

BC POSTAL HISTORY MONOGRAPH No 1

THE LOST CHILDREN REVISITED

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About 16 years ago, I presented a talk at the BNAPS Pacific Northwest Regional Group in Kelowna regarding unreported BC town cancels for towns that opened **between the years of 1871 and 1921**. I called these missing markings the "lost children." Since trail-blazing postal historian George Melvin prepared the first list of unreported cancels, in 1967, many of these so-called children have been found. In my talk I predicted which unreported towns were most likely to turn up in future years. I have not included unreported towns from 1921 to present, as official reporting of revenues for individual post offices after 1921 is sparse and eventually became non-existent. The predictive model for unreported towns is totally dependent upon knowing the post office revenue for the period of usage. After 1921, the Post Master General Reports were very scanty with respect to post office revenue for non-accounting towns, ie towns that did not have Money Order Office responsibilities.

Why, you may ask, is the question of unreported BC town cancels important? The primary reason, surely, is financial. With unreported cancels selling for anywhere between \$700 and \$1,500, additional reports could substantially reduce the value of the collector's investment.

Outlined below is George Melvin's December 1967 list of BC towns that were open in the **1871-1921** period but unreported in the census he undertook.

The following indicates what happened to the list from 1967 to 1999, when I undertook the first "lost children" report.

Bold – towns **reported** as being **found between 1967 and 1999**.

Italics – towns which Melvin noted in his 1967 list as unreported but which subsequent research has proven not to exist or never to have opened.

Regular type – towns which in my 1999 census were still unreported.

A

Albert Head, Alice Siding, **Alliford Bay**, **Alluvia**, **Alvaston**, **Amsbury**, Anaham Lake, Annacis Island, *Antler Creek*, **Ashby Point**, **Atnarko**

B

Baker, *Bankhead*, **Bayard**, **Beard Creek**, **Beaverton**, **Bellerose**, **Benton Siding**, **Bickle**, **Big Eddy**, Birchlands, **Bishop Landing**, **Bon Accord**, **Bonanza Siding**, **Boulder Mill**, **Boundary Bay**, Branham Island, Breckenridge Landing, **Burnaby**,

Burnt Flat, *Burrard*, **Burrville**

C

Cadwallader, **Cahilty**, **Caithness**, Calvert Island, Canough Creek, *Carbonate*, **Castledale**, **Cedar Cove**, *Central Park Station*, **Centre Island**, **Chamadaska**, Chamings, **Chickens Lake**, **Chimney Creek**, **Chopaka**, Christina, **Club Landing**, **Coburn**, *Codville Landing*, **Coltern**, **Crecent Lodge**, Curnow

D

Dennison Station, **Denoro**, *Dewdney District*, *Dolcy*, *Dominion Mills*, **Dorr**, *Douglas*, **Dragon Lake**, **Dunbar Heights**, Dunkeld, **Duthie**

E

East Bella Bella, **East Chilliwack**, **Elkmouth**, **Ellison**, **Emory**, **English Cove**, Evans Creek, Extension No 1.

F

False Bay, Farwell, Ferney Coombe, **Firvale**, **Fisherman Bay**, Frasertown, Freysville,

G

Ganges Harbour, *Garsvold*, Gatcombe, Giscome Portage, *Gitwanga*, *Gitwangak*, Gladstone, Gold Hill, **Gordon Head**, Gowland Harbour, **Granite Siding**, **Green Point Rapids**, **Grohman**, **Grouse Creek (1)**, **Gutelius**

H

Harvey Creek (1), Hendon, Hilliam, **Hilton**, Hockin Landing, Holmwood, **Hopington**, Hubert

I

Independent, *Irish Creek*, Irving

J

Jackman, **Jura**

K

Kennfalls, **Kensington Prairie**, **Kettle River**, **Kilkerran**, Kimsquit, Kingsville, **Koch Siding**, *Kuhrville*

L

Lajoie Falls, **Lake Buntzen**, Lake Kathlyn, *Lake La Hache*, Lakesle (1), Lakemere, Latilla, Lennandale, Loch Errock, **Lorne Creek**, **Lucerne Station**, **Lumen**

M

McCuddy, *McPherson*, Manistee, Meyers Flat, **Mineola**, Moberly, Molly Gibson (2), **Moresby**, **Mosquito Harbour**, **Munro**

N

Naden Harbour, Nadu River, **New Michel**, Newtonia, Nicholl, **North Fort St John**, **North Gabriola**, **North Star**, **North Vancouver SO 1**

O

O'Donnell River, **Okanagan**, Olsen Lake, **Ominica**, Ottertail

P

Pikes Landing, Pingston Creek, **Pitt River**, Point Cowan, Popcum, Port Gillam, Port Hughes, **Port Nelson**, **Port Progress**, Powder Point, **Priests Valley**, Princeton Crossing, **Punchaw**

Q

Quadra, **Queensborough**, *Quesnellemouth*

R

Raush Valley, **Redcliffe Mine**, Reid Centre, Reiswig, **Rendezvous Island**, **Retreat Cove**, **Roosville**, **Royal Mills**, **Ryan**

S

St. Leon Hot Springs, **Saltair**, **San Mateo**, Scarf, **Sea Otter Cove**, **Secret Cove**, Seven Lakes, **Shields Station**, **Shingle Creek**, **Six Mile Creek**, *Skeena River*, **South Port Mann**, South Saanich, **Sparwood**, Sproat, **Stapleby**, **Strandby**, **Stuart River**, Summit, Sunnyside, **Suquash**, **Sutton Green**, *Swift River*

T

Takush Harbour, **Tarrys**, **Tete Jeune**, *The Tunnel*, **Thurston Harbour**, **Tillicum**, **Tonkin**, **Tramville**, Tunnel Creek

U

Upper Nass, **Upper Squamish**

V

Vanarsdol, **Vancouver Heights**, **Vancouver-Britcola**, *-Cedar Cove*, - **Exhibition**, **-Hastings**, **-Hillcrest**, **-Janes Road**, **-Shaughnessy Heights**, **Vargas**, **Vaucroft Beach**, *Vesuvius*, **Victoria-Willow Park**, **Voights Camp**

W

Waconda, **Waleach**, Wapta, **Warfield**, **Watch Lake**, **Waterloo**, **Watson**, **Wattsburg**, **Watun River**, Welcome Harbour, Westmere, Whatshan, **Whites Camp**, **White Sulphur**, **Wilson Crossing**, **Wilson Point**, **Winnott**, **Wire Cache**, Woden River, **Woodward**

Y

Yoho, Yreka

Z

Zincton

As you can see, a large number of the towns on the Melvin 1967 unreported list have since been found. There were also many towns which were not on Melvin's original 1967 list which have subsequently been found as well: Sewall, Musgrave's Landing and Hydah come to mind. An exhaustive list of these towns could easily be determined by reviewing this list against the Topping/Robinson 1991 BC Checklist.

Much has also been learned about BC postal history in the last 50 years and the following new towns, or periods of use for existing towns, have been added to the 1999 unreported list:

Unreported Towns not on Melvin's 1967 List

Amesbury, Bitter Creek, Blue Springs, Boundary Creek, Franklin, French Creek (1), Glenlily, Groundhog, Grouse Creek (2), Harvey Creek (2), North Saanich (1), Rosswood, Royal Oak (1), Sewall, Sidney Island, Sloan, South Saanich (2), Spiller River, Sproat (2) Vedder River

To summarize, the following 1871-1921 towns were found to be still unreported in the 1999 census.

**Unreported BC Towns as of 1999 Census
(opened between 1871 and 1921)**

Alice Siding	Gatcombe	Meyers Flat	Sloan
Amesbury	Giscome Portage	Moberly	South Saanich(1)
Anaham Lake	Gitwanga	Molly Gibson (2)	South Saanich(2)
Annacis Island	Gladstone	Naden Harbour	Spiller River
Birchlands	Glenlily	Nadu River	
Bitter Creek	Gold Hill	Newtonia	Sproat (2)
Blue Springs	Gowland Harbour	Nicholl	Summit
Boundary Creek	Groundhog	North Saanich (1)	Sunnyside
Branham Island	Grouse Creek (2)	O'Donnell River	Takush Harbour
Breckenridge Landing	Harvey Creek (1)	Olsen Lake	Tunnel Creek
Burnt Flat	Harvey Creek (2)	Ottertail	
	Hendon	Pikes Landing	
Cadwallader	Hilliam	Pingston Creek	(Vancouver
Calvert Island	Hockin Landing		Shaugnessy
Canough Creek	Holmwood	Popcum	Heights)
Chamings	Hubert	Port Gillam	Vargas
Chimney Creek	Irving	Port Hughes	Vedder River
Christina	Jackman	Powder Point	Wapta
Curnow	Kimsquit	Princeton Crossing	(Welcome
Dunkeld	Kingsville	Quadra	Harbour)
East Bella Bella	Lake Kathlyn	Raush Valley	Westmere
Evans Creek	Lakelse (1)	Reid Centre	Whatshan
Extension No. 1	Lakemere	Reiswig	Wire Cache
Farwell	Latilla	Rosswood	Woden River
Ferney Coombe	Lennandale	Royal Oak (1)	Yreka
Franklin	Loch Errock	Scarf	
Frasertown	Manistee	Seven Lakes	
French Creek (1)	McCuddy	Sewall	
Freysville		Sidney Island	

In order to determine the survivability quotient for the unreported towns noted above, the following BC Post Offices with reported strikes were used as comparables.

1871-1880 Comparables

Town	Revenue	Reported Strikes	Maximum Est. Covers	% Reported
Cassiar	\$338.78	2	11292	0.018%
Keithly Creek(1)	\$117.00	1	3900	0.025%
Kootenay Sub	\$157.17	2	5239	0.038%
Ominica	\$60.21	1	2007	0.050%
Quesnelle Forks(1)	\$87.17	1	2906	0.034%
			Average	<u>0.033%</u>

1881-1890 Comparables

Burgoyne Bay	\$1250. est	8	41666	0.019%
Burrard Inlet(1)	\$1500. est	6	50000	0.012%
Cranbrook	\$125..est	3	4166	0.072%
Eagle Pass	\$178.86	2	5962	0.033%
Kootenay	\$1000. est	8	33333	0.024%
Maple Bay (1)	\$2015. est	8	67166	0.112%
Maple Ridge	\$1029.83	10	34328	0.029%
McPhersons Station	\$920. est	6	30667	0.020%
Metchosin	\$330. Est	3	11000	0.027%
North Arm (1)	\$1050. Est	5	35000	0.014%
Priests Valley	\$310. Est	1	10333	0.010%
Riverside	\$390. Est	3	13000	0.023%
Sayward Alberni	\$590. Est	6	19667	0.030%
Sea Island	\$330. Est	2	11000	0.018%
Shopland	\$1760. Est	11	58670	0.019%
Spillamacheen	\$2150. Est	6	71677	0.008%
Drynoch	\$428.47	2	14282	0.014%
Johnsons Landing	\$400 est	4	13333	0.008%
			Average	<u>0.027%</u>

1890-1900 Comparables

Aberdeen	\$320.00	3	21334	0.014%
Cody	\$1200 est	8	40000	0.020%
Columbia Valley	\$400 est	10	13333	0.075%

Craigellachie (1)	\$520. est	3	17333	0.017%
Empire Valley	\$215.79	5	7193	0.069%
Fulford HarBour	\$380.78	7	12693	0.055%
Genoa	\$471.26	8	15709	0.051%
Gordon Ranch	\$39.30	1	1310	0.076%
North Salt Spring	\$565.25	5	18842	0.027%
Oaklands	\$721.00	6	24033	0.025%
Slocan City	\$1195.00	7	39833	0.018%
St. Elmo (1)	\$1335.18	2	44506	0.004%
Swansea	\$62.00	1	2133	0.047%
Tappen Siding	\$437.20	7	14573	0.048%
Thomsons Landing	\$940. est	9	31333	0.029%
Upper Grand Forks	\$360. Est	9	12000	0.075%
			Average	<u>0.041%</u>

1900-1905 Comparables

Beaverton	\$215. est	2	10750	0.019%
Bonanza Siding	\$167.50	1	8375	0.012%
Bullion	\$1690.71	10	84535	0.012%
Campbell Creek	\$140. est	5	7000	0.071%
Hall (1)	\$340. Est	5	17000	0.029%
Horsefly (1)	\$510. Est	9	25500	0.035%
Morrissey Mines (1)	\$200. Est	1	10000	0.010%
Oyster Harbour	\$400. Est	10	20000	0.050%
Peterborough	\$575. Est	4	28750	0.014%
Phillips	\$287.38	2	14369	0.014%
Port Nelson	\$174.75	1	8737	0.011%
Sucker Creek	\$50. Est	1	2500	0.040%
Whites Camp	\$58.12	1	1870	0.053%
			Average	<u>0.041%</u>

1905-1910 Comparables

Alluvia	\$145.48	2	7274	0.027%
Annis	\$2192.54	7	109627	0.006%
Bayard	\$315. est	1	15750	0.006%
Big Eddy	\$615.98	2	20532	0.009%
Brechin	\$805.16	4	40258	0.010%
Brightwater	\$475. est	2	23750	0.008%
Camborne	\$3500. est	7	175000	0.004%

Chopaka	\$36.00	1	1800	0.056%
Club Landing	\$40. est	1	2000	0.050%
Denoro	\$269.87	2	13493	0.015%
East Chilliwack	\$234.35	3	11717	0.026%
Elkmouth	\$1100. est	3	36666	0.008%
Gutelius	\$441.73	3	14724	0.020%
Hunterville	\$305. est	2	15250	0.013%
Kokanee (1)	\$337.86	5	11262	0.044%
Mosquito Harbour	\$280.31	1	14015	0.007%
Port Kusam	\$1050. est	10	52500	0.019%
Silver Creek	\$642.01	9	32100	0.028%
Timberland	\$370. est	10	18500	0.054%
Wilson Crossing	\$50. est	1	2500	0.040%
			Average	<u>0.022%</u>

1910-1915 Comparables

Arbutus	\$21.50	1	1075	0.093
Bamberton	\$1221.24	2	61062	0.003%
Burrville	\$160. est	1	8000	0.012%
Cheakamus	\$1040.70	2	52035	0.004%
Cultus Lake (1)	\$75. est	1	3750	0.027%
Deep Creek	\$165. est	6	8250	0.072%
English Cove	\$165. est	1	8250	0.012%
Firvale	\$196.97	1	9848	0.010%
Graham Centre	\$216.68	2	10834	0.018%
Hesquiat (1)	\$426.67	3	21233	0.014%
Hydah	\$313.00	2	15650	0.013%
Lumen	\$77.32	2	3866	0.052%
Piper Siding	\$390. est	2	19500	0.010%
Saltair	\$104.90	1	5245	0.019%
Sealey	\$578.51	1	28925	0.003%
Silverthorne	\$190. est	1	9500	0.010%
Tunstall Bay	\$1036.82	7	51841	0.013%
			Average	<u>0.023%</u>

1915-1921 Comparables

Albert Head	\$547.52	3	18250	0.016%
Bellerose	\$208.87	3	13925	0.021%
Big Bay	\$1495.37	2	49845	0.004%

Chase River	\$1757.08	6	87854	0.007%
Collingwood West	\$1798.33	11	59944	0.018%
Coltern	\$400.82	2	13361	0.015%
Ellison	\$753.64	4	25121	0.016%
Green Point Rapids	\$1392.06	1	46402	0.002%
Grimmett	\$2184.34	3	72811	0.004%
Kenfalls	\$100. Est	1	3333	0.030%
Kingsvale	\$124.90	6	4163	0.0144%
Lajoie Falls	\$100. Est	1	3666	0.027%
Mad River	\$120.36	1	4012	0.025%
Nicholson	\$66.68	1	3334	0.030%
Puntledge (1)	\$115. Est	5	3833	0.130%
Qualicum	\$797.04	8	26568	0.030%
Stapleby	\$324.92	1	10830	0.009%
Tete Jaune	\$313.48	3	10450	0.029%
Tow Hill	\$265.13	2	8838	0.022%
			Average	<u>0.029%</u>

The Likelihood of New Finds (Multiplier)

Ever since the first list of unreported BC towns was published, almost 50 years ago, postal historians have been searching for the “lost children.” They search partly for glory, partly for the thrill of the hunt and partly for economic benefit. Some unreported towns are found in existing collections, some in new hordes or correspondences. Postcards mailed between 1905 and 1915, when such items were still a novelty and of huge interest to the public, remain the greatest source of new discoveries. Tracking new finds in the period between 1967 to 1999 has confirmed the truism that the more recently the unreported post office was in operation, the more likely it is to be discovered. Based on data tabulated over a 23-year period, the following multipliers were established and applied against the empirical data reported above.

Period	Observed %	Multiplier	Predicted Survivability %
1871-1880	0.033%	1.01	0.033%
1881-1890	0.029%	1.04	0.030%
1891-1900	0.041%	1.16	0.047%
1901-1905	0.028%	1.32	0.037%
1906-1910	0.022%	1.64	0.036%
1911-1915	0.023%	2.28	0.052%
1916-1921	0.029%	2.56	0.074%

1999 – Predicting the Children

<u>Town</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Domestic</u> <u>Rate ¢</u>	<u># Covers</u> X	<u>Survivability</u> <u>Factor</u> =	<u>Predicted</u> <u>Maximum</u> <u>Examples</u>
Alice Siding	1905	\$41.35	2	2067	0.037	0.76
Amesbury	1920	\$173.57	3	5785	0.074	4.28
Anaham Lake	1910	\$75 est	2	3750	0.036	1.35
Annacis Island	1910	\$32.32	2	1616	0.036	0.58
Birchlands	1914	\$88.20	2	4410	0.036	0.58
Bitter Creek	1912	\$20 est	2	1000	0.052	2.29
Blue Springs	1895	\$72.36	3	2412	0.047	1.13
Boundary Creek	1894	\$70 est	3	2333	0.047	1.09
Branham Island	1917	\$64.20	3	1928	0.074	1.43
Breckenridge						
Landing	1912	\$78.50	2	3925	0.052	2.04
Burnt Flat	1913	\$85.96	2	4298	0.052	2.23
Cadwallader	1901	\$30 est	2	1500	0.037	0.55
Calvert Island	1915	\$64.46	2/3	2149	0.052	1.11
Canough Creek	1920	\$300 est	2	10000	0.074	7.40
Chamings	1912	\$33.50	2	1675	0.052	0.87
Chimney Creek	1916	\$105.33	3	3511	0.074	2.60
Christina	1899	\$15.00	2	750	0.047	0.35
Curnow	1905	\$49.00	2	2450	0.037	0.66
Dunkeld	1874	\$62.00	3	2066	0.033	0.68
East Bella Bella	1918	\$1205.60	3	40186	0.074	29.74
Evan Creek	1913	\$49.75	2	2487	0.052	1.29
Extension No 1	1902	\$40 est	2	2000	0.037	0.74
Farwell	1886	\$9.56	3	319	0.030	0.09
Ferney Coombe	1887	\$438.43	3	14614	0.030	4.38
Franklin	1907	\$30 est	2	1500	0.036	0.54
Frasertown	1913	\$249.55	2/3	8317	0.052	4.32
French Creek (1)	1886	\$26.57	3	886	0.030	0.27
Freysville	1913	\$145.81	2/3	7290	0.052	3.79
Gatcombe	1914	\$19.30	2	965	0.052	0.50
Giscome Portage	1915	\$9.16	3	305	0.052	0.15
Gitwanga	1914	\$1750 est	2/3	87500	0.052	45.40

Gladstone	1901	\$423.50	2	21175	0.037	7.83
Glenlily	1916	\$242.87	3	8096	0.074	5.99
Gold Hill	1905	\$24.84	2	1242	0.037	7.83
Gowland Harbour	1914	\$49.00	2/3	2450	0.052	1.27
Groundhog	1913	\$15.41	2	770	0.052	0.40
Grouse Creek (2)	1884	\$17.50	3	583	0.030	0.17
Harvey Creek (1)	1874	\$26.00	3	867	0.033	0.28
Harvey Creek (2)	1886	\$174.45	3	5815	0.030	1.74
Hendon	1912	\$36.00	2	1800	0.052	0.93
Hilliam	1920	\$160.60	3	5353	0.074	3.96
Hockin Landing	1917	\$214.98	3	7166	0.074	5.30
Holmwood	1916	\$377.13	3	12571	0.074	9.30
Hubert	1916	\$264.28	3	8809	0.074	6.52
Irving	1891	\$5.00	3	167	0.047	0.08
Jackman	1902	\$100 est	2	5000	0.037	1.85
Kimsquit	1915	\$540 est	3	18000	0.052	9.36
Kingsville	1906	\$27.00	2	1350	0.036	0.49
Lake Kathlyn	1914	\$76.00	2/3	3800	0.052	1.98
Lakelse (1)	1915	\$174.60	3	5820	0.052	3.03
Lakemere	1911	\$37.16	2	1858	0.052	0.97
Latilla	1914	\$14.40	2	720	0.052	0.37
Lennandale	1911	\$47 est	2	2350	0.052	1.22
Loch Errock	1894	\$89.42	2	2981	0.047	1.40
Manistee	1912	\$886.52	2/3	44326	0.052	23.05
McCuddy	1900	\$49.81	2	2490	0.037	0.92
Meyers Flat	1911	\$69.65	2	3482	0.052	1.81
Moberly	1904	\$61.77	2	3088	0.037	1.14
Molly Gibson (2)	1913	\$185.49	2/3	6183	0.052	3.21
Naden Harbour	1914	\$240 est	2/3	12000	0.052	6.24
Nadu River	1916	\$204.02	3	6801	0.074	5.03
Newtonia	1914	\$97.52	2/3	4876	0.052	2.54
Nicholl	1913	\$22 est	2	1100	0.052	0.57
North Saanich(1)	1881	\$4.05	3	135	0.030	0.04
O'Donnell River	1915	\$35 est	2/3	1167	0.052	0.61
Olsen Lake	1916	\$102.11	3	3404	0.074	2.52
Ottertall	1903	\$53.25	2	2662	0.037	0.98
Pikes Landing	1894	\$3.50 est	3	117	0.047	0.05
Pingston Creek	1919	\$229.25	3	7642	0.074	5.65

Popcum	1875	\$15.00	3	500	0.033	0.16
Port Gillam	1917	\$3.00	3	100	0.074	0.07
Port Hughes	1900	\$50.00	2	2500	0.037	0.92
Powder Point	1903	\$44.62	2	2231	0.037	0.82
Princeton Crossing	1915	\$160.00	3	5333	0.052	2.77
Quadra	1884	\$700 est	3	23333	0.030	7.00
Raush Valley (1)	1917	\$141.49	3	4716	0.074	3.49
Reid Centre	1920	\$40 est	3	1333	0.074	0.99
Reiswig	1908	\$218.92	2	10946	0.036	3.94
Rosswood	1915	\$127.75	3	4258	0.052	2.21
Royal Oak(1)	1881	\$1.33	3	44	0.030	0.01
Scarf	1914	\$544.91	2/3	27245	0.052	14.16
Seven Lakes	1917	\$390.60	3	13020	0.074	9.63
Sewall	1918	\$125.06	3	4202	0.074	3.11
Sidney Island	1911	\$34.63	2	1731	0.052	0.90
Sloan	1909	\$75 est	2	3750	0.036	1.35
South Saanich(1)	1881	\$3.33	3	111	0.030	0.68
South Saanich(2)	1889	\$68 est	3	2267	0.030	1.85
Spiller River	1912	\$66.74	3	2202	0.052	1.14
Sproat(2)	1918	\$300.25	3	3550	0.036	7.41
Summit	1900	\$73.81	2	10008	0.074	7.41
Sunnyside	1890	No reported revenue. Numbers unknown but undoubtedly rare				
Takush Harbour	1916	\$187.95	3	6255	0.074	4.63
Tunnel Creek	1912	\$110.01	2	5500	0.052	2.86
Vancouver - Shaughnessy Heights						
	1915	\$40 est	3	1333	0.052	0.69
Vargas	1917	\$282.58	3	9419	0.074	6.97
Vedder River	1909	\$9.50	2	475	0.036	0.17
Wapta	1907	\$87.30	2	4365	0.036	1.57
Welcome Harbour	1915	\$50 est	2	1667	0.052	0.87
Westmere	1916	\$204.48	3	6816	0.074	5.04
Whatshan	1914	\$304.42	2/3	15221	0.052	7.91
Wire Cache	1920	\$22.95	2	765	0.074	0.57
Woden River	1913	\$155 est	2/3	5167	0.052	2.69
Yreka	1903	\$330.52	2	16526	0.037	6.11

TOWNS EXPECTED to be REPORTED

In 1999, based on the above the following top 25 were expected to be found. Here are the findings of those 25 top towns and current Reported/Unreported status as of Aug 2015.

Town	Predicted Maximum # of Examples	Reported/Unreported - 2015
(1) Gitwanga	45.50*	Unreported
(2) East Bella Bella	29.74	Reported
(3) Manistee	23.05	Reported
(4) Scarf	14.16	Unreported
(5) Seven Lakes	9.63	Unreported
(6) Kimsquit	9.36	Reported
(7) Holmwood	9.30	Unreported
(8) Whatshan	7.91	Reported
(9) Gladstone	7.83	Unreported
(10) Sproat (2)	7.41	Unreported
(11) Canough Creek	7.40	Reported
(12) Quadra	7.00	Unreported
(13) Vargas	6.97	Reported
(14) Hubert	6.52	Unreported
(15) Naden Harbour	6.24	Unreported
(16) Yreka	6.11	Reported
(17) Glenlily	5.99	Reported
(18) Pingston Creek	5.65	Unreported
(19) Hockin Landing	5.30	Reported
(20) Westmere	5.04	Reported
(21) Nadu River	5.03	Reported
(22) Takush Harbour	4.63	Unreported
(23) Ferney Coombe	4.38	Reported
(24) Frasertown	4.32	Unreported
(25) Amesbury	4.28	Reported

13 of the top 25 predicted towns have been found and reported over the last 16 years.

Towns Unlikely to be Reported (less than 0.50 predicted strikes)

(1) Royal Oak (1)	0.01	Unreported
(2) South Saanich (1)	0.03	Unreported
(3) North Saanich (1)	0.04	Unreported
(4) Pikes Landing	0.05	Unreported
(5) Port Gillam	0.07	Unreported
(6) Irving	0.08	Unreported
(7) Farwell	0.09	Unreported
(8) Giscome Portage	0.15	Unreported
(9) Popcum	0.16	Unreported
(10) Vedder River	0.17	Unreported
(11) Grouse Creek (2)	0.17	Unreported
(12) French Creek (2)	0.27	Unreported
(13) Harvey Creek (1)	0.28	Unreported
(14) Christina	0.35	Unreported
(15) Latilla	0.37	Unreported
(16) Groundhog	0.40	Unreported
(17) Gold Hill	0.46	Unreported
(18) Kingsville	0.49	Reported!

It is interesting to note that only one unlikely to be reported towns, KINGSVILLE, has been reported since 1999.

The following additional towns with their predicted value have also had first reports over the past 16 years.

Curnow	0.66	Meyers Flat	1.18
Hilliam	3.96	Nicholl	0.57
Jackman	1.85	Wapta	1.57
Lakemere	0.97	Spiller River	

The revised top 25 currently unreported BC towns, which may be found in the future, are as follows. Good luck to all of you.

(1) Gitwanga	45.50*
(2) Scarf	14.16
(3) Seven Lakes	9.63
(4) Holmwood	9.30
(5) Gladstone	7.83
(6) Sproat (2)	7.41

(7) Quadra	7.00
(8) Hubert	6.52
(9) Naden Harbour	6.24
(10) Pingston Creek	5.65
(11) Takush Harbour	4.63
(12) Frasertown	4.32
(13) Freysville	3.79
(14) Raush Valley	3.49
(15) Molly Gibson (2)	3.31
(16) Seven Lakes	3.11
(17) Lakelse	3.03
(18) Tunnel Creek	2.86
(19) Princeton Crossing	2.77
(20) Woden River	2.69
(21) Chimney Creek	2.60
(22) Newtonia	2.54
(23) Olsen Lake	2.52
(24) Birchlands	2.29
(25) Burnt Flat	2.23

*Why Gitwanga is still unreported is a bit of mystery. With such high revenue, expectations would have it reported a long time ago. One explanation is that the Post Office was authorized as Gitwangak with a hammer proofed on OCT 23/09. As no strike has been authorized under either Gitwanga or Gitwangak, there is speculation that the Gitwangak was put into service as Gitwanga with “k” filed off. The associated reasoning is that the Gitwanga revenue was mostly related to the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, which was under construction between 1910 and 1914. Workers would send their pay back home, and the Postmaster may have collected commissions on the Money Orders with little actual mail being sent. More study is required into this interesting aspect.

So there you have it. Good hunting and please report any new finds!