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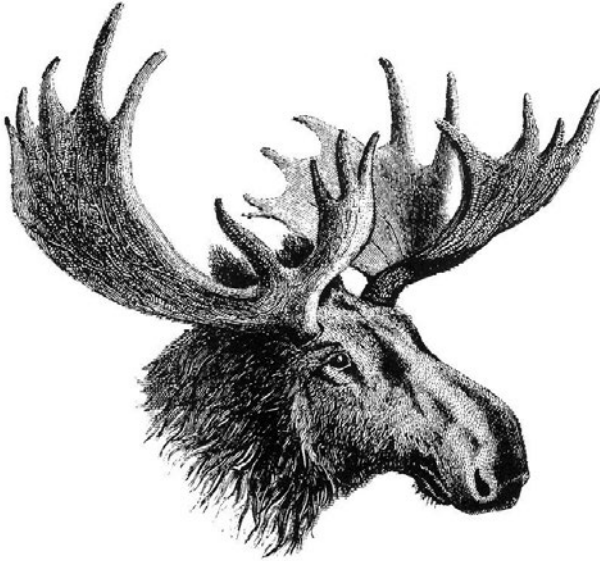
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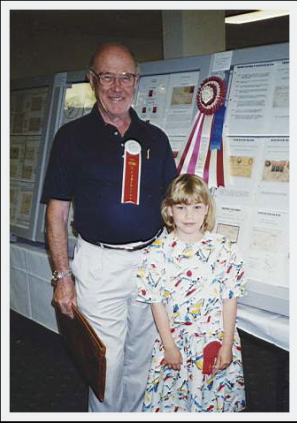
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British Columbia and Vancouver Island

Through the pleasures of collecting and exhibiting Jack and his wife Bev were able to meet collectors and make new friends around the world, taking advantage of these trips to indulge their love of travel. Extra time at conventions and exhibitions gave way to new explorations, especially if trains or ships were involved. Life was good, and all because of stamps.

Jack first began exhibiting locally in 1956 and amassed over 35 medals and awards. His exhibits covered not only Colonial British Columbia and Vancouver Island but a range of topics from air mails to officials to British Colonies. After retiring from his career as a civil engineer he began exhibiting internationally, beginning with ZEAPEX '80 in New Zealand. The medal he received there remains his favourite award. He subsequently exhibited at CAPEX (twice), ZEAPEX '90, Pacific '97 and London 2000.

Later Jack and the late Gerry Wellburn attempted to identify all of the B.C. numeral cancels. This turned out to be the start of Jack's exhibit. During this period Jack began to introduce other collectors to the peculiarities of the postal regulations of the Colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

The material is truly captivating. During our research we decided to include a bibliography (see pages 97-99) for collectors interested in reading more about this challenging field. As Ed Richardson once said "of all the many BNA cover fields for specialization, none holds the fascination, the romance, the variety and the historical interest and significance found in the collecting of those (covers) from British Columbia and Vancouver Island before Confederation 1871... each has its own colourful story to tell."

I hope you will enjoy reading through the lot descriptions of this collection.



British Columbia & Vancouver Island
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Thursday October 16th, 2014
Auction begins at 7:00 pm (AST)

NUMERAL GRID CANCELLATIONS

The first grade is for the stamp or cover; the second is for the cancellation.
For example, a grade of Fine/VF would indicate a Fine stamp or cover with a Very Fine cancellation.



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- 340 ☉ New Westminster - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, sound example with socked-on-nose, upright grid '1' cancellation in RED that would be virtually impossible to improve upon, Fine / XF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 350.00+**
- 341 ☉ New Westminster - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, lovely sound example with intact perforations and a superb upright grid '1' cancellation in RED, Fine / XF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 250.00+**
- 342 ☉ New Westminster - 1860 2½p rose, perf 14, deeper shade than normally encountered, tiny crease at left, showing nearly full grid '1' cancellation in BLUE (scarce), Fine / VF (Unitrade 2) *ex. Stuart Johnstone (1972)* **Est. 300.00+**
- 343 ☉ New Westminster - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, single with nice colour, tiny perf faults, showing neat, upright grid "1" cancellation in black, Fine / VF (Unitrade 2) *ex. Stuart Johnstone (1972)* **Est. 150.00**



- 344 ☒ New Westminster - Undated envelope (circa. 1871) A beautiful and choice envelope franked with pair of 3p dark blue, each stamp with centrally struck grid '1' cancel in black, pen initialed and dated "May 12th" at lower left corner, mailed to Omineca. At the time the 3p blue was provisionally sold at 6¼ cents (a pair at the 12½c rate required from New Westminster to the Interior). A rare cover especially in such nice condition, VF / VF (Unitrade 7) **Est. 750.00+**



- 345 ✉ New Westminster - 1870 (February 3) Orange flimsy envelope mailed to Alex Allan publisher of the "The Caribou Sentinel" at Williams Creek, bearing 25c on 3p orange, perf 14 tied by grid '1' cancel in black and further tied by New Westminster unusually clear CDS postmark; minor edge stains to cover but a rare internal usage of this stamp, Fine cover with VF strikes (Unitrade 11) *ex. Gerald Wellburn with his album page.* **Est. 1,000.00+**



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- 346 ⊙ New Westminster - 1869 5c on 3p bright red, perf 12½, uncleared perf discs as often seen, with centrally stuck, clear grid '1' cancellation in black, very scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 14) **Est. 1,000.00+**
- 347 ⊙ New Westminster - 1869 5c on 3p bright red, perf 12½, scarce used with typical perforations for the issue, nicely centered with light grid '1' cancel in black, Fine / F-VF (Unitrade 14) **Est. 750.00+**



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- 348 ⊙ New Westminster - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, quite well centered example, a couple irregular perfs as customary on this perforated issue, superb socked-on-nose grid '1' cancellation in black, Fine / XF (Unitrade 16) **Est. 500.00+**
- 349 ⊙ New Westminster - 1869 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, unusually well centered with bright colour and mostly clear grid '1' cancellation in black, VF / VF (Unitrade 17) **Est. 750.00+**
- 350 ⊙ New Westminster - Canada 12½c blue Large Queen on medium horizontal wove paper, a sound example with centrally struck grid '1' cancellation, scarce on this particular denomination, Fine / VF (Unitrade 28) **Est. 200.00+**



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- 351 ☒ New Westminster - Canada 1872 (April 23) Choice envelope with intact red wax seal on reverse slightly showing through, bearing a well centered 3c orange rose, First Ottawa printing, perf 11¾ with an unusual and prominent dry print variety, tied by grid '1' cancel in blue, same-ink dispatch on open side flap for display. A scarce cover with great eye-appeal, VF / VF (Unitrade 37a variety) *ex. Gerald Wellburn with his album page.* **Est. 350.00+**
- 352 ☒ New Westminster - Canada 1872 (May 10) Envelope with red wax seal on reverse slightly shows through, bearing 3c orange rose Small Queen, First Ottawa printing perf 11¾ clearly tied by bold grid '1' cancel in blue, same-ink dispatch at left, addressed to Lytton. A pretty Interior mail cover franked with a Small Queen stamp, F-VF / VF (Unitrade 37a) **Est. 300.00+**



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- 353 ☉ Douglas - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, single with a few slight clipped perfs, but showing large portion of clear grid '2' cancel in black, rarely seen, VG / VF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 150.00+**
- 354 ☉ Douglas - 1860 2½p pale dull rose, perf 14, horizontal pair, minor flaws on left stamp, showing light but legible grid '2' cancel in blue, rare, Fine / Fine (Unitrade 2a) **Est. 250.00**
- 355 ☉ Hope - 1860 2½p rose, perf 14, centered high, deep colour and showing large portion of the particularly rare grid '3' cancellation in black; VG / VF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 200.00+**



- 356 ☒ Hope - Blue envelope addressed to Attorney General of British Columbia, New Westminster, forwarded to Victoria, V.I., with original letter content showing "Hope July 26, 1862" dateline; bearing 2½p rose, perf 14 horizontal pair in sound condition, lovely colour, ideally struck by very clear and central grid '3' cancellation in black, docketing "recd 29 July" on front. A rare numeral cancel and especially desirable on a choice cover, a great showpiece, VF / XF (Unitrade 2) *ex. Gerald Wellburn with his original handwritten album page* (sold by private treaty in 1990s) **Est. 2,500.00+**



- 357 ☐ Yale - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, two singles with flaws but showing choice, centrally struck grid "4" in black and in red respectively, VG / VF+ (Unitrade 2) **Est. 150.00**



- 358 ☒ Yale - Unclear year date (annotated as 1870) Envelope with intact embossed red wax seal on reverse, couple edge tears away from stamps, franked with vertical pair of 3p bright blue affixed sideways, tiny corner crease on lower stamp, each cancelled by centrally struck grid '4' in black addressed to Victoria, shows partial New Westminster DEC 14 transit CDS in blue below stamps, a Fine and very scarce cover with VF strikes (Unitrade 7) **Est. 750.00+**



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- 359 ☉ Yale - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, a selected example showing choice grid '4' cancel in black, scarce and appealing, Fine / XF (Unitrade 16) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1313)*

Est. 600.00+

- 360 ☉ Yale - 1869 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, quite well centered example with intact perforations, minor toning on back; showing clear, almost complete grid '4' cancel in black. According to Wellburn, only a half sheet (120 stamps) of this denomination was sent to Yale on June 4, 1869, F-VF / VF (Unitrade 17)

Est. 750.00+



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- 361 ☒ Yale - Canada 1872 (April 18) Envelope somewhat roughly opened at top, otherwise clean and choice, bearing 3c orange rose Small Queen, First Ottawa printing perf 11¾ with wing margin at left, cancelled by socked-on-nose grid '4' cancel in blue, same-ink Yale split ring dispatch alongside at left; New Westminster AP 19 72 transit backstamp. A very scarce cover, F-VF / VF (Unitrade 37a) ex. *Gerald Wellburn with his album page.*

Est. 250.00+

- 362 ☉ Lytton - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, sound example with fresh colour and superb grid '7' cancellation in black, rare this nice, Fine / XF (Unitrade 2)

Est. 300.00+

- 363 ☒ Lytton - Buff coloured envelope slightly reduced at left, with original letter showing "Lytton 27th Sept" dateline inside addressed to New Westminster; bearing two single 3p light blue shade placed side-by-side, neatly struck by remarkably choice grid '7' cancellation in black. An exceptional cover with letter content thus proving the allocation of the numeral grid '7' to Lytton, VF / XF (Unitrade 7a)

Est. 1,000.00+



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- 364 ☐ Clinton - 2½p dull rose, perf 14, couple short perfs and tiny sealed tear but shows bold impression of grid '8' cancel, rare, Fine / F-VF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 150.00**
- 365 ☒ Clinton - Undated cover (circa. late 1860s) franked with pair of 3p bright blue perf 14 struck by two grid '8' cancellations, addressed to Henry Crease at New Westminster; cover has small opening tear at top barely touching right stamp (very hard to see), a clean and appealing cover with a very rare numeral grid, VF / VF (Unitrade 7) **Est. 1,000.00+**
- 366 ☐ Clinton - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, quite well centered example with centrally struck grid '8' cancellation in black, very scarce, according to Wellburn only one sheet (240 stamps) was sent to Clinton post office on March 24, 1869, Fine / VF (Unitrade 16) **Est. 500.00+**
- 367 ☐ Clinton - Canada 1880s 6c yellow brown Small Queen, Montreal printing perf 12, an appealing well centered pair with clear, centrally struck grid '8' cancellation in black; a rare numeral and especially desirable on Small Queen, VF / VF (Unitrade 39) **Est. 200.00+**
- 368 ☒ Clinton - Canada 1c ultramarine postal card addressed to Victoria, with handwritten message and F.W. Foster JAN 10 1882 Clinton British Columbia business handstamp in red on back of the card; superb grid '8' cancelled with clear Clinton JA 10 82 BC split ring dispatch at lower left. A beautiful and impressive BC numeral cancelled card, VF / XF (Unitrade UX2) **Est. 200.00+**



- 369 ◉ Seymour - 1865 3p light blue (first printing), perf 14, a sound horizontal strip of four with wing margin at side, lovely bright colour, tied to piece by four clear strikes of grid '9' cancel in black. A very appealing multiple, VF / VF (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 500.00+**



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- 370 ◉ Seymour - 1865 3p light blue (first printing), perf 14, horizontal pair with central and near complete grid '9' cancel in black, very scarce, Fine / VF **Est. 200.00+**
- 371 ☒ Seymour - Orange envelope bearing strip of three 3p light blue, right stamp damaged and left stamp clipped, cancelled by clear, complete grid '9' cancels, addressed to Hudson Bay Co. Victoria, Vancouver Island; docketing "Recd 28 July 1866 Hary Randall" at left, Fine appearance / VF strikes (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 600.00**

Seymour post office was established on July 2nd, 1866 during the "Big Bend" gold rush, likely making this cover the earliest originating from this hamlet.

- 372 ◉ William's Creek - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, fresh sound example with two clear halves of grid '10' cancels in black, Fine / F-VF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 200.00**
- 373 ◉ William's Creek - 1865 5c rose, perf 14, scarce usage of this stamp with clear grid '10' cancel, Fine / VF (Unitrade 5) **Est. 200.00+**



- 374 ◎ William's Creek - 1867 3p bright blue, perf 14 strip of four, trivial perf flaw at upper right but otherwise sound, on piece and cancelled by two clear strikes of the grid '10' cancellation in VIOLET - this colour is recorded by Wellburn. The first such coloured cancel we have seen from William's Creek (off or on cover). Very rare, VF / VF (Unitrade 7) **Est. 500.00+**



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- 375 ◎ William's Creek - 1868 2c on 3p brown, perf 14, single with strong impression of grid '10' cancel, Fine / VF (Unitrade 8) **Est. 100.00+**
- 376 ◎ William's Creek - 1871 50c on 3p violet, perf 14, a repaired but nice looking stamp rarely seen used, near complete grid '10' cancel. It has been reported only two sheets (480 stamps) were sent of which an estimated 300 were sold, Fine appearance / VF (Unitrade 12) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1350 - description overlooks the repair)* **Est. 400.00**



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- 377 ◎ William's Creek - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, sound example with normal centering and uncleared perf discs, central grid '10' cancel in black, Fine / VF (Unitrade 16) **Est. 350.00+**
- 378 ◎ William's Creek - 1869 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, skilful repair at left; centrally struck and very clear grid '10' cancel in black, Fine appearance / VF+ (Unitrade 17) **Est. 250.00**
- 379 ◎ William's Creek - 1869 \$1 on 3p green, perf 12½ single with characteristic perforations, small tear at bottom left, shows large portion of grid '10' cancel in black. Only two sheets (480 stamps) were sent to William's Creek according to Wellburn - of which only a portion was actually sold, Fine appearance / F-VF (Unitrade 18) **Est. 500.00**
- 380 ◎ William's Creek - 1871-1872 12½c blue Large Queen on medium horizontal wove paper, tiny negligible crease at top left, well centered with large portion of grid '10' cancel, scarce, VF / F-VF (Unitrade 28) **Est. 150.00+**



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- 381 ☒ Caribou (Post-Confederation) - Canada 1872 (June 1) Envelope bearing 6c yellow brown, First Ottawa printing, perf 11¼ just tied by central grid '10' cancellation in black, Caribou, Brit. Col split ring dispatch at left, to Victoria, blue New Westminster JU 7 72 transit and Victoria JU 8 arrival backstamps, very scarce Small Queen usage from the interior; cover written and initialed "M.B.B." by Matthew Baillie Begbie "The Hanging Judge" of Richfield. Caribou name was changed shortly after to Barkerville, VF (Unitrade 39 unlisted printing) ex. *Gerald Wellburn with his album page.*

Est. 350.00+



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- 382 ☉ Ashcroft (believed) - 1865 3p light blue (first printing), perf 14, horizontal strip of three on small piece, lightly creased, each stamp with legible grid '12' cancel in black - a very rare numeral cancel in any condition; quite appealing, Fine / Fine (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 400.00+**
- 383 ☒ Ashcroft (believed) - Envelope with original letter handwritten from "Kamloops 9 Sept 1866" possibly en route to French Creek, addressed to Victoria, bearing single and pair of 3p light blue (one damaged), each stamp cancelled by bold grid '12' cancels in black - very rare strikes, showing on reverse a clear double-ring General Post Office / British Columbia 19 SEP 1866 datestamp (R. Lowe HS-10) applied in transit at New Westminster, Fine appearance / Fine (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 750.00**

Kamloops post office was only established on May 5, 1870; this letter was probably postmarked at Ashcroft (established July 13, 1865) or Savona's Ferry (July 2, 1866)

- 384 ☉ Quesnellemouth - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, a nice fresh example with clear, central grid '13' cancel, Fine / VF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 125.00+**



- 385 ☒ Quesnellemouth - Impressive cover with original letter, "Quesnellemouth December 16th 1864" dateline, addressed to New Westminster, bearing pair of 2½p rose perf 14 with unusually deep colour cancelled by a superb grid '13' cancel, sans-serif PAID handstamp at centre. A magnificent numeral cancelled cover ideal for exhibition, VF / XF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 2,000.00+**

In British Columbia (Mainland), the 2½p stamp was increased to 3p on June 20, 1864 and used until the new 3p blue Coat of Arms was issued on November 1st, 1865. This cover was mailed during this provisional period.

- 386 ☉ Quesnellemouth - 1865 5c rose & 10c blue perf 14 (10c reperfed) showing legible grid '13' cancels, Fine / Fine (Unitrade 5, 6); ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1194)*
(Illustrated on Page 12) **Est. 200.00**



- 387 ☒ Quesnellemouth - 1867 (February) Clean and choice cover mailed from Quesnellemouth to Victoria bearing pair and single 3p light blue, perf 14, latter with fault corner; each cancelled by clear, strongly inked grid '13' numeral in black, same-ink "PAID" handstamp at left; showing double ring General Post Office / British Columbia 20 FEB 1867 transit datestamp in blue on reverse from New Westminster. A beautiful cover mailed during the newly adopted decimal currency era (January 1866) and before the rate change of April 1867 - very scarce thus, VF / F-VF (Unitrade 7a) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 1,000.00+**



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- 388 ☒ Quesnellemouth - Canada 1880 (December 28) Envelope bearing 3c orange red Small Queen Montreal printing perf 12, clipped at left from opening but nicely tied by clear grid '13' cancel in black, faint split ring dispatch visible on front to USA; New Westminster JA 9 80, Victoria "SF" JA 10 80 and San Francisco JAN 15 transit backstamps, quite scarce, F-VF / VF (Unitrade 37) **Est. 150.00**
- 389 ☒ French Creek - Envelope with original letter content showing "French Creek 19th August 1866" dateline, red wax seal on reverse and addressed to New Westminster, bearing pair of 3p light blue first printing with centrally struck by bold grid '14' cancels in black, creases on left stamp and a few age spots along cover edges, a choice looking cover displaying this exceptionally rare numeral cancel, Fine / F-VF (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 1,000.00+**



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- 390 ☉ Lillooet (believed) - 1860 2½p rose, perf 14, with lovely colour showing two halves of the grid '15' cancel, very scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 2) ex. *James Pike (1980)* **Est. 200.00+**
- 391 ☉ Lillooet (believed) - 1865 10c blue, perf 14, fresh sound example with upright and clear grid '15' cancel in black, scarce, Fine / F-VF (Unitrade 6) **Est. 250.00+**
- 392 ☉ Lake La Hache (believed) - 1860 2½p rose, perf 14, horizontal pair, left stamp with some clipped perfs, showing complete grid '16' cancel in black, portion of New Westminster AUG 22 1868 CDS at left, a late provisional use of this stamp (sold as 12½ cents) displaying a very rare numeral, Fine appearance / XF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 500.00+**



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- 393 ☉ Unknown Post Office - 1865 3p light blue, perf 14, slightly clipped perfs, showing a strong, clear impression of grid '19' cancellation - an extremely rare numeral, Fine / VF+ (Unitrade 7a) *ex. Jim Hennok (October 2005; Lot 234)* **Est. 500.00+**
- 394 ☉ Soda Creek - 1865 3p light blue, perf 14, minute thin, clear, centrally struck grid '20' cancel - very scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 200.00+**
- 395 ☉ Soda Creek - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, single with bright colour showing well struck grid '20' cancellation in black - very scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 11) **Est. 250.00+**



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- 396 ☉ Van Winkle - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, fresh example with couple clipped perfs at lower right, superb grid '22' cancel in black, attractive, Fine / XF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 250.00+**
- 397 ☉ Van Winkle - 1865 3p light blue, perf 14, fresh single, slightly clipped perfs at right, very clear grid '22' cancel - very scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 200.00+**
- 398 ☉ Van Winkle - 1871 50c on 3p violet, perf 14, faulty but with very nice impression of grid '22' cancel. Reported by Wellburn that one sheet (240 stamps) was sent to this post office and estimated that only 30 were used! A rarity in any condition, Fine appearance / VF strike (Unitrade 12) **Est. 300.00**



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- 399 ☉ Unknown Post Office - 1869 2c on 3p brown, perf 14, recut perfs at right, light but legible grid '23' cancel at centre, portion of blue postmark at right; an exceedingly rare numeral, Fine appearance / Fine (Unitrade 8) **Est. 250.00+**
- 400 ☉ Langley - 1865 10c blue, perf 14, fresh example with clear and nearly complete grid '26' cancel in black, scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 6) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (Oct. 1988; part of Lot 1196)* **Est. 250.00+**
- 401 ☉ Langley - 1867 3p bright blue, perf 14, lovely fresh example with upright and clear grid '26' cancel in black, VG-Fine / VF (Unitrade 7) **Est. 125.00+**



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- 402 ☉ Spences Bridge - Canada 1875 5c dark olive green Large Queen on vertical wove paper, perf 11½x12, intact perforations with uncleared perf discs at left, rich colour and showing centrally struck grid '27' cancel in black. A rare numeral cancel on a Large Queen stamp, Fine / VF (Unitrade 26i) **Est. 250.00+**



- 403 ☉ Spences Bridge - Canada 1870s Small Queen 1c yellow pair and 3c orange strip of three on piece, Montreal printings perf 11½x12, each stamp neatly cancelled by grid '27' cancel. A remarkable numeral item with great eye-appeal, VF / VF (Unitrade 35vii, 37iii) **Est. 250.00+**



- 404 ☒ Spences Bridge - Canada 1875 (July 7) Pristine envelope with intact red wax seal on reverse, nicely franked with 3c orange red Small Queen, Montreal printing, perf 11½x12 and tied by complete grid '27' cancel, Spences Bridge split ring dispatch at left, addressed to Victoria; with New Westminster JY 9 75 transit and Victoria Brit Col. JY 10 75 arrival backstamp. An exceptional cover in all respects, XF / XF (Unitrade 37iii) **Est. 500.00+**
- 405 ☉ Spences Bridge - Canada 1876-1879 5c slate green Small Queen, Montreal printing, perf 11½x12 with centrally struck grid '27' cancel, appealing, Fine / VF (Unitrade 38a) **Est. 100.00+**



- 406 Spences Bridge - Canada 1880s 6c yellow brown Small Queen pair, Montreal printing, perf 12 affixed to original piece, each stamp nicely struck by grid '27' cancel in black; a striking and desirable pair, VF / F-VF (Unitrade 39 unlisted printing) **Est. 350.00+**

Left stamp shows Strong Re-entry (Trimble No. 1) with visible doubling in POSTAGE; right stamp with Sharp Re-entry (Trimble No. 3) with doubling of lower left corner ornament.



- 407 Spences Bridge - Canada 1879 (July 9) One cent blue postal card with Mrs. Turner's System / Excelsior Corset, Nicola Valley, BC advertising on back with personalized handwritten message, showing clear grid '27' cancellation and Spences Bridge JY 9 79 split ring dispatch at lower left to Victoria, with New Westminster JY 11 79 transit on back; small corner card crease at top right. Attractive and VF (Unitrade UX1) **Est. 200.00**



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- 408 Burrard Inlet - 1869 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14 single with minor flaws, neat grid '28' cancel and portion of CDS in red, Fine appearance, VF (Unitrade 9); *ex. Jim Hennok (October 2005; Lot 251)* **Est. 150.00+**
- 409 Unknown Post Office - 1865 3p light blue, perf 14 single clipped on one side but shows the very rare grid '29' cancel quite nicely and small portion of San Francisco double ring cancel, Fine appearance; VF (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 200.00**



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- 410 ☉ Unknown Post Office - Canada 1880s 6c yellow brown and 3c rose Small Queen, minor flaws well centered and showing clear, centrally struck grid '30' cancels; a rarely seen numeral, VF appearance / VF (Unitrade 37a, 39) **Est. 200.00**
- 411 ☉ Unknown Post Office - 1865 10c blue, perf 14, a fresh example with almost complete grid '32' cancel in black, small portion of double ring cancel in blue at lower left; a desirable stamp with an extremely rare numeral, Fine / F-VF (Unitrade 6) **Est. 400.00+**



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- 412 ☉ Unknown Post Office - 1865 3p light blue, perf 14, horizontal pair tied to piece by legible grid '32' cancel - very rare, Fine / Fine (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 300.00+**
- 413 ☉ Ladner - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, horizontal pair, skilfully improved at foot, displaying a nearly complete grid '33' cancel at centre, portion of another strike at right. Rarely seen cancel, Fine appearance / VF (Unitrade 11) **Est. 350.00+**



- 414 ☉ Ladner's Landing - Canada 1880s 1c yellow and 3c orange, Montreal printings, 3c rose carmine Montreal "Gazette" printing, all with partial to clear grid '33' cancels; latter with small corner crease, a nice trio, Fine / Fine+ (Unitrade 35i, 37, 41a) **Est. 150.00**
- 415 ☒ Ladner's Landing - Canada 1885 (November 22) Envelope franked with 3c orange, Montreal printing, perf 12 tied by clear grid '33', Ladners Landing split ring dispatch at left, addressed to Victoria with large portion of arrival NO 23 CDS on reverse; small cover tear clear of stamp, a desirable BC numeral cancelled Small Queen cover, F-VF / VF (Unitrade 37) *(Illustrated on Page 19)* **Est. 350.00+**
- 416 ☉ Unknown Post Office - 1867 3p blue, perf 14, quite well centered with pressed horizontal crease, showing quite clearly the very rare grid '34' cancel in black, VF appearance / VF (Unitrade 7) *(Illustrated on Page 19)* **Est. 200.00+**
- 417 ☉ Unknown Post Office - Canada 1880s 3c orange Small Queen, Montreal printing, perf 12, a nice example showing clear and centrally struck grid '34' cancel in black - very rarely seen and especially desirable with such a nice strike, VF / VF (Unitrade 37) *(Illustrated on Page 19)* **Est. 300.00+**



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- 418 Ⓞ Victoria - 1865 10c blue, perf 14, used single with central grid '35' cancel in blue, Fine / VF (Unitrade 6) **Est. 250.00+**
- 419 Ⓞ Victoria - 1869 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14, a bright fresh single with superb grid '35' cancel in black, Fine / XF (Unitrade 9) **Est. 150.00+**



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- 420 Ⓞ Victoria - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, two selected examples with upright, centrally struck grid '35' cancels in blue and black respectively, latter with couple short perfs at top, an attractive duo, Fine / VF (Unitrade 11) **Est. 350.00+**
- 421 Ⓞ Victoria - 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, wing margin example with lovely colour showing a complete strike of the grid '35' cancel in blue, attractive, F-VF (Unitrade 11) **Est. 250.00+**



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- 422 ☉ Victoria - 1869 5c on 3p bright red, perf 12½, scarce used with light, nearly complete grid '35' cancel in blue, rough perfs as often seen, quite well centered, Fine with F-VF strike (Unitrade 14)

Est. 750.00

- 423 ☉ Victoria - 1869 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, deep colour, upright grid '35' cancel in blue, scarce, Fine / VF (Unitrade 17)

Est. 500.00+

- 424 ☉ Victoria - 1869 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, reperfed at foot, otherwise sound with nearly full grid '35' cancel in blue, Fine (Unitrade 17)

Est. 400.00



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- 425 ☉ Victoria - 1869 \$1 on 3p green, perf 12½, a superior used example with lovely bright fresh colour on pristine paper, intact perforations and showing superb grid '35' cancel in blue - as nice as they come, VF for this challenging stamp; XF strike with 1988 Greene Foundation cert. (Unitrade 18); *ex. James Pike (1980; Lot 2124)*

Est. 1,250.00+

- 426 ☉ Victoria - 1869 \$1 on 3p green, perf 12½, used with good colour, typical centering and perforations, tiny tear at top right, right portion of grid '35' cancel in black, scarce, Fine / Fine (Unitrade 18)

Est. 500.00

- 427 ☉ Victoria - Canada 1871-1872 6c yellow brown Large Queen (Plate 1), two nice examples centrally struck by complete grid '35' cancellations in black; a pretty piece, Fine+ / VF (Unitrade 27a)

Est. 200.00+



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- 428 ☉ Nanaimo - 1865 5c rose, perf 14, fresh sound example with clear and centrally struck grid '36' cancel in black, Fine / VF (Unitrade 5) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1177)*

Est. 300.00+

- 429 ☉ Nanaimo - 1865 5c rose & 10c blue, perf 14, both with clear grid '36' cancels in black, trivial perf flaws about a very scarce duo, Fine / VF (Unitrade 5, 6)


Est. 250.00

NUMERAL GRID CANCELLATIONS BALANCE OF COLLECTION


- 430**  Collection balance of Numeral Cancellations on B.C. colonial stamps on three stockpages and one Wellburn album page; includes 103 stamps all showing legible to very clear strikes from grid "1" to "36", duplication in places (about a third with grid "35" of Victoria), includes different coloured strikes and rare numerals such as "23", "29" and "31". Also another 15 stamps showing partial or illegible numerals. Condition as expected is mixed but includes sound examples. A valuable and very useful lot of these challenging numeral cancels which has taken many years to assemble.

(Illustrated on Website) **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 431**  Numeral Cancels on Large Queen Issues, on one stockpage and one Wellburn original album page. Includes Grid "1" on 2c, 6c (2), 12 1/2c; Grid "4" in blue on 6c (rare); Grid "15" on 2c (rare), Grid "35" on 1/2c (very rare), 2c (3), 6c (5), 12 1/2c (3), 15c (4), plus two complete strikes of grid "35" on 2c + 6c Large Queen and on 3c rose Small Queen + 15c Large Queen. Clarity of strikes ranges from partially clear to superb. Generally with small faults, only a few stamps are sound, but a difficult lot to assemble and an excellent opportunity for a specialist to acquire some elusive material.

(Illustrated on Website) **Est. 1,000.00+**

- 432**  Numeral Cancels on Small Queens, a total of 23 stamps plus a 2c orange RLS. Mostly First Ottawa or Montreal printings, including Grid "1" (5), "4" (2), "8", "10", "12", "27", "33" (2) and "35" (6), also four with illegible numerals. Clarity of strikes from partial to very clear; condition from mixed to Fine; a challenging group to assemble.

(Illustrated on Website) **Est. 250.00+**

- 433** Forged Numeral Cancels - An interesting group of 16 stamps mounted on two exhibit pages, including colonial as well as Canadian Large & Small Queens, all with fake numeral cancels on genuine stamps, some well-executed. Also includes genuine 3p light blue on fake cover fragment. A useful lot for the specialist.

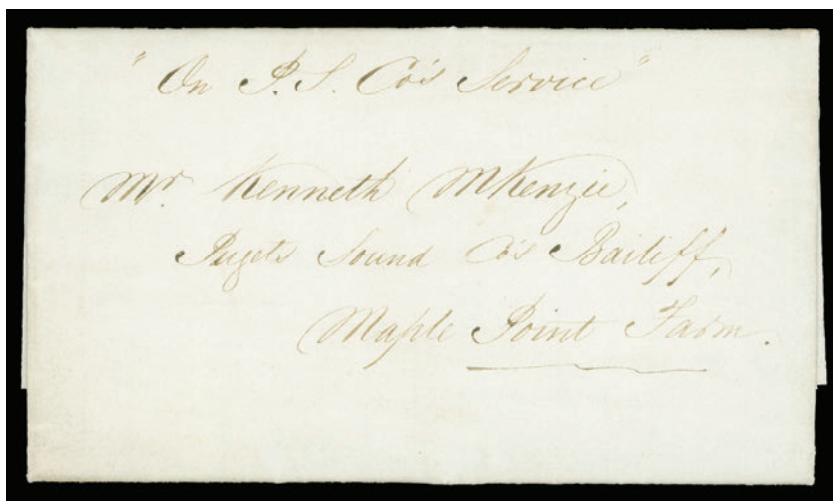
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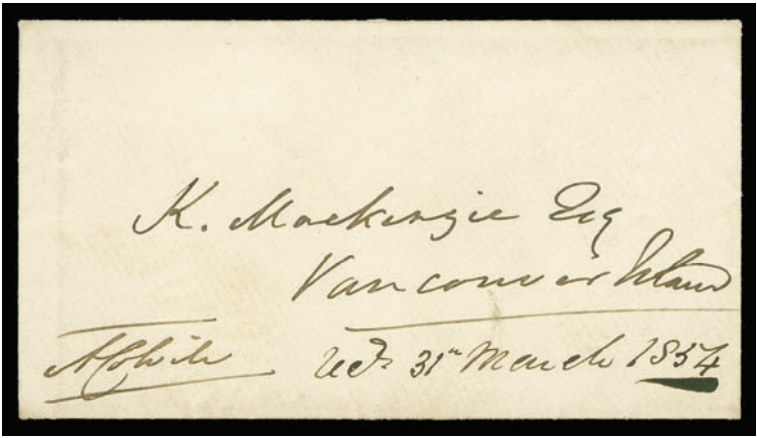
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND

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- 434 ☒ Pre-Colonial - Hudson's Bay Company detailed "returns" (375 x 310mm) from sixteen "outfits" for year 1841; dated Fort Vancouver 19th March 1842, inventory ranges from Badgers to Whale Bones. Historically very interesting, giving insight on the activities of the HBC in British Columbia.

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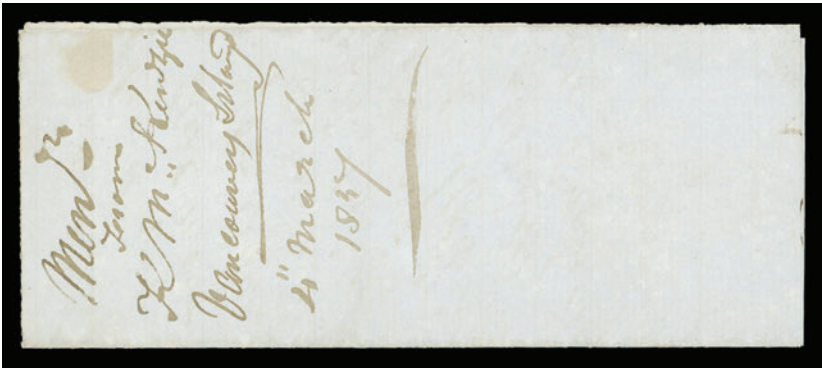
- 435 ☒ Vancouver Island - Entire folded lettersheet in an excellent state of preservation, "Fort Victoria 18th February 1854" dateline, sent to Kenneth McKenzie at Maple Point Farm with interesting letter, manuscript "On P.S. Co's Service" and privately carried by Puget Sound Agricultural Company (a subsidiary of the Hudson's Bay Company). Likely the only known cover transported by this carrier, VF: ex. *Marjory Harris, Sissons, Sale 212, October 1962; Lot 2* **Est. 750.00+**



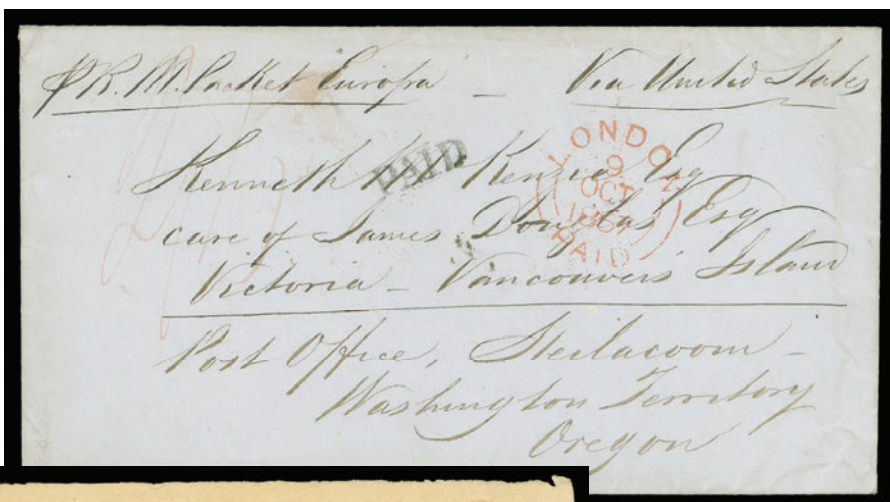
- 436 ☒ Vancouver Island - Small envelope incoming from London, England, countersigned "A. Colvile" (Hudson's Bay Company Governor 1852-1856), carried by HBC "Princess Royal" free of charge and received "31 March 1854", very scarce, VF **Est. 400.00**



- 437 ☒ Vancouver Island - Large incoming envelope from London, England, via U.S.A. and Panama, manuscript rate "4/10", double arc LONDON 17 NOV 1854 PAID in red prepaid double weight trans-Atlantic postage and straightline PAID in black indicating U.S. postage paid from New York to Steilacoom, Washington Territory. Endorsed "pr Steamer Major Tompkins" - a shortlived service which began on September 18, 1854 and ran until February 10, 1855. Some cover wrinkling around edges, a rare cover, Fine **Est. 500.00**



- 438 ☒ Vancouver Island - Order for spectacles, wine, sherry and scotch which travelled from Victoria to London, England, endorsed Vancouver Island "4 March 1857" carried on Hudson's Bay Company annual supply ship. An interesting letter, VF; ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page. **Est. 300.00**



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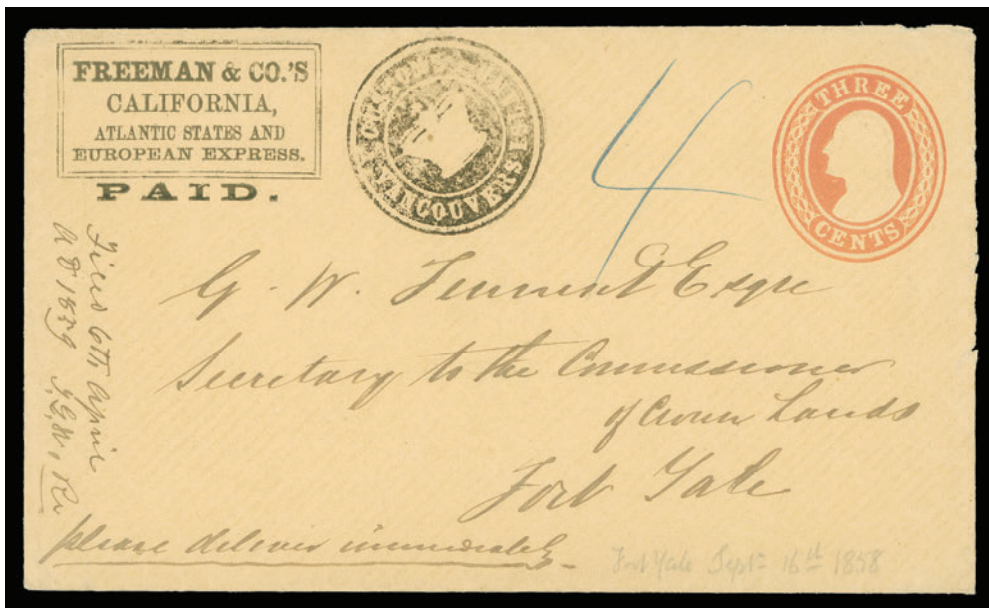
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- 439 ☒ Vancouver Island - Incoming envelope addressed to Kenneth McKenzie, an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, mailed from London, England via U.S. and Panama on the recently completed railroad, manuscript rate "2/5", double arc LONDON 9 OCT 1857 PAID in red for Trans-Atlantic single letter rate postage prepaid, straightline PAID in black indicating US postage prepaid from New York to Steilacoom in Washington Territory. Some minor cover wrinkling around the edges but overall very nice for such a letter which was in transit for about 3 months, VF **Est. 500.00**

Earlier letters to Kenneth McKenzie were addressed care of Hudson's Bay Company while later letters were addressed care of James Douglas.

- 440 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1859 (circa.) Freeman & Co's Express Over Our California & Coast Routes printed frank on Nesbitt 3c red on buff envelope, from San Francisco to Victoria lightly cancelled with oval Freeman & Co's / Express / San Francisco. A rare express frank to Vancouver Island, VF **Est. 750.00+**

**VANCOUVER'S ISLAND CUSTOMS SEAL
PROVISIONAL HANDSTAMP FRANK**



- 441 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1858 Freeman & Co.'s California Atlantic States and European Express Paid printed frank in black on Nesbitt 3c red on buff entire from Victoria to Fort Yale showing an outstanding impression of the Vancouver's Island Customs Seal (R. Lowe HS-1) provisional handstamp frank in black, denoting that the required 5 cent colonial postage was paid by the express company. A fabulous handstamped cover in exceptional condition, a great rarity, XF **Est. 5,000.00+**

Provenance: Gerald Wellburn, Eaton & Sons, October 1988; Lot 1008 with his album page.

This Vancouver Island Customs seal has only been recorded on express covers and is often of poor impression. Very few have been seen on the Freeman & Co.'s express - IN FACT ONLY FIVE SUCH COVERS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN PRIVATE HANDS, THREE OF WHICH ARE ADDRESSED TO MAINLAND BRITISH COLUMBIA. ARGUABLY THE FINEST AND MOST DESIRABLE OF THE FIVE KNOWN.

- 442 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1859 Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in red on paste-up Nesbitt 10c green on white envelope, showing superb impression of the Vancouver's Island Custom Seal (R. Lowe HS-1) provisional handstamp frank in black (5c colonial postage) at top left further cancelled by mute grid in red, bearing U.S. postage 10c green perf 15½ pair (one creased) and single cancelled in red; New York May 14 transit and London MY 28 59 CDS postmarks in red, boxed SHORT PAID twice, underpays the required 58 cent double rate. Cover has overall wrinkling and is faulty at top with a missing piece, a striking and very early handstamped cover from Vancouver Island mailed to England. Only two covers are known addressed to Great Britain bearing the Vancouver's Island Custom Seal handstamp frank. (Illustrated on Page 24) **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 443 ☒ Vancouver Island - Envelope mailed from Victoria to New Westminster, signed "A.T. Bushby" at lower left, complete and very clear oval Victoria V.I. / Post / Office (R. Lowe HS-2) provisional handstamp frank in black (5c colonial postage paid) and same-ink oval "PAID" handstamp at right, docketing "Ansd 9 Novr / 59" at right; minor edge wear at top left, a rare handstamp that is especially desirable with such clarity, F-VF; ex. *Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; part of Lot 710), Brassler / Nickle sale (January 1996; Lot 859)* **Est. 500.00+**
- 444 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1859 (or 1860) Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 3c red embossed amber entire, unused with gummed backflap, showing blurred oval Victoria, V.I. / Post / Office handstamp frank in black (R. Lowe HS-2) and clear PAID V.I. unframed handstamp frank in blue (R. Lowe HS-3) indicating prepayment of the 5 cent colonial postage, minor edge wear at left, an unusual entire showing two different colonial handstamp franks, F-VF; ex. *Alfred Caspary (October 1956; Lot 237)* **Est. 500.00+**
- 445 ☒ Vancouver Island - Blue envelope with docketing "W. Clarke Vancouver Island Dec 24 1859 / Feb 10 1860" at left, addressed to England, showing light but clear oval Victoria V.I. / Post / Office provisional handstamp frank in black and superb San Francisco DEC 30 1859 transit, travelling "OVERLAND" (rare handstamp) from San Francisco to St. Louis, then by railroad to New York. Blue crayon "29" marking denoting 5 cent Vancouver Island government postage and 24c U.S. postage were prepaid; New York AM. PKT "21" JAN 28 circular struck for additional 21c required for trans-Atlantic crossing and manuscript "1/" charge on arrival in London, receiver 60 FE 10 on back. Some cover wrinkling mostly at top; an excellent item with a lot of character showing the rarely seen handstamp "OVERLAND", VF; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1992) with his album page.* **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 446 ☒ Vancouver Island - Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on Nesbitt 3c red on amber entire showing the elusive unframed VICTORIA PAID V.I. (R. Lowe HS-3; in use in 1859 and 1860 only) provisional postal handstamp frank in blue, clear oval Wells, Fargo & Co. / MAY 23 / Victoria cancel in blue. Express envelope opened on three sides to show paste-up envelope affixed on reverse addressed to Alvarado, California; both with J. Bamber & Co. Contra Costa Express San Francisco handstamp in black. A stunning intact "paste-up" envelope with express cover; very few exist from Vancouver Island, a wonderful showpiece, VF; ex. Dr. Leon van Straten, Robson Lowe Ltd, London, February 1965; Lot 33 **Est. 2,000.00+**



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- 447 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1859 (or 1860) Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 3c red embossed amber entire, used as paste-up envelope without addressee, shows Victoria PAID V.I. unframed handstamp frank in blue (R. Lowe HS-3) for 5 cent colonial postage paid, nicely cancelled by oval Wells, Fargo & Co DEC 7 Victoria cancels in blue, attractive and VF **Est. 750.00+**
- 448 ☒ Vancouver Island - Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in red on Nesbitt 10c green on white entire, bearing very clear unframed VICTORIA / PAID / V.I. (R. Lowe HS-3) provisional handstamp frank in blue at top left denoting 5c colonial postage was paid, franked with damaged U.S. 10c stamps postmarked at San Francisco; London JA 16 60 arrival CDS in red on front. Despite the faults this is a rare cover; ex. *Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; Lot 697)* **Est. 500.00**



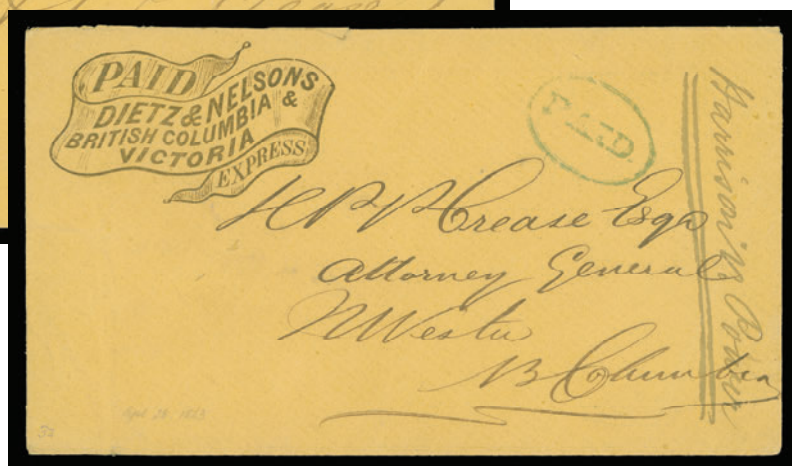
- 449 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1860 cover fragment originating from Victoria bearing a quite clear oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria, V.I. (R. Lowe HS-4) provisional handstamp frank, very early usage of this frank denoting 5c colonial postage was paid. In transit US. 12c black imperforate pair partially in at top, clear to enormous margins on other sides, plus 5c brown perf 15½ were added in San Francisco and tied by SEP 27 1860 circular datestamps in black; with London NO 5 60 CDS in red. A visually attractive piece, VF **Est. 500.00+**



- 450 ☒ Vancouver Island - Seaman's Concessionary Rate, envelope endorsed "From James Seaman on board H.M.S. Topaze" bearing GB 1p red soiled and creased, mailed from Esquimalt around September 1861 when ship arrived in British Columbia to England, cancelled at destination, with London NO 27 61 and Carmarthen NO 28 61 arrival backstamps; small tear at top and missing backflap. A very rare cover mailed from a British Navy personnel franked with British postage stamp to pay this privilege rate, Fine **Est. 750.00+**



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- 451 ☒ Vancouver Island - Dietz & Nelsons British Columbia & Victoria Paid Express printed "scroll" frank in black on orange envelope, in pristine condition and very scarce thus, addressed to New Westminster with unusually clear oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria, V.I. (R. Lowe HS-4) provisional handstamp frank in blue, showing 5 cent colonial postage was paid during stamp shortage in 1863 and with same-ink oval PAID handstamp. A beautiful cover, XF **Est. 750.00+**
- 452 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Dietz & Nelsons British Columbia & Victoria Paid Express printed "scroll" frank in black on orange envelope, likely dispatch from Yale (or nearby) to New Westminster, oval PAID handstamp in blue denotes 2½ pence British Columbia government postage was paid during the stamp shortage of 1863, light wrinkles, nice appearance and scarce, Fine **Est. 500.00**



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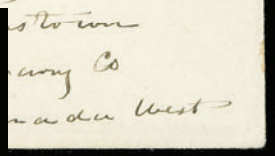
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- 453 ☒ Vancouver Island - Small envelope circa. 1864-1865 bearing mostly legible oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria, V.I. provisional handstamp frank in blue, paying a rare 5 cent Vancouver Island "drop" letter rate, sealed tear at top and some cover soiling, an unusual cover mailed locally within Victoria, Fine
Est. 250.00

- 454 ☒ Vancouver Island - Blue envelope, somewhat tatty along edges mailed from Nanaimo to Victoria, bearing light oval Post Office / Nanaimo / Vancouver Island (R. Lowe HS-6; very rare) provisional handstamp frank in red paying the 5 cent colonial postage, with pre-printed invoice of the Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company as enclosure, dated "9th Nov 1863", rare, Fine
Est. 400.00

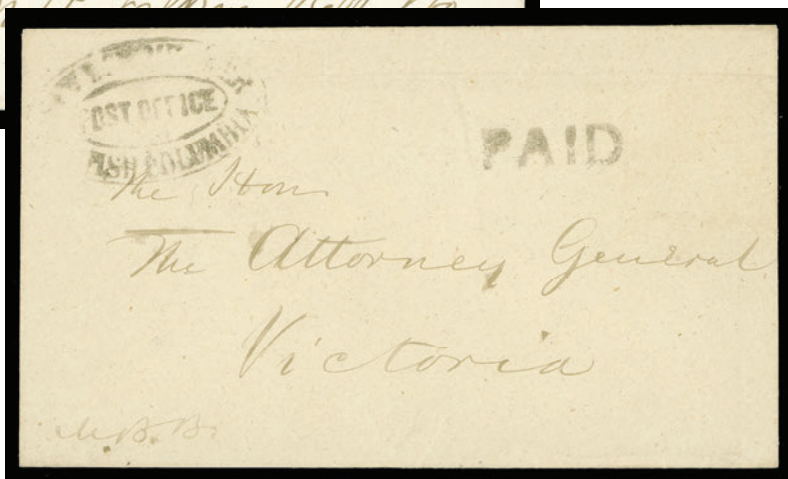
Very few Nanaimo franks exist and the ones we have seen are normally faulty.

- 455 ☒ Vancouver Island - Yellow envelope mailed from Victoria to Aylmer, Elgin County, Upper Canada, expertly restored at right, shows blurred print of large oval Post office PAID Victoria, Vancouver Island (R. Lowe HS-5) provisional frank in blue denotes 5 cent Vancouver Island postage was paid for outgoing mail, and U.S. 3c rose and 12c black (straight edge at left) franking cancelled at San Francisco, neat cogwheel and clear double ring JUN 8 1863 dispatch on front, paying 15c rate from California to Canada via Chicago; G.W.R. East, London, U.C. and Aylmer JU 29 backstamps, F-VF
Est. 1,500.00+



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- 456 ☒ Vancouver Island - Small envelope mailed from Victoria to Williamstown, Upper Canada, small tear at top left but in nice condition, bearing clear large oval Post office PAID Victoria, Vancouver Island (R. Lowe HS-5) provisional handstamp frank in blue for 5c colonial postage paid, U.S. 10c green, perf 12 (repaired corner) cancelled at San Francisco by superb cogwheel with clear double ring FEB 3 1865 dispatch alongside stamp, pays the reduced 10c postal rate from California to Canada; Hamilton MR 9, Lancaster MR 11 and Williamstown MR 11 (in red) backstamps. A pretty cover with very fine appearance **Est. 750.00+**
- 457 ☒ Vancouver Island - Incoming envelope mailed from Canada to Victoria, endorsed "via Aspinwall" (Panama) and San Francisco, two-line "CANADA / PAID 10Cts" handstamp in red, same-ink Paid / Quebec. L.C. double arc FE 27 1865 dispatch at left. Paid the newly reduced (from July 1, 1864) rate of 10 cent to Vancouver Island; scarce and choice, VF; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty) with his album page.* **Est. 750.00+**
- 458 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1859-1860 (circa.) Envelope mailed from New Westminster to Victoria, bearing mostly clear double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia (R. Lowe HS-8) provisional handstamp frank in black, denoting 2½ pence British Columbia government postage was paid, same-ink "PAID" at right. An unusual and rare use of this handstamp as it was generally used on Express covers until 1864 and later as a cancellation. A great cover for the specialist - the only provisional handstamp frank used outside Vancouver Island, VF; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty) 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 750.00+**



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- 459 ☒ Vancouver Island - Incoming mourning envelope from Quebec to Victoria, manuscript "15" decimal prepaid rate to California with italic "PAID" handstamp and Quebec JY 27 60 dispatch split ring in red; Montreal JY 28 transit backstamp, travelling via New York and overland to San Francisco and by steamer to British Columbia. Manuscript red "5" denotes charge for letter into colony; docketing "Received 5th Sept 1860" at left, minor ageing along edges, an attractive cover mailed to the colony of Vancouver Island, F-VF **Est. 350.00+**
- 460 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Incoming mourning envelope mailed from Quebec to New Westminster, manuscript "15" rate, italic "PAID" and Quebec OC 6 60 split ring in red, showing Montreal OC 7 transit and quite clear Mon. & Kings. GD. TRK. R.W. Post Office / No. 2 / A OCT 8 1860 railway cancel (Gray QC-190) on reverse, travelled overland from New York to San Francisco and then by steamer. An attractive prepaid stampless cover, VF **Est. 350.00+**
- 461 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Incoming mourning envelope mailed from Quebec to New Westminster, manuscript "15" decimal prepaid rate to California with italic "PAID" handstamp and Quebec MY 8 61 dispatch split ring in red, showing Montreal MY 9 transit and partial Windsor MY 17, via New York to San Francisco and by steamer to British Columbia, crayon "5" denoting charge for letter into colony. Docketing "Received 24 July 1861 / Ans'd 9 Augt 1861" at left, minor ageing at right. An attractive prepaid stampless cover, VF **Est. 350.00+**

Butterfield's Overland Mail ceased operations on February 21, 1861 (last run) due to the U.S. Civil War. This cover may have travelled via New York and Panama, before reaching San Francisco.



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- 462 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1863 (July 14) Small envelope from Toronto to New Westminster, franked with two 12½c green with faults but clearly tied by diamond shape grid cancellations of Toronto, faint, legible split ring dispatch at lower left; cover tear at left and missing backflap, a very scarce 25c rate cover (in effect January 1, 1862 to June 30, 1864). Most covers known are addressed to Vancouver Island Colony, only three are mailed to the Colony of British Columbia (Mainland) according to Arfken and Leggett census (Table 2; page 115), Fine (Unitrade 18) **Est. 750.00+**



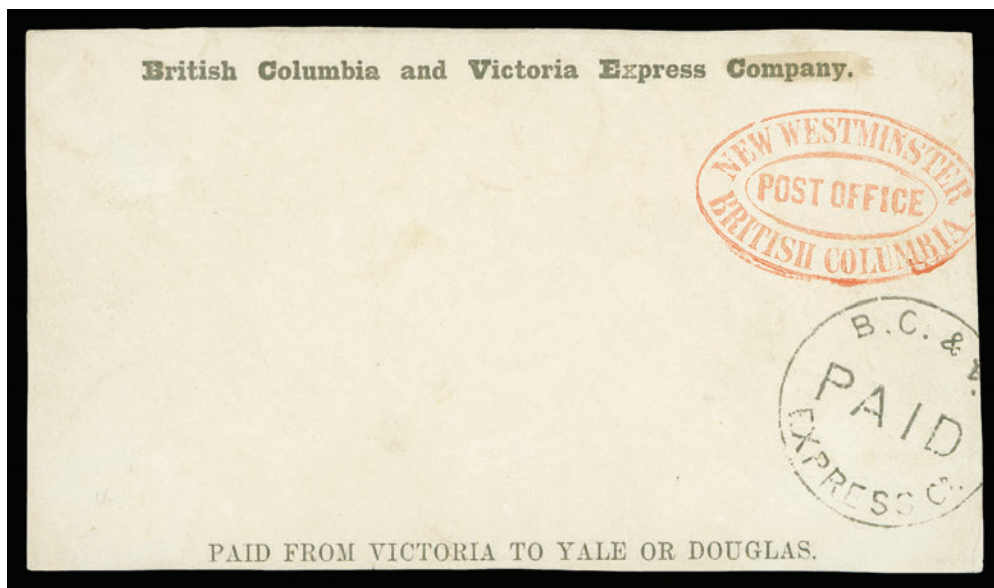
- 463 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Incoming mourning cover from Heidelberg, Baden (Germany) to New Westminster showing an impressive franking consisting of two 1kr black (one with crease), two 9kr brown (left stamp overlaps envelope) and the key 30kr deep orange (tiny tear) which is rarely seen used especially on cover, all perf 10 and nicely postmarked by double ring Heidelberg 31 JUL datestamps, boxed "P.D." just ties 30kr stamp, red crayon "1/2" and "42" markings and clear circular London PAID 2 AU 67 transit in red; Heidelberg-Basel 1 AUG 67 backstamp. A flimsy cover with edge tears and wrinkles, small repaired area at bottom and portion of backflap missing, nevertheless a very rare franking and destination combination with wonderful appeal, Fine appearance (Scott 19, 23, 25; catalogue value for 30kr US\$2,250; on cover US\$7,200) **Est. 2,500.00**

A similar mourning cover from the same correspondence dated May 1867 paying a 22kr rate (1kr, 3kr and two 9kr) in better condition than the cover offered here sold for US\$5,750 hammer in 2004.

- 464 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1863 (June 1) Small stampless blue envelope mailed prepaid from Plympton, Devon to H.P.P. Crease at New Westminster, clear dispatch CDS at lower left, London PAID JU 2 split ring transit in red and manuscript "1/2½" rate in red, small London blue CDS on reverse, docketing at right. An appealing and very scarce incoming cover, VF **Est. 300.00+**

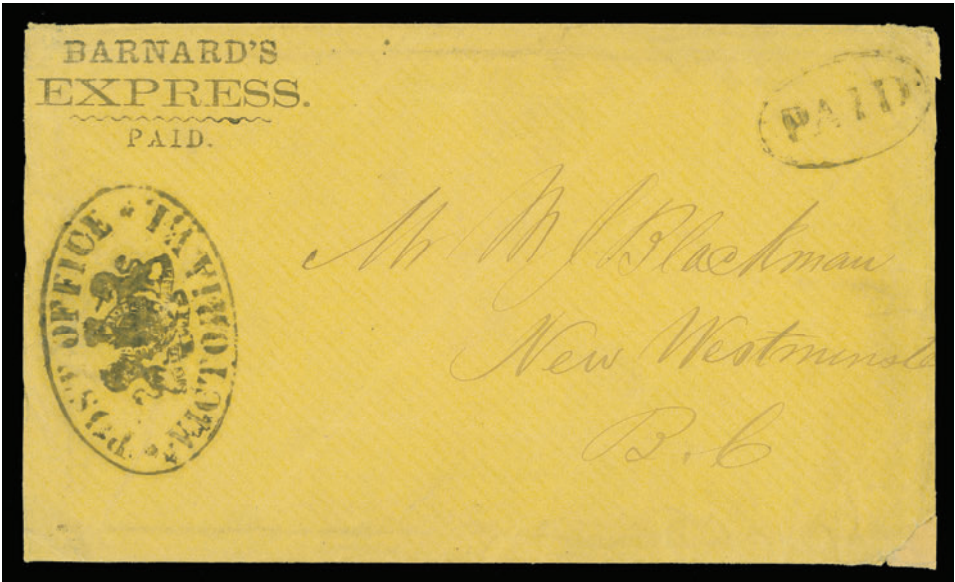


- 465 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; 1879 (November 3) Small incoming cover from Bognor, England to Miss O'Reilly, Victoria, bearing 1870 1/2p rose, plate 3, two pairs and a single, paying 2 1/2p rate tied by Bognor duplex grid cancels, Montreal NO 16 79 backstamp; backflap missing. A pretty and early UPU cover to British Columbia, F-VF **Est. 250.00+**



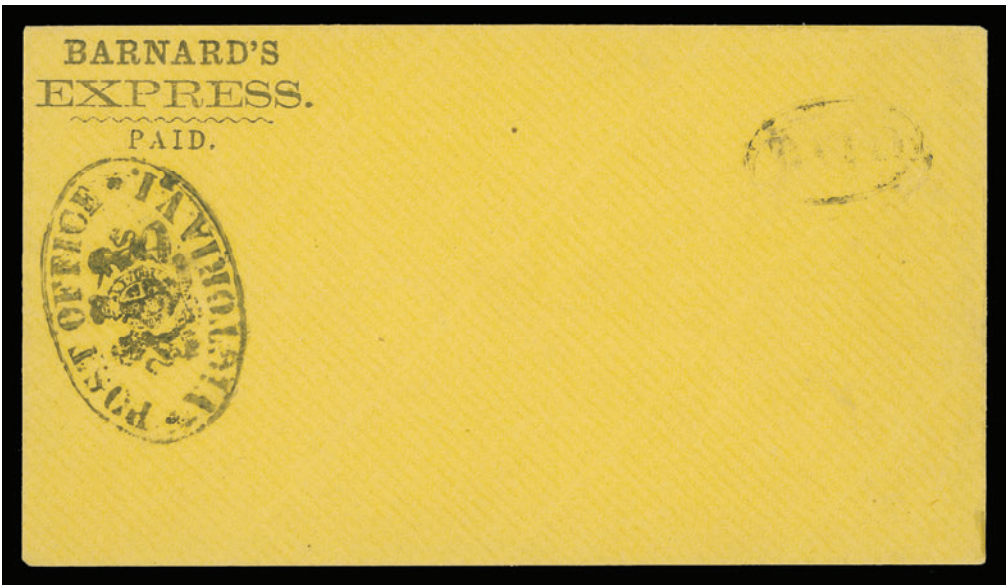
- 466 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - British Columbia and Victoria Express Company Paid from Victoria to Yale or Douglas front showing superb double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia provisional handstamp frank in red denoting 2 1/2 pence B.C. postage was paid, also B.C. & V / Paid / Express Co. in black (R. Lowe HS-8 and HS-28) the latter being very rare, this was Barnard's first handstamp used at their New Westminster office, VF **Est. 500.00+**

Barnard formed the British Columbia and Vancouver Express Co. in July 1862 to serve the Interior. It lasted only until March 1863, less than a year.



- 467 ☒ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - Barnard's / Express / Paid printed frank envelope, bearing a well-inked, complete oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria, V.I. (R. Lowe HS-4) provisional handstamp frank in black designate 5 cent Vancouver Island postage paid, same-ink oval PAID handstamp at top, small corner fault at foot mentioned for complete accuracy. A very rare and short-lived express cover, VF; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1030) with his album page.* **Est. 1,500.00+**

Francis Jones Barnard started his famous express in 1860, at first travelling alone several hundred miles round trip to Cariboo. On December 1st, 1861, Barnard bought out Jeffreys Express and on July 7, 1862 he merged into the British Columbia & Victoria Express Co. This type of express cover as a result were in use for only 7 months.



- 468 ☒ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - Barnard's / Express / Paid printed frank envelope, unused with gummed backflap, bearing a well struck and complete oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria, V.I. (R. Lowe HS-4) provisional handstamp frank in black, denoting 5 cent Vancouver Island postage was paid in advance and same-ink partial oval PAID handstamp at top left, a rarely seen express frank cover, VF **Est. 750.00+**

This printed frank envelope was short-lived, being in use for a maximum of only seven months. Used covers are very rare.



- 469 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Ballou's Fraser River Express B.C. printed "scroll" frank in black on white envelope, opening tears at top now sealed, addressed to Lillooet; very rare, F-VF

Est. 1,000.00+

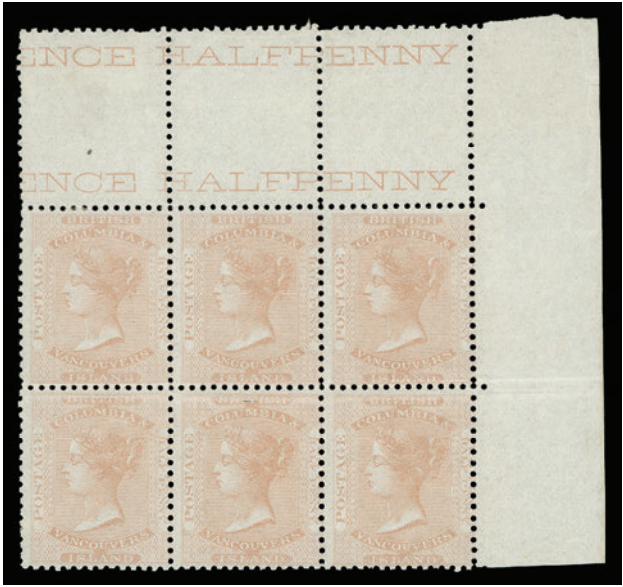


- 470 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Ballou's Fraser River Express B.C. printed "scroll" in black on complete dark orange envelope (not reduced), addressed to Victoria. Very rare and in noticeably superior condition to the few that still exist, VF

Est. 1,000.00+



- 471 ★ British Columbia & Vancouver Island, 1860 2½p dull rose, unwatermarked, an unused example, cut close but sound with nice colour, showing diagonal SPECIMEN handstamp in black, extremely rare with only four such examples known, Fine; a similar example in nicer condition realized \$7,500 hammer in our June 2012 auction (Unitrade 1) **Est. 3,500.00+**



- 472 ★ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - 1860 2½p dull rose, unwatermarked, perf 14, a remarkable mint positional block of six with exceptional colour, showing large part imprint in interpanneau gutter margin at top, bottom row with natural horizontal creasing, hinged on lower centre stamp and in selvedge leaving five stamps NEVER HINGED. A rare and desirable multiple originating from the 1929 "Mayfair" find, Fine centering as normally seen on this stamp. (Unitrade 2; catalogue value \$6,000 for hinged singles) *ex. Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; Lot 568)* **Est. 3,000.00+**



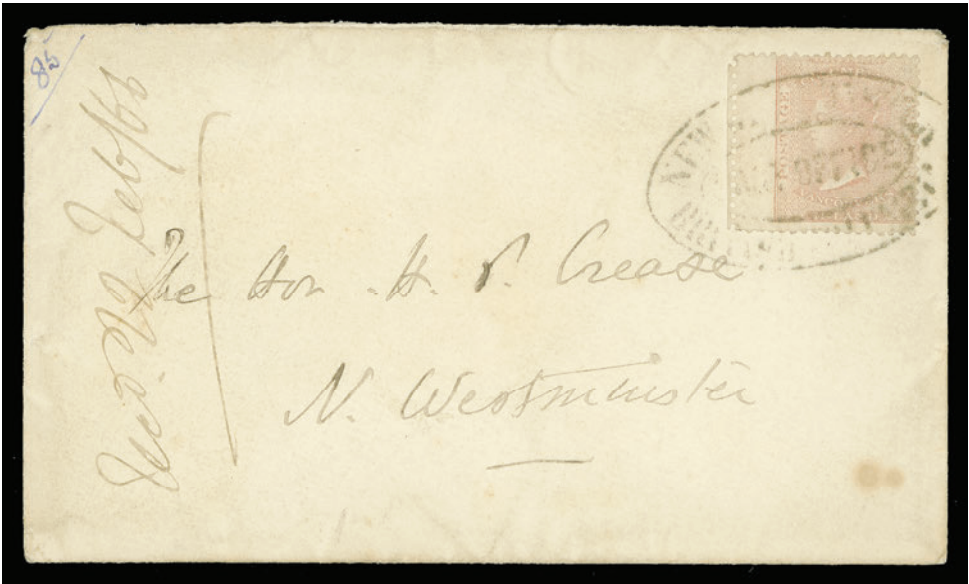
- 473 ★ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - 1860 2½p dull rose, unwatermarked, perf 14, a fabulous, well centered mint block of six, wing margin at right, minor perf separation sensibly strengthened by small hinges, exceptionally fresh and with full original gum, relatively lightly hinged. A remarkable multiple in excellent state of preservation, purchased by owner in 1954 and kept in his collection for sixty years, VF OG (Unitrade 2; catalogue value \$6,000) *ex. "Mayfair" Find (1929)* **Est. 2,500.00**



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- 474 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1860 2½p dull rose (shades), perf 14, four used examples - one with portion of Coat of Arms handstamp frank in black, two showing left and right portions of large oval Post Office / Paid / Victoria, Vancouver Island handstamp in blue (both lightly creased). Also a single with blue oval Collect cancellation from Wells, Fargo in Victoria, Fine (Unitrade 2)
(Illustrated on Website) **Est. 250.00**
- 475 ☒ Vancouver Island - Undated (circa. 1863) small envelope franked with an unusually well centered 2½p paying the 5c Vancouver Island colonial postage, minor gum staining along left perfs, tied by superb large oval Post Office / Paid / Victoria Vancouver Island handstamp in blue (R. Lowe HS-5), addressed locally. A rare drop letter rate cover, F-VF (Unitrade 2) **Est. 1,500.00+**
- 476 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, nicely tied by large oval Post Office / PAID / Victoria, Vancouver Island cancellation in blue on cover fragment, undated (circa. 1863) and addressed locally; some creasing away from postage stamp, a rare example of the 2½p stamp paying a "drop" letter rate, Fine (Unitrade 2) ex. *Gerald Wellburn with his original album page.*
(Illustrated on Website) **Est. 350.00+**
- 477 ☒ Vancouver Island - Undated (circa. 1863-1864) envelope franked with 2½p dull rose, perf 14 tied by oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria V.I. (R. Lowe HS-4) handstamped frank in blue, mailed to Nanaimo, the only other post office on the island at the time; couple tears at top away from marking and stamp. An exceedingly rare usage of the 2½p stamp paying the 5c rate within V.I., Fine (Unitrade 2) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 2,500.00+**

Wellburn stated: "This is the only recorded example of the 2½d B.C. and V.I. stamp used to pay internal V.I. postage." This rather surprising observation prompted us to do some further investigation. We were able to find only one other such cover bearing this stamp, albeit a pair on a double weight cover mailed from Victoria to Nanaimo (ex. *Warren Wilkinson*). The cover offered here is from the G.P. Bainbridge collection, described as "a much-prized cover" in his 1929 article (no. 13 in the article)



- 478 ☒ Vancouver Island - 1866 (February) Envelope franked with 2½p dull rose, perf 14 wing margin at left, provisionally used from Victoria, cancelled on arrival with double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia handstamp in black (R. Lowe HS-8), docketing "Recd 22 Feb / 66" at left, overall light soiling to cover. An unusual provisional usage of the 2½p stamp from Victoria when the 3p British Columbia stamp was issued in 1865 on the Mainland and the 5 cent & 10c blue were issued in September of 1865 on Vancouver Island; a rare cover, Fine (Unitrade 2) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1992) with his album page.*
Est. 1,500.00+



- 479 ☒ Vancouver Island - Undated (circa. 1863-1864) Small envelope mailed from Nanaimo to New Westminster franked with a brilliant, fresh 2½p dull rose, perf 14 pen cancelled at origin and additionally postmarked with mostly clear, complete oval Post Office / Nanaimo / Vancouver Island handstamp in red (R. Lowe HS-6 - very rare), stamp further tied in transit by grid '35' cancel in blue, small cover tear at top very far from postal markings and stamp, pencil notation on reverse by GPB (Bainbridge). A beautiful and desirable cover, VF (Unitrade 2) ex. *G.P. Bainbridge, (Cover no. 19 in his postal history article written in 1929), Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1992) with his album page.*
Est. 2,000.00+

Wellburn stated: "This is the only cover in this collection with numeral '35' cancelling a 2½d stamp, although '35' is the commonest of all cancellations on later B.C. Colonial stamps!"



- 480 Vancouver Island - Yellow envelope mailed from Nanaimo to New Westminster, slightly reduced at right, bearing vertical pair of 2½p dull rose, perf 14 provisionally used as 10 cent and placed sideways with left stamp tied by very clear oval Post Office / Nanaimo / Vancouver Island handstamp in red (R. Lowe HS-6 - very rare); both stamps further tied at receiving office - New Westminster by grid 'I' cancels in black, docketing "Received & answered May 9 / 63" at left; pencil notation by G.P. (Bainbridge) on reverse. A remarkable cover with wonderful appeal, VF; 1988 Greene Foundation cert. (Unitrade 2) ex. G.P. Bainbridge (cover no. 18 in his postal history article written in 1929), Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1091) with his album page. **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 481 British Columbia Mainland Colony - 2½p dull rose (shades), perf 14 selection of eight used examples, including double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia handstamp frank in black (two singles showing full strike) and in blue; three singles with oval PAID (one has additional grid 'I' cancel), one single with large portion of San Francisco CDS and another with San Francisco cogwheel and central grid 'I' cancel. A couple with minor flaws, otherwise sound and a very scarce group, Fine (Unitrade 2) **Est. 750.00+**



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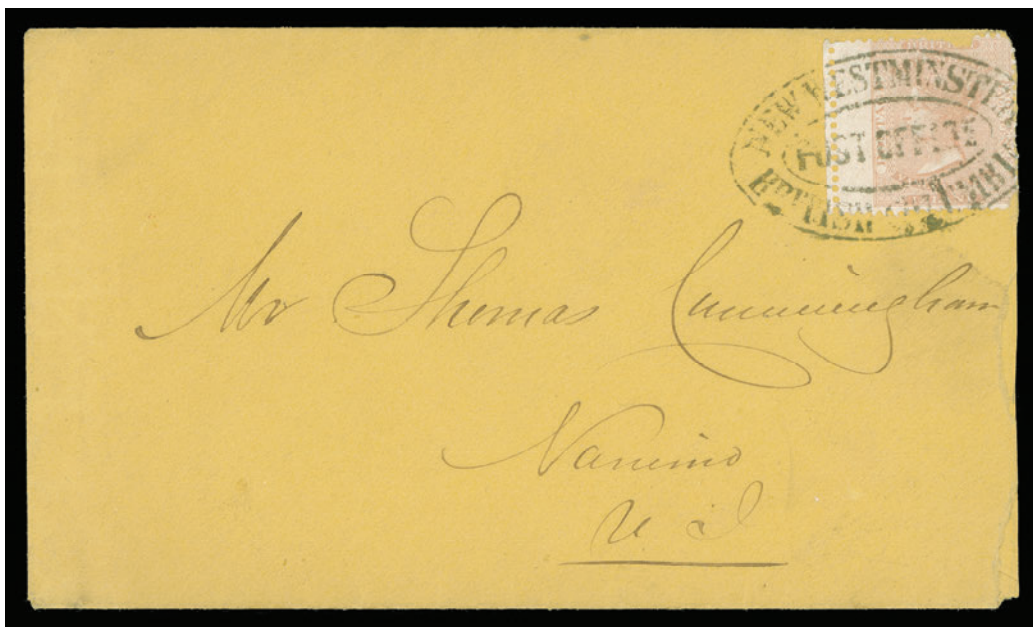
- 482 ☉ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, a fresh, choice example showing large portion of oval PAID (flat top to "A") handstamp in black from New Westminster, Fine+ with VF strike (Unitrade 2) **Est. 200.00+**
- 483 ☉ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1860 2½p pale dull rose, perf 14, fresh single with clear large portion of Dietz & Nelson's / Express / B.C. & V. (R. Lowe HS-29) double circle in blue, couple nibbed perfs, very scarce, Fine with VF strike (Unitrade 2) **Est. 200.00+**
- 484 ☉ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - 1860 2½p dull rose, perf 14, sound example showing large portion of oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia (R. Lowe HS-8) cancellation, very good centering / VF strike (Unitrade 2) **Est. 200.00+**




- 485 ☉ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Folded cover mailed from New Westminster to Victoria franked with wing margin 2½p dull rose, small perf faults at top cancelled by superb grid '1' cancel in black; showing docketing "Rcd 27 June 1862" at left. A rare cover, Fine (Unitrade 2) ex. Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; part of Lot 571) **Est. 750.00**



- 486  British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1863 (January 22) Blue folded cover mailed from New Westminster to Victoria, franked with 2½p dull rose perf 14, fresh and nicely tied by grid '1' cancel in black, showing double ring General Post Office / British Columbia JAN 22 1863 (R. Lowe HS-10) rarely seen applied to front of the cover. Cover has sealed tear at foot, a striking item, Fine (Unitrade 2) ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page. **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 487  British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1865 (March 2) Orange envelope mailed from New Westminster to Nanaimo, bearing wing margin 2½p dull rose, some perf faults but well struck by nearly complete double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia in black (R. Lowe HS-8) and shows quite clear General Post Office / British Columbia double ring datestamp in black (R. Lowe HS-10) on reverse. An attractive and very scarce cancelled cover, Fine with VF strikes (Unitrade 2) **Est. 1,000.00+**

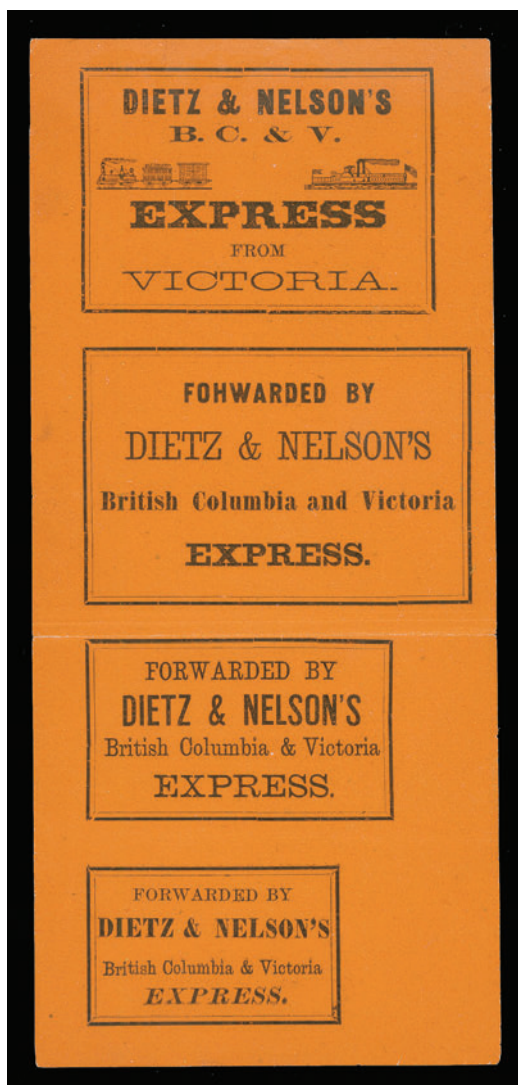


- 488 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Envelope mailed from the Interior to Tilsonburg, Upper Canada, shows Bernard's Cariboo Express label affixed and subsequently covered by U.S. 3c & 12c stamps affixed in San Francisco, the rate from California to Canada being 15c; cancelled by cogwheel with necessary 2½p dull rose pair paying the 5p B.C. postage, tied by clear San Francisco FEB 3 1863 transit datestamp and large oval Post Office / Paid / Victoria Vancouver Island provisional handstamp frank in blue denoting 5 cent colonial postage was paid on outgoing mail. Cover overall aged and somewhat tatty but a very rare franking and routing, Fine appearance (Unitrade 2) ex. *Marjory Harris, Sissons, Sale 212, October 1962; Lot 48 - where it realized \$260; the highest realization among the 137 lots in this important British Columbia sale.* **Est. 2,000.00+**

By 1863 the Butterfield Overland Mail Route was closed - it ran through areas sympathetic to the Confederate cause in the U.S. Civil War. The mail was normally carried by stagecoach on the Overland Stage route, but this route was closed east of Salt Lake City early in 1863 because US troops guarding the route were withdrawn for duty east in the Civil War and mail was sent via Panama for a few months.



- 489 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1865 (January) Envelope mailed from William's Creek to Acton, Upper Canada, bearing pair and single 2½p dull rose, some restoration at right, cover soiling and sealed tears; pays 9p rate from the Interior to Victoria, grid '10' cancelled and bold PAID handstamp in black, manuscript "10cts" in red, oval U.S. 10cts PAID in red denoting postage was paid and San Francisco FEB 3 1865 transit datestamp; GPO / British Columbia 19 JAN transit, Hamilton MR 9 and Acton MR 10 arrival backstamps, Fine appearance and rare (Unitrade 2) **Est. 750.00**



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- 490 ★ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - 1864-1867 Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia & Vancouver Island, complete setting of four different express label adhesives printed in black on dark orange surface wove paper, crease between second and third labels; very rare as only three intact sheets are known (one of which resides in the Tapling Collection, British Library). The only sheet is faulty (*ex. Dale-Lichtenstein 2004 sale*). The sheet offered here originated from the famous Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1109) and Ferrary (sold during the 1920s) collections. The finer of the two known sheets in private hands and a most appealing sheet destined for a gold medal collection, VF **Est. 5,000.00+**
- 491 ★ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - 1864-1867 Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia & Vancouver Island, the complete set of four express label adhesives printed in black on dark orange surfaced wove paper, ungummed as issued and all in sound condition. Extremely rare - only three unsevered sheets of four exist, one of which resides at the British Library). A desirable set, VF **Est. 3,000.00**
- 492 ◎ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 2½p dull rose perf 14, two examples with portion of Barnard's Cariboo Express "BXR" intaglio in shield, used at Richfield 1864-1865. Fine and rare (Unitrade 2), also 3c vermilion Small Queen with fake BXR cancel. (*Illustrated on Website*) **Est. 200.00+**

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mainland Colony

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS LABELS

1862 - '64

Type 1



Type 2



Type 3



1864 - '65

Type 4'a



Type 4'b



Type 5



These labels were printed locally.

- 493 © British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1862-1865 Barnard's Cariboo Express adhesive labels, a rare assembly of six "PAID" and four "COLLECT" labels, all different types; four are uncanceled, others with mostly oval PAID cancels. Most with usual paper flaws and faults associated with these surface printed labels, an excellent opportunity to acquire this a seldom seen group, Fine (Identified by types according to Henry Hitt and Wellburn article in Stamp Specialist Black Book published in 1945) ex. *Gerald Wellburn* (October 1988; all labels except for the Type 5 originated from Lot 1114 and 1115)

Est. 1,500.00+



- 494 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1863) yellow envelope addressed to "Lyttton or Yale" bearing Barnard's Cariboo Express PAID adhesive label (Type 1) uncanceled, manuscript "Per express Paid" denoting colonial postage was paid; opening tears at top just affects corner of the adhesive, nevertheless a scarce cover, Fine appearance **Est. 500.00**



- 495 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1863) envelope mailed from the Interior to Victoria, franked Barnard's Cariboo Express Paid adhesive label (Type 1) - an early usage without postage stamp or postal frank; light creasing, tied by oval PAID with second strike at left applied by Dietz & Nelson's BC & Victoria Express denoting 2½p colonial postage paid by cash. After June 1864 it became compulsory to affix a stamp on all express covers. A rare cancelled express label usage on cover, Fine; ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1116) with his album page. **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 496 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1863 or early 1864) Paste-up envelope bearing Barnard's Cariboo Express Collect adhesive label, uncanceled and addressed to William's Creek, Cariboo, very scarce, Fine; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1124), Tom Fleming (June 2007; Lot 2692)* **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 497 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1864) envelope mailed from Barkerville to Victoria showing straightline BARKERVILLE (R. Lowe HS-26) and double ring Barnard's Express (R. Lowe HS-22) at left and oval PAID in black all applied at origin, carried by Barnard's Express to Yale, then on to Victoria by Dietz & Nelson's Express, bearing pair of 2½p dull rose, perf 14 provisionally used as 3p (6p rate) for colonial postage, tied by large double ring express cancellation in blue (R. Lowe HS-29). A fabulous and important cover with great visual appeal, VF (Unitrade 2) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1106)* **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 498 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1864 or 1865) envelope mailed from the Interior to New Westminster bearing single Barnard's Cariboo Express Paid adhesive label (Type 4), small area of discoloration but sound, also 2½p dull rose wing margin pair faulty from opening at top, provisionally used as 3p paying the required 6p colonial postage, stamps and label unusually tied by large double ring Dietz & Nelson's Express cancel in blue (R. Lowe HS-29). Despite opening faults at top this is a particularly rare combination of express label and postage stamp on cover, Fine appearance; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 499 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (early 1868) Barnard's British Columbia Express "scroll" printed frank envelope with imprint "VICTORIA AND NEW WESTMINSTER" below, bearing 2½p rose perf 14 clipped at left and lightly creased but tied by light double ring Barnard's / Express cancel in blue, a sound example of Barnard's Cariboo Express Paid adhesive label (Type 5) affixed and ink smeared (apparently after the Carnegie sale), pasted-up to stampless Cunningham cover to Victoria with oval PAID handstamp in blue and manuscript "opened by Greenbaum by mistake". Visually striking and very scarce, F-VF; ex. *Carnegie Institute (Part I, May 1980; Lot 180)* **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 500 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1865 (April) Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia & Victoria Express "scroll" printed frank on white unaddressed envelope with original paste-up envelope addressed to "Camp" (Royal Engineers) New Westminster, dated "22 / 4 / 65" at left, two 2½p dull rose provisionally used as 3p for the 6p colonial rate; one stamp faulty from opening and both clearly struck by double ring Dietz & Nelson's Express cancel in blue (R. Lowe HS-23). A rare intact Express paste-up cover, quite striking, very few have survived, F-VF (Unitrade 2) ex. *Gerald Wellburn* (October 1988; Lot 1107) with his album page. **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 501 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (1865) envelope mailed from San Francisco to French Creek - remarkably carried by three companies: Wells Fargo & Co with blue oval PAID and NOV 3 datestamp in blue to Victoria, by Dietz & Nelson from Victoria to Yale franked with pair of 2½p rose perf 14 (fault at lower left occurred prior to usage), tied by double ring express cancel in blue (R. Lowe HS-29), same-ink oval COLLECT ties lower left side of pair; finally carried by Barnard's Express from Yale to French Creek showing double ring Barnard's / Express (R. Lowe HS-22) in red - a very rare coloured cancellation, same ink oval COLLECT at right. The 2½p pair was used provisionally to pay the 6p colonial postage rate from Victoria to French Creek. Certainly a most visually striking and desirable cover carried by no less than THREE different express companies, VF (Unitrade 2) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1104)* **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 502 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Unusual triple express frank cover; Dietz & Nelsons, Wells, Fargo & Co and Barnard's Express Columbia River via Yale, B.C. printed franks on Nesbitt U.S. 3c rose white entire, light foxing. A very scarce envelope that was used for the short-lived mail contract to Columbia River between July 1 and November 30, 1866, F-VF **Est. 750.00**



- 503 P Vancouver Island - 1865 10c Queen Victoria, large die proof typographed in black on thick white surfaced card measuring 93 x 60mm, "Mar, 10, 1865" date handstamp at top left, numbered "7189" and initialed by pen, light edge soiling; very rare as only one other die proof dated March 10 1865 (numbered "7190") has been reported, VF (Unitrade 4) ex. *British Columbia sale, Gibbons, July 1966; Lot 8* **Est. 2,500.00+**



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- 504 ★ Vancouver Island - 1865 5c rose, perf 14, an impressive mint block with current number "28", faulty lower left corner, small thin in margin only; stamps with large part OG, clean hinge remnants. An extremely rare mint block, especially with the plate number, very appealing and ideal for exhibition, Fine OG (Unitrade 5) **Est. 2,000.00+**

Provenance: Dr. L. Reford, Part One, Harmer, Rooke & Co., Feb. 1950; Lot 25
Gerald Wellburn, Eaton & Sons, Oct. 1988, part of Lot 1166

- 505 ⊙ Vancouver Island - 1865 5c rose, perf 14 block of four centrally struck by oval Wells, Fargo & Co / JAN 7 / San Francisco datestamp in blue, tiny tear on top left stamp, perf separations strengthened by hinges, an extremely rare used block (according to Wellburn only one other exists), Fine (Unitrade 5) ex. *Dr. Lewis L. Reford, Part One, February 1950; Lot 26, Gerald Wellburn, October 1988; Lot 1221* **Est. 1,000.00+**



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- 506 ★ Vancouver Island - 1865 10c blue, perf 14, an exceptionally fresh mint block with wing margin, intact perforations and with full dull white original gum, relatively lightly hinged. A post office fresh and very scarce mint block of four, Fine centering for this issue. (Unitrade 6) *ex. Dr. Lewis Reford (February 1950; Lot 28), Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; Lot 601)* **Est. 1,500.00+**
- 507 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1865 5c rose, imperforate used single, irregularly cut as often seen with this stamp, various faults not readily apparent from the front, grid '35' cancel in blue; a collectable example of this valuable stamp, Fine appearance (Unitrade 3; catalogue value \$5,000 for fine) **Est. 750.00**
- 508 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1865 10c blue, imperforate pair on small piece, barely touching frameline at sides and just into design at foot, cancelled by large oval Post Office / PAID / Victoria (Vancouver Island) in blue, striking and scarce, Fine (Unitrade 4) **Est. 500.00**
- 509 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1865 10c blue, imperforate, well clear to very large margins, couple light corner creases, bright colour and showing small portion of London red receiver at left and part large oval Post Office / PAID Victoria Vancouver Island cancellation in blue, VF appearance (Unitrade 4) **Est. 600.00**
- 510 ★ Vancouver Island - 1865 5c rose (shades), perf 14, a nice selection mounted on Wellburn's album page, including three mint OG and two unused, also two horizontal pairs with OG, shades range from dull to dark rose. One with faults, all others are sound, very good to fine (Unitrade 5) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; part of Lot 1166)* (Illustrated on Website) **Est. 750.00+**



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- 511 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1865 5c rose, perf 14, single nicely tied by complete strike of General Post Office / British Columbia 2 JULY 1868 (R. Lowe HS-10) in black cancelled at New Westminster - unusual as this datestamp was normally employed as a transit or dispatch cancelled on the reverse of the cover, Fine stamp with VF strike (Unitrade 5) **Est. 300.00+**
- 512 ☉ Vancouver Island - 1865 5c rose, perf 14, the elusive INVERTED watermark, segmented cork cancel and clear grid '35' cancel in blue, scarce, Fine (Unitrade 5 variety; Gibbons 13w £900) **Est. 600.00+**

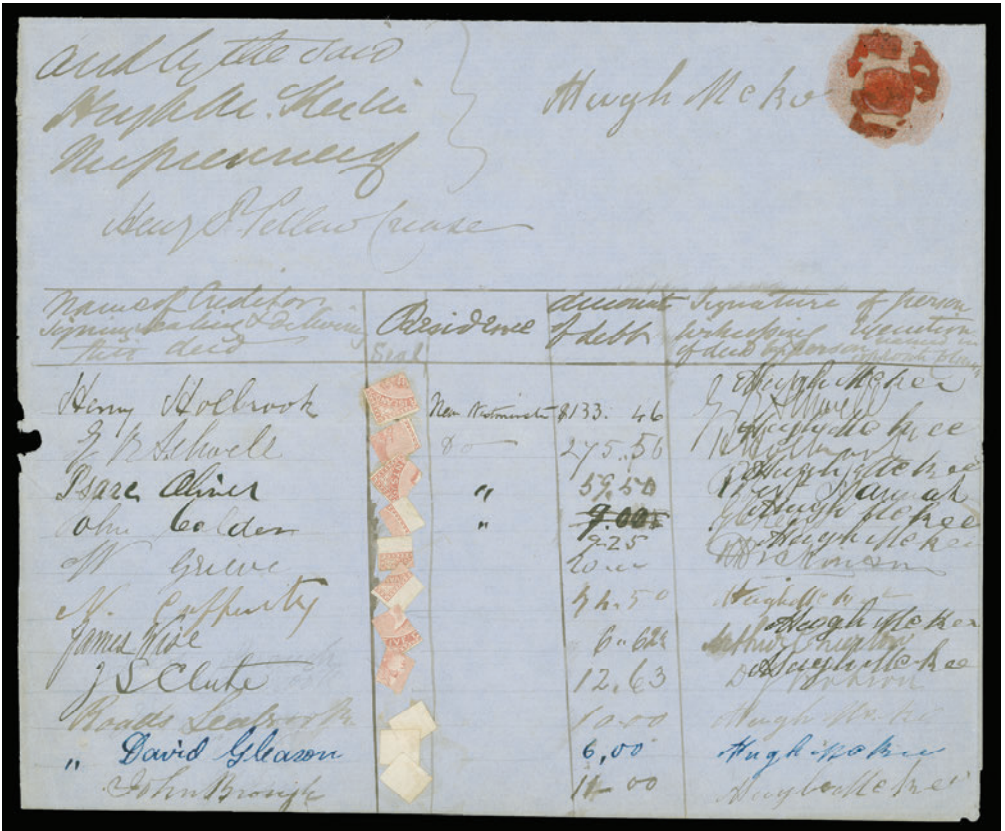


- 513 ☒ Vancouver Island - Choice cover mailed from Victoria to H.P. Crease at New Westminster bearing two slightly overlapping 5c rose perf 14, amazingly rich colour, centered a bit low, and clearly tied by neat large oval Post Office / PAID / Victoria Vancouver Island cancellation in blue; no backstamp, paying double letter rate. An unusually clean cover paying a very scarce double weight letter, VF (Unitrade 5) ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1180) **Est. 1,250.00+**



- 514 ☒ Vancouver Island - Undated (circa. 1865-1866) Wells, Fargo & Co. express printed frank in black on 3c pink entire mailed from Victoria to Sacramento; 5c rose, perf 14 denoting colonial postage was paid for outgoing mail, U.S. 2c "Black Jack" & 1863 5c brown affixed for the 10c rate, U.S. stamps tied by oval Wells, Fargo & Co. / NOV 30 / Victoria datestamp in blue (R. Lowe HS-34). Small stain just touching V.I. stamp, otherwise in excellent state of preservation. A rare and colourful franking, VF (Unitrade 5) **Est. 5,000.00+**

The Wells Fargo envelope with the 10c green die were in use in Victoria by early 1867.



- 515 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Vancouver Island 1865 5c rose imperforate, right sheet margin example cut up in thirteen pieces and used as seals on a document at New Westminster (circa. 1867). A most unusual and interesting usage of a (rare) stamp on document, Fine (Unitrade 3) ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1163) with his album page. **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 516 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (circa. 1867-1868) small clean envelope franked with 5c rose, perf 14 tied by long oval Post Office / PAID / Vancouver Island cancellation (R. Lowe HS-5) in green (very scarce); pays the local drop letter rate - addressee "Victoria, B.C." in place of old colonial form "Victoria, V.I." A pretty cover, VF (Unitrade 5) ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page. **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 517 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1867 (January 24) Flimsy envelope mailed from New Westminster to Victoria, bearing 5c rose perf 14, trivial perf flaws and crease from placement, tied by superb double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia (R. Lowe HS-8) cancel in blue with same-ink GPO / British Columbia double ring 24 JAN 1867 (R. Lowe HS-10) datestamp on reverse; couple small tears at foot, otherwise nice with a remarkably clear and well struck cancellation, Fine (Unitrade 5) **Est. 500.00+**



- 518 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1868 (April) Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 10c green white entire franked with 5c rose, perf 14, clipped right wing margin, tied by neat grid '35' cancel in blue; 10c green cancelled by oval Wells, Fargo & Co. / APR 8 / Victoria cancel in blue, addressed to San Francisco, docketing dispatch and arrival dates at left; 5c V.I. stamp paid letter rate leaving the colony and U.S. 10c paid the rate to California. A gorgeous cover in choice condition and with great eye-appeal, VF (Unitrade 5) **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 519 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (circa. 1867) Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 10c green buff entire, roughly opened at top, franked with single 5c rose, perf 14 nicely tied by double oval PAID handstamp in blue, mailed from Victoria to Nanaimo. According to Wellburn: "Unique example of an express letter between two towns on Vancouver Island". A most intriguing item mailed to two different locations, Fine (Unitrade 5) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 520 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (1867) Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 10c green paste-up envelope without addressee, bearing 5c rose, perf 14 tied by oval Post Office "Coat of Arms" Victoria, V.I. (R. Lowe HS-4) cancellation in blue, further franked with U.S. 2c "Black Jack" and 1861 12c black tied by segmented cork cancels; 5c stamp paid British Columbia government postage on outgoing mail and 24 cent U.S. postage paid rate from California to the U.K.; light New York / Paid 19 circular datestamp in red on front, denoting postage (19c) was paid from New York to U.K. Envelope has some light soiling and a central fold, a rare dual franking express cover to the U.K., Fine (Unitrade 5) **Est. 2,500.00+**

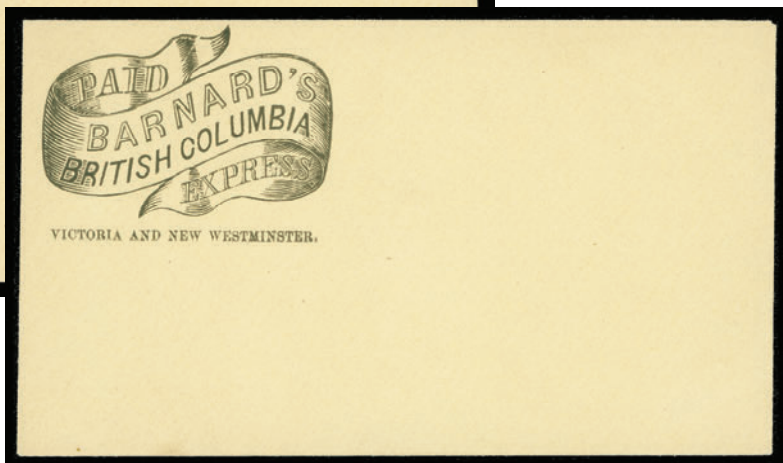
This paste-up express envelope was mailed in 1867 as the Wells, Fargo 10c denomination entire was not available in British Columbia until early 1867; on January 1st, 1868, the newly issued British Columbia colonial stamps were valid for the 25c rate from Victoria to U.K. the U.S.



- 521 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1868 (October 24) A spectacular and very unusual display of three U.S. 3c pink entires cut and pasted together to make up the triple letter and express rate (three times 3c per half ounce), mailed from San Francisco to Victoria, franked with strip of three 5c rose, perf 14 paying British Columbia postage on incoming mail; all stamps tied by Well, Fargo & Co. / OCT 24 / San Francisco oval cancellations in blue. Addressed side of envelope has been expertly restored at right; an outstanding triple weight express cover of high caliber, F-VF (Untrade 5) ex. *Gerald Wellburn* (October 1988; Lot 1222) with his original album page. **Est. 3,500.00+**



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- 522 ☒ British Columbia & Vancouver Island - Dietz & Nelsons Express "scroll" frank in black on buff envelope from mid-1860s, unused without postage, with gummed backflap, VF **Est. 200.00**



- 523 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (circa. 1867) Dietz & Nelsons British Columbia & Victoria "scroll" printed frank envelope with original paste-up envelope affixed on reverse addressed to Alex Allan Barkerville, Williams Creek, Cariboo; backstamped with light Barnard's / Express double ring (R. Lowe HS-22). Express envelope franked with Barnard's Caribook Express Paid adhesive label (Type 3) cancelled by straightline "YALE" (R. Lowe HS-26) in black and franked with single 5c rose, perf 14 tied by Post Office "Arms" Victoria cancel in blue (R. Lowe HS-4) paying British Columbia government postage. Both covers with some edge wear and soiling, a rare intact paste-up express cover showing two different express company franks, Fine (Unitrade 5) ex. *G.P. Bainbridge* (cover no. 32 annotated in his 1929 article), *Gerald Wellburn* (October 1988; Lot 1204) with his album page. **Est. 1,500.00+**

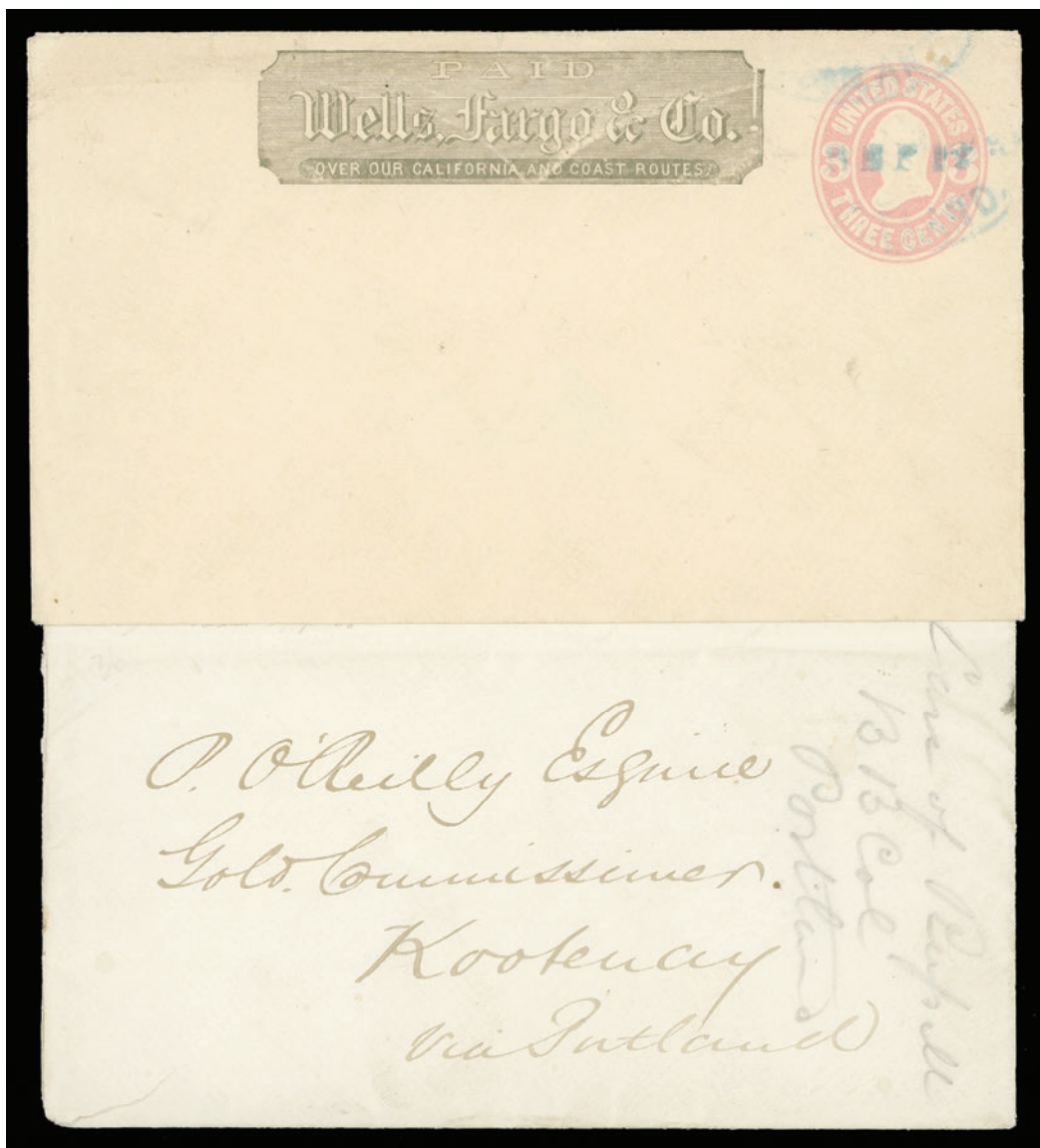
- 524 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Barnard's British Colombia Express "scroll" frank in black on amber envelope with "Victoria and New Westminster." below, unused with gummed backflap. In December 1867 Barnard's Express absorbed Dietz & Nelson's Express, announcing a reduction in express rates and new printed frank envelopes. Choice and VF; ex. *Gerald Wellburn* with his album page. **Est. 250.00+**



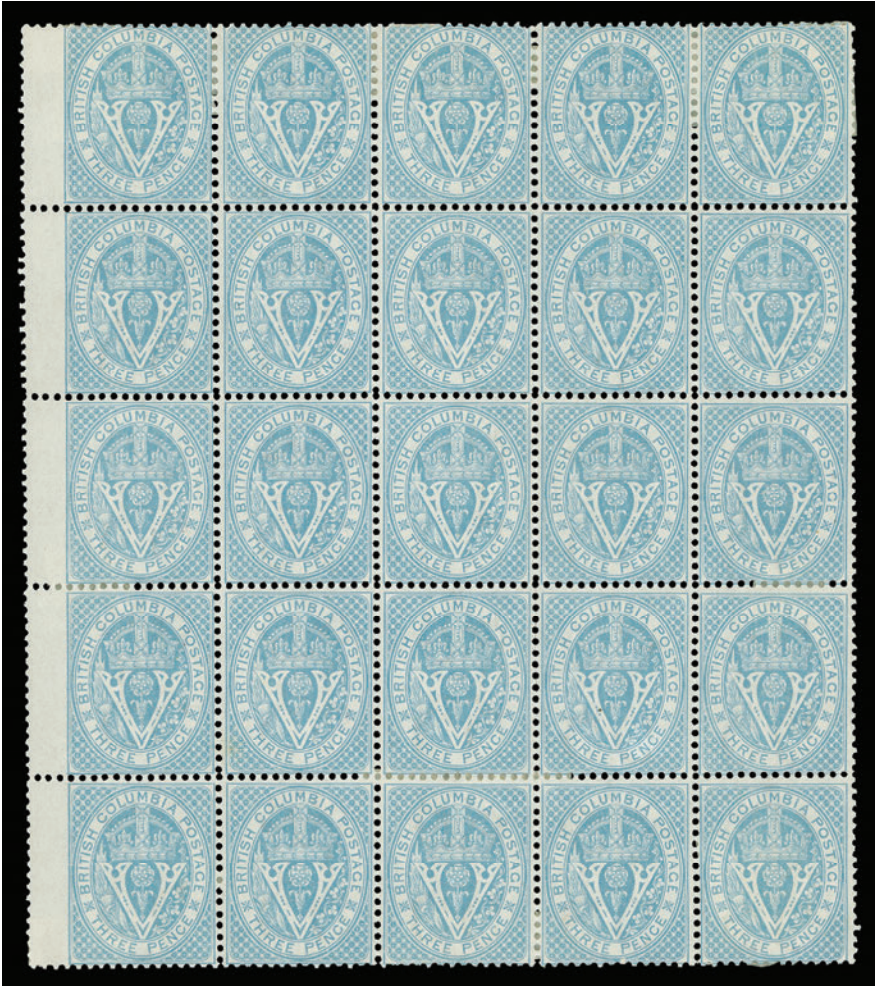
- 525 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Small envelope mailed from the Cariboo - William's Creek to Victoria, paying the 25c rate from the Interior to Vancouver Island, bearing pair of 10c blue and single 5c rose perf 14, latter with clipped perfs at right, cancelled by grid '10' numerals in black, partially clear General Post Office / British Columbia 19 OCT (R. Lowe HS-10) with illegible year date (1867 or 1868) in blue on reverse; cover with light soiling, couple light creases and edge tear at right, still a very rare 25c franking of Vancouver Island stamps paying the single letter rate within British Columbia, Fine (Unitrade 5, 6) **Est. 2,000.00+**



- 526 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1868 (November 21) Clean envelope mailed from Victoria to Glasgow, Scotland, franked with 5c rose and pair of 10c blue, perf 14, latter clipped at left, fresh and tied by complete, clear large oval Post Office / PAID / Victoria Vancouver Island (R. Lowe HS-5) cancellation in blue, Victoria B.C. NOV 21 1868 dispatch CDS at left and clear London PAID 4 JA 69 transit datestamp in red on front, Glasgow JA 4 69 arrival backstamp; tear on backflap only and cover slightly reduced at left, a beautifully franked and rare 25c letter rate to the U.K., very few such covers exist and this one ranks among the finest, VF (Unitrade 5, 6) ex. C.W. Mackie, H.R. Harmer Ltd, London, April 1962; Lot 38 **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 527 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Envelope carried by favour (1865) to the Bank of British Columbia in Portland, Oregon where it was pasted on a Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank U.S. 3c pink buff entire, cancelled in Portland and delivered to Peter O'Reilly in Kootenay during Wild Horse Creek gold rush; envelope has horizontal crease at top. An interesting routed intact express / letter to Kootenay, F-VF; ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1047) with his album page. **Est. 750.00+**



- 528 ★ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1865 3p light blue, first printing, perf 14, a spectacular mint block of twenty-five stamps showing wing margin at left in this distinctive and scarcer shade, which is rarely seen in a multiple larger than a block of four. This block is by far the largest known multiple, supported by hinges in places, the entire second row and three from the third row are NEVER HINGED. An outstanding block ideal for exhibition, Fine+ OG / NH (Unitrade 7a; catalogue value \$6,000 for fine mint OG singles; no premium added for NH) **Est. 3,500.00+**

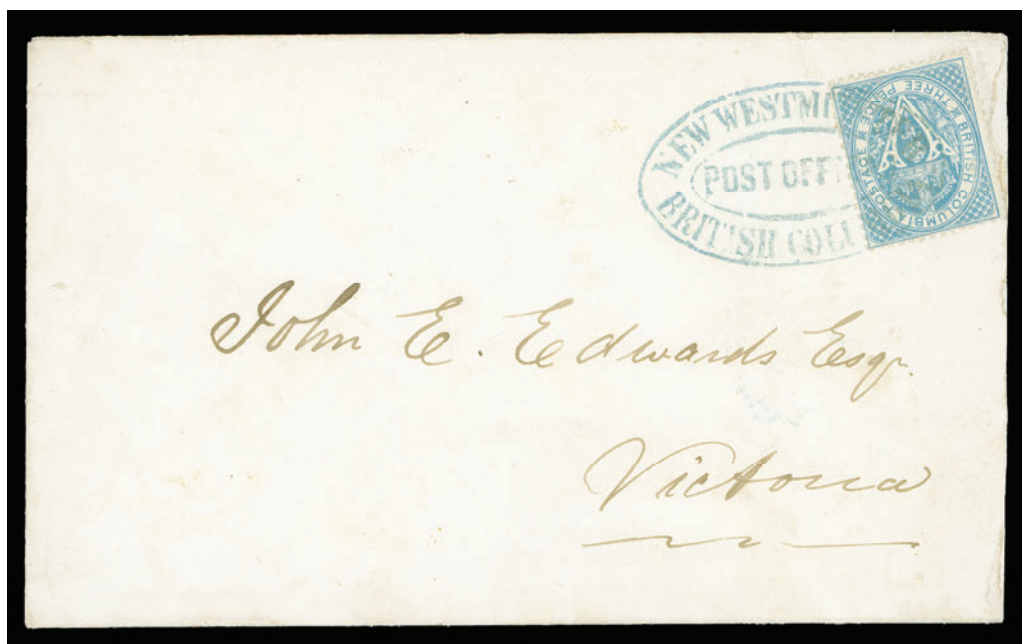


- 529 ★ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1865 3p light blue, perf 14, a fresh left wing margin mint block, hinge supports, large part OG; a scarce block, Fine (Unitrade 7a) **960.00**



- 530 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1866 (August 18) Flimsy envelope with right backflap opened for display, franked with 3p light blue, perf 14 tied by clear double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia (R. Lowe HS-8) in RED (a rare, short-lived coloured cancel) with same-ink double ring GPO / British Columbia 18 AUG 1866 datestamp on side flap to Victoria, docketing "Recd Aug 22 / 66" at left; minor edge wrinkling to cover, an appealing and clearly cancelled cover, very few exist postmarked in red ink, F-VF (Unitrade 7a) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1993) with his album page.*

Est. 750.00+



- 531 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1866 (November 7) Envelope slightly reduced at right mailed from New Westminster to Victoria, Vancouver Island - 10 days before the two colonies were united; franked with 3p light blue well tied by double oval New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia (R. Lowe HS-8) handstamp in blue, same-ink General Post Office / British Columbia 7 NOV __6 (R. Lowe HS-10). Some light soiling to cover mostly on back, a scarce cover, Fine (Unitrade 7a) ex. *Ken Kutz (1997; Lot 473)*

Est. 500.00+



- 532 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1866) Dietz & Nelsons "scroll" printed frank on Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black US 3c pink buff entire, bearing 3p light blue, carried by express company messengers, hence the stamps left uncanceled; being a money letter which contained remittance of \$375.00 from Dietz & Nelson's Express in New Westminster to Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco. Most unusual express cover, VF (Unitrade 7a) ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1265) with his original album page. **Est. 750.00+**



- 533 ☒ British Columbia - Undated orange envelope franked with wing margin pair of 3p light blue, perf 14 tied by large double ring Dietz & Nelson's / Express / B.C. & V (R. Lowe HS-29) cancel in blue, mailed from Interior to New Westminster; cover lightly soiled and slightly reduced at left, scarce. F-VF (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 750.00**

The three pence light blue was issued November 1st, 1865 and was exhausted by April 1867. Dietz & Nelson Express sold out to Barnard on December 2, 1867.



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- 534 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (April 11) Cover mailed to Henry Crease at Victoria, franked with wing margin pair of 3p light blue - used provisionally for the 12½ cent rate; crease at top due to placement on the cover, pen cancelled likely by a Fraser River boat purser who turned it over to the post office in New Westminster, partially clear transit applied; an interesting and scarce provisional usage of the 3p stamp, Fine (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 500.00+**
- 535 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1865 (December) Envelope franked with faulty 3p light blue strip of three tied by illegible grid cancels, straightline PAID handstamp of William's Creek, pays 9p rate from the Interior to Victoria, General Post Office / British Columbia 13 DEC 1865 backstamped at New Westminster; crayon rate "5d" in red, with U.S. 10c green cancelled by cogwheel (stamp subsequently lifted and hinged to cover), shows clear oval "US 10cts PAID" denoting U.S. postage was paid to Canada, clear San Francisco JAN 1 datestamp on front; London, C.W. JA 29 66 and Aylmer, U.C. JA 30 66 backstamps. Cover with vertical fold at left and small piece missing at foot, otherwise a rare franking and also a very early usage of the 3p Coat of Arms, Fine appearance (Unitrade 7a), ex. *Sir George Williamson (1971; Lot 56); James Pike (1980; Lot 2160)* **Est. 750.00**
- 536 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1866 (August) Blue envelope, slightly reduced at left, mailed from New Westminster to San Francisco, bearing a 3p light blue perf 14 faulty at left, tied by light oval double New Westminster / Post Office / British Columbia cancel - provisional usage paying 5c BC postage (Mainland British Columbia adopted decimal currency on January 1st, 1866) for mail leaving colony and U.S. 10c green for postage to San Francisco, tied by double ring San Francisco SEP 1 datestamp on arrival. An unusually clean cover, very scarce and Fine (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 1,500.00+**



- 537 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1867 (May) Envelope mailed from Fraser River to El Dorado, California, franked with 3p light blue strip of three, pen cancelled, provisional usage paying the 12½c rate (effective April 1867) plus 5c BC postage for mail leaving colony, U.S. 10c blue green pays postage to California, tied by concentric rings, clear San Francisco MAY 27 datestamp on front and General Post Office / British Columbia 18 MAY 1867 double ring datestamp on reverse at New Westminster. Some faults and ageing but a rare cover with character (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 750.00**



- 538 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - 1866 (February) Envelope mailed from the Interior to Liverpool, franked with 3p light blue strip of three, defective at left and cancelled by indistinct grid cancels, crayon rate "1/" at upper left (underneath U.S. stamp), straightline PAID in black, additionally franked with U.S. 24c lilac paying rate from San Francisco to England; clear GPO / British Columbia 7 FEB 1866 backstamped at New Westminster, clear San Francisco FEB 17, light New York MAR 17 and Liverpool 31 MAR arrival postmarks on front; stamps previously cut off and replaced. Robson Lowe cleverly described it as "tatty but the scars are honorable" for such an extremely rare route / franking combination, Fine appearance (Unitrade 7a) ex. Maurice Burrus, Robson Lowe, April 1963; Lot 49. Bought by the owner over 50 years ago! **Est. 1,000.00**



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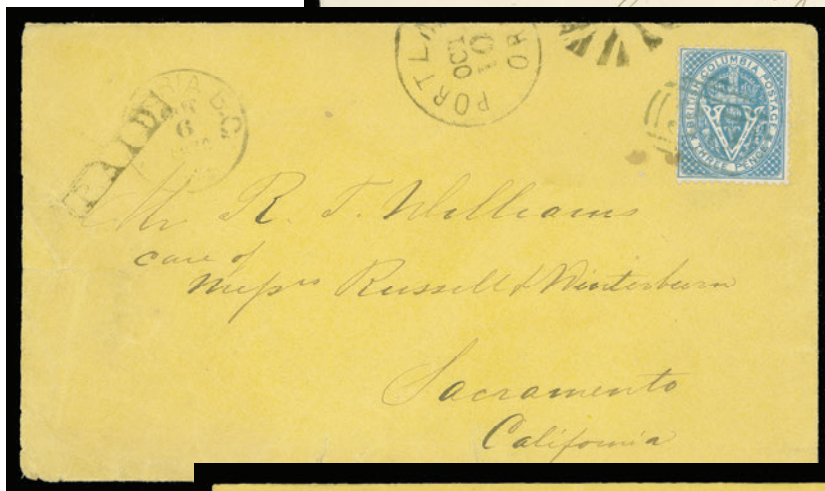
- 539 ★ British Columbia United Colony - 1867 3p bright blue, perf 14, lower margin pair showing current number "26"; minor wrinkling mostly confined to sheet margin, large part OG. A very scarce and appealing plate number multiple, Fine (Unitrade 7) ex. *Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; Lot 612), R. V. Carr (January 2000; Lot 82)* **Est. 350.00+**
- 540 ★ British Columbia United Colony - 1867 3p dark blue, perf 14, mint hinged block with rich colour, crease on lower left stamp and pinpoint thin at top right, Fine OG. (Unitrade 7) **Est. 250.00**
- 541 ☉ British Columbia United Colony - 1867 3p bright blue, INVERTED watermark Crown CC variety, perf 14, fresh sound example with quite clear grid '10' cancel of William's Creek, Fine (Unitrade 7 variety; Gibbons 22w £275) **Est. 200.00+**



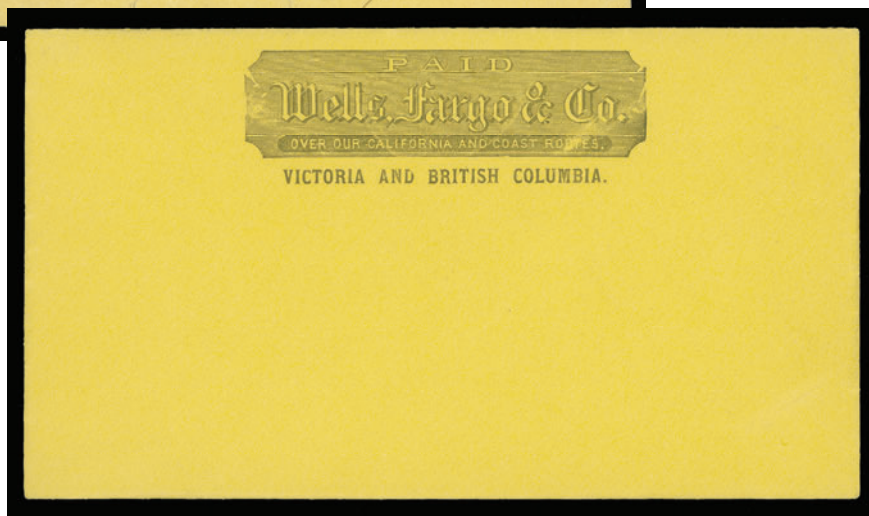
- 542 ★◎ British Columbia - Printing flaws and varieties, including dot after "T", dash above "T", colourless flaw on bottom right of rose and top right of crown, flaw over "E" and under "U" and four different examples including 50c violet perf 12½ (toning at top left) with short "T" variety. A total of ten stamps (eight are mint OG) all sound, a Fine and very unusual group ideal for the specialist. (Unitrade 7, 7a, 8, 11, 17; catalogue value \$3,040 for normal stamps) **Est. 750.00+**
- 543 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (August 15) Clean envelope franked with severed right wing margin tied by grid '35' cancel in blue, provisional use in place of a 5c stamp during stamp shortage, Victoria dispatch CDS at right, addressed to Saanich on Vancouver Island; left backflap missing, a very scarce cover mailed within the island, Fine (Unitrade 7) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 750.00+**



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- 544 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1871 (May 20) Small clean envelope mailed from up river to Victoria, franked with 3p blue pair perf 14 tied by pen cancels, provisionally paying 12½c letter rate; New Westminster MAY 20 PAID CDS postmarked in transit ("PAID" replaced year date in 1871), scarce, F-VF (Unitrade 7) ex. Brassler / Nickle sale (January 1996; Lot 865) **Est. 500.00+**
- 545 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (October 6) Orange envelope mailed from Victoria to Sacramento, bearing 3p blue, perf 14; provisional use paying the newly adopted prepaid 6c colonial rate to U.S.A., effective July 1st, 1870; U.S. postage stamps not required. Stamp tied by grid '35' cancel and Victoria OCT 6 1870 CDS dispatch at left, large portion of Portland OCT 10 transit postmark and straightline PAID are shown; a few small edge tears and portion of backflap missing, a very scarce rate, F-VF (Unitrade 7) ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1243) with his album page. **Est. 1,000.00+**
- 546 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Wells, Fargo & Co. "Victoria and British Columbia" printed frank in black on orange envelope, unused and fresh with gummed backflap, VF **Est. 200.00+**



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- 547 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (1871) Wells, Fargo & Co "Victoria and British Columbia" printed frank in black on orange envelope, mailed from Victoria to San Francisco, bearing 3p bright blue, perf 14 tied by oval JAN 9 Victoria datestamp in blue, provisional usage to pay the 6c rate. Minor flaws to stamp due to placement and small piece of cover missing at top left, Fine and scarce (Unitrade 7) **Est. 400.00**
- 548 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1871 (January 12) Wells, Fargo & Co. "Victoria, Vancouver Island" (italic - rare with reported ratio 1 in 10) printed frank in black on white envelope franked with uncanceled 3p bright blue, perf 14, provisionally used to pay the 6c rate to the United States, oval Wells, Fargo & Co. JAN 12 Victoria datestamp in blue at lower left; docketing at left. A beautiful express cover in an excellent state of preservation, very scarce thus, VF (Unitrade 7) ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page. **Est. 750.00+**
- 549 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on white entire with "Victoria, Vancouver Island." below in italics - rare (reported ratio 1 in 10) unused with gummed backflap, franked with 3p bright blue, perf 14, VF (Unitrade 7) **Est. 250.00+**



- 550 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Wells, Fargo & Co. "Victoria, Vancouver Island" printed frank in black on white envelope, franked 3p blue, perf 14 tied by very scarce oval Wells, Fargo & Co / Express / Victoria, V.I. (R. Lowe HS-33) in blue; provisional usage to pay the 6 cent rate to United States; cover has couple tears at top and missing backflap, a scarce handstamped express cover, Fine (Unitrade 7) **Est. 500.00**



- 551 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1869 (September) Orange envelope mailed from Quesnellemouth to Yamaska, Canada, showing an impressive franking consisting of pair of Vancouver Island 10c blue, perf 14, clipped on two sides plus a 3p blue provisionally used as 5c due to a stamp shortage at the time, pays the required 25c rate from the Interior to New Westminster; stamps cancelled by grid '13' cancels, 3p stamp further tied by New Westminster SEP 7 1869 transit CDS, with U.S. 10c green, straight edge at left, cancelled by dark blue grid, same-ink Port Townsend, W.T. circular date stamp, prepaid to Canada; St. Hyacinthe OC 19 and Yamaska OC 19 arrival backstamps. A remarkable example of Vancouver Island, British Columbia and U. S. stamps used together on the same cover, Fine (Unitrade 6, 7) ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1210) with his album page. **Est. 3,500.00+**

It appears that supplies of the 25c perf 12½ colonial stamps and the Vancouver Island 5c had been exhausted and that supplies of the 25c stamps perf 14 had not yet been sent. This would explain the temporary usage of the 3p blue with the pair of V.I. 10c paying the 25c British Columbia rate.

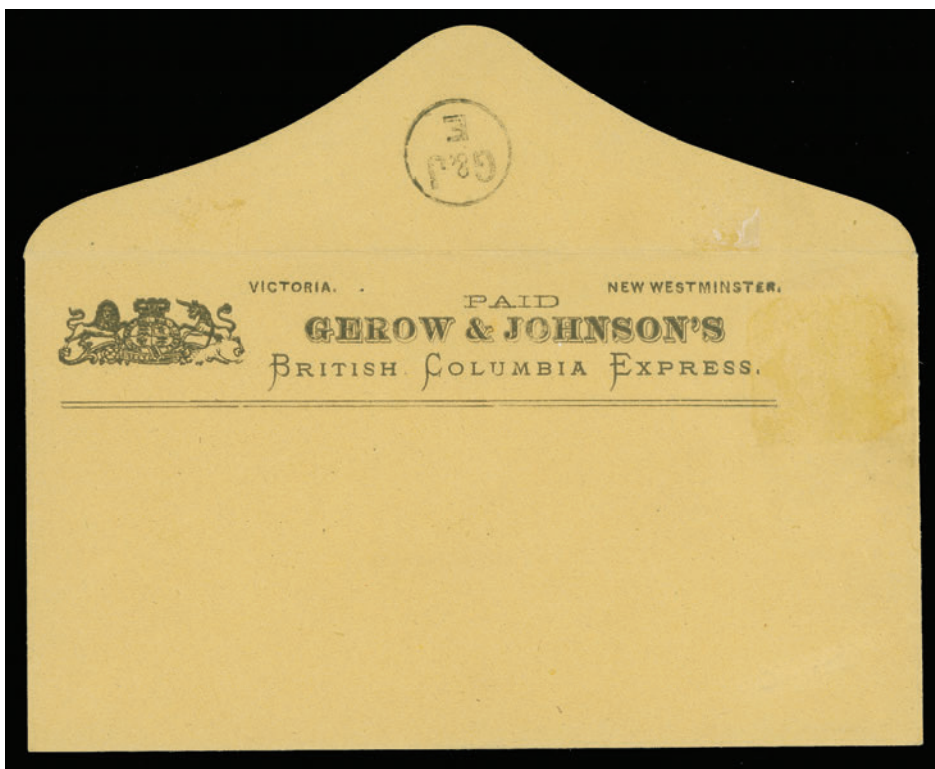


- 552 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (December 12) Envelope mailed from Victoria to Philadelphia, bearing 3p blue pair, perf 14 cancelled by well struck grid '35' cancel in black, provisionally used to pay double 6c letter rate to the United States, partial dispatch CDS at left, San Francisco DEC 18 and backstamped DEC 25. Cover has light soiling and tears, one touching left stamp. An elusive rated cover, Fine (Unitrade 7) **Est. 500.00**



A probably unique cover, showing the little known Gerow & Johnson's Express Company's handstamp on both the 3d. stamps and reverse of envelope.

- 553 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (between March and August 20, 1871) Gerow & Johnson's British Columbia Express printed frank envelope franked with two single 3p blue, perf 14, provisionally paying the 12½c rate from Victoria to Lillooet; cover has creasing, staining and a sealed tear. Wellburn states: "A probably unique cover, showing the little known Gerow & Johnson's Express company handstamp on both 3d stamps and the reverse of envelope." A most unusual handstamped express cover of the utmost rarity and a wonderful showpiece, Fine appearance (Unitrade 7) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1269 - where it sold for \$3,300 including premium) with his album page.* **Est. 3,500.00+**



- 554 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Gerow & Johnson's British Columbia Express unused envelope for Victoria to New Westminster with small circular "G & J / E" express handstamp on top backflap; postage subsequently been removed. A very scarce express cover in any condition, VF **Est. 300.00+**

This express company secured the British Columbia mail contract for one year starting March 1871. Barnard won the contract the following year.



- 555 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Envelope mailed from Victoria to Barkerville, Williams Creek, Cariboo postmarked Victoria DEC 14 CDS, unclear year date (1868) franked with right wing margin strip of four of the 3p blue, minor flaws to stamps and cover; pays the 25c rate to the Interior. At the time the 3p blue stamp was provisionally sold in pairs at 12½c or four for 25c. The 25c colonial stamps did not go on sale until March 1869, Fine appearance (Unitrade 7); ex. Dr. Leon van Straten, Robson Lowe Ltd. London, February 1965; Lot 16 **Est. 1,000.00**



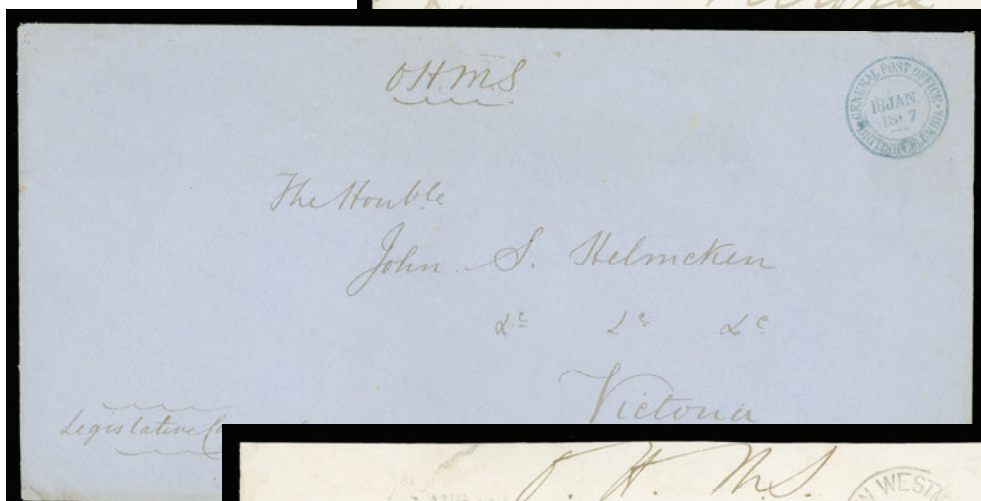
- 556 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (circa. 1868) cover franked with pair of 3p light blue perf 14, pen cancelled "SB" (Spences Bridge) by postmaster, creases to cover and light stain, stamps sound; with Henry C. Hitt notes on reverse. A rare provisional postal marking from this mining town used before the '27' grid was put into use (Unitrade 7a) **Est. 500.00+**



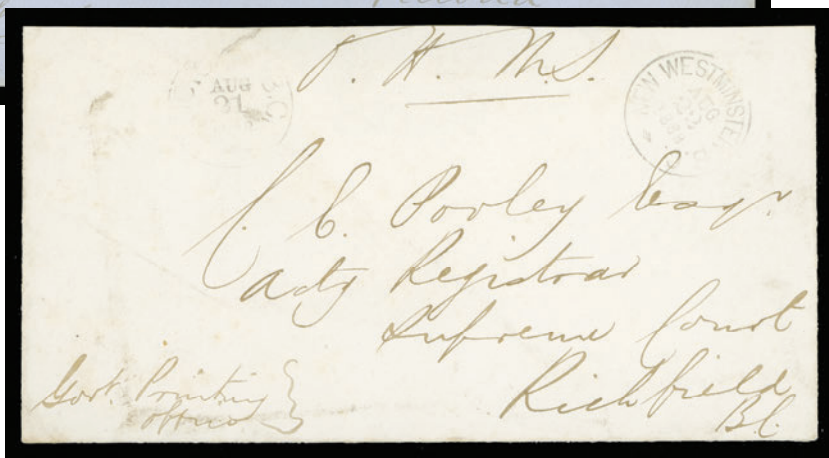
- 557 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (May) Envelope partially reduced at left mailed from Yale to Victoria, bearing 3p blue pair and two singles (minor toning) in light blue, three stamps with creases, cancelled by grid '4' at origin, two stamps further tied by New Westminster MAY 2 1870 CDS postmark - pays a 25c double weight (two times 12½c) provisionally paid with four examples of the 3p stamp, which were at the time valued 6¼c per unit. A very scarce provisional franking during the colonial stamp shortage, Fine appearance (Unitrade 7, 7a) ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page. **Est. 1,000.00**



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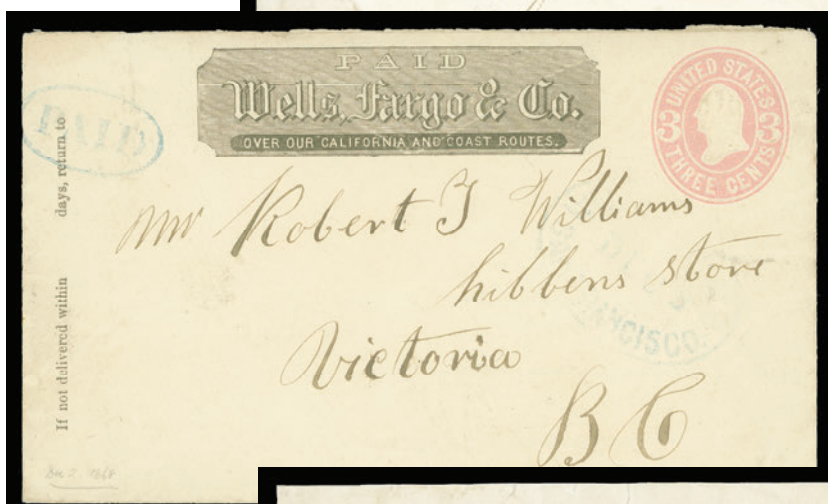


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- 558 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Official envelope with albino embossed seal on backflap with wax seal on reverse mailed from New Westminster to Victoria, showing clear, scarce General Post Office / British Columbia 18 JA 1867 double ring datestamp in blue; a choice and scarce official mail, VF
Est. 350.00+
- 559 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Very large blue envelope 280 x 140mm with Colonial Secretary red wax seal on reverse, endorsed "Legislative Council" at bottom left and sent OHMS from New Westminster to Victoria, showing clear and nearly complete double ring General Post Office / British Columbia 18 JAN 1867 (R. Lowe HS-10) datestamp in blue; faint wrinkles to cover, but considering its unusually large size it is in nice condition, scarce, VF
Est. 350.00+
- 560 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1868 (August 21) Colonial Secretary embossed flap envelope slightly reduced at top, sent OHMS from Victoria to Richfield with partial Victoria CDS and clear New Westminster AUG 22 1868 transit on front; minor soiling, scarce, Fine
Est. 200.00



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- 561 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Envelope with red wax seal on reverse lightly showing through, mailed "UNPAID" from Victoria to Yale, pencil "25c" rate to collect at destination (the O'Reilly's were well known so this letter was accepted unpaid). Minor soiling but an elusive usage, F-VF

Est. 300.00

- 562 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (1868) Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 3c pink on cream entire, lightly postmarked oval Wells, Fargo DEC 2 San Francisco oval in blue addressed to Victoria, BC, on arrival struck with handstamp frank double oval PAID in blue denoting 5 cent B.C. postage had been paid on incoming express mail - as the 5 cent V.I. stamp had been exhausted and the new British Columbia overprinted 5c had not yet arrived from England. Wells Fargo paid cash at the Victoria Post Office on incoming letters. A beautiful and scarce provisional (5 cent) handstamp frank PAID cover, VF; ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.

Est. 600.00+



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- 563 ★ British Columbia United Colony - 1868 (January) 2c on 3p brown, perf 14, unusually fresh and well centered mint block with full OG; an attractive and scarce multiple, Fine LH (Unitrade 8) **800.00**
- 564 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (1871) cover from New Westminster to Salem, Oregon, franked with single and pair of 2c on 3p brown, perf 14, paying the 6c rate to the U.S., some perf flaws mostly at left due to placement on cover, cancelled by grids '1' in black, light New Westminster JAN 5 PAID CDS in blue (PAID indicia replaced the year date in 1871), a few small sealed tears and minor creases to cover, a rare franking, Fine (Unitrade 8); ex. *Stuart Johnstone (April 1972; Lot 636)*
(Illustrated on Page 75) Est. **1,000.00**

- 565 ★ 1869 (March) 5c on 3p bright red, perf 12½, unused, a few characteristic uncleared perf discs, bright fresh colour, Fine (Unitrade 14) **2,000.00**
- 566 ★ 1869 (March) 10c on 3p lilac rose, perf 12½, a well centered unused example with fresh colour, a few irregular perfs at top as often seen, F-VF (Unitrade 15) **1,200.00**



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- 567 ★ 1869 (March) 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, fresh mint hinged with part OG, Fine (Unitrade 16) **1,000.00**
- 568 ★ 1869 (March) 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, an unusually well centered and brilliant, fresh mint example of this difficult stamp, some uncleared perf discs characteristic of the 1869 Issue, large part dull streaky original gum. A select stamp, VF OG (Unitrade 17) **2,400.00**
- 569 ★ 1869 (March) \$1 on 3p green, perf 12½, unused (cleverly regummed) with typical perforations for the issue, Fine (Unitrade 18) **1,800.00**



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- 570 ☉ 1869 (March) 5c on 3p Bright red, perf 12½, an elusive used single with central grid '1' cancel in black (New Westminster), Fine (Unitrade 14) **1,500.00**

- 571 ☉ 1869 (March) 10c on 3p lilac rose, perf 12½, nice colour, normal centering and perforations for the issue, very attractive with portion of oval Victoria "Arms" cancel in blue, Fine (Unitrade 15)
(Illustrated on Page 76) **1,200.00**
- 572 ☉ 1869 (March) 10c on 3p Lilac rose, perf 12½, a remarkable used example showing large portion of oval Post Office / Nanaimo / Vancouver Island in red and left portion of grid '35' cancel in blue of Victoria; slightly clipped perfs at left in no way detract, Fine (Unitrade 15)
(Illustrated on Page 76) **1,200.00**



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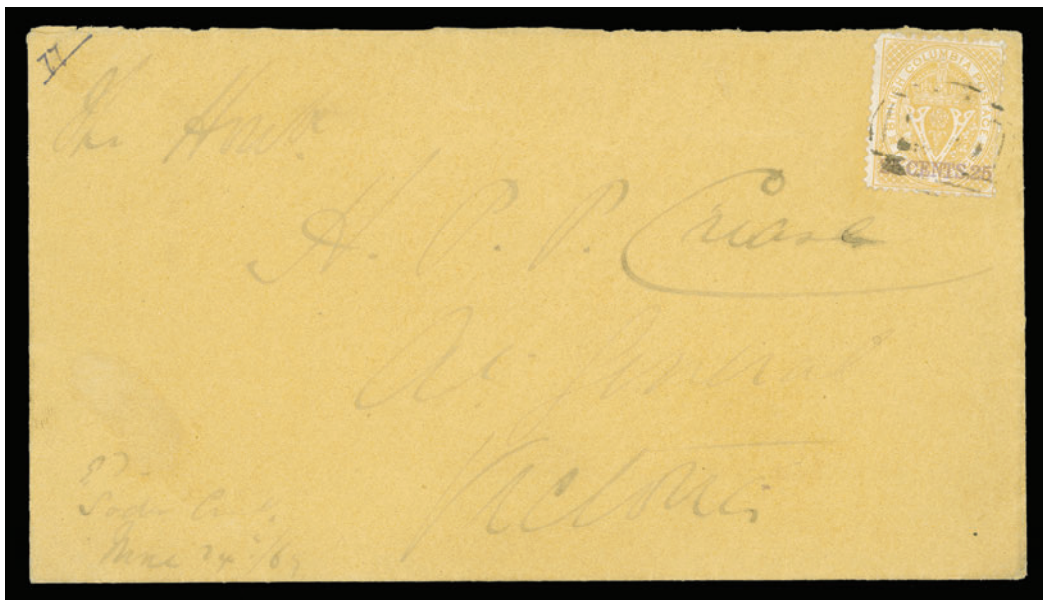
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- 573 ☉ 1869 (March) 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, quite well centered example showing clear large portion of Victoria grid '35' cancel in blue, a few nibbed perfs at foot as often seen, Fine (Unitrade 16) **750.00**
- 574 ☉ 1869 (March) 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½, very well centered example, characteristic uncleared perf discs and showing large portion of numeral grid cancellation in black; a nice stamp, VF (Unitrade 17)
1,000.00
- 575 ☉ 1869 (March) \$1 on 3p green, perf 12½, a fresh sound example with clear, nearly complete grid '35' cancel in blue, VG (Unitrade 18)
1,200.00



- 576 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1869 (June) Small envelope franked with U.S. 10c blue green partially overlapped by a scarce 5c on 3p bright red, perf 12½, both applied at Fort Langley. Latter stamp tied by grid '26' cancel in black and former by cork at Portland; New Westminster 1869 JUN 11 transit circular datestamp in black and Portland JUN 24 CDS at right; some soiling but an extremely rare franking, Fine (Unitrade 14) ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1305), Brassler / Nickle sale (January 1996; Lot 885)
Est. 2,500.00+

According to Wellburn: "Records show that the 5c perf 12½ stamps were issued only at Victoria and New Westminster post offices. This cover shows that a few stamps were sent to Langley from a small stock at New Westminster."



- 577 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Orange envelope mailed from Soda Creek to Victoria, bearing 25c on 3p orange, perf 12½, light crease but tied by light grid '20' cancel, endorsed "Soda Creek / June 24 / 69" in manuscript at lower left. A very scarce single-franking paying the 25c letter rate from the Interior to Victoria, Fine (Unitrade 16) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1320) with his album page.* **Est. 1,500.00+**

Only 120 stamps (a half sheet) of the 25c perf 12½ were delivered to the Soda Creek post office (March 24, 1869).



- 578 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1869 (June) Cover mailed from the Interior (Cariboo) to England paying the 50c letter rate with 50c on 3p violet, perf 12½ tied by light grid '10' cancellation of William's Creek; clear New Westminster 1869 JUN 11 transit CDS postmark clearly visible on front, large portion of Market Harborough (Leicestershire) JY 17 69 receiver backstamp. Certainly one of the nicest of only four such covers that have survived - an absolute showpiece, VF (Unitrade 17) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1330) with his album page.* **Est. 5,000.00+**
- 579 ★ Prepared but never issued 10c on 3p lilac rose, perf 14, lovely fresh mint single, large part original gum, VG and scarce (Unitrade 10) *(Illustrated on Page 79)* **2,400.00**



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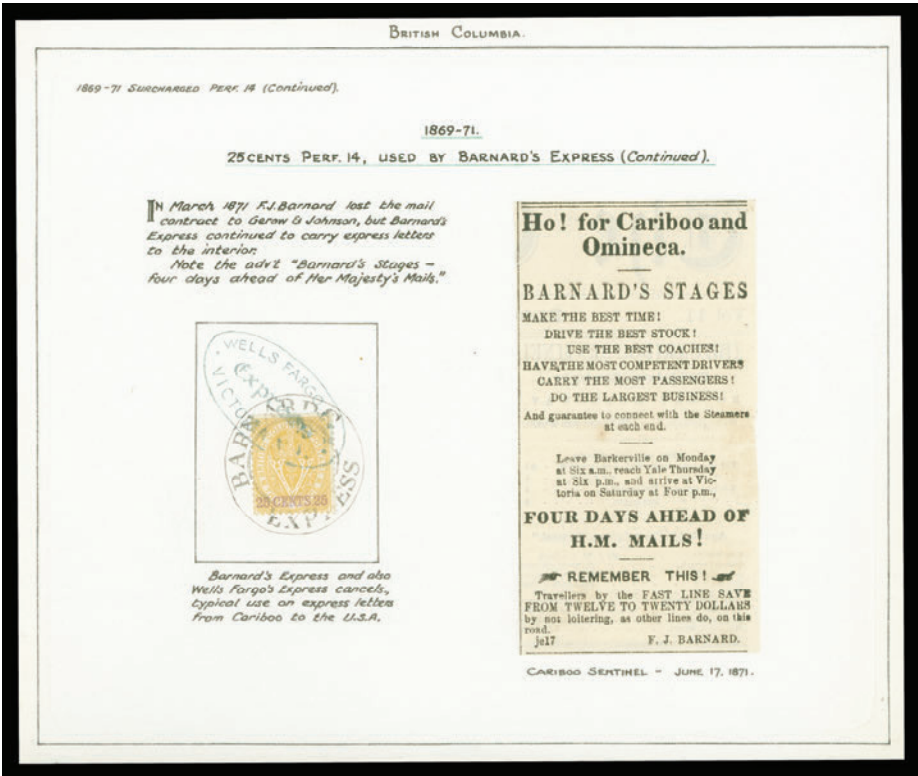
- 580 ★ 1869 (August) 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, plate "1" mint single, a few short perfs at left, fresh with full original gum, VG LH (Unitrade 11) **400.00+**
- 581 ★ 1869 (August) 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, an attractive wing margin mint block of four, hint of perf toning at foot and a few perf separations reinforced by hinge, brilliant fresh colour and with full original gum; a rare block, Fine (Unitrade 11) **2,400.00**
- 582 ★ 1871 (February) 50c on 3p violet, perf 14, an appealing mint single showing current number "26" in top margin, minor perf separation strengthened by a hinge, full original gum. A desirable stamp in choice condition, Fine+ OG (Unitrade 12) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1341)* **1,800.00+**
- 583 ★ 1871 (February) 50c on 3p violet, perf 14, mint horizontal pair, left stamp has some toning spots on gum, otherwise fresh and sound, with full OG; a rare pair, Fine LH (Unitrade 12; catalogue value \$3,600) **Est. 1,250.00**
- 584 ★ 1871 (February) 50c on 3p violet, perf 14, mint single with watermark letters in selvedge at right, gum tone spot and couple shorter perfs at left, otherwise a nice fresh mint stamp with full OG, Fine LH (Unitrade 12; catalogue value \$1,800) **Est. 750.00**
- 585 ★ 1871 (February) 50c on 3p violet, INVERTED watermark Crown CC perf 14, a scarce mint single with original gum partially disturbed from hinge removal, VG (Unitrade 12i) **2,000.00**
- 586 ★ Prepared but never issued \$1 on 3p green, perf 14, a selected fresh mint single showing full sheet margin, bright colour with large part OG; an attractive and scarce stamp, Fine+ (Unitrade 13) **3,000.00**



- 587 1869 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14, two singles affixed to Wells, Fargo & Co. U.S. 3c pink stationery piece, one with small corner fault, tied by clear oval Wells, Fargo & Co AUG 14 San Francisco datestamps in blue, appealing, Fine (Unitrade 9) **Est. 250.00+**



- 588 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, two sound used example showing portion of the Post Office "Arms" Victoria oval in black and blue respectively, Fine (Unitrade 11) **600.00**



- 589 1869 25c on 3p orange, perf 14, cancelled by portion of Wells, Fargo Express oval and showing partial double ring Barnard's Express postmark, mounted on Wellburn album page with hand-drawn completion of the postmarks along with original Cariboo Sentinel newspaper clipping of June 1871 - attractive, Fine (Unitrade 11) **Est. 300.00+**



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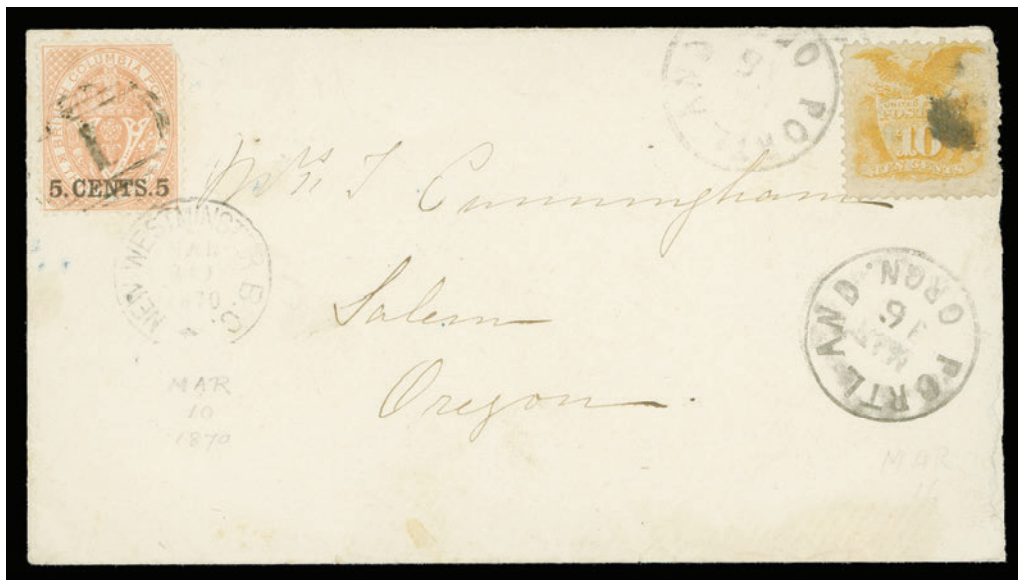
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- 590 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1869 (April 21) Envelope without backflap, franked with 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14 tied by light Victoria APR 21 1869 CDS, pays the 5c drop letter rate; minor foxing but a scarce cover, Fine appearance (Unitrade 9) **Est. 250.00**
- 591 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (November 25) An unusually choice cover franked with 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14 clearly tied by grid '35' in black, mostly clear Victoria NOV 25 1870 - pays the 5c drop letter to local postal box "49". A beautiful cover, VF (Unitrade 9) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 1,000.00+**
- 592 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1869 (October 19) Orange envelope roughly opened at top bearing a 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14 cancelled by centrally struck grid '1' in black of New Westminster, further tied by mostly clear New Westminster OCT 19 CDS (year date unclear) and sent to Victoria; despite opening tears a clean and scarce cover, Fine (Unitrade 9) **Est. 400.00**
- 593 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Clean envelope, endorsed "Dec 21st" at top left without year date (1869 or 1870) with uncanceled pair and single 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14, prepays the 12½ cent rate from Victoria to Yale, carried by favour by purser of the steamer and handed directly to Mrs. O'Reilly (hence stamps not cancelled). An unusual and quite rare franked cover, F-VF (Unitrade 9) ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty) with his album page.* **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 594 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Clean envelope, undated (1869-1871 period) franked with pair of 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14, mailed from Victoria to Yale, posted on steamer "Enterprise", prepaid 10c and accepted as full postage for the 12½ cent rate; stamps cancelled and tied by straightline PAID handstamps in black likely at final destination. A striking and extremely rare franking on a choice cover - ideal for exhibition, VF (Unitrade 9) ex. Gerald Wellburn (*private treaty*) with his album page.

Est. 2,500.00+



- 595 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (March 10) Clean envelope, slightly reduced at right, bearing 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14, minor perf fault, cancelled by grid '1' in black and further tied at bottom right by New Westminster MAR 10 1870 dispatch CDS postmark. Additionally franked with U.S. 1869 10c yellow with minute tear at lower right, cancelled in transit at Portland by small cork (as observed on other known covers bearing this combination franking), Portland Orgn MAR 16 CDS struck at right under the stamp; pays 5c British Columbia postage for outgoing mail from New Westminster (or Victoria) and 10c the U.S. rate (effective until June 30, 1870). A rare and highly sought-after British Columbia & U.S. 1869 Pictorial issue combination on cover, Fine (Unitrade 9) ex. G.P. Bainbridge (*Cover no. 50 in his postal history article in 1929*), Gerald Wellburn (*October 1988; Lot 1366*)

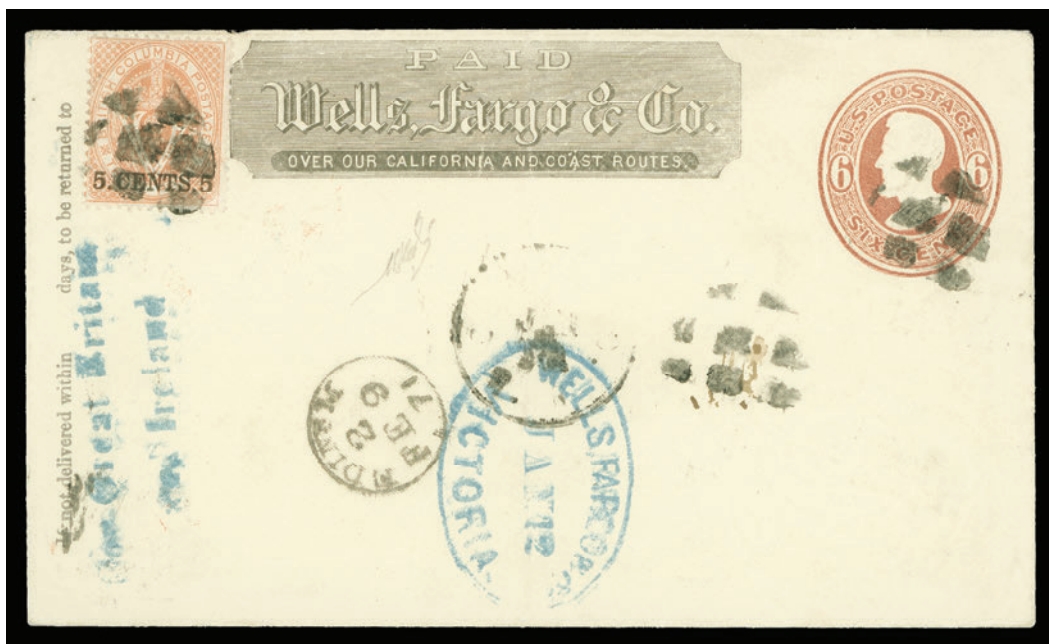
Est. 3,500.00+



- 596 ⓪ British Columbia United Colony - Part cover (addressee has been excised) mailed from the Interior (Cariboo) to Canada, bearing 25c on 3p orange, perf 14 nicely tied by grid '10' cancel of William's Creek, and also a U.S. 1869 10c yellow, perf 12 tied by grid cancel, Port Townsend, W.T large circular datestamp on front, both stamps fresh and in sound condition; clear New Westminster MAY 30 1870 transit CDS and light Kingston, Ont. JY 4 70 arrival backstamps. Paid 25c BC postage from the Interior and 10c US postal rate to Canada; a quite dramatic example of this rare usage, VF (Unitrade 11) **Est. 500.00+**



- 597 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (June 13) Blue envelope sent from Victoria to England, bearing a 25c on 3p orange, perf 14 tied by grid '35' cancel in blue, same-ink Victoria JUN 13 1870 dispatch CDS at left; Oldham JY 13 70 receiver; some stains and creases mostly along edges, a rare 25c single letter rate to England (no U.S. stamps were required for mail to England, effective January 1868), very few are known, Fine (Unitrade 11) **Est. 1,000.00**



- 598 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1871 (Jan 12) Wells, Fargo & Co printed frank in black on 6c dark red entire, paste-up envelope with light central fold, no addressee as customary, handstamp "For Great Britain / and Ireland" applied in Victoria, 5c on 3p bright red, perf 14 pays the colonial postage for outgoing mail and U.S. 6c the letter rate to U.K. (reduced from 10c to 6c prepaid, effective July 1, 1870), both cancelled by segmented corks, clear oval Wells, Fargo & Co / JAN 12 / Victoria datestamp in blue, partially clear transit and neat small Edinburgh FE 9 71 arrival on front; pencil signed H. Bloch. A desirable express cover in an excellent state of preservation. It is reported that only six such envelopes exist; this one certainly ranks among the finest and has great visual appeal, VF (Unitrade 9) with 1979 Friedl cert. signed H. Bloch **Est. 2,500.00+**



- 599 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - 1871 (June 21) Clean envelope, missing backflap, franked with faulty 25c on 3p orange perf 14, neatly tied by grid '35' cancellation in black, clear and nearly complete double oval Victoria JUN 21 1871 B.C. (R. Lowe HS-14) datestamp in blue addressed to Omineca; pays the 25c BC postage to the Interior, rare, Fine (Unitrade 11) **Est. 1,000.00**

**A BEAUTIFUL AND EXCEEDINGLY RARE
FRANKING TO CANADA MAILED A FEW WEEKS
BEFORE JOINING THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION**



- 600** ☒ British Columbia United Colony - A remarkable cover bearing a most attractive franking consisting of the 25c on 3p orange, perf 14 nicely tied by grid '10' cancel of William's Creek (Cariboo) along with single U.S. 1861 10c green, tiny perforation fault, cancelled by grid in transit with clear Olympia, W.T.Y. JUN 15 CDS below postage stamp; on reverse there is a light New Westminster JUN 5 PAID transit CDS in blue ("PAID" replaced year date 1871), cover slightly reduced at left. An exceedingly rare franking, paying the 25c British Columbia rate from the Interior and U.S. 10c stamp paid U.S. postal rate to Canada - a fabulous cover ideal for an advanced exhibit collection, VF (Unitrade 11) *ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 5,000.00+**

Only one other similar franking is known (*ex. Dale-Lichtenstein 2004 sale; Lot 243 - sold for US\$5,250*), dated 1869 and franked with 25c stamp perf 12½ along with US 10c green to Canada



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- 601 ☒ British Columbia Mainland Colony - Undated (circa. 1864) Incoming Wells, Fargo advertising U.S. 3c pink paste-up envelopes opened for display, from N.W. Spaulding "Patent Tooth Circular Saws" San Francisco to New Westminister, redirected to Yale, both U.S. stamps cancelled by oval Wells, Fargo AUG 12 San Francisco datestamps in blue, Barnard's Express double ring (R. Lowe HS-22) in black and same-ink oval COLLECT (25 cent). Age staining and some wear along edges, still a striking intact paste-up envelope, Fine; ex. Gerald Wellburn (October 1988; Lot 1045) with his album page.

Est. 750.00+

- 602 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Undated (circa. 1868) Incoming Bamber & Co Express scroll frank U.S. 3c pink paste-up envelopes opened for display, mailed from San Francisco to Victoria, cancelled by oval Wells, Fargo JAN 20 San Francisco datestamps in blue, penciled "5" denoting 5 cent V.I. colonial postage due on incoming mail with oval COLLECT handstamp in blue. Light staining, horizontal fold and light creases, still a scarce intact paste-up envelope mailed to Vancouver Island, Fine; ex. Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.

Est. 750.00+



- 603 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Incoming Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black U.S. 6c dark red on white entire, mailed from Brooklyn, California to Victoria, Vancouver Island, clear circular dispatch AUG 7 (1871) datestamp and stamp cancelled by Bamber & Co. Express APL 8 circular postmark, conveyed to Wells, Fargo & Co. for delivery in Victoria. A choice cover, VF; ex. *Gerald Wellburn (private treaty 1994) with his album page.* **Est. 500.00+**

As of July 1st, 1870, no B.C. postage was required. The U.S. set the international rate at 6c per half ounce prepaid and 10c per half ounce if unpaid at origin.

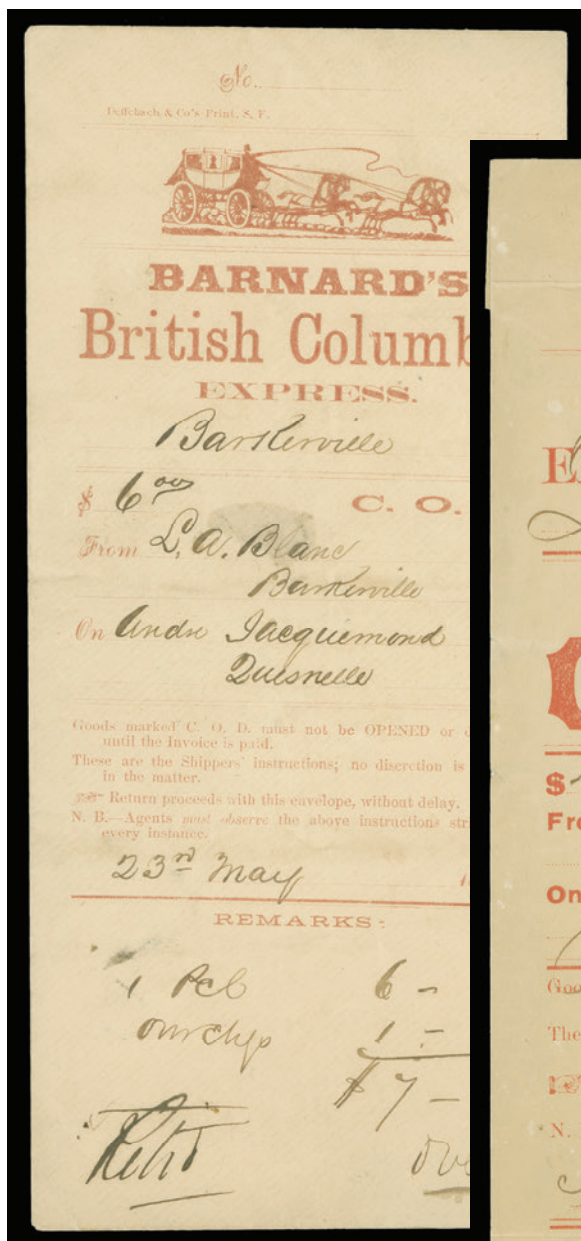


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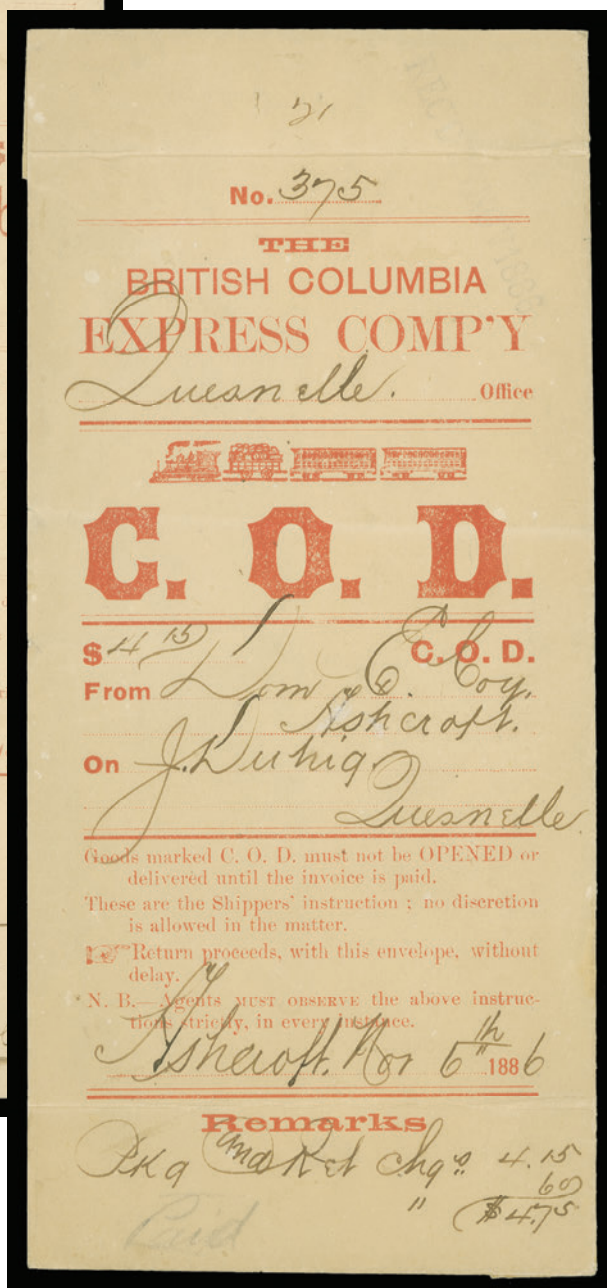


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- 604 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Barnard's British Columbia Express scroll with "Quesnelle." below on Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank in black on U.S. 10c green buff entire, unused with gummed backflap; couple minor edge stains but in nice condition and quite scarce, VF; ex. *James Pike (June 1980; Lot 2165)* **Est. 250.00+**
- 605 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Barnard's British Columbia printed frank with "Yale" below on Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank U.S. 10c green buff entire, light soiling and small tear at top right, probably used as part of paste-up envelope; owner's backstamp, scarce and F-VF **Est. 200.00**



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- 606 ☒ British Columbia United Colony - Barnard's Express C.O.D. envelope mailed May 1870 from Barkerville to Quesnelle for \$6.00 plus \$1.00 express charge; endorsed on reverse "This party has gone to Ominica and Gerod & Guichon refuses to pay". F-VF and attractive. **Est. 250.00**
- 607 ☒ British Columbia - Canada 1886 (November) The British Columbia Express Comp'y C.O.D. envelope mailed from Ashcroft to Quesnelle, handstamped "REC'D NOV 1886", couple folds, F-VF and appealing. **Est. 250.00**



- 608 ★ British Columbia United Colony - 1870 (circa.) C.O.D. Barnard's Cariboo Express label printed in black on yellow surface paper (measures 127 x 81mm) couple light negligible creases, affixed on paper. This is the first one we have seen and according to owner no other copy has been reported. A very colourful express label which is quite likely UNIQUE. **Est. 750.00+**



- 609 ★ British Columbia - 1864-1880 Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Victoria, B.C. adhesive in black, on red affixed to U.S. 3c green cover fragment; also a different unused Wells, Fargo & Co's Express adhesive (surrounding frame measures 104 x 62mm) illustrating steamship and train. An appealing duo mounted on Wellburn's album page. VF **Est. 500.00+**

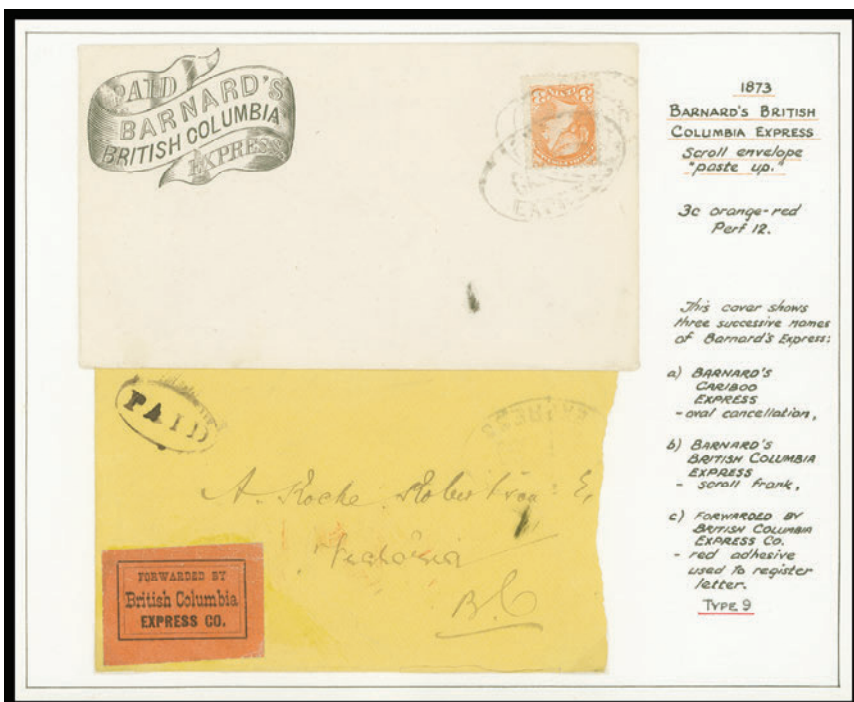


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- 610 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; Clean envelope addressed to Victoria, B.C., crayon "10" (unpaid - due) marking in blue and clear double oval Victoria / B.C. SEP 7 1871 datestamp in blue (R. Lowe HS-14). Interim period, as Canadian postage stamps were only available in British Columbia as of August 15, 1871. An attractive, very early Post-Confederation use of this oval datestamp, VF **Est. 250.00+**
- 611 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; Wells, Fargo & Co printed frank in black on U.S. 3c green entire, small piece missing at top left and some light soiling, incoming from U.S. to New Westminster and redirected to Victoria, 3c orange red Small Queen cancelled by light Barnard's Express postmark and oval COLLECT handstamps; an unusual cover, Fine (Unitrade 37) **Est. 300.00**



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- 612 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; 1874 Barnard's Express Wrangel on Wells, Fargo & Co. "Victoria, Vancouver Island" printed frank in black on white entire, unused with gummed backflap; for service in the remote Cassiar area in northern British Columbia in 1874 (the gold rush was short lived), this type of envelope saw extremely limited usage, VF **Est. 500.00+**

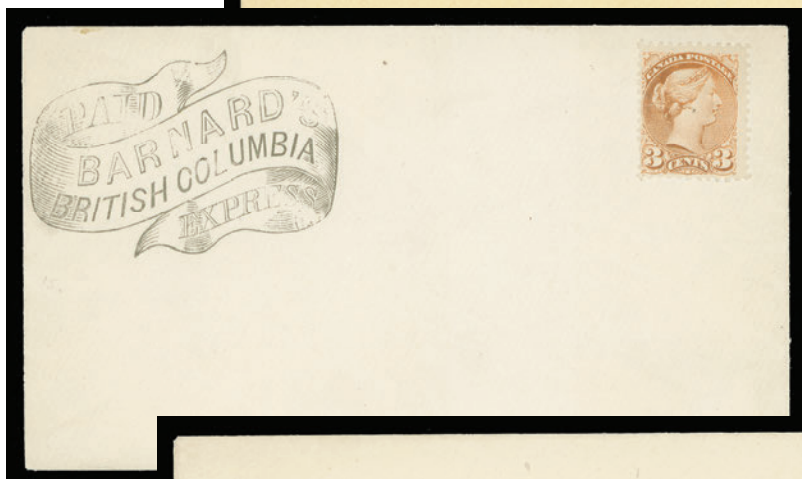


- 613 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; 1874 Barnard's Express Over our Routes printed frank in black on U.S. 3c green white entire, unused with gummed backflap; for the Cassiar gold rush region in the far north of the province. This envelope is quite rare; no used examples have been found, VF. We were only able to find one other unused example (*ex. Carr, Warren Wilkinson sale January 2004; Lot 2175*) **Est. 750.00+**

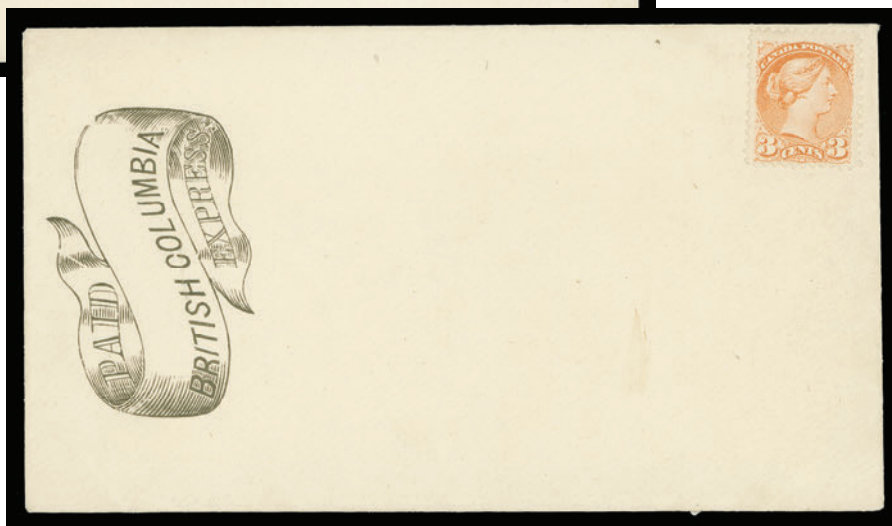
- 614 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; Undated (1873) Barnard's British Columbia Express "scroll" printed frank envelope, bearing 3c bright orange Small Queen, perf 12 tied by light Barnard's / Cariboo / Express (R. Lowe HS-27) rare oval cancels in black, with paste-up envelope on reverse addressed to Victoria, roughly opened, with same light oval cancel, Forwarded by British Columbia Express Co. adhesive label in black on red affixed at lower left and oval PAID handstamp. A rare and most appealing intact paste-up express envelope; opened for display on Wellburn's album page, F-VF (Unitrade 37) *(Illustrated on Page 90)* **Est. 1,000.00+**



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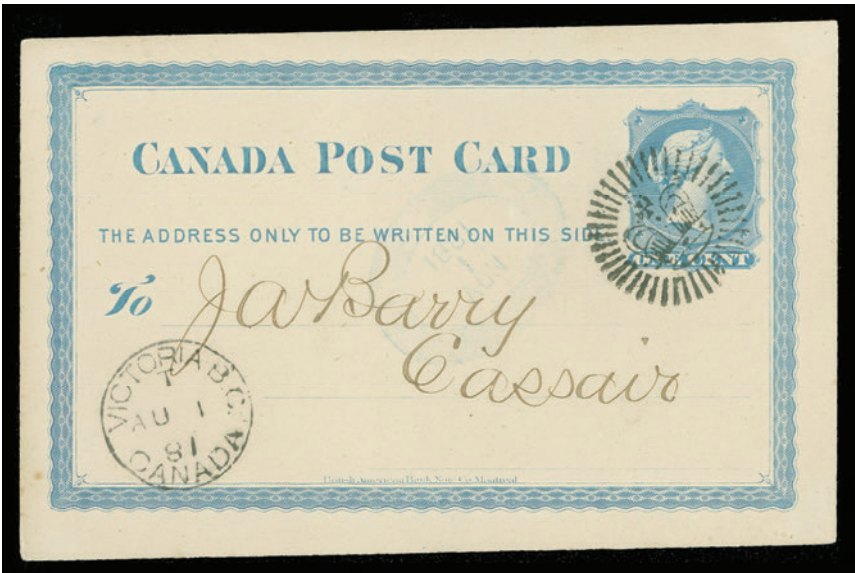


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- 615 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; Early 1870s Barnard's British Columbia Express printed frank in black with "Barkerville and Victoria" below, unused envelope with gummed backflap, franked with 3c rose carmine Small Queen; negligible stain spot at bottom right corner, VF (Unitrade 37a) **Est. 150.00+**
- 616 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; undated (mid-1880s) Barnard's British Columbia Express "scroll" printed frank envelope, unused with gummed backflap, franked with 3c orange red Small Queen; backstamp "Herman Toasperm", VF (Unitrade 37) **Est. 125.00+**
- 617 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; 1880s British Columbia Express scroll printed frank unused envelope bearing 3c orange Small Queen, unusual and scarce, VF (Unitrade 37) **Est. 150.00+**



- 618 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; 1881 (May 3) Registered express cover mailed from 150 Mile House to Victoria, damaged cover and faulty adhesive, endorsed "50 (cents) collect, Value about (\$) 30.00" at top, franked with pair of 6c yellow brown Small Queen perf 11½x12, tied by indistinct cancels, split ring dispatch at lower left and Forwarded by British Columbia Express Co. adhesive in black on red affixed beside. Despite poor condition this is a very rare cover; mounted on Wellburn's album page. (Unitrade 39b) **Est. 750.00**



- 619 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; 1c blue postal card mailed locally from Victoria, cancelled by superb "Crown" in rays postmark, Victoria AU 1 81 dispatch CDS at left; also shows light double oval NOV 1 1881 datestamp in blue on front and back. A beautiful card, VF (Unitrade UX2) **Est. 150.00+**



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- 620 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; Wells, Fargo & Co. "Victoria, British Columbia" printed frank in black on white entire, bearing 3c vermillion Small Queen tied by oval Wells, Fargo & Co. Express JUN 13 1890 Victoria datestamp, sent to San Francisco with express company oval datestamp on arrival; couple small tears to cover only, attractive and F-VF (Unitrade 41) **Est. 350.00+**

- 621 ☒ British Columbia - Canada; British Columbia Express Co. printed envelope slightly reduced at right, bearing 1c green King Edward VII pair tied by Ashcroft, B.C. MR 19 04 split ring datestamps to Savona. A rare express cover - only a few of these have survived, VF (Unitrade 89) **Est. 350.00+**



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- 622 F Sperati reproduction die proof of Vancouver Island 5c Queen Victoria printed in black on white surface paper, pencil signed "Jean de Sperati" below, seldom seen and ideal for reference. **Est. 300.00**
- 623 F Sperati reproduction of Vancouver Island 5c rose imperforate on watermarked paper, a very deceiving forgery with fake grid '35' cancel added; pencil signed "Jean de Sperati" on back. **Est. 300.00**
- 624 F Sperati reproduction of Vancouver Island 10c blue imperforate on watermarked paper, a well executed forgery, oval cancel in black, excellent reference. **Est. 250.00**

COLLECTION BALANCES



- 625 ★** Balance of British Columbia & Vancouver Island unused or mint stamps with a total of 51 stamps, including Scott #1 faulty with diagonal SPECIMEN handstamp, #2 (8, shades), #3 expertly rebacked, #5 (4), 6 (4), 7 (5), 7a (6), 8 (14), 9 (5), 11 (4), 12 (2) and #13 pair. Condition varies from faulty to sound. High catalogue, worthy of careful inspection. **Est. 3,000.00+**



- 626 ☉** Vancouver Island - Used assortment displayed on a stockpage and three album pages showing 1860 2½p (8), 1865 Imperforate 5c rose cut in with small faults, 10c blue four examples all with some degree of faults (three with large oval Victoria PAID, one with oval Wells, Fargo & Co. dater); 1865 Perf 14 5c rose - 19 examples and 10c blue - 7 examples. A nice range of cancels is present, noting 5c + U.S. 10c on 1868 dated piece plus another piece with 5c and two U.S. 10c. Mixed condition but includes a few sound examples; overall a nice group of these early classic stamps. **Est. 1,250.00+**



- 627 ☉** British Columbia 1867-1871 Coat of Arms Issues, used selection on stockpage including 3p pale blue to dark blue (14; one with inverted watermark), 1868-1871 Perf 14 with 2c (7), 5c (6), 25c (2), 50c (2) and 1869 Perf 12½ with 10c (2) and \$1 (2). Assortment of handstamp cancellations including coloured postmarks (no numerals). Condition is mixed but includes some sound stamps. **Est. 1,500.00+**

- 628 F** Group of 28 forgeries, mostly in singles but including two blocks of four. Generally the work of Spiro Brothers plus others. Good reference material. *(Illustrated on Website)* **Est. 200.00**

- 629 ☉** Barnard's Express 1862-1865 Paid and Collect adhesive labels; group of 16 on two album pages and one stockpage; also one Forwarded label from Dietz & Nelson's express, several of which are *ex. Wellburn*. Includes another group of 19 forgeries from crude to deceptive mounted on two pages. Mixed condition as expected on these fragile adhesives but many are rarely seen. A great lot for the specialist. *(Illustrated on Website)* **Est. 1,000.00+**



- 630** British Columbia - Canada; includes four Large Queens with 2c, 12½c & 15c (2) and six 3c Small Queen stamps; shows five cancellations found at Victoria during early 1871-1872 period (mounted on Wellburn's album page), plus oval Post Office "Arms" Victoria cancel on 12½c and 15c Large Queen and three express company cancels on 3c Small Queens. Stamps mainly have small faults, but quite presentable for these elusive postmarks. **Est. 200.00+**
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SYMBOLS & MAJOR ABBREVIATIONS

★	Mint	⊙	Used	E	Essay
☒	Cover	(/)	Incomplete Set	F	Forgery
(-)	Complete Set	R	Reprint	P	Proof
◆	Graded Stamp	CDS	Circular Date Stamp	L	Literature

CONDITION

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GUM

NH	Never Hinged – with full original gum in Post Office state and unmounted.
LH	Lightly Hinged – with full original gum showing some evidence of a previous hinge.
OG	Original gum – showing some evidence of a previous hinge, a portion of which may still be present.
Part OG	Part original gum.
Unused	Unused without original gum, or regummed.
Ungummed	Without gum as issued.

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