

WEST COAST



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Philately, Fellowship, Fun

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Chilliwack Meeting Judged Highly Successful By Those Attending

With only a dozen members present there was worry that this year's meeting might be the last - however, the opposite is the reality- members voted to continue meeting and as can be seen from the coverage of the meeting suggested many changes to improve the attraction of our annual meeting to the members.

Remembering our motto - Philately, Fellowship, Fun went a long way to making the whole weekend into a learning fun experience.

CHANGES AHEAD IN MEETING PLANS

Members noted that one of the consistent problems we have had in planning the last few meetings was the time of the year selected. The current time of the end of April was originally selected to accommodate members who had to travel and icy winter roads made travel from mid October to Mid April not an option. Also because on May 1 most hotels raise their rates for the summer - sometimes nearly half or more as much. The composition of the Group led to most people being able to attend at that time. However, the makeup of the Group has changed - we have a number of accountants and business folk to whom the end of April is not an option for meetings. So - we decided to plan the next meeting for late September or early October - members to be polled as to their choice. The next meeting will therefore be slated for late September or early October, 2017 to be held in the Okanagan. We had considerable discussion about attracting our Island members to a meeting. Therefore the one

after that is to be in Victoria.

Members were to be polled well in advance in order to point out potential conflicts, either philatelic or family etc.

Then discussion centred around the format for the meeting - currently using a model developed over the years based on the makeup of the group and their wishes. At the time this developed most of the members travelled with partners and the group wished activities which included the partners. However, for the past several meetings the number of partners has dwindled to two - who have expressed satisfaction in attending the regular sessions if they wish. These two are now associate members and entitled to do so. Should more partners begin to show up at the meeting we will have to deal with that at the time.

So by motion and as part of the discussion the following changes were made. There will be 10 philatelic or related presentations instead of the current five. Members will be asked which topic they would like to present - with ten sessions and less than 40 members able to travel a member's turn to present should occur every three or four years - less

if some volunteer more often which was thought would happen. There will be a \$50 honorarium for each presentation to cover costs of preparation. Presentations will happen Saturday AM and PM and Sunday AM - also included will be the business meeting and clothesline sessions. These are major changes which the attending members thought would allow more members to attend and revitalize the attitude towards the meeting. To show their enthusiasm for the new format we had four immediate volunteers for presentations at the Okanagan meeting.

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING SESSIONS

We were delighted to have Ken Pugh and Ron Leith back at our meeting. Both gave a much needed vitality and leadership to the discussions and presentations.



Tim Woodland - also our tech guy

Tim Woodland led off with a session on Philately of Deltiology. A prize was given to Shirley-Ann for being the first to know what that was – collecting of postcards. Tim gave a very interesting and informative session on this aspect of philately.

Ron Leith then gave a session on differentiating between the various varieties of the small queens and gave an interesting overview of how to do this - with many illustrations of just how to tell the difference from stamp to stamp - we learned how to tell which paper was used and how ink was used. Someone who is not a collector who had come early for the photography session and sat in on the last bit of Ron's presentation - was heard to comment that you didn't have to be a stamp collector to find that interesting as it was "sorting" and most people liked sorting things.

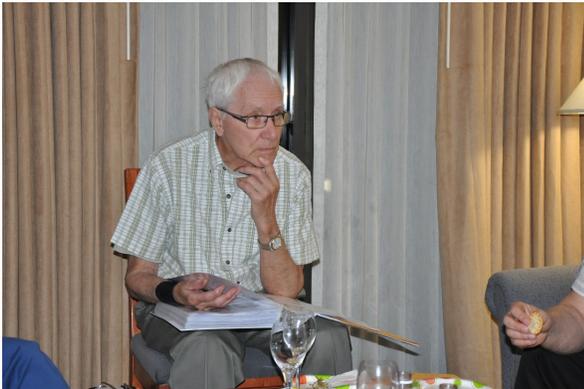


Ron Leith and Ken Pugh

Ken Pugh then spent one session showing the group how to use a DSLR camera and some of the things one can do with the correct equipment - like taking a picture of the reflection of the photographer in an owl's eye - simply amazing. Ken obviously has earned his plaudits as a photographer, particularly birds. The afternoon session went to the Heron Sanctuary in Chilliwack where members could practice the stuff learned in the morning - well received - even the non-picture taking members found things to see and comment upon.

Ken also, in his role as leading world expert on Canadian Fakes and Forgeries, gave a session on this aspect of collecting - I think most of us will be looking at our own

collections in a different light after listening to Ken. He noted one chap - had an item on Ebay - which was a fake - Ken checked the sales for this seller and found 800 fakes in a row had been sold. The chap ended up calling all the people he had bilked and sending them their money plus a bit for trouble - in return they had to send the fake to Ken - who used them as the basis for one of his many books on the topic. All in all an extremely interesting topic well presented. Most of us were horrified to learn that most fakes are not worth a great deal of money - but then 1000 \$10 fakes equal one \$10 000 fake which is more likely to be caught out as people would naturally get the expensive item expertised.



Gary Fisher

Gary Fisher donated a philatelic item for raffle - which was won by the Secretary Shirley Ann Frick.

During clothesline, Jack Issacson then showed us some of the items from one of his collections - letters etc from hundreds of years ago - of which our other presenters were familiar or of which they knew - up shot was he has promised to do a full presentation at a future meeting - an expanded version with many of the other items he mentioned. Some things over 500 years old - think of what they have gone through to arrive in our midst - coming from Italy etc.

The business meeting went as normal - the

Secretary gave the minutes from 2015 and a current financial report- see elsewhere in this newsletter.

John Burnett - who has maintained contact from Alabama - sent computerized presentations to help with the meeting - many thanks John.

We discussed the ideas of life memberships for those who have added to the well being of the group for many years and are now having troubles attending meetings. We started with a short list - see the minutes - and will be open to suggestions for additions.

SECRETARY - TREASURER MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Shirley-Ann Frick, our efficient, tireless, minder of the books and welfare of the Group has been undergoing operations for cancer for some months - no word on how the latest has worked out - but at last word she was nothing but enthusiastic - as usual. I am sure she would not mind a call or e mail wishing her well - as I am sure we all do. She is a vital part of our organization,

General comments

As you have read there are major changes in the works as to how we carry on in the future. These appear to be exciting new thresh holds to cross but with everyone's help we can make it work.

Feel free to offer any ideas, criticisms or other things you think may help make the system a success. Remember the group is only as successful as the members make it.

Also remember you can place ads or articles in any newsletter you wish - at the moment we are planning one for the fall and early in the new year as usual - the newsletter goes to all 40 some members - the life members - and various members of BNAPS front office.

Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Regional Group – BNAPS, May 1, 2016

Meeting opened by Chairman, Peter Fralick.

Minutes of last meeting moved by SA Frick to be accepted as circulated, second by Ron Leith, carried.

Moved by Ron Leith seconded by Gary Fisher that Peter Fralick continue as chairman and Paula will continue to edit the news letter . carried.

Moved by Ken Pugh, seconded by Paula Fralick that Shirley-Ann continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: moved by Tim Woodland seconded by Jack Isaacson as distributed. carried.

Secretary's Report: current membership 49 members; 2 associate members. We have 23 members' dues paid up to date leaving 26 members in arrears. Membership dues: We will send emails to all members with overdue dues. Members that do not have e-mail will receive a return stamped envelope. Honorary members (life membership) are Bev Wallace and Jack Wallace, Bill Topping, Ken Ellison, John Burnett, Trelle Morrow, Earle Covert and Cec Coutts.

Discussion Notes:

Ron Leith as contact, re future shows, e.g. so as not conflict with our meetings . Can also contact Louis Bassetto, as there are always shows somewhere and at some time.

Next meeting: end of April is not as feasible as we have several members who are involved with tax audit at this time. Perhaps October instead.

Suggested we do a survey of membership for next meeting in Okanagan and one after that in Victoria.

Yes we want another meeting next year

Suggestions:

30 - 45 minutes talks with a 15 minute break between speakers

To have speakers all day Saturday and Sunday morning

To approach specific people to give a talk on a certain subject of theirs

Do not conflict dealer shows or dates

Will only try to arrange an activity Saturday afternoon for spouses/partners if numbers warrant.

To give an honorarium to the speakers for their time and effort into doing a presentation

To keep the time schedule accurate, no starting late

To give time for chat between presentations

It was agreed by members: 1) to have a meeting in the fall in the Okanagan. This could possibility coincide with another event or show. 2) the speakers honorarium will be 50 dollars. This amount will be budgeted into the weekend fees.

We have speaker volunteers for the fall 2017 meeting of Ken Pugh, Ron Leith, Jack Isaacson and Tim Woodland.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted by

Shirley-Ann Frick

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Treasurer's Report

2015	1-Jun		0.07	3084.61	
	17-Jun		40.00	3124.61	dues
	26-Jun	1	4.57	3139.18	dues
	1-Jul		0.06	3139.24	
	23-Jul		80.00	3219.24	dues
	1-Aug		0.07	3219.31	
	1-Sep		0.07	3219.38	
	12-Sep		30.00	3249.38	dues
	1-Oct		0.06	3249.44	
	1-Nov		0.07	3249.51	
	1-Dec		0.07	3249.58	
	10-Dec		20.00	3269.58	dues
2016	1-Jan		0.07	3269.65	
	12-Jan		40.00	3309.65	dues
	26-Jan	27.60		3282.05	Northwest Fed Dues 2016
	1-Feb		0.06	3282.11	
	1-Mar		0.07	3282.18	
	4-Mar		30.00	3312.18	dues
	17-Mar		10.00	3322.18	dues
	17-Mar		315.00	3637.18	registration Chilliwack
	24-Mar	39.32		3597.86	purchase of cheques
	1-Apr		0.08	3597.94	
	8-Apr		383.00	3980.94	registration Chilliwack
	1-May		0.08	3981.02	
	10-May		270.00	4251.02	registration Chilliwack
	10-May		30.00	4281.02	dues
	30-Apr	312.55		3968.47	Bozzini's Chilliwack
	30-Apr	100.00		3868.47	Chilliwack speaker
	1-May		711.18	4579.65	Best Western, Chilliwack

A Little Study of Ladner's Landing British Columbia

On October 16, 2014 Eastern Auctions Ltd. sold the Jack Wallace, award winning collection of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

My dad and I have been life-long friends of Jack's and so I really wanted something from his collection as a souvenir, I requested a catalogue. Upon receiving the list of material I found myself looking at some pretty heady stuff as most items carried high three to mid four figure estimates. Even looking at just stamps I found most with high estimates, mainly because some of the stamps of both Colonial British Columbia and Vancouver Island are just plain scarce and expensive stamps without consideration to how they may have been used.

Now how does all this become something about small queens? There were a few small queen stamps shown in the catalogue, many used with colonial strikes even though they had been used post British Columbia joining Confederation.

While looking for something to bid on I saw lot 414 described thus: Ladner's Landing – Canada 1880's 1¢ yellow and 3¢ orange, Montreal printing, 3¢ rose carmine Montreal "Gazette" printing, all with partial to clear grid "33" cancels. (Unitrade 35i, 37,41a) with an estimate of \$150. This lot caught my attention because although my early years (during WWII) were spent in North Central British Columbia as my mother and I lived with my Grand Parents while my dad was away. We were reunited in 1945 and our family moved to Richmond (a suburb of Vancouver in those days) onto Lulu Island which is part of the Delta of the Fraser River. I have a small collection of material related to the delta region and so this lot would fit my collection in a few places. Ladner's Landing was on the south side of the south arm of the river, Lulu Island sat directly opposite in the river.

Figure 1 shows a map of the "Delta" area.

"A modern map showing the Delta area near Vancouver, Ladner's Landing shown as Ladner on today's maps. The hand drawn dashed line shows the path of the ferry to the No. 2 Road ferry depot on Lulu Island.



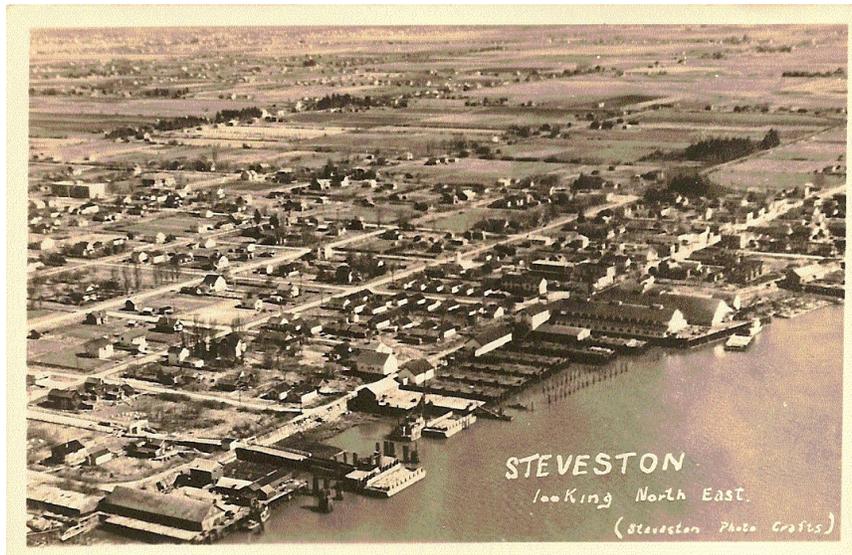
This is a modern map and I have drawn in the route of the ferry that transported people to the Number 2 Road ferry terminal on Lulu Island. Salesmen and Buyers regularly travelled this route to get to Steveston which was the home of the great teImperial Fish Cannery. The ferry was also used to travel to New Westminister which was the west coast port city in Colonial British Columbia at that time and later to Vancouver as it replaced New Westminister as Canada's principle port city on the west coast.

Below is shown a picture of Ladner's Landing circa 1900¹, the Delta Hotel: seen in the background, was a salesman's stop off enroute to Steveston and New Westminster



The little town of Steveston is shown in figure 3; the picture probably dating from the 1920's clearly shows the town with the canneries along the river front. The great Imperial Cannery is to the right in the picture and was a major source of work in the Fraser River delta area.

fig 3. Steveston with its canneries was a salesman's stop on his way to New Westminster



Ladner's landing had been assigned the numerical designation "33" in colonial British Columbia times and as I mentioned earlier the colonial marking was used well after British Columbia had joined the Canadian Confederation.



fig. 4 My three small queen stamps purchased from the Wallace collection showing the "grid 33" of Ladner's landing

I have a few other items from Ladner's landing and as with most of my very early western material it is in less than stellar condition. Figure 5 shows a cover franked with a 3¢ small queen with just a bit of a smudge for a cancellation addressed to Oregon in the USA. Figure 6 shows a close up of the return address which clearly shows the cover's origin as being Ladner's landing.

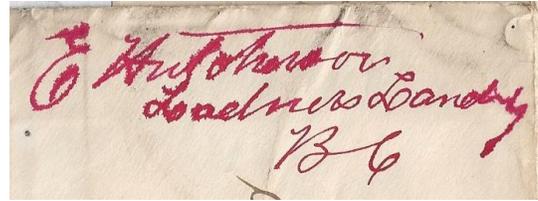
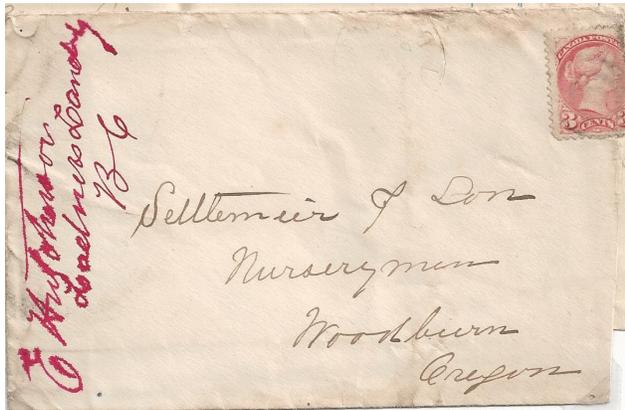


fig 5 A ratty cover whose return address is the only proof that it originated in Ladner's landing. Fig 6 a close up of the return address from Ladner's Landing.

The delta area of the Fraser River was a most prolific fruit and vegetable growing area and the close up of the enclosure to the letter shown in figure 5.

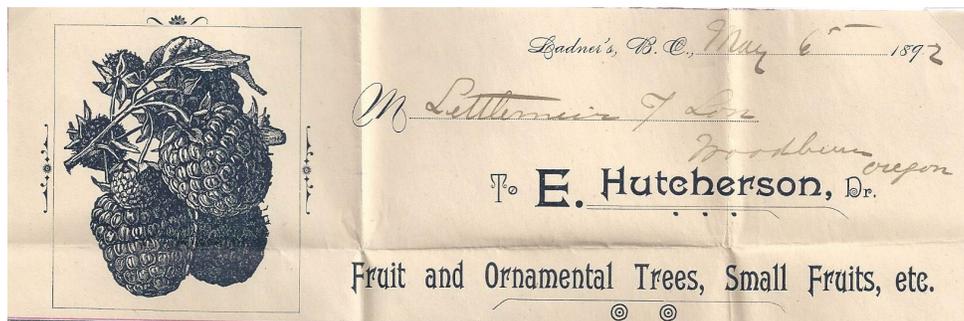


fig 7 The invoice for fruit being sent to Oregon from Ladner, notice the "Ferry" has been dropped from the name in 1892, even though the return address was written as "Ladner's Landing" by the sender.

I have a pair of small queens with the Ladner's Landing split ring cancellation dated July 23, 1882, which I show in figure 8 thus completing the small queen circle.



fig 8 A split ring cancellation with the town name shown as Ladner's Landing

The postal names Ladner's Landing and Ladner would eventually disappear and the name "Delta" would be applied to all the little towns in the delta of the Fraser River.

Submitted by John Burnett

ALL NATIONS AUCTION

Page 37 of the Gerald Wellburn historic Vancouver collection the only known Hastings, B.C. cancel coming to All Nations' 2 July 2016 auction at:

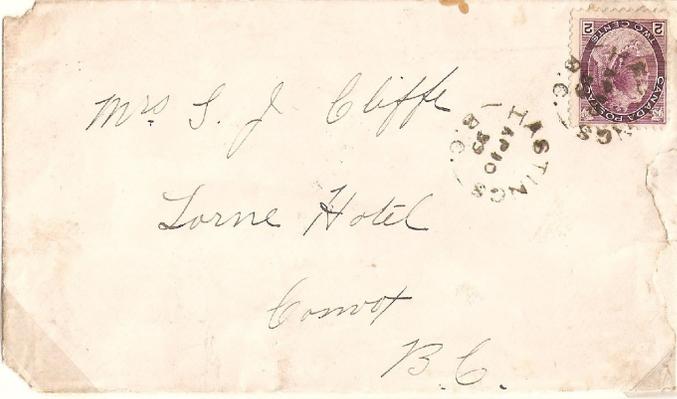
<http://www.allnationsstampandcoin.com/auction.html>

Estimated at \$100.+

For more information contact:

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In 1897 the Burrard Inlet PO became Hastings PO and page 37 of the Wellburn historic Vancouver collection is the only known Hastings, BC cancel.

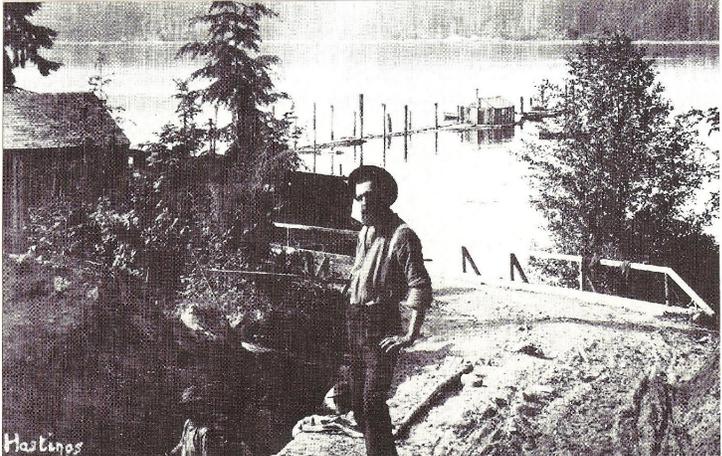


1899 - HASTINGS B.C.



1897 BURRARD INLET P.O.
became "HASTINGS"

*although Hastings townsite had
been subdivided in 1876.*



SALE BY AUCTION OF LOTS.
IN THE
TOWN OF HASTINGS,
NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Mr. James Morrison will sell by public auction at the Land Office, New Westminster, by order of the Provincial Government, on Wednesday, the 28th November, 1877, at 12 o'clock, noon, the undermentioned lots in the Town of Hastings, Burrard Inlet—

Lots—10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 86, 88, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245.

Maps may be seen at the Office of the Government Agent, New Westminster, and at the Land Office, Victoria.

F. GEO. VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, Sept. 29th, 1877. 6500

THANK-YOU

We would like to thank Peter, Paula and Shirley-Ann for organizing the AGM in April in Chilliwack. We are always puzzled by the lack of members attending these weekends. Since joining the group a few years ago, we have thoroughly enjoyed these weekends. They are a nice way to reconnect with friends and acquaintances and engage in some good old relaxed chats, something that is missing in our lives these days when we only connect via e-mail. Secondly, we really enjoy the presenters talks. We learn new facts every year and find them entertaining and informative.

At the business meeting on Sunday, May 1 the group discussed some changes that might give the annual event a boost. One decision was to change the date to the fall. Ron Leith suggested that we have presenters all day on the Saturdays and that the presenters be given a stipend for their efforts. We wholeheartedly support these new ideas and will be at the next AGM with bells on! We urge all other members to come out next year and enjoy themselves.

Gary and Wanda Fisher, Vernon

AT BOZZINI'S RESTAURANT



FUN AT THE HOSPITALITY ROOM



Laughing Matters

Retarded grandparents

contributed by Susan Capps

After summer vacation, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend summers with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and moved to Florida. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there. There is a swimming pool too where they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so

nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night: Early Birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

GUEST SPEAKER SONNY McHALSIE



Naxaxalhts'i, Albert (Sonny) McHalsie - Cultural Advisor/Historian and Honorary Doctorate of Law, University of Victoria.

Dr. Naxaxalhts'i is the Cultural Advisor/Historian of the Stó:lo Research and Resource Management Centre. Naxaxalhts'i has worked for the Stó:lo as a researcher in cultural heritage and aboriginal rights and title issues since 1985. He currently acts as the cultural advisor on the Treaty Negotiation Team for the Stó:lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association. He was a co-author of the book *I Am Stó:lo: Katherine Explores Her Heritage* (1997) – focussing on his family and his daughter. He contributed to and served on the editorial board of the award winning publication *A Stó:lo Coast Salish Historical Atlas* (2001). He was also the author of *We Have To Take Care OF Everything That Belongs To Us* in Bruce Miller's *Be OF Good Mind* (2007). He also wrote the foreword in Keith Thor Carlson's *The Power Of Place, The Problem Of Time* (2010). His areas of expertise include Halq'eméylem Place Names, Fishing, and Stó:lo Oral History. He has also been featured in many television documentaries for the CBC, APTN and Omni. He is a member of the Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation, the proud

father of two girls and six boys, and has six grandchildren. He continues to fish at his ancestral fishing ground at Aseláw in the Stó:lo Five Fishery in the lower Fraser River canyon.

HELP WANTED

Does anyone have a used Unitrade Catalogue of the past few years with which they could bear to part? I have a new correspondent in the Czech Republic who has never seen one and I cannot locate any of my older ones.
Peter Fralick

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