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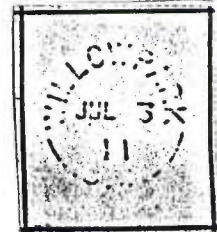
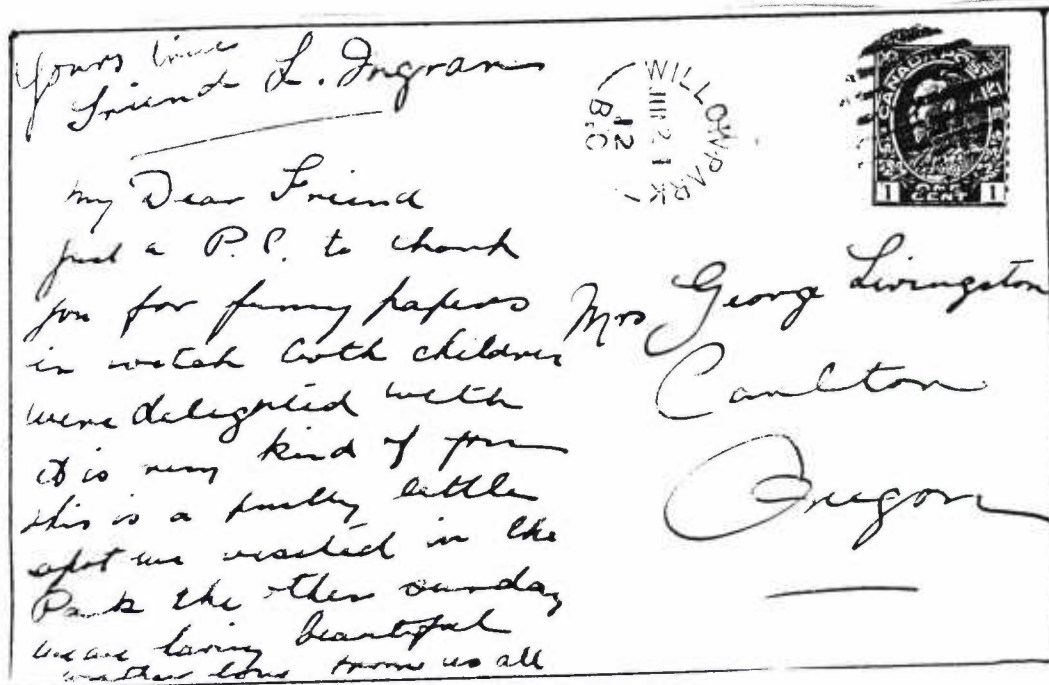
**WILLOWPARK - VICTORIA SUB.OFFICE X - PART 2**

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Dr, Brian Plain has produced a number of items that relate directly to the earlier study of the use of the Victoria Sub.office X cancellation. It would appear that since the mail was not being censored, that both the Willow Park Post Office and Victoria Sub X provided mail service to the soldiers stationed at Willowpark Military Camp.

Tourist post card mailed from Willowpark to Oregon.  
WILLOWPARK / JUN 21 / 12 / B.C.

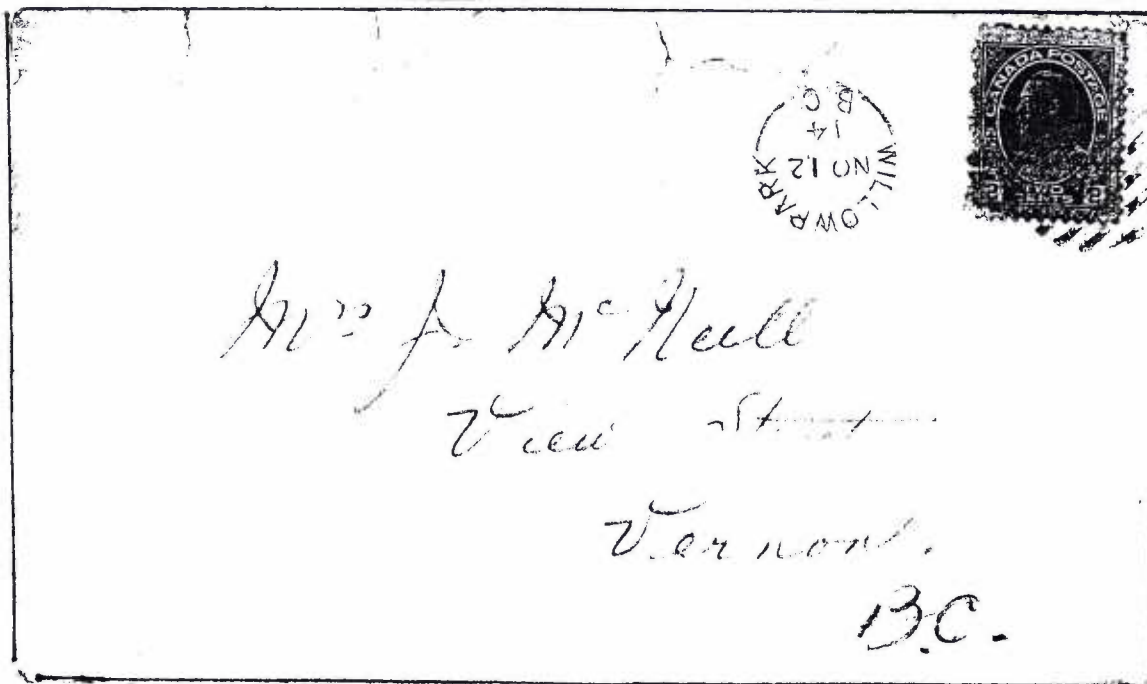
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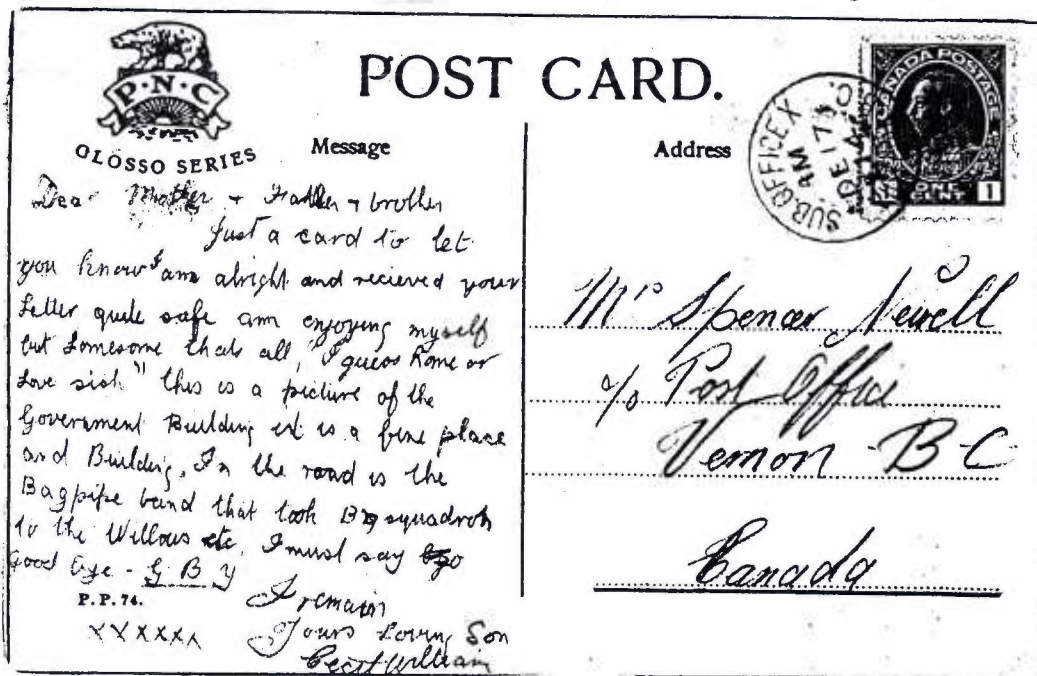
**WILLOWPARK - VICTORIA SUB.OFFICE X - 1914**

The Willowpark hamper was proofed JUL 3, 1911 and the office is listed in the *Canada Gazette* as opening August 1, 1911. It was located at 2405 Willows Road on the outskirts of Victoria to the north of Oak Bay with E.H. Rendell as postmaster. Initially the office served a civilian population, but following the takeover of Willowpark by the military in the fall of 1914 it served briefly as the camp post office until the Victoria Sub.office X Military Post Office opened in early December 1914.

Letter from Corp. John H. McNeill, 102<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, 30<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Willow Camp  
WILLOWPARK / NO 12 / 14 / B.C.



Postcard from William Jewell to his parents in Vernon mailed from Willows Camp (Victoria Sub.office X) December 17, 1914, a few days after the office opened.



WILLOWS CAMP - DECEMBER 1914

Postcard showing Willows Camp  
dated December 14, 1914

No postal markings

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1914. BC / MILITARY Willows Camp -  
Victoria, B.C.

**POST CARD**

▲ PLACE STAMP HERE ▲

CANADA

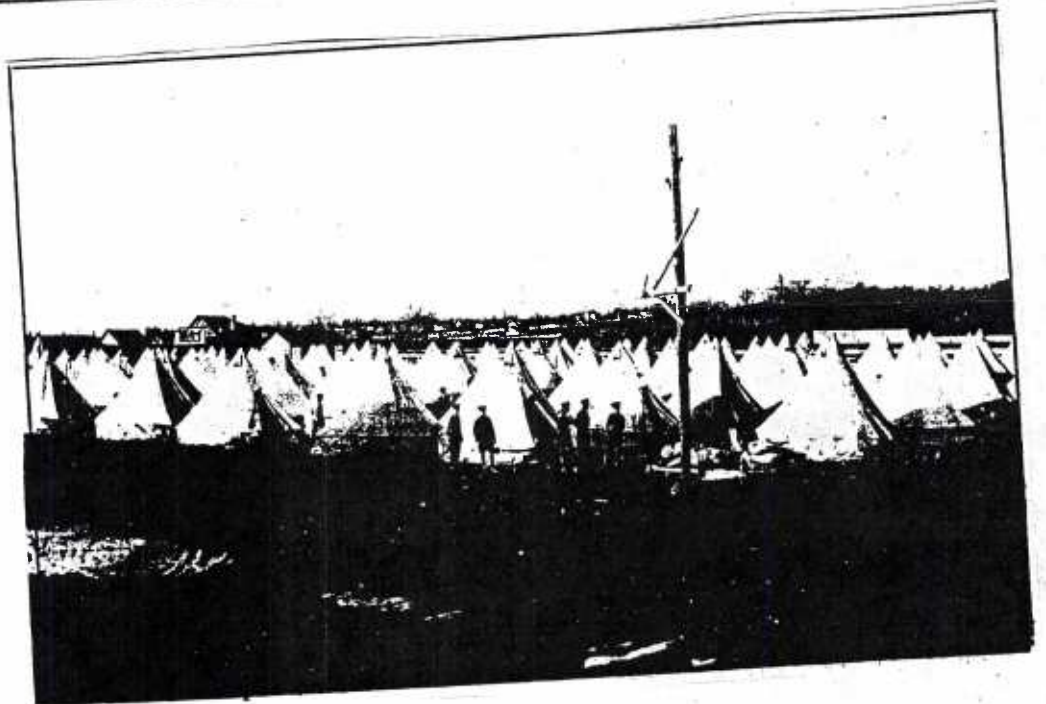
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**CORRESPONDENCE HERE**

This is our Camp. Mother  
There are 97 tents.  
The tents are pitched  
in a corner of the barracks  
some of the barracks buildings  
can be seen.

**NAME AND ADDRESS HERE**

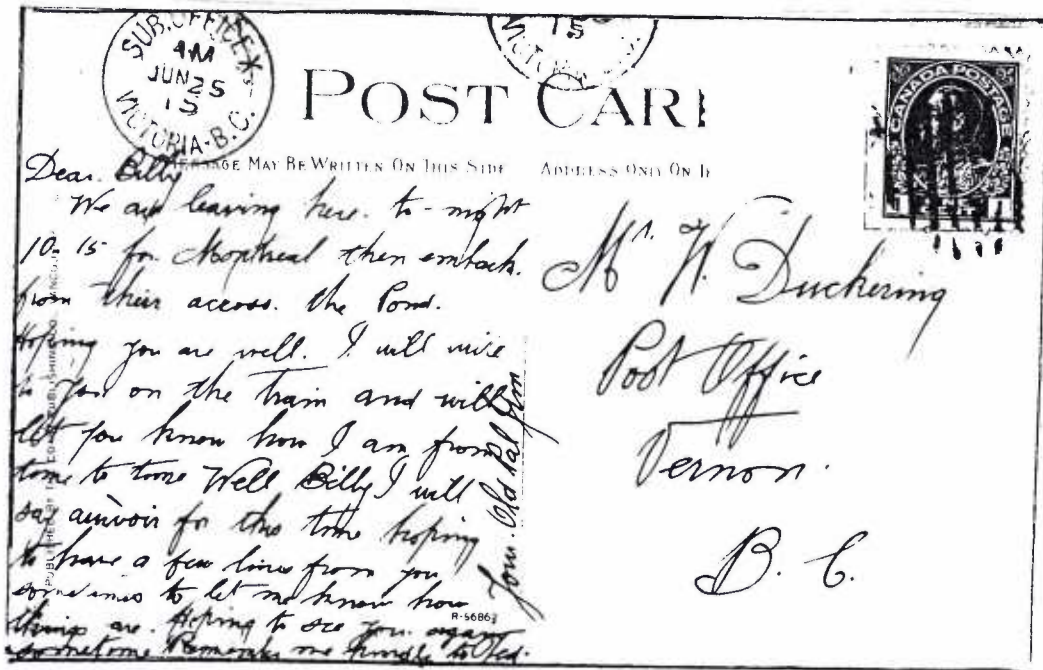
The big building you can  
see is a school.  
One of the tents <sup>marked</sup> is X. I  
think that is the tent I'm in. It  
had to tell the exact tent. but its  
just there, anyhow.  
Our tent is called The  
angels Post - nice name  
isn't it.



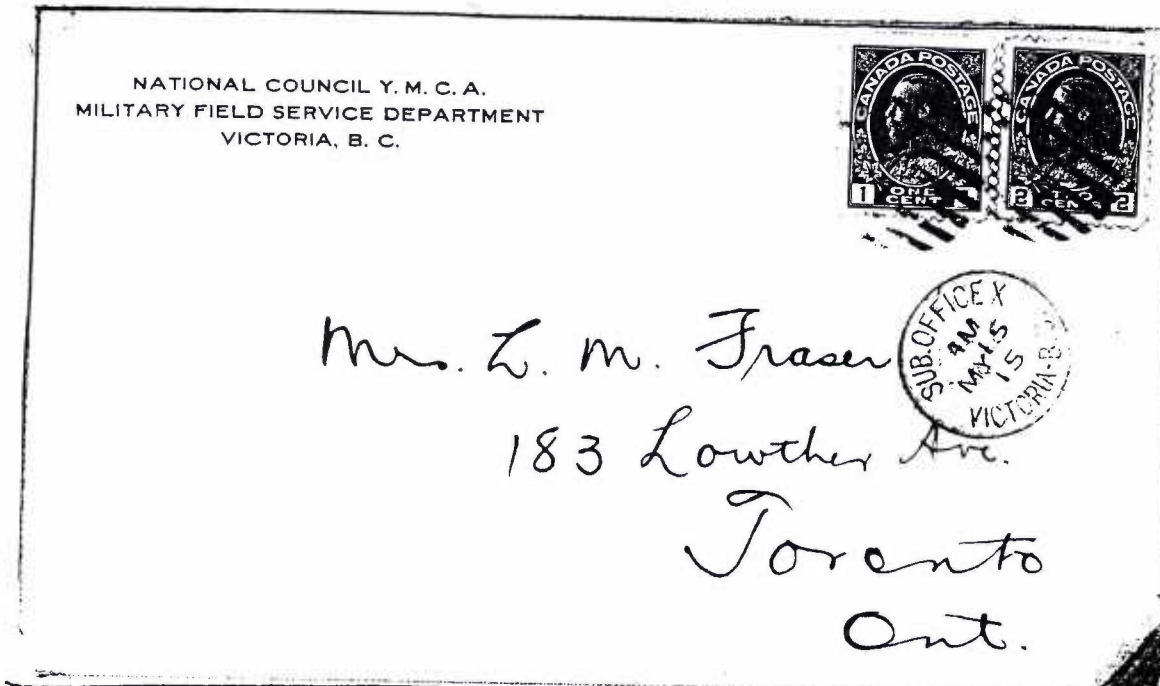


VICTORIA SUB.OFFICE X - 1915 - continued

Post card mailed at Victoria Sub.office X - June 25, 1915



Y.M.C.A, letter mailed at Victoria Sub.office X - May 15, 1915



## WILLOWS CAMP, VICTORIA – closing 1919

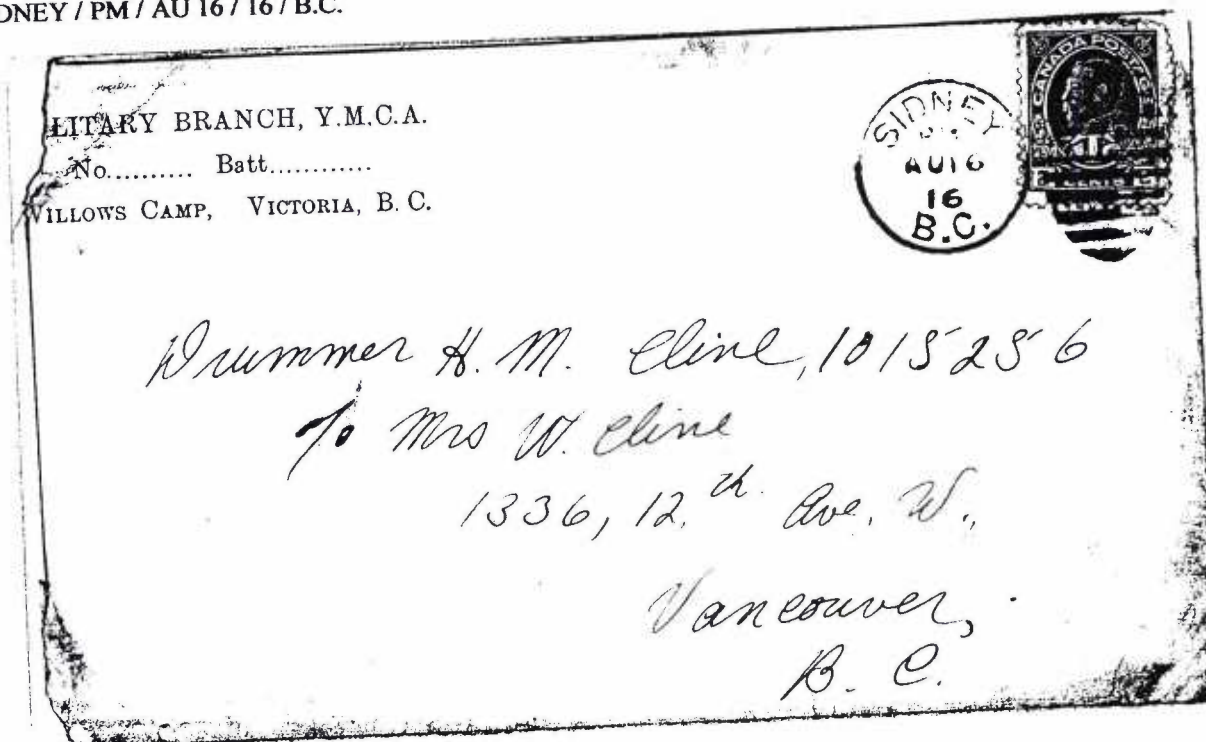
At the height of the First World War there appear to have been three military camps on southern Vancouver Island in addition to Esquimalt Naval Base; namely Willows Camp, Victoria; Nanaimo Internment Camp; and a military training camp at Sidney. *The Canada Official Postal Guide* and the *Canada Gazette* do little to clarify the postal system serving these three camps. The SUB.OFFICE X dater appears to have been used at the Willows Camp off and on from December 1914 until January 1919.

NANAIMO  
INTERNMENT CAMP  
APR 22 1915



The Postal Guide for August 1916 lists Victoria Sub.office X as closing July 16 and the location as "Military Camp Nanaimo." The September 1916 *Canada Gazette* lists a military training camp at Sidney but does not indicate if a post office there or not. The cover below would indicate that the mail from this camp was processed at Sidney, but could the Victoria Sub.office X hammer have been used briefly at one or the other of these camps when the Willows Camp (Victoria Sub.office X) post office was closed?

Y.M.C.A. envelope from Willows Camp mailed at Sidney  
SIDNEY / PM / AU 16 / 16 / B.C.



In November 1916 the Willowpark Post Office was changed to a Victoria Willow Park Sub Office and it was finally closed May 31 1943.

Unfortunately despite the outstanding work done by Bailey and Toop there are still many gaps in the postal records as relating to the movements of post offices during the First and Second World Wars.



*COUTTS Slogan Postmarks of Canada – Third Edition*, ISBN 978-0-9680225-2-8  
 Available from Cecil C. Coutts, 34820 McLeod Ave., Abbotsford, BC, V3G 1G0

This is a revised and updated version of the earlier 2002 edition of the *Slogan Postmarks of Canada* with 15 additional pages of listings, mainly the jet spray markings. For those who have not seen the earlier editions, the 15-page introductory section tracing the history of the slogan postmarks and the related cancelling equipment is a must for collectors of Canadian postal history.

**VIDEO JET SPRAY SLOGAN**

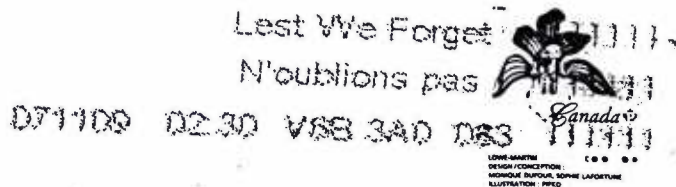
The Video Jet cancelling equipment presently in use on OCR 080, 081, 082, 083 and 084 is designed to store 24 different message lines. Each machine has eight different jet spray heads. As a result it is possible to have a number of different slogans running at the same time. During times of low mail volume all but one or two machines may operate, and each time a jet spray printer is reactivated the individual slogan lines are reprogrammed. As a result each time a machine is restarted a new set of slogans may appear. To add to the confusion jet spray heads B1, B2 and B3 may run an entirely different set of slogans than jet spray heads A1, A2, and A3. In the case of the “VIMY” slogan that was officially in use for a month, the “www” slogan was used at the same time on one or more machines for at least ten days during the period. Unless one is a purist is best to list the earliest and latest reported dates and ignore the fact that the basic slogan was in use at the same time. It should also be noted that as a result some slogans are much scarcer than the period of use would indicate.

**LEST WE FORGET – JSP slogans**

In recognition of Remembrance Day, Canada Post authorized the use of a jet spray canceller reading “Lest We Forget” in French and English. It appears the cancel was to be used from November 5 to 10, 2007, but as the CFC equipment can be programmed with 24 message lines there appears to have been some confusion. The Toshiba equipment (OCR 118) in Victoria used the slogan for the full week but in Vancouver OCR 080 also used the slogan for the full week. The other OCRs used it some days but not others, and OCR 081 appears to have not used it at all.

Victoria OCR 118 -  
 2007 11 08 to 10

Vancouver OCRs – 080, 081, 082, 083, 084 -  
 Coutts L-172 - 2007 11 05 to 10



*Lest We Forget* | | | | | | | | | |  
*N'oublions Pas* | | | | | | | | | |  
 071110 01:15 V8Z 4B0 118 | | | | | | | | | |

CHRISTMAS JSP SLOGANS - 2007

The "HOHOHO" slogan was used on the following OCR Jet Spray printers;


080, 081, 082, 083, 084, reported 2007 12 10 to 27

118 reported 2007 12 18 to 27

620, 621 reported 12 19 to 27

Kamloops also reactivated the "Fight Lung disease ..." slogan that has been used since 1989 (Coutts F-300)



071219 20:49 V6B 3A0 084 11111111  
Santa HOHOHO Père Noël 11111111  



Santa HOHOHO Père Noël 1111111111  
De Partout Jusqu'à vous 1111111111  
071222 01:30 V8Z 4B0 118 1111111111

071222 11:25 V6B 3A0 620 11111111  
Santa HOHOHO Père Noël 11111111  
www.canadapost.ca 11111111  
www.Postescanada.ca 11111111


Teachers' Associati  
3995 Hemming Driv  
aby, B.C. V5C 6P7

CENSUS 2006

Also for some strange reason the "Census 2006" slogan was used in error on October 2, 2007.

071003 22:37 V6B 3A0 087 11111111  
CENSUS 2006 RECENSEMENT 11111111  
canadapost.ca/postescanada.ca 11111111  


TEST PRINTING - OCR 118 - date line with OCR number at top

070226 00:20 V8Z 4B0 118 11111111  
TEST PRINTING MSG 24-JET 4 11111111  
TEST D'IMPRESSION 23-JET 3 11111111  
DATE: 2007-02-28 -JET 2 11111111  
TIME/HEURE: 00:20 -JET 1 11111111  




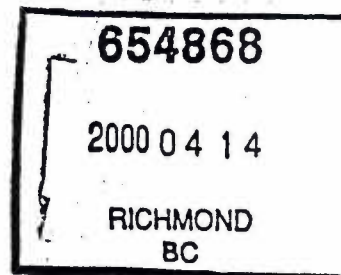
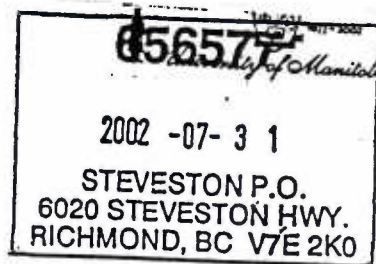
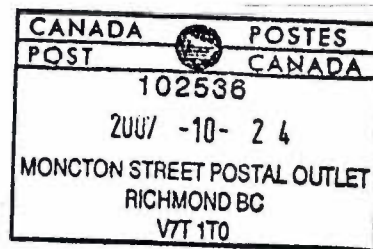
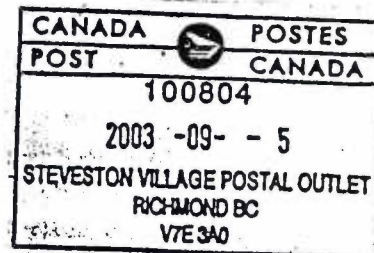
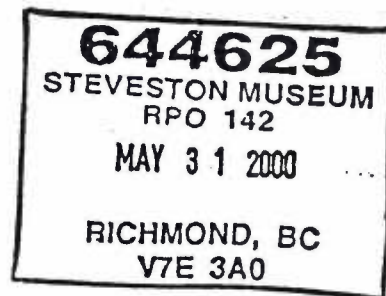
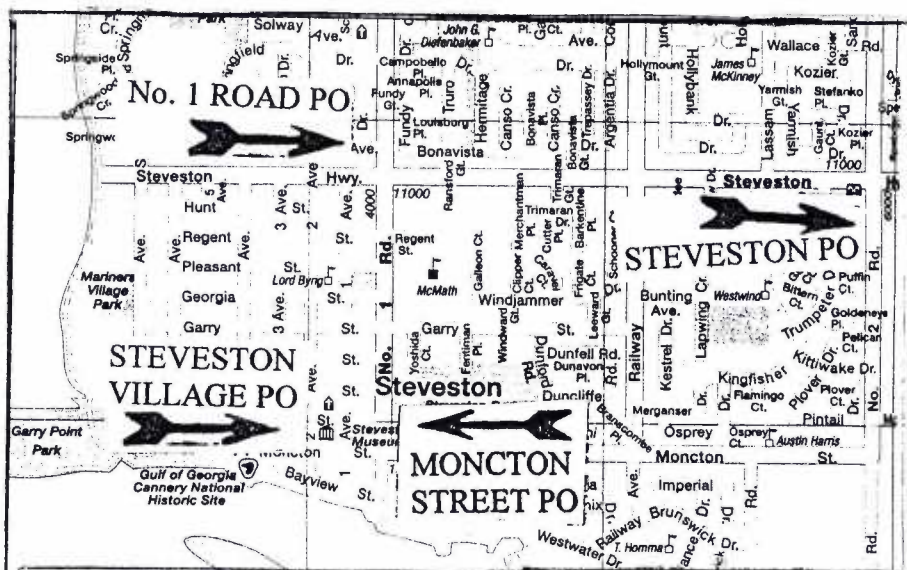
**WHERE IS STEVESTON?**

The present Steveston Village Post Office, formerly Steveston Museum (Sub 142), is located in the historic Bank of Commerce building located on Moncton Street at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue in the centre of the Steveston Village. The post office is operated by the Steveston Historical Society, and as a result of the rapidly increasing population the existing building has become too small to handle the postal needs of the area. During the past few years various suggestions have been made by Canada Post to solve the problem but renovations to the existing heritage building are not an option.

Eventually Canada Post decided the only solution was to open a new postal outlet, and the Super Grocery and Pharmacy, at 12051 No. 1 Road, a little over a block away from the existing post office, was selected. Initially the new office was to have been called Moncton Road but when it opened the name was corrected to Moncton Street Postal Outlet. The name Moncton has historic roots, as the Steves family, after whom Steveston is named, came from Moncton, New Brunswick.

Hopefully the selection of the name Moncton Street will not add to the confusion over where Steveston is located. The Steveston post office was established in 1890 and served the Steveston area until 1972 when it was replaced by Vancouver Sub. 142. In 1995 the name Steveston Museum was added to the designation and in 2003 the name was officially changed to Steveston Village Postal Outlet.

At the same time two other postal outlets were opened to serve the Steveston area. In 1989 the No. 1 Road Postal Outlet was opened at No. 1 Road and Steveston Highway, and two years later the Steveston Postal Outlet was opened at No. 2 Road and Steveston Highway. Fortunately the new office avoids the name Steveston but many local residents resent the downgrading of the Steveston Village Postal Outlet.



No. 1 Road Postal Outlet



## VANCOUVER-VICTORIA MONDAY MAILS

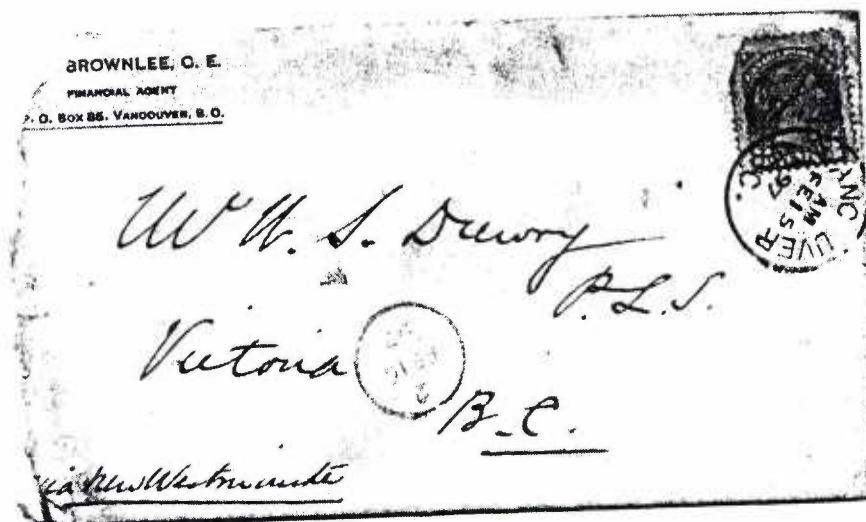
My recent purchase of this cover—mailed at Vancouver to Victoria on Monday morning, February 15, 1897—stimulated a bit of research. I wondered why the cover was endorsed "Via New Westminster." In February 1897, the Vancouver *Daily News-Advertiser* contained a Mail Time Table supplied by Vancouver Postmaster Miller that supplied my answer. Concerning Vancouver-Victoria mails, the table lists:

Mails Due		Mails Close
Daily 9 a.m. (Except Monday)	VICTORIA and PORT TOWNSEND	Daily 12:20 noon (Except Monday)
Mon. 12 noon	VICTORIA via NEW WESTMINSTER	Mon. 11:30 a.m.
Nil	VICTORIA via NANAIMO	Mon. 12:30 noon

There was no direct Vancouver-Victoria mail on Mondays. Note that letters posted in Vancouver on Monday mornings could proceed to Victoria via New Westminster (as my cover did), and those posted around noon could go via Nanaimo. The E&N Railway Co.'s *Joan* departed Vancouver daily except Friday for Nanaimo, leaving after arrival of CPR Train 1.

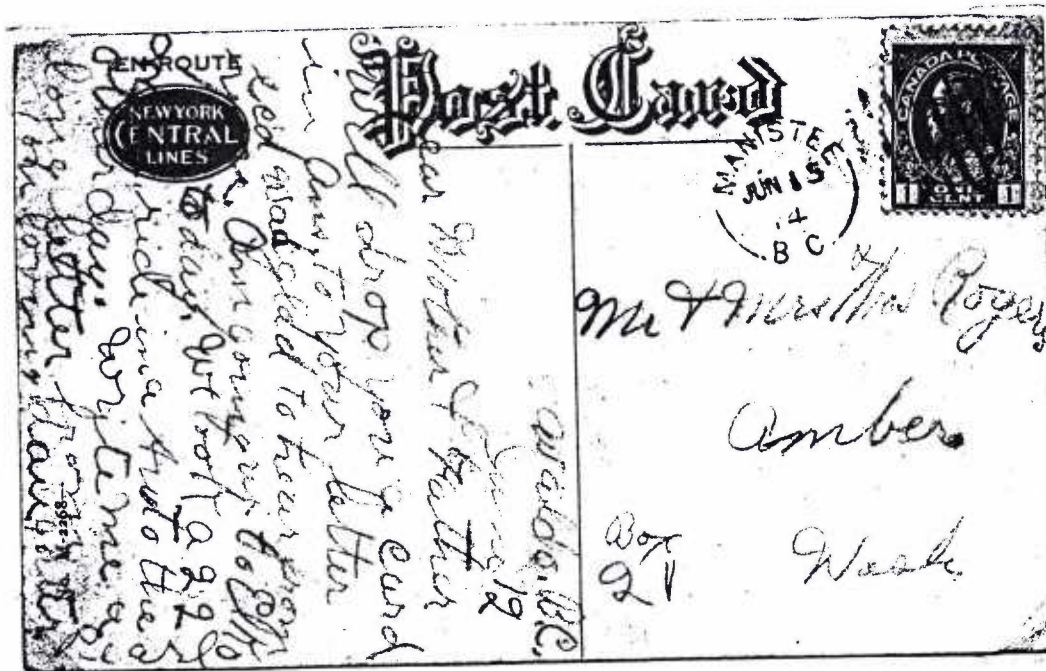
I next checked the timetables from 1887 for the major mail carrier, the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. Ltd.. In this period, service was daily except Monday between Victoria and Vancouver until the release of the November 15, 1900 timetable, when the service became daily (i.e., including Mondays). Over the years, steamers left Victoria early in the morning (e.g., 1 to 3 a.m.); in 1899, the departure time became 7 a.m. CPN steamers departed Victoria for Ladner's Landing, Lulu Island, and New Westminster three times per week, with one of those sailings being late Sunday, timed to meet eastbound CPR train 2 at New Westminster, and thus replacing the missing Victoria-Vancouver sailing. The return Monday trip from New Westminster to Victoria started early in the afternoon, after the arrival of CPR Train 1 (westbound). It was this sailing that brought my cover from Vancouver to Victoria.

My only other Monday cover mailed at Vancouver for Victoria was—as expected—mailed in the afternoon (it has a PM clearing postmark). I have no Sunday covers from Victoria to Vancouver. Most business mail entered the mail stream on the afternoons of work days (Monday through Saturday). Gray Scrimgeour



**Manistee** (Jan. 10, 1911 – July 1, 1915)

A lumber mill had been established at a location known as Galloway, approx. 6 miles NW of Elko by the Manistee Lumber Co. On January 10, 1911 a post office was opened in the lumber company's mill office under post master Peter Lund, probably for the convenience of both the company and its employees. In 1914 the Manistee Lumber Co. is sold to the A. McDonald Co. and on July 1, 1915 the name of the post office is changed back to the town's name of Galloway.



Split ring cancel dated June 15, 1914

Thanks to Peter Jacobi

**STOP THE PRESS**

Just as the News Letter was going to press I received a letter from the Vancouver-Heritage Club – the Vancouver sponsors of the HOH OHO Santa letter writing programme. The letter was in a nine by twelve postal stationery envelope imprinted with the Christmas Santa Clause stamp and the enclosed reply envelope was a standard number ten envelope imprinted with the 52 cent Christmas stamp depicting the leaping deer. Both envelopes were postmarked with different versions of the undated “NORTH POLE...” cancellation and had a “North Pole HOH OHO” return address. I do not know if the use was limited to Vancouver or whether the use was Canada wide but they are an interesting piece of postal stationery.



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