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BRACKENDALE – 100 YEARS OF POSTAL SERVICE – AUGUST 1, 2006

On August 1, 2006 Brackendale Post Office will celebrate a century of postal service to the Squamish Valley. The post office was established August 1, 1906 at the junction of the Squamish and Cheakamus Rivers with Thomas Hirst Bracken as Postmaster. He resigned in 1912. At the same time Upper Squamish Post Office was established further up the Squamish River to serve the logging camps. In 1928 the Upper Squamish post office closed and the mail was sent to Chee Kye.

Face – BRACKENDALE / P.M. / MAR 20 / 1931 / B.C.
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Back – COGHLAN / MR 21 / 31 / B.C.

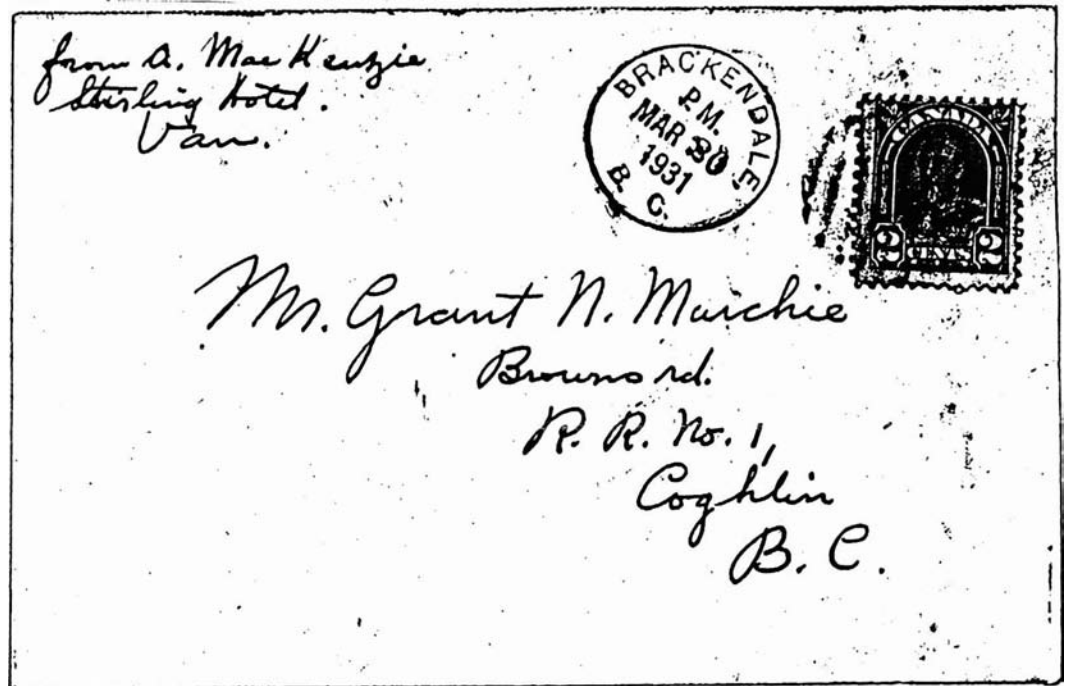
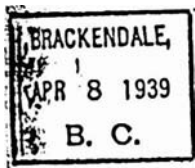
MOOD dater

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P.M. / MAR 3 / 1930



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APR 8, 1939



Money Order dater used to cancel 2 cent postage stamp

BRACKENDALE POST OFFICE

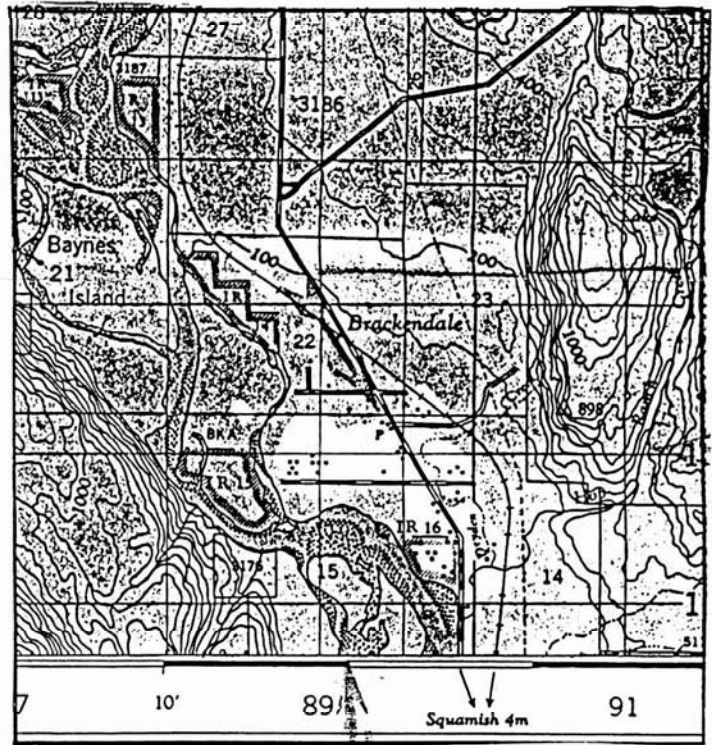
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Cheakamus River – 1960

NTS map 92 G/14 East

Scale 1:50,000

Brackendale Post Office July 1968



Face – BRACKENDALE / SP 8 / 67 / B.C.

Office of the Principal,
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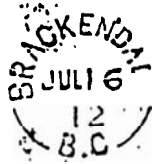


B.C. Teachers Federation,
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BRACKENDALE - DATERS

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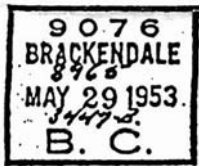


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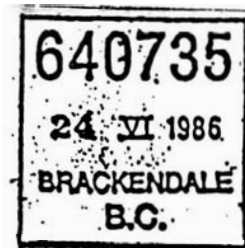
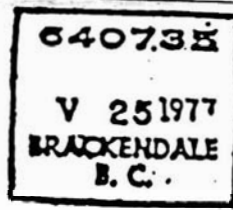
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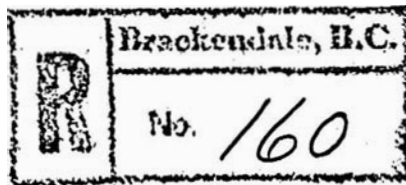
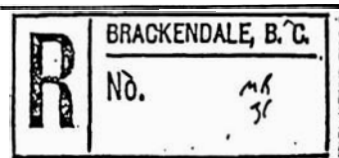


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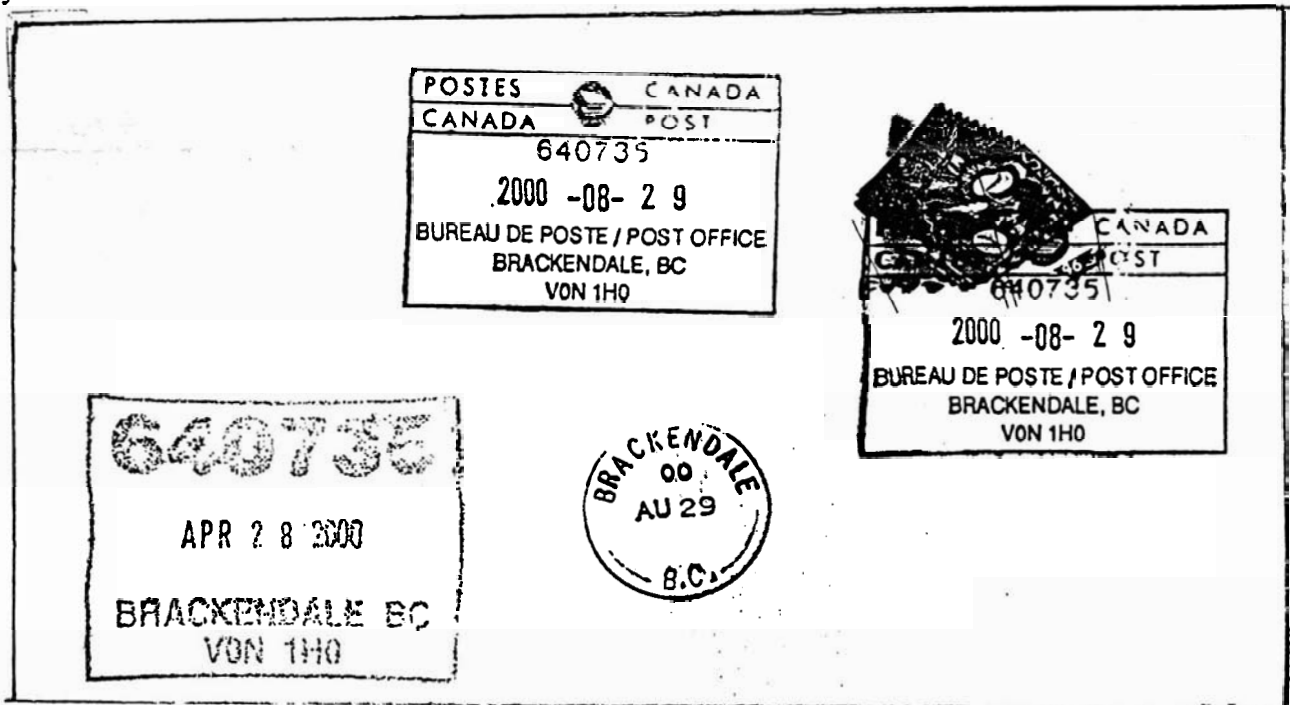


Registration No
Proof - MR (19) 31

In use 1968



Currently in use




BRACKENDALE - PICTORIAL DATER

WINTER HOME OF THE BALD EAGLE

First used 2002



Winter Home of the Bald Eagle



From the Post Office of Brackendale, BC

Newsletter 1 Issue 1 2002-07-15

Hello!

First of all, we would like to say thank you so very much in your interest in our new date stamp. We are happy that you wanted our date stamp for your collection.

We now have a postcard that says "Brackendale- Home of the Bald Eagle". It has a mountain view with several bald eagles sitting in a tree. A typical winter scene for the Brackendale Area.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please send us \$ 2.10 (if your Canadian) \$ 2.29 (if your from the United States) and \$ 2.93 (if your from Overseas/International).

We will mail it to you unstamped by the machines/date stamps but if you would like it stamped on the left-hand side (where the writing usually goes) we can do that too!

You can contact us at:
 Brackendale Post Office)
 41703 Government Road
 Brackendale, BC V0N 1H0

Thank you again,
 Hope to hear from you soon,
 Joyce (Postmaster) and
 Jackie (Asst. Postie)

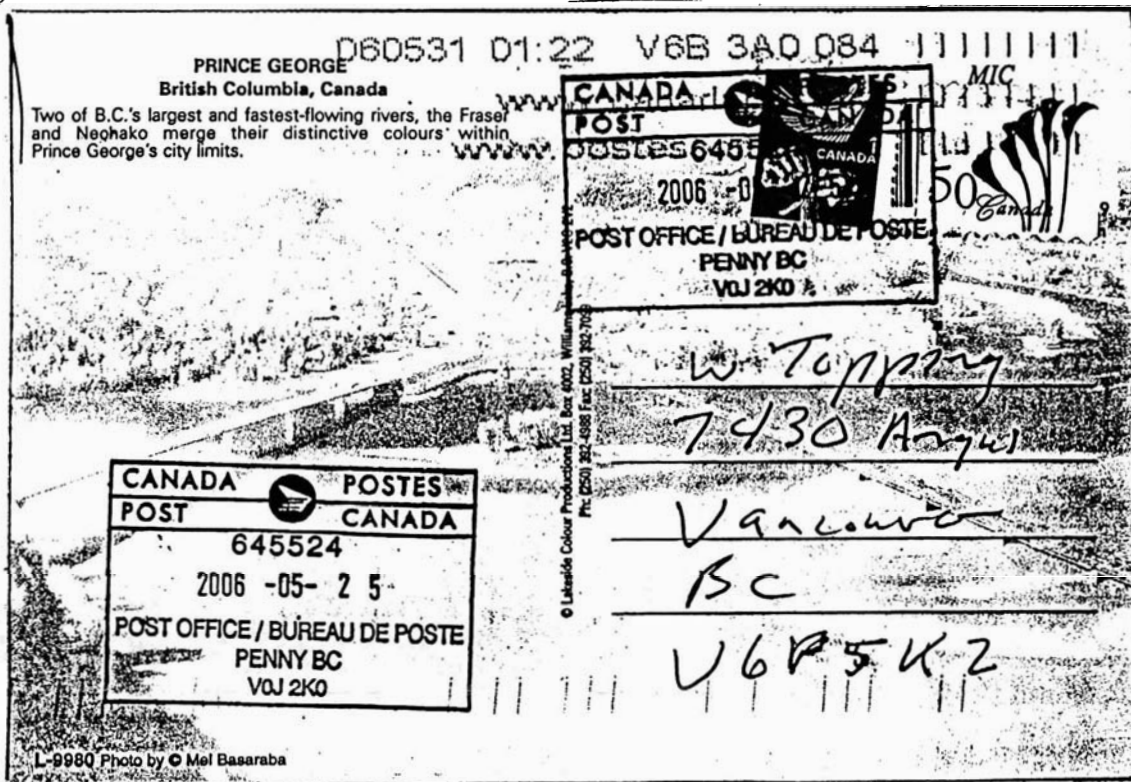
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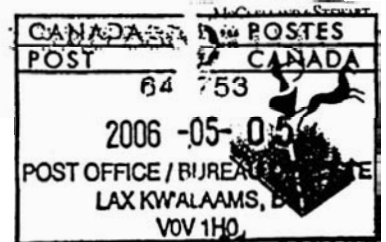
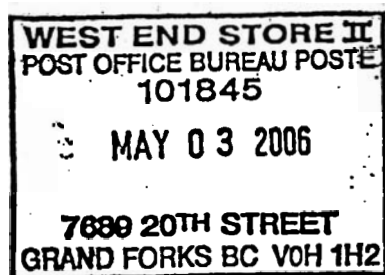
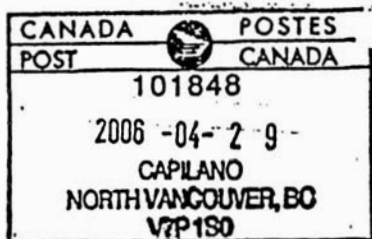
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 Ste 100
 Vancouver, B.C.
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PENNY – A RELIC FROM THE PAST

PENNY is probably the last of the Canadian Post Offices to rely on mail delivery by train. Penny is located on the north side of the Fraser River, 124 km east of Prince George on the Jasper - Prince George section of the VIA Rail “Skeena” service. It can be reached by a unimproved primate road from Longworth some 15 km to the west or by crossing the Fraser River in an Indian canoe from the Yellow Head Highway on the south side of the river. The population of the region justifies a post office at Penny and to solve the inaccessibility by normal transportation, particularly in winter, the Post Office Department has arranged to have the mail dropped of by the conductor on the “Skeena”. Mail for Penny is dispatched VIA Train 6 from the Prince George Post Office on Monday, Thursday at 7:30 AM arriving at Penny at 9:45 AM and is dispatched on VIA Train 5 from Jasper 12:45 noon on Wednesday and Friday arriving at Penny at 4:36 PM. The Penny Post Office is located across the road from where the train stops. The cover below was handed to the conductor and date stamped at Penny using their new “Wings” dater.



More “WINGS”
Thanks to Andrew Scott and others



Who let the dogs out? Historic sled dog mail delivery re-enacted

LET'S TALK ABOUT TEAMWORK. LAST January 27, 11 dogsled teams and their mushers gathered in Quesnel, B.C. for the 14th annual Sled Dog Mail Run. Participants travelled the historic Gold Rush Trail by dogsled, camping overnight in the snow and covering a distance of about 100 kilometres from Quesnel through Barkerville to the town of Wells in just three days.

The event traces the route prospectors took into central B.C. during the great Cariboo Gold Rush of the 1860s. What makes it unique is that participants carry live mail. "Dogsleds were the traditional method of transporting mail here during the winter," says Quesnel Local Area superintendent Ron Potter. "But this is now the only event in the world where dogsled teams can still carry mail."

Potter opened the event by swearing in the mushers as "Honourary mail carriers." Together, the teams carried

nearly 2,000 commemorative envelopes from a special collection box in Quesnel to Wells, where they were re-inducted into the mail stream. Hand-cancelled four times, the souvenir envelopes were delivered to destinations across Canada, the United States and 26 other countries.

Once again, the event was a great success. As for the dogs, they're resting up for next year's run. *Michelle Stevenson*

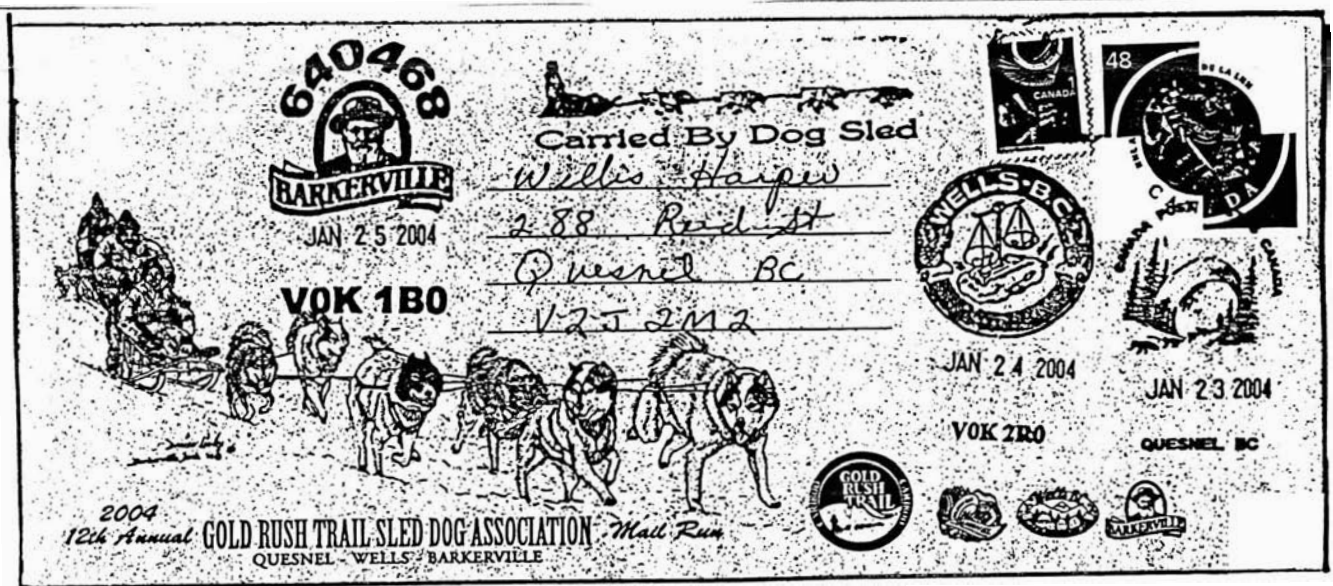
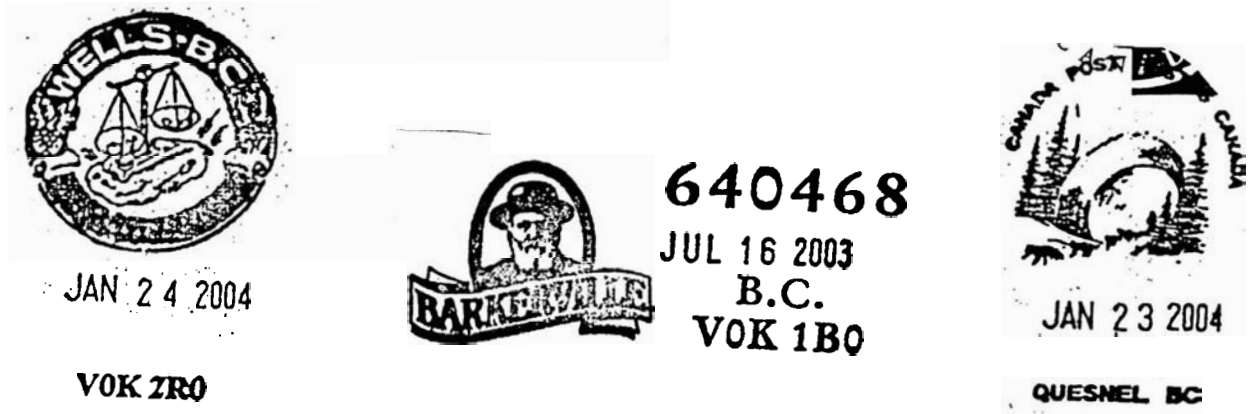
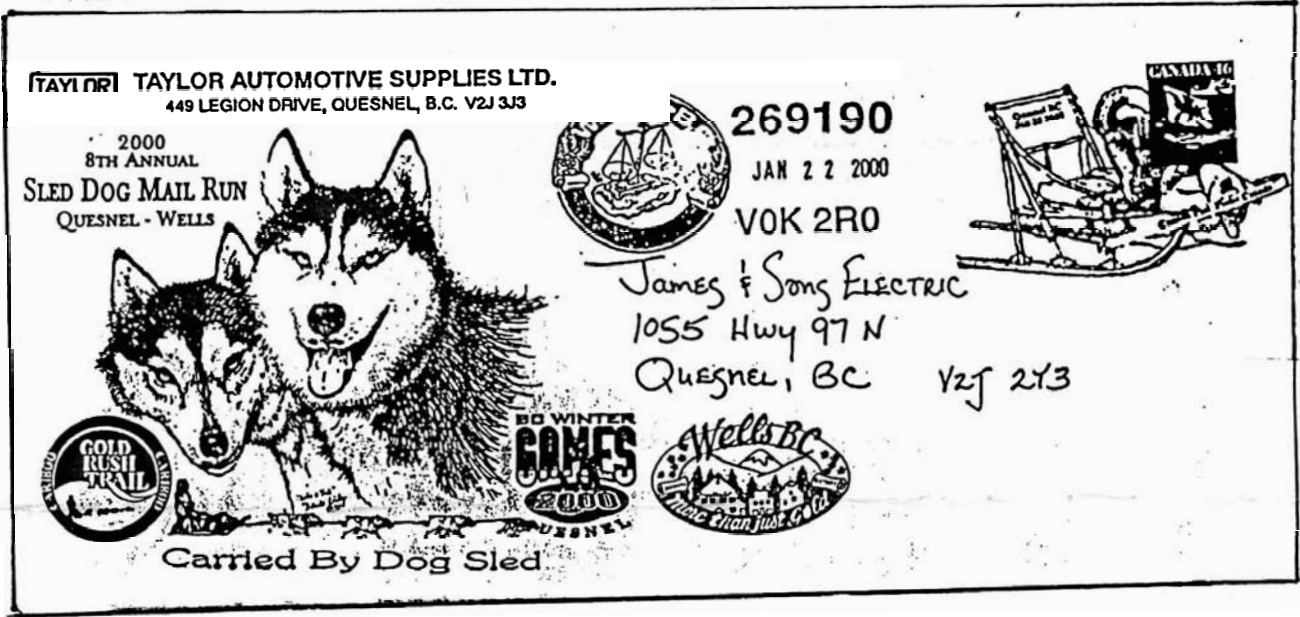


Running the Gold Rush Trail: Mushers (group photo, above) gathered in Quesnel, B.C. to be sworn in as "Honourary mail carriers" before the 14th annual Sled Dog Mail Run in January. Dogsled teams carried 2,000 souvenir envelopes (top photo) on a three-day, 100-kilometre trek to Wells, stopping at the Barkerville post office (middle photo) along the way. Background photo: a dogsled team arrives in Wells.



◀ Depicting history (CLINTON, B.C.) Local Area manager Stephen Krasikow and (from the left) assistant Marion Nelson, postmaster Lois Thompson and assistant Mel Thomas unveiled a cancellation in January that commemorates the village of 740 as the "Gateway to the Cariboo." The town is touted as such in the area's economic development efforts and in a prize-winning book written by local Grade 3 and 4 students. The cancellation stamp shows a miner with his mule trekking into the Cariboo gold fields during the 1860s gold rush.

Forty-five residents came out to mark the occasion. "Community involvement is an important part of serving our customers," said Krasikow, adding that promoting the area shows commitment to the community. *JB*



BRITANNIA BEACH – A BOX OF JUNK

On a recent visit to the Britannia Beach Post Office to see if they still used the 1988 pictorial date stamp depicting the Britannia copper mine. The postmistress had never seen the hand stamp and said the only dater she used was a metal hammer and promptly struck it on an envelope. The dater was a type "C" CDS proofed AM / 20 II / 59. At the same time she said she had a box of old post office hand stamps that she promptly produced. With the aid of a stamp pad we produced the markings reproduced below.

Two dater hammers were sticking out of the box. One was a type "B" dater, proofed in 1931 and containing a "75" year slug, and a duplex hammer that had been proofed in 1941 and containing a "76" year slug.



As was to be expected there were the usual MOON, POCON, and Accounting Number stamps as well as "insured against ..." and other in house instructions. Two bank deposit stamps were also in the box.

INSURED AGAINST LOSS ONLY

THE PERSON NAMED IN THE ADVICE

9082

INSURED PARCEL
Colis Assuré

No. _____

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE
REVOYÉ POUR
AFFRANCHISSEMENT

Probably the most unusual item was an oval "R" registration hand stamp, possibly supplied to the Britannia Post Office in 1907 when it first opened although there were no other registration hand stamps as might be expected.



DEPOSIT
TO THE CREDIT OF
The Receiver General
ON POST OFFICE ACCOUNT

Deposit to credit of
Receiver General
on Post Office account
Dépôt au crédit du
Receveur Général
pour le compte des Postes

Of greater interest were a number of mailbag tag hand stamps for The T. Eaton Co., Woodward Stores Ltd. and the Royal Bank of Canada. These were probably never used on mail and were disposed of when the mailbag was reused.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

T. EATON CO. LIMITED
BRITISH COLUMBIA

WOODWARD STORES LTD.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

WINNIPEG
T. EATON CO.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

TWO RECENT BOOKS ON B.C. POSTAL HISTORY WORTH ADDING TO YOUR LIBRARY

Japanese internment in Canada 1941-1946 A postal history; Kenneth V. Ellison; 2006, Spiral Bound, 86 pages, 8.5 x 11 – BNAPS Exhibit Series # 39. ISBN: 0-919854-78-8 (Colour), 0-919854-79-6 (B&W) Published by the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS). Stock # B4h923.391 (Colour Version) - \$C 70.00; B4h923.39 (Black & White Version) - \$C 29.95. Available from: Ian Kimmerly Stamps, 112 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5B6, phone (613 235-9119. BNAPS members receive a 40% discount.

Ken Ellison's exhibit is one of the three outstanding displays of mail from Japanese interned in Canada during the Second World War. Like the other two exhibits the collection is strong in some areas and weak in others as many of the available items are unique. Of particular note are the various envelopes used by British Columbia Securities Commission and the Department of Labour. Also the letters mailed from the *Motorship Gripsholm* to Kaslo may be the only reported copies. As an overview of the Japanese internment period the exhibit is outstanding in that each page provides a good background statement on the material included. The many photographs, although not postal history, do add greatly to the social history of the period and provide a good overview of the conditions the Japanese were relocated to in the interior of British Columbia.

As an exhibit of Japanese internment mail the collection provides many interesting snippets of the social history of the war period. On the other hand the collection fails to provide an over all understanding of the relocation of the Japanese from 1941 to 1946. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 the Canadian Post Office was ordered to censor all mail to and from persons of Japanese origin and at the same time the Japanese were required to register with the Government. In the spring of 1942 an evacuation order was given to remove all Japanese from within 100 miles of the BC coast. Although the majority of the Japanese were relocated to old and often deserted mining camps in the interior of the province, many were moved to road camps and later to farm labour or logging camps across Canada. Japanese with sufficient funds moved on their own to semi-deserted mining camps such as Bridge River while those who could not afford to move were required to report to Hastings Park Manning Pool for transportation to the interior. Initially the relocation was under the supervision of the B.C. Securities Commission and Commission and later the Federal Department of Labour.

The exhibit tends to lack balance as half the covers are from 1942 and are mainly to or from the Hastings Park Manning Pool. Had the exhibit been organized in a chronological order or by the destination of the letters, such as letters from the Road Camps, or to the Farm Labour Force, or mining camp settlements, the reader would gain a much better understanding of the Japanese internment period. A minor reorganization of pages and a few pages of explanatory information, throughout the exhibit, would have made it easier for the reader to follow the movement of the Japanese-Canadians during the war period.

The exhibit consists of outstanding material and therefore collectors of Second World War mail, would do well to add this book to their library, as it deals with a highly specialized aspect of censorship and provides a different view of the Japanese internment that is not found in other works.

Mining – British Columbia's Heritage; Peter Jacobi, 2006. BNAPS Exhibit Series #11 (Revised). Spiral Bound, 226 pages, 8.5 x 11. – ISBN: 0-919854-81-8 (B&W). ISBN: 0-919854-80-X (Colour). Published by the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS). Stock # B4h923.11 Retail Price: \$c 47.95 – Stock # B4h923.11 Retail Price \$C 140.00. Available from: Ian Kimmerly Stamps, 112 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5B6, phone (613 235-9119). BNAPS members receive a 40% discount.

Those collectors having copies of the earlier edition of *Mining – British Columbia's Heritage*, are advised to throw the earlier edition away and buy the new colour version. The book is one of the best examples of what colour can do for a postal history collection. Unlike the earlier black and white edition, the crispness of the many post cards and the clarity of the many corner cards show what the use of modern printing methods can do.

Peter Jacobi in his introduction states “The intent of this exhibit is to show the socio-economic impact the mining & smelting industry has had on the early development of the province of British Columbia in a philatelic setting.” Through the use of envelopes and corner cards, postcards and photographs, personal correspondence and mining company notices, etc. he has produced an outstanding overview of the mining industry in British Columbia. The book is divided into four sections, namely: the mines, the smelters, the financial side, and mining today and within each section he discusses in some detail the history and operations of each of the companies included. Each page contains one or more items of philatelic, or quasi-philatelic material that is used to enliven what is at times a very dull history of the individual companies.

The transfer from a 160 page exhibit to a 226 page book presents some problems. An exhibit is examined and then forgotten while a book is set aside and read at leisure and often portions are reread. Had this work contained an index of the mining companies included and a separate index of the mine locations it would have been much easier for the reader to locate a particular reference without having to do a page by page search to find an item of particular interest.

The book is an extension of Peter Jacobi's exhibit, on the British Columbia mining industry, and has won many major awards at such philatelic exhibitions as BNAPS and RPSC in the Display or Social Philately class as well as the “People's Choice Award” at VANPEX. This type of recognition clearly indicates the quality of the material and the method of presentation used in this revised edition of his earlier work. It should be obvious that with this type of recognition the book would make an excellent addition to the library of anyone with a genuine interest in the history of British Columbia.

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