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INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS

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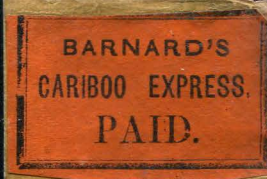
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BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS

Operating in British Columbia in 1862, this company was one of several operated by Francis Jones Barnard. The Cariboo routes were located in the upper Fraser River country, and served miners during the Cariboo Gold Rush in 1861. Originally letters were delivered for \$2 each, but prices were eventually lowered to \$1 and 50¢. They had an arrangement with Wells, Fargo & Co. to exchange mail at San Francisco, and also worked with other express companies in the area.

Barnard's Cariboo Express labels were, for some time, listed along with the US Locals in Scott's *Specialized Catalogue*. They were removed from the listing because they did not operate in the United States. The company is considered an express company rather than a local post.



BLACK ON GREEN "COLLECT" LABEL : MOSHER# BCBX-L7 (TYPE VI PAID)
 BLUE "POST OFFICE VICTORIA VANCOUVER ISLAND" PAID OVAL HANDSTAMP
 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA CDS - MARCH 31, 1864
 BLUE ACTON RECEIVING CDS ON REVERSE - APRIL 30, 1864

PHOTO OF BARNARD'S STAGE COACH AT YALE [FROM BC ARCHIVES A-015591]

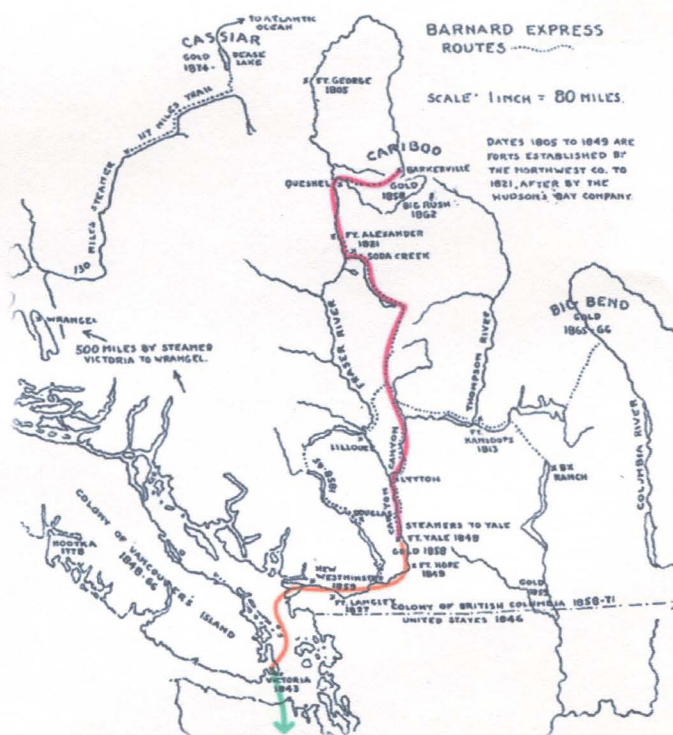
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BLACK ON GREEN "COLLECT" LABEL : MOSHER# BCBX-L11 : UPSS# BCE-901 : WELLBURN TYPE 3
 BLUE "POST OFFICE VICTORIA V.I." COAT OF ARMS HANDSTAMP : DIE 600
 SAN FRANCISCO CDS - MARCH 8, 1864
 LEEDS, ENGLAND CDS - APRIL 13, 1864
 PF# 514710

The cover above was carried by Barnard's Cariboo Express with a green "collect" label. It was also likely carried, at least partially, by the express of Dietz & Nelson. Dietz & Nelson were partners with Barnard's Cariboo express from 1863 until when Barnard bought out the company in 1867. Barnard's Cariboo connected with Dietz & Nelson at Yale, which carried mail to Victoria where it connected with Wells Fargo.

The cover is routed "Via New York" in manuscript at the top. A "1/-" mark on the front indicates that it was marked due upon arrival in Leeds.



MAP OF BARNARD'S EXPRESS ROUTES
 FROM THE STAMP SPECIALIST
 "BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS... AND
 LATER EXPRESS OF F.J. BARNARD" BY
 HENRY C. HITT & GERALD E. WELLBURN

PINK: BARNARD ROUTE FROM CARIBOO TO YALE
 ORANGE: DIETZ & NELSON ROUTE FROM YALE TO VICTORIA
 CYAN: WELLS FARGO & CO. TO SAN FRANCISCO

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS

Barnard's Cariboo Express labels had similar, rectangular designs with variations in font. They all included the company's name and either "PAID" or "COLLECT" depending on their use. Most were printed in black on orange surface colored paper, though labels on pink, yellow, or green surface colored paper were also issued.



MOSHER# BCBX-L1
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IA - PAID)



MOSHER# BCBX-L1
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IA - PAID)
"PAID" OVAL HANDSTAMP



MOSHER# BCBX-L7
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE VIA - PAID)



MOSHER# BCBX-L7
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE VIA - PAID)



MOSHER# BCBX-L9
BLACK ON GREEN SC
(TYPE VI - COLLECT)



MOSHER# BCBX-L10
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IIIA - PAID)



MOSHER# BCBX-L10
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IIIA - PAID)
"PAID" OVAL HANDSTAMP

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS



MOSHER# BCBX-L17
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IVB - PAID)



MOSHER# BCBX-L17
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IVB - PAID)
HANDSTAMP CANCEL



MOSHER# BCBX-L17
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IVB - PAID)
MANUSCRIPT CANCEL



MOSHER# BCBX-L20
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE VA - PAID)



MOSHER# BCBX-L17
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE IVB - PAID)
HANDSTAMP CANCEL



MOSHER# BCBX-L20
BLACK ON ORANGE SC
(TYPE VA - PAID)



PORTRAIT OF F.J. BARNARD
FROM PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF BC

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Since our last issue, the following telegram has been received:

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 8.—The steamer *Lilloet* arrived from Yale last Thursday, bringing the Cariboo express and \$150,000 in treasure to the Bank of British Columbia, \$156,000 of which was in bars assayed at their office on William's Creek. There is no news of interest from above. The provision market was good, flour selling at 20 cents.

Mr. Barnard has established an express to the Big Bend of the Columbia river, the first express to start from Yale next week.

The steamer *Enterprise* arrived from Victoria last evening, but brought no news of importance.

Five hundred salmon were caught by one party on Wednesday night, opposite this city. They are selling in market at one bit each.

The steamer *Caledonia* has been engaged to make weekly trips between this place and the ports on Puget Sound.

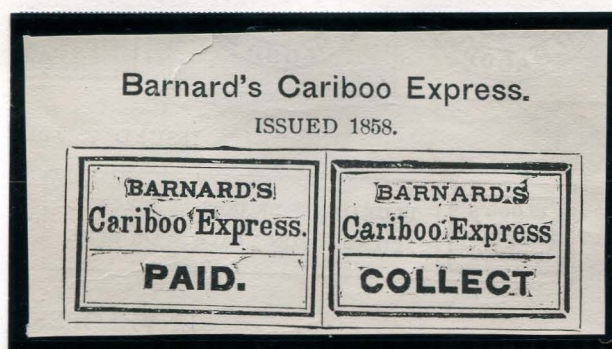
Weather clear; thermometer 63°.

NEWS ARTICLE REGARDING BARNARD'S EXPRESS
PUBLISHED IN THE *SAN FRANCISCO BULLETIN*
JUNE 9, 1865

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS

Forgeries of the Barnard's Cariboo Express labels were produced in many different styles by multiple forgers throughout the years.

Scott produced four different types of counterfeit Barnard's Cariboo Express labels. These are all listed by Lyons as "Forgery F" and differentiated by number.



BCBX-L-52
FORGERY F4
PAID

BCBX-L53
FORGERY F1
COLLECT

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ILLUSTRATIONS CUT FROM ALBUM (PAGE 369)

The forgeries below were produced by S. Allan Taylor. They are known in a variety of colors.



BCBX-L47
FORGERY E
TAYLOR - FORM C
PAID - DULL RED
ON WHITE



BCBX-L47
FORGERY E
TAYLOR - FORM C
PAID - BLACK
ON YELLOW



BCBX-L47
FORGERY E
TAYLOR - FORM C
PAID - BLACK
ON GREEN SC



BCBX-L47
FORGERY E
TAYLOR - FORM C
PAID - RED
ON PALE PINK V LAID



BCBX-L47
FORGERY E
TAYLOR - FORM CC4
PAID - BLACK
ON WHITE



FORGERY E
"PAID."
TAYLOR - FORM CC4
PAID - BLACK
ON VERMILION SC



FORGERY E
"PAID."
TAYLOR - FORM CC4
PAID - BLACK
ON VIOLET

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS

Some forgeries were made for collectors during or shortly after the period in which the company actually operated. Modern forgeries also exist, many of which are based on earlier forgeries rather than the genuine stamps.

The examples below were produced by unidentified forgers. This group includes forgeries listed by Lyons in his 1998 *Identifier*, as well as what are likely more modern forgeries based on older examples.



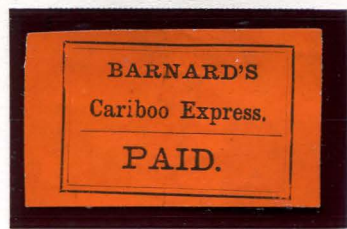
BCBX-L40
FORGERY A
PAID - BLACK
ON ORANGE SC



BCBX-L40.1
LIKE FORGERY A
PAID - BLACK
ON RED



BCBX-L42
FORGERY B
COLLECT - BLACK
ON GREEN SC



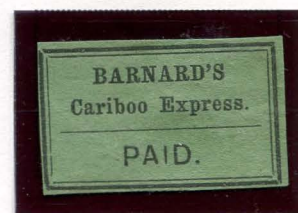
BCBX-L45
FORGERY D
PAID - BLACK
ON VERMILION SC



BCBX-L45.1
LIKE FORGERY D
PAID - BLACK
ON RED



BCBX-L46
FORGERY C
COLLECT - BLACK
ON GREEN SC



BCBX-L48
LIKE FORGERY E
PAID - BLACK
ON GREEN



BCBX-L49
LIKE FORGERY F3
COLLECT - BROWN
ON BLUE-GREEN



BCBX-L54
PAID - BROWN
ON BLUE



UNLISTED
COLLECT - BLACK
ON GREEN