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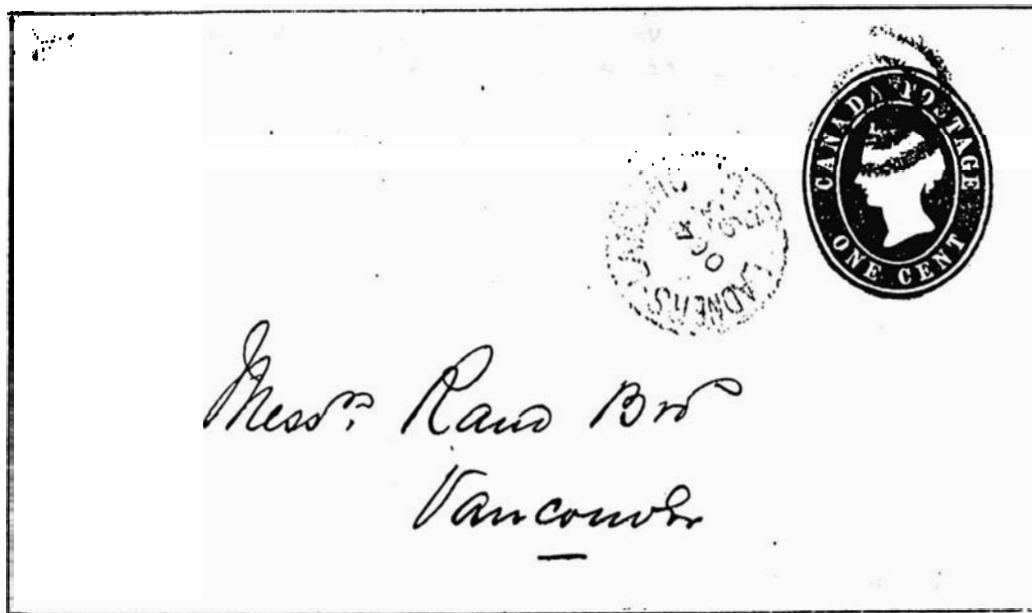
## LADNERS LANDING

Ladners Landing was the earliest post office to be established at the mouth of the Fraser River. In July 1867, a colonial post office was opened at the home of William H. Ladner and was assigned colonial number 33. The office ceased to operate some time before B.C. entered confederation in 1871. W.H. Ladner and his brother Thomas had arrived from California in May 1858 and after an unsuccessful attempt to find gold along the Fraser River they decided to become farmers and obtained land about six miles up stream from the mouth of the Fraser River.



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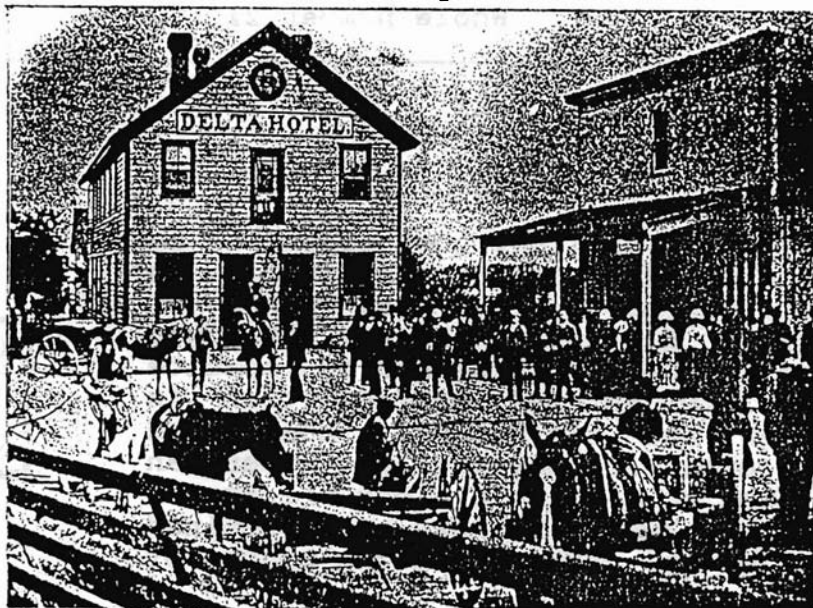
Face - LADNERS LANDING / OC 4 / 93 / B.C.  
- three ring target killer



Back - VANCOUVER / 2 / OC 5 / 93 / B.C.

**LADNERS LANDING to LADNER**

The Ladners built a steamer landing which, as might be expected, was called "Ladners Landing" (note; the date stamps do not show an apostrophe). On May 27, 1875 (PMG 937) the Ladners Landing post office was authorized to re-open on July 1, 1875. W.H. Ladner was again appointed as postmaster but his date of appointment is shown as 1876 and the hamper was not proofed until July 20, 1876. This would indicate that the opening of the office was delayed by over a year.



W.H. Ladner -->  
house and  
Ladners Landing  
Post Office

<--  
McNeely Store  
Ladner P.O.

A small settlement developed at the landing and a general store and small hotel were opened. In 1883 T. McNeely became postmaster and the office was moved to his general store. In 1895, the "Landing" designation was dropped and a hamper simply reading "LADNER" was issued. T. McNeely continued as postmaster until 1900 when H.N. Rich took over. He was followed by R. May (1903) and then the office was taken over by the Taylor family in 1904. Various member of the Taylor family served as postmasters until 1962 when a post office building was built.

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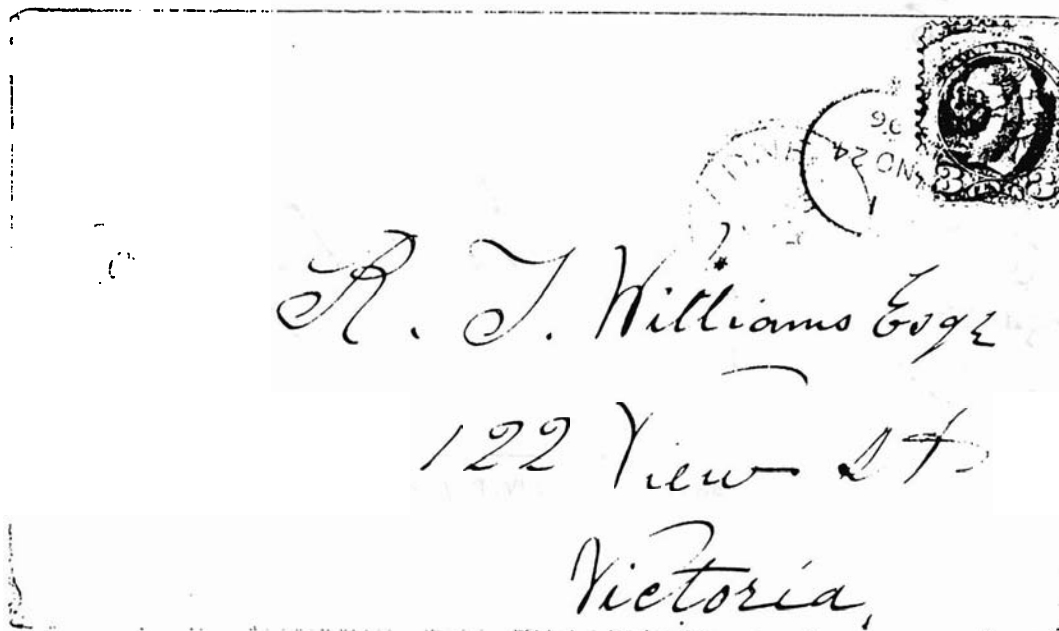
LADNER / NO 23  
96 / B.C.

three ring killer

(Victoria carrier)  
1 / no 24 / 96

Back -

VICTORIA - B.C.  
NT / NO 23 / 96



**LADNER to DELTA**

In 1969, as part of a major re-organization of the Vancouver Postal District the name was changed to the municipal name DELTA and at the same time the former North Surrey (Whalley) Post Office was re-named SURREY. In both cases the sorting facilities were upgraded and both offices took over the distribution of mail within their respective municipalities.

**NEWS RELEASE**

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Postes Canadiennes

Vancouver District  
Public Relations  
349 West Georgia Street  
Vancouver 3, B. C.  
11th February 1969.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Mr. R. F. Reid, the District Director of Postal Service has announced that effective March 1st, 1969, the "Ladner", Post Office will be renamed "Delta", Post Office.

There will be no change in staff or location of the Delta Post Office. All mail for the Delta Municipality will now be delivered through the Delta Post Office or other postal installations located in the Delta Municipality.

The present procedure whereby the North East Delta area is served from the North Surrey Post Office will be discontinued.

Mr. Reid also said that it is planned to introduce postal zoning into the Delta and Surrey Municipalities later this year. Additional information will be released at a later date to all residents advising them of their new Postal Zone number.

In the meantime, however, residents of Delta are advised to have their mail addressed "Delta, B. C.".

Concurrent with this change, the North Surrey Post Office will be renamed "Surrey, B. C."

LADNER / PM / 28 II / 69 / B.C.

DELTA / 7 AM / 1 III / 1969 / B.C.



## OCR 118 - HOLIDAY / HOLIDAYS part 2.

See Vol. 5, No 4, page 160

It has been said that philatelic research does not begin until 50 years after the stamp or equipment was issued. If this is the case those researching the Jet Spray equipment are in for some major problems. The OCR 118 (Victoria) HAPPY HOLIDAY / HAPPY HOLIDAYS Jet Spray was used for about two weeks slightly over a year ago and despite the assistance of a number of collectors no definitive statement as to usage can be made. The Response Form for December produced over 50 xerox copies of the jet spray marking which did more to confuse the issue than help. The one thing they have proved was that much of the information in the December News Letter was incorrect or oversimplified.

OCR 118 - Jet Spray heads

It appears that OCR 118 in the Victoria MPP is similar to the one on OCR 081 in Vancouver. That is, it has two heads (A and B) each with four jet sprays consisting of seven holes each. The height of the heads above the base of the machine may change by one or two millimetres as the result of cleaning and servicing of the equipment. The measurements from the base of the envelope are as follows.

Head "A" Jet 1 144 mm  
2 134 mm  
3 124 mm  
4 114 mm

Head "B" Jet 5 103 mm  
6 93 mm  
7 83 mm  
8 73 mm

Jets are sprayed in pairs and in the following study are identified as 1/2 indicating jets at 144 / 134 mm above the base. It should be added position 1/2 has never been reported and position 2/3 is very rare. Based on the information available the following are the early and late dates.

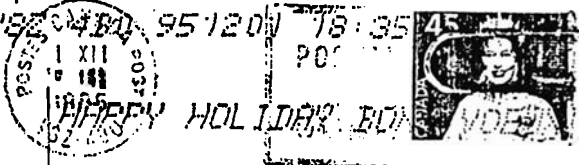
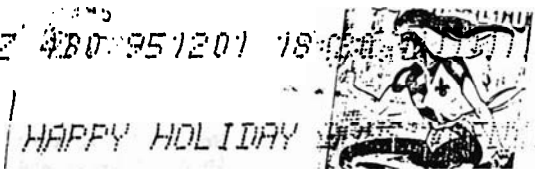
HAPPY HOLIDAY	early	95 12 01	18:20
	late	95 12 14	10:21
usage	jets	3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8	
HAPPY HOLIDAYS	early	95 12 06	17:38
	late	95 12 13	18:47
usage	jets	2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 6/7	

HAPPY HOLIDAY BONS VOEUX //////////////

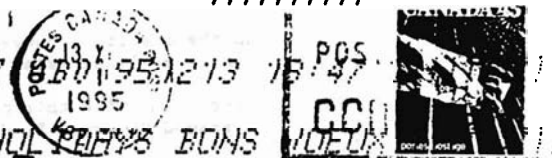
118 118 V8Z 4B0 951201 23:22 //////////////  
HA

HAPPY HOLIDAY BONS VOEUX //////////////

HAPPY HOLIDAY BONS VOEUX!

4B0 118 V8Z 4B0 951201 18:35  
HA- 4B0  
HA- 118 V8Z 4B0 951201 18:35  


HAPPY HOLIDAYS BONS VOEUX //////////////

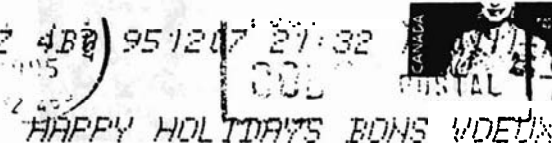
118 118 V8Z 4B0 951213 18:47  
HA- 

HAPPY HOLIDAYS BONS VOEUX

HAPPY HOLIDAYS BONS VOEUX!

2 4 118 V8Z 4B0 951212 16:17 //////////////  
HA-

HAPPY HOLIDAYS BONS VOEUX!

4B0 118 V8Z 4B0 951207 21:32  
HA- 

HAPPY HOLIDAYS BONS VOEUX!

## HOLIDAY / HOLIDAYS continued

Starting point

Each head is controlled by a separate computer and it is possible to programme each jet separately and as a result one jet can be changed without changing the others. It appears this happened almost daily during the early December period.

There are no reports of HOLLIDAYS for jets 7/8 and HOLLIDAYS was used on jets 6/7 on December 6 and 7 only, while HOLLIDAYS was used on jets 3/4 from December 7 to 13.

There is even more confusion with the relationship of the OCR line and the slogan line as different starting points can be found for the same jets for the same day. Jet sprays normally end with ten slash lines but in this case where the sprays begins under the postal code the spray ends with an exclamation mark rather than ten slash lines. The following starting points have been reported.

## HAPPY HOLIDAY

118	4B0	4B0
HA-	HA-	HA-

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

118	Z 4	4B0
HA-	HA-	HA-

The resulting table of usage is very complex and is not included in this study but is available, on request, from the editor.

## BLOSSOM FESTIVAL CRESTON

Early 1996 06 25      Late 1996 07 26



BLOSSOM FESTIVAL  
FESTIVAL DES FLEURS  
VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND  
FÊTE DE LA REINE

## 1996 OCR JET SPRAY SLOGANS ----&gt;

The 1996 B.C. jet spray slogan for OCR's 081, 082, and 118 are listed on the following pages

Jet Spray Printer - JSP 118 - slogans 1996

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
YOUTH WK/SEM JEUNESSE 96 ///////////////  
early 1996 04 22 19:45  
late 1996 05 06 22:30

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
CAPEX 96 JUNE 8-16 JUIN ///////////////  
early 1996 05 07 20:30  
late 1996 05 15 24:46  
early 1996 05 30 17:44  
late 1996 06 13 23:26

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
TELETHON BCCH 96-06-01 ///////////////  
early 1996 05 21 20:53  
late 1996 05 29 22:45

Lower case letters No accent "e"  
118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literacy/Alphabetifation ///////////////  
early 1996 09 03 17:54  
late 1996 09 06 00:19

Lower case letters, accent on "e"  
118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literacy/Alphabetifation ///////////////  
early 1996 09 09 14:17  
late 1996 09 12 00:02

Capital letters  
118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
LITERACY/ALPHABETISATION ///////////////  
early 1996 09 12 18:55  
late 1996 09 17 00:21

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
LOTTERY SLA LOTERIE ///////////////  
early 1996 09 17 20:13  
late 1996 09 23 02:09

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
UNITED WAY / CENTRAIDE ///////////////  
early 1996 09 23 20:05  
late 1996 10 01 01:48

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
TIMBRES DU CANADA STAMPS ///////////////  
early 1996 10 01 22:27  
late 1996 10 31 21:49

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
TIMBRES DU CANADA STAMPS !  
early 1996 10 08 17:14  
late 1996 10 17 02:26  
early 1996 10 29 23:21  
late 1996 10 31 21:49

Jet Spray Printer - JSP 118 -

use of equipment not recorded for  
October 5-6, 11-14, 18-21, 25-27, 30

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
LUNG ASSOC. PULMONAIRE ///////////////  
early 1996 11 06 22:38  
late 1996 11 13 02:41

118 V8Z 4B0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
BEST WISHES/JOIE ET PAIX ///////////////  
early 1996 12 10 18:29  
late 1997 02 07 23:59

Jet Spray Printer - JSP 082

- Slogans 1996

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
GREETINGS JOYEUSES FETES ///////////////  
early 1995 12 13 10:32  
late 1996 01 06 06:54

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
YOUTH WK/SEM JEUNESSE 96 ///////////////  
early 1996 04 22 19:14  
late 1996 05 03 05:58

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
CAPEX 96 JUNE 8-16 JUIN ///////////////  
early 1996 05 07 00:33  
late 1996 05 22 03:05  
early 1996 06 03 13:39  
late 1996 06 16 05:13

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
TELETHON BCCH 96-06-01 ///////////////  
early 1996 05 22 22:50  
late 1996 06 01 15:22

With capital "L")

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literary/Alphabetisation ///////////////  
early 1996 09 03 20:31  
late 1996 09 04 07:13

No accent over "e")

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literary/Alphabetisation ///////////////  
early 1996 09 04 13:36  
late 1996 09 04 20:39

OCR 082 taken out of service  
- September 4, 1996

Jet Spray Printer - JSP 081

- slogans 1996

OCR 081 introduced Sept. 4, 1996

Without accent on "e"

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literary/Alphabetisation ///////////////  
early 1996 09 04 22:10  
late 1996 09 06 06:59

With accent on "e"

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literary/Alphabetisation ///////////////  
early 1996 09 06 11:19  
late 1996 09 11 07:44

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
Literary/ALPHABETISATION ///////////////  
early 1996 09 11 19:14  
late 1996 09 16 18:59

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
LOTTERY SLA LOTERIE ///////////////  
early 1996 09 16 23:10  
late 1996 09 21 06:49

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
UNITED WAY / CENTRAIDE ///////////////  
early 1996 09 24 03:21  
late 1996 10 01 09:47

Programming error October 1, 1996  
OCR 081 incorrectly programmed on  
October 1 to read -  
OCR 082 dated "95 01 17" plus time

082 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
TIMBRES DU CANADA STAMPS ///////////////  
early 1995 01 17 07:48  
late 1995 01 17 19:32  
used on 1 X 1996 only

Error corrected and reads -

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
TIMBRES DU CANADA STAMPS ///////////////  
early 1996 10 03 06:46  
late 1996 11 01 02:59

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
LUNG ASSOC. PULMONAIRE ///////////////  
early 1996 11 01 22:01  
late 1996 11 09 07:42

081 V6B 3A0 YeMoDa Ti:Me ///////////////  
BEST WISHES/JOIE ET PAIX ///////////////  
early 1996 12 12 10:19

**VANCOUVER - SKAGWAY / R. P. O. Ludlow type 3C**

The early oval "R.P.O." ship markings (Ludlow type 3C) with a single outer frame line all appear to have been produced between 1901 and 1910. They are not recorded in the Proof Books although replacement hammers are known before 1910. With exception of W-160 all have the route at the top and the ship name at the bottom. Three appear to have been used on the Canadian Pacific Railway ships and two on ships of the Union Steamship of B. C. Company. A sixth marking has no ship name and only the letters "R.P.O." at the bottom. The markings read as follows:

Ludlow	Wording on hand stamp	Period
W-160	VANCOUVER & SKAGWAY / R.P.O.	1906-1907
S-14	VANCOUVER & NASS HARB. / STR. TEES	1901-1908
S-16b	VANCOUVER & PORT NEVILLE, R.P.O. / STR. CASSIAR	1909-only
S-16c	VANCOUVER & PORT NEVILLE, R.P.O. / STR. COMOX	1906-1908
S-24a	VANCOUVER & SKAGWAY, R.P.O. / STR. AMUR	1906-1911
S-24b	VANCOUVER & SKAGWAY, R.P.O. / STR. PRINCESS MAY	1904-1912

The markings were used during a period of rapid expansion on the west coast and ships were moved from route to route on an almost monthly basis. At the same time the CPR and Union were both attempting to gain the northern mail contracts which had formerly been held by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company. Initially the CPR took over these Northern mail contracts but in 1906 Union conducted an active campaign and was awarded a number of contracts formerly awarded to the CPR.

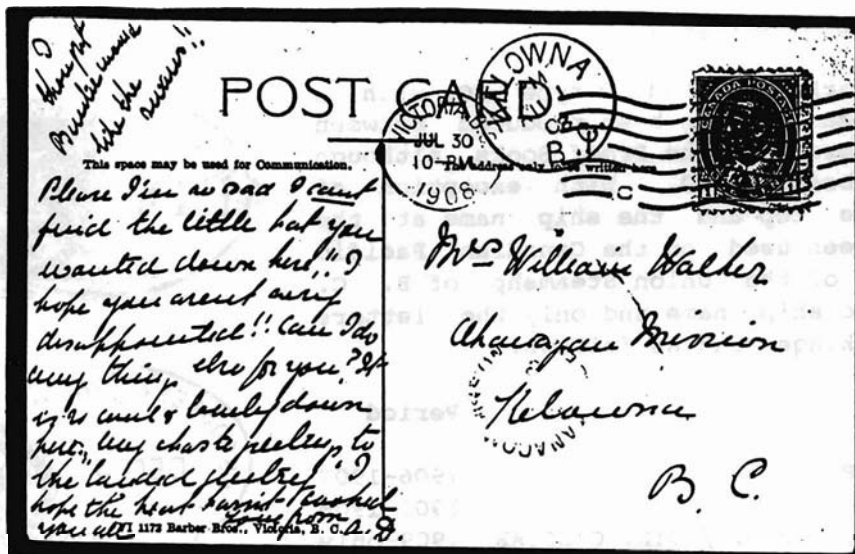
With this in mind we now come to the use of the hand stamps. Were they assigned to a route or to a ship? Indication are that the hand stamps remained with the ship, although the lack of reports for certain periods may indicate that the hand stamps were only used when the ship was on the named route. For example the Amur spent much of its time on the Queen Charlotte route while the "Princess May" and the "Tees" regularly served the Skagway route. The latter two markings are relatively common (20+ copies each) while all others are relatively rare (less than 10 reports). A study of covers or post cards bearing the ship markings might provide some light on the usage but to date this has not been done.

The W-160 hand stamp presents an even greater problem as it could have been used by either company although CPR usage seems the most likely. The "Queen City" served on the Nass Harbour route and could have been the ship using the stamp despite the "Skagway" wording. It was replaced in 1907 by the "Princess Royal". Covers seen to date give no hint of the ship.

Can anyone provide additional information on the use of these hand stamps?







## MORE ON OKANAGON-OKANAGAN

by Mike Painter

On page 99 of this Newsletter, Bill Topping said the likely date of change of spelling on the Okanagan Mission hammer was 1909, not 1905 as given by some sources. The cover at left confirms that Bill is right. J.C. Campbell of Kelowna sent me this xerox which shows that the first hammer with OKANAGON MISSION was still in use in August 1908.

It undoubtedly continued until the new hammer with OKANAGON MISSION was proofed on November 3, 1909.

On page 117 of this Newsletter, Alex Price's cover shows that the Okanagan Mission postmaster, Bernard Lequime, used an advertising cover with the spelling OKANAGAN MISSION as early as 1890. The Postal Guide changed the spelling in 1900. And the hammers changed in 1909. So the change in spelling didn't take place on a given date, but was spread over at least a couple of decades.

## CANADA / POSTAGE PAID / PORT PAYE

In January 1964, as a result of the recommendations of the Glassco Royal Commission, the use of "O.H.M.S." and "G" stamps on government mail was discontinued. Some offices were issued with postage metres, others used regular postage stamps and some were issued with a boxed stamp reading "CANADA / POSTAGE PAID / PORT PAYE". In the mid to late 1960's the use of the government "POSTAGE PAID" rubber stamps were quite common and little attention was paid to their use. Thirty year later a few still appear to be in use in British Columbia but the use of these stamps is unclear. Unfortunately, the stamps are undated and are usually used without regular cancellations and as a result their source is hard to determine.

Over the past five years covers from Delta, Surrey, and Nelson have been reported. The 1991 Delta cover has the return address of the local Member of Parliament, who under current postal rules was entitled to free postage. The one from Surrey, dated VII 22, 1991, has no return address but the one from Nelson, dated DEC 12, 1996 is from a "M. Miller" of Nelson, B.C.

This months "Response Form" concerns the recent use of the "CANADA / POSTAGE PAID / PORT PAYE" rubber stamps.





**MEMBERSHIP DUES \$5.00 (CAN OR US) ARE NOW DUE**

**RESPONSE FORM**

Volume 6 Number 1, March 1997

Forms should be mailed to Bill Topping  
B.C. Postal History News Letter  
7430 Angus Drive  
Vancouver, B.C. V6P 5K2 CANADA

The topic of the month is the recent usage  
of the "CANADA / POSTAGE PAID / PORT PAYE"  
rubber stamps measuring about 44 x 17 mm.

Since 1990 copies have been reported for the following locations.

Location	Date	Return address
DELTA	(Feb. 1991)	S. Wilbee, M.P. Delta
SURREY	VII 22 1991	?
NELSON	DEC 12, 1996	M. Miller Nelson, B.C.

*Please provide details on other copies in your collection.*

I can provide no additional information ☐

Name .....

Address .....

.....

DUES ENCLOSED \$5.00  
Checks payable to -  
Bill Topping

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# FINANCIAL REPORT - 1996-1997

## REVENUE

Surplus previous year	\$315.00
Membership dues	245.00
New members added	45.00
Sale of back issues	145.50
Grant from BNA (two years)	422.00
Revenue	1172.50

## EXPENSES

News Letters - members	\$196.00
News Letters - new members	36.00
News Letters - back Issues	181.25
Mailings to BNA officers	32.00
BNA free News Letters	32.00
Complimentary News Letters	8.00
Sample copies	14.00
Expenses	499.25

Surplus \$673.25

**Note:** Starting with the March 1997 News Letter, I will increase my cost to the News Letter to \$1.25 per copy distributed. This will reflect more accurately the cost to me of postage xeroxing, and other costs. The dues will remain at \$5.00 (CAN / US) but the price for individual issues will be raised to \$1.25. The net result will be to retain a surplus in the vicinity of \$500 for use as required to maintain the present production standards.

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Vancouver, BC, V6P 5K2, CANADA

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