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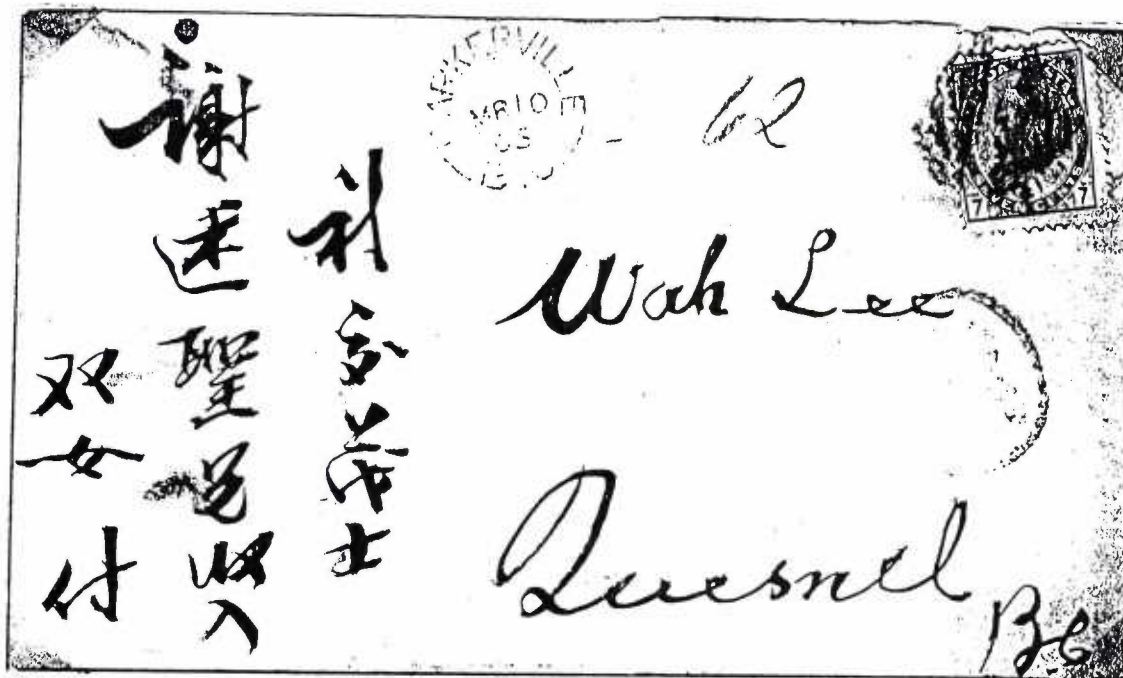
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ANOTHER WAH LEE COVER

Thanks to Peter Jacobi

Located 58 miles east of Quesnel, Barkerville is the only one of the early mining towns in the district to survive to the present. Its early stage growth was based on mining of placer gold by individuals or small groups of individuals. When the shallow surface deposits were all but mined out in the late 1870's, large companies came and mined the remaining gold with hydraulic methods. This lasted until about 1910. The third and last mining phase began when hardrock mining started in the early 30's and lasted until the mid 60's. Today Barkerville's economy is based on tourism.



Cover showing Barkerville Register with split-ring cancel dated March 10, 1905.
7 cent rate pays the 5 cent registration plus 2 cents surface letter rate.

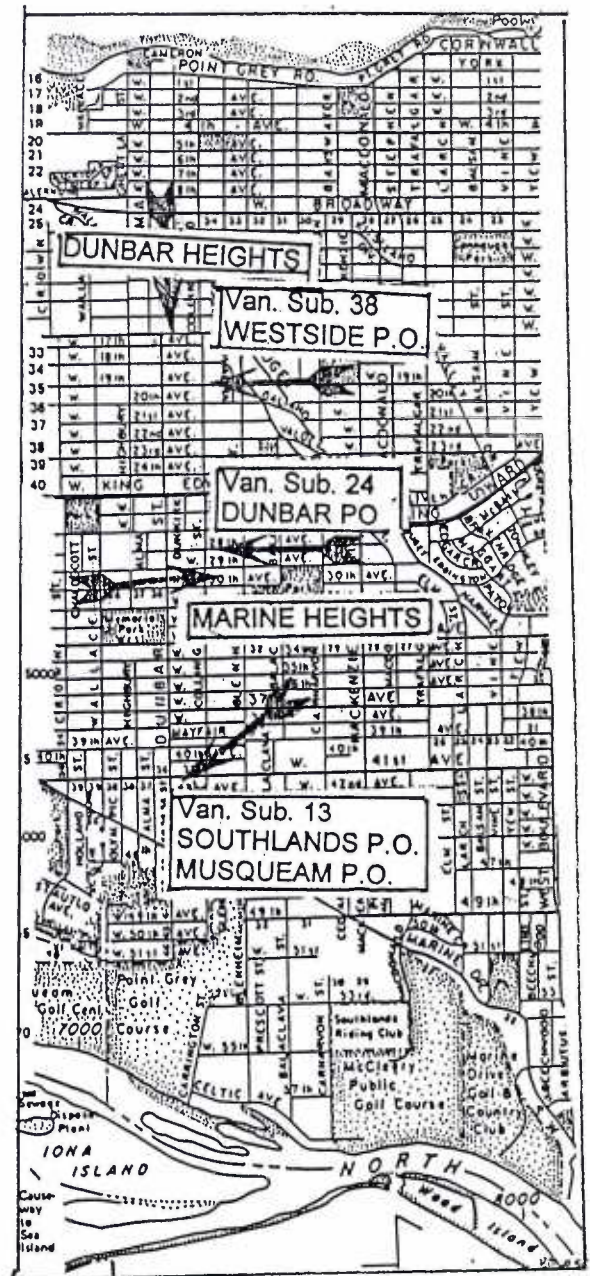
DUNBAR HEIGHTS – MARINE HEIGHTS

There is much confusion over the location of post offices serving Dunbar Street in Vancouver. On April 1, 1914 two post offices namely, Dunbar Heights and Marine Height, were established to serve people living along the newly opened Dunbar Street car line. At the time the single track Dunbar street car line left 10th Avenue at Crown Street going south to 16th, turning east to Dunbar Street and then south on Dunbar to 41st Avenue where it ended.

The Dunbar Heights post office opened at 3704 16th Avenue just west of Dunbar Street with W.R. Williams as postmaster. It was relocated an number of times on 16th Avenue and finally closed January 31 1922 as the office was “no longer required”. In 1927 Vancouver Sub 38 was established on Dunbar Street around the corner from the site of the original Dunbar Heights post office. Sub 38 closed briefly between 1962 and 1967 and in 2001 was upgraded to a Retail Postal Outlet located in the Dunbar Greetings shop as the Westside RPO located at 3458 Dunbar Street two blocks south of the original Dunbar Heights Post Office.

The Marine Heights post office presents more of a problem in that although the opening in April 1914 and closing in March 1918 are listed in the Post Office Transactions the office is not listed in the Canadian Official Guide for that period but is listed in the 1915 Henderson’s Vancouver City Directory as being on Dunbar Street between 29th and 30th Avenues. The Marine Height post office closed under Postmaster General’s Order 944, with the comment “no person willing”. In March 1923 Vancouver Sub 24 was opened a block north of the site of the former Marine Heights post office at 4426 Dunbar Street. In 1992 Sub 24 was upgraded and converted to a Franchise “A” under the name Dunbar Postal Outlet.

To further add to the confusion in 1926 Vancouver Sub 13 was opened at 5566 Dunbar Street at 41st Avenue. Sub 13 has been relocated on a number of occasions being on 41st Avenue on some occasions and on Dunbar Street at other times. In 1993 it was upgraded to a Gross Marketing Outlet and moved to the Stationary 2000 shop, its present location and in 1995 it was upgraded to a Postal Outlet and took the name of Southlands. PO. For political reasons the name was unacceptable and it was re-named Musqueam PO after the Musqueam Reserve located about a mile to the west.



MARINE HEIGHTS – Dunbar Street near 29th Avenue

Authorized – PMG64474- - 11 Feb. 1914
 Approved - 24 March 1914
 CDS proof - March 19 1914
 Established – 1 April 1914 – C.H. Cameron, PM



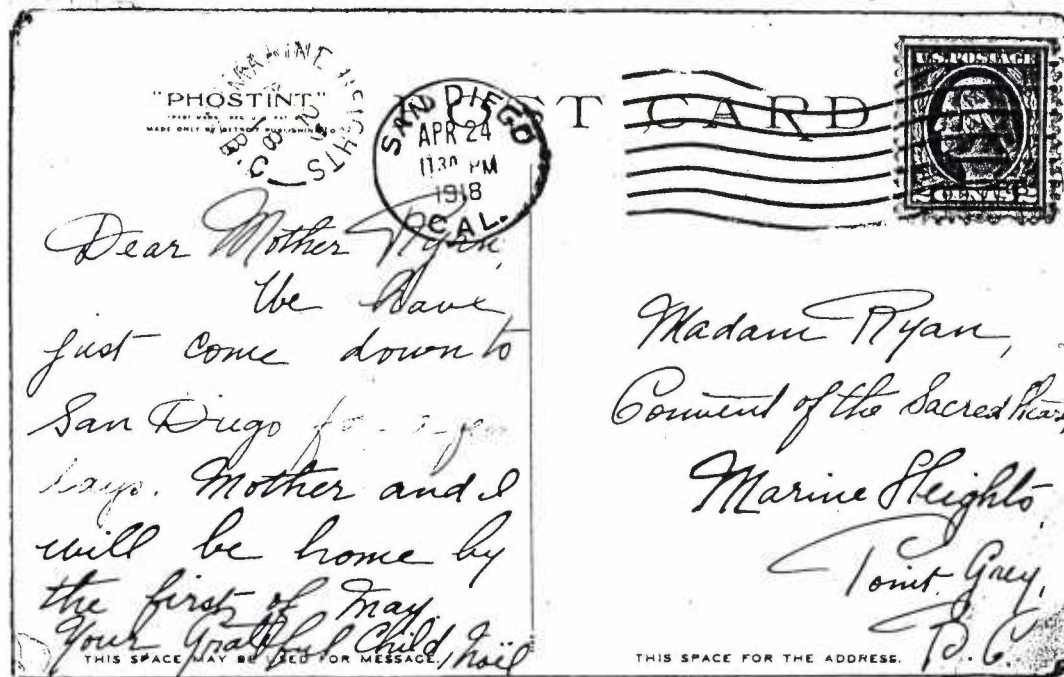
Postmasters

C.H. Cameron	1913 04 01	1916 01 03
J.B. Jordan	1916 04 01	1916 12 11
C.H. Cameron	1917 03 01	1917 09 27
Mrs. A. MacLean	1917 11 27	1918 04 12

Dunbar between 29 & 30 west side

Closed – Postal Guide (May 1918) – no date shown
 Authorized – PMG Report 944 – 24 April 1918
 Effective April 30, 1918 - "No person willing"

Post card mailed from San Diego to the Convent to the Sacred Heart
 At Marine Heights – received April 29, 1918 – last day of operation.

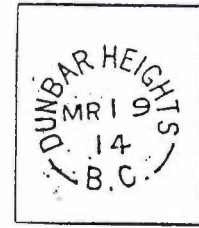


Face – SAN DIEGO / APR 24 / 11:30 PM / 1918 / CAL.
 MARINE HEIGHTS / AP 29 / 1918 / B. C.

There is some confusion over the exact closing date of the Marine Heights Post Office as no date is listed in the May 1918 Postal Guide but Vancouver record show it closed on April 30, 1918 as no person was willing to act as postmaster.

DUNBAR HEIGHTS – On 16th Avenue west of Dunbar Street

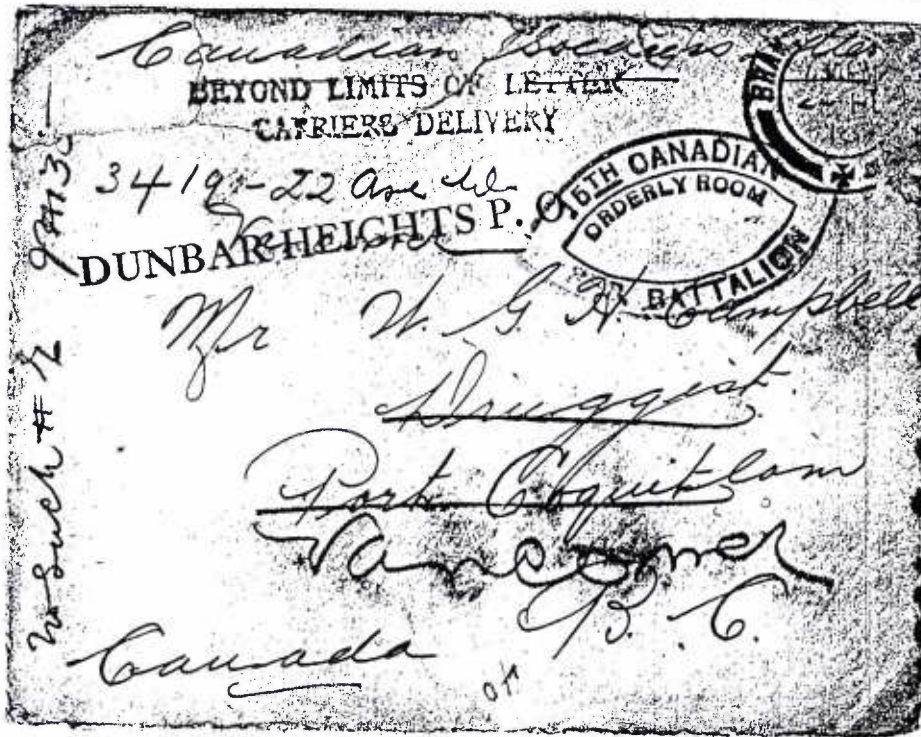
Authorized – PMG 64363 – 11 March 1914
 Approved – 24 March 1914
 Proof – March 19, 1914
 Established – 1 April 1914 – W.R. Williams , PM



Postmasters
 W.R. Williams 1914 04 01 3704 16th Avenue (west of Dunbar)
 J. Milgau 1916 1922 01 31 3630 16th Avenue

Closed – Postal Guide – February 1922
 Auth? 31st January 10, 1922 “no longer required”

Letter mailed from Bramshott, Harts to Mrs. G.H. Campbell at Port Coquitlam
 Forwarded by the Vancouver Post Office to Dunbar Heights P.O. for delivery.



Postal Markings 16th CANADIAN / ORDERLY ROOM / 8 BATTALION
 “Canadian Service Letter”
 BRAMSHOLT / 7:30 PM / 2 – FE / 18

Mailed to - “ Mr. W.G.H. Campbell / Druggist /
 Port Coquitlam / B.C. / Canada”
 Forwarded to “3419 – 22 Ave. W. / Vancouver”

Receiving back stamp PORT COQUITLAM / MR 23 / 18 / B.C
 “no such #2 – JM 135-“

Postal markings applied in Vancouver
 BEYOND LIMIT OF LETTER / CARRIER DELIVERY
 DUNBAR HEIGHTS P.O,
 DUNBAR HEIGHTS / MR 27 / B.C.

VANCOUVER SUB 13 -9823 & 647764

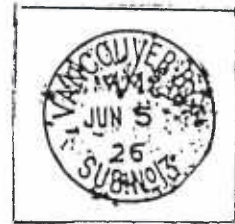
Accounting office

CDS proof June 5 1926

Proofs - MOOD undated: MOTO Nov 30, 1940: MOON Jan 28, 1952

Proofs registered - JU 1926 & MY 1952

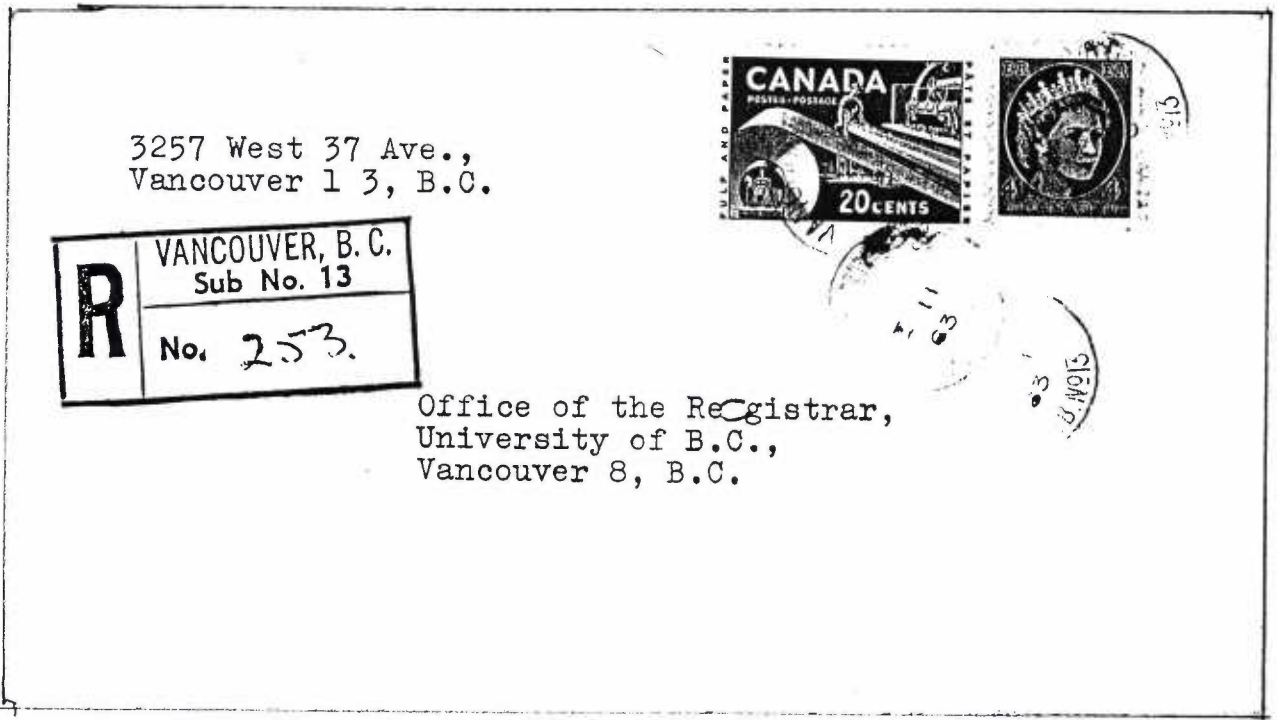
Established - 1926 06 14



Postmasters

G.T. Spears (acting)	1926 06 14	1928 03 28	3591 West 41 st Avenue
E.A. Cranston	1928 06 05	1929 03 29	
W.L. Ker	1929-05 02	1932 06 21	
Chas. Harkness	1932 11 23	1945 02 15	5566 Dunbar Street
C.H. Armstrong	1945 02 16	1946 10 01	
G. Sinclair	1946 10 01	1965 09 29	5566 Dunbar Street
	1962		5657 Dunbar Street
Edward S. Moran	1965 12 22	(1970+)	5657 Dunbar Street
Peoples Drug Mart	1979 06 19		3552 West 41 st Ave, V0N 1W0
Miss W. Poon	1982 10 19		3552 West 41 st Ave, V0N 1W0
		1993 02 19	3552 West 41 st Ave. V0N 1W0
Changed to Vancouver GMO 13 -		1995 02 19	

Registered letter from Vancouver Sub. No. 13 to U.B.C.
 Back - VANCOUVER, B.C. / I 11 / SUB No 13



VANCOUVER SUB OFFICES SERVING DUNBAR STREET

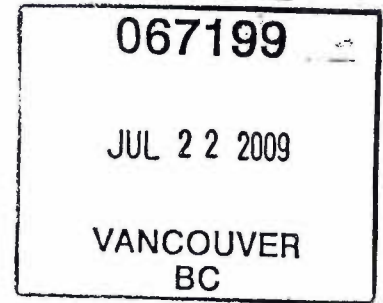
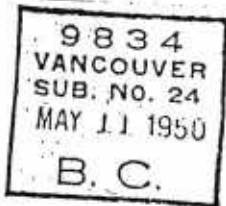
VANCOUVER SUB 24 – 9834 & 647861

Dunbar Street at 29th Avenue near location of **Marine Heights**

Established 1923 01 25

Dunbar Postal Outlet - converted 1992 06 10 # 067199

Present location – Shoppers Drug Mart
4326 Dunbar Street V6S 2G0



VANCOUVER SUB 13 – 9823 & 647764

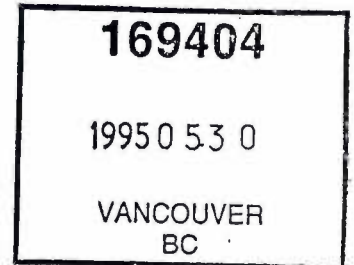
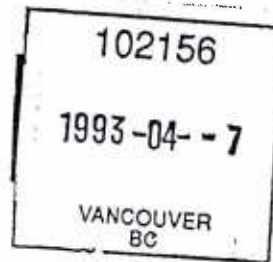
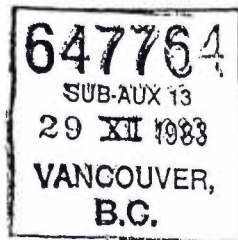
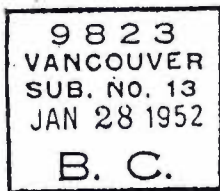
Established 1926 06 15 - at 41ST Avenue and Dunbar Street

VANCOUVER GMO 13 – upgrade 1993 02 19 # 102156

Southlands Postal Outlet – conversion 1995 02 28 # 169404

Musqueam Postal Outlet - re-named 1995 05 02 # 169404

Present location - Stationary 2000
3552 41st Avenue V6M 3E0



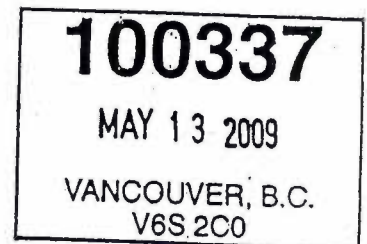
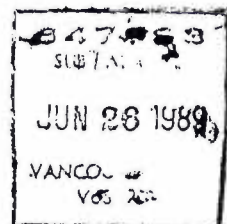
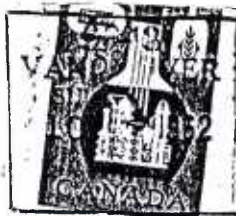
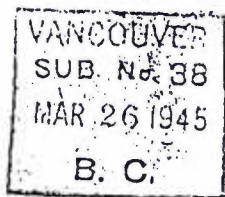
VANCOUVER SUB 38 – 9848 & 647993

Dunbar Street and 16th Avenue near location of **Dunbar Heights**

Established 1927 10 19 – closed 1962 03 01 to 1967 08 31

Westside Postal Outlet - Upgraded 2002 11 12 # 100337

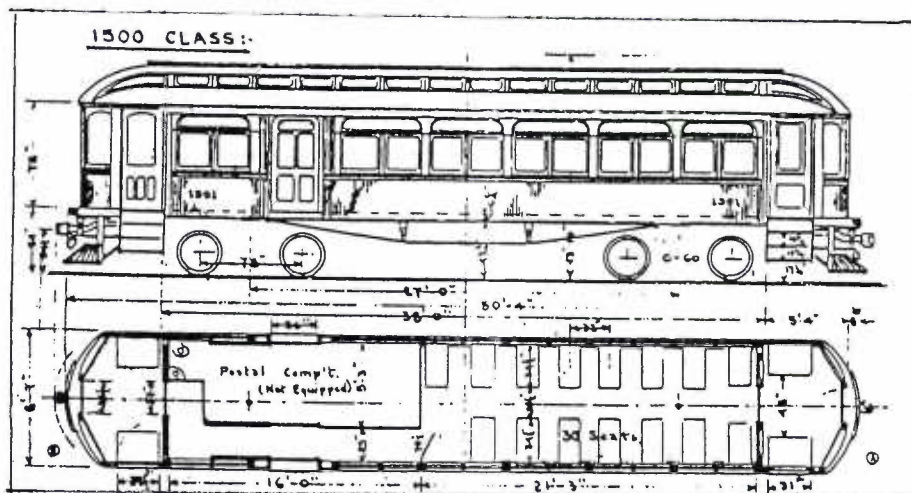
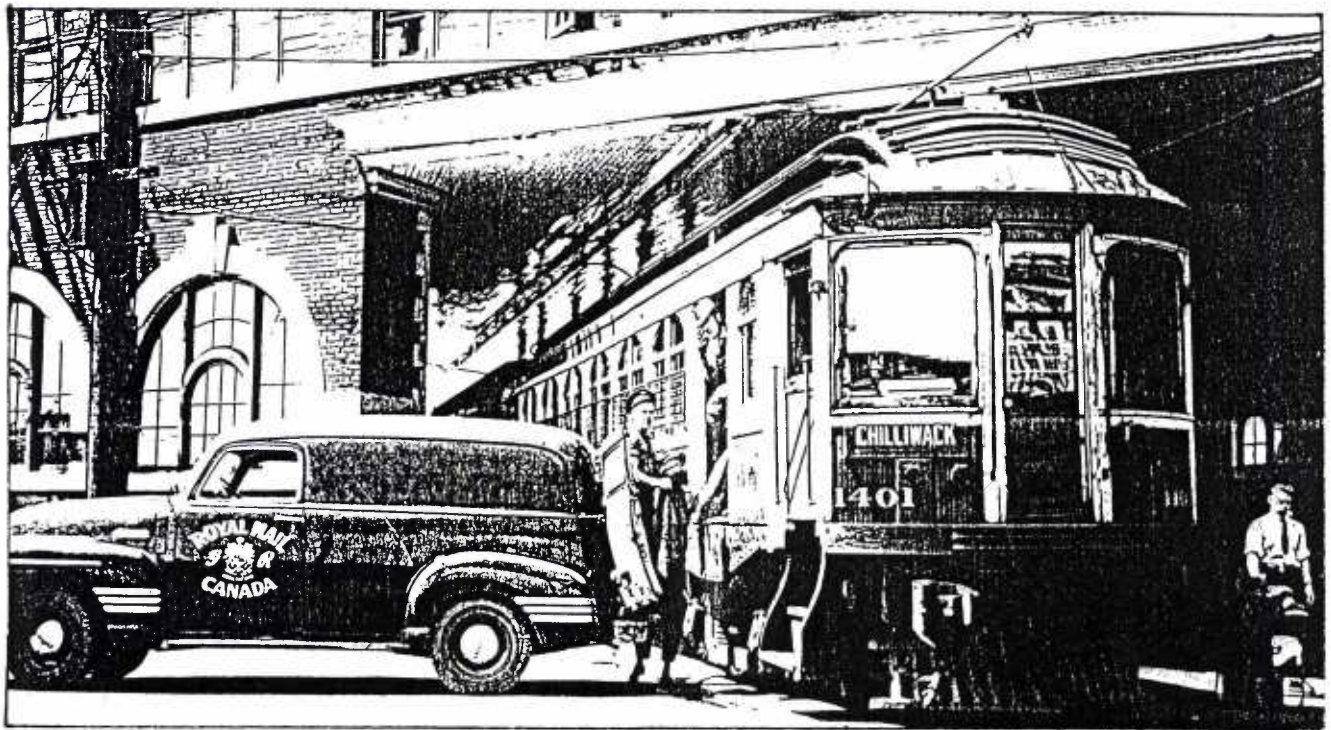
Present Location - Dunbar Gifts
3456 Dunbar Street



B.C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE

Prior to the completion of the C.P.R. to New Westminster in 1887 mail for settlements along the Lower Fraser River was transported by paddle wheel steamer or occasionally by stagecoach using the Yale road. Following the completion of the of the C.P.R. mail for the north side of the river was transported by railway mail car while the mail for the south side continued to be transported by riverboat. The completion of the Mission Bridge in 1891 and the Fraser River Bridge at New Westminster in 1904 made minor changes but it was not until the completion of the British Columbia Electric Railway from New Westminster to Chilliwack in 1910 that settlements of the south side if the Fraser River had a regular mail service. It should be noted that prior to 1910 the C.P.R. steamboat the *Beaver* and the Royal City Navigation Company Limited's the *Paystreak* provided limited service on alternate days from New Westminster to Chilliwack.

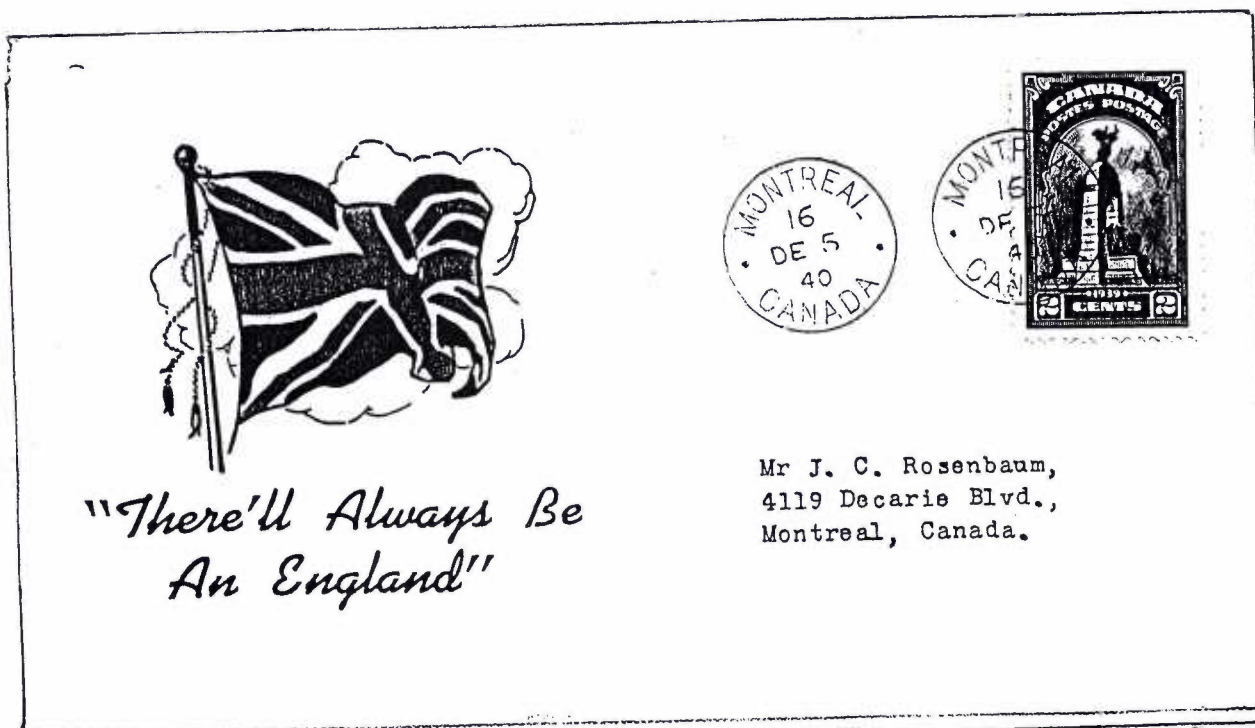
In the fall of 1910 the British Columbia Electric Railway was completed from New Westminster to Chilliwack and it was officially opened on October 2. In preparation for the obtaining of the mail contract the BCER had built two interurban cars with secure mail compartments (cars 1500 & 1501) and at the same time two almost identical cars (cars 1400 & 1401) with secure baggage compartments. The four cars are easily identifiable as there are two doors at the front, one for the motorman and the other serving the secure mail / baggage compartment. All four interurban cars were used to carry mail and were used in the Fraser Valley or on Lulu Island, and later in Victoria. The photo below shows a post office truck loading mail for Chilliwack into interurban car 1401 at the New Westminster on June 10, 1949



WALTER PURKIS – PART 2

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In 2006 Cec Coutts raised the question of the number of war time pictorial covers produced by Walter Purkis. Since then a considerable amount of new information has come to light and a number of new covers have been reported. The most interesting item is a four page vintage Xerox, probably produced in 1942, and showing over 80 wartime pictorial covers plus an equal number of US covers. No indication of the source of the list is provided but it appears to be part of an order sheet produced in the United States. It should be noted that none of the covers illustrated by Cec in the News Letter are illustrated on the sheets. (more covers will be illustrated in the next News Letter)



FOR
WORLD
FREEDOM



CALGARY
EXHIBITION
STAMPED
JUL 1 1944



Walter Purkis
6079 West Boulevard
Vancouver



No. 43



No. 44



No. 45



No. 46



No. 47

* R E M E M B E R !
* PEARL HARBOR!
* BUY DEFENSE BONDS *
* FOR VICTORY *



No. 48

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR
BUY U.S. BONDS & STAMPS



No. 49



No. 50



No. 51



No. 52



No. 53



No. 54



No. 55
55a-no frame



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("For" breaks for line)



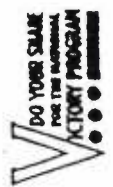
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No. 63



No. 64



No. 65

UNITY for
VICTORY

No. 66



No. 67



No. 68

68a-"VICTORY" in white 69a-Outline built-
letters-solid ground, flags-solid letters



No. 69



No. 71

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No. 73

No. 74

CANADIAN



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No. 5



No. 6



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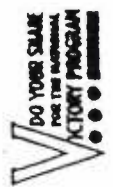
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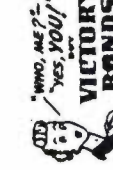
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VL 6



VL 7



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BUY VICTORY BONDS 25	DO YOUR PART BUY <i>War Bonds</i> BONDS 26	PALMO LIVE SOAP BUY BONDS FOR VICTORY 27	BUY 1942 HONG KONG BOMBS 28
BUY VICTORY BONDS 29	"THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND" 30	"THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND" 31	"THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND" 32
V 33	V 34	V 35	V 36
V 37	V for Victory 38	V FOR VICTORY 39	V FOR VICTORY 40
For VICTORY 41	FOR VICTORY 42	For Victory 43	FOR VICTORY 44
FOR VICTORY 45	FOR VICTORY PLAN V TO PRODUCE MORE 46	NATIONAL WAR APPEAL 47	THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC 48
BUY CANADIAN There's a War to Win 49	BUY BRITISH WHO HAS TO BE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTS 50	NATIONAL WAR APPEAL 51	TO SPEED VICTORY 52
Our Staff Have Pledged 100% 53	Buy Wisely Conserve! 54	CONSERVE TIRES AND GAS BUY A WEEKLY PASS 55	Overseas \$1.00 SENDS 300 BRITISH CONSOLS 56
COOL UNDER FIRE EXPORT CIGARETTES 57	WINGS for NORWAY 58	NORWAY STILL FIGHTS! AT HOME, AT SEA, & IN THE AIR 59	60

Help Finish the Job! BUY VICTORY BONDS 1941 VL 4 E	"COME ON CANADA!" BUY VICTORY BONDS VL 8 E	Achetez des obligations de la Victoire VL 8 F	"GIVE US THE TOOLS" Buy WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES VL 8 F	SERVEZ par vos efforts Achetez des CERTIFICATS D'EPARGNE VL 8 F	RASSEMBLEZ NOUS COMME TOUS AU FRONT Achetez des CERTIFICATS D'EPARGNE DE GUERRE VL 8 F	SERVE by SAVING 16	BUY WAR SAVING CERTIFICATES 20	HAVE FUN IN DOMINION OF CANADA BUY WAR BONDS 24
Lead us into the Future Buy VICTORY BONDS VL 3 E	"COME ON CANADA!" BUY VICTORY BONDS VL 7 E	Achetez des obligations de la Victoire VL 7 F	WIN the WAR Buy WAR SAVINGS STAMPS 3	Achetez des CERTIFICATS D'EPARGNE DE GUERRE 7	RASSEMBLEZ NOS SOLDATS Achetez des CERTIFICATS D'EPARGNE DE GUERRE 11	SERVE by SAVING 16	MAKE SURE YOU BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES 19	PALMO LIVE SOAP BUY A WAR STAMP MADE WITH OLIVE OIL 23
WHO, ME? "YES, YOU!" BUY VICTORY BONDS VL 6 E	RESERVED VL 6 F	RESERVED VL 6 F	You SERVE by SAVING Buy WAR SAVINGS STAMPS 2	THIS TIME WE ARE ALL IN THE FRONT LINE Buy WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES 6	LES BRAVES Achetez des CERTIFICATS D'EPARGNE DE GUERRE 10	WIN THE WAR Buy WAR SAVINGS STAMPS 14	CANADA NEEDS YOUR SAVINGS Confédération Life TORONTO 1 18	Save and Submit BUY WAR BONDS 22
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