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### KELOWNA POST OFFICE CHANGES

The Post Offices in the Okanagan region have undergone extensive changes during the past few year starting with Penticton in the fall of 1991. In the summer of 1992 the change process expanded to Kelowna and is expected to continue in Vernon during the next year. Thanks to the efforts of Bill Tidball and Brian Plain copies of most new cancellations, many of these from opening day, have been recorded as well as other usefull information.

The following Letter to the Editor from the *The Daily Courier* explains the reasons and philosophy behind many of the changes.

## Postal article did not give both sides

Dear Editor,

Why did *The Daily Courier* even bother interviewing me for the article on upcoming changes to postal services in Kelowna ("Downtown Post Office to Close", April 6)?

Extensively quoting negative customer concerns and opinions, the article presented none of the responses I gave which addressed those concerns. I think your readers deserve to hear both sides.

When Public Works Canada gave notice to vacate Kelowna Postal Unit A by May 31, 1993, the corporation undertook an extensive review of postal services to ensure that customers would continue to receive the best possible service. The upcoming changes in postal services in Kelowna are based on sound business decisions that will benefit all Canada Post customers.

At the close of business on May 7, retail counter operations and postal box rentals will no longer be available at the 1445

Pandasy St. location. On May 10, a new Postal Box Centre, located at 550 Bernard Ave. will open to service those customers who currently receive convenience delivery from postal boxes at Kelowna Postal Unit A. There will be no change of address — only location.

Also on May 10, commercial customers will have a tailor-made service centre for their special needs at 530 Gaston Ave. Non-commercial customers have access to all of the same postal products and services currently available at the Corporate counter, at more outlets, at more convenient locations, for longer hours.

There are now six full-service retail postal outlets and a dozen stamp shops within a five-kilometre radius of Kelowna Postal Unit A. The location of these outlets is based on an extensive demographical analysis of the area, and final selection of the host business considers factors such as available hours of service, ease of access, parking, and proven business

performance. These businesses must meet the strict requirements set and continuously monitored by a Canada Post representative.

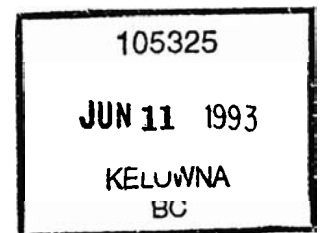
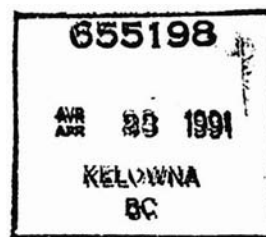
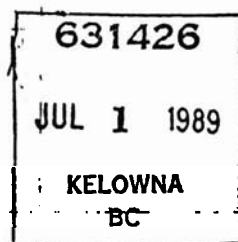
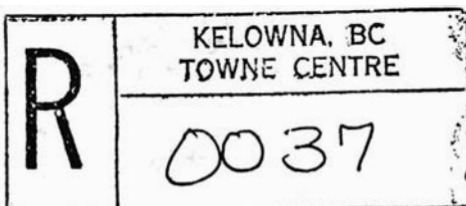
By segregating commercial users, whose postal transactions are generally more time-consuming, from non-commercial customers, we feel we can improve services to both groups.

In fact, customers agree that these changes are a step in the right direction. According to a Decima opinion survey, nine out of 10 customers are satisfied with retail services offered through local businesses and appreciate the longer hours of service.

Canada Post is committed to offering the best possible service to all its customers, at a reasonable cost. Only by adapting our retail network to business trends and to the changing needs of our customers can we fulfill that commitment.

*Ilona Boiks,  
Canada Post Corporation*

-Towne Centre PO

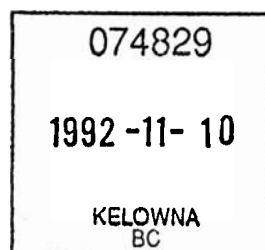
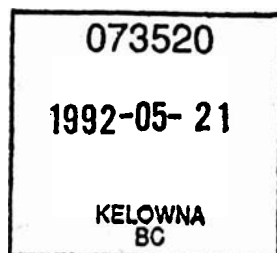
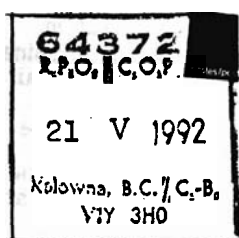


**KELOWNA - recent changes**

Kelowna	1884 05 01	1972 01 24	642177	1445 Pandosy St.
c-Postal Stn "A"	1972 01 26	1993 05 07	643580	1455 Pandosy St.
c-Kelowna CSC	1993 05 11	open	113857	530 Gaston Ave.
Kelowna Box Centre -unstaffed	1993 05 11	open	113883	550 Bernard Ave.
Kelowna Terminal	1970 03 16	1972 01 26	642177	530 Gaston Ave.
c-MPP	1972 01 26	open	631221	530 Gaston Ave.
Kelowna Sub/RPO #1	1951 04 30	1993 04 06	643459	3151 Lakeshore Rd.
c-Mission Park PO	1993 04 06	open	081744	3155 Lakeshore Dr.
Kelowna Sub/RPO #2	1959 11 02	1992 05 20	643726	1835 Gordon Rd.
c-Capri Centre PO	1992 05 21	open	073520	1836 Gordon Rd.
Kelowna Sub/RPO #3	1981 04 21	open	643971	853 Anders Rd.
Kelowna Sub/RPO #4	1971 05 06	1989 06 26	640492	565 Bernard Ave.
c-Towne Centre PO	1989 06 26	1990 07 01	631426	565 Bernard Ave.
	1990 07 01	1993 04 30	655198	565 Bernard Ave.
	1993 05 01	open	105325	565 Bernard Ave.
Kelowna Sub/RPO #5	1972 04 01	1992 06 03	640581	2271 Harvey Ave.
c-Orchard Park PO	1992 06 04	open	076082	2271 Harvey Ave.
Kelowna Sub/RPO #6	1973 08 16	1992 08 25	650463	331 Highway 33 E.
c-Kelowna Plaza PO	1992 08 25	open	074829	301 Highway 33 E.
Downtown PO	1993 03 30	open	093769	1508 Water St.

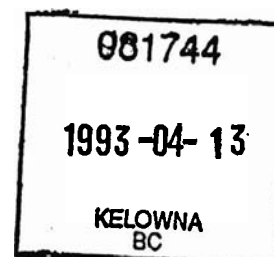
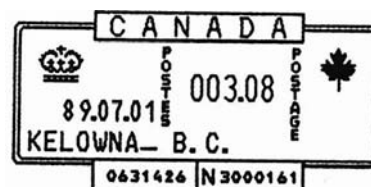
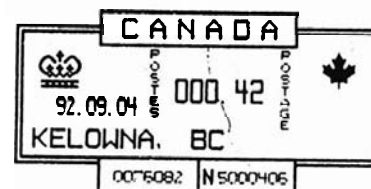
Not all openings and closings are listed nor are changes of address.

Kelowna Sub/RPO #2  
c-Capri Centre PO

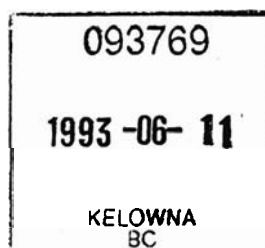
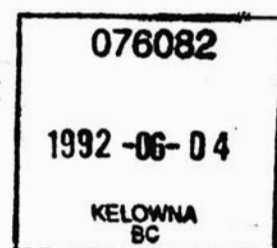


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c-Kelowna Plaza PO

Downtown PO

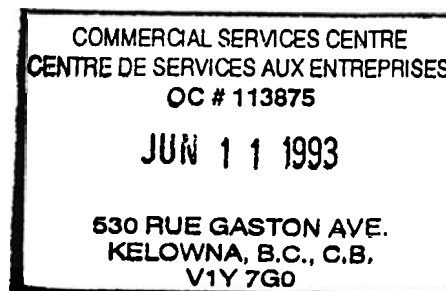
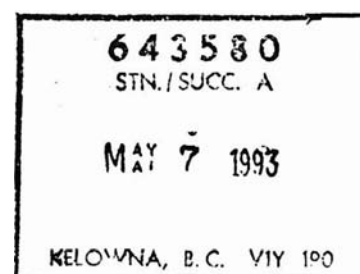


Kelowna Sub/RPO #5  
c-Orchard Park PO



Comptoir Postal / Postal Outlet  
MISSION PARK MALL  
#22 - 3155 RUE LAKESHORE DRIVE  
KELOWNA, B.C./C.B. V1W 3S0  
(604) 763-3170  
Mon. - Sat. 09:00 - 17:30 Lun. - Sam.  
Sun. CLOSED / FERMEZ Dim.

Kelowna  
c-Postal Stn "A"  
c-Kelowna CSC



**PENDER ISLAND - POST OFFICES**

- based on information from Ken Barlow

**NAMING**

PENDER ISLAND was named after Daniel Pender, R.N., (18?? - 1891) in 1860 by Captain George Henry Richards, R.N., master of the "Plumper" and later the "Hecate". Daniel Pender arrived on the coast in 1857 as second master of the H.M. survey vessel "Plumper" and was promoted to master in June 1859. In 1860, Captain Richards, who was in charge of surveying the Gulf Islands, named Pender Island after him. Pender continued his hydrographic activities until 1870 when he returned to England where he died in 1891.

S.C. David Pender, R.N. (1860)

**POST OFFICES - Chronology**

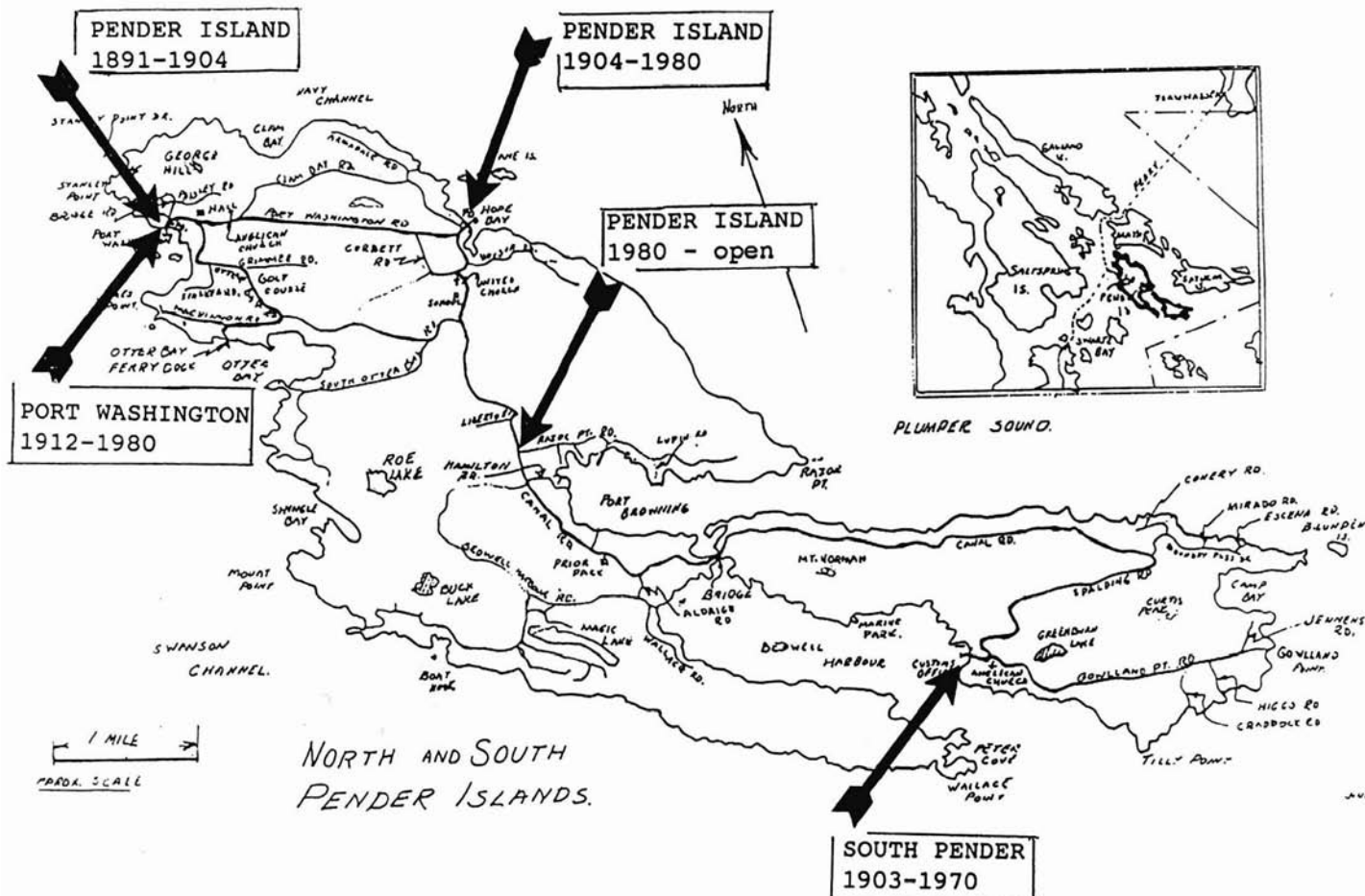
PENDER ISLAND	established 1891 06 01
	open
PORT WASHINGTON	established 1912 03 01
	closed 1980 03 31
SOUTH PENDER	established 1903 06 01
	closed 1970 07 07



From: J.T. Walbran, B.C. Names

**NORTH and SOUTH PENDER ISLANDS**

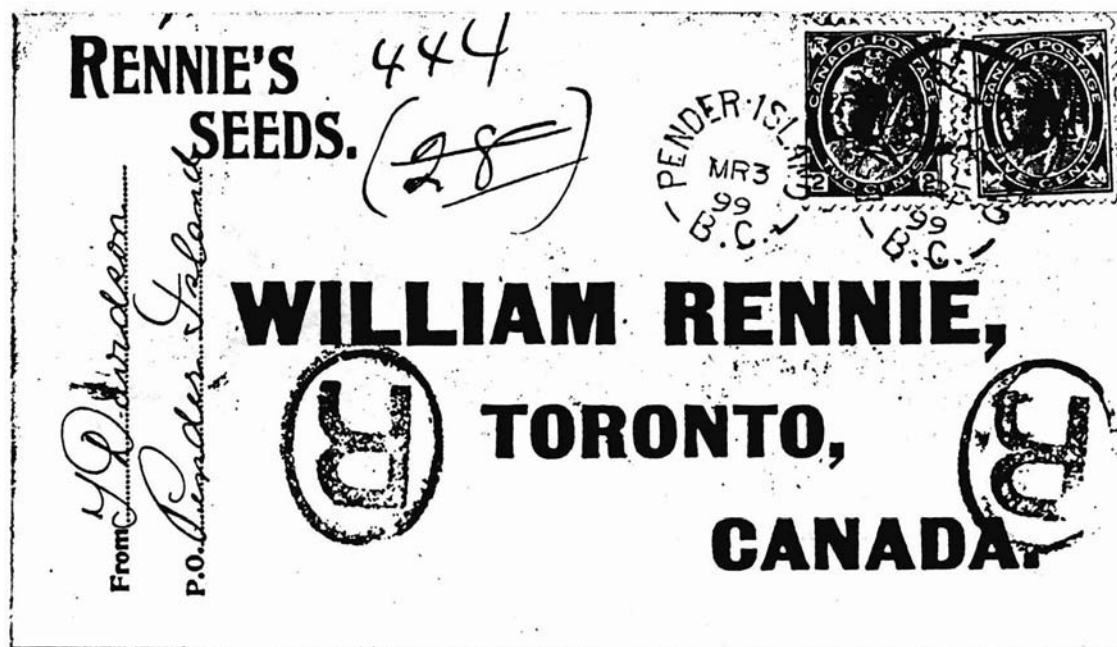
Post Office locations.



PENDER ISLAND

Mail deliveries were first made to Pender Island in 1882 being brought by row boat from the PLUMPER PASS Post Office located at Power Cove on Mayne Island. In 1889 Mr. Henry Fry obtained an appropriation of \$550 to build a small wharf at Pender Island and Mr. Gordon, M.P. for Nanaimo obtained a mail contract to serve 'Pender Island' between Victoria and New Westminster via Canadian Pacific Navigation steamers. Mr. Washington Grimmer, after whom Port Washington was named, was given \$50 per year to convey the mails to and from shore and acted as un-official mail handler as well.

Registered cover from Postmaster, T Davidson, to Toronto, Ont.



Face - PENDER ISLAND / MR 3 / 99 / B.C. (hammer 1)

Between 1882 and 1891 there was no Post Office on Pender Island but under Postal Authority 300 dated 29 May 1891 PENDER ISLAND Post was authorized to open 1 July 1891. It to be located at what is now Port Washington with Washington Grimmer as Postmaster. A type "A" (split ring) hammer was proofed JU 16 / 91.

Proof strike JU 16 91

Postmasters at the Port Washington location -

Washington Grimmer	1891 07 01	to	1893 10 26
A. Davidson	1893 12 06	to	1900 04 16
Thomas Davidson	1900 07 01	to	1900 12 27
James Auchterlonie	1901 02 01	to	1904 11 19



In 1902 a government wharf was completed at Hope Bay and the PENDER ISLAND Post office was moved to that location with James Auchterlonie continuing as Postmaster. Mail service at the time was provided by the Puget Sound Navigation Company ship the "Iroquois" but the Canadian Pacific Company ship the S.S. Princess Royal soon took over the contract. By 1905 the Post office had moved into the store at Hope Bay where it remained until 1980.

Proof strike MY 28 10

## Postmasters at the Hope Bay location -

R.S.W. Corbett	1905 01 01	to	1931 12 09
S.P. Corbett	1932 02 29	to	1961 03 29
T.R. Smith	1961 03 29	to	1970+ ?
Desmond Horne	?		1979 10 10



Letter from Postmaster, R.S.W. Corbett, to Vancouver, B.C.  
 Face - PENDER ISLAND / NO 18 / 30 (hammer 2)

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS  
 RETURN TO

**R. S. W. CORBETT & SON**  
 General Merchants  
 PENDER ISLAND, B.C.



*Gault Bros Ltd*  
*Vancouver*  
*BC*

Letter from Postmaster, T.R. Smith, to Vancouver, B.C.  
 Face PENDER ISLAND / NO 18 . 1930 (hammer 2)

**SMITH BROTHERS**

— General Merchants —  
 PENDER ISLAND, B.C.



*Gault Bros Ltd*  
*Water St*  
*Vancouver*  
*B.C.*

Desmond Horne resigned as Postmaster on October 10, 1979 and the store at Hope Bay was taken over by Robert P. Johnson who did not wish to continue as Postmaster. As a result the PENDER ISLAND Post Office was moved to the newly constructed Driftwood Centre located in the central part of Pender Island near Port Browning Bay.

On April 1, 1980, the new PENDER ISLAND Post Office opened at the Driftwood Centre with Mr. David A. Nance, formerly Postmaster at PORT WASHINGTON as Postmaster. The Type "A" (split ring) hammer proofed My 28 / 10 continued in use at the office as well as a number of other pieces of equipment. At the same time the PORT WASHINGTON Post Office closed with the following notation in the postal records. "Port Washington and Pender Island will become one centrally located Post Office under the name Pender Island."

The PENDER ISLAND Post Office has remained in the Driftwood Centre although it was relocated to larger quarters in the early 1980's.

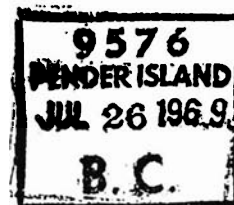
Pender Island Post Office c. 1969



Postmasters at the Driftwood location -

David A. Nance		1980 04 01	to	1980 12 01
Gordon Berry	act	1980 12 01	to	1981 01 07
Bob Johnson		1981 01 08	to	1982 05 13
W. (Bill) Bartlett		1982 05 14	to	1985 08 15
Valerie Melville		1985 08 16	to	present

Rubber stamps used at  
PENDER ISLAND



An interesting side note is that at his time of appointment Bob Johnson was travelling in Australia.

Memo from Bill Bartlett, Postmaster - 12 III 1984

Memo Note

To

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William TOPPING

From

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Postmaster  
Pender Island, B.C.  
VON 2MO

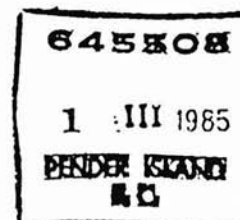
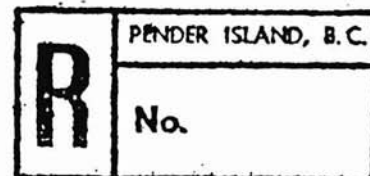


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Date 2 III 1984

PENDER ISLAND  
B.C.

*Bill Bartlett*



- to be continued.

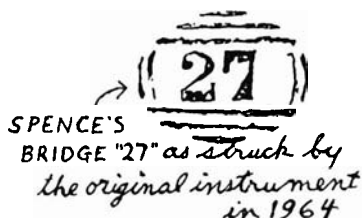


Canada Post  
Postes Canada

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

There appears to have been a recent increase in the number of cancellations and covers of questionable origin that are appearing in auctions and on dealers tables. In many cases the cancellations are fakes or forgeries and with a little study can be identified, the Esquimalt Crown being one such item. On the other hand an unknown number of Colonial handstamps still exist and if in the wrong hands could be dangerous. The first two illustrations are from Frank Campbell's "Canada Post Offices 1755 - 1895" and examples of these, used in the 1950's, are in the editor's collection.



The third illustration, also from the editor's collection was made using stamping equipment which at the time was owned by the late Gerry Wellburn.



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## THE EMPRESS

The Historic Hotels commemoratives set will be issued on June 14, 1993 and among the hotels included is Victoria's Empress Hotel. The official Day of Issue site is Quebec City but Canada Post has arranged or a Day of Issue ceremony to be held at the Empress Hotel as well. A special cancellation has been prepared and (with luck) will be used for this News Letter.



The cancellation joins a growing group of cancels, which for lack of a better name, will be called "Special Event" cancels. A more detailed study of these will be included in the September News Letter.

## PIPEX'93

The B.C. Postal History Research Group was well represented in the Court of Honour at PIPEX'93 held at the Robson Street Media Centre May 7 - 9. Editor, Bill Topping showed the Vancouver Post Offices while Bill Robinson expanded the study to the former named office within Vancouver. Chairman Andrew Scott showed the Victorian era markings of New Westminster and Colonial British Columbia and Vancouver Island material was displayed by Jack Wallace. The Court of Honour was rounded out with Ken Ellison's Exhibition Covers of B.C. Ken also received a bronze medal for a similar showing in the Postal History class.

The Group also held a meeting on Friday afternoon at which time the editor discussed his philosophy for the News Letter. Members seemed pleased with the present content and expressed an interest in seeing the POSTAL WATCH section expanded so that members will be informed of the many changes taking place at Canada Post. Thanks to the continued assistance and co-operation of the staff at the Pacific Division of Canada Post this will be possible.

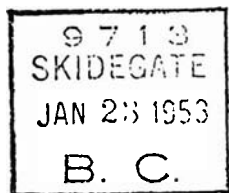


# QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS Postal Markings

In the December issue (p. 32) Andrew Scott began his study of the metal hammers of the Queen Charlotte Islands. In this issue he continues the study by requesting information on the rubber hammers. Most offices were issued with only one MOOD, MOON and POCON and thus identification in most cases is easy. For Masset, Port Clements, Queen Charlotte, and Skidegate two or more rubber stamps were issued.

## SKIDEGATE

Moon 1



Moon 2

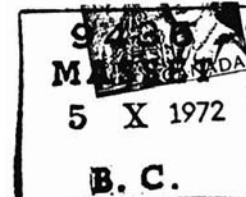


## MASSET

Moon 1



Moon 2



## MASSET

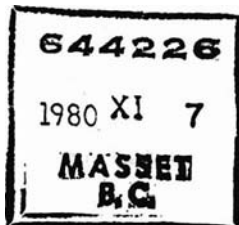
Pocon 1

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MASSET  
B C

Pocon 3

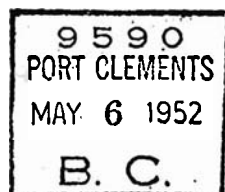
Pocon 3  
large "B.C."

Pocon 4

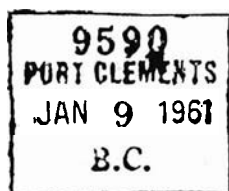


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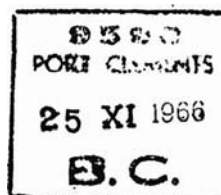
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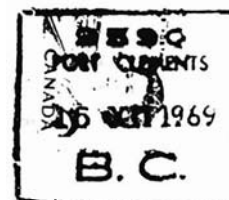
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Moon 3

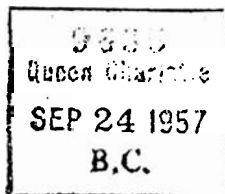


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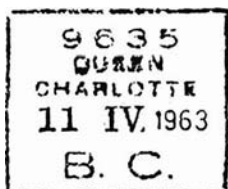


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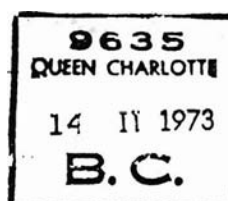
Moon 1



Moon 2



Moon 3

Moon 4  
Small B.C.

## QUEEN CHARLOTTE - Pocon 1 -boxed (doubtful)

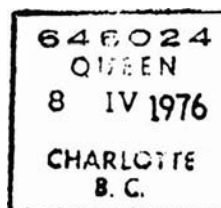
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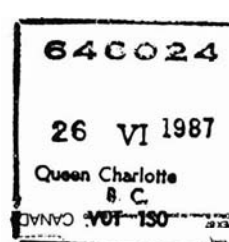
Pocon 3



Pocon 4



Pocon 5





## RESPONSE FORM

Forms should be mailed to: Andrew Scott, P.O. Box 204, Delta, B.C. V4K 3N6

Queen Charlotte Islands rubber hammer postmarks: please check your collection for early and late dates.

Those who kindly included rubber hammer info on the Queen Charlotte steel hammer response form, please file again, as this new listing incorporates more research on hammer types and styles. Please send photocopies of any unlisted or contentious markings.

Post Office Name	Hammer	Proof	Early	Late	Comments
Aero	Reg	no date			
	Moon				
Alliford Bay MPO 1127	Moto		02/28/45	08/29/45	Blue ink only
Haida	Moon				
Jedway	Moon				
	Reg		10/22/62	03/15/65	
Juskatla	Moon		12/08/66	10/25/71	
	Pocon			08/15/88	
	Reg	no date			
Lockeport	Reg		03/10/36		
Masset	Moto	no date	02/19/51	10/27/53	
	Moon1		11/12/69	03/11/70	San-serif
	Moon2		11/23/70	08/20/76	Serif
	Pocon1		05/17/73	10/29/76	No box
	Pocon2		08/15/77	07/01/82	Small B.C.
	Pocon3		08/15/88		Large B.C.
	Pocon4		03/18/87	02/12/91	Postal code
	Reg1	no date	05/26/58	10/09/78	No.
	Reg2		11/07/80		Postal code
Masset	Moto	12/22/41	06/16/43		
	Reg	12/--/41			
Pacofi	Moto	01/10/41			
	Reg	08/--/39			
Port Clements	Moto	08/19/44			
	Moon1	05/06/52	12/09/54		Tall lettering
	Moon2		05/20/58	10/07/63	Serif BC, green ink
	Moon3		07/21/64	10/05/65	Large BC, Type I
	Moon4		12/15/69		Large BC, Type II
	Pocon		05/01/75	08/11/88	
	Reg1	02/--/28			
	Reg2	no date			Caps
	Reg3		02/24/67		Lower case

<b>Post Office Name</b>	<b>Hammer</b>	<b>Proof</b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Queen Charlotte	Mood1	07/22/32			Caps
	Mood2	no date	02/18/41		Lower case
	Moto	09/08/41	06/15/43	10/15/53	Purple ink
	Moon1		01/11/57	11/25/57	Lower case, purple
	Moon2		03/19/65		Large BC, 2 lines
	Moon3		08/14/71	04/06/73	Large BC, 1 line
	Moon4		08/14/71	04/08/76	Small B.C.
	Pocon1		08/04/71	04/08/76	Boxed
	Pocon2		04/03/83	06/07/84	QU. CHARLOTTE
	Pocon3		11/14/85	09/26/85	Unboxed
	Pocon4		11/14/85	09/26/85	Q/date/C
	Pocon5		01/27/86	06/26/87	Postal code
	Reg1		04/11/64	09/29/64	Orig No.
	Reg2		09/27/74	09/29/80	No.
Rose Harbour	Reg	07/--/27			
Sandspit	Moto	03/25/45			
	Moon	09/30/52			
	Pocon			08/12/88	
	Reg1		02/02/36	06/07/43	Orig No.
	Reg2		06/30/82		No.
Sewell Inlet	Moon		08/03/72	02/06/73	
	Pocon		05/14/73	08/26/88	
Skidegate	Moto	04/29/44			
	Moon1	01/23/53			San-serif
	Moon2				Serif PO name
	Pocon				
Skidegate Mission	Reg	05/--/34			
	Moon	11/07/51			
	Reg1		02/02/36	06/07/43	Orig No.
	Reg2		--/--/50		No.
Tasu	Moon		07/03/67	03/14/68	
	Pocon				
	Parcel1		04/21/76		TASU/B.C. only
	Parcel2		05/02/81		POST OFFICE, etc
Tlell	Moon				
	Pocon			08/11/88	
	Reg	10/--/41	03/31/47		
Watun River	Reg	11/--/23			

I can add no new information ☐

I do not collect Queen Charlotte Islands postmarks ☐

Name .....

Address .....

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