

ABSTRACT of Money Order Transactions.

Year.	No. of Orders Issued.	Amount of Orders Issued.	Comms. accruing to Revenue.	No. of Orders Paid.	Amount of Orders Paid.	Total Issued and Paid.	Total amount of Orders Issued & Paid.
1864	508	8,954 86	\$218 40	72	\$1,570 84	580	\$10,525 70
1865	590	10,569 32	257 23	117	2,542 60	707	13,111 92
1866	796	15,181 86	329 59	265	5 586 38	1,061	20,588 24
1867	916	18,920 61	331 61	217	4,469 00	1,133	23,389 61
1868	1005	22,777 55	439 70	279	5,699 92	1,284	28,477 47

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Arthur T. Bushby, Registrar-General of British Columbia, is also Superintendent of the Post-Office Department, the head office of which is at New Westminster; his official staff consists of one clerk Mr. V. B. Tait. The colony also pays the salary of a Postmaster at the Cariboo Mines, and, since it has been united to Vancouver's Island, a Postmaster at Victoria. Constables at the different towns and mining camps generally act as Postmasters. Toll collectors, deputy sheriffs, and other officials, are employed in this capacity.

Letter Postage.

Inland letter rates from Vancouver's Island or New Westminster to Clinton, a point half way from Victoria to Cariboo, is 12½ cents; beyond that place, 25c per ½ oz.; between New Westminster and any part of Vancouver's Island, 5 cents per ½ oz. Colonial letters may be registered by payment of one extra rate in addition to the postage. Newspapers, 2 cents each. Letters to Great Britain are now paid to destination by colonial stamps, and are forwarded in closed mails, *via* United States, postage 25 cents per ½ oz. Newspapers, 4 cents. The American Government require a transit rate of 10 cents, to be pre-paid in their own stamps, on all letters for the Dominion of Canada, British Colonies and Foreign countries having to pass through their territory. This charge is in addition to the subsidy to the United States steamer, which is paid by the Imperial and Colonial Governments. This rather clumsy device necessitates the keeping on hand, in these colonies, a supply of American postage stamps at all the post-offices. This strange anomaly could be easily obviated by crediting the United States Office with their share of the postage in letter bills accompanying such letters to destination. The postage rate to Canada is, therefore, 5 cents colonial, and 10 cents American,—in all, 15 cents per ½ oz.; and 5 cents per ½ oz. is charged on all letters from the Dominion, delivered either in Victoria or Vancouver's Island, so that it costs a person 10 cents in Canada to write to these colonies, and the party answering has to pay 20 cents. An American steamer, subsidized by the Imperial and Colonial Governments, runs at very irregular intervals, and does not appear to be of the fastest description. It is not unusual for a steamer to occupy ten days between San Francisco and Victoria.

List of Post-Offices in British Columbia and Vancouver's Island.

Ashcroft,	Esquimalt,	Lac La Hache,	Spence's Bridge,
Barrard Inlet,	French Creek,	Maple Bay,	Soda Creek,
Comox,	Hope,	Nanaimo.	Victoria,
Cowichan,	Koatenay,	New Westminster,	Van Winkle,
Chemainus,	Lillooet,	Quesnel,	Williams' Creek,
Cache Creek,	Lytton,	Sumas,	Yale.
Clinton,			

The mail leaves New Westminster once a week for the Cariboo Mines. Owing to the scanty population at Koatenay and French Creek, and the long and expensive route to reach those settlements, there is at present no regular communication with them. From various causes, for the last few years, the population of these colonies has been on the decrease.

The following statistics show the extent of postal operations in British Columbia from 1862 to 1868:—

Year.	No. of Offices.	No. Miles Post Roads.	No. Miles. Mail Travel.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	No. of Letters.	No. of Papers.
1862.....	7	\$1,875	\$23,875
1863.....	8	500	94,000	7,500	16,500	22,000	14,000
1864.....	13	...	100,000	11,000	27,000	30,000	12,000
1865.....	16	...	150,000	13,000	41,000	33,000	10,000
1866.....	17	750	100,000	9,525	35,160	30,000	11,000
1867.....	20	750	100,000	10,500	39,920
1868.....	25	750	100,000	13,000	33,320

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

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