shovel)
Duncan	2002 04 15	CPPC	(small totem pole)
Fernie	2004 01 08		1904-2004 (mountains)
Fort Nelson	2002 10 24	CPPC	Northern Rockies Regional District (bear)
Fulford Harbour		CPPC	(sailboat and mountains)
Garden Bay	2003 04 22	CPPC	Pender Harbour Jazz Festival (mermaid on rock)
Gibsons	2003 03 12	CPPC	Molly's Reach (Molly's Reach store)
Hagensborg	2004 05 26	0000	Freedom Road 50 1953 2003 (truck)
Hornby Island	2002 03 02	CPPC	(frowning face)
Kitimat	2003 03 28	CPPC	Celebrating 50 years 1953 2003 (wheels)
Ladysmith	2004 08 30	CPPC	Ladysmith 1904-2004 (main street and anchor)
Lake Cowichan	2003 09 20	CPPC	Great walk (pair of legs)
Langley	2004 04 23	CPPC	Birth Place of BC 1858 (HBC fort and river)
Madeira Park	2003 04 22	CPPC	Pender Harbour Jazz Festival (mermaid on rock)
Manson Creek	1999 06 14	CPPC	1899 1999 (packhorse)
Merritt	2003 07 15	CPPC	Country music capital (fiddle)
Merville	2002 11 12	CPPC	gumboot capital (gumboot)
Milner	2002 11 28	CPPC	(church)
Mount Lehman		CPPC	120 Years Ans (mail man with mail sack)
Mount Washing		CPPC	(mountains in semi-oval)
Nanaimo 5L0	2002 05 22	CPPC	Home of the World Championship + (two men in bathtub)
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Nanaimo	2002 05 21	CPPC	(bastion small inside rim)
Nelson	2004 09 21	CPPC	Heritage City (main street)
Peachland	2002 10 01	CPPC	(ogopogo)
Port Alberni	2002 04 29	CPPC	McLean Mill historic site (mill worker)
Prince George	2003 10 31	CPPC	Station "A" 50 th anniversary (moose)
Quathiaski Cove		CPPC	1899-1999 (fish boat)
Quesnel .	2000 01 22		(dog sled)
Quesnel	2004 01 23	CPPC	(gold pan and trees)
Richmond	2002 09 20	CPPC	PIPEX The Queens Golden Jubilee (crown)
Richmond	2002 09 21	CPPC	PIPEX SOSSI (Scouts logo in stamp)
Richmond	2002 09 22	CPPC	PIPEX Customs Vancouver Island (Crown)
Richmond	2003 08 01	CPPC	Streveston Historical Society (Fish cannery)
Richmond	2003 08 23	CPPC	Island City by Nature (bird)
Roberts Creek	2004 08 24	CPPC	1904-2004 (tree and sunset)
Saanichton	2002 05 25	CPPC	(tractor redesigned) see HT-78
Salt Spring Islan		CPPC	(sailboat and waves)
Sechelt	2003 10 23	CPPC	Festival of the Winter arts (tree and forest)
Sidney	2002 05 23	CPPC	Sidney by the sea (sail boat)
Sooke	2001 04	CPPC	(large fir tree extending through rim)
Sooke	2002 05 22	CPPC	(small fir tree inside rim)
Southbank	2003 07 15	CPPC	Francois Lake Ferry Omineca Princess (ferry)
Summerland	2002 11 01		100 th Anniversary (KVR engine)
Tahsis	2000 06 08		Home of the Great Walk (map of VI)
Tofino	2002 01 20	CPPC	(whales tail)
Ucluelet	2002 01 20	CPPC	(whales tail)
Union Bay	2004 07 27	nc	(three masted sailing ship)
Vancouver	2001 04 02	PCCP	(postal logo)
Vernon	2004 06 19	CPPC	85 Years 899 RCAF Wing + (biplane)
Victoria	2002 05 20	CPPC	(small lighthouse inside rim) see HL-66
Wells	2000 01 22		(gold pan)
Whonnock	2003 09 26	CPPC	(humpback salmon)





CHARLIE LAKE POST OFFICE GENERAL DELIVERY CHARLIE LAKE BC VOC 1H0

One postal outlet closes, another opens on Main St.

WOLF DEPNER Western Staff Reporter

Public opposition did not stop Canada Post from closing a downtown postal outlet.

Rick Moore, Canada Post area manager for Okanagan-Similkameen, said the Gallop's Flower Shop postal outlet at 187 Westminster Ave. W. will cease service on Nov. 7.

A new outlet will open in the Smartshopper Discount store in the 200 block of Main Street, said Moore.

Plans call for the new postal outlet to open two weeks before the Gallop outlet closes, said Moore.

The announcement ends several weeks of uncertainty around the future of the Gallop's outlet.

A local business association opposed its closure and a petition collected some 1,300 signatures.

Moore said the petition was based on a "misconception" among the public that stemmed from an "erroneous" media report.

"Our commitment has always been to provide postal service in the area, in the immediate vicinity and that is what we are able to do," said Moore.

The owner of Gallop's did not apply to renew his contract, said Moore.

"And due to a number of deficiencies that were identified, we were concerned about the viability of that outlet," he said. "And while they have been trying to address some of those deficiencies, we had already started moving down the road to ensure ... uninterrupted full postal service in the area."

Moore refused to disclose those "deficiencies."

"That is an internal matter," he said.

Moore said Canada Post settled on the Main Street location for several reasons.

"Our area studies ... show that we should be on Main Street," said Moore. "It will provide us with a larger location," he said, adding that the new location also offers plenty of parking.

Emily Salt, speaking for the owner of the flower shop, disputes Moore's claim that the owner decided not to renew his contract.

"They (Canada Post) decided it, not us," said Salt.

The Gallop's outlet also meets all necessary requirements.

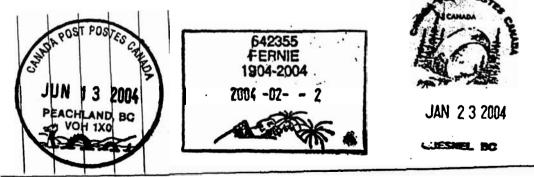
"This post office is right up to standard," she said. The pending closure of

The pending closure of the Gallop's outlet will hurt local seniors living in the several retirement complexes near the flower shop.

Many have already told Salt they will not walk to the new location because it is too far.

"People are very upset about it," she said.

Salt also wonders why local MP Stockwell Day and Mayor David Perry did not take the time to look into the matter.



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