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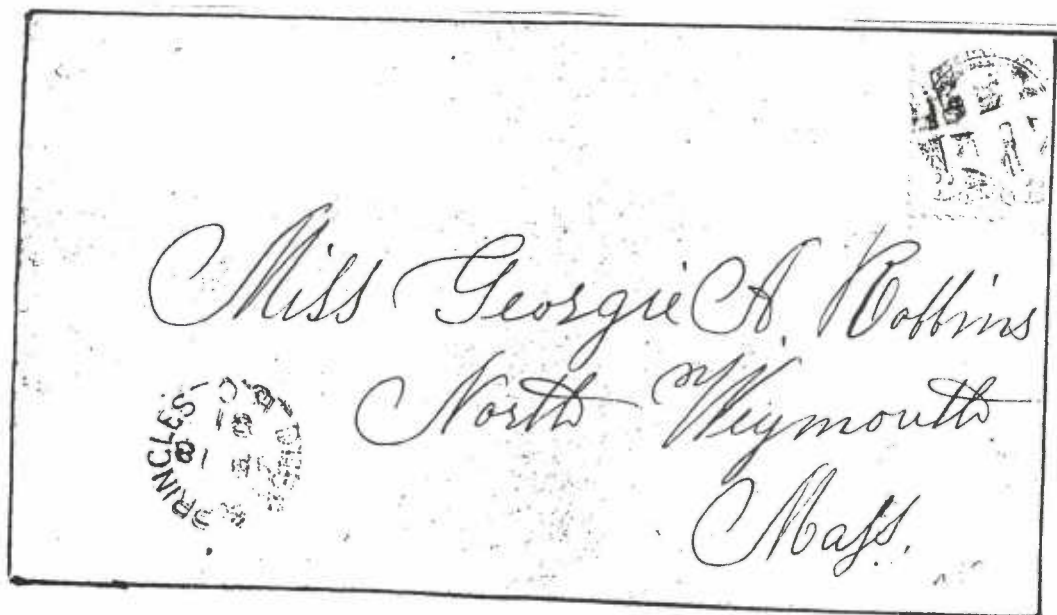
DUCK & PRINGLES

Early date April 8, 1881

The Duck & Pringles post office was established on the Duck Ranch, owned by Jacob Duck who came there from England in 1863. The Colonial post office opened there on June 13, 1870 with James Duck, Jacobs son, as postmaster and although the post office continued after Confederation no postal markings from Duck & Pringle are reported before 1881, well after Confederation. The Duck & Pringles post office was located on the Duck Ranch at the mouth of Monte Creek where the creek flowed into the South Thompson River. Under Postal Order # 127, dated 2 September 1896, the name of the post office was changed to Monte Creek with William Plumm as postmaster. The Monte Creek post office became a Postal Outlet in 1991 and the Postal Outlet closed on January 30, 2004.

Letter addressed to Miss Georgia A. Robbins at North Weymouth, Mass. Miss Robbins was the daughter of the owner Robbins Ranch located on Buse Creek five miles to the south of Duck & Pringle.

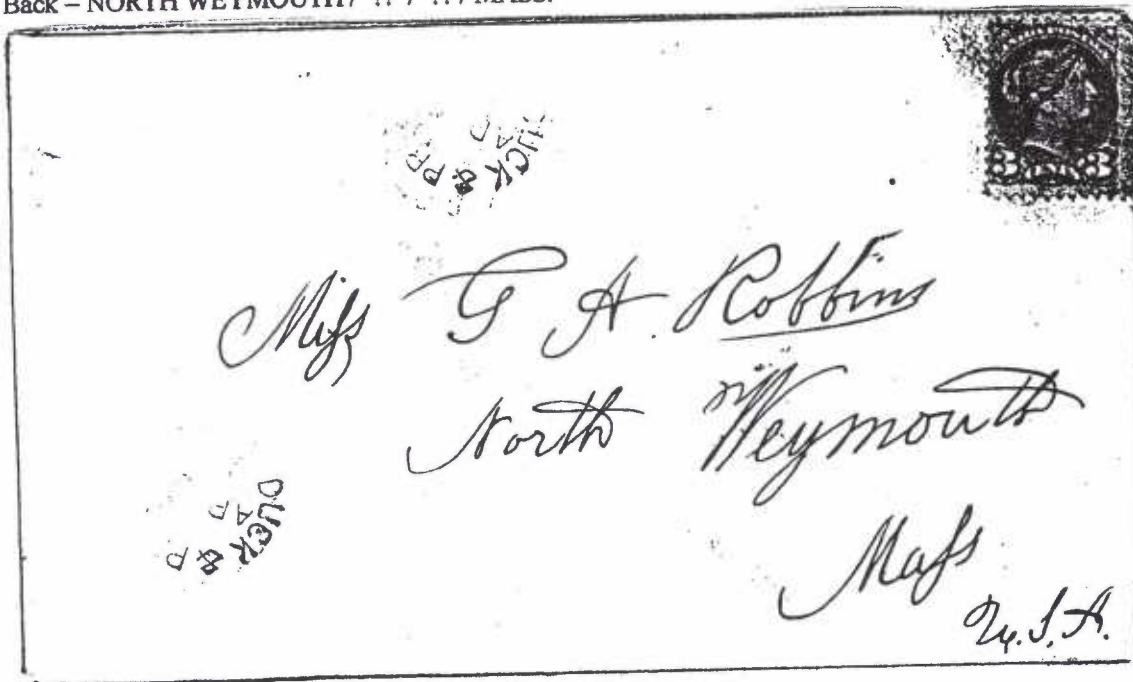
DUCK & PRINGLES / SP 18 / 81 / B.C.
Back - VICTORIA - B.C. / T / SP 24 / 81 / CANADA



Duck & Pringles Post Office – continued

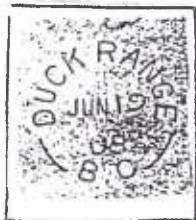
Earliest reported date – April 8, 1881

DUCK & PRINGLES / AP 8 / 81 / B.C.
 Back – NORTH WEYMOUTH / ?? / ?? / MASS.

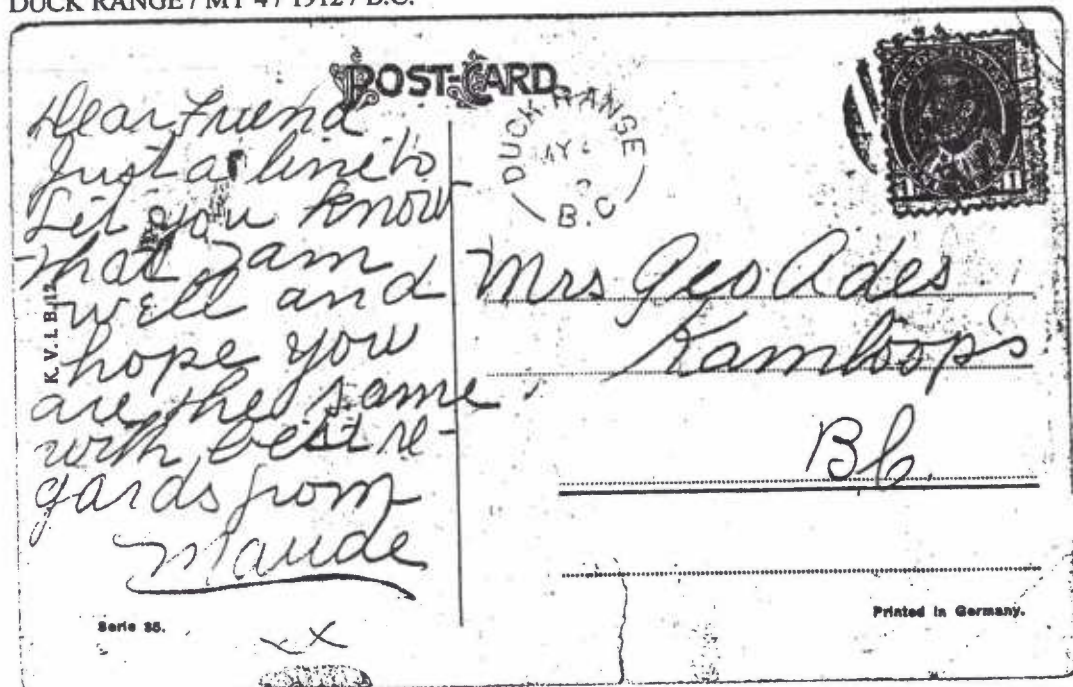


The name "Duck" continued as a post office name when the Duck Range post office was established as a non-accounting office under Postal Order # 31864 dated 27 May, 1908 with Mr. A. Adams as postmaster. The hammer was proofed JUN 19 / 08 and the Duck Range postal equipment was shipped from Vancouver on 24 June and the office opened July 1, 1908. The post office was located 4 miles up Monte Creek from the site of the Duck & Pringle post office. The post office was closed April 17, 1943.

DUCK RANGE
 Proof strike
 JUN 19 / 08



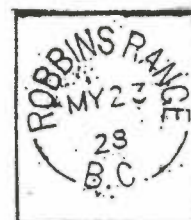
DUCK RANGE / MY 4 / 1912 / B.C.



Duck & Pringles post office – continued

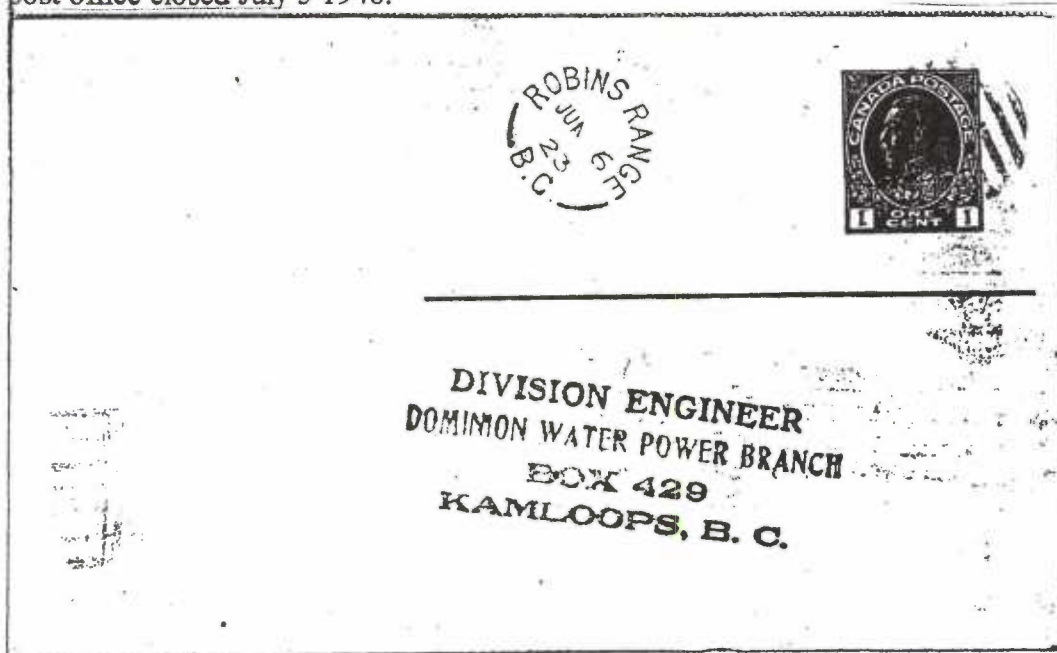
Proof strikes

ROBBINS RANGE - Sept. 1, 1915
 ROBBINS RANGE - June 1, 1928
 Closed - May 7, 1948



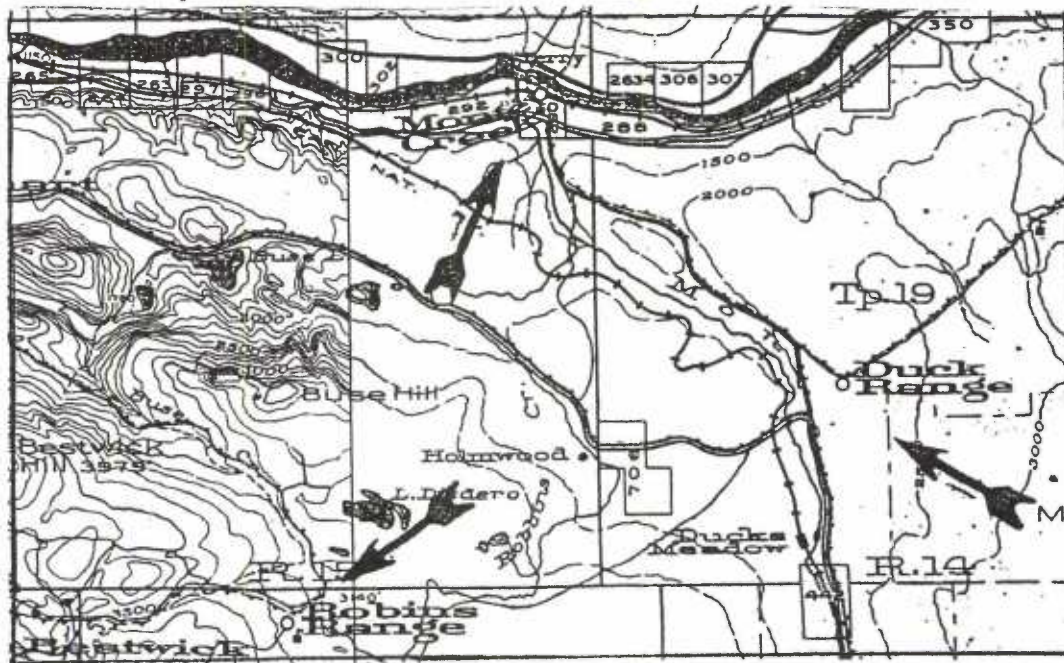
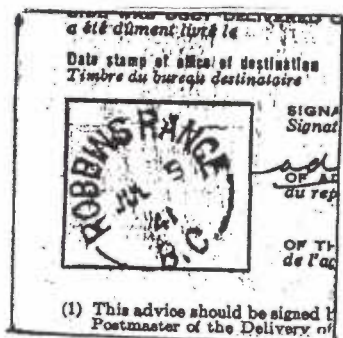
Another post office related to the Duck family was Robbins Range that was established in 1915 and was located five miles west of the Duck Range post office. The Robbins and Duck families came from North Weymouth, Massachusetts and established ranches south-east of Kamloops. The Robbins Range (later Robbins Range) post office was authorized under postal order # 914 dated 17 July, 1915 and the post office opened 26 August although official records show it as opening September 1, 1915. The original Robbins Range hammer was proofed JUL 26 / 15 and the new Robbins Range hammer MY 23 / 28. Robbins Range post office closed July 5 1948.

ROBBINS RANGE
 / JUN 6 / 23 / B.C.



Nicola Lake Map Sheet – B.C. Lands Series – Nicola Lake – 1972 – 2 miles to one inch.

ROBBINS RANGE
 JUL 5 / 41 / B.C.

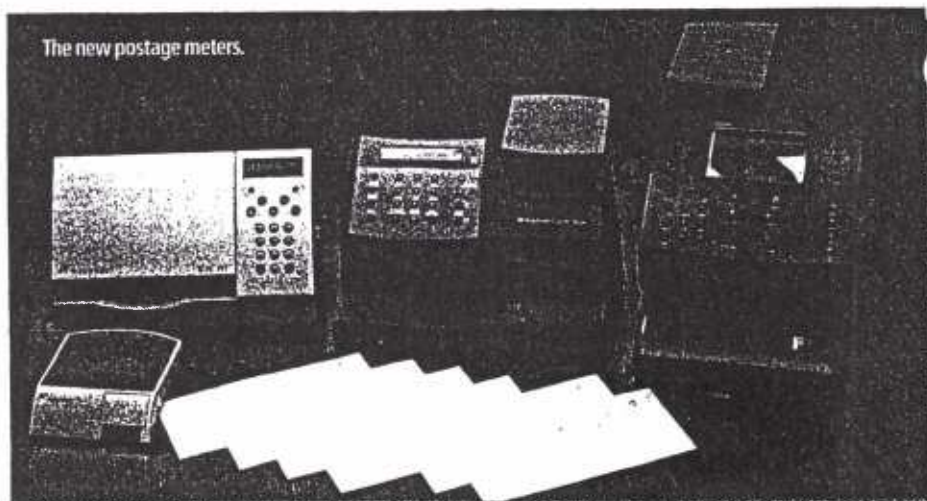


Protecting them, protecting us

IN TODAY'S ELECTRONIC WORLD, IT'S essential that the corporation keep track of every financial transaction. That's why the company has, since 2001, required Postage Meter suppliers to replace meters in more than 100,000 businesses across the country.

"A postage meter is essentially a mechanism to print Canada Post 'money' and we have an obligation to our customers and our shareholders to ensure that all our financial transactions are secure and protected from fraud," says Connie Read, director, Postage Meter Replacement Program.

With roughly 130,000 postage meters across the nation, generating approximately one billion dollars in revenue for the company, it is critical that information on how meters are



being used is captured, in order to serve customers better. Not only will the new postage meters add value to the customers' experience, but they'll add value to the corporation's bottom line by providing accurate reporting, which will highlight how and where the revenue is being generated.

Password protected and menu-driven, digital meters will also minimize the possibility of tampering and fraud. They are equipped with an automatic date-change feature that reduces the chance of returned

mail, and they provide better pricing and accounting information to the customer.

"With digital meters, customers get accurate rates without having to resort to manual price chart look-up," explains Mattie Montgomery, manager, Take to Market.

The replacement program, now past its 60-per-cent completion mark, will wrap up this summer, at the same time that new meter revenue-protection processes will be completed in 14 plants across the country. *HS*

March/April/May 2007

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VIMY – Honour the Legacy

The Vimy slogan cancellation was used in British Columbia on Jet Spray Printer 118 in Victoria and in Vancouver on printers 080, 081, 082, 083, and 084. In theory the slogan was to come on line on March 17, 2007, and remain in use until April 17 but this was not the case.

The Victoria slogan that should have been bilingual but was in French only and thus was contrary to the Official Languages Act. It is surprising that the error was not corrected during the March or April. The VIMY slogan appears to have been programmed on JSP 118 on the evening of March 19 and was removed the evening of April 13, thus being used for slightly under a month.

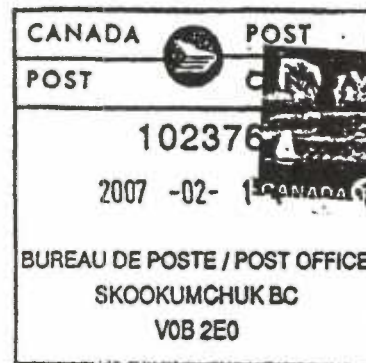
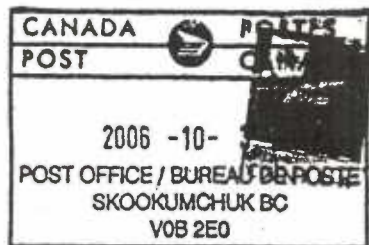
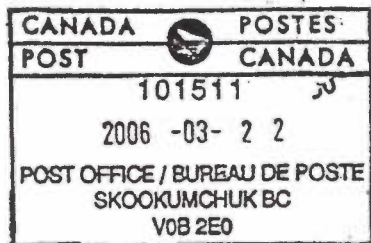
070326 19:36 V8Z 4B0 118 |||||
 VIMY-Honour de Legacy |||||
 Hommage au Patrimoine |||||

All five Jet Spray Printers in Vancouver were programmed with the similar three line slogan that had English on top and French at the bottom. In theory the “VIMY slogan should have been used on all five machines from March 17 to April 17 but this was not the case. JSP 080 changed from the “www...” to the “VIMY” slogan on March 18 and the four other JSPs appear to have been reprogrammed on March 19. At first all five machines used the “VIMY” slogan but particularly toward the middle of April the JSPs were incorrectly programmed with the “www...” slogan and in a number of cases both slogans were used on the same day.

VIMY - Honour the Legacy |||||
 Hommage au patrimoine |||||
 070326 21:06 V8B 3A0 080 |||||

SKOOKUMCHUK – 101511 TO 102376

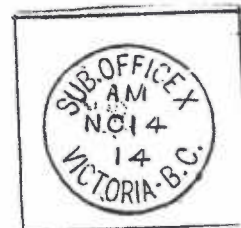
On July 13/14, 2006 the Skookumchuk RC# was changed from 101511 to 102376 but it appears the new dater was not available at that time. Andrew Scott reports the old dater continued in use with the RC# removed and would like to know if anyone has seen the new 102376 number used before February 14, 2007.



VICTORIA SUB-OFFICE X

Proof Strike

The study of the use of the Victoria Sub "X" hammer has produced much confusion. As noted in the last News Letter the Vancouver Sub P.O. "X" appears to have been produced, in 1911, for use at the Post Office counter at the Vancouver Exhibition and remained in use until the 1950's. On the other hand the Victoria Sub.Office X hammer was not proofed until November 14, 1914 and speculation is that it may have been produced for use at the Victoria Fall Fair that had been held annually at the Willowpark Exhibition Grounds for many years. Colin Campbell in the November/December issue of *Post West* examines the available information that has been used here.

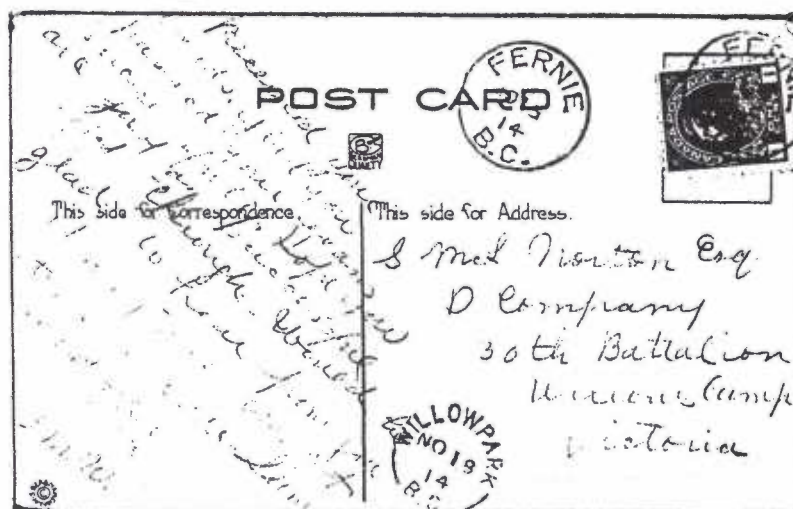


The Willowpark Exhibition Grounds was a 60 acre tract of land purchased by the City of Victoria from the Bowker Park Company in 1907 for use as a Fair Grounds. It was situated on Cadboro Bay Road outside the city limits in the opulent Oak Bay district. During the World War I the fairground was leased to the army and was known as Willows Camp. The 30th and 260th Infantry Battalions as well as the 48th, 88th and 50th Gordon Highlanders and others were stationed there.

Here is where the confusion begins. The nearest post office to the fair grounds was Willowpark, established July 1, 1911 which became a Victoria Sub Office on December 29, 1916. It is known to have cancelled mail destined for the Willowpark Military Camp, and the cover below is dated Willowpark / NO 18 / 14 and is addressed to "D Company, 30th Battalion, Willows Camp, Victoria."

Post Card addressed to Willow Camp – WILLOWPARK / NO 18 / 14 / B.C.

Colin Campbell
Post West
Nov/Dec 1974



The *Canada Gazette* for December 1914 list the Victoria Sub Office "X" as opening that month in the Nanaimo Electoral County and a dater reading SUB.OFFICE X / AM / NO 14 / 14 / VICTORIA-B.C. is shown in the Proof Books. The post office is listed as open in the 1916 Postal Guide as a Military Camp but the name of the postmaster is left blank.

The *Canada Gazette*, 1st December 1914 – list of post offices opened

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THE CANADA GAZETTE.

THE FOLLOWING NEW POST OFFICES WERE ESTABLISHED IN CANADA ON THE 1ST DECEMBER, 1914.

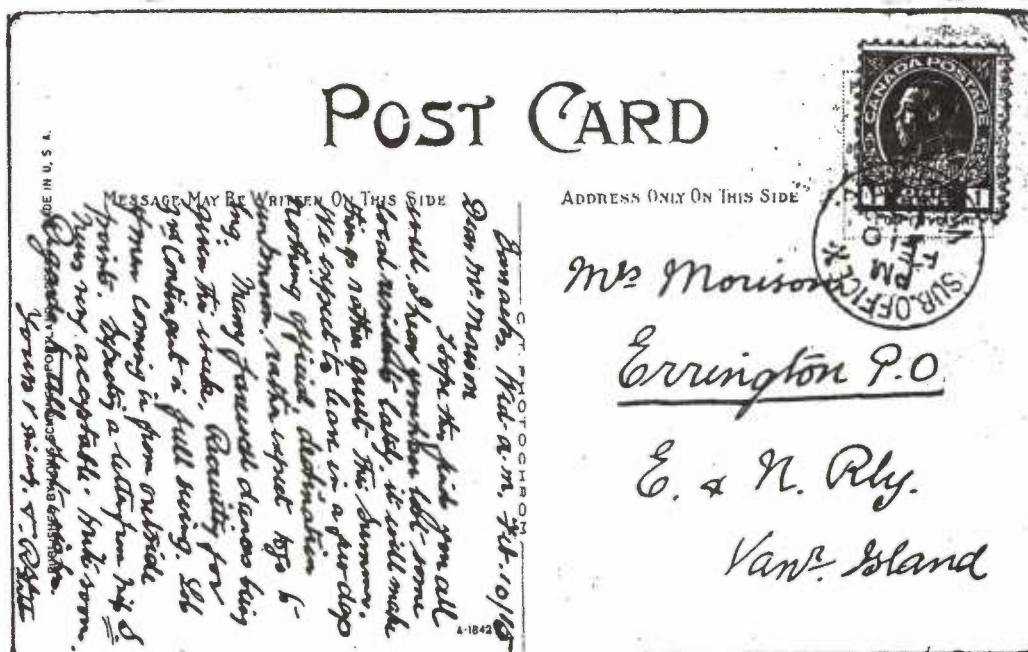
NAME OF POST OFFICE.	TOWNSHIP OR PARISH.	ELECTORAL COUNTY AND PROVINCE OR TERRITORY.	POSTMASTER.
Vanderhoof.....	.....	Yale-Cariboo..... B.C.	John Macfie.
Victoria Sub-office "X".....	.....	Nanaimo..... B.C.	.....
Wideview.....	Sec. 4, Tp. 4, R. 9, W. 3rd M.....	Moose Jaw..... Sask.	Mrs. J. W. Hefner.
Willow River.....	.....	Yale-Cariboo..... B.C.	Chas Hannan.
Woodroyd.....	Sec. 24, Tp. 13, R. 1, W.P.M.....	Macdonald.....	M. Gilbert Muir



Victoria Sub-Office "X" - continued

Two covers dated December 9th and 10th, 1914 have been reported but neither has been seen by the editor. The following covers all dated 1915 do little to clarify the situation, The earliest, dated "Barracks Wed. a.m. Feb. 10/15", is definitely of military origin and illustrates the use of the hammer for military purposes. The second cover dated "MR 8" could be from a soldier to a girl friend in Duncan and again it shows military use. The third is a post card dated "SP 25" addressed to Saanich and is a notice regarding a meeting of the Saanich Central Ratepayers and could hardly be classed a military in origin. Other 1915 covers indicate they were also from the Military Camp.

SUB.OFFICE X / PM / FE 10 / 15 / VICTORIA - B.C. - to Errington P.O.



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CANADA OFFICIAL POSTAL GUIDE August, 1916.

Offices Closed.

Toronto Sub-Office No. 19 District of Toronto South	O.
b Upper Sackville	N.S.
b Vallee des Erables	P.Q. Closed 24th July.
Victoria Sub-Office "X" Military Camp Nanaimo	B.C. Closed 15th July.
Vincelotte	M.
b Whitebread Station	E. R.
b Wilsonburg	Sunbury and Queen's N.B.
York Mills	Y. N.B. Closed 12th July.
b Zadow	Renfrew, N.R. O. Closed 19th July.

b Closed on the inauguration of Rural Free Delivery.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1916.

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THE FOLLOWING NEW POST OFFICES WERE ESTABLISHED IN CANADA ON THE 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1916.

NOTE.-St. John North, N.B. Sub-Post Office was closed on the 19th June and re-opened on the 5th September with Robert McConnell of 560 Main Street, as Sub-Postmaster.

A military training camp (not a field office) has been opened about 1/2 a mile from Sidney, B.C.

Victoria Sub- Office "X" - continued

SUB.OFFICE X / PM / MR 8 / 15 / VICTORIA - B.C. - to Duncan, B.C.
 Backstamp - DUNCAN'S STATION AM / MR 9 / 15 / B.C.



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NAME OF POST OFFICE.	TOWNSHIP OR PARISH.	ELECTORAL DISTRICT.	NAME OF POSTMASTER.
*Victoria.....	.....	City of Victoria.....	B C Harry F. Bishop
Sub-Office No. 12.....	2232 Oak Bay Ave.	Nanaimo.....	B C E. E. Richards
Sub Office "X".....	Military camp.....	Nanaimo.....	B C
†Victoria.....	.....	Carleton.....	N B Mrs. Rosanna Shaw
Victoria.....	.....	Cumberland.....	N B Thos. Giles
*Victoria.....	Lot 29.....	Queen's.....	F E I Mary J. Coughlan
Victoria Avenue.....	381 Victoria Ave. Montreal.....	Hochelaga.....	P Q S Fry

Canada Gazette - December 16, 1916 - Note.

DECEMBER 16, 1916.

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THE FOLLOWING NEW POST OFFICES WERE ESTABLISHED IN CANADA ON THE 1st DECEMBER, 1916.

NOTE.—St. Paschal Post Office, P.Q., will in future be spelled "St. Pascal."
 Garrold Post Office, District Comox-Astin, B.C., published in the October Supplement, has not yet been opened.
 The following military camp post offices have been closed for the winter:—

Aldershot, 26th Oct.	Petawawa, 31st Oct.—reopened 7th Dec.
Barriefield, 27th Oct.	Sarcee, 1st Nov.
Camp Hughes, 3rd Nov.	Valcartier, 14th Oct.
Castle Camp, 13th Nov.	Vernon, 7th Nov.
Niagara, 28th Oct.	

Willowpark Post Office, B.C., has been created a sub-office of Victoria, dating from the 1st November.
 Denonville Post office, County Chicoutimi-Saguenay, P.Q., has been reopened dating from the 1st December, for the winter months.

Victoria Sub-Office "X" - continued

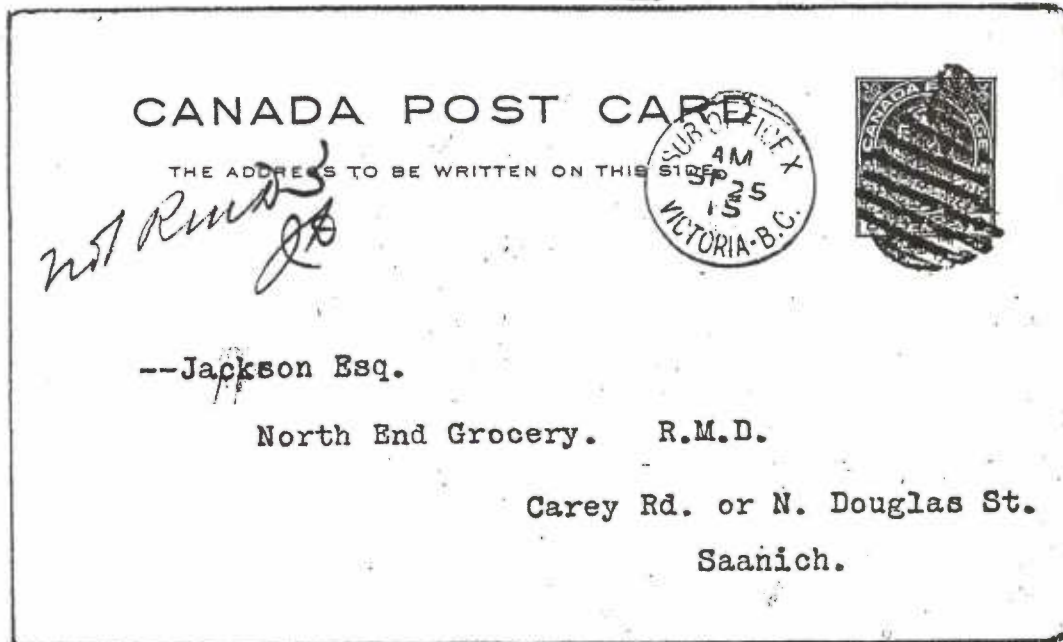
The *Canada Official Postal Guide* for August 1916 lists Victoria Sub-Office "X" as "Military Camp Nanaimo" and having closed 15th July. At about the same time "A military training camp (not a field office) has been opened about a half mile from Sidney B.C." and on November 1st 1916 the Willowpark Post Office was created as a sub-office of Victoria. Whether these events had any relationship to Victoria Sub-Office "X" is hard to say.

SUB-OFFICE X / AM / SP 25 / VICTORIA-B.C.
Back - MAYWOOD / SP 27 / 15 / B.C.

Victoria. 24th Sept. 1915.

Meeting of Saanich Central Ratepayers
Sayward
Asstn. will be held in 201 ~~Central~~ Building on
Monday 27th Sept. at 8 p.m.

R. Macnicol. Secy.



The *Post Office Transactions* for April 1918 show "Victoria Sub-Office X" post office as re-opening April 1st 1918 again with no details as to location or postmaster and the *Post Office Transactions* for February 1919 show the office as a Field Post Office and list the office as closing on January 15th 1919. No postal marking have been reported for this later period.

Canada Official Postal Guide - Post Office Transactions - April 1918 - List of Post Offices opened April, 1918.
Canada Official Postal Guide - Post Office Transactions - February 1919 - offices closed

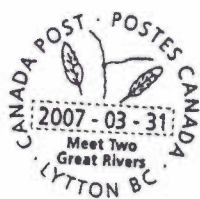
LIST OF POST OFFICES OPENED.

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Victoria Sub-Office x (re-opened)		Victoria B.C.	

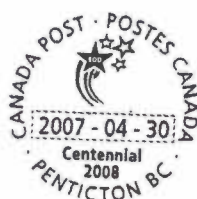
February, 1919

NOTE - The following Field Post Offices have been closed for the season.
Camp Borden County Simcoe, S.R. O. closed 6th January.
Camp Leaside County York, S.R. O. closed 19th January.
Victoria Sub-office "X" District Victoria City B.C. closed 15th January.

MORE PICTORIAL CANCELS



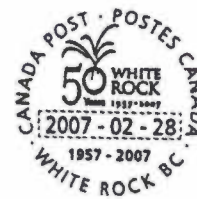
LYTTON POST OFFICE
618 MAIN ST
LYTTON BC V0K 1Z0



PENTICTON STN MAIN
56 INDUSTRIAL AVE
PENTICTON BC V2A 5M0



PRINCE GEORGE STATION A
1323 5TH AVE
PRINCE GEORGE BC V2L 3L0



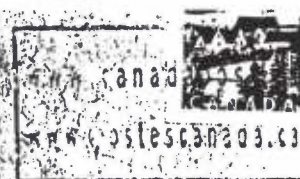
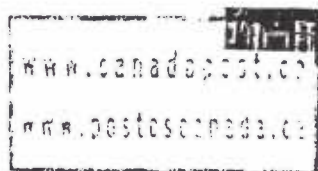
PEOPLE'S DRUG MART #119
HILLCREST POST OFFICE
1453 JOHNSTON RD
WHITE ROCK BC V4B 3Z0

RAPID CANCELLING MACHINES – an update

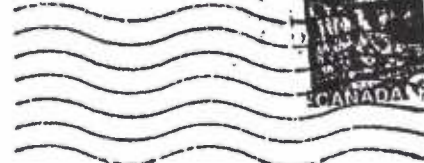
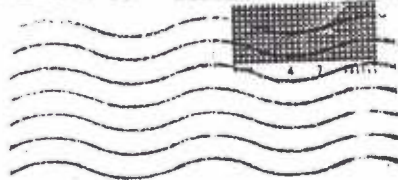
Updating earlier News Letters

Burns Lake - IPS 4900 – wide B C late 2005 03 05 / narrow BC early 2006 01 31

Damaged "B" reads "PURNS" – Machine number IPS 4900 #1313 – Hub ordered 2006 07 19

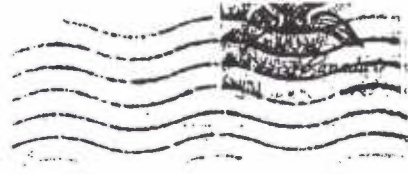


Winfield IPS HD2 – s- 5167 – B.C. late 2006 09 25 – to Sorrento / BC early 2007 05 11



Sorrento IPS HD 2- s- 5167 – early 2006 12 08 - ex Winfield

New hub ordered 2006 10 26 - \$185 US



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At the BNA exhibition in Calgary your editor, Bill Topping, was made an "Honorary Fellowship of The British North America Philatelic Society" for "Lifetime B.N.A. Philatelic Achievement". Bill is already a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London and the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada.

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