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KINGSVILLE – NEW REPORT – thanks to Pete Jacobie

Kingsville was named after M.B. King and opened June 15, 1906 and was located between Cranbrook and Sirdar Section of the CPR southern line. It closed April 19, 1907.



← Face -
KINGSVILLE
NO / 06 / B.C.

It would appear that the Kingsville post office served a small box factory briefly providing boxes for the Creston valley.

MEETING OF BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAL HISTORY STUDY GROUP

BNAPS – VICTORIA – Friday September 3 – 10:00 AM – Kensington Room
Topic – West Coast ship way mail – Bill Topping Chairman

CPR Time Table No 13 Oct. 15, 1906 – Sirdar Section - thanks to Alex Price.
 Note hand written note between Aldridge and Tochtly “mile 27.0 Kings box Spur – Kingsville”
 The June 14, 1908 shows “Kingtank” as a watering stop but is not in the May 2, 1909 timetable.

TIME TABLE No. 13. OCT. 15th. 1906.

WESTBOUND TRAINS INFERIOR DIRECTION				SIRDAR SECTION		EASTBOUND TRAINS SUPERIOR DIRECTION	
THIRD CLASS	FIRST CLASS	FIRST CLASS	Miles from Cranbrook	STATIONS	Telegraph calls	FIRST CLASS	FIRST CLASS
81	7	5				6	8
FREIGHT	PSG'R	PSG'R				PSG'R	PSG'R
1 Daily	1 Daily	1 Daily				1 Daily	1 Daily
3.00		10.25	0 D N	Cranbrook	W C K	15.30	
3.30		11.01	5.4	Loco		15.17	
3.45		11.02	9.6	Swansea		15.07	
4.00		11.04	14.2	Cline	W	14.51	
4.35		11.20	19.9	Moyle	M Q	14.35	
4.45		11.26	21.9	Aldridge		14.28	
5.15		11.43	31.3	Tochtly		14.09	
5.40		11.53	35.1	Ryan	S M	13.56	
6.05		12.05	40.8	Yahk	W	13.42	
6.12		12.09	42.6	Carzon	C U	13.39	
6.45		12.21	45.9	Goatfell		13.28	
7.15		12.51	55.4	Kitchener	W S G	12.51	
7.40		13.10	62.1	McNeillie		12.26	
7.55		13.16	64.4	Erickson		12.13	
8.15		13.23	67.5	Creston	W B R	12.04	
8.45		13.33	72.0	Wilkes		11.50	
9.15	10.30	13.50	79.8	Sirdar	W B V	11.31	14.30
	10.35	13.55	81.4	Sirdar Jet.		11.25	14.25
	10.40	11.00	81.0	Kootenay Idg.	K	11.20	14.20

Handwritten notes:
 - Between Aldridge and Tochtly: "mile 27.0 Kings box Spur – Kingsville"
 - Between Carzon and Goatfell: "Carzon Jet with Carzon Branch"
 - Between Sirdar and Kootenay Idg.: "Sirdar Jet with K. R. & N. Ry."
 - Between Tochtly and Ryan: "Kingsville"
 - Between Carzon and Goatfell: "Kingsville"

CANADA GAZETTE - July 1, 1908 – Post Offices Established

THE FOLLOWING NEW POST OFFICES WERE ESTABLISHED IN CANADA ON THE 1st JULY, 1906.

NAME OF POST OFFICE.	TOWNSHIP OR PARISH.	ELECTORAL COUNTY AND PROVINCE OR TERRITORY.	POSTMASTER.
Fish Creek	Sec. 18, Tp. 42A, R. 1, W. 3rd M.	Humboldt Sask.	Joseph Branconier.
Fort George		Yale-Cariboo B.C.	John H. Reid.
Geysir (re-opened 8th July, '05)		Selkirk M.	Paul Holdorsson.
Green Harbor (re-opened)	Shelburne	Shelburne & Qucon's N.S.	Thomas Ross Enslow.
Kensington Prairie		New Westminster B.C.	T. J. Woods.
Kingsville (opened 15th June)		Kootenay B.C.	M. B. King.
Lobothal (opened 15th June)	Sec. 20, Tp. 19, R. 10, W. 3rd M.	Assiniboia West Sask.	Peter K. Funk.

CANADA GAZETTE - May 1, 1907 – Offices Closed

OFFICES CLOSED.

Chickney	County of Qu'Appelle, Sask.	Closed 30th April, 1907.
Harwood	Vaudreuil, Q.	Closed 1st May, 1907.
Kingsville	Kootenay, B.C.	Closed 19th April, 1907.
Millbrook	Selkirk, M.	Closed 22nd April, 1907.
Montigny	Labelle, Q.	Closed 25th April, 1907.
Montmartre	Qu'Appelle, Sask.	Closed 13th April, 1907.
Somenos	Nanaimo, B.C.	Closed 11th April, 1907.

Van-Fraser News – April 2010

Olympics In The Lobby—A Gold Stamp

To help celebrate the 2010 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Canada Post created a series of unique cancellations featuring various events and locations. The cancellations proved to be a real attraction as noted below.

Visitors, athletes and Canadians created constant traffic in the lobby of the Main Post Office in Downtown Vancouver during the recent Olympic Games—to buy their stamps, cards and other retail items. But a surprise was in store! A big attraction were the 24 unique Olympic Cancellation stamps—one for each winter sport. The table was manned daily by volunteers from the Van-Fraser Heritage Club supervised by Bill Bartlett and Ruby Regts, Manager Retail Support. We me Latvians, Poles, Russians, Serbs, Americans, Italians, Swiss, Swedes and many others—even classes of school children and numerous stamp dealers, all happily stamping the unique Olympic Cancellations onto their mail, t-shirts, on shopping bags and even a passport or two. The Postmistress of Rolling Hills, Alberta and Postmasters from Saskatchewan and Ontario came by also. It was extremely busy, it was fun and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I was pleased to take part in it.

*Patricia Treadwell
Van-Fraser Heritage Club*



Jim and Diane Bain at the Olympic Cancellation Table.

In addition to the 24 cancellations for the Winter Olympics there were 11 created for the Paralympic Winter Games. Vancouver Stn D also had a number of these cancellations available.



PRINCE RUPERT

Daily News

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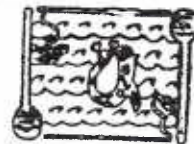
THURSDAY • JANUARY 28, 2010



MIKE ARCHER PHOTO

GETTING INTO THE OLYMPIC SWING: Canada Post employees John DeBil and Linda Abballe along with Mayor Jack Mussallem display a framed version of specially-designed Olympic stamp markings. The design of each cancellation bears a community's name. In the next few weeks, stamp collectors will have an opportunity to collect all 21 cancels bearing the names of 21 communities across B.C. and Yukon. The stamp cancellation marking was unveiled at the post office on Thursday morning.

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 Japan 2009 WEST VAN CANCEL



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PRINCE RUPERT
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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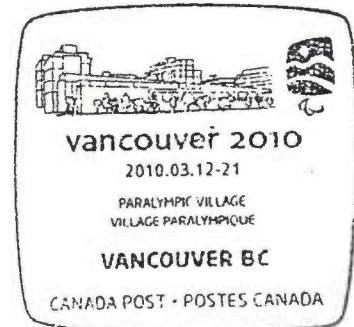
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BILL, AS PER REQUEST "73 OLYMPIC CANCELAATIONS
PRINCE RUPERT.

1 CANCEL WAS ISSUED TO MAIN OFFICE COUNTER
FOR C.T.O. USE UPON REQUEST. WHILE A
PRESENTATION TO LOCAL MAYOR OF CANCELLED COVERS
WAS PLACED IN LOCAL PAPER (ENCLOSED) JAN 28, PUBLIC
ACCESS WAS HELD BACK TO OFFICIAL OLYMPIC OPENING.
ENCLOSED COPY OF LOCAL CANCEL, AS TO LAST DAY
OF USE, THE CANCEL WAS NO LONGER AT FRONT
COUNTER AS OF JUNE 2., AND IT WAS UNCLER IF
IT WAS DESTROYED OR STILL AVAILBLE THROUGH
POSTMASTER TO VERIFY LAST DAY OF USE ON
CANCELLOR.

I AM LEAVING THIS ENVELOPE OPEN, FOR ANY
INPUT FROM LOCAL POSTMASTER AS TO INFORMATION
ON LAST DAY OF USE, OR IF STILL HERE, AN
IMPRESSION OF THE CANCELLOR WITH LAST DAY USED.
FOR POSTAL HISTORY RECORDS.

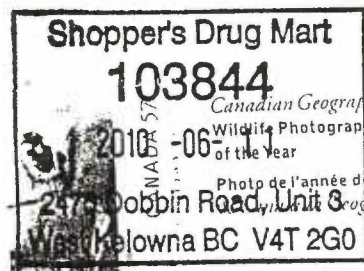
THX BARRY DREES.



WESTBANK Postal Outlet 112879
Located in Pharmasave

Re named and re located to
WEST KELOWNA Postal Outlet
103844

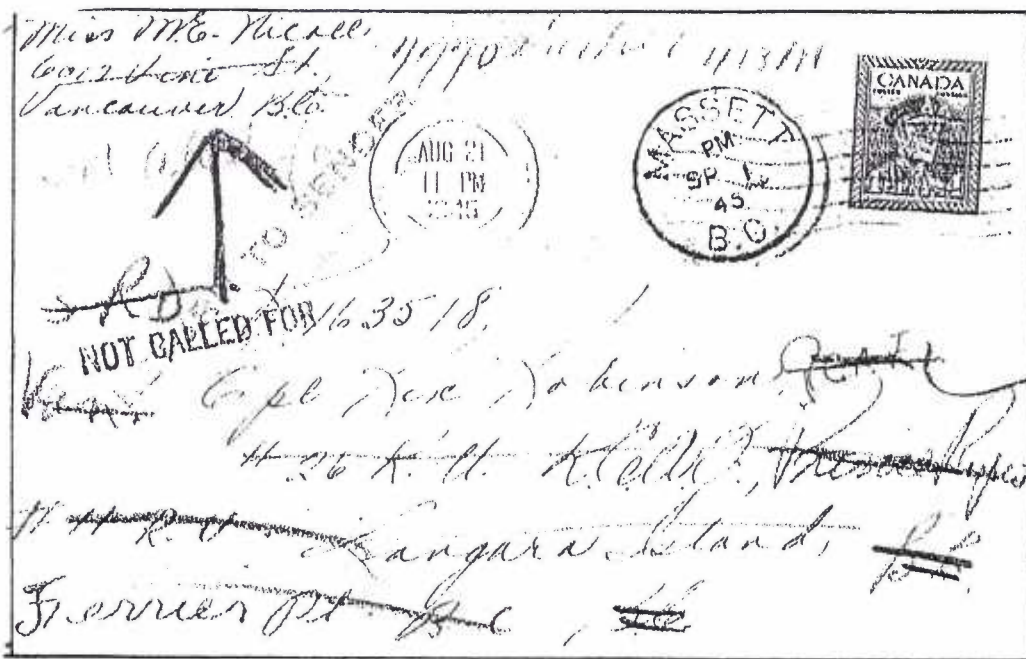
Located in Shopper's Drug Mart
Unit 8 2475 Dobbin Road



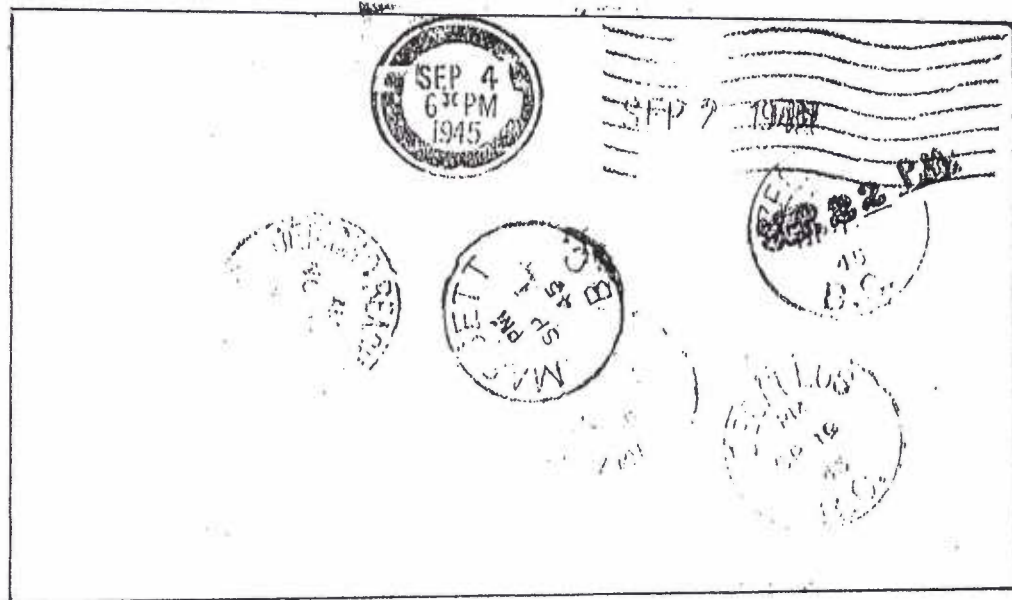
Olympic Date Stamps

Add to list
(see last NewsLetter)

Whitehorse TY
Dawson YT



What was
#26, #11 R.U.
R.C.A.F.?



Prince Rupert
Sep 4 1945 – last
reported blackout
in Canada

Postal markings:

- Aug 21, 1945 mailed at Vancouver – blackout Hub 9 inverted.
- Addressee at #26 R.U. R.C.A.F, Langara Island - north end of Queen Charlotte Island – no post office.
- Sept 1 and 2 at Massett – nearest office to Langara Island.
- Readdressed to #11 R.U. Ferrier Point – no post office – near Zeballos.
- Sept 4 passed through Prince Rupert – blackout machine cancel.
- Sept 19 and 22 at Zeballos.
- Nov 16 at Jericho Beach M.P.O. 1111.
- Returned to sender eventually.

Thanks to Cecil Coutts

CUSTOMER SERVICE
9828 104 AVE NW
EDMONTON AB T5J 0J8

SERVICE A LA CLIENTELE
9828 AV 104 NO
EDMONTON AB T5J 0J8

August 14th, 2006

Le 14 Aug, 2006

Incident: PA060814-27<O>

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Dear Customer

Cher(e) Client(e)

We wish to inform you that late delivery of this item was caused by an irregularity that occurred in our mail processing service.

Nous désirons vous informer que la livraison tardive de cet article est attribuable à une anomalie survenue dans le service postal.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused by this most unfortunate situation.

Nous regrettons sincèrement tous les inconvénients causés par ce retard.

Please be assured that we are constantly striving to prevent this type of incident.

Nous vous assurons que nous faisons tous les efforts pour prévenir ce genre d'incident.

For further information, please contact our Customer Service Office by phoning 1-800-267-1177.

Pour tout renseignement additionnel, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec le Service à la clientèle en composant le 1-800-267-1155.

Hayley Petersen
5251 Bunting Ave.
Richmond, B.C.
V7E 5X3



Mr. B. Topping
Richmond Retired Teachers Association
7460 Angus Drive
Vancouver, B.C.
V6P 5K2

POSTMARKS

Collecting postmarks can be such fun.
 You'll never stop once you've begun.
 It is a fascinating hobby as you will see
 From postmarks chosen randomly
 Of places and towns in our own B. C.
 Small inked circles of name, day, month and year
 I have one here from "Isle Pierre."
 Then here is one from a friend in "Port Kells"
 And another from the little town of "wells."
 From the tiny hamlet of "Cedarvale"
 To the mighty smelters in the city of "Trail"
 Curious names along the way we see
 Such as "kleena-kleene" and "Ceepeecee."
 "Beaver", "Horsefly", "Lac-la-Hache"
 "Crownsnest" "Brilliant" "Tete Jaune Cache"
 "Soda Creek" and "Grassy Plains"
 Wonder how they got their names?
 A "Canoe" we take to "Secret Cove"
 To seek for "Golden" treasure trove.
 There we let "Bowser" "Chase" a "Fawn"
 While we work away in the early dawn.
 Nearby a "Woodpecker" makes "Progress"
 Searching for worms in a tall pine tree.
 He is just as happy as a bird can be
 Watching "Needles" fall on "Noralee".
 There is not "Likely" a "Cinema" in a place called "Thrums"
 Where a Doukhabor from an ancient hymnal hums.
 There is excellent fishing at "Horseshoe Bay"
 Get your tackle and let's be on our way.
 The tide's at "Flood", "Steelhead" bite good
 "Parson" says, "let's have a try in 'Honeymoon Bay' "
 But we are tired and decide to call it a day.
 Postmarks, postmarks, my album is full.
 It is an interesting hobby. One that is never dull.
 Tomorrow I will start on another one
 With the first postmark from "Fort St. John".

Lillian M. Peep

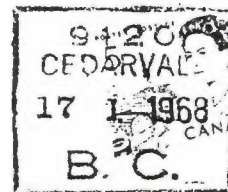
Rhymes of a Country Postmistress,
 Cedarvale, B. C., March 1964



OFFICE INSPECTION

At the tiny office of Cedarvale,
 The place where people call for mail
 It was inspection day and as you may guess
 The Post Office was in an awful mess.
 Parcels scattered on the floor.
 Mail bags stacked up by the door.
 Magazines and papers belonging to self
 Piled up haphazard on the shelf.
 Piled up, unread since the Christmas rush
 Only needing a little push.
 To join the parcels on the floor
 And the mail bags by the door.
 "Oh! dear me", to myself, I said
 And I expect my face was a little red.
 "Have the place as neat as a pin
 And nary an Inspector will ever drop in.
 The examining Postmaster was very kind
 To my faults I know he was not blind.
 As he patiently said, "Bring your Manual up to date."
 "Do you understand how to make out form three eight"?.
 "C.O.D. parcels you must not hold
 No matter what hard luck tales you are told."
 Inspection over. It did'nt take long.
 And I pile the parcels where they belong.
 The empty mail bags go out on the train
 To be put into services once again.
 Like to know what he wrote in the "Visitor's" book?
 As soon as I can I sneak a look.
 For neatness This office would not be a Winner
 Financial and inspection GOOD Signed, A. J. Penner.

Rhymes of a Country Postmistress
 Cedarvale, B.C. Feb. /66



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Sinclair Centre Celebrates 100th Birthday

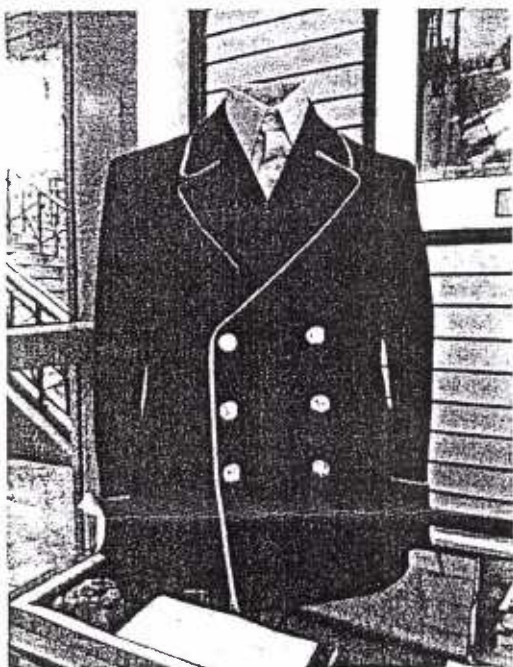
The Sinclair Centre, home of the Vancouver Main Post Office from 1910 until 1958 celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a number of historical displays and Presentations. The celebration would not have been complete without the presence of Canada Post Memorabilia provided by the Van-Fraser Heritage Club and Bill Topping, President of the BC Postal History Society.

Items included photographs of postal operations in the building, cancellation hammers, uniforms and a number of items that were at one time delivery through the former Main Office or the subsequent Vancouver Postal Station "A".

On hand to answer questions was Van-Fraser Member Roy Nukina, Ray Goon, and Bill Topping.



VANCOUVER POST OFFICE
VIEW FROM HASTING STREET (1911)



An old uniform circa 1947-1960.



Do you recognize any of these guys?

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