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Mails of the Western Expansion.

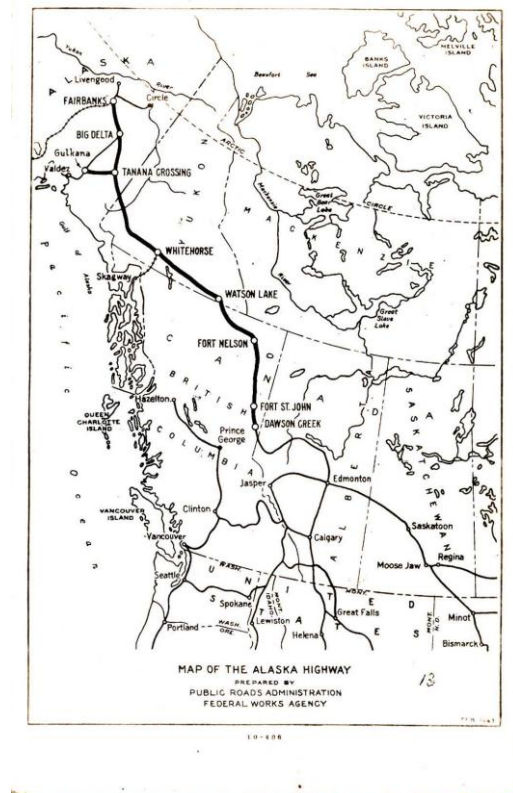
I highly recommend a book that has been released free electronically:

**Mails of the Western Expansion
1803 - 1861
by Steve Walske and Richard Frajola**

It describes the exchange of mail between the east and west coasts of North America during the first two-thirds of the 19th century, largely based upon the collection of the late Floyd Risvold. I was fortunate to be able to buy a printed copy of this epic before it was sold out. Anyone interested in mails to or from B.C. up to 1861 will value the sailing tables included as well as the descriptions of the trans-continental surface mails. The 30mb book is available from Richard Frajola free at:

<http://www.rfrajola.com/books.htm>

John Cheramy submitted this post card—a real photo card showing a map of the Alaska Highway. It was prepared by the Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency. It is dated FEB 1943 and bears a code of 10-406. Unused.



Item 2154. Cover from Scotland to Edmonton – 1801.

Keith Spencer owns this stampless cover from Scotland addressed to Alexander Stewart (of the North West Company) Care of Simon McTavish, Montreal, N. America. There is a weak APPIN straightline mark at the upper right. Appin is in the west highlands, north of Oban. As well as the APPIN postmark, the cover has a London / PAID postmark dated January 14, 1801 and the cover is marked Paid 2/8 in black and 1N7 in red. Kevin O'Reilly has done some research on recipient of this cover for Keith. Brian Atkins and I tried unsuccessfully to figure out the rates, but Malcolm Montgomery finally gave me a complete analysis of them.



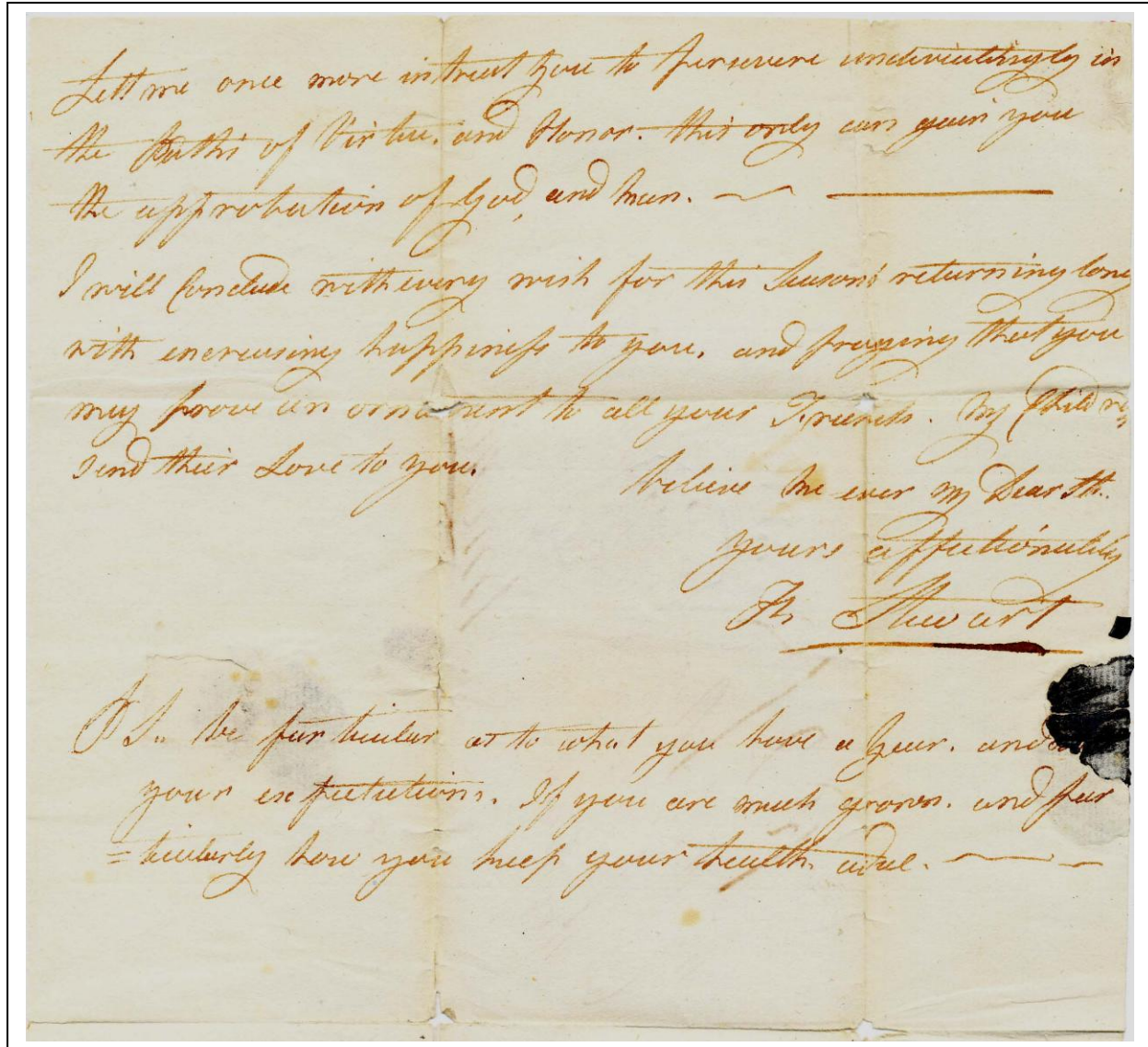
Malcolm says, “It was sent prepaid by a Falmouth packet to New York, thence under the 1792 Convention between Canada and the US in a closed bag from the packet agent to Montreal. If that is the case, the ‘2/8’ is two shillings and eightpence Sterling prepaid from origin Appin in Scotland, via London & Falmouth, to New York, and the ‘1/7’ is the unpaid charge to Montreal. Presumably carried by the company from New York to parts West.”

The packet rate, Falmouth to New York, from 5th January 1797 (37 Geo. III, cap. 18) was one shilling Sterling. The rate from Appin from 5th January 1797 (37 Geo. III, cap. 18) to 5th April 1801 (41 Geo. III, cap. 7) was calculated as Scottish rate for 80-150 miles to Edinburgh, 6d; Edinburgh to London, 8d; London to Falmouth, over 150 miles, 8d; total 1s 10d, abated by a 1d for letters passing beyond London, 1s 9d; however the letter in question appears to have been charged only one shilling and eightpence, which is in line with David Robinson’s observation of actual charges, that letters were rated to Edinburgh, plus 1s 2d for those travelling more than 150 miles beyond London (this is not an exact science!) for a total to Falmouth (270 miles from London) of 1s 8d. Plus the 1s packet rate, 2s 8d.

The rate from New York to Montreal, consistent with other letters I have seen, was one shilling and sevenpence currency: 20¢ (1 Stat. 235, 238, 20th February 1792, a single letter carried 251-300 miles) New York to Burlington, 1s Currency, plus 7d Currency (61-100 miles) on to Montreal.”

Simon McTavish was head of the North West Company, which had its headquarters in Montreal. In 1801, Alexander Stewart was an apprentice clerk at Fort Des Prairies, one name for Fort Edmonton. Stewart was there from 1796 to 1806.

The letter was written by Jn. Stewart (possibly Alexander's father). As shown below in the scan of the content, the letter appears to be a seasonal message—the equivalent of Happy New Year.



“Let me once more entreat you to persevere ... in the paths of virtue and honor. I will conclude with every wish for this Season’s returning long with increasing happiness to you...”

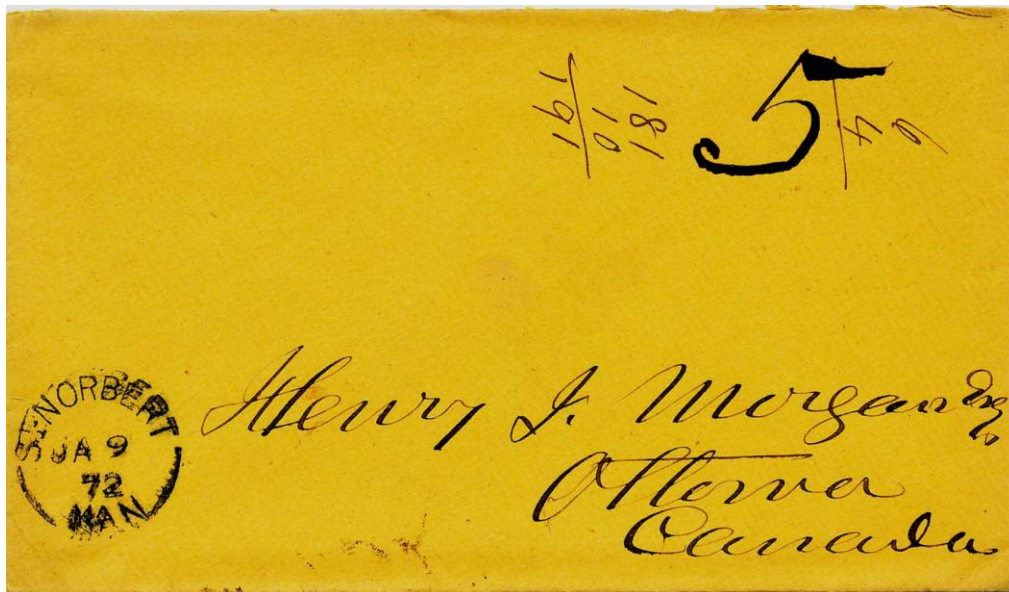
Response to Issue 97 – Keewatin: Gimli, Kee.

The census value for Gimli can be changed from 1 to 3. Danny Handelman reports dates of AU 27 1878 and FE 10 1879. AU 27, 1878 is an EKU.

Item 2155. Three Manitoba Provincial Stampless Covers.

Postally-rated stampless covers from Manitoba during the provincial period are scarce. Manitoba became a province of Canada on July 15, 1870, and postal rates became ordinary Canadian rates. Domestic letters could then be sent paid at 3¢ per ½oz (paid by the sender) or unpaid at 5¢ per ½oz (to be paid by the addressee). Effective October 1, 1875, the Canadian postal regulations were changed so that the prepaid rate continued to be 3¢ per ½oz, but “this rate must be prepaid by postage stamp at the time of posting of the letter”. I know of few rated Manitoba (1870–1875) stampless covers.

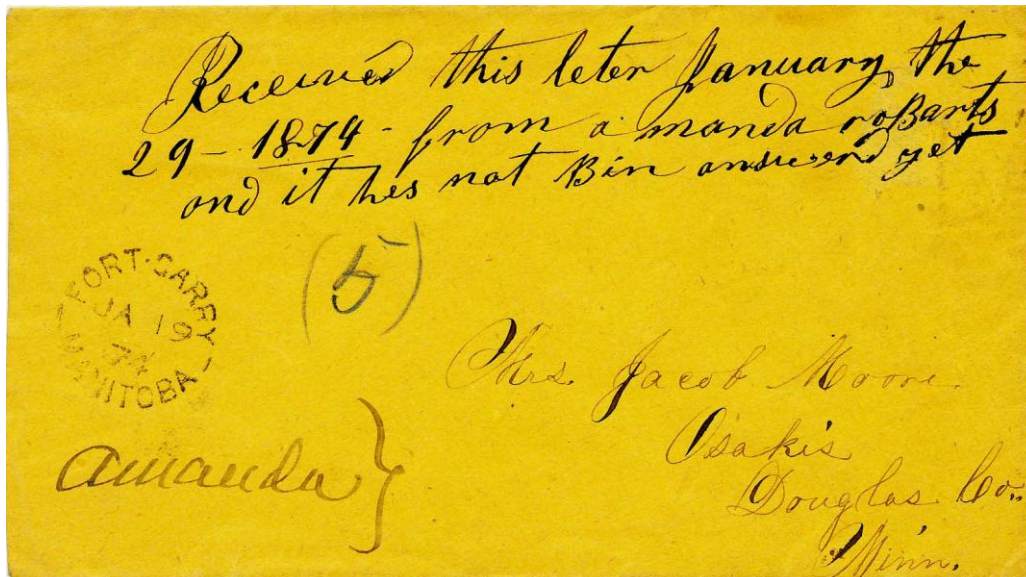
Here is an example that I recently obtained from Firmin Wyndels. It was mailed on January 9, 1872 at St. Norbert, Manitoba by Joseph LeMay Joseph Octavio LeMay (1829–1892) was born in Quebec but lived in the U.S.A. for many years before moving to St. Norbert, where he remained the rest of his life. LeMay was a member of the Legislative Assembly from 1870 to 1876, and a businessman. The cover has a January 11, 1872 FORT GARRY, MANITOBA transit backstamp.



The cover is marked with a large manuscript 5 (cents) in black (black for unpaid). Red ink showed prepayment; black ink showed that the postage was to be collected.

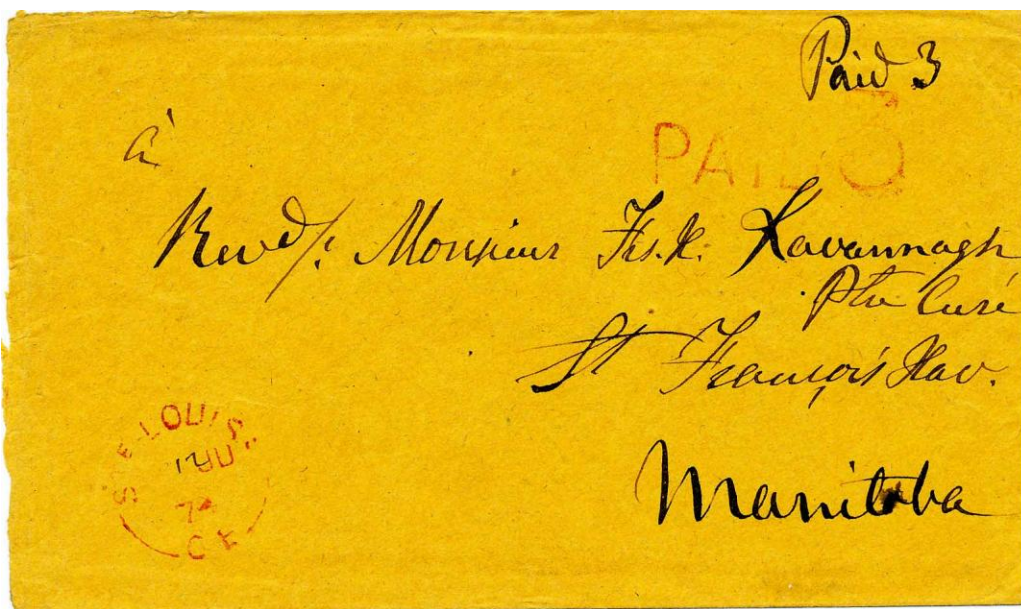
I also got the next stampless cover from Firmin (shown at the top of the next page) It was mailed to Osakis, Douglas County, Minnesota at FORT GARRY, MANITOBA on January 19, 1874. From April 1, 1868, the letter rate from Canada to the United States was 6¢ per ½oz if prepaid. The rate for unpaid letters was 10¢ per ½oz. As with Canadian domestic mail, use of Canadian stamps was not compulsory until October 1, 1875. The cover was paid 6¢, marked in pencil in parentheses. [The two horizontal lines nearby are in ink, not pencil, so not part of the rate mark].

The recipient wrote on the cover, “Received this letter January the 29 1874 from Amanda Roberts and its has not been answered yet.”



Stampless cover from Fort Garry to Minnesota, Paid 6¢ - 1874.

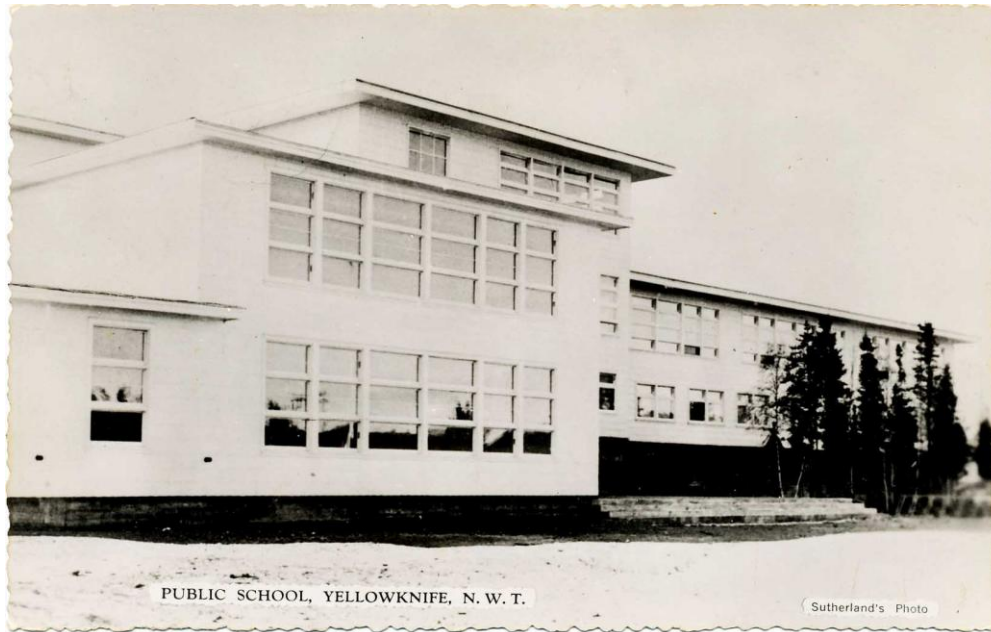
Here is one of a pair of similar inbound stampless covers to Manitoba that I have. It was mailed at Ste. Louise, Canada East (Quebec) on June 12, 1874 to St. Francois Xavier, Manitoba. The reverse of the cover has a FORT GARRY, MANITOBA transit mark dated June 23 and a ST. FRANCOIS-XAVIER, MAN. receiver dated JU 27, 1874 in red. It is addressed to Rev'd Monsieur Francois-Xavier Kavanagh [Kavanagh; 1829–1922], who served there for over 40 years. Marked PAID 3¢ in red (also in black manuscript).



There were only five years in which it was possible to have provincial rated stampless covers like these to or from Manitoba. As noted, they are scarce. Three covers, and three different rates: unpaid 5¢, paid 6¢, and paid 3¢.

Item 2156. Public School, Yellowknife.

John Cheramy supplied this illustration, a real photo of the Public School at Yellowknife. It is a Sutherland Photo, used in 1955.

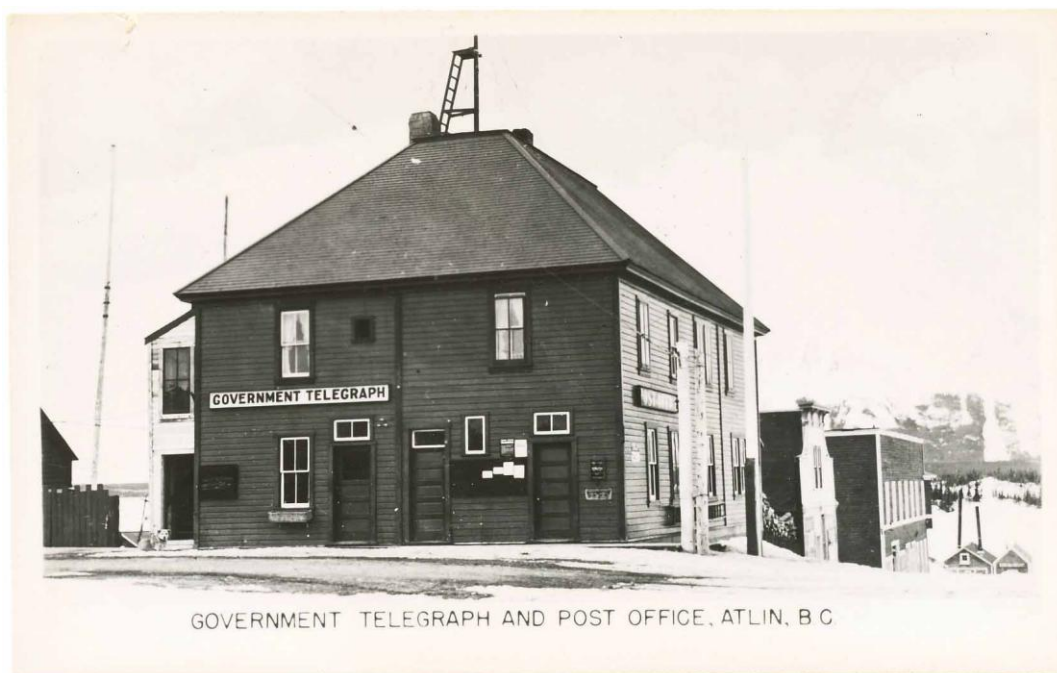
**Item 2157. Robert Service's Cabin.**

Here is another real photo card from John—an unused view of Robert Services cabin in Dawson, Yukon. It was published by the Canadian Post Card Co. Ltd. of Toronto.



Item 2158. Government Telegraph and Post Office, Atlin.

John supplied this scan of a Gowen, Sutton card of the Telegraph and Post Office in Atlin. Also unused.

**Response to Item 2151 in Issue #95.**

Robert Binner writes:

Have a look at the Dawson Museum page on the Dawson post office

<http://www.dawsonmuseum.ca/archives/fonds-descriptions/?id=14>

In 1897 the Canadian government asked Frank Harper to assume the role of postmaster, with the NWMP acting as his staff. At this time, the post office moved to Fort Herchmer in the Government Reserve. That must be when Price took the picture of the P.O. I assume the saloon was only rented when the big mail came in to be sorted and handed out.

I attach a couple of newspaper articles I found in California papers on Dawson and the mail service. It is a very time-consuming search. There are many spelling mistakes in the articles, and different versions carried by different papers, but some are quite interesting from personal interviews. Note that the *S.S. Arnold* mail [received in Dawson October 4, 1898] is not listed in the RG 3 list on incoming and outgoing mail. This list covers only Canadian mail from and to Victoria. The U.S. mail was handled separately, handled and exchanged with Dyea (later Skagway or San Francisco and later Seattle for downriver mail).

Robert's newspaper articles on shown on the next three pages.

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Search Results ◀

SEATTLE, Nov. 2.—Advices from Dawson of October 4th says:

Today the steamer Arnold of the Alaska Exploration Company reached port and reports that probably four other steamers following her will reach here before the river closes. The Arnold carried United States troops from St. Michael to Rampart City and Circle City, together with their winter equipment. The detachment was in command of Captain Richardson. The Arnold brought fifty-two sacks of mail which has been accumulating for a year at St. Michael.

Mail Matter

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—A Chronicle special from Dawson City says:

"The postoffice at Dawson has been renovated and is now in the hands of civilians who have some small regard for the rights of citizens.

"William Ogilvie, the new commander of the Yukon Territory, walked into the postoffice here one day recently, and the result of his observations was that the entire police force detail in charge of the postoffice was discharged and civilians substituted.

"When the new administration came into office, it found 120,000 letters hidden away in a disused desk.

"Steamer Arnold brought to Dawson fifty-two sacks of mail which had been shipped on the steamer St. Michael but the St. Michael and transferred the mail to the Arnold, and it was safely landed here today. It is the accumulation of over a year at St. Michael."

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FROM DAWSON DIRECT

BY A VERY GOOD TRAIL OVER THE ICE

Food Supply Ample and Prices Com- paratively Moderate—Reports of New Strikes

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—The steamer Farallon arrived today from Alaska with a number of passengers from Dawson, who came out over the ice. The trail is very good, and a large number of people are on the way out.

Among the passengers is Jack Carr, Yukon mail carrier, who left Dawson November 21. He says the population of Dawson City has materially decreased, it now being estimated at 16,000. Cost of living has also decreased, good meals costing but a dollar. There will be no food shortage this winter. There is little hope of the mail service being kept up between Dawson and the outside world this winter.

Thistle creek, on the American side, is attracting considerable attention; pans averaging \$25 are reported.

The execution of the four Dawson murderers, Ed Henderson, — White, Dawson Jim and Joe Nantuck, has been postponed until March. November 1 was set as the day of execution.

It is said that the Indians of Alaska have petitioned Governor Brady to go to Washington to represent them in congress.

The body of J. H. Cadenhead, a Domi-

tion land surveyor, was found frozen in the ice on the Klondike river near Dawson, October 27. He had left Sulphur creek the day previous and in the night had broken through the ice. Unable to pull himself out, he slowly froze to death, with his hands spread out on the ice. Before losing consciousness he took his field notes and papers from his pockets and threw them from him, so that they might be picked up and saved.

Back

OGILVIE AFTER OFFENDERS.**Seeking Out Yukon Officials Guilty of Malfeasance.**

Seattle (Wash.).—William Ogilvie, ruler of the Yukon territory district, has consented to an interview. It was given to a Dawson paper. He said: "P. C. Richardson secured the United States mail contract from the Government which agreement was assigned to the Arctic Express Company. This company then secured a contract with the Canadian Government for bringing in Canadian mail; thus, you see, they had a direct contract with one Government and a sub-contract with the other. They, however, evidently considered the terms of the direct contract too severe, and attempted to secure better ones. I surmise that the mails have been deliberately delayed by the company in order to force the Government to make better terms. The police at both ends of the territory have made arrangements to bring in and take out the mail, but the plans have not yet had time to fructify."

Speaking in regard to the alleged malfeasance in the office of some of the Yukon officials, the Commissioner says: "I shall take active steps to investigate the charges against the officials of the Yukon as soon as possible, and then the makers of the charges will be invited to come forward and we will see how much they know."

Item 2159. First Mail to Dawson in 1898.

More recently Robert writes, "just found another article in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* April 8, 1898 describing the arrival of the first large mail at Dawson (the February 26 mail !!) and how it was handled by the NWMP." I wonder when Jim Kerry's saloon was resupplied.

Campbell and Courtney, the Victorian's two Klondikers, left Dawson on March 4 and made the trip to Dyea in twenty-two traveling days. Bad weather delayed them for several days on the way. Campbell has been in the Klondike since last July and is more than satisfied with the result. He has four claims, one each on Bear, Henderson, Dominion and Sulphur creeks. He expects to return to Dawson in the summer, reaching there October 1. J. G. Courtney and his father own one of the richest claims on Dominion creek and have four claims in a bunch on Cariboo creek. Courtney, sr., remained at Dawson to look after their interests. The son came out to take in another band of beef cattle. He expects to arrive at Dawson by July 25, going over the Dalton trail to Five Finger rapids and from there to Dawson on large scows. He will leave here on May 25.

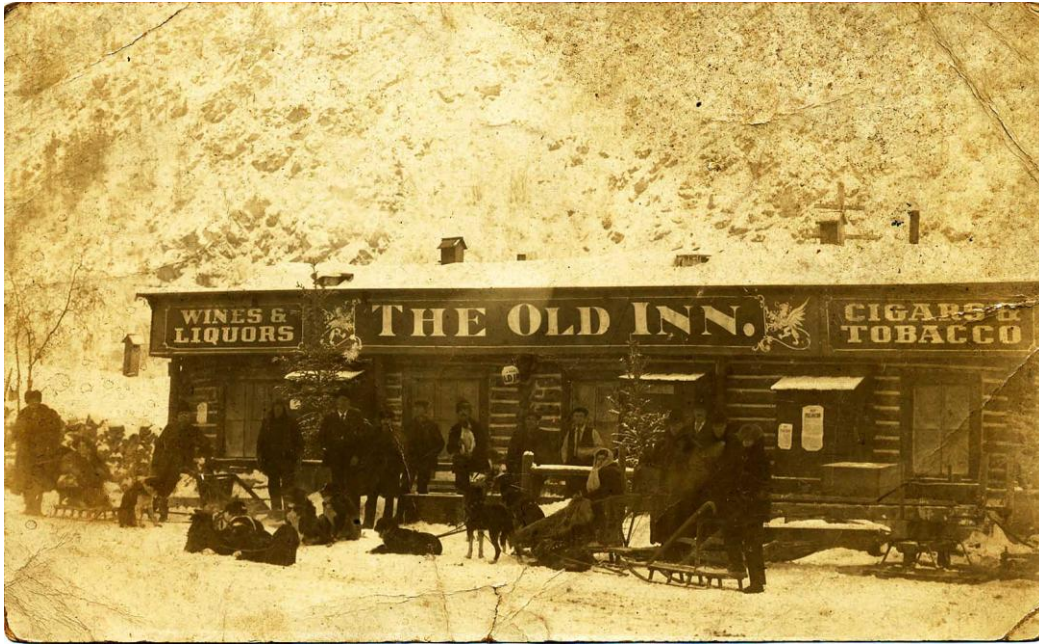
Mr. Campbell was seen shortly after leaving the steamer last evening by a Post-Intelligencer reporter and gave the following interesting interview:

First Mail at Dawson.

"Six days before we left Dawson the Canadian mail arrived for the first time since July, 1897. On November 15 Maj. Walsh arrived at the mouth of the Little Salmon with the mail, and for some reason or other went into winter quarters, while the Dawson people went without their mail. The mail party left the Little Salmon on February 5 with three-quarters of a ton of mail, leaving nearly two tons behind. The mail was taken to the barracks and the mounted police at once began to sort it out in alphabetical piles. This took several days. In the meantime the Dawsonites were crazy to see what the mail had for them in the way of business letters or messages from home. Finally they took the mail down to Jim Kerry's saloon and prepared to deliver it. The saloon was closed at the time, the supply of whisky having run out.

Item 2160. The Old Inn, Ogilvie Bridge, Yukon

John Cheramy owns this real photo card of The Old Inn (Wines & Liquors and Cigars & Tobacco). Brian Denman writes that this building was located at Ogilvie Bridge, just outside of Dawson City. The card is not used; it was printed on VELOX squares paper (used from 1907 to 1911). Brian found that The Old Inn was listed as having a liquor license from 1911 to 1918.

**Item 2161. *Queen of the Yukon II.***

Here's another scarce real photo card from John: a Gowen Sutton Co. Ltd. unused card showing the "Queen of Yukon II on Lake Bennet (sic), Carcross". Yukon Airways & Exploration Co. Ltd. used this airplane from September 26, 1929 to November 2, 1929, when it crashed at Mayo Landing.



Item 2162. *M.S. Radium Queen.*

Here's another card from John, a Sutherland's Pharmacy Photo of the Motor Ship *Radium Queen*. The Alberta Archives lists this card "Northern Transportation's all-steel boat "M.S. Radium Queen" pushing barge at Waterways, Alberta." The date of the photo is 1942 and the photographer was Kay Bailey.



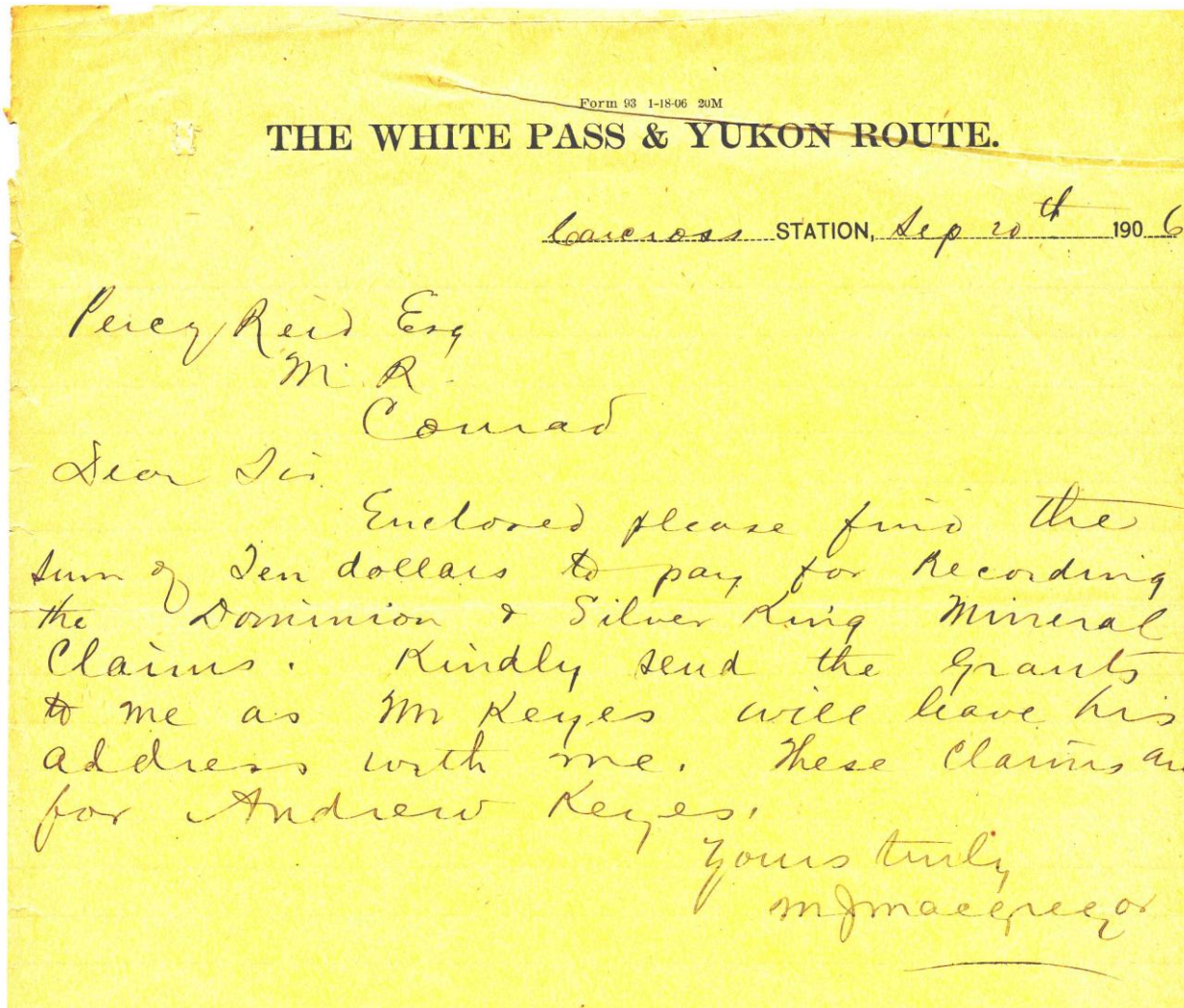
Item 2163. *M.S. Dease Lake.*

He's another northern ship card from John: MS Dease Lake in the Ice off Fort Resolution. This is a hand coloured Camera Products cad that was published for the Mackenzie River Transport.



Item 2164. Letters to Percy Reid, Conrad and Carcross, Yukon.

Ian Mowat owns a series of letters written to Percy Reid, who was the Gold Commissioner for the Conrad area in the Yukon Territory, apparently starting January 1, 1907 (but see the first letter below, dated September 20, 1906). Reid's office in Conrad was transferred to Carcross in 1908. Reid was the first Mining Recorder in the Carcross region, and from 1925 to 1927 he was the Gold Commissioner of the Yukon. In Issue 76 of *The Northerner* (on p. 2392) there's a claim receipt signed by Percy Reid and on the next page a July 1907 letter signed by Reid, sent from the Office of the Mining Recorder and Inspector, Conrad Mining District, Carcross.



The letter was sent to Percy Reid Esq., M.R. [Mining Recorder], Conrad on September 20, 1906 by M.J. Macgregor, The White Pass & Yukon Route, Carcross. Macgregor had enclosed \$10 on behalf of Andrew Keyes for two silver mine claims.

Ian's second letter to Percy Reid is shown below. It was sent from Whitehorse on July 2, 1907 by George A. Carter [cf. Item 1763] to pay for the Isabel Mineral Claim (with the hope that it would be worth \$100,000).

White Horse Yukon Terr
July 2nd 1907

Friend Percy,

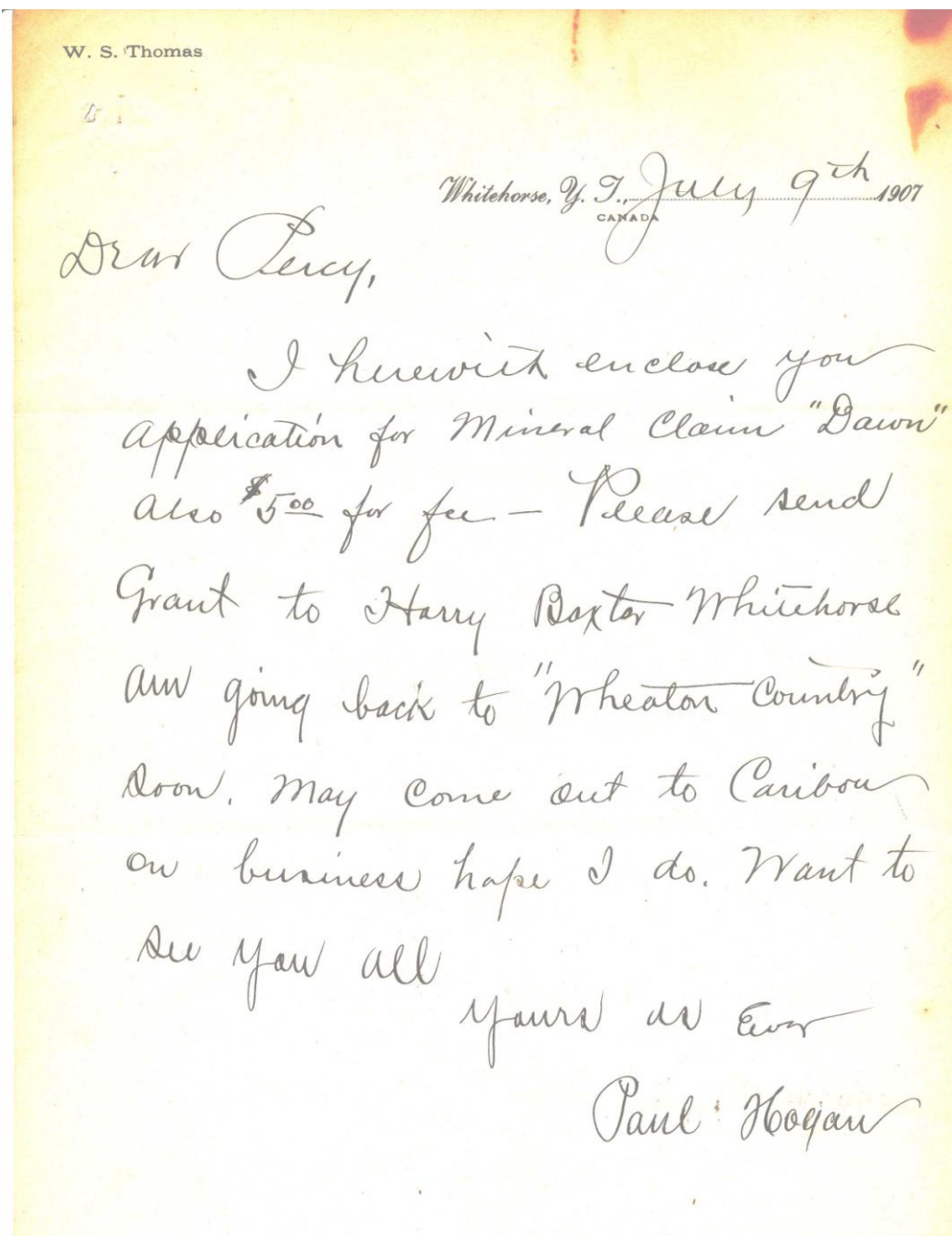
Inclosed please find application and fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for the Isabel Mineral Claim in the Yukon District. You will confer a great favor by recording and sending me the Grant as soon as convenient. I am in hopes Percy that it proves to be worth \$100,000 and then back to the "old sod" for a while for

Yours faithfully
Geo. A. Carter

P.S. I intend to go over to the Wheaton soon and would like to know if there at any time "open" there that time in October does Hutch's (Reynolds) expire?

Geo

Ian's third letter was mailed from Whitehorse on July 9, 1907 by Paul Hogan to pay for his claim at Stephen's Camp, Wheaton River. As with the previous letter, there is no location written for Reid.



Here is Ian's fourth letter to Reid. Dated August 20, 1908, it is addressed to Reid at Carcross. E.A. Dixon sent \$7.50 for a certificate of work. Reid's purple handstamp was applied on August 22nd.

E. A. DIXON

C. H. JOHNSTON

REGINA HOTEL

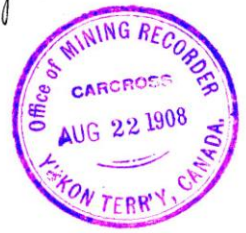
DIXON & JOHNSTON, PROPRIETORS

Whitehorse, Y. T., Aug 20th 1908
CANADA

Dear Reid Esq
Mining Recorder
Carcross

Dear Friend Reid
Enclosed please find
\$7.50 for which please send
Certificate of work for claims
as per applications with but wishes
for yourself and family I am
Sincerely yours
E. A. Dixon

Certs. of work
8402, 8403-8404
mailed Aug. 22
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Here is Ian's fifth letter, from lawyer W.L. Phelps in Whitehorse written on October 1, 1908.

W. L. PHELPS,
Barrister, Solicitor, Notary, Etc.

OFFICES:
MAIN STREET

Bedford McNeill Code

Whitehorse, Y. T., Oct 1st, 1908
CANADA

Percy Reid Esq,
Mining Recorder
Carcross

Dear Sir:-

I enclose Bill of Sale Conrad to Porter et al of
three claims in Wheaton District, for record, also cheque \$7.50
covering registration fee. Will you kindly return ~~at~~ once
as Porter wishes to take Bill of Sale outside. Also send
me me any Certificates of Work you have for Eisenhaeur

Yours truly

W. Phelps



*B/sale recorded and
delivered to H.B. Porter
this day. RB*

Ian's sixth letter is shown here. The entire page is not shown; there is a note at the bottom that an original letter from the Department had been attached. R.C. Miller, Assistant Gold Commissioner in Whitehorse, sent this letter to Reid. Written August 31, 1909.

If you reply to this letter, quote its
file number.

FILE No. 809.

Office of the Assistant Gold Commissioner,

Whitehorse, Y. T., August 31, 1909.

Sir,-

I beg to enclose herewith Mining Recorder's Certificates issued by you for the "MALACHITE", "AZUREITE" & "CROMWELL" Mineral Claims which have been returned by the Department for the following reasons,-

In two of the above certificates you have not inserted the full name of the owner.

In all of them you give the owner as Edward Baillie , "Trustee for Windy Arm Syndicate".

Section 75, Chap 110 of the R.S.C. of 1906 reads,--

" No memorandum or entry shall be made upon a certificate of title or upon the duplicate thereof of any notice of trusts, whether expressed, implied or constructive.

" The registrar shall treat any instrument containing any such notice as if there were no trust; and the trustees therein named shall be deemed to be the absolute and beneficial owners of the land for the purposes of this Act".

Ascertain from the Windy Arm Syndicate whether it will be satisfactory to them to have these Crown Grants issued in the name of Edward Baillie and if so send above Certificates with the necessary corrections made.

Your obedient servant,

R.C. Miller

Asst. Gold Commissioner.

Percy Reid, Esq.,
Mining Recorder,
Garcross, Y.T.

Here is a letter written at Carcross on March 6, 1912 to Reid saying that the Dail and Fleming property on Windy Arm cannot be inspected during the winter because of snow. Reid's reply saying that inspection could be done as there was practically no snow is shown on the next page.

Carcross Y. Y. March 6th 1912
 Percy Reid Mining Recorder Carcross
 Dear sir
 I received a letter to day from my
 Brother in which he states that he got a letter
 from the Mining inspector. who says that
 the Dail and Fleming property in Windy-
 arm. cannot be examined this time of the year
 on account of snow and that in this
 property is banchey. please let me know
 who is the Mining inspector for this district
 and if it is you why you should make such
~~make such~~ statements.
 Thanking you for an early reply
 I remain yours truly
 H. J. Connor

Here is Reid's March 6, 1912 reply to William J. O'Connor about inspection of the Windy Arm property.

Do not write about more than one subject
in the same letter.

Write legibly your full name and address.

If you reply to this letter, quote its file
number.....

LETTER.....

FILE 136.....

Office of the Mining Recorder and Inspector

CONRAD MINING DISTRICT

Carcross, Y. T., March 6th. 1912..... 191

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of ~~the~~
to-day's date in reference to the Dail and Fleming property
situate in my District and in which you state that you are
in receipt of a letter from your brother, and that he says
that he has had a letter from "the Mining Inspector" and that
the Mining Inspector reports that this property cannot be
examined at this time of year on account of the depth of snow
and that "the ore on the property was bunchy".

In reply thereto I beg to ~~says~~ state that I am the only
Mining Inspector for this District and that I got no letter
from your brother in reference to this property and that I
never made any such report to any one. On the contrary I
would ~~says~~ state that this property can be examined now
as well as any time in the year as there was practically no
snow this winter, besides in my opinion any one would be very
foolish, on account of the development work not being sufficient,
to make any statement as to how the ore was on this property,-
"bunchy" or otherwise.

Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. O' Connor, Esq.,

W I N D Y A R M ..Y.T.

Percy Reid

Mining Recorder and Inspector.

Item 2165. Post Office, Fort McMurray.

John Cheramy supplied this image of the Post Office and Government Telegraph Offices at McMurray. It is an unused Sutherland Pharmacy photo (with AZO squares paper)

**2166. Hay River Street Scene.**

Here's another unused photo card from John. This one shows a street scene in Hay River, N.W.T. No publisher is indicated. I would guess the photo was taken in the 1950s or 1960s.



Item 2167. Two Valentine Cards of the N.W.T.

John Cheramy owns these two Valentine Winnipeg real photo cards: numbers 1 and 49 in their N.W.T. series. The upper card shows Fort Good Hope, on Mackenzie River, N.W.T. The lower card presents a trapping home in the bush, near Fort Norman, on Mackenzie River.

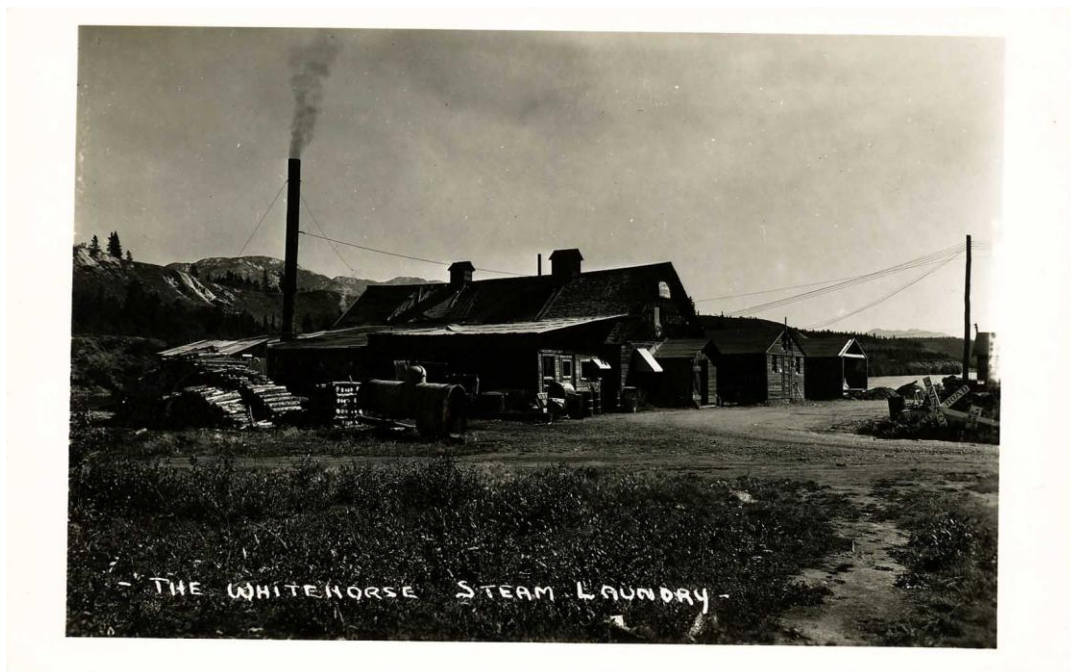


Item 2168. Two Whitehorse Post Cards.

Here are two real photo Whitehorse cards. The upper card shows the White Pass Hotel and has the initials H.G.M. The card was mailed September 22, 1928. H.G. Macpherson had an interest in the Whitehorse Pharmacy (see p. 276 of Elder). This card is listed on p. 277 of Ken Elder's catalogue.

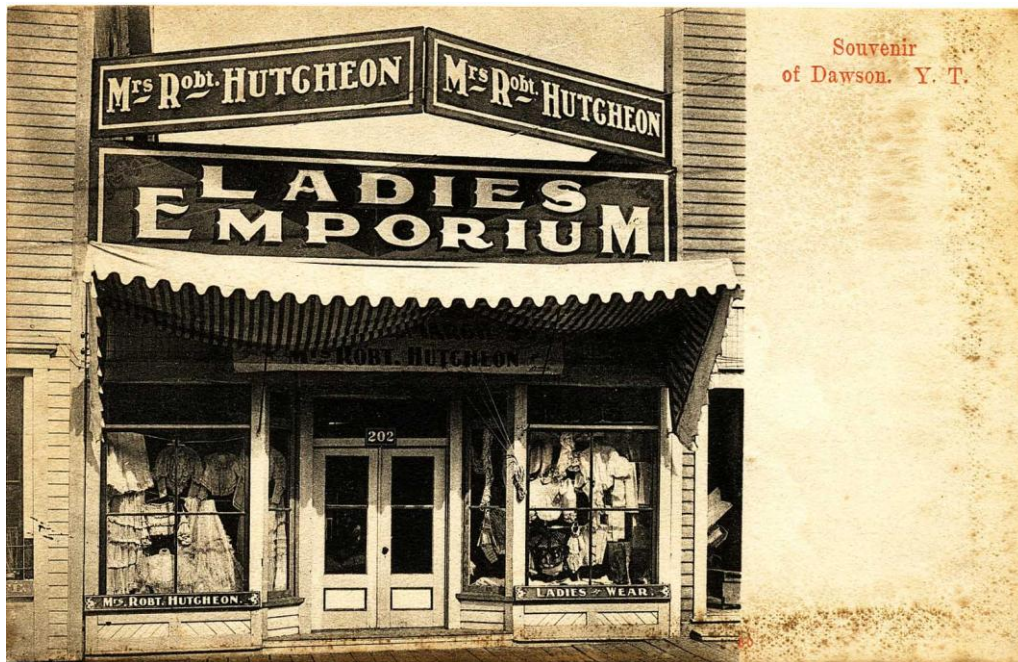


The lower card shows the Whitehorse Steam Laundry. It was published by the Yukon Photo Service, Whitehorse. I could not find I in Elder (perhaps too recent).



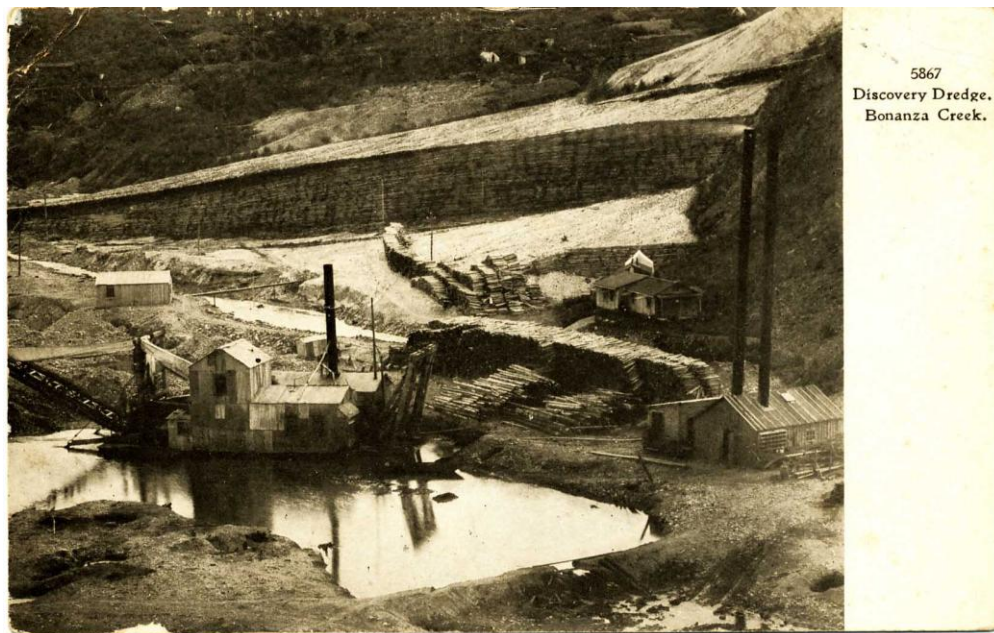
Item 2169. Mrs. Robt. Hutcheon Ladies Emporium, Dawson.

This is a another uncommon card from John Cheramy. It is listed on p. 142 of Elder, a collotype published by Smith's Bookstore.



Item 2170. Discovery Dredge, Bonanza Creek.

This card—sold by the Japanese Bazaar—was printed (lithograph) by Adolph Selige Pub. Co., St. Louis, Mo. It is listed on p. 93 by Elder.



Item 2171. Beaver Creek Lodge Post Card.

John Cheramy supplied this image of a Gowen, Sutton unused card showing Beaver Creek Lodge on the Alaska Highway (Mile 1202 – near the Alaska border).

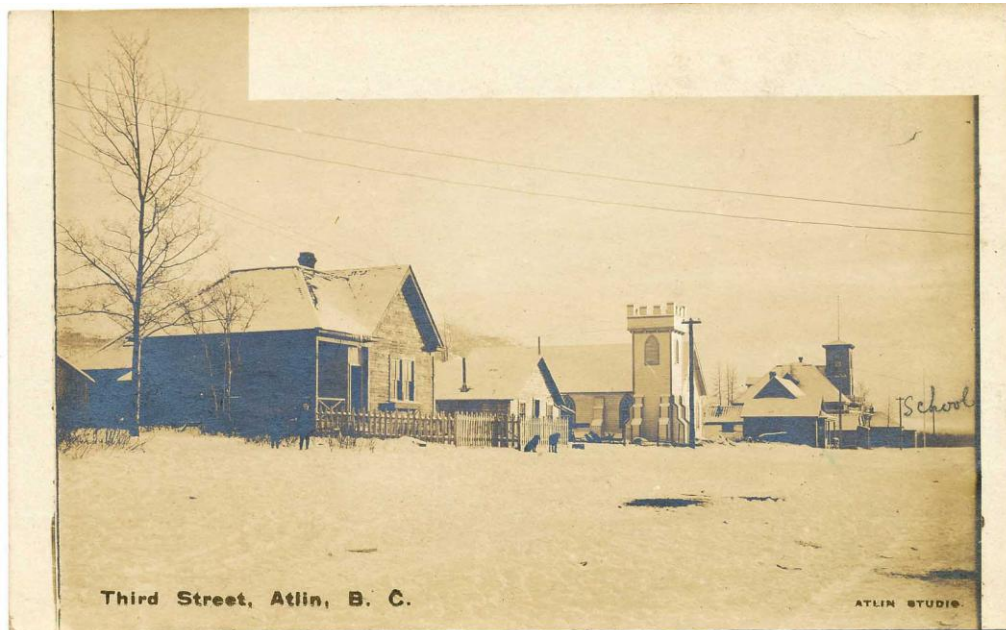
**Item 2172. Dog Team, Yellowknife.**

John owns this matte finish view card showing a dog team at Yellowknife. It's printed on CKC paper (1910 to 1962), and has no identifying marks.

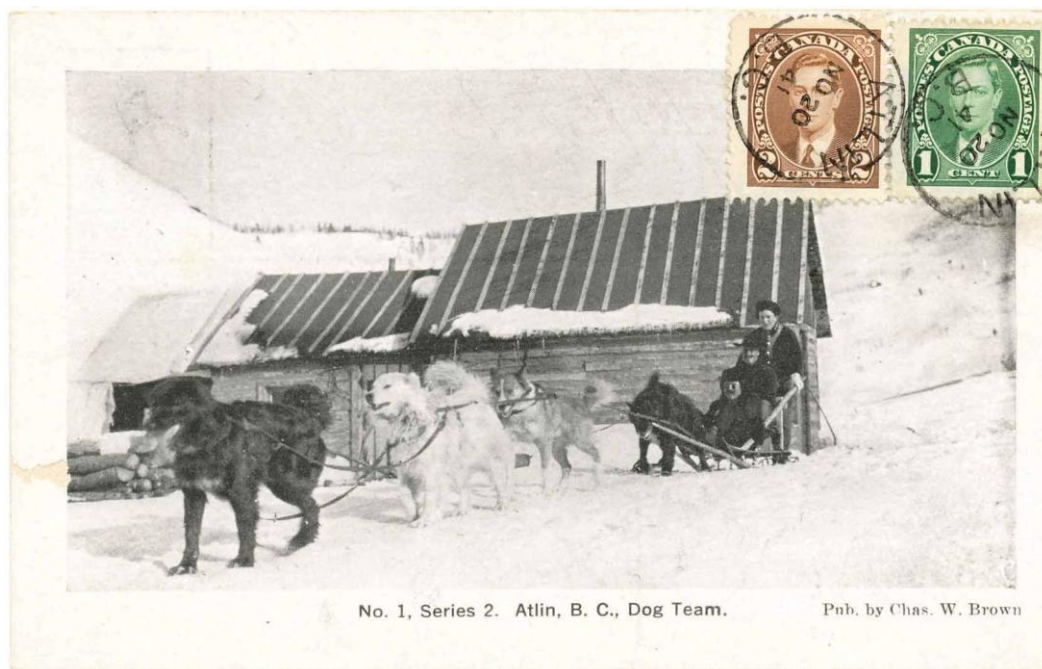


Item 2173. Atlin, B.C. Post Cards.

John Cheramy supplied these two Atlin cards. The upper card shows Third Street, Atlin. It is an unused Private Post Card (undivided back, Velox paper – known 1904 to 1910).



The lower card is a black-and-white litho card published by Chas. W. Brown. No. 1, Series 2. Atlin, B.C. Dog Team. Mailed to San Diego at Atlin on November 20, 1941.

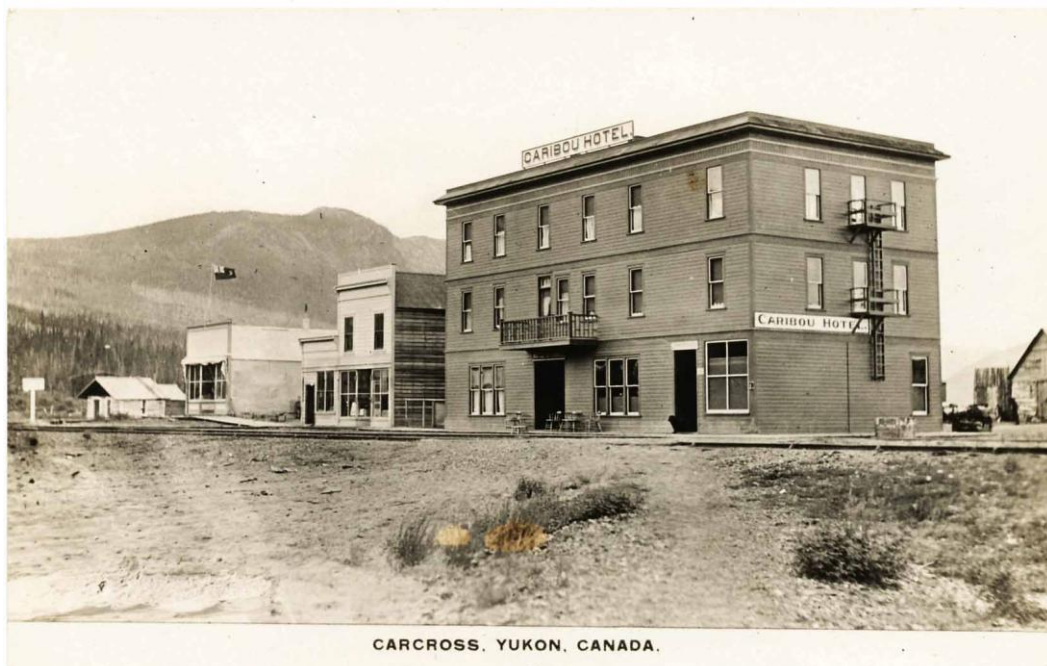


Item 2174. Two Carcross, Yukon Photoviews.

At the right is an undated Gowen, Sutton photoview of the Anglican Church at Carcross. See p. 206 of Elder.



Below is a view of Carcross, Yukon, Canada. Printed on AZO paper. Publisher not known.



Item 2175. Steamer *Dawson*.

Here is another unused card from John. It shows the steamer "Dawson" wrecked in the Yukon River. It's a printed card (litho) published by Cribb's Drug and Stationery Store, Dawson, printed in Great Britain by Valentine (113995). See p. 67 of Elder's catalogue. Note the message, "Saw a part of this still above water."

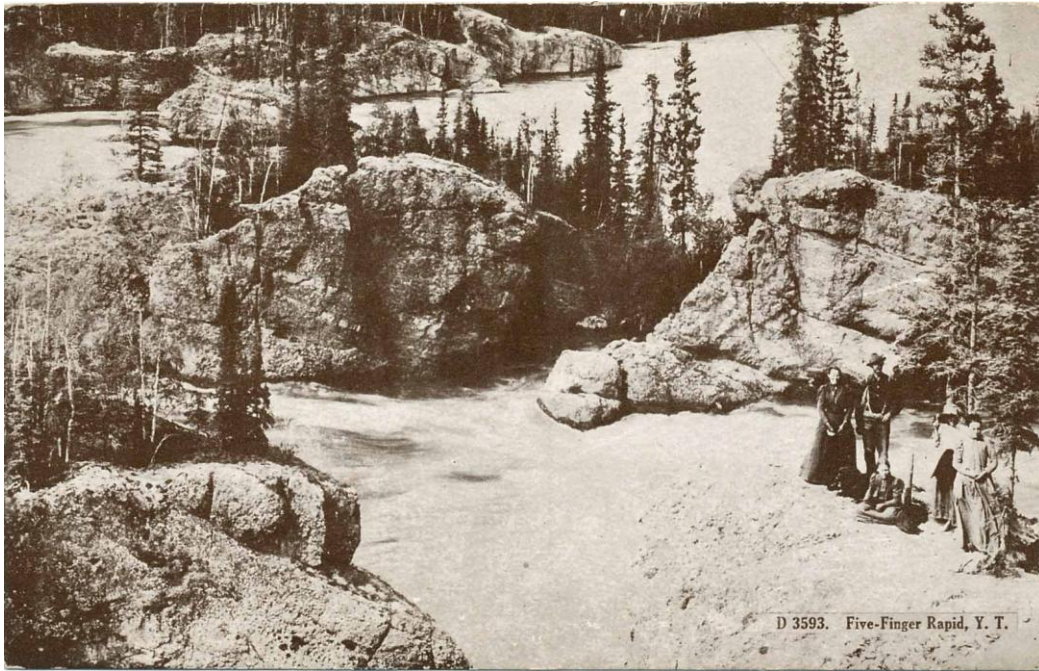


Here is another view of the *Dawson*, a White Pass & Yukon Route card made by Curt Teich & Co. Inc (D-48324). It was written in 1929, but not mailed.

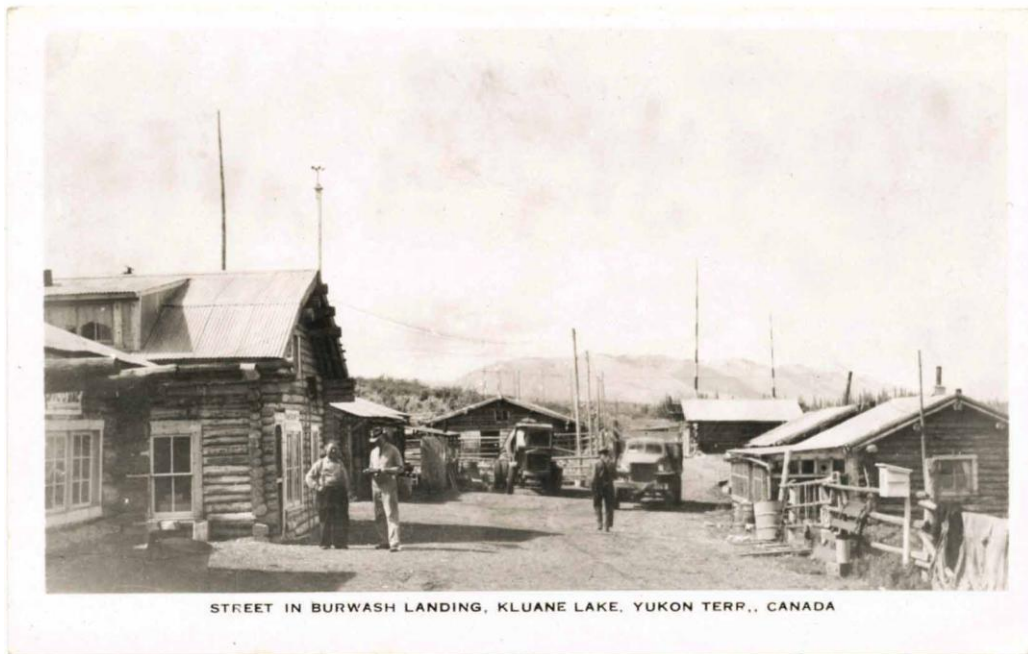


Item 2176. Five-Finger Rapid, Y.T.

This litho card (unused) bears no publisher information. It is from a series described on p. 268 of Elder. Its number (D 3593) is not reported there. Its back is of the "Correspondence" type.

**Item 2177. Burwash Landing, Kluane Lake Post Card.**

This real photo card shows "Street in Burwash Landing, Kluane Lake, Yukon, Terr..Canada". It was produced by the Canadian Post Card Co., Ltd., Toronto. The back is of the type shown at the bottom of p. 191 in Elder's catalogue. Not listed there.



Item 2178. A Dawson Dead Letter—1898–1900.

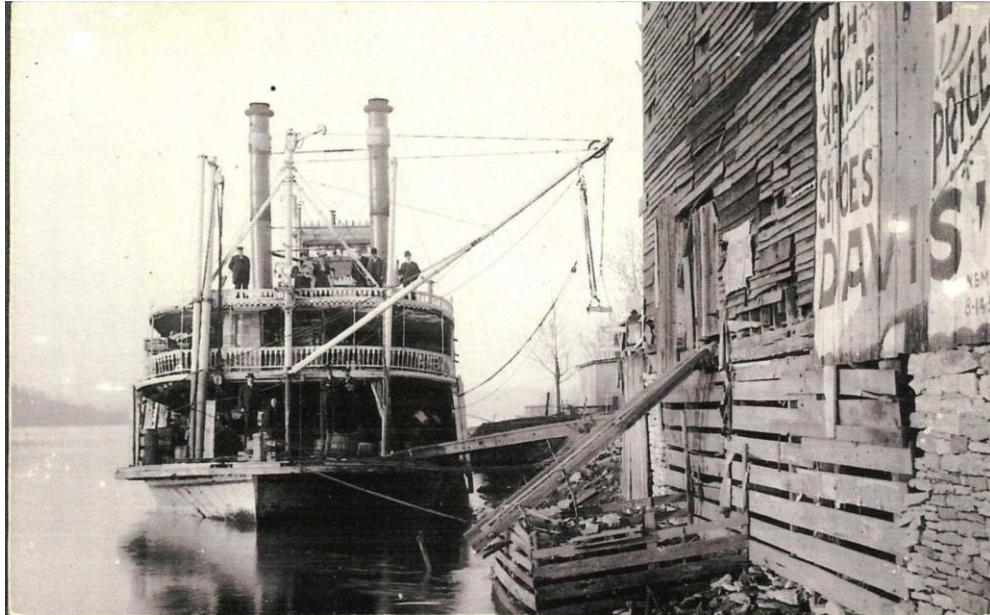
I think I have shown Hugh Delaney's cover previously but just in case, here it is again.



The registered cover was mailed in San Francisco on April 30, 1898 to Dawson City, N.W.T. "Via Dyea or St. Michaels, Alaska". It is endorsed "Keep until called for." It eventually received a NOT CALLED FOR postmark and was sent to the Dead Letter Office in Victoria. "Rec'd from Dawson N W T" was applied in Victoria, as were three Victoria DLO cds's in November 1899. The next postmark is the American REGISTRY BRANCH / DEAD LETTER OFFICE oval dated JAN 4, 1900. Brian Plain [who wrote the book on the Canadian DLO] told me that this cover would have gone from Victoria to the Ottawa DLO by closed bag, and was forwarded to Washington, D.C.

Item 2179. Unidentified Sternwheeler.

Dean Mario sent view with a question: what ship is it? This is a real photo card – AZO TRI 2 with 2 triangles up and 2 down (paper used from 1918 to 1930). Dean says that the two stacks and the prominent railing should help to identify the steamer.



I checked all the many photographs in Bob Turner's new book *The Klondike Gold Rush Steamers* (Sono Nis Press, Winlaw, BC, 2015) and could not find an exact match. Bob's 350+-page book is about Yukon River sternwheelers. Several ships came close: the *Will H. Isom* and the *John C. Barr* of the NAT&T Co. Dean's photo shows a ship missing the large star the latter two ships had. I could not recognize the location of Dean's photo [High Grade Shoes/ Prices/Davis']. At the lower right of the sign, it says "NSM/8-14-99. The photo may not be in Yukon-Alaska, but somewhere else in North America. All suggestions gratefully received.

Eastern Auctions February 19 and 20, 2016 Sale.

As noted in Issue 97, Dr. Donald Thompson's western Canada covers will be sold at auction by Eastern Auctions. My catalogue has just arrived. Despite several invitations, Don did not join our study group. He did write a few articles, but much of his material is unreported. You have seen most of his Keewatin material in Issue 97, thanks to Keith Spencer. I note the second Lake Deception cover from the Bob Lee sale is in the Eastern Sale (Lot 587). Most of Thompson's Assiniboia material (from more than two dozen albums) has already been sold. This material was bought by a Calgary collector, who has removed what he wants. Tom Watkins has the large remainder of ASSA covers for sale. Despite this, there are almost 400 ASSA. cards and covers for sale at Eastern; 180 of them are the large Dominion Land Office covers. I see a lot of "old friends"—covers I have seen over the past 45 years—but I will be updating my NWT postmark census cards.

The catalogue for this auction will be available online January 25th.

That's it for Issue #98. #99 is started, but it is always good to have more scans from members.