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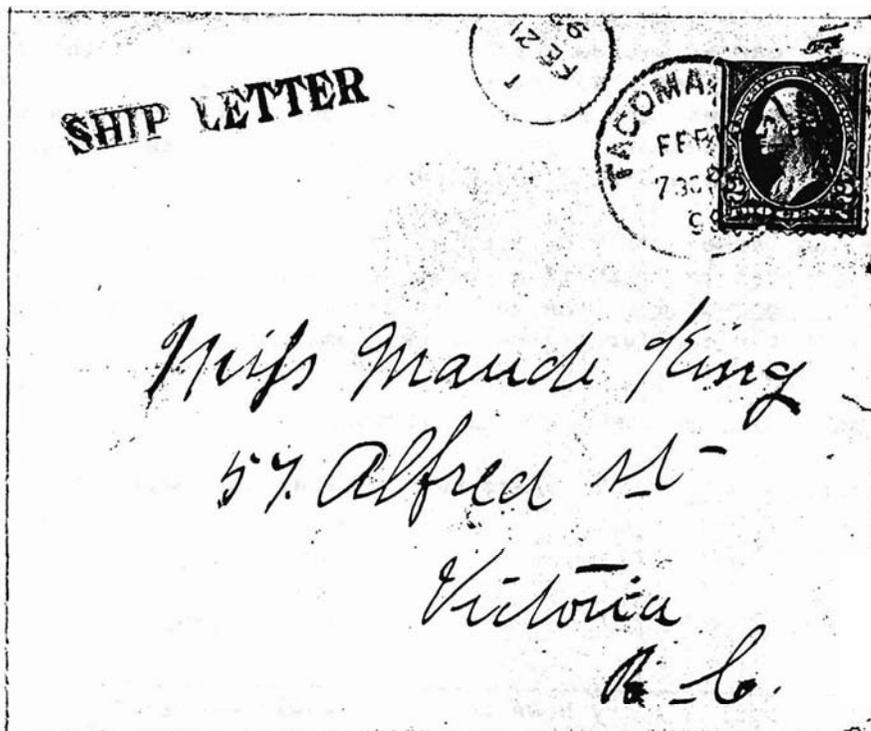
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"SHIPLETTER"

The "SHIP LETTER" marking on the cover shown below is probably not a British Columbia item even though the cover is addressed to Victoria and has a Victoria carriers mark dated, "FE 21 / 98". Similar ship markings are illustrated in Gustav Lund's "The Paquebot Marks of the Americas" and are known to have been used in the Eastern United States around the turn of the century but none are reported for the West Coast. This type of marking was not used in Canada. Gray Scrimgeour speculated that it may be a gold rush item and may have been carried on a US ship from Alaska. The 2 cent US stamp and the "TACOMA, WASH. FEB 19 / 7:30 PM / 98" postmark would indicate that it was carried by US ship to Tacoma. A similar cover was in the Max Guggenheim collection and contained a letter from Dawson and was postmarked at Tacoma in March 1898. A similar but not the same "SHIP LETTER" marking is on the cover. Has anyone seen similar markings that might assist in determining the mailing point of this letter?



GLENORA (1) AND (2)

Colin Campbell has provided an excellent multiple strike of GLENORA (2) on a block of six of the 5 cent leaves issue dated SP 20 / 98. He also raises the question regarding the location of GLENORA (2). Melvin locates it "Just SW of Duncan." on Vancouver Island while Topping and Robinson show it as the same location as GLENORA (1). Both agree that GLENORA (1) was located near TELEGRAPH CREEK and the 1930 "Geographical Gazetteer of British Columbia" list it as an "abandoned H.B.C. post on Stikine river, about 10 m. S.W. of Telegraph Creek, Cassiar dist." (p. 99) and makes no reference to any other settlement called Glenora.



The 1880 "Canadian Official Postal Guide" lists GLENORA (1) as being in the Burrard Electoral District, which is the Electoral District that included all the coastal region of British Columbia from Vancouver to Alaska. In the 1903 "Canada Official Postal Guide" the location of GLENORA (2) is also listed as the Burrard Electoral District. The Telegraph Creek Post Office is shown in the same district. If GLENORA (2) had been south of Duncan, as suggested by Melvin, it would have been in the Vancouver Electoral District. Thus, it is safe to conclude that GLENORA (1) and (2) were in the same location, namely 10 miles south west of the present Telegraph Creek.

Topping and Robinson are not totally correct in their information in that GLENORA (1) officially closed 30 June 1886. not 1894 as stated, and it may have closed a year earlier as postmaster George Prichett resigned in 1885. The Vancouver Post Office records indicate that, as the result of death or resignations, there was considerable delay between the resignation or death of one postmaster and the appointment of his replacement. There is no indication as to whether the post office continued to operate during these periods.

The question is then asked "Why do Topping and Robinson call them (1) and (2)?" The answer in general is that if a post office was in a new location or was closed for five or more years the new office would be designate with a (2) to distinguish it from the earlier office of the same name.

NEW SPRAY-ON SLOGANS IN USE AT VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA

Just as the News Letter was going to press two new spray-on slogans were introduced.

082 V6B 3A0 960430 11:17 1111

082 V6B 3A0 960508 19:29 1111111111

YOUTH WK/SEM JEUNESSE 96 1111

CAPEX 96 JUNE 8-16 JUIN 1111111111

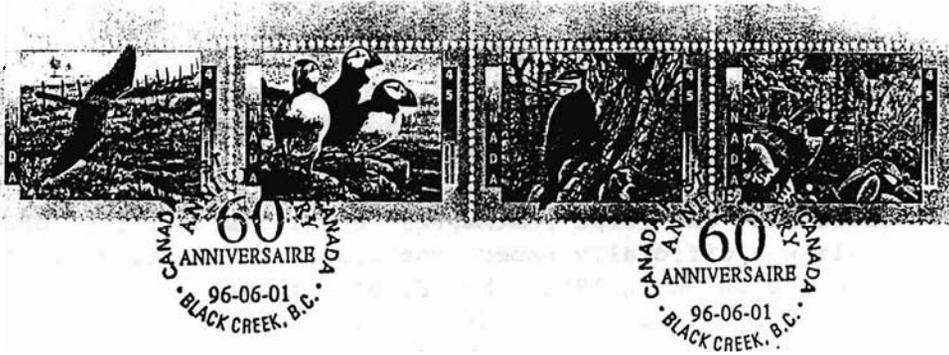
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BLACK CREEK POST OFFICE TO BE 60 YEARS OLD IN JUNE

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BLACK CREEK
POST OFFICE
1936-1996

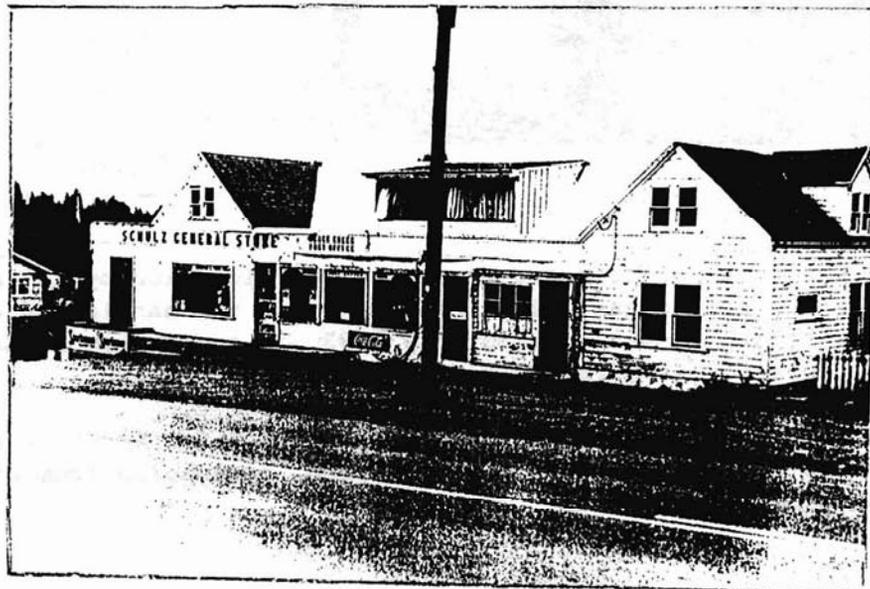


Courtesy- Mary Currie Wood

The first settlers to the Black Creek area picked their mail up at the Merville Store and Post Office. Later, Henry Schulz, Sr. would go to the Oyster River Post Office (at the Fisherman's Lodge) to pick up the mail to be handed out from the store. The H. Schulz General Store stood on the site currently occupied by the Black Creek Store.

Mr. Schulz was approached by Mr. A.W. Neill, Member of Parliament for the Comox-Alberni riding. Mr. Neill asked if Mr. Schulz would be interested in having a Post Office in his store and being Postmaster. Mr. Schulz was delighted at the prospect. It was felt the fact that Mr. Schulz had been a Captain with the Russian army while they were allies of Canada helped get the Post Office established quickly. On June 1st, 1936 the Black Creek Post Office was officially opened.

Schulz General Store
BLACK CREEK - V.I., B.C.



Black Creek
Post Office
April 1957

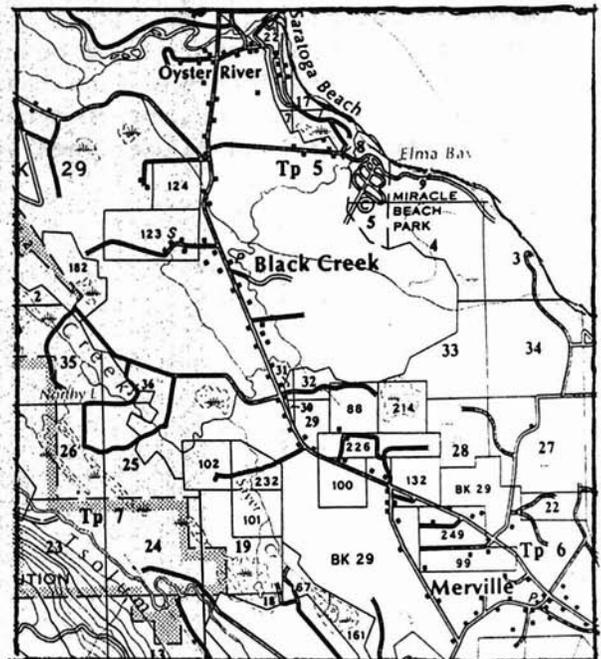
BLACK CREEK POST OFFICE - continued

The first Post Office shared space in the small store (it measured six feet by eight feet). The Coach Lines bus delivered the mail at first. Later Canadian Pacific trucking was used as the mail carrier. When Oyster River Post Office was disbanded the volume of mail increased at Black Creek. Soon a new store was built adjoining the Schulz's residence. Mr. Schulz installed the first mail boxes in Black Creek. The early mail boxes had combination locks.

Henry Schulz was the first Postmaster until his untimely death in 1955. His son Peter Schulz was officially named Postmaster on February 3, 1955. The first rural route was established in 1962. Mr. P. Schulz served as Postmaster until he sold the store to Siegfried Kussauer. Mr. Kussauer was Postmaster from May 24, 1966 to November 12, 1974. It was while Mr. Kuassauer owned the store that the original building (by this time much altered) burned. He then rebuilt it, creating the framework for the current Black Creek Store. Morris Quinn took over as Postmaster the day he bought the store from M. Kussauer in 1974. It was while Mr. Quinn was Postmaster that the Post Office moved out of the store into a separate part of the building. Ill health forced Mr. Quinn to resign his position on October 2nd, 1982. Helen Arlitt was the acting Postmaster at the time. She then went on to become the first postmaster of Black Creek who was not also the owner of the Black Creek Store. It was in 1985 that Mrs. Arlitt was officially named Postmaster.

NTS map 92 F/NW - 1977

Black Creek Post Office - 1987

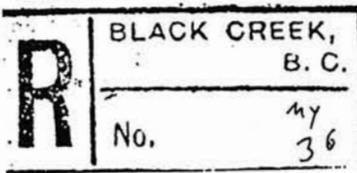


In 1992 the post office moved to its current location by the Miracle Beach junction. The new post office has almost enough space to handle the extra volume we get at Christmas time. It was during July 1993, in a move to centralize operations, that the mail sorting was moved to Campbell River.

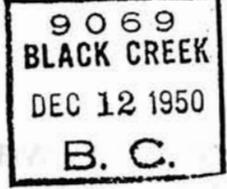
Over the last sixty years we have grown from a few boxes at the Store serving local settlers to two rural routes serving 1,200 households from Howard Road north to the south side of Oyster River.

BLACK CREEK POST OFFICE

Proof strikes
May 13, 1936



Proof strike
Dec. 12, 1950



POST OFFICE TRANSACTIONS

UP TO THE
1st July, 1936

LIST OF POST OFFICES OPENED

OFFICE NO.	POST OFFICE	POSTAL DISTRICT	TOWNSHIP OR PARISH	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	NAME OF POSTMASTER
92051	Amelia (5th June)	E.	S.W. Sec. 3, Tp. 57, R. 21, W. 4th M.	Vegreville.....Alta.	H. A. J. Libbey.
88085	Arabella (Re-opened 16th June)	S.	N.E. Sec. 34, Tp. 35, R. 1, W. 2nd M.	Maekensie.....Sask.	Fred Sapach.
96321	Black Creek (1st June)	V.		Comox-Alberni.....B.C.	Henry Schuls.
79042	Diver (Re-opened 21st May)	N.B.		Timiskaming.....Ont.	G. L. McGee.
79094	Duclos Point (summer office) (1st June)	T.		York North.....Ont.	Herbert Carpentier.
76574	Golden Arm (8th June)	W.		Konora-Rainy River Ont.	S. F. Porteous (acting)
85750	Hazelglen (1st June)	W.	S.W. Sec. 19, Tp. 12, R. 7, E.P.M.	Springfield.....Man.	Stephen Lucko.
72522	La Corne (25th May)	Q.	La Corne	Pontiac.....P.Q.	A. P. J. Goyette.
0631	(a) Low (9th June)	O.		Wright.....P.Q.	D. B. Smith.
73188	(n) Low Station (9th June)	O.		Wright.....P.Q.	J. C. Noonan.
80665	Malchin (19th May)	W.		Konora-Rainy River Ont.	R. G. MacKay.
73231	Malartic (25th May)	N.B.	Fourniere	Pontiac.....P.Q.	Armand Blais.
73853	Montreal Sub Office No. 81 (2nd June)	M.	1232 Demontigny St.	St. James.....P.Q.	Adolard Gravel.
73674	Montreal Sub Office No. 98 (22nd May)	M.	20 Mount Royal Ave. W.	Cartier.....P.Q.	J. S. Tanenbaum.
73675	Montreal Sub Office No. 99 (22nd May)	M.	5401 Verdun Ave.	Jacques Cartier.....P.Q.	A. S. McAllister.
86439	Ontecod (1st June)	W.	N.E. Sec. 22, Tp. 23, R. 24, W.P.M.	Dauphin.....Man.	W. R. McNichol.
98256	Paldi (1st June)	V.		Nanaimo.....B.C.	W. L. Kenyon.
75057	Pointe Calumot (summer office) (1st June)	M.		Laval-Two Mountains P.Q.	Bruno Guitard.
75213	Preissne (13th June)	Q.		Pontiac.....P.Q.	M. A. Marchand.
75259	Quebec Sub Office No. 16 (15th June)	Q.	5 Turnbull Ave.	Quebec South.....P.Q.	A. E. Lacasse.
75552	Remigny (26th May)	N.B.	Remigny	Pontiac.....P.Q.	Rev. Roch Mageau.
75685	Riviere Iluva (25th May)	N.B.	Malartic	Pontiac.....P.Q.	Auguste Cardinal.
76675	Ste. Rosa Station (summer office) (1st June)	M.		Laval-Two Mountains P.Q.	H. G. Louch.
95114	Sylvester (13th June)	E.	N.W. Sec. 19, Tp. 69, R. 11, W. 6th M.	Peace River.....Alta.	T. R. Elliott.
82690	Toronto Sub Office No. 121 (8th June)	T.	1024 Bloor St. W.	Davenport.....Ont.	John Nimmo.
82703	Toronto Sub Office No. 128 (26th May)	T.	266 Brollwoods Ave.	Spadina.....Ont.	A. G. Grimaldi.
99168	Vancouver Sub Office No. 48 (1st June)	V.	1290 East 12th Ave.	Vancouver-Durrard.....B.C.	A. A. Crawford.

Face - BLACK CREEK / PM / JAN 8 / 46 / B.C.

MOON - 1969



Box 7,
Black Creek,
B. C.

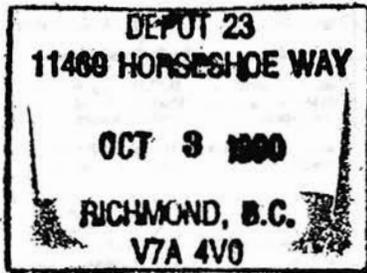
Vancouver Island Coach Lines
Victoria
B. C.

POCON - 640662

640662
30 IV 1973
BLACK CREEK
B C

DEPOT 23 - RICHMOND

Depot 23 in Richmond was established at 11460 Horseshoe Way, Richmond, Poatal Code V7A 4V0 on December 1, 1986. By October 1990 I had yet to see a marking from Depot 23 and so I asked our local postman if it was possible to obtain a marking from Depot 23. The 46 markings on these two pages were his answer.

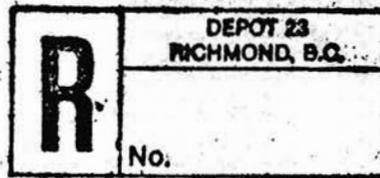


Depot 23 had been open less than four year when I made the request. How many marking would there have been if the request had been made to an office that had been open for 20 or 30 or even 100 years?



POSTAL DEPOT #23
11460 HORSESHOE WAY
RICHMOND, B.C. V7A 4V0
271-1421

POSTAL DEPOT # 23
11460 HORSESHOE WAY
RICHMOND, B.C. V7A 4V0
271-1421



NO SUCH POSTAL CODE
CODE POSTAL INEXISTANTE
DEPOT 23, RICHMOND, B.C.



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DEPOT 23, RICHMOND, B.C.

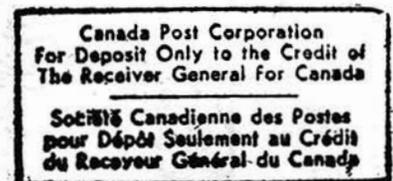
TO RICHMOND "MAIN" FOR PICKUP
AU BUREAU DE POSTE "PRINCIPAL"
DE RICHMOND POUR RAMASSAGE



RETURN TO SENDER
7 RICHMOND ADDRESSES WERE
1 NUMBERED IN 1977 FORMER
1 ADDRESSES ARE LONG OBSOLETE
1 PLEASE USE NEW NUMBERS,

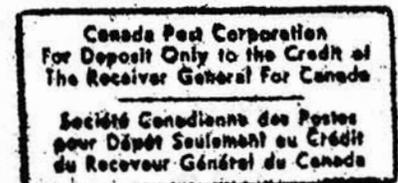
RICHMOND MAIN
FOR PICK UP
PRINCIPAL DE RICHMOND
POUR RAMASSAGE.

NOT IN LETTER
CARRIER DELIVERY
PAS DANS LE SECTEUR
DU FACTEUR



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CARRIER DELIVERY
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DU FACTEUR



ATTENTION: NOTE NEW ADDRESS AND TIMES
VEUILLEZ PRENDRE NOTE DE LA NOUVELLE
ADRESSE ET DES NOUVELLES HEURES

DEPOT 23 - RICHMOND - continued

RECEIVED IN DAMAGED
CONDITION AT
REÇU EN ÉTAT D'AVARIE

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RECEIVED WITHOUT
CONTENTS
REÇU SANS CONTENU

Please advise your correspondents
of your correct postal address.
Prière de donner à vos corres-
pondants votre adresse postale
exacte.

VACANT

DEMOLISHED

NOT KNOWN

REFUSED

1ST ATTEMPT

2ND ATTEMPT

NO SUCH #

MOVED

NOT AT ADDRESS

DECEASED

NOT LISTED

FINAL NOTICE
DERNIER AVIS

SUB 148 - BOOTS DRUGSTORE
#117, 10151 No. 3 ROAD
RICHMOND, B.C. V7A 1W0
MON. - SAT. 09:30-18:00

**RETURN TO SENDER
SERVOI A L'EXPÉDITEUR**

- Undelivered
Non délivré
- No such address
Adresse inexistante
- Address incomplete
Adresse incomplète
- Mailed, Address unknown
Envoyé, Adresse inconnue
- No-mail Post Office
Bureau postal
- Refused by addressee
Refusé par le destinataire
- Damaged
Endommagé
- Address unknown
Adresse inconnue

CARD SENT CARTE EXPÉDIÉE	
FINAL NOTICE DERNIER AVIS	
RETURN ON RETOURNEZ LE	

ADDRESS INCOMPLETE
ADRESSE INCOMPLÈTE

ADDRESS INCOMPLETE
ADRESSE INCOMPLÈTE

**MAIL DELAYED
WRONG POSTAL CODE**
Please notify your
correspondents

**COMPLAINT RETARDE
Mauv. Postal Code**
Veuillez aviser vos
correspondants

LANSDOWNE POST OFFICE
FOR PICK UP
BUREAU DE POSTE LANSDOWNE
POUR RAMASSAGE

Retail Postal Outlet #141
Pharmasave
#1, 11080 Williams Road
(Shell Road and Williams)
Richmond, B.C. V7A 1J0 277-6036
Mon. - Fri. 09:00 - 21:00
Sat. 09:00 - 18:00
Sun. 11:00 - 17:00

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH

CAPEX'96 is featuring a display of Klondike Gold Rush postal history. Although the bulk of the material organized by Gray Scrimgeour is from the Yukon a small part of the display will deal with British Columbia and a number of superb B.C. items will be on display.

The first post office established in the region was GLENORA (See page 138) but this office was closed before the gold rush of 1898 began. GLENORA was re-established on May 1, 1898 and on the same date a post office was established at LAKE BENNETT. In the following year, British Columbia post offices were established at ATLIN, DISCOVERY, LOG CABIN, and TELEGRAPH CREEK. The six post offices all served miners on their way to or from the Yukon and should be included in any display related to the Gold Rush of '98. Of these offices LAKE BENNETT appears to be the most common with well over a dozen markings being reported. No markings are reported for LOG CABIN during the actual Gold Rush period although a half dozen markings are known between 1903 and 1908.

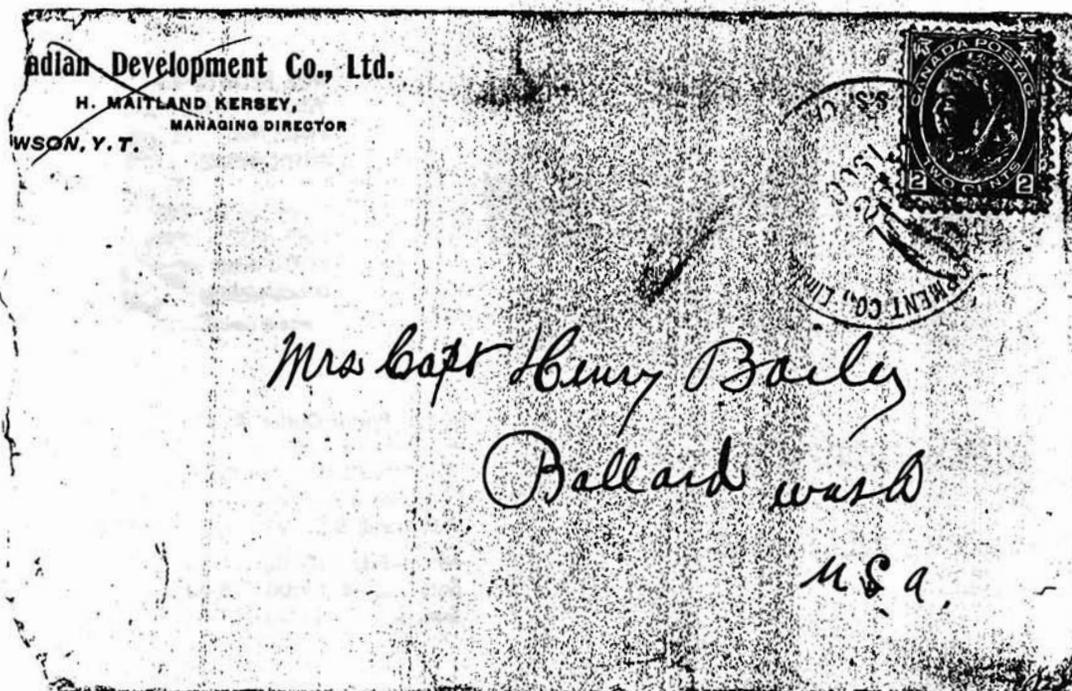
This month's response form requests information of early/late dates of these markings as well as the number of known copies.

CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

In the last News Letter the topic of ship markings being used as corner cards was discussed. It has since been pointed out that by far the largest number of these are found from river boats in the Yukon and are being represented by dealers as legitimate ship cancellations. The cover below is one of the few legitimate river boat cancellations from the Yukon.

The letter, which is enclosed, was mailed by Captain Henry Bailey on the "S.S. CANADIAN" to his wife in Portland, Oregon. The river steamer was owned by the Canadian Development Company who held the mail contract, from Lake Bennett to Dawson and from Lake Bennett to Atlin, between June 1899 to summer 1902. The C.D. company provided twice weekly mail service on the route. The C.D. company was taken over by the White Pass and Yukon Railway in the summer of 1902.

S.S. CANADIAN - JUL 26 1900



GOLD RUSH POST OFFICES OF NORTH WESTERN B.C.

Please indicate early or late dates you have for the six Klondike gold rush post offices located in British Columbia. Please indicate the number of items you have dated before December 1909.

		Type	Early	Late (<1910)	Number
ATLIN					
Established	1899 04 01	A	1899 04 03	1889 08 08	
Still open	-	B	1899 08 05	1902 08 18	
	Wide "C", narrow "N"	B	1903 08 20	1908 03 03 +	
		R	1902 05 12		
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DISCOVERY					
Established	1899 07 01	A	1899 10 27	1909 10 08 +	
Closed	1930 12 15				
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GLENORA					
Established	1875 03 01	A?			
Closed	1886 06 30				
Re-est.	1898 05 01	A	1898 05 21	1901 05 01	
Closed	1903 07 01				
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LAKE BENNETT					
Established	1898 05 01	A	1898 05 01	1901 09 07	
Closed	1901 11 01				
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LOG CABIN					
Established	1899 04 01	A	1903 08 10	1908 06 26	
Closed	1909 08 01				
<hr/>					
TELEGRAPH CREEK					
Established	1899 06 14	A	1900 06 12	1908 08 25 +	
Still open	-				

Name

Address

.....

BRITISH COLUMBIA

PIONEER LINE FRASER RIVER STEAMERS



COVER TO SUMAS, FRASER RIVER (LATER "ATCHELIZ") FROM NEW WESTMINSTER JA 18 81 - THE PIONEER LINE FRASER RIVER STEAMERS - JOHN IRVING, MANAGER.

THEIR PURPLE STAMPING OF THE COMPANY ON THE BACK IS THE ONE ILLUSTRATED IN JARRETT (P. 447) AND APPEARS TO BE UNIQUE.



VIOLET