

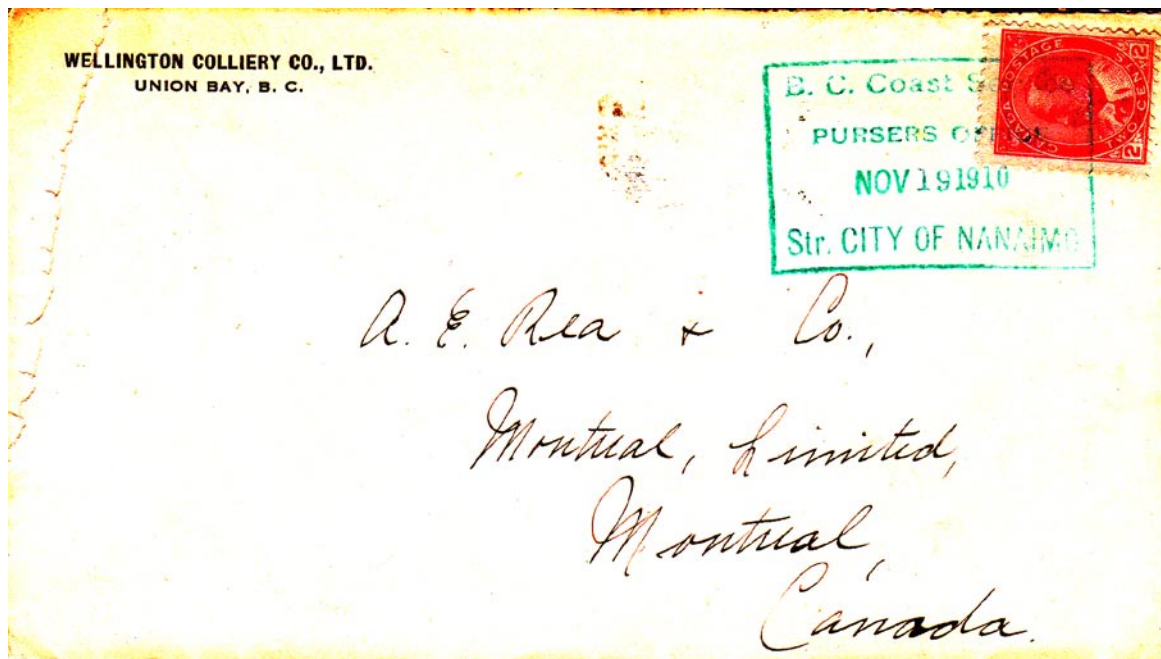


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On reverse: Nanaimo, Nov 20, 1910, and Montreal, Nov 26, 1910, circular datestamps.

This issue's **Favourite Cover**, posted at Union Bay, BC, on Nov 19, 1910, has several elements of interest. The Wellington Colliery Co Ltd was incorporated by James Dunsmuir in 1902 in order to take over his Ladysmith and Wellington coal-mining operations. They had previously been part of an unincorporated company started by James's father, Robert Dunsmuir. This company also owned the Cumberland coal mines, which explains the Union Bay return address.

The cover travelled from Union Bay to Nanaimo on the steamer *City of Nanaimo* (Nov 19, 1910, ship cancel), which at this time worked the east coast of Vancouver Island between Comox and Victoria. It arrived at Nanaimo the following day. The BC Coast

Service cancel (Topping type 13-RS) has been seen only in 1909 and 1910; five examples are reported.

The *City of Nanaimo* was built in 1891 at Vancouver for the Mainland & Nanaimo Navigation Co. (See photo at <http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/singleitem/collection/chung/id/19538/rec/2>.) It was obtained by James Dunsmuir through a mortgage foreclosure in 1896 and became part of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo rail and marine system. The E&N was acquired by Canadian Pacific in 1905 and the *City of Nanaimo* absorbed into the BC Coast Steamship Service.

The cover will have been forwarded by ship from Nanaimo to Vancouver and then on to Montreal by the CPR. —*Morris Beattie*

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Auction results for the Jack Wallace Collection

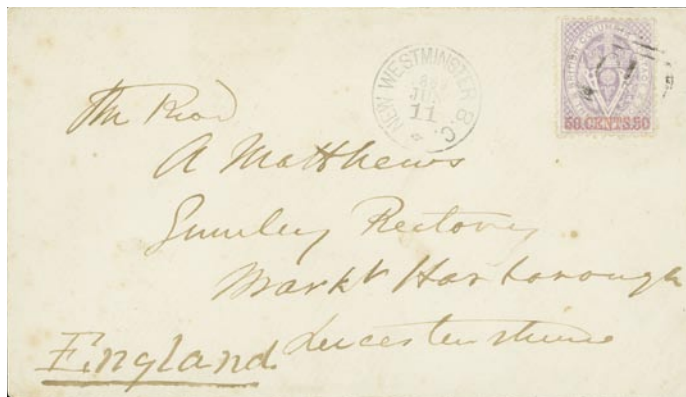
The colonial British Columbia and Vancouver Island collection of well-known Victoria philatelist Jack Wallace was sold at auction on Oct 16, 2014, in Halifax by Eastern Auctions Ltd. On offer were 292 lots, with strength in express covers, local and US destinations and (a particular Wallace interest) BC's numeral grid cancellations, on stamp and cover. Eastern specialist Yohann Tanguay produced an excellent, well-researched catalogue, with a very useful



1868 25c letter rate from Victoria to UK with 5c rose and 10c blue pair, perf 14, nice Victoria PAID handstamp. \$2,760

bibliography of BC auction catalogues, articles and reference works. A sampling of auction results follows, with illustrations of half-a-dozen better items. All prices mentioned are in Canadian funds, and include a 15% buyer's premium.

The first part of the sale featured 93 lots of stamps or covers with numeral grid cancellations. Notable covers included an 1870 6p Yale (#4) to Victoria, \$740; a nice 6p Lytton (#7) to New Westminster, \$1,840; a fine 6p Clinton (#8), \$1,840; a 9p Seymour (#9) to



Fine 1869 cover from Williams Creek to England paying the 50c letter rate with a perf 12½ 50c BC stamp. \$4,600

Victoria, \$1,035; two lovely Quesnellemouth (#13) covers, \$4,025 and \$1,095; a 6p French Creek (#14) to Victoria, \$1,495; and two fine 3c Small Queen covers: one from Spences Bridge (#27, 1875), \$1,035, the other from Ladner's Landing (#33, 1885), \$635.



Choice 1871 cover from Williams Creek to Upper Canada with perf 14 25c BC and US 1861 10c green stamps. \$3,335

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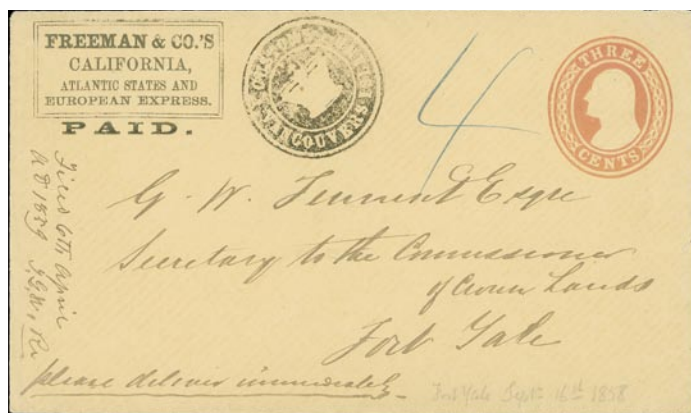
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Jack Wallace continued



Very fine 1858 Freeman express cover from Victoria to Fort Yale with fine Vancouver Island Customs Seal handstamp. \$6,900

The rest of the sale contained some fine stampless items, including a page of fur "returns" from an 1841 Hudson's Bay Co ledger (\$545). The Express section offered an abundance of Wells Fargo, Dietz & Nelson, Barnard and Ballou material. An intact



Worn but extremely rare 1871 Gerow & Johnson's Express cover paying 12½c rate from Victoria to Lillooet. \$6,040

sheet of four different Dietz & Nelson Express labels brought \$4,890, while another complete, but severed, set realized \$4,025. A fine cover with a scarce Barnard's Cariboo Express collect label brought \$1,840, while one with a Barnard's paid label went for \$2,415.



1862 Hope to New Westminster, forwarded to Victoria. Nice Hope "3" grid cancel with 2½p pair on VF cover. \$4,025

Two attractive 2½p covers from Nanaimo, with the rare POST OFFICE/NANAIMO handstamp, sold for \$1,440 and \$3,740, while an 1869 cover from Langley (grid #26) to Upper Canada brought \$1,955. A somewhat rough 1867 incoming mourning cover from Baden (Germany) to New Westminster realized \$2,415.

The emphasis in this summary has been on covers, but the Wallace sale also offered an array of mostly mint colonial stamps, with many fine multiples (including an outstanding 3p blue block of 25, \$3,335, and a 2½p dull rose block of six, with gutter imprint, \$2,645). A fine large die proof of the 1865 10c Vancouver Island stamp, in black on card, brought \$1,840.

Here and there

Readers will note, at the bottom of page 2, that digital back issues of the newsletter can now be downloaded for free. While older issues have long been available from the BNAPS website, allowing free universal access to recent newsletters is a new development. We are using a "cloud"-based file-sharing website called Spideroak. If you go to https://spideroak.com/browse/share/Andrew_Scott/Backissues and click on "Back Issues," a list of individual newsletters will appear. These can then be "opened" (ie, previewed) and/or "saved" (ie, downloaded). We'll keep the list up to date, and we'll continue to offer printed and snail-mailed newsletters to anyone who wishes to subscribe.

Last issue we showed the 2-cent Numeral stamp at right and asked readers if they could explain why the Tzouhalem cancellation must be a forgery. Peter Jacobi and Brian Copeland wrote in with two very good reasons: the carmine 2-cent Numeral, Die I, wasn't issued until 1899, and the Tzouhalem post office didn't open until 1903! Associate editor Tracy Cooper suggests that this "creation" probably wasn't a deliberate attempt to deceive, as most fakes are created to sell for high prices. Still, our advice is: be wary!



Vancouver's suburban straightline markings

by Andrew Scott

Students of Vancouver-area postal history will be familiar with the early suburban post offices. Today, they would all be located within the City of Vancouver, but in the early 1900s, when the city was smaller (its southern boundary was 16th Ave for many years, until 1929), they were in the neighbouring municipalities of Hastings, South Vancouver and Point Grey. Vancouver's first suburbs were essentially villages or rural settlements that coalesced around early streetcar lines, roads and railway stations. As the city expanded, and absorbed the surrounding land base, the suburban offices were renamed and became sub post offices.

There are about 30 suburban offices in all, and their datestamps can be difficult to find. Nearly all are rated rarity factor "D" or "E" in Bill Topping's *British Columbia Post Offices* (1991). Some, like Winnott, Grimmett and Langara, are rare indeed. A few offices used duplex and circular datestamps, as well as the more frequently seen split-ring hammers (some of the duplex markings are particularly scarce). Suburban cancellations are usually found on postcards, often as receiving marks; dispatch strikes on covers are not common. Assembling the entire group is quite a challenge, especially as Dominion Mills, tucked away in the southeast corner of today's Vancouver, and only open for two weeks in 1911, has never been reported.

Of particular interest to specialists are a group of suburban "straightline" handstamps. These are undated, consisting of a single line of serified, upper-case text, and usually struck in a particular shade of reddish-purple ink. Examples have so far been seen from six communities: Point Grey, Marpole, Dunbar Heights, Collingwood East, Langara and Kerrisdale. They seem quite rare; in fact, Kerrisdale is the only office from which the editors have seen more than a single example.

The "straightlines" raise a number of questions. Why were they used (ie, were they manufactured for a specific purpose)? Where were they used (ie, at the named offices themselves, or at postal stations or the main office)? Are examples known from other suburban offices? What was their period of use? The purpose of this article is to examine these questions in the light of the few known examples, and to solicit study group members to report examples from their own collections, preferably with scans. We hope to revisit the topic in future newsletters and extend the table of known handstamps located at the end of the article.

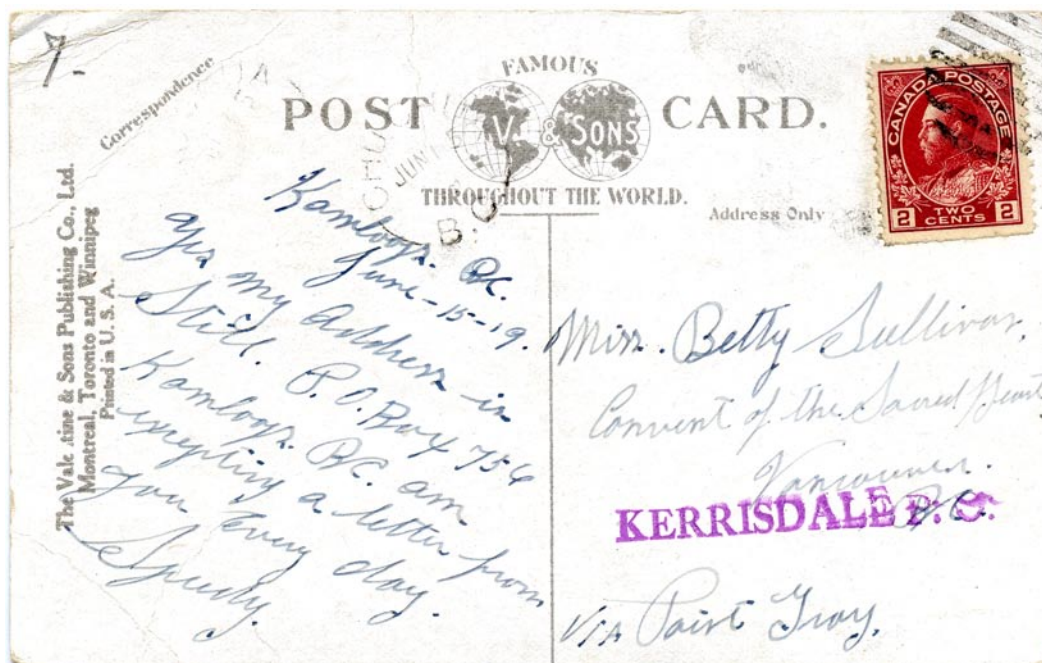


Figure 1.
Two-cent
postcard rate
from Chu
Chua, BC, to
Vancouver,
"via Point
Gray."

Kerrisdale The first example shown of the Kerrisdale straightline (Fig 1) is on a postcard from Chu Chua (a sawmill settlement north of Kamloops), dated June 15, 1919. The card was addressed to the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Vancouver, and endorsed "via Point Gray." It's easy to see how officials at the Vancouver post office, where the card was presumably first sent, might have felt that additional clarification was required. The sender's endorsement likely referred to the Municipality of Point Grey, which covered the entire west

Suburban markings continued

side of Vancouver, a huge area. Without the Kerrisdale marking, the card might have ended up at the Point Grey post office, located at West 10th Ave and Sasamat St (the convent was on 29th Ave). If this hypothesis is correct, then the straightline handstamp was probably applied at the Vancouver post office.

Figure 2.
Three-cent
domestic letter
rate from
Regina to
Kerrisdale.



Backstamp



The other example (Fig 2) was mailed from Regina on Nov 11, 1920 (machine cancel) to Alfred Holmes at the corner of 49th Ave and Magee Rd, and endorsed "not known as addressed" by the letter carrier. A Nov 15 Kerrisdale split-ring backstamp and same-day Vancouver CDS (with a "14" timemark) suggest to me that the undeliverable cover was sent to the main post office. With this cover, however, it seems more likely that the straightline marking was added at Kerrisdale, though why it was applied is a mystery.

Point Grey This Point Grey straightline (Fig 3) is on a clearly addressed cover from Brandon (Dec 24, 1917, machine cancel). There is a letter carrier endorsement that I can't quite decipher; could it be shorthand for "out of district"? There's also a light Dec 27, 1917, Point Grey split-ring backstamp. Again, the reason for the handstamp is not evident, though it appears to have been added at the local office, and not at Vancouver.



Figure 3.
Three-cent
domestic
letter rate
from
Brandon to
Point Grey.
Reverse has
a Point Grey
split-ring
receiving
strike.

Suburban markings continued

Dunbar Heights This remarkable soldier's letter (Fig 4), marked 15th Canadian Reserve Battalion Orderly Room, was sent from Bramshott, England, on Feb 24, 1918. It was addressed to a druggist, W G H Campbell, at Port Coquitlam. "Druggist" and "Port Coquitlam" were then struck out in pencil and "Vancouver" written in in a clumsy hand. An address on the west side of Vancouver was added, in a much neater hand,

Figure 4.
Soldier's letter
from Bramshott,
UK, to Port
Coquitlam,
forwarded to
Dunbar Heights
post office.
Reverse has
Port Coquitlam
and Dunbar
Heights
split-ring
receiving
strikes.



and the Dunbar Heights straightline struck over it, beneath a BEYOND LIMITS OF LETTER/CARRIERS DELIVERY marking (applied in a different shade of ink than the straightline handstamp). A "no such #" notation in pencil completes the endorsements on front, while the back sports partial 1918 split-rings from Port Coquitlam (March 25) and Dunbar Heights (March 27). The fact that the two straightline marks were applied in different shades of ink suggests, to me, that they were applied at different places. I suspect that

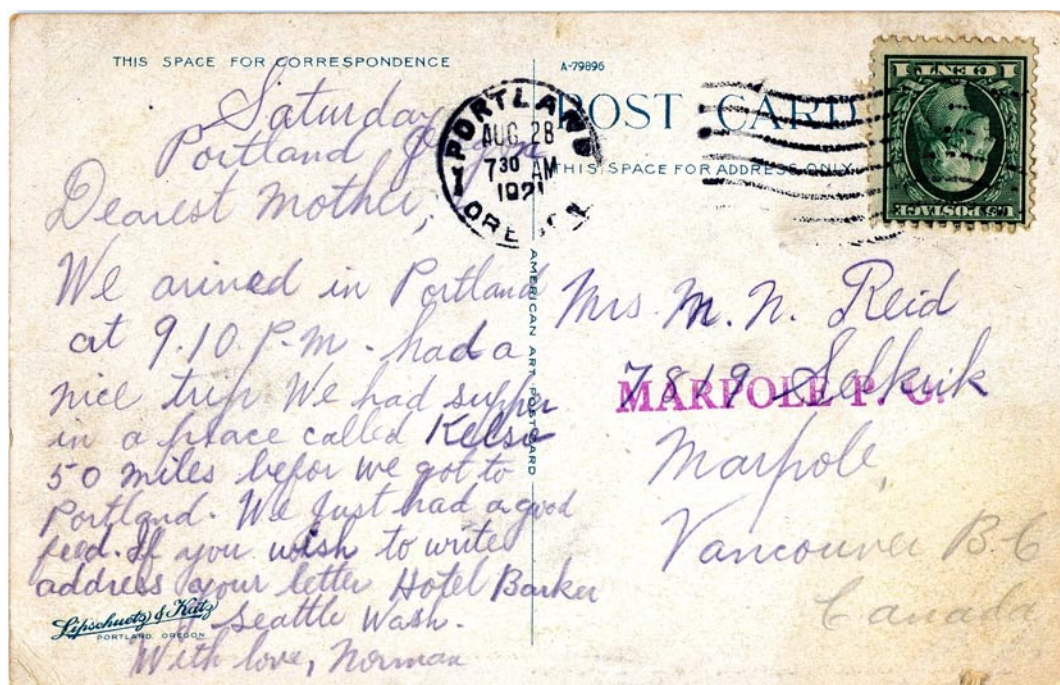


Figure 5.
Colour
viewcard
from
Portland,
Oregon, to
Marpole.

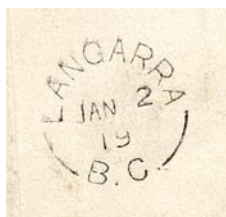
Suburban markings continued

the Dunbar Heights handstamp was added at Vancouver's Enquiry Office, where an address for the elusive druggist was probably hunted down, and that the "beyond limits" mark may have been struck at the Dunbar Heights post office to indicate that the suggested address was outside its jurisdiction. It appears that a censorship strip has been removed from the cover's right edge.

Marpole Markings from Marpole are rare, despite the fact that the post office used three datestamps (a split-ring and two different duplexes). The Marpole straightline appears on a postcard mailed from Portland, Oregon, on Aug 28, 1921 (Fig 5). There do not appear to be irregularities in the address that might require the addition of the handstamp. The card was not forwarded and the address is plainly legible. The street name, Selkirk, could possibly be read as "Selkrik," but that, surely, would not be sufficient cause for an additional marking, especially when "Marpole" is clearly written in the address. With this card a case could perhaps be made that the handstamp was applied at the Marpole post office.

Langara Here we have another fabulous redirected soldier's letter (Fig 6), mailed to Vancouver from the UK on Dec 3, 1918, and "passed by censor." The sender did not indicate a street address, and the cover, as with the Dunbar Heights cover, probably went to the Vancouver Enquiry Office, where it received a docket number ("41"). Attempts were made to locate the secretary of the Jellicoe Chapter of the IODE (Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire). This was eventually determined to be Mrs Welsh, who lived at Queen's (the old name for Northwest Marine Drive) and Sasamat streets, in the jurisdiction

Figure 6.
Censored
soldier's letter
from England
to Vancouver,
forwarded to
Langara post
office.



Backstamp



of the Langara post office. The docket number was then struck out. But at which post office was the Langara straightline applied? The reverse of the cover has a splendid example of the incorrectly spelled "Langarra" split-ring, dated Jan 2, 1919. It's interesting that the two postal markings from this office, both exceedingly rare, are spelled differently, and that both are here represented on a single cover! (Langara, incidentally, is the correct spelling.)

Collingwood East This marking is anomalous, in that it is the only straightline seen in red ink, and the only one with "B.C." at the end of the line. It appears on a postcard from Hove, UK (Fig 7), with a manuscript dateline of "1-3-19." There is a Collingwood East split-ring receiver dated March 21, 1919. It has been proposed that the straightline handstamps were applied as directional markings. This one could have been added to clarify the written address, where the "East" of "Collingwood East" is not very clear. But such a use would also imply that the marking was struck at the main post office or at a district postal station (because why would the name need to be clarified after the card had safely reached the intended destination)?

Suburban markings continued

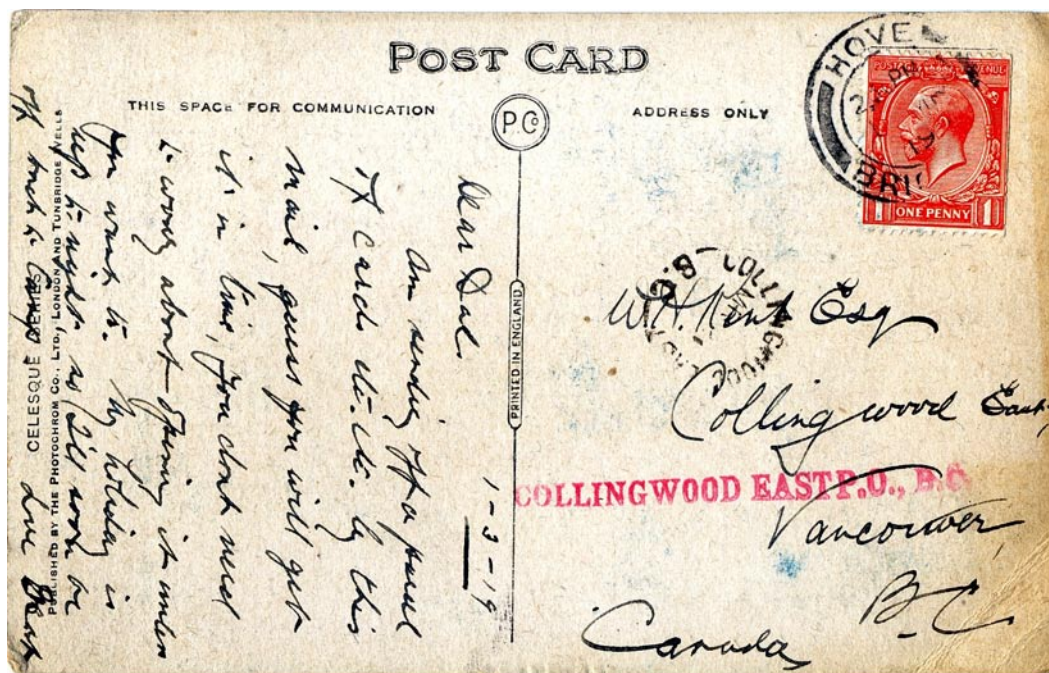


Figure 7.
Colour
viewcard
from Hove,
UK, to
Colling-
wood East,
Vancouver.

Collingwood East/West To complicate matters further, we end this analysis with a rather extraordinary registered cover sent from Hollyburn on Dec 1, 1916, to J R McIntyre in Vancouver (Figs 8 to 10). On Dec 2 it was backstamped with a large rubber CDS at Postal Station "C" and the front marked BEYOND LIMITS OF LETTER/CARRIERS DELIVERY. Next it was mailed under cover, along with the "Inquiry Department for Missing and Dead Letters" form, to the Collingwood West office for delivery. No joy: the letter was "not deliverable at this office" and "not for McIntyre at this address." It ended up at the Vancouver Dead Letter Office (Dec 12, 1916, Branch DLO oval backstamp) where multiple docketing numbers suggest that several more attempts at delivery were made.

Is this COLLINGWOOD EAST/WEST P.O. marking a different class of handstamp, reserved for departmental use and not struck on regular mail? A san-serif style of typeface has not been seen by the editors on any other suburban straightline marking. And the EAST/WEST configuration, where one of the options has to be struck out, is quite curious. Are there other, similar examples out there? And if anyone has any information on the rather unusual "Inquiry Department" form, we'd be delighted to publish it.

Conclusions (or lack of them) Some straightline markings appear to have been added as directional handstamps at the main post office or at postal stations; others seem applied at the suburban offices themselves, especially when mail was being forwarded or redirected. Is the ink colour significant? Very similar shades of purple appear on all handstamps except Collingwood East. Were they all applied at the same location? All straightline handstamps seen so far were used between 1916 and 1921. If we exclude the Collingwood East/West handstamp, that date range can be reduced by one year. Based on these dates, might we expect to also find straightlines from *South Vancouver, Britcola, Janes Road, Vancouver Heights, Collingwood West, Earls Road, Grimmatt, Vicosa, Joyce and Marine Heights*? (All these suburban offices were open during the period in question.) Obviously, we need to see additional examples before drawing any conclusions. If readers have relevant covers that we can add to the table below, please let us know.

Name on handstamp	Reports	Length	Ink colour	ERD	LRD
COLLINGWOOD EAST P.O., B.C.	1	60 mm	red	Mar 21, 1919	
DUNBAR HEIGHTS P.O.	1	66 mm	red-violet	Mar 27, 1918	
KERRISDALE P.O.	2	50 mm	red-violet	June, 1919	Nov 15, 1920
LANGARA P.O.	1	36 mm	purple	Jan 2, 1919	
MARPOLE P.O.	1	43 mm	red-violet	Aug/Sep, 1921	
POINT GREY P.O.	1	50 mm	purple	Dec 27, 1917	

Suburban markings continued



Figures 8-10.
Eight-cent
domestic
registered
letter rate
from
Hollyburn to
Vancouver.

POST OFFICE, _____ DATE _____

Inquiry Department for Missing and
Dead Letters.

NOTICE.—I have reason to believe the letter herewith is
deliverable at your office.

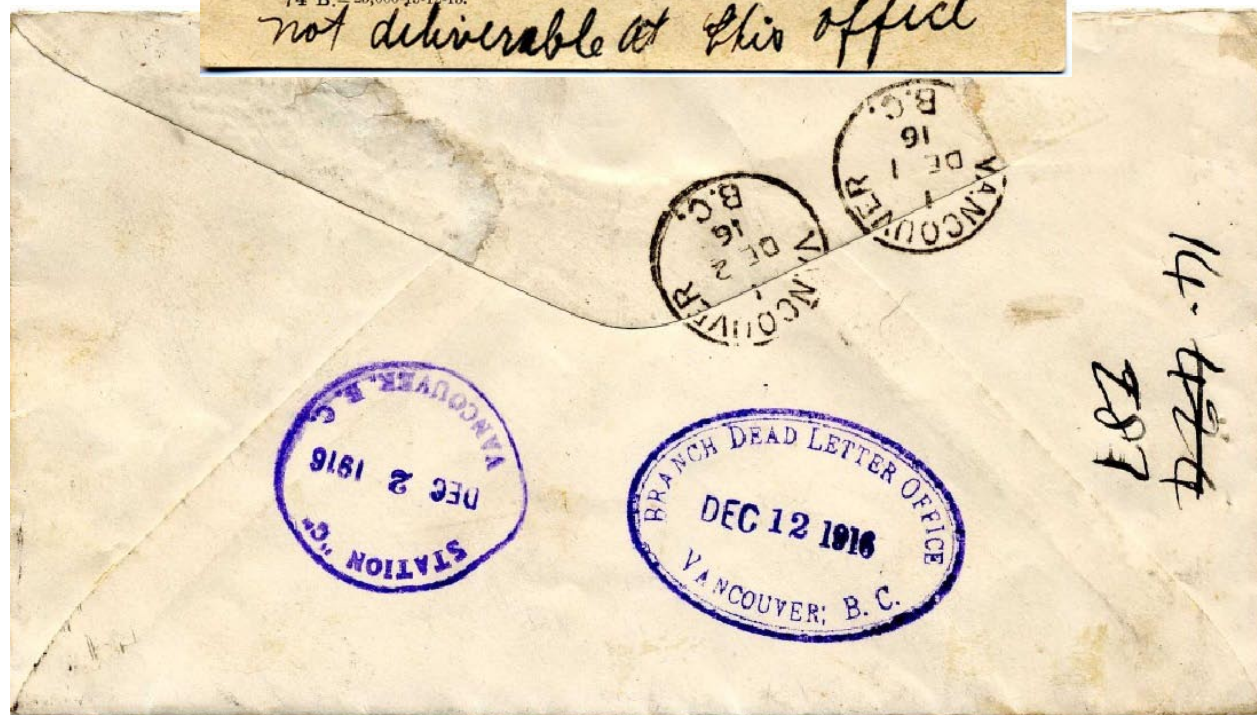
If, however, it proves not to be so deliverable, please
return it with this slip under cover.

To POSTMASTER _____ **COLLINGWOOD EAST WEST P.O.**

74 B. 25,000-19-12-13.

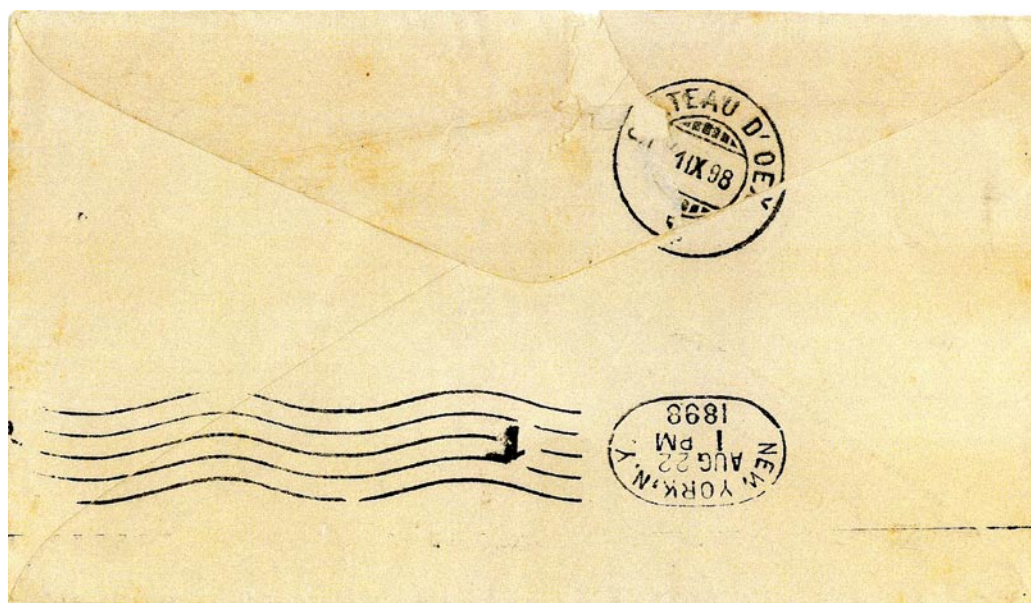
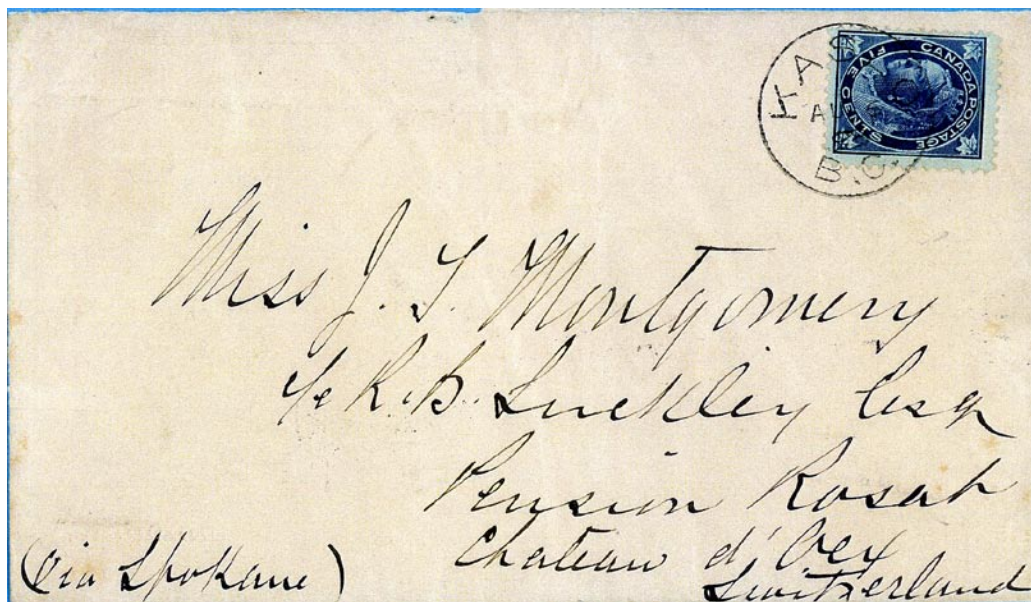
not deliverable at this office

Letter was
undeliverable
at Colling-
wood West
post office and
ended up at
the Vancouver
Dead Letter
Office.



Ask the experts: 1895 Kaslo to Switzerland routing

Study group member Bill Pawluk recently acquired this attractive five-cent Leaf UPU cover from Kaslo to Switzerland, endorsed "via Spokane." Bill wonders if we could provide additional details about the item's routing. Associate editor Tracy Cooper responds (thanks also to Peter Jacobi for additional research):



Five-cent UPU cover from Kaslo (Aug 16, 1898 CDS) to Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland (unclear receiver, Sept 11, 1899?). New York transit machine cancel dated Aug 22, 1898.

1898 was a tumultuous period of railway expansion and consolidation in southern British Columbia. For more information on the routing I went to the Postmaster General reports for the period from June 30, 1898, to June 30, 1899. This is what I found.

When the cover was posted, the writer had two choices: send it northward via the Kaslo and Slocan Railway to New Denver, where it would enter the CPR system, or send it south "via Spokane." The Spokane route was considered at the time the faster of the two options, owing to the unreliability of the narrow-gauge K&S railway (due to slides, forest fires, etc).

Kaslo routing continued

Here is the only official routing going south:

- 1) Kaslo to the steamer landing by foot (½ a mile, S H Green, 12 trips per week).
- 2) Kaslo wharf to Nelson wharf by steamer (45 miles, International Navigation and Trading Co, 6 trips per week).
- 3) Nelson wharf to Nelson by foot (½ a mile, Wilson and Harshaw, 12 trips per week)
- 4) Nelson to railway station by foot or wagon (1 mile, Wilson and Harshaw, 12 trips per week)
- 5) To Spokane by rail, via Ymir and Salmo (Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway).

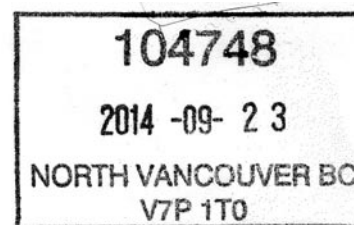
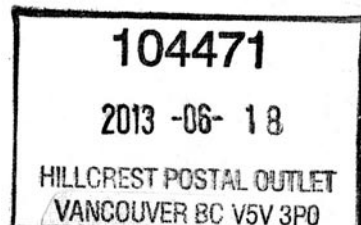
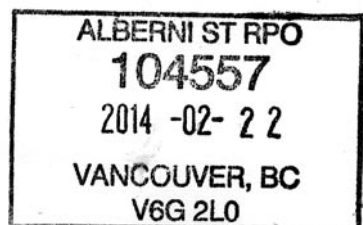
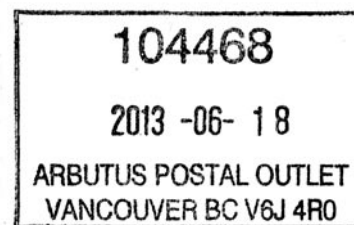
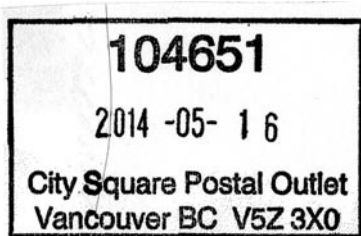
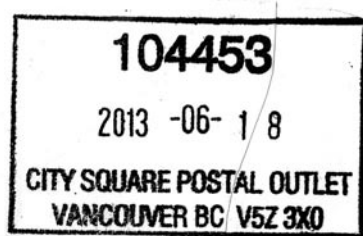
(American financier Daniel Chase Corbin received a charter from the Canadian government in 1891 to construct the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway from Spokane to Nelson. It reached Nelson in 1897. Sometime in 1898 James Hill of Great Northern Railway fame acquired this railroad.)

The cover would then have entered the GNR system. From New York it would have gone onward by steamship and rail to Switzerland. The Chateau d'Oex receiving date is indistinct but could be Sept 11, a trip of 26 days.

Recent BC six-digit post office numbers

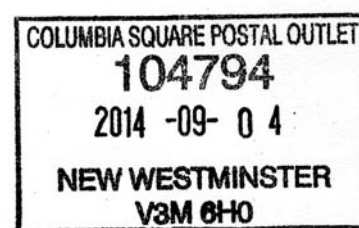
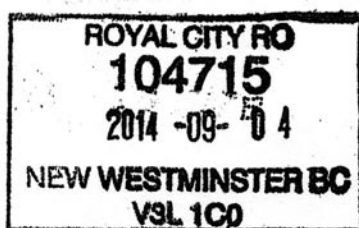
The most recent previous list of new post offices was published on page 755, in newsletter #85 (March 2013). We continue to try to update this information, most of which comes from the Canada Post website. ERDs listed are the earliest reported dates for the outlets' six-digit datestamps (pickup depot #104597 had no datestamp). Thanks also to Doug Murray, editor of the *Bull.MOOSE* newsletter, for his help with these. Some of these office numbers (eg, Vancouver City Square 104453) were only operational for brief periods of time. Perhaps examples of short-lived datestamps will become sought-after rarities for tomorrow's collectors.

104320	Penticton Marketplace	V2A 4V0	ERD: 21/SP/13
104305	Abbotsford	V2T 4M0	Unreported
104400	West Vancouver Caulfeild	V7W 3C0	Unreported
104422	Winfield South	V4V 2L0	ERD: 18/DE/13
104453	Vancouver City Square	V5Z 3X0	ERD: 18/JU/13
104455	Burnaby Brentwood Mall	V5C 2A0	ERD: 23/AU/13
104468	Vancouver Arbutus	V6J 4R0	ERD: 06/MY/13
104470	North Vancouver Central Lonsdale	V7M 2J0	ERD: 12/MY/13
104471	Vancouver Hillcrest	V5V 3P0	ERD: 24/MY/13
104488	Delta New Orleans	V4C 6R0	ERD: 28/JU/13

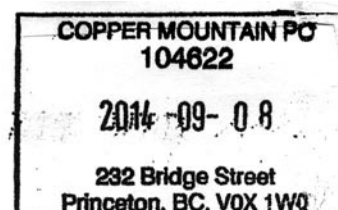
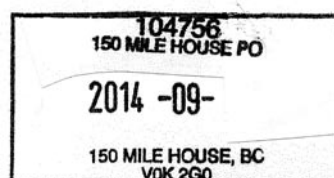
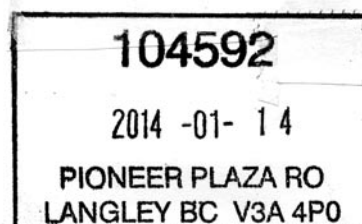


New post offices continued

104505	Coquitlam Blue Mountain	V3K 0A0	ERD: 23/DE/13
104522	Prince Rupert	V8J 1L0	ERD: 15/SP/13
104541	Ladysmith Town	V9G 0A0	ERD: 06/JA/14
104543	Naramata	V0H 1N0	ERD: 18/JY/13
104557	Vancouver Alberni Street	V6G 2L0	ERD: 22/FE/14
104559	Campbell River Dogwood	V9W 2X0	ERD: 06/JA/14
104562	Vancouver West Pender	V6C 1T0	ERD: 21/FE/14
104564	Wells	V0K 2R0	ERD: 24/SP/13
104565	Vancouver (The "W")	V6B 0J0	ERD: 27/NO/13
104589	Lake Errock/Harrison Bay	V0M 1N0	ERD: 30/DE/13



104592	Langley Pioneer Plaza	V3A 4P0	ERD: 14/JA/14
104593	Surrey Hillcrest Village	V3S 7Y0	ERD: 01/DE/13
104597	Vancouver	V6G 1V9	Pickup depot only
104598	Osoyoos Desert	V0H 2V0	ERD: 03/MR/14
104619	Fort St John Downtown	V1J 3Z0	ERD: 25/AP/14
104622	Princeton Copper Mountain	V0X 1W0	ERD: 14/AU/14
104650	Victoria Cook Street	V8V 3X0	ERD: 31/MR/14
104651	Vancouver City Square	V5Z 3X0	ERD: 05/MY/14
104661	Golden Kicking Horse	V0A 0A0	ERD: 09/SP/14
104662	Revelstoke Railway	V0E 2S0	ERD: 06/SP/14
104666	Gillies Bay	V0N 1W0	ERD: 04/SP/14
104694	Creston (Creston Valley)	V0B 3G0	ERD: 21/OC/14
104713	Chetwynd Little Prairie	V0C 0A0	ERD: 09/SP/14
104715	New Westminster Royal City	V3L 1C0	ERD: 22/AU/14
104733	North Vancouver Central Lonsdale	V7M 2J0	ERD: 02/SP/14
104743	Wynndel	V0B 2N0	ERD: 09/SP/14
104748	North Vancouver Pemberton Plaza	V7P 1T0	ERD: 07/AU/14
104756	150 Mile House	V0K 2G0	ERD: 23/AU/14
104767	Fort Langley	V1M 2A0	Unreported
104768	Abbotsford Clearbrook	V2T 5N0	Unreported
104772	Vancouver Main Street	V5X 3L0	ERD: 02/SP/14
104776	Vancouver University Village	V6T 1K0	Unreported
104794	New Westminster Columbia Square	V3M 6H0	ERD: 28/AU/14
104832	Surrey (Surrey Place)	V3T 2V0	Unreported
104834	Vancouver Granville Island	V6H 3Y0	ERD: 16/NO/14



Here is the third and final section of the 12-page listing of British Columbia "wing" markings that we've published over the past few issues of the newsletter. This section was last updated on Nov 5, 2014.

BC WING LIST (Part 3)	RC#	Code	Ink	ERD	LRD
Radium Hot Springs	646091	V0A 1M0		19/JA/06	04/SP/14
Revelstoke (pictorial)	no #	no code		06/DE/11	04/JY/14
Revelstoke	646113	V0E 2S0		28/AP/11	30/OC/13
Revelstoke (Big Eddy)	101722	V0E 3K0		10/JA/06	
Revelstoke (Railway)	104662	V0E 2S0		23/SP/14	26/SP/14
Richmond, Central PO (48x32 mm)	639966	V6Y 2EO		31/DE/05	17/JU/09
" " " (48x30 mm)	639966	V6Y 2EO		30/AP/10	30/AP/13
Richmond, One Road PO	654868	V7E 1S0		17/JU/09	28/DE/12
Richmond, Aberdeen PO	657131	V6X 3LO		20/FE/09	20/NO/13
Richmond, Blundell PO	026786	V7C 1H0	B+	28/MR/03	02/SP/10
Richmond, Richmond Center PO	085715	V6Y 2B0		28/MR/03	23/AP/13
Richmond, Main (Mon Dy Year)	104620	V6Y 4E0		06/JY/05	25/JY/07
" " (Year-Mo-Dy)	104620	V6Y 4E0		05/AP/06	11/DE/06
" " ** (new code)	104620	V6X 1A0		01/MY/08	03/J7/14
Richmond, Cambie PO (48x32 mm)	177814	V6X 1L0		28/SP/05	02/MY/08
" " PO (48x30 mm)	177814	V6X 1L0		26/SP/08	20/AP/13
Richmond, Ironwood PO	354619	V7A 1N0	B+	11/AU/03	20/JA/11
Richmond, YVR Airport PO	430013	V7B 1W0		18/OC/04	21/DE/05
Richmond, Steveston Village PO	100804	V7E 3A0		31/JY/03	19/NO/13
Richmond, East PO	100809	V6V 1B0		19/AU/04	
Richmond, East PO	101521	V6V 1B0		21/AP/05	28/AP/06
Richmond, East PO	102096	V6V 1B0	B+	07/JU/06	25/JY/08
Richmond, East PO	103084	V6V 1B0		25/JY/08	12/MR/09
Richmond, Broadmoor PO	101069	V7A 1G0	P+	09/OC/03	21/JY/04
Richmond, Broadmoor (48x32 mm)	101339	V7A 1G0		31/DE/04	31/DE/08
" " (48x30 mm)	101339	V7A 1G0		12/AP/10	27/AP/12
Richmond, Lansdowne PO	101356	V6X 2X0		29/DE/04	29/AP/07
Richmond, Lansdowne PO (error)	102058	V6X 2X0		29/MR/07	20/AP/07
Richmond, Lansdowne PO	102528	V6X 2X0	B+	24/AP/07	18/JU/14
Richmond, Garden City PO	101821	V6Y 3Y0		03/MY/06	02/MR/11
Richmond, Terra Nova PO	102048	V7C 5V0		23/JU/06	06/MR/07
Richmond, Terra Nova PO	102525	V7C 5V0	B+	31/MR/07	07/AP/14
Richmond, Moncton Street PO	102536	V7T 1T0	B+	24/OC/07	03/DE/13
Richmond, Bridgeport PO	103242	V6X 3R0		22/AP/09	09/AP/10
Riondel	646148	V0B 2B0		30/AP/09	11/JY/14
Roberts Creek	646199	V0N 2W0		13/OC/10	23/OC/13
Robson	019542	V0G 1X0		08/JU/01	08/AP/13
Rosedale	646327	V0X 1X0		03/AP/08	31/JY/14
Rossland	646245	V0G 1Y0		13/MY/08	06/FE/09
Royston	169161	V0R 2V0		09/JU/04	24/DE/06
Saanichton	646369	V8M 1A0		05/AP/07	06/NO/13
Salmon Arm	646393	V1E 1A0	R+	23/OC/07	10/JA/14
Saltspring Island	100358	V8K 2V0		28/FE/03	10/AP/10
Saltspring Island (hyphen in code)	642630	V8K 1A0		17/NO/05	31/OC/13
" " (no hyphen)	642630	V8K 1A0		05/JA/06	21/MY/08
Saturna Island	646474	V0N 2Y0		02/JA/09	20/FE/09
Savona (51x38 mm)	646490	V0K 2J0		17/JY/03	05/AU/09

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Savona (48x30 mm)	646490	V0K 2J0		01/SP/09	24/FE/14
Sayward	646512	V0P 1R0		04/FE/12	28/AU/13
Sechelt	646520	V0N 3A0		13/OC/10	13/NO/13
Sechelt (circ)	103451	V0N 3A0		06/JY/09	28/JY/09
Sechelt	103451	V0N 3A0		31/SP/09	21/OC/13
Sicamous	646628	V0E 2V0		24/MR/06	22/JA/14
Sidney (48x31 mm)	646644	V8L 1X0		20/MY/08	27/NO/08
" (45x37 mm)	646644	V8L 1Y1		03/MY/10	08/NO/11
Simoom Sound	103031	V0P 1S0		22/AP/09	26/FE/14
Sirdar	646687	V0B 2C0		21/OC/03	02/MR/09
Skookumchuk (spelling error)	101511	V0B 2E0		24/JA/05	02/MY/06
" (RC# excised)	no #	V0B 2E0		02/AU/06	10/NO/06
Skookumchuk (spelling error)	102376	V0B 2E0		14/FE/07	11/DE/07
Skookumchuk (spelling error)	102918	V0B 2E0		09/AP/08	12/JA/10
Smithers (48x32 mm)	646725	V0J 2N0		06/DE/01	20/AU/12
" (48x30 mm)	646725	V0J 2N0		17/JY/08	10/AP/12
Sointula	646741	V0N 3E0		30/MR/12	05/NO/13
Sooke	646784	V0S 1N0		19/SP/03	08/JA/07
" (new code)	646784	V9Z 1A0		28/NO/07	05/MY/09
" (new code, address line)	646784	V9Z 1A0		11/AU/10	07/AU/14
Sooke	656992	V0S 1N0		12/MY/05	10/AU/07
" (new code)	656992	V9Z 0A0		13/MR/08	02/OC/09
Sooke Center	656992	V0S 1N0		16/MR/04	11/FE/05
Sooke Center	103952	no code		24/JA/11	07/FE/14
Sorrento	646806	V0E 2W0		28/AP/06	12/MR/12
Sparwood	644722	V0B 2G0		15/DE/11	11/SP/14
Stewart	646989	V0T 1W0		08/MR/06	23/OC/13
Stuart Island	101841	V0P 1V0		21/AP/06	14/NO/11
Sunset Prairie	647012	V0C 2J0		03/DE/13	17/FE/14
Surge Narrows	641456	V0P 1W0	P+	03/SP/03	28/AU/13
Surrey (circ, forerunner)	649333	V3T 2Y0		02/JA/97	30/MR/98
Surrey, Sunnyside Mall PO	013722	V4A 5A0	B+	14/JA/03	07/NO/13
Surrey, Cloverdale, Supervisor	051675	V3S 7X0		03/JA/12	15/FE/12
Surrey, Nordel X'ing (48x32 mm)	100322	V3W 1P0		13/OC/04	07/JY/11
" " " (48x30 mm)	100322	V3W 1P0		15/MY/08	10/DE/13
Surrey, Morgan Heights	102851	V3S 0J0		29/DE/08	25/MR/09
" " " (new code)	102851	V3S 0C0		26/MR/09	24/JY/14
Tahsis (48x32 mm)	647047	V0P 1X0		05/FE/03	17/MR/06
Tahsis (48x30 mm)	647047	V0P 1X0		18/MR/14	20/MY/14
Tatlayoko Lake	649783	V0L 1W0		21/OC/09	03/FE/12
Taylor	647101	V0C 2K0		04/JY/13	22/MY/14
Telegraph Creek (comma)	647187	V0J 2W0		05/JY/06	03/AU/07
" " (no comma)	647187	V0J 2W0		24/JU/07	30/AU/08
Telkwa	647128	V0J 2X0		06/SP/00	28/OC/04
Terrace	647144	V8G 2S0		08/FE/06	28/JU/12
Terrace	051225	V8G 2S0		02/FE/06	31/DE/08
Terrace, Lakelse PO	101743	V8G 1R3	B+	06/OC/05	11/AU/14
Thetis Island (48x32 mm)	655457	V0R 2Y0	P+	30/AP/03	14/DE/07
" " (48x30 mm)	655457	V0R 2Y0		18/AP/08	27/JY/11

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Tofino, B.C. (comma, 48x32 mm)	647195	V0R 2Z0		29/DE/03	14/SP/06
" BC (comma, 48x32 mm)	647195	V0R 2Z0		13/DE/05	14/AU/06
" BC (no comma, 48x30 mm)	647195	V0R 2Z0		17/MR/08	22/MY/12
" (circ)	647195	V0R 2Z0		04/DE/03	01/FE/07
" (Tofino Post Office, 48x30 mm)	647195	V0R 2Z0		09/OC/12	05/AP/13
" (48x35 mm)	647195	V0R 2Z0		25/JY/14	
Topley (circular, B.C.)	103735	V0J 2Y0		04/MR/10	25/OC/13
" (" BC)	103735	V0J 2Y0		24/DE/13	05/SP/14
Trail	637823	V1R 3W0		21/MY/08	06/JU/08
Trail (48x32 mm)	647209	V1R 3W0		21/NO/02	29/SP/08
" BC (48x30 mm)	647209	V1R 3W0		15/MY/08	04/SP/08
" B.C. (48x30 mm)	647209	V1R 3W0		08/OC/08	01/OC/12
Tsawwassen (see Delta)					
Ucluelet (48x32 mm)	647276	V0R 3A0		22/MR/05	08/AU/08
" (48x30 mm)	647276	V0R 3A0		29/OC/08	12/AU/14
Union Bay	647292	V0R 3B0		04/MR/05	27/NO/13
Vancouver (Marpole)	631671	no code		27/MR/03	30/JA/12
Vancouver, Downtown PO	062855	V6E 1B0		27/OC/00	31/MY/01
Vancouver, Oak Street PO	102829	V6M 2V7	B+	01/AP/08	14/NO/13
Vancouver, Yaletown	104380	V6Z 2Y0		02/AP/13	
Vavenby	648329	V0E 3A0		27/DE/12	31/DE/13
Vedder Crossing	000100	no code		03/JU/02	06/FE/08
Vernon (45x32 mm)	648388	V1T 2M0		08/JU/05	15/JA/09
" (48x30 mm)	648388	V1T 2M0		22/SP/06	22/SP/14
Vernon (48x32 mm)	051187	V1T 2M0	RB+	11/OC/02	02/OC/09
" (RC# excised)	no #	V1T 2M0	BP+	11/FE/03	13/MR/05
" (48x30 mm)	051187	V1T 2M0		30/NO/09	02/AU/12
Vernon, Finnlay's PO (error)	100123	V1T 6L0		14/JA/03	08/SP/03
" Findlay's PO (corrected)	100123	V1T 6L0	B+	09/JA/04	26/JU/07
Vernon, Polson Mall PO (47x32 mm)	102889	V1T 7E3		22/AP/08	13/OC/11
" " " " (48x30 mm)	102889	V1T 7E3		05/DE/11	25/JY/14
Vernon, Shoppers DM PO	130397	V1T 2M0		12/SP/08	17/AP/14
" Westend	130397	V1T 2E0		30/JA/13	03/SP/14
Vernon, Northend Shoppers	103110	V1T 4Y4		18/JA/14	05/JU/14
Victoria, Depot 10	no #	V8Z 4B0		09/JA/12	09/FE/12
Victoria (PS "B," 48x30 mm)	644382	V8R 1H0		20/FE/08	07/JY/08
" " (48x35 mm)	644382	V8R 1H0		10/SP/08	18/JY/13
Victoria, FMO/BPF (48x32 mm)	no #	V9A 3R0		07/MR/05	29/SP/06
" " "	648930	V9A 3R0		20/DE/06	14/JA/14
" " " (48x30 mm)	no #	V9A 3R0		16/AU/13	31/JY/14
Victoria (University Heights)	630845	V8N 3E0		24/JA/08	04/AP/11
Victoria (Royal Oak, no comma)	631000	V8Z 3G0		02/AU/03	05/JU/12
" " " (comma)	631000	V8Z 3G0		13/FE/06	08/AU/12
Victoria (Cordova Park, 48x32 mm)	654744	V8R 1G0		14/OC/03	06/FE/12
" " " (52x38 mm)	654744	V8R 1G0		31/MR/10	22/SP/14
Victoria (Town+Country, 48x32 mm)	068446	V8Z 3L0	P+	27/JA/05	30/MY/10
" " " 48x30 mm)	068446	V8Z 3L0		21/JY/11	03/SP/14
Victoria, BC (Hillside)	171905	V8T 3A0		22/MR/02	18/FE/04

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Victoria, B.C. (48x32 mm)	171905	V8T 3A0		09/JU/04	21/JU/06
" B.C. (48x30 mm)	171905	V8T 3A0		20/JU/06	25/SP/14
Victoria (City Centre)	356263	V8W 2E0		01/MY/06	04/JY/14
Victoria (Cook Street)	358223	V8V 3X0		30/AU/05	24/JY/08
Victoria (Cook Street)	103288	V8V 3X0		06/OC/08	07/MR/14
Victoria (Cadboro Bay)	388505	V8N 4G0		06/MR/03	23/DE/13
Victoria (Westshore)	418595	V9B 5E0		14/JU/02	24/MR/13
Victoria (Mount Tolmie, 48x30 mm)	437263	V8P 4H0		10/JU/06	30/DE/08
" " " 45x32 mm)	437263	V8P 4H0		31/MR/09	24/FE/10
Victoria* (Saanich)	100182	V8X 1J0	B+	10/JU/02	08/SP/07
Victoria (Superior Street)	100719	V8V 1T0		26/AP/04	06/JU/06
Victoria (University)	101463	V8P 5C0		09/MR/05	05/FE/14
Victoria (James Bay)	101548	V8V 2G0		25/JA/05	29/DE/06
Victoria (James Bay)	102458	V8V 2G0	P+	01/MR/07	17/SP/14
Victoria (Quadra)	102613	V8T 4E0		24/JU/07	22/SP/14
Victoria (Millstream)	102727	V9B 3R0		08/DE/07	04/AP/11
Victoria (Saanich Centre)	102853	V8X 1J0	B+	31/MR/08	27/JY/10
Victoria, Westside PO (circ)	103555	V9A 7N0		13/NO/09	14/DE/12
Wasa	649058	V0B 2K0	B+	04/MR/03	23/AP/09
" (large square)	649058	V0B 2K0	BR+	06/MY/09	23/JU/14
Westholme	388904	V0R 3C0		03/MR/05	29/AU/08
Westwold	026972	V0E 3B0		12/FE/09	28/DE/11
Whaletown	649163	V0P 1Z0		06/JA/12	14/JU/13
White Rock	651230	no code		28/JY/06	25/SP/13
White Rock, Hillcrest PO	059846	V4B 3Z0		19/JA/05	13/JY/11
White Rock	382132	V4A 3K0		20/SP/06	03/SP/11
White Rock, Staples PO	422754	V4P 3K0	R	10/DE/05	09/FE/06
Williams Lake (48x32 mm)	649244	V2G 1H0	BP+	28/SP/01	29/JY/09
" " (48x30 mm)	649244	V2G 1H0		13/FE/09	26/AU/14
Windermere	100197	V0B 2L0		14/MR/03	17/JA/05
Windemere (spelling error)	100197	V0B 2L0		25/JA/05	27/MR/07
Windermere	102545	V0B 2L0		17/AP/07	13/NO/07
Windermere	103308	V0B 2L0		12/NO/08	03/SP/14
Winlaw	649279	V0G 2J0		18/DE/01	15/JA/07
Winter Harbour	644153	V0N 3L0		08/JA/03	25/MY/14
Wonowon	649384	V0C 2N0		10/DE/13	26/FE/14
Woss	101525	V0N 3P0		03/FE/05	18/JY/07
Wynndel (large square)	102450	V0B 2N0		24/JA/07	02/AU/11
" (48x30 mm)	102450	V0B 2N0		22/DE/11	05/MR/14
Wynndel (circ)	104743	V0B 2N0		09/SP/14	
Yahk	649341	V0B 2P0		27/FE/08	17/JY/14
Youbou	269034	V0R 3E0		10/JA/01	23/MY/07
Zeballos	649422	V0P 2A0		08/FE/12	11/AU/14

* early datestamp error noted for Victoria 100182 (JA/02).

** no year numeral appears in 2014 dates

B/blue, R/red, P/purple, G/green, +/black noted also. ERD/LRD: early/late recorded dates.