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Penticton is on for fall 2017

We are happy to announce that the next meeting will be in Penticton September 29 to October 1 at Day's Inn in Penticton. Arrangements have been well managed by Gary and Wanda Fisher.



The format will be slightly changed from the past few in that we are not arranging any activities for partners or a joint excursion as has been our custom for a number of years. For whatever reasons the number of partners in attendance has been steadily dropping - three at the last meeting two of whom are associate members and don't seem to mind attending the philatelic sessions - and those present at our last meeting requested a change. Now we will have the normal Friday afternoon and evening check in and socializing at the hotel with the hospitality room opening in mid afternoon. Saturday we

will have philatelic and business meetings all day - with lunch at the hotel. Saturday evening we will, as usual, have the banquet with a guest speaker. If you have particular dietary requirements please let us know asap so we can take that into account when arranging menu with the hotel.

All presenters will receive a \$50 honorarium for their much appreciated efforts.

Sunday morning will feature more philatelic presentations and the annual business meeting and Clothes Line - a popular bit of the meeting where members bring odd things which they introduce to the meeting - last time it was 500 year old items.



You should be able to make reservations at the Inn upon receipt of this newsletter - we

will have a registration form for the annual meeting in the next newsletter due in May. Should you wish to present at the meeting contact the Chairman please.

Should any of our dealer members wish to have a display at the meeting please request this. Your intentions need to be made public - and we can try and accommodate your needs.



Contact information for Day's Inn - reservations - 250 493 6616 - 24 hours a day - mention you are booking for Pacific Northwest Regional Philatelic Group. Some information re rooms - all are 340 square feet - have fridge and coffee maker - wi-fi, parking and a continental breakfast included - heated pool - hot tub- grassed and landscaped courtyard -fitness room and an award winning restaurant.



Cut off for reservations under this booking is February 28 so be advised to plan early. After that it is open season on rooms.

Listing of what is reserved until then: eight rooms - two queen with a Mountainview - 95.00 per night: four are Pool view with two queen beds @ 95.00 per night : four are two queen poolside - patio rooms at \$95.00 per night : two are one king bed poolside at 95.00 per night : one room is mountainview @ 95.00 per night : two are one king size business rooms @ 105.00 per night.

Remember these prices and availability end February 28. Some will wish to arrive Thursday so bookings can begin then and run through until Monday - departure. If ,as some members have indicated, they do not plan on registering until sometime in the summer - you could research the room prices at the Inn and find they are about three times what we have been offered. If you don't register until later than February 28 then we take pot luck with getting a room at probably their regular listed rate of around \$279 a night. All prices have taxes extra.

Newsletter ads

Please note that all members, including dealer members, may place ads, classified or display (providing you supply the copy) without charge in these newsletters.

Classified Ad

Anyone interested in ``corner`` covers - mostly from BC but some others for sale or trade - a number of hotel and taxi companies etc - contact the chairman.

How did I get started collecting and where have I gone with it -

The newsletter editor is soliciting anecdotal comments from members covering these and any other topics you can come up with - feel free to send them in and they will be in the next newsletter. Someone suggested scans of treasured items would be of interest and they are also welcomed. We want to make this missive something to which members look forward. Some of the interesting anecdotes I have heard from members over the years would be nice to have on our pages as many of our members were not around then.

Ramblings

A comment made me think - always a dangerous proposition. A member noted the number of major collections that have gone through the auction process or dealer sales in the past few years and wondered where, if still in BC, were the collections building to contain the many unique bits disappearing into the future - Robinson, Wellburn, Barlow, Price, Ellison, Coutts, Topping, Brown and others. I know of a few building collections but not that many. From some of the dealers I hear that bidders from all over the world are now snapping up choice items.

Also I was asked if there is a published source identifying the control numbers on Permit covers - i.e. which place the numbers represent - apparently as far as I can find out there is no such listing but it seems like a good thing to have. Interesting bit has come out since nosing around this topic. Some numbers represent groups of different

government offices - such as Fisheries and Government Agent's offices - from the Royal Bank's government accounts (or some bank). Apparently the "bank" involved has government credit card accounts for the various offices around the province but uses one permit number to send out information and statements. This seems odd because one office is federal and the other provincial. But if one is getting covers from these different places check the numbers - they are the same.

If you feel this group is of benefit to collectors feel free to be an active recruiter - many of you belong to a number of philatelic groups which could be a fertile source of new members for the Group, particularly on the Island and in the Okanagan where there are many functioning stamp collecting clubs- we have to sell the benefits of belonging to our Group. The more we have attending functions the merrier a time we can have.

We offer help, when requested, to collectors and their families in assessing and disposing of philatelic holdings - I have personally helped in several of these good will offerings and I know others have done the same. Sometimes just a helping hand in how to look after philatelic holdings can be of great assistance. Should you know of anyone who might benefit from this assistance please let us know. As far as I know no one ever charges for this service.

Let us in on any secrets you may have on how to send stuff overseas - particularly to what used to be behind the Iron Curtain - I keep hearing horror stories of such attempted shipments.

Other philatelic clubs etc - I have been asked why we don't list meeting dates and other information from the dozen or more philatelic organizations housed in our

catchment area - we actually did this for two of them a year or two (or more - time moves more quickly it seems) ago - but then our contacts seem to disappear and the supply of information dried up. The answer is, of course, that we would be delighted to have these pages contain information which might be of interest to any of our members - so if anyone would like to have club meeting dates and other information in the newsletters send away - or get a liaison person named from the club to do so.

Items for Newsletter

Anyone having an item for the business meeting agenda in September or other place on the agenda, please forward it to the Chairman for inclusion in the May newsletter - by that time we would like to have a preliminary agenda for September - Also please remember we need articles for presentation in the newsletter - "Only you can make the newsletter more interesting" to paraphrase a well know forestry ad.

Are You Old Enough to Remember These?

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? _____.
02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The _____ Show.
03. 'Get your kicks, _____.'
04. 'The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to _____.'
05. 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.'
06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called

the '_____.'

07. Nestle's makes the very best.... _____.'

08. Satchmo was America 's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.

09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.

10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and _____'.

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.

12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? ____ & _____.

13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute to _____.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called _____.

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the _____.

16. Remember LS/MFT _____/ _____?

17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____!

18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!

19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". It's name was the _____!

20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as it's Logo/Representative. What was the boy's name? _____

Answers on back page.

ON POST OFFICE BUSINESS

By Bill Pekonen

Mail marked "On Post Office Business" or "On Postal Service" or "Service des Postes" or "Postage Paid" or equivalent wording, are exempt from postage by mutual agreement amongst all members of the Universal Postal Union. The USA, for instance, adopted the Penalty envelope. This type of mail is a separate category or class of mail from other domestically controlled free franked mail.

Free Franked mail is generally identified by the words "FREE" or "FREE OF POSTAGE" which simply means that the mailed item does not require postage stamps. Mail marked FREE is to be delivered without collecting postage due. Mail marked "Taxe Percue" or "Postage Paid" is another method used to identify "FREE OF POSTAGE". "Postage Paid" may also be shown expressed as in another language.

The wording "ON POSTAL SERVICE" simply means that no postage is payable by the post office when the purpose is about the post office itself. The cost of this type of mail is subsidized either by other users of the postal system or the governing body.

Other envelopes may be marked "Philatelic Mail". Often, no postage payment is evident nor indicated unless registered, but not always then either. This type of mail can be considered as a sub class of On Postal Business. Each individual postal administration can decide what it includes in the Post Office Business category. This type of mail is accepted for delivery within the receiving country without requiring postage due payment. Envelopes marked "philatelic mail" are also at the ZERO postage rate and can be considered as "commercial mail" when taken in the proper context. Consider this: the post office is in the business of selling stamps and souvenirs to the collecting customer base or to stamp dealers. When you find a cover from a post office addressed to a stamp dealer or a collector, then that is about as commercial as one can get.

This area has not attracted interest amongst philatelists - probably because there are so many different envelopes from each country and no one has bothered to catalogue the different

printings. The lack of postage stamps is another impediment in the minds of many collectors. Some envelopes did have postage stamps to meet registration or air mail rates. Many collectors soaked off any stamps that might have been used for registration or air mail purposes. A number of these covers with stamps still on them may be scarce, or may record a practice that is important to another classification in the scheme of the postal service. Other covers may have special kinds of cancellations from small mail volume post offices. The town cancellations themselves may be very scarce.

The envelope designs from an individual post office administration changed over time. From a postal history standpoint, the envelopes also illustrate different changes in post office practices within a country. For example, many British Commonwealth countries have sought independence. A few became dominions; some became separate kingdoms; others experienced name changes; and several became republics with the same or different name. Coup d'etats and revolutions have occurred in other countries, with the resulting change in administration. The history of a country may well be reflected in these postal business covers.

This article is a shorter version on a subject that has been ignored by many dealers and collectors. This separate category of mail can be most often recognized by different versions of ON POSTAL SERVICE such as "Service des Postes", "Official Business Only"; and "Penalty" envelopes.

These types of covers have been disparagingly labeled as "Philatelic" and not worth serious attention by those who place little value on items which are not collected by the "crowd". Perhaps at one time it was thought that there were so many of these covers and were so common that an attitude of "why bother" prevailed. Many covers did not survive --- especially those which displayed current commemorative postage stamps. Many of these stamps were soaked off to be obtained used singles. Finding different intact cover examples from each of the different postal jurisdictions reflecting changes over time can be very difficult.

UPU Article 54 permits post offices to charge for Air Mail service on postage stamp orders. Covers showing an added amount for air mail can also be found.

Many envelopes can be found that are informing a collector about a new postage forthcoming stamp issue. These covers usually enclosed an order form. Most order forms required an extra payment for registration costs to be added to the stamp purchase amount. The forms generally outline different methods of acceptable prepayment. One method describes how to establish a

revolving Deposit Account with the Postage Stamp Bureau. Stamp orders would then be deducted from the account. At times, several countries have included a prepaid business return reply envelope to encourage stamp collectors to respond.

An interesting collection of registered covers from different countries on Post Office Business can open up a new collecting interest. My own collection contains examples from many different countries world wide. The business of selling stamps is a lucrative venture for many postal authorities. Encouraging the collection of postage stamps have been promoted by Post Offices almost all over the world.

How long has all this been going on? Neil Donen and a worldwide network of interested collectors have been gathering pre 1900 examples of this type of mail. A publication has documented the information about early efforts and circulated on a limited basis. One of these days, more will be heard on this subject. In the meantime, keep a look out for these types of covers. From my point of view, these are an essential foundation of the Philatelic Hobby and worth preserving.

References:

1. UPU Regulations, various years.
2. Canada Postal Guides, various years
3. Standard Handbook of Stamp Collecting, Richard McP.Cabeen
4. Reviews of countless order forms published by many different world countries.

Figure 1 shows an envelope mailed from Kingston, Ontario Canada dated MY 26 / 93 (1893) to an individual in Charleston Mass. USA. It is franked by a Canadian Post Office Inspector.

Figure 2 shows an OFFICIAL BUSINESS Penalty cover from the Philatelic Window, Main Post Office Seattle, WA. USA dated 26 OCT 1987. It is addressed to North Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Note the rubber stamp impression stating "PHILATELIC MAIL / DO NOT BEND."

Figure 3 shows a cover mailed from the Philatelic Bureau, British Virgin Islands 10 NO / 76 to Dr. Skinner at Lacey, WA. USA. Dr. Skinner was a part time vest pocket dealer who often attended stamp shows organized by various clubs belonging to the PNWRG. This is an example of commercial mail between a Philatelic Bureau and a dealer. This cover show the 23 cent registration rate applicable at that time.

Figure 4 shows a US Penalty Envelope preaddressed to the Philatelic Sales Division at Washington, D.C. This business reply envelope is intended for use by a customer to mail an order form for the purchase of postage stamps. As such, it is an exception to the rule for government use only and an exclusion from the \$300 penalty for "private use" function.

Figure 5 shows a cover dated 30 MR / 76 from Bahrain Postal Directorate addressed to a collector in USA. Bahrain is an exception within the Middle East because the country enjoys excess revenues from the sale of oil. It has a very conservative stamp issuing policy and does not depend upon the sale of postage stamps to finance the operating costs of the Post Office. This cover is within a specially designed Air Mail cover. No air mail postage was added. This cover was used to advise collectors of a new stamp issue.

Figure 6 shows a registered cover mailed 5 May, 1945 from Nassau, Bahamas --- (on the same day that Eisenhower rejected the German offer to surrender in Europe). This envelope is marked MONEY ORDER ADVICE and addressed to The Postmaster at Philadelphia, Pa., USA. Curiously, it also contains a purple rubber stamp imprint "Passed by US Censor 2518"

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE ^{FREE}
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P.O. Inspr.*

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Mass.*



UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

PHILATELIC WINDOW
MAIN POST OFFICE
SEATTLE, WA 98101

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
P-570



PHILATELIC MAIL
DO NOT BEND



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE
USE TO AVOID PAYMENT
OF POSTAGE, \$300

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NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.
CANADA
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PHILATELIC MAIL
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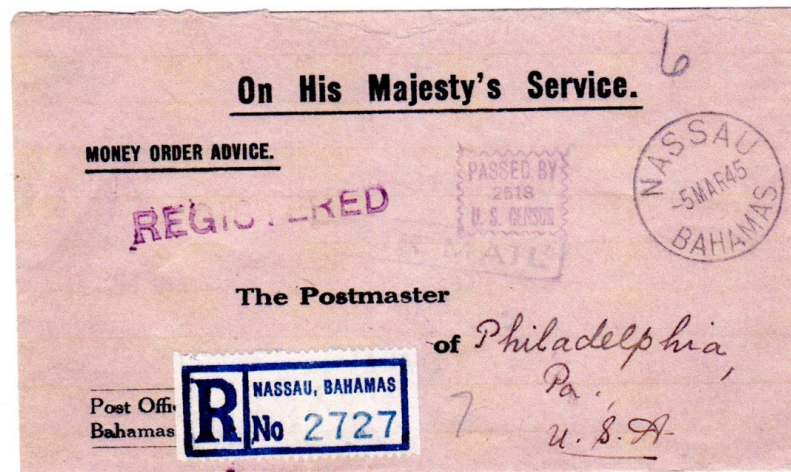
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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE
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PHILATELIC SALES DIVISION
Washington, D.C. 20265

Stamp collecting—for the fun of it!



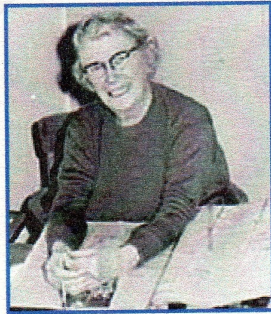
By Peter Jacobi

Bridge River - Lillooet News

The story of this newspaper is the story of Margaret "MA" Murray, who was born on Aug. 3, 1888 in Windy Ridge, Kansas, the 7th of nine children of an Irish immigrant family. In 1912 she arrived in Vancouver and took a job as a bookkeeper with George Murray's "*Vancouver Chinook*" newspaper. They were married on March 5, 1913.

Soon thereafter their two children were born and the depressed war economy required George & Margaret to work at numerous jobs to keep body and soul together. They started several new publications and George wrote articles for the *Province* to make ends meet.

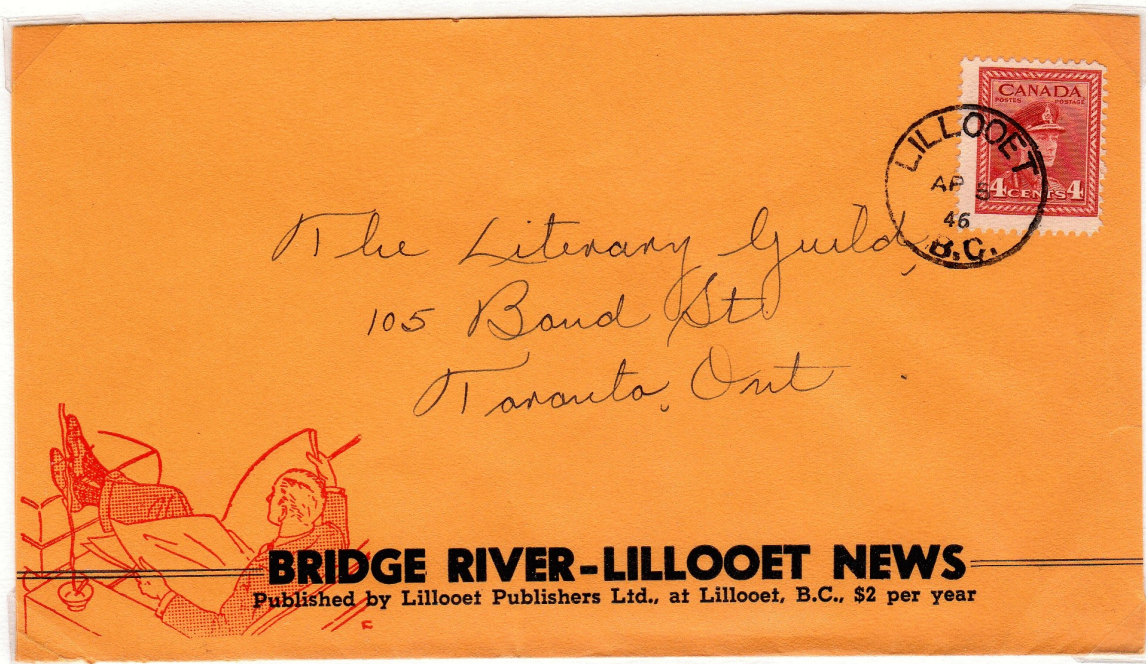
In 1933 George Murray went to the Peace River district and got into local politics, winning the Lillooet riding for the provincial Liberals. This success was repeated in 1937. In the meantime, on March 1, 1934, George and Margaret launched the first issue of their *Bridge River - Lillooet News*.



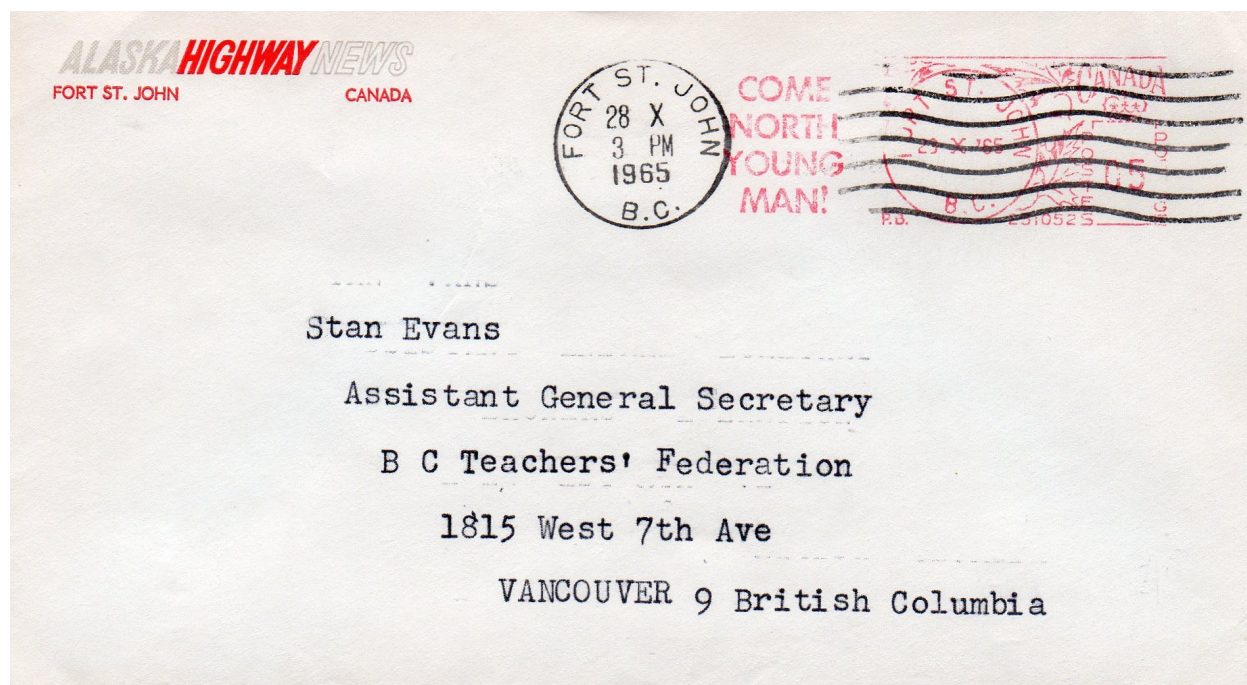
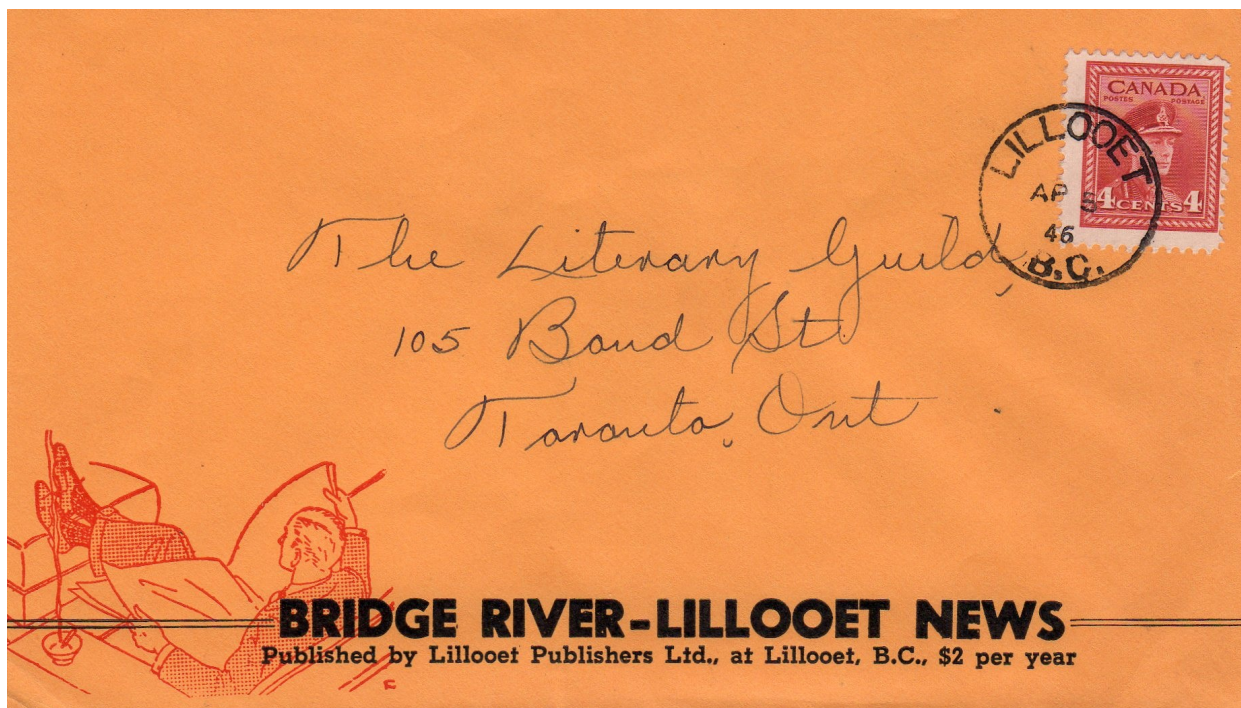
**Margaret "Ma"
Murray**

1888-1982

Newspaper publisher



First class letter rate of 4¢, made up of 3¢ postage plus 1¢ war tax. Dated Apr.5/46

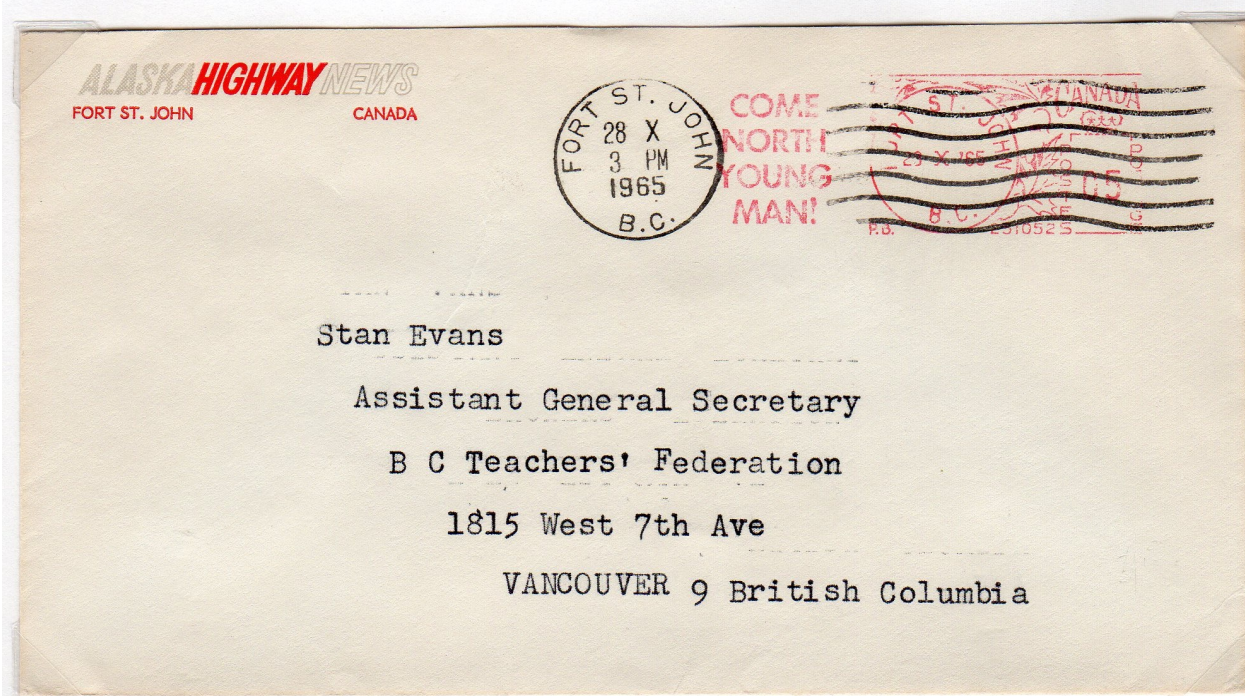


Alaska Highway News

Shortly after George Murray lost his third bid to represent Lillooet in the provincial legislature in 1941, he went to Fort St. John and started the "*Alaska Highway News*". His wife Margaret "MA" Murray joined him and left their son Dan to run the "*Bridge River - Lillooet News*".

In 1949 George Murray ran for a federal seat in the Cariboo riding and won for the Liberals. This required more hands-on time for Margaret to spend with the paper. George died in 1961 and she remained active in publishing.

Over the years she garnered many accolades including the "Order of Canada" in 1971 as well as an honorary doctorate of Laws from Simon Fraser University. She passed away in 1982.



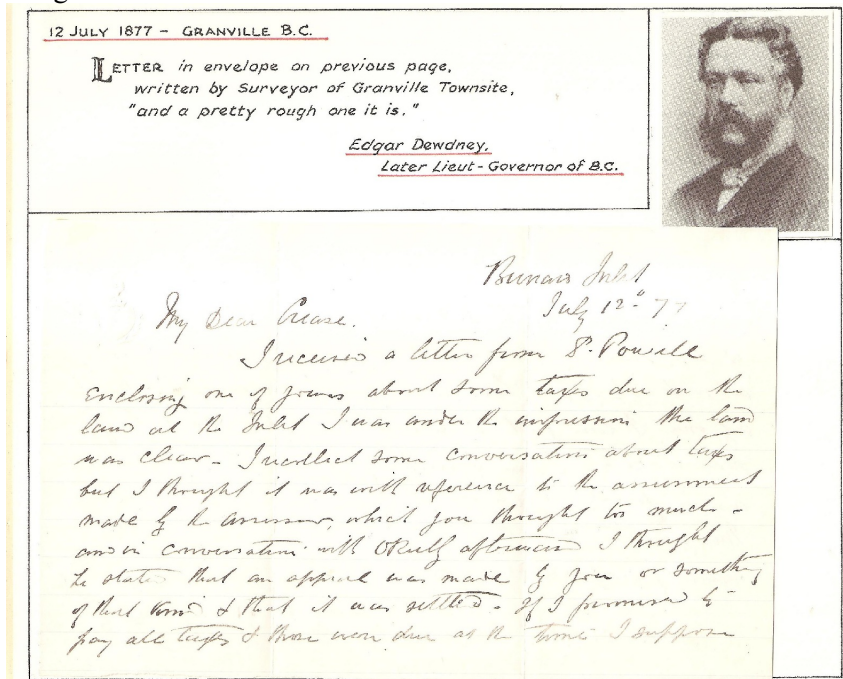
Original advertising meter cancel overlain by Fort St. John machine cancel
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All Nations AD

4 February 2017 auction at

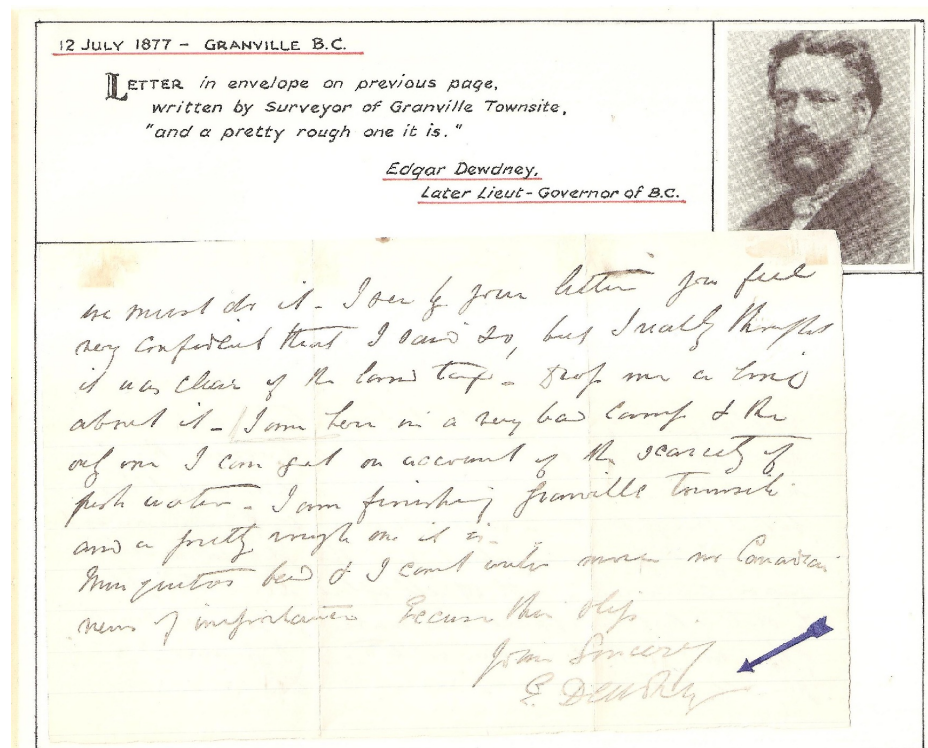
<http://www.allnationsstampandcoin.com/auction.html>

Page 64 of the Gerald Wellburn Historic Burrard Inlet collection



1877 letter from Dewdney to
Crease complaining of taxes and

roughness
of what would become Vancouver...



Mast Head

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On the Lighter Side

1. One day a man decided to go sit on his porch and watch the sun rise and set. The next thing you know there is a blonde running to her mailbox. She kept running back and forth from her house to the mailbox for a good ten minutes. Finally the man got tired of wondering, and asked, "Why do you keep running back and forth to the mailbox?" The blonde replied, "My computer keeps saying I've got mail."

2. A young collector asked an old advanced philatelist how he made his collection so advanced and valuable. The old guy had a look at the young nuisance and said, "Well, young man, it was in 1940 when I got a bunch of old letters from an uncle, I soaked off the stamps, dried them and put them in a presentation folder. I spent four days on this, after which I sold the stamps at my school for a cool 4 dollars. "The next morning, I invested those four dollars in some more stamps on paper. I spent the next four days on them and sold them afterwards for 6 dollars. I continued this system for a month, by the end of which I'd accumulated a fortune of 200 dollars. "Then my uncle died and left me his collection worth two million dollars..."

3. A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?'

The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

4. While he was visiting, my father asked for the password to our Wi-Fi.

"It's taped under the modem," I told him.

After three failed attempts to log on, he asked, "Am I spelling this right? T-A-P-E-D-U-N-D-E-R-T-H-E-M-O-D-E-M?"

ANSWERS:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent.
05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy

Late Submission From Rob McGuinness

Attached is a scan of an unusual FDC cachet for the 1977 Inuit Hunting Art issue of Nov. 18th. It is partly typewritten and partly stamped (rubber stamp?) stonecut design. Cancelled in Pelly Bay, a recognized Inuit Art community. I've never seen anything like it and wondered if any member of our study group had seen it or anything. I like it. I have been collecting the FDCs of the Inuit art stamps for more than twenty years and this is a new one for me. As you can see from the design it shows a left-handed man (based on parka design) preparing to butcher a seal. Pelly Bay is not really known for its graphic art and is more famous for its carvings.

