

WEST COAST



British North American Philatelic Society - Pacific Northwest Regional Group

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Chair Message

Stuck on Summer

Summer in the Okanagan has become hot and smoky with fires burning throughout. I don't recall it being like this when I was a youngster – but that was many years ago. Perhaps it was always so, but through youthful eyes we saw the world differently.

I'm looking forward to our next BNAPS PNWRG event in Victoria. The weather will be cooler and of course Victoria is an outstanding city for tourists and a hotbed of philately. In fact we have more BNAPS PNWRG members in Victoria than any other city in BC!

Sharing is caring. And indeed we have some great speakers sharing their expertise on

Friday:

Convention Presenters

Hal Kellett	Saskatchewan Mail
Gray Scrimgeour	James Bay Postal History
Neil Donen	1935 Voyage of the RMS Nascopie to the Eastern Arctic
Richard Thompson	Large and Small Queen paper types
Bill Pekonen	History of OHMS

Thursday will feature an evening social for the evening, sponsored by Weeda Stamps. During the afternoon we have been invited to visit with Beverly and Andrew at Weeda's new premises located at 811 Princess Ave. We will have an opportunity to meet Beverly and Andrew (co editor of the BNAPS BC Postal History Newsletter) and enjoy some stamping.

Please register for the conference with Gary at gwfish@shaw.ca AND make your room reservations soon as the hotel special rate is becoming sold out. We scheduled our event to coincide with VICPEX which will take place on Saturday and Sunday following our sessions. The idea was to make your trip to Victoria as enjoyable as possible. So let's "STICK TOGETHER"

Our BNAPS annual event will be the culmination of a lot of work by your volunteer committee. Additionally we have received support from BNAPS members:

Event Sponsors

Proudly sponsoring our Thursday Night Social. Thank you, Weeda Stamps, Andrew and Beverly.



BNAPS door prizes provided by

All Nations Stamp and Coin. Thank you, Brian

One of the great benefits of belonging to BNAPS is the people we meet along the way. Philately is truly the king of hobby's and the hobby of kings. Our members are always happy to share information on their interests and helping others in their interests. Thank you to our presenters and sponsors.

Although its summer and in theory we put way our inside hobbies for other pleasures of summer – this not always the case. I recently had great success with Ocean Park's recent auction, as well as All Nations and am constantly on Weeda's site and Sparks in Ottawa.

The internet has truly changed the way we collect making the access to material and the sharing of Information to a wider audience on a cost effective basis to both buyers and sellers. It allows us to communicate with all our members through this newsletter. Some have said that the internet isolates one from other collectors and has been the demise of the local retail store. I suppose it's a double edged sword. Our annual event is your chance to put faces to names and rub shoulders with some really great people.

We welcome all philatelists to BNAPS PNW Regional Conference 2018

Don't forget that as part of your BNAPS membership that you can access various special interest study groups. Find all about it at <http://www.bnaps.org/study.php> I signed up for the BC Postal History at <http://www.bnaps.org/hhl/n-bcr.htm> What a wealth of information. The expertise that our members have and willing share is astounding.

Mark

From the Organizing Committee

Planning is well underway for our annual meeting in Victoria and we look forward to an exciting event combining our BNAPS PNWRG session with VicPex.

We need you to send in your registration form so we know who is coming. We commit to rooms (and costs) based on the number of registrations. We try to reserve space that isn't excessively large and expensive or so small you need to sit on your neighbours lap.

So please help us out by sending in your registration form as soon as you can

Thank you

Gary



**BNAPS Annual
Conference**



**Pacific North West
Regional Group**

VICTORIA, BC October 4 , 5 2018

Contact Gary at gwfish@shaw.ca or phone: 250 . 545 . 6375

FaceBook: PNAPS PNWRG

<http://www.bnaps.org/regional/pnwr/RG-pnwr.php>

Gassy Jack Estate Debts Document

Coming soon to All Nations Auctions, this outstanding piece of early Vancouver history. Gassy Jack was one of Vancouver's notable characters and the namesake for Gastown

No.	Name	Amount	Notes
	Re Deighton - Debt.		
1	W. D. S. S. S. S.	12.49	
2	Arthur McIntosh	315.00	x
3	J. H. Fitchard	20.00	
4	J. Deighton J. S. S. S.	75.92	x
5	J. S. S. S. (Arthur McIntosh)	3.75	
6	E. H. Reynolds	65.00	x
7	F. Lickhoff	10.75	v
8	Swing & Baggett	16.50	v
9	L. Gold	46.62	x
10	Wm. S. S. S.	46.28	v
11	Schol. J. Brown	4.00	v
12	Rich. Standard	4.00	v
13	James Fenwick	95.00	v
14	Rev. James Turner	50.00	paid by J. S. S.
15	S. S. S. S.	300.00	v
16	R. McNeill	20.00	v
17	Wm. Deighton	1000.00	
18	Debit	200.00	
		<u>3253.31</u>	
x these 4 are returned to Mr. Morris the unpaid by aff. 9/10/50.			
	Colonist	6.00	
	Wm. Sackler	14.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	29.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	120.55	
	Wm. S. S. S.	34.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	77.25	
	Wm. S. S. S.	30.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	39.50	
	Wm. S. S. S.	70.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	21.62	
	Wm. S. S. S.	10.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	50.00	
	Wm. S. S. S.	40.00	

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METLAKATLA, BC - Mark Oakley

The settlement of Metlakatla is one of my areas of interest. I grew up as a child in Prince Rupert and a family friend owned and operated the local water taxi service with a craft named Barvida. Many a story were told of wild trips to Metlakatla as the weather and sea conditions in the north country are legendary and deadly. Through my years of collecting, I came across this Metlakatla split ring cancel which was the singular item that changed my outlook from a collector to a philatelist. One of our BNAPS presenters (apologies for forgetting who said it) "that a collector collects one of everything and a philatelist collects everything about one thing". Below is that philatelic treasure that changed my outlook, a 1935 split ring on a Windsor Castle pair.



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History of Metlakatla

“The name *Metlakatla* derives from the Tsimshian *Maaxlakxaata*, which means "saltwater pass." Traditionally, this site has been the collective winter village of the "Nine Tribes" of the lower Skeena River, which since 1834 have been mostly based at Lax Kw'alaams, B.C. In 1862, the Anglican lay minister William Duncan established at Metlakatla a utopian Christian community, made up of about 350 Tsimshian from Lax Kw'alaams (a.k.a. Port Simpson) but with members of other Tsimshian tribes as well. Almost immediately thereafter, a smallpox epidemic tore through Lax Kw'alaams but left Metlakatla relatively unscathed, which Duncan interpreted for his followers as a sign of God's providence. Some of these followers, including Duncan's key convert, Paul Legaic, the most powerful Tsimshian chief, continued to divide their time between Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla and continued to divide their allegiances between Christianity and the traditional culture.

By 1879 the population had grown to about 1,100.

Duncan's own style, in the image of which the new community was shaped, was a dissident, evangelical form of low-church Anglicanism that omitted the sacrament of communion. This, and his independent temperament, led to Duncan's expulsion from the Church of England's Church Missionary Society in 1881 and the creation of his own nondenominational "Independent Native Church." Eventually, in 1887, he took with him 800-some Metlakatla Tsimshians in an epic canoe journey to found the new community of "New" Metlakatla, Alaska. (*if only border crossings and immigration were as simple now*)

After Duncan's departure, the 100 or so remaining residents of "Old Metlakatla," as it was now sometimes known, were left in the hands of William Ridley, Duncan's nemesis and the Anglican bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Caledonia.

In July 1901 a fire destroyed St. Paul's Church at Metlakatla, demolishing what was said to have been the largest church north of San Francisco and west of Chicago, built by Duncan in 1874. Some sources indicate that the fire was started by a band of Alaska Tsimshians under Duncan's orders, including Peter Simpson, later the prominent Alaska Native rights activist. This tragic fire led to Ridley's departure for England in 1905.”

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metlakatla,_British_Columbia)

Metlakatla Post Office History

Cancel Type A (open or split ring) RF "C" (Topping 1983)

Established

1889-11-01

Closing

1951-10-06

Name of Postmaster	Date of Appointment	Date of Vacancy	Cause of Vacancy
John Cunningham	1889-11-01	1900-04-10	Resignation
John R. Scott	1900-06-01	1908-04-24	Resignation
Rev'd J. H. Keen	1908-06-01	1913-05-20	Resignation
Rev. R. W. Gierd	1913-07-01	1915-02-19	Death
Fred Parker, Jr.	1915-06-01	1918-05-08	Resignation
Maj. Chas. F. Mori-	1918-07-01	1933-03-19	Death
Thos. Andrew Bry-	1933-06-01	1937-05-27	Resignation
Mrs. Annie Leask	1937-06-30	Acting	-
Wm. Archibald Leask	1937-10-16	1941-10-24	Resignation
Mrs. Beatrice Ryan	1942-02-11	1951-10-06	Resignation, closed

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/postal-heritage-philately/post-offices-postmasters/Pages/item.aspx?IdNumber=6596&>

More on the subject can be found in the BC Postal History Newsletter, Vol 23, No 3 Oct 2014, pages 822-3, author: Andrew Scott.

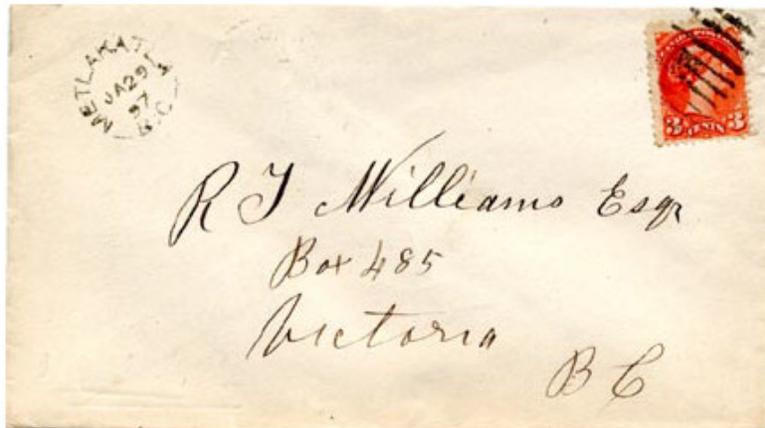
Andrew also provided this wonderful cover example of a split ring



Additional examples of Metlakatla Hammers
provided by Andrew Scott

METLAKATLA Established 1889

Metlakatla was famed as a 19th-century "model Christian Indian village," the project of Anglican missionary William Duncan. The community once had a population of 1,200, with a cannery, sawmill and the largest church in northwest America. Duncan and his flock eventually moved to Alaska.



Two split-ring hammers were issued to the Metlakatla post office. The first, which has yet to be reported, has longer arcs and was proofed in 1889; the second, shown above, was proofed in 1892.



A 1911 cover to Nanaimo with a striking Indian Office datestamp. Metlakatla, still a Tsimshian First Nation community, has a population today of about 120. The post office closed in 1951.

EDITORIAL

by Peter Fralick

Hello again - September and October are fast approaching - and it appears our habits as members have not changed a lot. Registrations have been extremely slow in being sent to the meeting Chairman in Vernon.

When asked about this I was given to remember the last meeting in Vernon where eight members at least showed up on the first morning with their registration forms and were quite shocked to hear we had written them off - "You knew we were coming": they said.

It is extremely difficult to manage such things as room size and materials if we don't know who is actually planning to show up and we could end up crowded into a too small room - or worse in a more expensive larger facility - Please let us know your intentions.

This is the first meeting since the membership fee was removed with the intent that more people might avail themselves of the opportunity to attend - held as part of the larger show in Victoria makes it especially desirable for those with our hobby as a draw.

If you have any questions please feel free to direct them to the executive.

Remember members can advertise free of charge in these pages.

We are always looking for articles on collecting specialties, other collecting interests, or how you got started.

Peter



PUZZLE - IF YOU CAN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION SUBMIT THE ANSWER TO THE NEWSLETTER CHAIR - ANSWER WILL BE REVEALED AT THE MEETING IN OCTOBER - A SMALL PRIZE FOR THE FIRST CORRECT ANSWER WILL BE PROVIDED

If Mississippi lent Missouri her New Jersey
what would Delaware?

Joke

A stamp collector walks into a bar. He walks up to the hostess and says, "You're more beautiful than any stamp in my collection"

She replied:

"Philately will get you nowhere."

Mast Head

Chair

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Annual Conference October 4 and 5 2018

VICTORIA, BC

REGISTRATION



Primary Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Guest - Non BNAPS: _____

Address: _____ phone: _____

City/Prov.: _____ email: _____

Postal Code: _____

Registration Deadline
August 15 2018

Hotel: Comfort Inn and Suites
3020 Blanchard Street, Victoria, BC
Reservations: 1-866-754-4040

Reservation code: Pacific North West Federation of Stamp Clubs
Mention reservation code to obtain preferred rate

Special Rates are available to BNAPS members at \$109.00 for queen bed

All rooms are non smoking. Check with hotel on pet policy

I would like to register for:

	# people	@	total
Thursday Social (Oct 4)	_____	\$ 10	_____ held at Comfort Pub (cash bar)

Friday Sessions (Oct 5)

BNAPS Members	_____	\$ 20	_____
Spouse	_____	\$ 5	_____
Guests-Non BNAPS	_____	\$ 35	_____

Friday Banquet _____ \$ 45 _____ (includes gratuity + GST)

Friday "Day Tour" _____ n/c _____ - Social downtown walking tour

_____ Enclose your payment

Send your registration form and cheque payable to BNAPS-PNWRG to:

101, 3606 25 th Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 1P3

You may also email your registration to gwfish@shaw.ca or pay by e-transfer

?Questions? call Gary (250) 545 - 6375 OR Mark (250) 878 - 2700

Net proceeds of this event go to:

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