

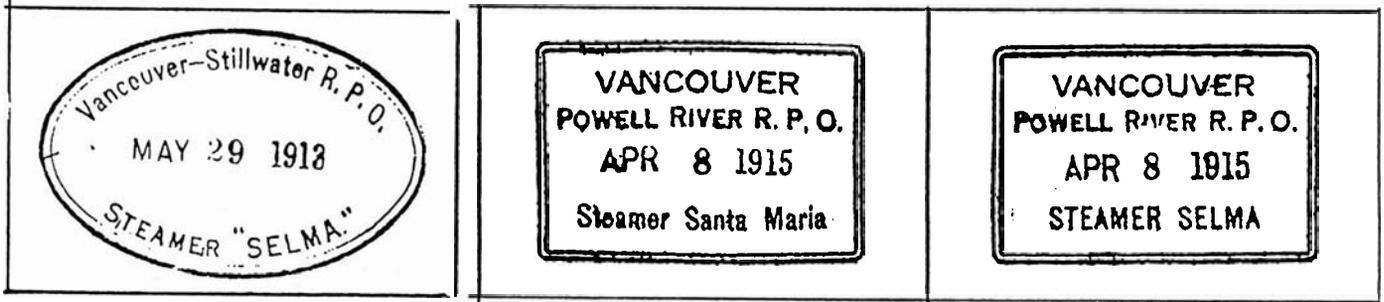


## SANTA CECILIA / SELMA / SANTA MARIA

The *Santa Cecilia* had been built in 1881 for the Marquis of Anglesea, owner of the 100 Mile Ranch. It is reported that the "Mad" Marquis specialized wild and lavish parties that were attended by many noted guests including King Edward VI. The *Santa Cecilia* arrived on the West Coast in 1910 and was renamed the *Selma* and was placed on the Vancouver – Stillwater route. Following its purchase by Union Steamships, in October 1917, it was renamed the *Chasina* and continued to serve Powell River. At the time all Union ship names began with the letter "C" and took Spanish or Indian names.

The *Santa Maria* had been built in 1883 for John H. Rolls founder of the Rolls Royce Motor Car Company and was acquired by the All Red Line in 1914 from Lord Hartswell after crossing the South Pacific under Captain Sauter. Like her sister ship she was placed on the Sunshine Coast Route to provide daily service to Powell River leaving Vancouver at 9:30 AM and leaving on the return voyage from Powell River at 9:30 AM the next morning. In 1914 she was purchase by Union Steamships and was renamed the *Chilco*. Both ships had a clipper bow, with lengths of 144 and 154 feet respectively, and a speed of 13 knots and were well suited to the Sunshine Coast route.

Rectangular R.P.O. proof strikes reading "VANCOUVER / POWELL RIVER R.P.O." are known for both ships but neither is reported on cover. There is also a proof strike for the *Selma* dated May 29, 1913 and reading "Vancouver – Stillwater R.P.O." and this has been reported on three covers all dated July 17, 1913 and postmarked at Vancouver the same day.



### More Pictorial Cancelations



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**CHANGES IN POST OFFICE NAMING POLICY**

The problem of tracking the location of the modern post offices, particularly the Franchise "A" Postal Outlets is becoming more and more difficult. Initially, once a post office name had been approved the name usually remained with the post office until the office closed. Starting in the mid 1930's accounting numbers were introduced and these four or five digit numbers were assigned to the post office location and usually remained with that location until the office closed. Thus, if a post office changed from a named office to a sub office the accounting number was assigned to the sub office making it easy for the postal historian to trace the change. In the late 1980's the new HIRS numbers, better known as the RC numbers, were introduced and these were assigned operator of the post office and bore no relationship to the name of the post office which could be changed at the whim of the operator. The following two examples from Abbotsford clearly illustrate the difference between the old system where the post office names was changed but the accounting number was retained and the new system where there is no relationship where to suit the operator both the post office name and the RC number were changed to suit the operator.

Pinecrest, North Clearbrook, Clearbrook and Abbotsford/Clearbrook Sub 5.

In the summer of 1952 Abbotsford had expanded to the point that a post office was required in the vicinity of Fraser Highway and Clearbrook Road. Pinecrest Drugs, which was across the road from Pinecrest Lumber, was selected as the site of the new office which was to be called Pinecrest and accounting number 9556 was assigned to the office. Unknown to the Post Office the accepted name for the region was Clearbrook and following considerable local pressure the Post Office department agreed to withdraw the name Pinecrest and re-name the office Clearbrook. Unfortunately there was a Clearbrook post office in Alberta, and under the policy of the day a new post office could not have the same name as an existing post office and thus the name Clearbrook was rejected by Ottawa. After some discussion the name North Clearbrook was accepted and the North Clearbrook Post Office, which retained the 9556 accounting number. The January 1953 *Supplement to the Canada Official Postal Guide* lists both the opening of Pinecrest as November 1, 1952, and the change of name to North Clearbrook as December 9, 1952, indicating the Pinecrest Post Office operated for less than a month.

January 1953 –  
Supplement

1st JANUARY, 1953

**LIST OF OFFICES OPENED**

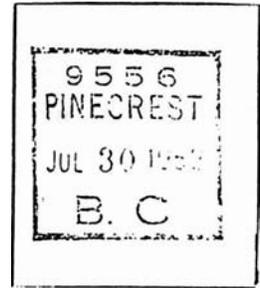
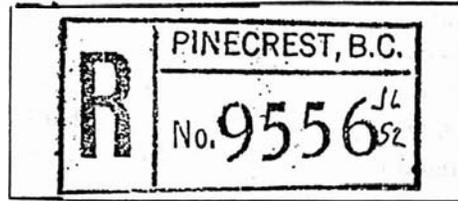
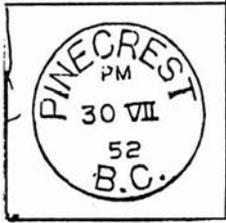
OFFICE NUMBER	POST OFFICE	POSTAL DISTRICT	PARISH OR TOWNSHIP	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	PROVINCE	POSTMASTER
81142	Oshawa—Sub No. 2— (5th December)	T.	530 Simcoe St. South	Ontario.....	Ont....	Cyril Austin Powell
9556	Pinecrest..... (1st November)	V.	.....	Fraser Valley...	B.C....	Otto L. Loepky
1345	Richmond—Richmond Nord—(6th Decem- ber)	M.	875 Main St. South East Corner of Spoonerspond Road	Richmond- Wolfe	P.Q....	Laurent Gaudreau

**CHANGES IN POST OFFICES ALREADY ESTABLISHED  
NAMES CHANGED**

Office Number	Post Office	Electoral District	New Name
72548	Lae Pitre.....	Matapedia-Matane, P.Q....	to 72548 St-Alexandre-des-Lacs (2nd December)
0577	L'Enfant Jésus.....	Richelieu-Verchères, P.Q....	to 0577 L'enfant-Jésus-de-Sorel (30th November)
9556	Pinecrest.....	Fraser Valley, B.C.....	to 9556 North Clearbrook (9th December)

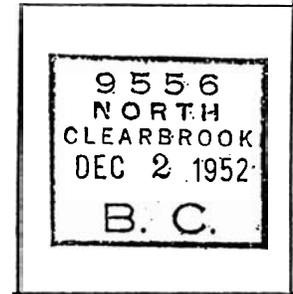
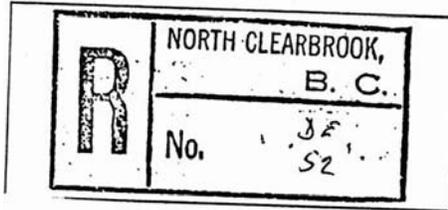
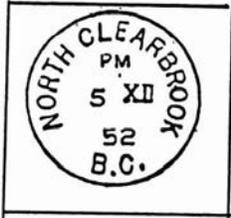
Pine Crest - continued

Proof Strikes



North Clearbrook

Proof Strikes



Clearbrook – Abbotsford Sub 5

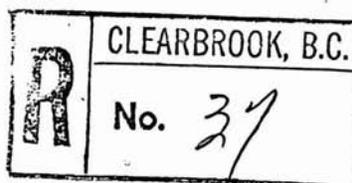
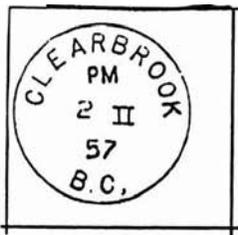
In 1955 the Clearbrook, Alberta Post Office closed and the decision was made to change the name of the North Clearbrook Post Office to Clearbrook and under policy of the day the accounting number 9556 was retained. In 1957 Letter Carrier Status was extended to the Clearbrook area and the need for a full service post office ended. As a result the Clearbrook Post Office was converted to Sub Post Office status and became Abbotsford Sub 5 and continued to use the 9556 accounting number, which had been originally assigned to Pinecrest. Thus although the name of the Pinecrest Post Office underwent a number of changes of name the 9556 accounting number was retained until the introduction of the six digit accounting number introduced in the early 1970's when it became 645303. Over the next 15 years Sub 5 changed hands a number of time but the 645303 number continued in use until the introduction of the new RC numbering system in 1992 at which time it became 088854. The Abbotsford/Clearbrook Sub 5 post office closed in 1993 and the postal service was taken over by the Clearbrook Postal Station which had opened in 1973 to provide letter carrier service to the Clearbrook region.

Clearbrook

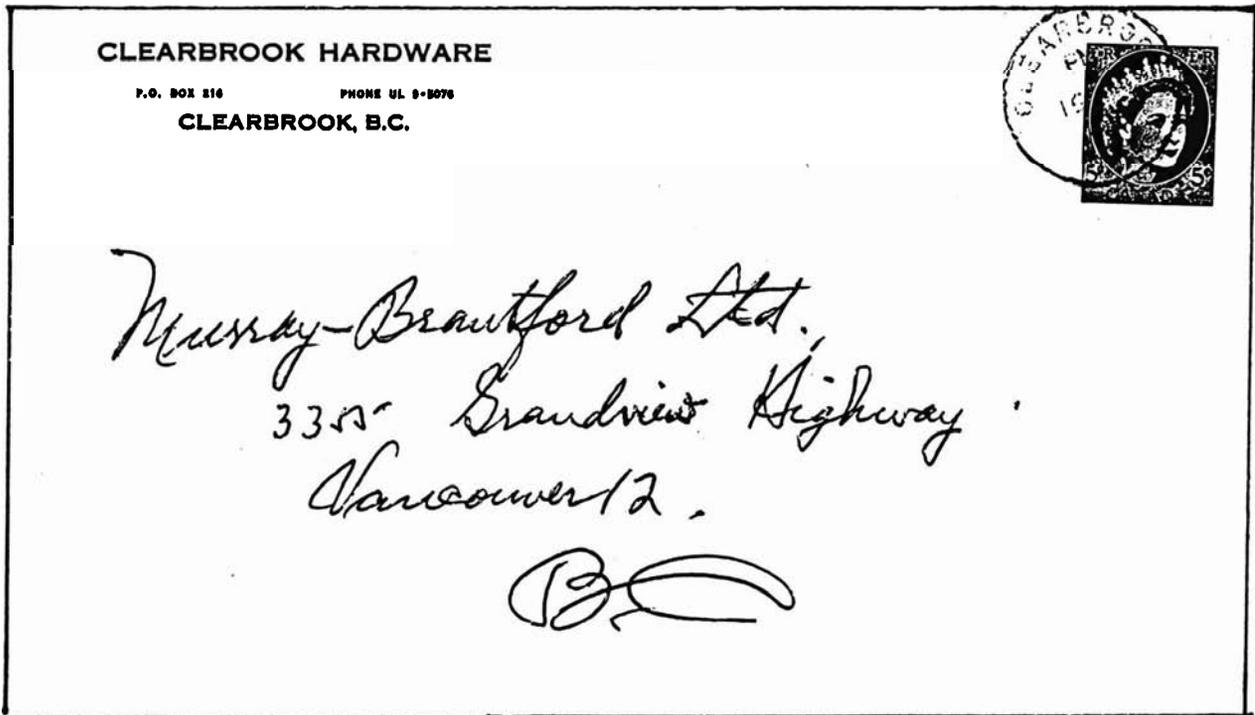
Proof Strike –  
@ Ottawa - 2 II 57

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@ Vancouver - 9 III 57

First Day of Use  
Clearbrook – 10 III 5

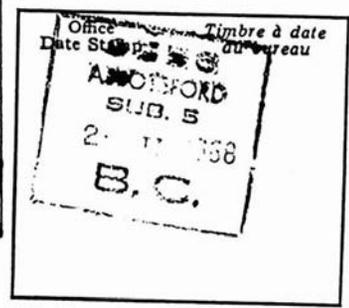


Clearbrook / PM / 19 X / 65 / BC



Pinecrest to Clearbrook GMO 5 – Openings and Closings

Pinecrest	9556	1952-11-01	1952-12-22
Old TCH – 3 miles west of Abbotsford – Otto L. Loepky			
North Clearbrook	9556	1952-12-22	1957-03-09
As above			
Clearbrook	9556	1957-03-09	1967-01-18
As above – Closed as result of introduction of Letter Carrier Service			
Abbotsford Sub 5	9556-645303	1967-01-30	1988-06-13
Penner Drugs – S. Fraser Hwy at Clearbrook Road – Henry Penner			
Abbotsford Sub 5	645303	1988-06-14	1992-08-21
31940 S. Fraser Hwy, V2T 2Y0 – Shoppers Drug Mart			
Abbotsford Sub 5	088854	1992-08-22	1993-01-16
#10 31940 South Fraser Hwy, V2T 2Y0 – Shoppers Drug Mart			
Clearbrook RPO 5	097365	1993-01-16	1994-08-31
2580 Clearbrook Rd. V2T 5Y0 – Funk's (Shop Easy) Supermarket			
Clearbrook GMO 5	164607	1994-10-03	1995-09-30
#180 2655 Clearbrook Rd, V2T 2X0 – Memory Lane Cards			
Clearbrook GMO 5	178098	1995-10-02	1996-05-12
31713 South Fraser Hwy, V2T 1V1 – R&F Market – Feet Rita Leon			
Clearbrook GMO 5	250163	1996-05-13	1996-06-15
31713 South Fraser Hwy – R&F Market – Jugrai & Malkiat Nasrang			
Postal services taken over by Abbotsford-Clearbrook Postal Station			



Abbotsford GMO  
Operations Order  
#677 - 95.09.30

Operating Order #: 677  
Reason: Replacement  
Parent RC: 2490  
Retail Rep: Mary Bennett  
Ret Rep Phone #: 604-858-3749  
Prov: BC  
Issue Date: 95.09.18

CLOSING OUTLET

Name of Outlet: Abbotsford GMO 5  
Business Name: Memory Layne Card Shop  
Address: 180-2655 Clearbrook Rd  
City: Clearbrook\Abbotsford  
Postal Code: V2T 4X0  
Type: GMO  
Outlet Phone #: 95.09.30  
Closing Date: 95.09.30  
RC: 164607  
Served By:

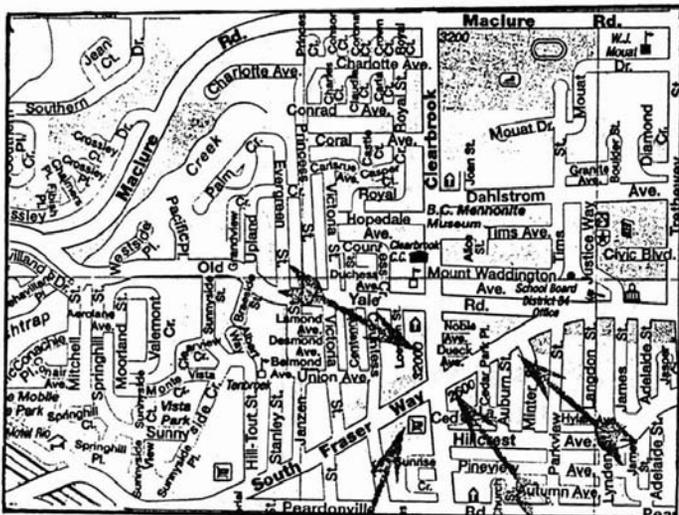
REPLACEMENT / OPENING OUTLET

Name of Outlet: Abbotsford GMO 5  
Business Name: R & F Market  
Address: 31713 South Fraser Way  
City: Abbotsford BC V2T 1V1  
Postal Code: V2T 1V1  
Owners Name: Fee & Rita Leong  
Area: Vancouver Island/Fraser  
Office Type: GMO  
Outlet Phone #: 604-850-5680  
Opening Date: 95.10.02  
RC: 178098  
Node #: na  
Rural / Urban:  
Language Provided:  
Accounting Status:  
Business Type: 0  
Previous Type:  
Served By:

Hours

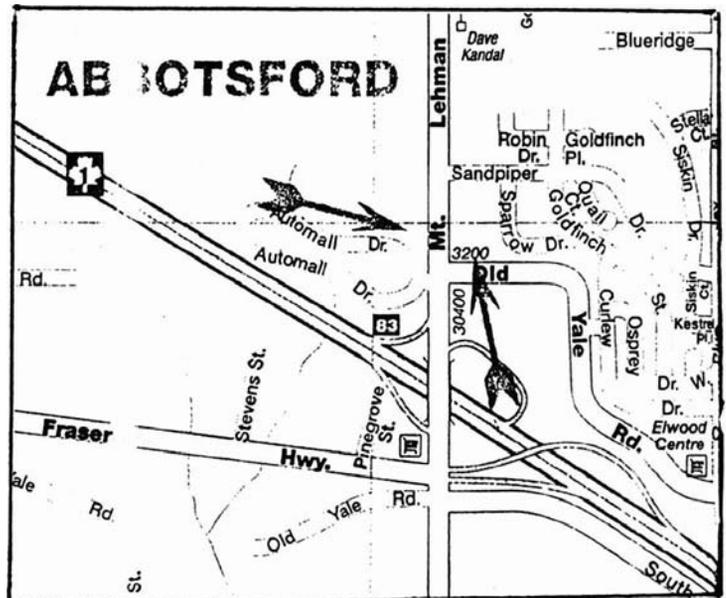
Monday: 09:30-17:30  
Tuesday: 09:30-17:30  
Wednesday: 09:30-17:30  
Thursday: 09:30-17:30  
Friday: 09:30-17:30  
Saturday: 09:30-17:30  
Sunday:  
Despatch (M-F):  
Clearance (M-F):

Misc. Comments



Clearbrook Road ^

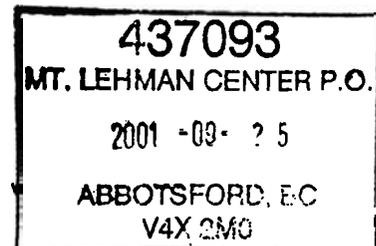
Old Yale Road >



Medicine Shop, Elwood Centre, Great Canadian Dollar Store, and Mt. Lehman Centre

Abbotsford continued to expand and in 2000 it was considered necessary to locate a postal facility near the junction of Old Yale Road and Mount Lehman Road overpass on Highway 1. Two small shopping centers were located near the junction, the Elwood Centre on Old Yale Road and the Mount Lehman Centre on Mount Lehman Road. The initial postal facility was located in the Medicine Shop and was opened October 16, 2000. It was a CFC (Call for centre) was assigned RC number 425184 and only provided parcel pick and not any regular postal services. In February 2001 it was proposed to upgrade the Medicine Shop CFC to a Franchise "A" status under the name Elwood Centre with a new RC number 428208. Canada post was unable to reach a suitable agreement with Setwinder Mann and the postal outlet did not open. In March 2001 the CFC was moved across Mount Lehman Road to the Great Canadian Dollar Store where it continued as a CFC and took the name of the store (Great Canadian) Dollar Store CFC and was assigned RC number 432741. Negotiations were entered into with Brad Kelly operator of the Dollar Store to upgrade the outlet to a medium traffic Franchise "A" postal facility with a ROSS computer. The facility opened September 22, 2001 as the Mount Lehman Postal Outlet and was assigned RC number 437093. CFC facilities are not provided with cancelling or dating equipment and as a result although four RC numbers were assigned the only one available to collectors is the one from the Mount Lehman PO, namely 437093.

The Medicine Shop CFC	425184	2000-10-16
#9 31205 Old Yale Road, V2T 5E5 – Setwinder Mann		
Ellwood Centre RO (not established)	438280	2001-02-26
#9 31205 Old Yale Road, V2T 5E0		
Real Canadian Dollar Store CFC	432741	2001-03-30
#105 3240 Mt. Lehman Road, V2T 5E5 – Brad Kelly		
Mount Lehman Centre PO (F-"A")	437093	2001-09-22
#105 3240 Mt. Lehman Road, V4X 2M9		



It should be obvious that in the case of the Pinecrest / Clearbrook Post Office, the changes in name can be easily trace as all office used accounting number 9556 as the number was assigned to the postal location and was, in theory, used by all post office serving that location. Under today's policy the RC number is assigned to the operator and if the type of postal facility is changed a new RC number is assigned. Thus in the case of the Mount Lehman Postal Outlet four RC numbers were issued, namely 425184, 428280, 432714, and finally 437093 and all four designated a postal facility at the corner of Old Yale Road and Mount Lehman Road.

If at some time in the future postal historians show the same interest in cancellation of the turn of the millennium (2000+) as they do in cancellation from the turn of the century (1900+) the lists of unreported post offices will greatly exceed any of today's lists. For the young collector of postal history a collection of post marks starting in the year 2000 will contain much scarcer material, say 50 years down the line, than any displays of early 1900 material.

**TEST PRINT FROM FOX JET 7400 MLOCR  
INLINE CANCELLING SYSTEM**

In November 2001 a Fox Jet Multi Line Optical Character Reader was installed on OCR 084 in the Vancouver Post Office. The equipment was manufactured by Sterling Marketing Products Limited of London, Ontario and the first reported use is November 26, 2001. The equipment consists of two computer driven Jet Spray Printers (JSP) feeding two heads (Head "A" and "B") mounted 64 and 100 mm above the envelope track. Since the equipment was introduced the heads adjusted upwards or downwards by up to 3 mm. The normal jet spray cancellation consists of three rows of print with each row consisting of five jet spray dot. Occasionally a test marking is also run because of the tendency of jets to become plugged. This test pattern consists of a sloping line divided into four segments with each dot representing a separate jet

This unusual jet spray marking has resulted in a number of questions to the editor regarding these sloping lines, which occasionally appear on mail. The illustration at right shows an example of both the upper and lower heads appearing on one envelope. This is one of the few examples of the test pattern from both heads appearing on the same cover.

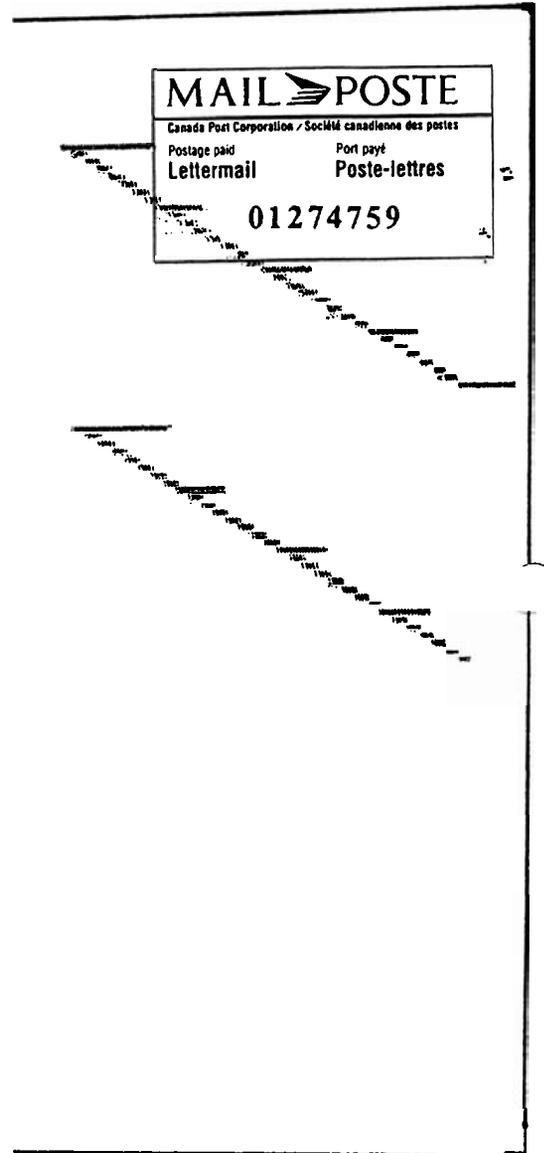
The markings below are examples of the jet spray markings produced by MLOCR 084.

084 V6B 1Z1 – used 2001 11 26

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WWW.CANADAPOST.CA // // // //  
WWW.POSTESCANADA.CA // // // //

084 V6B 1Y6 – used after 2001 12 04

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WWW.POSTESCANADA.CA // // // //

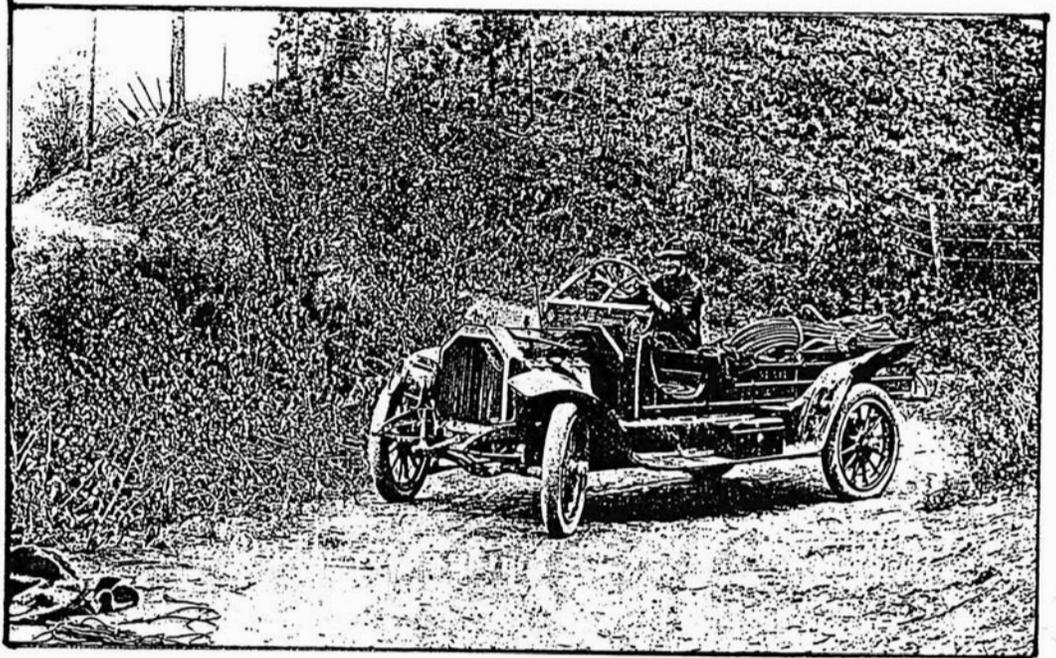


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124	02-12-29	Metrotown PO	Unit 134 - 4800 Kingsway	Burnaby	V5H 2C0	419737		relocation	Unit 108 to Unit 134
125	02-12-31	Inter Urban Delivery Service	2680 Progressive Way	Clearbrook	V2T 1T0	097276	closed	closed	closure Commercial Postal Outlet
126	03-01-08	Oceanside PO	140 Island Highway East	Parksville	V9P 2G0	652032	100495	new owner	Ex Parksville RPO 1
127	03-01-13	Upper Ganges PO	374 Lower Ganges Road	Salt Spring	V8K 2V0	657107	100358	new owner	Ex Ganges PO
128	03-01-29	Heriot Bay PO	1536 Hyacinth St	Heriot Bay	V0P 1H0	643092		correction	correction of address
129	03-01-30	Canyon PO	4493 Canyon-Lister Road	Canyon	V0B 1C0	641049		new phone	new phone number
130	03-01-29	King Edward PO	968 West King Edward Avenue	Vancouver	V2Z 2E0	267910	100477	new owner	sale of business Heonjae (Jay) Lee
131	03-01-31	Harewood Mall PO	703-530 5th Street	Nanaimo	V9R 1P0	644943	100507	new owner	Shoppers Drug Mart Jason Sheperd
132	03-02-10	Riverside PO	14867 108 Avenue	Surrey	V3R 1W0	266337	100306	upgrade	from GMO to Postal Outlet
133	03-02-15	New Westminster GMO # 4	7595 6th Street	New Westminster	V3N 3M0	263141	closed	closed	closure
134	03-02-15	Deer Lake PO	5059 Canada Way	Burnaby	V5E 3N0	136131	closed	closed	closure
135	03-02-17	Surrey GMO # 13	1400 Guilford Town Centre	Surrey	V3R 1N0	172677	100290	upgrade	GMO # 13 to high traffic -Connie Pang
136	03-02-19	McCallum PO	10 - 33498 Bevan Road	Abbotsford	V2S 5G0	651648	100457	upgrade	GMO # 10 to medium traffic John Leung
137	03-02-27	Mission Hills PO	3313 1st Avenue	Mission	V2V 1A0	387487	100589	new owner	Mission Downtown to Shoppers Drug Mart
138	03-03-23	Capilano Mall PO	Unit 89 - 935 Marine Drive	North Vancouver	V7P 1S0	388459		relocation	Unit 85 to 89 Karim Bandedali
139	03-03-24	Murrayville PO	600 - 22259 48th Avenue	Langley	V3A 8T0	420727		new code	correction of code V3A 3N0 to V3A 8T0
140	03-03-24	Kamloops CFSS	719 Battle Street	Kamloops	V2C 3M0	082902	100653	to CFSS	GMO # 1 to CFSS Mila Dunn
141	03-03-29	Horseshoe Bay PO	6655 Royal Avenue	West Vancouver	V7W 2B0	643203	100505	upgrade	Ex RPO # 131 - to low traffic Vijay Dayal
142	03-04-01	Queenborough PO	602 Ewan Avenue	New Westminster	V3M 5B0	645052	100616	conversion	GMO to low traffic Brian Sproule
143	03-04-05	Oliver CFSS	2900 Highway 33	Oliver	V0H 2B0	343820	100651	to CFSS	GMO # 2 to CFSS Dongho Chai
144	03-04-05	Oliver Stamp Shop	36498 79th Street	Oliver	VOH 1T0	100651	343803	conversion	GMO # 2 relocation & conversion
145	03-04-10	Evergreen PO	8928 152nd Street	Surrey	V3R 4E0	655104	100648	new owner	Shoppers Drug Mart Ken Langvin
146	03-04-21	Waterfront PO	3346 West Island Highway	Qualicum Beach	V9K 1S0	178616	100551	conversion	GMO #1 to low traffic Guy Yarmack
147	03-04-23	Slocan Park	General delivery	Slocan Park	V0G 2E0	646717		phone number	Corporate office phone removed
148	03-05-02	Plaza 33 PO	#28 301 Highway 33 West	Kelowna	V1X 1X0	074829	100961	new owner	Shoppers Drug Mart Tim McDermid
149	03-04-30	Cherry Lane PO	104A 2111 Main Street	Penticton	V2A 5H0	259594	closed	resignation	PM resigned
150	03-05-01	Barkerville SO	General delivery	Barkerville	V0K 1B0	640468		SO opening	summer office May 1 to October 1
151	03-05-05	Maple Park PO	2192 Maple Drive	Quesnel	V2J 5A0	100441	100652	upgrade	Ex Maple Park to low traffic Rosa Lee
152	03-05-31	Vernon Square PO	#103 4400 32nd Street	Vernon	V1T 9H0	350303		relocation	#504 to #103 Terry Barker
153	03-05-18	St. Helen's PO	10269 128th Street	Surrey	V3T 2Z0	645117	100578	upgrade	GMO # 6 to low traffic Bill & Margaret Le
154	03-05-27	Oceanside PO	140 Island Highway East - Box 369	Parksville	V9P 2G0	new	100495	upgrade	ROSS installed to urban high traffic
155	03-06-02	Valleyview PO	2020 G Falcon Road	Kamloops	V2C 4J0	new	100697	new	new office Alice Scott
156	03-05-26	Beban Plaza PO	2220 Bowen Road	Nanaimo	V9S 1H0	644390	100545	upgrade	Ex GMO 10 medium traffic K Bourgeois
157	03-05-25	Cumberland	2756 Dunsmuir Road	Cumberland	V0R 1S0	641774		relocation	Corporate office relocated Anita Foulem
158	03-05-31	Superior Street PO	148 Superior Street	Victoria	V8V 1T0	650390	100719	upgrade	Ex GMO #48 Private low traffic K & L Le
159	03-05-31	Richmond Centre PO	2286 - 6060 Minora Blvd.	Richmond	V6Y 2B0	085715		hours	change of hours
160	03-05-31	Wells PO	2340 Pooty Street Box 141	Wells	V0K 2R0	269190	100823	relocation	to Coal Harbour Community Club
161	03-03-28	Victoria Station CSC	621 Discovery Street	Victoria	V8T 5G0	067636	closed	closed	CSC closure
162	03-06-15	Scotch Creek PO	3877 Squalax-Anglemont Road	Scotch Creek	V0E 3L0	139688		relocation	relocated Annette Brause
163	03-06-23	Westside PO	102 - 160 Marsh Drive	Quesnel	V2J 5A0	170097	100740	relocation	Ex GMO 4 -to Movies & More
164	03-06-28	Savona PO	6769 Savona Access Road	Savona	V0K 2J0	646490		relocation	relocation Corporate Office
165	03-06-29	Campbell River South PO	2016 South Island Highway	Campbell River	V9W 1E0	129615	100910	upgrade	GMO #1 to medium traffic Jason Nyrose
166	03-06-24	Orchard Park PO	#1360 - 2271 Harvey Street	Kelowna	V1Y 6H0	076082		new owners	change of associates Frank Strobel
167	03-06-30	Pau's Superette CFSS	2005 Canyon Road	Creston	V0B 1G0	100149	100969	new owner	sale of business Danny Spring

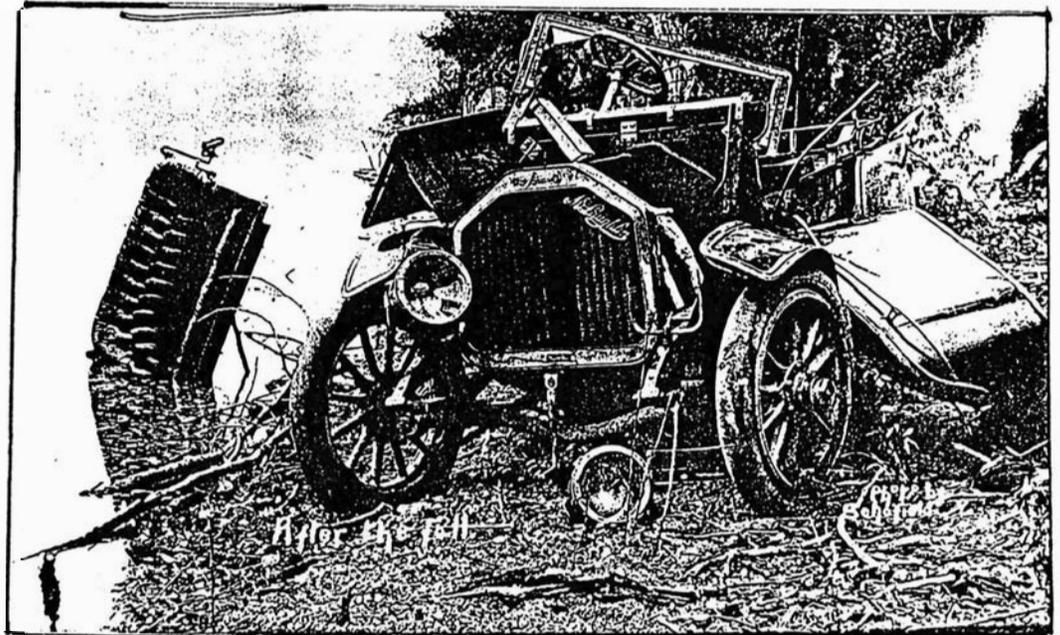
## VERNON & KELOWNA MAIL - 1910-11 ?

Thanks to John Cheramy we get a glimpse of some of the problems face with the early mechanization of rural mail delivery. The two picture post cars were produced by E. Schoffield of Vernon in about 1910 or 1911. The wording on the side of the truck reads "ROYAL MAIL / VERNON & KELOWNA"

On the road again



After the fall



As an aside it should be noted that in 1949 mail out of Kaslo for Gerrard, Howser and Poplar Creek was still delivered by pack horse.