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MOUNT LEHMAN – SEMI-STAFF OFFICE See Volume 12-2 page 366

The Mount Lehman Post Office was established on May 1, 1884 near the Mount Lehman railway station where the Fraser Valley branch of the British Columbia Electric Railway crosses Mount Lehman Road. In the 1930's Mount Lehman was assigned the accounting number 9462 and following the reorganization in the post office accounting system in the 1970's the Mount Lehman Semi-Staff Post Office number was changed to 644471. Although the Mount Lehman post office has undergone a number of relocations it is still in the same general location and still uses the RC number 644471.

MOUNT LEHMAN / JA 22 / 1895



Mount Lehman is named after Isaac Lehman who pre-empted land along the river in 1875. Shortly afterwards he moved to the Cariboo, then became a blacksmith in New Westminster and finely moved to Ashcroft where he became an undertaker.

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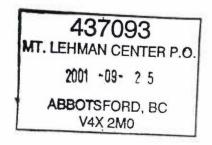
Prior to the introduction of the franchise post office system no two post offices in Canada were allowed to have the same name. The four digit accounting numbers (or five digit non-accounting) were assigned to the name of the post office and in most cases the name and the number remained unchanged for the life of the office. Following the introduction of the franchise system in the late 1980's all post offices were assigned a new six (now 7) digit accounting numbers and the number was assigned to the franchise operator rather than to the name of the post office. Under the new system the franchise operator, within certain limits could choose the name of the new franchise. This marked a major change in policy and resulted in some names, such as Mount Lehman being assigned to two different post offices.

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If undelivered return to Clerk of Matsqui Municipality MUNICIPAL HALL MT. LEHMAN. B.C.

MOUNT LEHMAN POSTAL OUTLET – First established 2000 10 16 - open

In October 2000 a Call For Center was established in the Medicine Shop at the junction of Mount Lehman Road and Old Yale Road within a few blocks of Abbotsford Sub 10 located on Bevan Road. Sometime during February 2001 Sub 10 was closed and after a number of moves (see below) the franchise was moved to the Mount Lehman Centre and opened as Mount Lehman Postal Outlet. Under previous post office naming policy the name Mount Lehman would have been rejected as no two post office in Canada could have the same name.



Mount Lehman Postal Outlet - open / close

The Medicine Shop CFC	2000 10 16 -2001 03 29	425184	#9 31205 Old Yale Rd. V2T 5E5 - ex Sub 10
Elwood Centre PO	2001 02 26 - 2001 03 30	428280	#9 31205 Old Yale Rd, V2T 5E0
Dollar Store CFC	2001 04 10 -2001 09 03	432741	#105 3240 Mt. Lehman Rd V2T 5E5
Mount Lehman Centre PO	2001 09 29 - 2004 08 22	437093	same - Great Canadian Dollar Store - medium traffic
Mount Lehman PO	2004 08 23 - 2008 04 13	101404	same - Great Canadian Dollar Store V4X 2M0
Mount Lehman PO	2008 04 14 - 2010 09 19	100475	Peoples Drug Mart 10 33498 Bevan Ave, V2S 5G0
Mount Lehman PO	2010 09 21 - open	100475	Peoples Drug Mart 1945 McCallum Rd. V2S 5GO

On April 14, 2008 the Mount Lehman Post office moved from the Great Canadian Dollar Store in the Mount Lehman Centre to the Peoples Drug Mart on Bevan Avenue and was assigned the RC number 100475. On September 21, 2010 Peoples Drug Mart moved to a large store on McCallum Road and took the post office with them. Since the operator remained the same the relocated postal outlet retained the number 100475.

RC 100475 - 10 - 33498 Bevan Avenue

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This one **should be** forwarded so that everybody *knows about this*!

<u>Canada Post</u>, " I learned something over last Christmas that I feel compelled to share with you. This won't change your life dramatically or help you survive the apocalypse but it will save some \$.

I recently mailed two identical packages via Canada Post one week apart. One would think that the postage should be exactly the same.

Pkg # 1 was mailed from a Canada Post Office. Postage came to \$11.74. Since I knew the second package would be mailed in about a week's time, I bought sufficient postage for the second pkg while I was there.

When it came time to mail Pkg #2, I went to the post office in Shopper's Drug Mart. I handed the pkg to the clerk to be put in the outbound mail bag, I was informed that I did not have sufficient postage attached. The clerk proceeded to inform me that I needed to purchase an additional \$6 worth of stamps. After explaining how I knew exactly what the postage should be, the clerk offered some lame excuse that Canada Post is unionized and they can say and do anything with impunity and if I wished to mail that pkg. from Shopper's then I needed to purchase more stamps.

I told the clerk to stuff it and took back my package and headed to the Canada Post Office, where I would raise hell... Much to my surprise, the Canadian Postal Clerk took my package, weighed it and tossed it in the mail bag, and it was on it's way...When I asked if the amount of Postage on the parcel was right she shook her head and said "yup, no problem"...

The Truth comes out:

Canada Post Offices charge postage for packages at the published Canada Post rates. Franchise locations such as Shoppers Drug Mart can charge whatever they like. So remember if you regularly mail packages at franchise locations (Shoppers Drug Mart,) you are probably paying too much. Franchise locations are found in shopping malls, drug stores and private businesses everywhere. From now on, all of my mailing will be done from a Canada Post location. Still perplexed by what I was told by the girl in Shoppers, I fired off an email to Canada Post for clarification. This is the reply I got from them:

Thank you for your message to Canada Post.

A postal outlet is not a federal government agency and is not owned or managed by Canada Post. For example if the postal outlet is within grocery store or pharmacy it would follow the stores working hours, therefore if the store must be closed, so will the postal outlet inside. Only Canada Post Depots and Corporate Post Offices are obligated to follow the price of stamps and postal products that are legislated by Canada Post. Any commercial and private establishment may charge extra fees as a convenience to their customers. It is at their discretion to apply additional service fees to products that they sell. We suggest visiting a Corporate Post Office in order to avoid paying additional service charges that corner stores or other establishment may implement on their products.

Regards, Veronika Strofski Customer Service "

Thanks to Pete Jacobie

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Olympic memories: "Meet me at the mailbox"

By Michelle Stevenson

here's nothing like a giant mailbox to draw a crowd. During the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games in February, the Vancouver Mail Processing Plant was the place to be, right downtown just blocks from the event's biggest venues. Every day, its parking lot and adjacent square became a gathering place for thousands of people, drawn by the building's Winter Olympics banner, giant Canadian flag, and the 17-foot mailbox erected out front. "Meet me at the mailbox," they said, as Canada Post became memorably linked with the Vancouver Winter Games for visitors from across the country and around the world.

It was a perfect example of how good corporate citizenship pays off. In 2006, Canada Post became title sponsor of the Canadian Freestyle Ski Team. Two years later, it also became an official supplier of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, and last summer partnered with General Mills Canada in a promotional campaign encouraging Canadians to send our athletes "CHEER" cards cut from Cheerios cereal boxes, free of postage. But investing in our athletes and the community also brought the company tangible benefits.

The world came to Canada Post, as athletes and visitors crowded into the Vancouver postal outlets to purchase Olympic-themed collectibles. To date,

Summer 2010

more than 800 million Olympics-themed stamps have been sold at postal outlets across the country, earning more than \$500 million in sales revenues.

"I didn't know our stamps were so popular internationally," says Suzanne Scott, a head office employee who worked at the athletes' village postal outlet. "Many people made huge purchases, often asking for specific Olympics-themed stamps and Official First Day covers. I was so proud to be there and to be representing Canada Post."

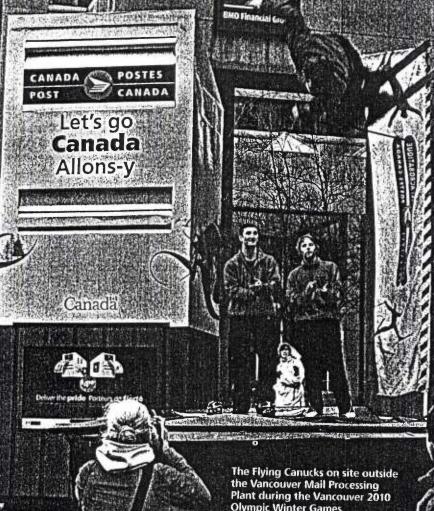
The story was similar at Vancouver Main, the retail outlet located in the downtown plant building, where employees processed about 900 transactions a day during the Winter Games, more than double the usual, boosting sales revenues by about 85 per cent over the same period last year. A lobby kiosk helped reduce line-ups in the post office, while extended hours kept the

Olympic Winter Games

doors open on Saturdays. Customers were able to cancel their own stamps at a hugely popular cancellation table where they had a choice of 35 special pictorial cancellations.

The traffic inside was fed by enormous crowds outside the building, where Canada Post co-hosted daily activities such as trampoline shows featuring aerial acrobatic athletes "The Flying Canucks." Regular public autograph signings featured more than 22 athletes, including Canada Post Freestyle Ski Team members Jenn Heil and Kristi Richards, and athletes sponsored by General Mills such as Maëlle Ricker and Patrick Chan.

"It was an amazing 17 days, thanks to Canada Post's sponsorships," says Kevin Townsend, a clerk at Vancouver Main. "It was so exciting to come to work every day. I was really proud to be part of the whole experience." •



Nicola Valley Historical QUARTERLY Part 2 See: Vol. 19 No. 3 - page 648-651 ADVICE OF AVIS DE MANDAT MONEY ORDER. D'ARGENT 07 ADVICE OF AVIS DE MANDAT D'ARGENT. alo MONEY ORDER Stamp of Issuing Office. ADA. NICOLA LAKE, B.C. 1604exrediterat Stamp of Issuing Office. TLAR COUTLEE, B.C. Þ Drawn by the above Office, upon the Post Office at 5 bre du bureau 5,00 Drawn by the above Office, upon the Post Office at Co 91 0 .1841 PROVINCE, STATE OR COUNTRY. B e, l'ELat ou le Pays, PROVINCE, STATE OR COUNTRY (La Previner, l'Kint ou le Para.) tou le Pays. SUM OF THE ORDER. [SOMME DU MANDAT.] SUM OF THE ORDER. [SOMME DU MANDAT.] Dollars Cent Cents Amount.-[Montant.] THE PAYEE. [BENEFICIAIRE.] The person to whom the Order is payable. [La personue's qui le mandai est payable.] THE PAYEE. Amount.-[Montant.] [BENEFICIAIRE.] The person to whom the Order is payable. (La personne a qui le mandai ett payable.) cts. ,7 3 -3 Christian name .- [Nom do baptome.] --(Surnow) Christian nas -[Nom de bapteme.] Mic RESIDENCE OF PAYEE. [RESIDENCE DU BENEFICIAIRE.] RESIDENCE OF PAYEE. [RESIDENCE DU BENEFICIAIRE.] Street and Number. City or Town County, Department or Canton. Street and Number. City or Town County, Department or Car When 13 50 [L'ENVOYEUR.] / THE REMITTER. THE REMITTER. [L'ENVOYEUR.] The person who purchased the Order La pe nue qui s obtenu le mandai. rson who purchased the Order (La p I.teba me.- (Surnom. Suco 4 life Stamp of Paying Office Stamp of Paying Offic Signature of Postmaster who draws the Order Signature of Postmaster who draws the Order BRAJD [Signature de Maitre de Poste qui tire le man-lat.] (Signature du Maitre de Porte qui sire le This advice must be dated, stamped and signed by the Postmaster who draws the Order. Cet avis doit être daté, timbré et signé par le Maître de Poste qui a tiré le mandat. This relvice must be dated, stamped | Cet avis doit être daté, timbré et and signed by the Postmaster signé par le Maitre de Poste qui a tiré le mandat. · Nothing is to be written in this space. . Nothing is to be written in this space. * Il no fant rien écriro dans cet espaco. · Il ne faut rien écrire dans cet espace. t The residence of the payee must be given in full in Advices drawn on other countries. The realdence of the payee must be given in † Il est très important que le lieu de résidence † Il est très important que le lieu de résidence full in Advices drawn on other countries. du bénéficiairo soit donné sur les avis dans tout le démil nécessaire. du bénéficiaire soit donné sur les avis dans tont le détail nécessaire.

Rockford



Robert Scott was married to a sister of the Moore's who settled at the head of Nicola Lake in 1868. The Scotts came to the Valley in 1876 and established a stopping place which they called Rockford House. The reason for this name is not known but it is believed that Scott was an American and the name may have come from Rockford, Connecticut.

Rockford House was located to the south east of the turn off from Highway 5 to Peter Hope Lake. The original structure has almost disappeared today. However, there is still evidence of its location in the form of a few rocks where the chimney base may have been.

Thanks to Alex Price

With the death of Mrs. Scott in 1906, Mr. Scott's interest in the stopping place dwindled and he finally closed it in 1909. Mr. Scott passed away in Vancouver, in 1911.

In addition to being a ranching center of some note, the Rockford post office served the people who took part in one of the earliest hard rock mining booms in the

interior of British Columbia during the period 1884-1889 on Mineral Hill and Idaho Mountain near Stump Lake.

Robert Scott was the sole postmaster for Rockford. His tenure was 87,10.01 to 09.02.25. Nicola Valley Historical QUARTERLY

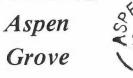
Lake

Mamette

Mamette Lake, from the earliest times of settlement, was the center of the French influence in the Nicola Valley. Early maps show the name Guichon near where Logan Lake is today. Other early settlers in the area of Mamette Lake included Archie Chartrand, Louis Quenville, John and Francois Rey, Joseph Proteau, Frederick Dupuis, and Hector Tremblay.

Louis Quenville and Francois Rey were in partnership in the 1880's. Eventually they separated and the Quenville family moved to the north end of Mamette Lake. It was here that the post office operated first under Louis from 1892 until 1921, then under his son William Francois Quenville from 1922 until it closed in 1933. Mrs. Diana A. Plommer, a member of the N.V.A.A., is a daughter of Louis Ouenville.

Mamette apparently is an Indian name for a type of white fish found in the lake. There are a number of spellings, Mamette being the one chosen by the French residents of the area for the post office. The English speaking map makers however, have used Mamit to designate the lake.



Strictly speaking, the Aspen Grove post office was never located within the watershed of the Nicola River. However, because it was located within the commercial sphere of Nicola, and later Merritt, it is included here. In addition, a great many of the people who used this facility lived within the valley.

Aspen Grove was opened to serve the ranchers of the area as well as the prospectors and miners who flocked to the district around the turn of the century.

In the early years, the general merchant was postmaster. The Angstadts were ranchers, whereas J. B. McAvoy was Forest Ranger. In later years the office returned to the general store.

Postmasters and their dates of service are:

Elsie M. Dodds	1900 .09.0104.29
W. A. Dodds	01.06.01 - 08.12.18
G. R. Bates	09.02.01 - 09.11.06
Mrs. D. L. Munro	10.02.01 - 11.11.28
Capt. F. C. Turner	12.03.01 - 19.10.31
G. Doherty	;;
W. A. Angstadt	20.03.19 - 20.05.11
G. D. Peter	20.05.06 - 22.10.27
W. A. Angstadt	22.12.05 - 26.07.01
J. B. McAvoy	27.01.21 - 29.04.29
W. Angstadt	29.10.09 - 46.01.18
A. J. MacKenzie	46.05.31 - acting
A. E. McConnell	47.01.01 - acting
W. A. Osborne	48.07.01 - 49.02.11
G. F. Stapleton	49.04.01 - 51.04.27
Mrs. M. Nicklin	51.05.01 - 55.09.13
H. F. Watkins	55.10.01 - 59.04.01
T. Verhedye	59.04.01 - 60.08.17
P. Kraft	60.08.18 - 61.01.31
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1923.

Voght Valley extends easterly from the Coldwater River at a point about 16 miles upstream from its mouth. The creek draining this valley now known as Voght Creek was at one time called King Creek after Del King who settled at its mouth.

Voght

Vallev

The name Voght is better applied, however, as William Voght the eldest son of William Voght "The Father of Merritt" settled here probably as early as 1890.

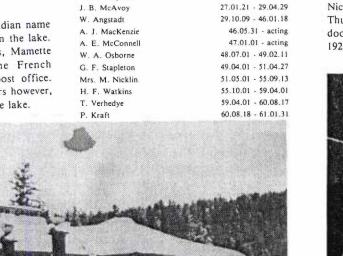
The first postmaster, Charles M. Newkirk, was married to Sophie, the eldest daughter of William Voght Sr. Upon the death of Mr. Newkirk in 1908, his daughter Flora Thompson became postmistress.

It was in the spring of 1919 that Major C. Goldman arrived in the Nicola Valley with a plan to develop a large cattle ranch and apparently enough money to carry out his aim. Many of the Voght Valley properties were acquired by Mr. Goldman, including the Thompson farm.

D. J. Stewart, Goldman's ranch manager became postmaster for Voght Valley but, since Stewart's office was in Nicola there was no office in Voght Valley. Thus the post office which had closed its doors in 1919 finally ceased to exist in



Flora (Newkirk) Thompson, granddaughter of William Voght Sr., postmistress. Voght Valley, 1908-1919. Picture from Teany Anderson collection.

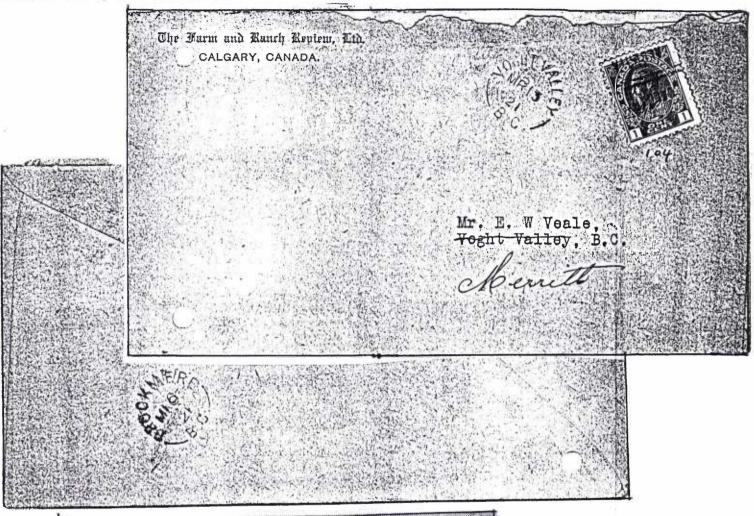




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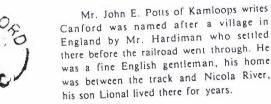
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Canford general store and post office in early 20's. Pack horses are to carry supplies to a forest fire site.

Canford



Mr. Potts succeeded his father as postmaster in 1928 but states, "My mother, Mrs. W. R. Potts did all (the) work . . ."

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The Canford postmasters were:	
T. R. Hardiman	07.05.01 - 14.12.15
H. T. Shelton	15.04.01 - 19.04.11
P. Phillips	19.07.01 - 21.04.15
S. C. Hemming	21.06.01 - 24.01.19
J. O. McCabe	24.04.15 - 26.04.27
W. R. Potts	26.04.28 - 28.01.?
J. E. Potts	28.06.20 - 30.10.27
Miss M. H. Howells	30.12.12 - 31.03.08
Mrs. M. H. (Howells) Clarke	31.04.14 - 35.04.01
J. Little	35.05.01 - acting
Miss M. Rudance	35.05.31 - 37.07.05
Mrs. M. Rudance	37.07.31 - 54.07.23



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Middlesboro

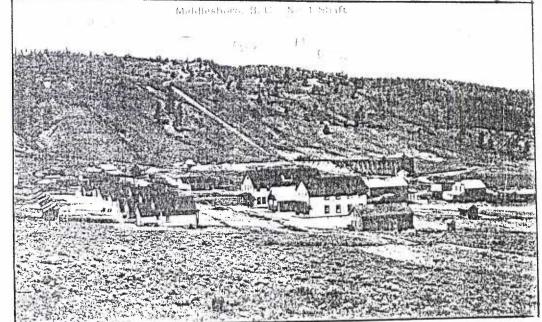
The coal mining town of Middlesboro grew up near the main portal of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co. and had a population of 200 in 1909.

A. R. Carrington opened a branch of his Nicola store in Middlesboro and his

clerk, A. H. Carrington was appointed first postmaster.

As coal mining declined and Merritt became "the place to live", the community of Middlesboro disappeared. Two mobile homes have recently been located where this town once thrived.

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09.06.01	- 10.05.20
10.07.01	- 11.11.03
12.01.01	- 25.06.30
	09.06.01 10.07.01



Curnow

The Curnow family settled near the mouth of the Nicola River in the 1860's, probably before the first settlement at the foot of Nicola Lake but the date the Curnows took up land has not been confirmed.

Richard Curnow developed a store, hotel-stopping house, and butcher shop on the Spences Bridge-Nicola Road. The actual date is not known but this was there as early as 1892.

When the railway was under construction from Spences Bridge to Nicola, there was a construction camp near the Curnow stopping house. Thus there was a need for a post office. When the camp was moved, the post office closed. The Curnow post office existed the shortest time of any in the valley - only 5 months. H. L. Roberts, probably in the employ of Mr. Curnow was postmaster from November 1, 1905 to March 31, 1906.

An extensive search for many years by a number of stamp collectors has failed to turn up a Curnow post mark. Can any of our members help?



Stump Lake post office was first located at the Palmer Ranch, then moved to the Stump Lake Ranch. It is not known where it was located from 1918 until 1923. (Does anyone know?)

The Postmasters were:
W. F. Palmer
James Whiteford
Mrs. F. McLacklam
Miss N. Endall
Mrs. N. (Endall) Berg

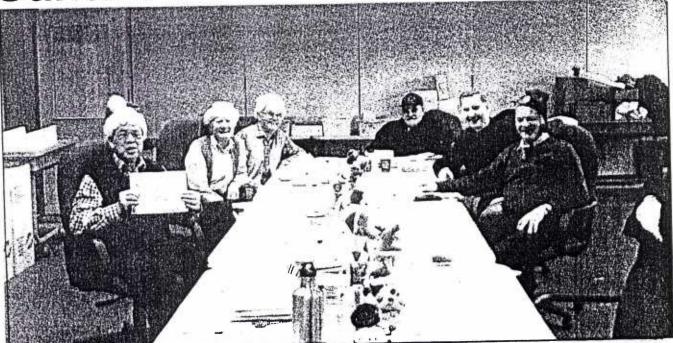
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Santa's Elves Back At Work



Santa's Elves back at work in the Vancouver MPP (left to right) Willie Wong, Mary Gilmore, Hank Gilmore, Tom Mesic, Tom Szendrey and "Santa Fred".

Santa's Elves have returned to their Workshops and are responding to the 50 thousand *Letters to Santa* that are expected to arrive in Vancouver. The total number of letters nation wide is forecast to exceed 1.2 million this year.

This year Van-Fraser Volunteer elves will be operating from Workshops located in the 5th floor Boardroom in the Vancouver Mail Processing Plant, the lunchroom in Surrey Depot 2, and the Boardrooms of the Langley and Abbotsford Post Offices. Volunteers are also picking up letters from Depots across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley and responding to them at home. Van-Fraser Heritage Club -

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