Four new managers were appointed for the Motor Carrier Branch recently in an effort to streamline carrier operations for better service to the motor carrier industry.

The four are Meredith Rowden, Manager of Passenger Licences and Safety; Dave Hammell, Manager of Freight Licencing for the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island; Ken Knott, Manager of Motor Carrier Compliance within the Province; and Don Murray, Manager of Freight Licencing for the Provincial Region. As part of the change, Doug Tyson, Deputy Superintendent becomes responsible for the Office Managers, Manager of Compliance, and Manager, Financial Investigation (Rates Examiner). All four will remain based at the Burnaby Headquarters, 4240 Manor Street.

The Motor Carrier Branch is the administrative arm of the Motor Carrier Commission with headquarters at 4240 Manor Street, Burnaby, and seven field offices located at Victoria, Nanaimo, Prince George, Kelowna, Kamloops, Vancouver and Victoria. Today Headquarters are located at 4240 Manor Street, Burnaby, and there are field offices located in Nanaimo, Prince George, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Kamloops, Kelowna and Victoria.

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

We have come through a tough winter and our crews have done a commendable job in keeping our highways open. Slides, washouts and avalanches have been handled with dispatch and for that I wish to thank those who have worked so hard to keep the traffic moving.

However, with the approach of spring and early summer we are now faced with a new season of road maintenance work and increasing traffic loads and therefore we cannot let down on our attention to safety and the pride of accomplishment which characterized our past efforts.

At the same time we have to constantly remind users of our highways that they have a responsibility as well — to drive the road system safely and within limits. To do this we have to set an example with our own activities, including our own behaviour behind the wheel and on the job.

Drivers whom we help to regulate and control watch us too. If our road behaviour in marked Ministry vehicles is not exemplary we are bound to hear about it, and with justification. Let’s not be accused of asking people to “do as we say, not as we do.”

ALEX. V. FRASER
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The Headquarters Planning Branch ran a public information centre March 16 to 18 in Abbotsford regarding the Highway 11 realignment project. The centre, located at Old Clayburn and Imnel Roads was manned by J. Greg Steiger, P.Eng., Supervising Transportation Engineer and Maria D. Stanclay, Engineer-In-Training. Maria is shown explaining the route to a local resident.

COVER PHOTO

Shot of the John Hart-Peace River Highway was taken 30 years ago by Frank Clapp shortly after the then new highway was officially opened. This is looking south toward Azoacreta Lake at a point 210 kilometres north of Prince George and 198 kilometres south of Dawson Creek. The highway was later paved and large sections have since been rebuilt and repaired. (See more pictures and story — Page 17.)
W. A. (BILL) DALE, P.Eng., Design Engineer with the Design and Surveys Branch in Victoria, retired on March 31, 1982 after 13 years with the Ministry. Before joining the government Bill worked in the hardwood and pulp business and was manager of pulp mills at Port Alice and Woodfibre. Bill was raised on a farm in Saskatchewan and moved to Victoria in 1929. He was well known as a track star. His running ability earned him a scholarship at Washington State University where he received his engineering degree but only after taking a year leave of absence to win a gold and bronze medal at the British Empire Games in Sydney, Australia, in 1954. While are these are his most prestigious awards, they are only two of a long list of awards and records that he achieved in that period. During World War 2, Bill was in the RCAF where he won his pilot's wings. His hobbies are gardening and photography and he excels in both. He is also keenly interested in genealogy and is vice-president of the Victoria Genealogy Society. A recent school reunion in the prairies prompted Bill to produce an excellent history of the Rocky Hills and Goslin School Districts which he calls "A Harvest of Prairie Memories." It is a very warm and human book and Bill is being swamped for copies by people who have bought the book and are ordering extra copies for family and friends. Bill and his wife Mary were honoured at a luncheon on March 26th by his friends and co-workers.

DAVID (DAVE) LOGAN, Design Engineer in Headquarters Bridge Branch, was the guest of honour at a large gathering in Victoria, on March 26th, on the occasion of his retirement. Dave joined the Ministry in 1955, as a design engineer, and was appointed to the position of Section Supervisor in 1959. Dave's wife Janet, and their four grown children attended. Dave was presented with a Meritocracy Scroll from the Provincial Government by the Deputy Minister, R. G. Harvey. Len Johnson, Director of Bridge Engineering, presented the guest of honour with a gold wrist watch on behalf of his many friends. Honouring Dave on this occasion were members of Highway Design and Surveys, and Geotechnical and Materials Branches, along with retired former Bridge Branch members. Along with Dave's varied bridge design responsibilities, he represented the Ministry as a member of the project committee on bridge hydraulics, Roads and Transportation Association of Canada for six years. During his regular work and home duties Dave found the time to serve four years on the Greater Victoria School Board and Victoria City's Advisory Planning Commission. During World War 2 he served with the Royal Navy.

BARDA BILL BADDELEY, Bridge Zen-1, retired October 31, 1980, after 12 years service with the Ministry. Barda began with Highways with 12 years with the Branch. Prior to that, Jim worked from January, 1968, until April 1970, in the Air Division of Transportation at Victoria International Airport. Jim came to Canada in 1967, from England and spent a short time working with a marine architect. Jim and his wife, Joan, were honoured at a luncheon attended by his fellow employees and friends.

NORMAN (CHUCK) BECKLEY is one of those 62-year-old retirees for whom retirement is just another door into a new life and a fresh start. "Chuck", Foreman 4, of the Langford Bridge Crew, Saanich District, had his retirement dinner, given by his fellow workers, within a few weeks of his recent marriage. He was born and raised in Paradise Valley, Alberta. He served in the Navy, drove a taxi in Victoria, and worked in construction as a carpenter all over B.C. and the Yukon. In 1969, he was hired by the Ministry for the Revelstoke bridge crew. He transferred in 1978, to Langford as a Foreman 2, and stayed there until retirement. He and his new bride are planning to move to the U.S.A., sometime in the future.

J. G. H. (JIM) POTTER, Technical Assistant 1, Traffic Engineering Branch, Headquarters, retired in February after 12 years with the Branch. Prior to that, Jim worked from January, 1963, until April, 1970, in the Air Division of Transportation at Victoria International Airport. Jim covered the entire Peace Region. In 1947, he met and married his wife, Charlotte, and they had four children: Bruce, Agnes, Raymon and Dale. After driving truck for two years Bert was promoted to a Grader Operator, a position he held for 20 years before he was promoted to a Road Foreman. He was presented with a genuine barbeque and a lounge which was handmade by fellow workers. Bert hopes to do a lot of fishing during his retirement and will be missed by all his former fellow workers in Pouce Coupe.

MANFORD PEDERSON, Smithers District, recently retired, began with the Ministry in 1970, as a Machine Operator and for the past 30 years has served as the Smithers Yardman. Manfords retirement will mean his colleagues will no longer bear Manford mutter "By jingles, what did you blame boys do with them last batch so and so's I gave you?" Manford came to this area in 1944, after serving in the forces and having his hand at coal mining, trucking, farming and logging. Manfords immediate plans will see him relaxing in the sunshine at the lake.
NORRIS AMIES, Machine Operator 3, on the Pender Island crew of the Saanich District, retired on February 3, 1982. Norris grew up on Saanich Island, the son of Captain Amies who was Captain of one of the Dollar Line ships sailing from San Francisco to Hong Kong. Before joining the Ministry, Norris was in the navy, joining in 1938, and serving throughout the war years. During his years with the Ministry, he was part of the paving crew that worked on the roads of Pender Island. He was also involved in building the ferry terminal approaches, a major job for the small island crew. His co-workers, friends, and relatives held a dinner party for him, where he was presented with a barometer-thermometer.

BLYTH CUTTER, Machine Operator 7, Quesnel District, Quesnel North Crew, retired March 31, 1982. He began with the Ministry in Quesnel in 1963, as a Labourer, subsequently he was a truck driver, and then a grader operator. When the new satellite yard was established in Hixon, in 1966, Blyth spent two years there and then moved back to Quesnel. While with the Ministry he took an air brake course and also a grader operator course in Nanaimo. He came to Lumby, B.C., from Meadow Creek, Alberta, in 1948. When he first came to Quesnel, he ratched 10 kilometres southwest of Quesnel. He moved back to Quesnel to further his children's education. Blyth enjoys cattle ranching and now has a hobby farm to keep him busy.

DENYS W. DE LORME, District Stockman, Kamloops District, retires in May after 25 years of service with the Ministry. Denys has spent all 25 years in Kamloops District. His main interest is in raising and showing Irish water spaniels. He has a water spaniel, which after obtaining one more point, will be a Canadian champion. He is a lifetime member of the Kamloops District Kennel Club and the Kamloops Central Lions Club. He enjoys working with the handi capped and senior citizens. His future plans include travelling to dog shows and continuing work with the Lions Club.

GEORGE WISHART, Machine Operator 4, on the Langford crew, Saanich Highways District, was honoured at a dinner and toasted by his fellow workers after 32 years of service with the Ministry. George served in the army, worked for Crown Asphalts, and surveyed for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, before starting with the Ministry in 1949. The Wishart name is a familiar one in the Langford-Colwood District, as George's father was a pioneer logger and farmer in the area. There is a road, gravel pit, and elementary school in Colwood which all bear the Wishart name. George will be busy in his retirement working around his house which he has renovated from one of the original buildings on his father's farm.

HAROLD SKANDS, Engineering Assistant, Nelson Highways District, retired after 29 years of service. He began with the Ministry in 1952, with the Design and Surveys Branch. At that time, he was located at Christina Lake while working on the Blueberry-Budworth section of Highway 3. He worked at several locations in the interior, such as Hope, Chilliwack, Fernie, Cranbrook, Radium, Terrace, Hazelton and Prince George. While at Prince George he worked on the Prince George-McBride Highway. Harold transferred to the Nelson District survey crew in April, 1980, and was later responsible for the permit and subdivision inspections until his retirement on February 28, 1982.

JIM LAFORGE, Bridgeman 3, Dawson Creek District, retired from the Ministry on January 21, 1982. Jim joined the Ministry in May, 1971. Selected shop steward, he represented the Union on the safety committee for many years. Euclid Tremblay, Bridge Foreman, wished him well and presented him with a gift from his co-workers and many friends throughout the district. Jim was well prepared for his retirement as he has just recently completed the construction of his own carpentry shop at Tupper, where he resides, an indication that Jim will be spending many hours pursuing his favorite hobby.

WILLIAM (BILL) GARDEN, Bridge Foreman at Deas Dock, went on pre-retirement leave in March and officially retires in July this year after 18 years with the Ministry. Bill was born in 1917, in Whitehorse, Yukon, and educated in Vancouver. He worked on tugs and later in Hong Kong. Before joining the Ministry, Bill was a carpenter and a grader operator. He was also involved in building the ferry terminal approaches, a major job for the small island crew. His co-workers, friends, and relatives held a dinner party for him, where he was presented with a barometer-thermometer.

A retirement party was held recently for three Motor Vehicle Inspectors from Burnaby inspection station who retired after a combined total of 26 years service among them. They are, left to right, GORDON McCORQUODALE, six years, JACK HARDING, 11 years and ALBERT COTIE, 30 years. Gordon was born in Shell River, Manitoba, and educated in Saskatchewan. He served in the Canadian Army from September 1939, to August 1946, and following discharge, worked as a service garage for 20 years before joining the Ministry in 1975. Jack was born in Vancouver, and started out as an mechanic in the Vancouver area in 1938. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the war, then returned to work in the Vancouver area. He joined the Ministry in 1974. Born in Calgary, he then moved to B.C. in 1938, and served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment during World War 2. He apprenticed in the automotive and body trades and worked in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver before joining the Ministry in September 1971.
APPENDIXES ...

WALTER E. MERCER, P. Eng., has recently been appointed to the position of Regional Director, Ministry of Transportation and Highways, with headquarters in Burnaby for the past three years has been Regional Maintenance Operations Manager in Prince George. He has had many long and productive years with the Ministry, having begun in 1942 in New Westminster. Successive appointments were made, after serving in the R.C.A.F. for some years, to Resident Engineer, New Westminster, Saanich, Williams Lake, and Vernon, after which he was promoted to Regional Maintenance Engineer, Kamloops, in 1961. Subsequently Walt has served in Region I, as Regional Maintenance Engineer, and later Regional Planning Engineer. Twelve inches of snow in 24 hours did not deter friends and fellow workers in Region 4 from attending a farewell send-off for Walt on the occasion of his departure for Vancouver. Regional managers, foremen and wives from the entire Region gathered at the home of the retired Regional Paving Superintendent, Harry Waring, to say goodbye to the Mercers. Walt is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a B.A. in Education and a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University. A member of the American Society of Engineers, Walt and his wife Beverley have four grown children and three grandchildren and make their home in the western part of Cloverdale. Walt’s hobbies include photography, vintage car restoration, fishing, hunting and gardening.

The Motor Vehicle Department has a new Standards Engineer, HUGH YOUNG, a graduate from the University of Manitoba, with broad experience in the vehicle standards field. Born and educated in Winnipeg, Hugh has been in the field of vehicle safety and vehicle standards since 1963, when he first went to work for the Canadian Standards Association Testing Laboratories in Toronto. In 1968 he was hired by the Province of Ontario as Automotive Safety Engineer, responsible for activating the present Ontario Vehicle Inspection Program. In 1970 he moved to Ottawa to work for Transport Canada on the introduction of Canada Standards for motor vehicles. He remained there two years then went to work for the UK Motor Industry in England, returning to Canada, and Windsor, Ontario, in 1977, to work for an American subsidiary of a French automotive electrical group, which position he holds now. In his new role with the Motor Vehicle Department Hugh will be responsible for developing vehicle standards for the purpose of safety and general government regulations. He is married with two children and his outside interests include antique cars and photography.

TOM BLACK is the new Regional Supervisor of the Commercial Transport Division for Vancouver Island and Powell River areas. Tom joined the Division February 1977, serving at Terrace, as a Weighmaster 1, for three years and two years as a Weighmaster 3, Portable Operator, responsible for an area in the northwest from the Queen Charlotte Islands to Smithers, in the east and as far north as the B.C.-Yukon border. Originally from Aberdeen, Scotland, Tom spent most of his years in the north working nine years with the Hudson Bay Fur Trade. He later owned and operated a store, motel and gas station on Highway 37, some 480 kilometres north of Terrace, during which he held many varied positions including postmaster, stipend magistrate, coroner, and sub-government agent. In his new capacity, Tom will assist in the administration of the Division as well as assume the responsibility of Regional Supervisor for the Vancouver Island/Powell River Region. He is married with three girls and enjoys hunting, fishing, and hiking and is looking forward to enjoying some of this soft climate.

DENNIS OLIVER has been appointed District Highways Manager for the Golden District. Dennis began with the Design and Survey Branch in 1955, and worked all through the Kootenays until 1967, at which time he moved to Duncan. A year later he won the position of Technician and moved to Gibsons. In 1971, he was awarded the position of District Technician and moved to Courtenay and held that position until his recent move to Golden. Hobbies are enjoying the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Dennis and his wife Carol have three sons.

SYDNEY CARROLL has been appointed Airport Development Engineer with the Air Transport Assistance Program. Born in Scotland, Syd is a graduate in civil engineering from the University of Manitoba. Before coming to British Columbia from the prairies he spent 20 years working as a pavement engineer with the cities of Regina and Winnipeg, and also as a division engineer with Shell Oil at Winnipeg. From 1967 to 1969 he worked as a Water Right Engineer in Kelowna and for the next two and a half years managed the Southeast Kelowna Irrigation District during which he was responsible for an AFA Program. Prior to his new appointment he worked with the Ministry of Health as a Public Health Engineer from 1972 to 1982. Syd is married with one daughter and likes to golf and fish in his spare time.

KEITH BESFLOUG, District Highway Manager, Fort St. John, recently won through competition the position as Regional Manager, Maintenance in the Prince George Region. Keith graduated in Civil Engineering from the University of Alberta and later obtained a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering (Geotechnical) from the University of Toronto. He worked in Alberta for a few years prior to joining the Ministry in Victoria in 1974, as Special Projects Engineer with the Geotechnical and Materials Branch. In 1978, Keith moved to Edmonton and was Regional Geotechnical and Materials Engineer. From 1979 to present, Keith has been the District Highways Manager at Fort St. John. Married with two children, Keith enjoys golfing, curling, skiing and camping. The family is looking forward to living in Prince George.

PETER LOFTHOUSE, former Planning Officer with Transport Policy's ATAP Program has won through competition the position of Economist with the Transport Policy Branch. In his new role Peter will be responsible for investigations and studies of complex transportation issues, involving all modes of transportation, and deal with other ministries, provinces and the federal government. Peter holds a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University in Montreal, and a Master of Science in Transportation Planning from the Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bedford, England. Before joining the Ministry in April 1980, Peter spent six years in Yellowknife with the Department of Economic Development, Government of the Northwest Territories. Before that he worked five years with an aviation consulting firm in Montreal. Peter is married and his outside interests include canoeing, walking and watching professional sports. He also has a private pilot's licence.
ERROL REDMAN was recently appointed District Highway Manager for Lillooet Highway District. Errol has been with several branches of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways over the past 18 years. He started with Birch Island Maintenance in 1963, Construction Branch; 1964-1974, Design and Surveys in Kamloops; 1974-1977, Kamloops District for seven months then Lillooet District, 1978-1982. Errol is married, has two children and is actively involved in minor hockey and softball. He is a Canadian Amateur Hockey Association referee and a B.C. Amateur Softball Association umpire. Errol also plays recreational and old timers hockey.

W. R. (DICK) SMALLEY has been promoted to Regional Health and Safety Officer in Region 1. Prior to this, Dick was the Regional Stockman in the North Vancouver District. He began with the Ministry in 1969 in the North Vancouver District office after a lengthy career with the military spanning the years 1940-1969. He served in the infantry, airborne and lastly as a technical officer in the safety field. He is married with two sons. Dick's hobbies are fishing, golf and any spare time is spent in his greenhouse.

DAVE OSSACHOFF has been appointed Railway Technician with the Transportation Engineering Branch in Prince George. His job is to monitor all railway construction on North-east Coal projects such as grading, tunneling and bridges from Anzac to Tumbler Ridge to Quintette mine site. Dave was born in Trail, lived in Castlegar until he was 13 then moved to Surrey. Before coming to the Ministry earlier this year, Dave was Resident Supervisor on construction for B.C. Rail where he had worked since June 1974. He is a graduate in civil and structural engineering from B.C.I.T. In his off hours Dave enjoys skiing, fishing and racquet sports.

ZENON BURECHAILO, Quesnel District Office Manager, was recently reclassified to Office Administrator 1. Zenon was born and educated in Wakaw, Saskatchewan. He moved to the Quesnel area in 1954. Before joining the Ministry he was produce manager of a local food store for several years, then a bookkeeper for a large logging and lumbering company in Quesnel. When Zenon first joined the Ministry in November 1962, in Quesnel, he was a Clerk 2, Timkeeper. In June 1965 he was promoted to Senior Clerk, Office Manager, in Fort St. John, transferred to Peace River in May 1967, then on to Smithers in May 1972, and Quesnel, November 1975. He is married with one daughter. He enjoys music and is learning violin. He also likes travelling, camping and fishing.

ELAINE DOW has recently won through competition the position of Clerk 3 in the Headquarters Payroll Section. Penny started with the B.C. Ferries, May, 1974, transferring to the Ministry of Finance, Central Pay Office in June, 1974 until joining the Ministry's Financial Services Branch in November, 1981. Her hobbies are sewing, knitting, crocheting and on weekends she enjoys boating trips through the islands with her husband Pat on their 22-foot cabin cruiser.

GERRY TRUeman won through competition the position of Operations Assistant in the Traffic Engineering Branch, Headquarters in October, 1981. His duties include looking after all sign record forms and some manual traffic count data information he has collected while out in the field. Gerry's hobbies include computer programming and playing the guitar.

DALE HOMES was the successful candidate for the Engineering Aide 3 regulatory position in the Golden District. Beginning work with the Paving Branch in 1972, Dale travelled extensively throughout the southern part of B.C. until 1974. The next two years were spent at the Engineering Aide 3 level as the relieving Avalanche Observer at Salmon-Creston Summit. In 1976, through competition, Dale won the position of District Avalanche Technician based in Creston, and held that position until his recent move to Golden. Dale is single, enjoys photography, downhill and cross-country skiing.

KATHY McEACHNIE recently won through competition the position of Clerk 4 in Property Services, in the Prince George Regional Office. She began with the Ministry in 1972 as a Clerk I. Later in 1972, Kathy moved to the Prince George District Office as Voucher Clerk. In 1973, she moved to Property Services as a Clerk 2. Kathy then was an Office Assistant 2 for the Mechanical Branch in 1976. Her hobbies are curling, racquetball, and slowpitch.

ELAINE DOW has recently won through competition the position of Office Manager Trainee for Kamloops District. She has been with the Ministry for four years. Elaine began with the Ministry as an auxiliary Clerk Typist 1 in Terrace and then she was Regional Personnel Clerk before coming to Kamloops. She enjoys reading, knitting, quilting, snowshoeing and gardening. Elaine is also interested in carpentry and has done some reconstruction on her mobile home in Savona.

KATHY KUROYAMA has recently won through competition the position of Clerk 4, Documentation Clerk, in the Kamloops Regional Property Services office. She was with Land Titles for five years where she left as a Clerk 5 and joined Region 2 in January. Kathy is married and is interested in ballet, dancing and curling and enjoys getting out to the lake whenever she can.
PROMOTIONS . . .

SANDRA (SANDI) PAULSON was recently promoted to Clerk 4 in the Quesnel District office. Before joining the Ministry she was an office clerk for a local retail store. She joined Highways as an Office Assistant 1 on May 23, 1978. She was trained for payroll and was promoted to a Clerk 3 in January, 1980. Sandi enjoys snowmobiling, bowling and travelling. She likes the outdoors and plans to spend as much time as possible this summer camping and touring Vancouver Island. Sandi is married with one daughter.

CHARLES (CHARLIE) PUSEY won through competition the position of Mechanic 3 in Blue River in the McBride District in January, 1982. Charlie transferred from Stewart to the McBride District in November I, 1982. Charlie has lived in McBride for the past seven years. He began with the Ministry as a Labourer, Truck Driver and Patching Foreman. Ole is married and has five children. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and skiing.

ULRICH (OLE) SCHIEFELBEIN, won through competition the position of District Coordinator in the McBride District on November 1, 1982. Ole has lived in McBride for the past seven years. He began with the Ministry as a Labourer, Truck Driver and Patching Foreman. Ole is married and has one child. His hobbies include photography, snowmobiling, fishing and waterskiing.

IAN PIKE recently won through competition, the position of Mechanic 3, lead in, the Kelowna Shop. Ian comes to Kelowna from the Dock District where he was a Mechanic 2 at the Oak Street Yard. Ian enjoys hunting and rebuilding antique cars. To date, he has completely rebuilt a 1928 Ford sedan and is working on a 1918 Chev and a 1923/24 Model T Ford. Ian and his wife have recently bought a home in Kelowna and with their family are anticipating the recreational opportunities the Okanagan offers.

DAVID LABAR won through competition the position of Engineering Assistant 4 in the McBride District. Dave transferred from Chetwynd where he was working on the North East Coal Project, prior to that he worked in Quesnel on the Barkerville Road. Dave and his wife, Elaine, have two children, and they enjoy all types of outdoor sports and are looking forward to living in the McBride area.

ROBIN DELL was the successful applicant for the Road Foreman 3 position in Kitwanga. Robin came to the Smithers District from the Whitlster area where life was made interesting by the numerous slides and washouts. Robin tells us that life is much more relaxed in Kitwanga and that his first impressions have been positive. Robin, his wife and two children, are enjoying a variety of activities that the area and community have to offer.

JOHN CLARK recently won promotion to a Technician 3 in the Courtenay District. John received a presentation at a farewell party put on by his friends from the Highways and Fire Department in Burns Lake.

CARL MOSSMAN, Road Foreman "A" at Prince George, recently won through competition the Road Foreman "A" position at Salmon Arm. As well as being an avid golfer, Carl was for many years an active member of the District Social Committee.

AL DESIMONE, who began with the Ministry in 1961 as a Chairman, recently won the position of Assistant Highways Manager at Vernon. He progressed to Engineering Assistant (Technician 1) and Technican 2 in November, 1981. Al was one of the originators of the Highways Training Program in 1971. He has been the Vernon District’s Training Officer since that time. His outside activities include life member of the Kinsmen K-40 Club. Al is involved in most outdoor sports, hunting, fishing, and skiing. Recently he purchased a ranch. He loves walking his two children, a boy and girl, ages 8 and 10.

STEVE UYESUGI was the successful applicant for the District Coordinator position in Smithers District. He is also the Smithers field editor for the R. R. & C. He began on the survey crew in 1976. Steve was born and raised in Ontario, but a visit to British Columbia so impressed him that he relocated here. Steve is an avid fisherman and rarely comes home without a few big ones. Steve and his wife, Margaret, have three daughters.

LARRY ENGLISH was recently promoted from the Salmon Arm Highways Shop to the Vernon Shop to the position of Trades Journeyman Supervisor. Larry began with the Ministry at Allison Pass. His next transfer was to Salmon Arm Shop where he worked for some time before winning the competition for the Vernon position. Both Larry and his wife enjoy camping, fishing, and square dancing.
ABOUT PEOPLE ...

HARRY RONMARK, the new District Highways Manager, Smithers, B.C., began with Highways in 1956 in Nelson. In 1965 Harry was promoted to Foreman 3 for the Kootenay Pass Crew. In 1968 he became the Driver Trainer in Nelson and in 1973 he became the Maintenance Systems Technician in the Nelson Region. His first post as District Highways Manager was in 1979 in Golden, B.C. Harry and his wife, Marion, have six grown children.

CARL DeCICCIO is Train Operations and Occupational Safety Officer with the Transportation Engineering Branch stationed in Prince George. Carl was born and educated in Car­ preol, Ontario and moved to British Columbia in 1970. He worked with Canadian National for nine years as a conductor-trainman and 11 years as a Conductor Engineman with B.C. Rail where he rose to the position as Trainmaster. He joined the Ministry in November, 1980. Carl's job is to monitor the operation of trains under Provincial jurisdiction in British Columbia and ensure that all rules and regulations are observed in the handling of trains as well as the occupational safety of crews and fixed facilities. Married with two children, Carl's interests include golf, being an avid football fan and operating his extensive model railroad.

GLEN (GRIZZLY) NIELSEN, Machine Operator 7, Quesnel District (South Crew), has worked for the Ministry in Quesnel since 1972. Grizzly began working for the Ministry in 1966 in Prince Coupe as a Machine Operator 3 cat operator with the Regional crusher crew. He travelled with the crusher for nearly six years before deciding to settle in Quesnel. Before joining Highways he worked in the Dawson Creek-Fort St. John area operating heavy trucks and cats on roadbuilding and oil drilling projects. When he transferred to Quesnel he started as a Machine Operator 3 and was promoted to Machine Operator 7 in 1975. He operates graders and trucks and is Relief Foreman on the winter shift. His hobbies include gun collecting, re-loading shells, moulding his own style of bullets and he is also a CB enthusiast.

JANICE CREBER, Office Assistant 2, Quesnel Highways District, was raised in Burnaby and moved to Williams Lake in 1974. She worked for a drug store and a department store before joining the Ministry there in 1976, where she worked with the District Coordinator. While there, she completed the Maintenance Management Correspondence Course. Janice moved to Quesnel in November, 1980 and started with the Ministry in Quesnel in February, 1981, also working with the District Coordinator. She has helped the Quesnel Field Editor for the R. R. & C. by typing the submissions. Janice enjoys travelling, skiing and the outdoors. Her hobbies are flower gardening. She is married and is expecting her first child in July.

RAYMOND CHAN is a Transport Analyst with the Transportation Policy Analysis Branch. Born and educated in Victoria, he has a B.A. Degree in Economics and Geography from the University of Victoria. Before joining the Branch in December, 1981, he worked one year in the planning department of the Capital Regional District. He also worked summers with the Ministries of Forests, Agriculture and Food and B.C. Ferries while attending university. Raymond is currently working on a review of the subsidized ferry services on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. He hopes eventually to work on a Master's Degree in Transportation and is interested in making a career with the public service. He is single and his hobbies include tennis, squash, travelling and world affairs.

LORI TOCHER, Office Assistant 1, Vancouver, joined the Pattullo Bridge scale operation in April, 1980. She worked in banking and office jobs for five years before that. Lori types all correspondence, makes out non-resident permits, temporary operating permits, and maintains a typing gram. Her interests include philosophy, rock hounding, jewelry making, swimming, tennis, pyx, and the Girl Guide movement.

DENISE BRUMMELL began with the Ministry in 1981 with the Lillooet District Survey Crew as an Engineering Aide I and has since been promoted to the classification of Engineering Aide 2-3. Before coming to the Ministry she worked as a draughtsman with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in Victoria. Ministry of Forests in Williams Lake and with B.C. Hydro. Denise also gained experience as an industrial first aid attendant while working at Canadian Forces Ammunition Depot (C.F.A.D.), Rocky Point in Victoria. Born in Victoria, B.C., Denise graduated from Esquimalt Senior Secondary and since then has furthered her education with night school courses in surveying at Camosun College, Victoria, and is currently enrolled in the Highway Technology Training Program. Her interests include philosophy, rock hounding, jewelry making, swimming, tennis, pyx, and the Girl Guide movement.

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TRACY COOPER, Engineering Assistant, Quesnel Office, was born and raised in Victoria. After graduating from Belmont High School, he attended the University of Victoria, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics. He has also taken special courses in air photo interpretation and report writing. Before joining the Ministry, Tracy worked for B.C. Forest Service, Engineering Division. He did this part-time from 1971-75 throughout the Province. He also taught school in Wells, B.C., for six months. In 1976, Tracy joined Highways as an Engineering Aide I and worked his way up to an Engineering Assistant. Tracy recently won the competition for Technician 2 at B.C. Forest Service in Quesnel, and will be starting there April 1. Tracy's hobbies include golf, tennis, skiing, bowling, curling and chess.

IVAN EASTCOTT is a long-time resident of the community of Blue River, he started with the Ministry in Blue River 17 years ago as a Machine Operator 1 and has worked his way up to the position of Machine Operator 4. Ivan enjoys fishing, hunting and curling as his hobbies. He is active in his community as a volunteer fireman and is also a member of the Water Board.
ABOUT PEOPLE...

PETER GILLAN is the new Office Manager for the Motor Carrier Branch Headquarters, Burnaby. Prior to his appointment, Peter worked as the Assistant Rates Examiner for four years and before that was Office Manager for a Vancouver moving and storage firm for three years. Born and educated in Victoria, Peter attended the University of Victoria for one year and articled with a chartered accountant firm for five years. He also worked three years with the Workers Compensation Board. His new responsibilities include overseeing 22 clerks, examining licence applications for approval for computer data input, the payment of accounts, personnel duties and responsible for stationery supplies. Peter is married and his outside interests include golfing, bowling, baseball and racquetball.

EDWARD (ED) LAW, Road Foreman 1, Nazko, Quesnel District, began working for the Ministry in 1959 as a Truck Driver. His first years were divided between the road crew and a bridge crew. He helped the bridge crew pull reaction ferries out in the fall and launch them again in the spring. He drove truck the rest of the time. He went to the road crew permanently and became a grader operator for the next 17 years. Ed had considerable grademix experience during those years, he also laid a lot of hot-mix with a grader. He moved to Nazko as a Road Foreman 1 in May 1979, in charge of maintaining 257 kilometers of gravel road. Ed has a keen interest in Nazko community affairs, he is a member of the Nazko Community Association and the Rod and Gun Club.

DOUG McKEE is Road Foreman 3 in Blue River. Doug began with the Ministry in Blue River 15 years ago, since then he has been transferred to Kamloops, Princeton, Anahim Lake and two years ago he moved back to Blue River. In two years Doug and his crew have been able to win the Region 4 Good Housekeeping Award for the first time. The award, for the year 1981/82, is given for the neat condition of yard and buildings. He is married and has three children.

Valerie Shefferd is Secretary to the Office Manager, Motor Carrier Branch Headquarters, Burnaby. Valerie came from England 16 years ago. Married with one daughter, she opted out of the full-time work force for a while to raise her family but did some temporary work with office overload. Before joining the Ministry 18 months ago, she worked for the Ministry of Labour Apprenticeship Branch. Valerie enjoys reading and swimming in her spare time.

Karen Patterson is the Maintenance Management Clerk in the Regional Office, Prince George. She began with Highways in September 1979. Karen’s big plan for this summer is getting married. She enjoys hunting, fishing, and basketball. Karen is also the star ball player on the Highways slowpitch team.

Cecilia Puga is the Senior Stenographer in the Prince George Regional Office. She works for the Regional Director, Highways, and the Regional Manager, Maintenance. She began with the Ministry in 1969 as a Clerk Steno 4 and was reclassified to a Clerk Steno 4 in 1971. Cecilia’s family has been enjoying their new cabin at Purden Lake this winter. Her hobbies include baking, knitting, and slowpitch.

Erica ‘Eric’ Folland is a Truck Driver. His first responsibilities include overseeing 22 clerks, examining licence applications for approval for computer data input, the payment of accounts, personnel duties and responsible for stationery supplies. Peter is married and his outside interests include golfing, bowling, baseball and racquetball.

Dave Smith, District Stockman with the Nanaimo Highway District, began with the Ministry as a Yardman in Williams Lake in 1971. Subsequent moves took Dave to 100 Mile House as a Stockman and in 1974 he won, through competition, his present position of Stockman 4 in Nanaimo. Dave has proved to be an asset to the Nanaimo District, bringing into play abilities in stock management and public liaison in keeping the district stockroom in efficient order.

Harold Baker began with the Ministry in 1946 and worked in Savona, B.C. for 10 years, where he left as a Road Foreman. He then went into pipeline construction in Savona until moving to Revelstoke in 1967 to work for the Ministry again. Harold is now a Machine Operator 4 with the Revelstoke District road crew. Harold enjoys gardening in his leisure time and plans to spend more time fishing in the future.

Lenora Fillion began with the Ministry in 1976 as an Office Assistant 1 in the District Office, Prince George. In 1979, she moved to the Regional Office as an Office Assistant 2 in the subdivision office where she is at the present time. In her spare time, Lenora enjoys weaving and baking. Lenora and her husband can often be found in the summer months racing their horses in competitions throughout British Columbia.

Siggy Markowski was hired as a Yardman in the Fernie Highways Yard in November, 1980. Before joining Highways, Siggy, who is single, was a professional musician (guitarist) for ten years. He now only plays as a pastime. He enjoys writing and keeps himself fit by participating in the martial arts.

Elaine Chursinoff is an Insurance Clerk 4 with the Motor Carrier Branch, Burnaby Headquarters. Her job is to look after insurance for taxis, buses and truckers to ensure the licenses have the correct coverage. Elaine came to British Columbia in 1954 from the Assiniboine River Valley, Saskatchewan, and has been with the Public Service for 25 years. She started out with the Motor Carrier Branch then four years later moved to the Motor Vehicle Department until the appointment to her present position. Her interests include looking after stray animals and sometime in the future she hopes to visit Peru.
RANKIN SMITH, former Bridge Inspection Unit Crew Supervisor, transferred to Fernie bridge crew, September 1, 1981 as a Bridgeman 3. He is married and enjoys the Elk Valley. His hobbies include fishing, trail bike riding and skiing.

KAREN ANDERSON, Office Assistant 1, Voucher Clerk, began work with Kamloops Highway District office in 1981. She is interested in liquid embroidery, sewing, swimming, outdoor sports of all types and is enrolled in an interior decorating course. Karen is married and has previously worked in Creston Highways office for two and one-half months as a summer employee.

BOB SHEARER, Road Foreman A, Dawson Creek District, recently transferred to 100 Mile House to take over the duties of Road Foreman A there. Bob has held the position of Senior Road Foreman at Chetwynd since he moved there in 1965. Before he left for 100 Mile House, the Chetwynd crew, their wives and representatives from adjoining areas gathered at a farewell supper and dance to honour Bob and his wife Bernice, where they were presented with a scenic wall clock and other gifts as a remembrance of the years they and their family spent in Chetwynd.

HOWARD MALM is the Senior Road Foreman for the Revelstoke District and has been working for the Ministry since 1952. He began in the Cariboo area where he worked for 12 years and eventually moved to Fort St. John as Machine Operator 7 for one year and was promoted to Road Foreman for the Winlaw area where he worked for two and one-half years before moving to Revelstoke. After many years of being very active as a leader in the 4-H Agricultural Club, Howard is now spending his leisure time working on carpentry jobs at home and tending his garden in the summer.

CLAYTON (CLAY) HAZARD, Mechanic 4, Quesnel District garage, joined the Ministry on January 8, 1956 as a Mechanic I. In 1958 he was promoted to Mechanic 2 and in 1959 he became a certified heavy-duty mechanic. In 1960 he became assistant Shop Foreman. Clay was born in Burnaby and moved to Quesnel when he was 10 years old. After leaving school he worked for Doherty and Blair Construction Company for several years as a driver mechanic and later for a Ford dealership. Clay is an avid curler, having curled in 11 government bonspiels. He enjoys fishing in the summer months.

SAMUEL (SAM) BERRY, Engineering Aide 2-4, Quesnel District, began with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways in Quesnel in 1975 as an Engineering Aide 1-1. Sam was born in Quesnel and is a graduate of Quesnel Senior Secondary School. Before this, he worked part-time for the Game Department for three and one-half years. He was employed at Weldwood of Canada for eight years at its Quesnel plywood plant, working on the log boom and grading logs. Sam enjoys photography, and turns out excellent quality photographs in his basement dark room. His favourite hobby is horses. He enjoys English equine riding, jumping events being number 1. Sam and his thoroughbred "Mo's Country Girl" have placed well in competition.

DAN STUART recently began work in the Kelowna District as a Stockperson. Dan came to Kelowna from Pentiction where he was with the bridge and road crews. He originally started work for the Ministry as a Flagperson in 1976 at Allison Pass. He then transferred to Pentiction in 1977. Dan, who is married, has one child, enjoys both golf and fishing in his leisure hours.

VENESSA VAN SICKLE has recently joined Kamloops District as District Office Manager Trainee. She is from Vancouver where she acquired a Bachelor of Commerce at University of British Columbia in 1981. She is married and this is her first full-time job since graduation. Her hobbies include scorable, not finishing crossword puzzles, and learning to ski each year. She also enjoys short bike rides.

MATT NEIGUM, Machine Operator 3, in the Kelowna area, will be receiving his 25-year certificate at the ceremonies this fall. Matt began with the Ministry on April 3, 1956 as a Grader Operator and although he can operate all equipment, he presently is driving one of the new diesel trucks. Matt, who lives in the Westbank area of the District, enjoys hunting and fishing for relaxation as well as dancing. He has lived in Kelowna all his life and worked the full 25 years for the Ministry in Kelowna.

DON CLINE, Machine Operator 7, Nazko, Quesnel District, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He grew up in Bliss Idaho and attended Bliss Senior High School. Don moved to Canada in 1967 and worked for Canim Lake Plywood in 100 Mile House for one year. He then moved to Nazko and ranched full-time until starting with Highways. Don now runs ranches as a hobby. He likes woodworking, making furniture, hunting and fishing. Don is married and has five children.

WEIGHTMASTER HAROLD PEARSON, Laidlaw Scale, near Hope, had his own retail hardware business in Sardis for 25 years before joining the Commercial Transport Division in November, 1978. Harold now commutes 100 km each day to and from Sardis. He is married with a boy and girl and enjoys gardening and fishing in his off hours.
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LORI PALMER is the Maintenance Systems Clerk 2 with Dock Branch, Burnaby. Lori joined the Ministry in Kamloops in July, 1980 and moved to Dock Branch in September, 1980. Besides maintenance, her duties include data entry and backup for the Regional Systems Clerk. Recently, Lori returned from a tour of the Philippines as a member of a contemporary gospel band called "Anthem". In a four-week tour, they performed over 80 concerts in universities, schools, prisons, government buildings and outdoor stadiums. Lori is single, and plans to pursue her musical interests and travel more extensively.

ADRIAN LATREMouille, Mechanic Apprentice, recently began in the Kelowna Shop where he will complete his apprenticeship in April, 1982. Adrian started with the Ministry in April, 1978 at the Cloverdale Shop and has hit all the regular training spots such as Langford, Vernon and Mission before coming to Kelowna. Adrian, who is single, enjoys photography and motorcycles in his after work hours. His smiling face and happy disposition is a welcome addition to the Kelowna Shop.

SHIRLEY BARRON, Clerk Steno 3, is Secretary to the Manager of the Motor Vehicle Inspection Division, Victoria. Shirley joined the Ministry July 15, 1981. She was born in Vancouver but lived all her life on Vancouver Island except for seven years when she worked in Ottawa for the Agricultural Institute of Canada as a secretary. She has also worked in a doctor's office. Shirley is married with two children and her hobbies include swimming, reading, walking, and dancing.

BILL PURSER worked with the Motor Vehicle Department inspection station in Burnaby and Vancouver for two years before becoming a Weighmaster at the Hunter Creek scale near Hope. Prior to joining the Public Service he was a shop foreman at Simpson's Sears in Chilliwack. Bill is married with four children. He lives in Agassiz and when not on the job he likes to work on cars, explore in the outdoors and fish.

FRANK McCONNELL, Weighmaster at Laidlaw weigh scale near Hope, started with the Commercial Transport Division at the Prince George south scale in September, 1978 and moved to Laidlaw one year later. Born in Manitoba, Frank ran a bulk plant in Penticton for seven years before joining the Public Service. He is married with two children and his activities include fishing and lodge activities.

GEORGE ANTHONY, Weighmaster at the Port Mann eastbound scale near Vancouver, first started working with the Motor Vehicle Department in November, 1976 as a Mechanical Inspector on Georgia Street, Vancouver. He remained there four years then moved to the Burnaby Inspection Station for one year before becoming a Weighmaster. Born in St. John's, Newfoundland, George is married and came to B.C. in September, 1975. He enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking and is planning to drive back to Newfoundland next summer.

DICK THOMAS, Weighmaster, Port Mann scale eastbound near Vancouver, became a Weighmaster in August, 1973. Prior to his present job Dick worked as a field man for two years with the B.C. Egg Marketing Board, and before that spent 27 years with the RCMP stationed in Alberta, Manitoba and British Columbia. He has also served two years with the Army. Dick is married with two boys and is active in minor sports organizations.
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BARBARA LEJEUNE, Office Assistant 2, Motor Vehicle Inspection, Victoria, worked seven and one-half years as a loan officer with two finance companies and the Bank of Nova Scotia, plus two years as an Auxiliary with the Registrar of Companies, before coming to Inspection October 16, 1980. Barb’s job is to send out notices, suspension letters and Sheriff’s letters, edit inspection cards, compile monthly statistics and answer telephone and written requests regarding inspection. Born and educated in Victoria, Barb is married and her hobbies include baking and reading.

DICK NELSON, Mechanic, Prince George District, grew up in Langley and attended senior high school in Quesnel. He started with Highways in Prince George in 1978, then completed the final two years of apprenticeship in Williams Lake. Dick and his wife enjoy trips on their road bike as well as fishing and photography.

JANET BANKS began re-employment with the Merritt Highways District in January, 1982, as Stockperson 4. She had previously worked with the Ministry in Courtenay as an Office Assistant 1 in the stockroom and 10 months as a Stockperson 2 in Port Alberni. Janet’s hobbies are ceramics, dirt biking, skiing and especially teaching Highland dancing at which she is very proficient. She fishes and is going to try cross-country skiing. She recently participated in the local Highways funspiel and is now seriously considering taking up curling.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES...

First place winners in the recent Transportation Funspeisp held at Victoria Juan de Fuca Curling Club, February 27 were, left to right, Allan Thompson, Mike Hoadley, Rae Barrett and Gale Brajkovic. Second place winners were Lynne Handley, Don Kazmirk, Marlene Ireland and Murray Nesbit and third place winners were Gary Callendar, Jacqui Wilson, Art Antrabius and Linda Avram.

The Kelowna District recently held a "funspeisp" in the Winfield curling rink. The winners of the "A" event were, left to right, Stan Warnekentin, Ellen Talbot, Arnold Talbot and Barb Lennon. "B" event winners were Tom Huggard, Lynn Olmick, Keith Relkey and Rick Sweetshoff and the "C" event winners were Lee Blacke, Clair Blacke, Lucy Tompkins and Shig Tahara.

Charlie Baxter, Junior Foreman, Merritt District, shows off brand new leg cast after he was injured while coaching minor hockey. He stepped back onto a hockey puck and fell, breaking his leg in several places. Hockey has its hazards, even coaching it.

Stan Harford, Machine Operator of the Quesnel District, has been with the Ministry for thirty-four years. In his spare time Stan and his wife Lauretta own and operate "Paradise View" chinchilla ranch just south of Quesnel on Highway 97. They bought their first breeding stock in 1968 and over the years have built up their herd to 90 breeding stock, and 325 pelting stock. Improving the quality of the breeding stock has been top priority, and because of this their animals have won many trophies and ribbons at shows in B.C. and Alberta. Stan's interesting sideline was featured in an early edition of the RR, March, 1970, Vol. 7, No. 1. Stan is shown here with a "Black Velvet" chinchilla. This animal sold for between $3,000 and $4,000 each. Some of the trophies are shown here, left to right: "Show Champion", "Best Pelt", and "Master Breeders" award.

Richard (Rick) Kirby, Mechanic 2, Quesnel garage, is shown here dressed in his camouflage hunting outfit. Rick is not the ordinary hunter who dresses in bright red or yellow and carries a gun. He carries a bow and arrows. Rick became interested in archery in 1969 when he lived in Mission City, B.C. Since that time his interest in the sport has expanded and he now makes some of his own equipment. Arrows are made from wood, aluminum or fibreglass. Aluminum is probably the best material to use for arrows as they can be made to closer tolerances, however, the rising price of aluminum has made wood more popular. He also makes his own strings for the bows. Rick enjoys hunting larger animals such as deer and bear. He has won several trophies and medals in competition shoots.
ENVELOPE STUFFING MACHINE
SAVES TIME AND MONEY

They're referred to as the boys in the back room, mainly because that's where their operation is.

And their operation — to run machines for the Motor Vehicle Department in Victoria which automatically inserts documents and letters into envelopes to be sent out to the motoring public.

Neil Bennett is the Office Equipment Operator assisted by Matt Thompson and the documents and form letters include driver's licences, donor decals, assessment, suspension and warning letters, pamphlets on fines and jail terms for driving under suspension, seasonal pamphlets, licence renewals and identification cards.

It is a big operation which requires constant vigilance to keep the two Bell and Howell "Phillipsburgs" running smoothly and at top efficiency.

The machines open envelopes automatically with tiny suction cups, the messages or documents are inserted next by mechanical fingers, the glue on the envelopes is moistened with a measured amount of water flowing through a brush, and the envelopes are finally folded shut and stacked for mailing, and all in one smooth operation. The machines can stuff 1,000 envelopes an hour, and the average output is 12,000 insertions a week, or 48,000 a month.

Neil says it is the only machine in North America with a compressor and surge flow nozzle for gluing envelopes.

He also repairs the two machines when anything goes wrong and has saved the Ministry many dollars on service charges. He has also devised methods to speed up the operations and save on machine time.

In the Motor Vehicle Department organizational structure the operation is known as the Driver Records Machine Room and Neil reports to Jim Cox, Manager of Driver Records.

25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS

MIKE BIDULKA recently received his Long-Term Service Award for 25 years of continuous service from District Highways Manager, Keith Bespflug of Fort St. John. Mike is a Grader Operator in the Clayhurst foreman area at Cecil Lake.

ARCHIE SCOTT, Sign Maintenance, Kamloops District, received a 25-Year Service Award, presented by R. G. Harvey, Deputy Minister.

LELIO BRAIDA, Machine Operator 4, Kamloops District, received a 25-Year Service Award which was presented by R. G. Harvey, Deputy Minister.

BOB CLARK, Lead Hand, Kamloops District garage, received a 25-Year Service Award on March 26.

The trio here were among those who worked hard and assisted in making the 35th Annual Conference of the Western Association of Highway Officials such a success in Victoria, working on registration of delegates. Left to right, Beryl Sheike, Bill Boughey, Secretary Treasurer of the Conference, and May Fleming. Others who provided their services with George Wagg, Registration Chairman of the Conference, were Evelyn Kennedy, Connie Walker and Helen Campbell.
PEEK INTO THE PAST . . .

Top picture is the original Burns Lake Bridge joining Gerow Island to Burns Lake. The bridge was built in 1911 when this photo was taken. Above is the existing Burns Lake Trestle built in 1957.

Many older employees may find it difficult to believe that the "new" Columbia River Bridge at Revelstoke belongs on these pages. The bridge was built in 1961, a year before the opening of the Rogers Pass section of the Trans-Canada Highway. The old bridge, a multi-span through truss, a short distance downstream is still in use as a commuter route to the Big Eddy area.

Screening gravel in the Spuzzum Reserve Pit, Trans-Canada Highway in 1951. This picture was taken by Dave MacVicar, then District Engineer, Merritt District, now Regional Manager, Maintenance at Kamloops.

Public Works Foreman, Bill Whipple, operating a horse-drawn grader in the Oyama area in 1922. The Public Works Foreman was the main permanent employee at that time; others were hired as required to maintain the existing roads. Bill Whipple's son, Floyd, later worked as Road Foreman in the Oyama area and retired in 1962.
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A tent provides the setting for a crib game on construction site in 1954. On the left is Bill Noble, Powderman, and Dave Nelson, Foreman, Kamloops bridge crew. This picture was taken at a construction camp on the Second Creek Bridge in the upper Clearwater Valley. Picture was supplied by Al Wildgrube, Deas Bridge Foreman, Dock District.
Department truck S-867 is shown on board the McLure Ferry on the North Thompson River in the middle 1950's. Picture was submitted by Al Wildgrube, Deas Bridge Foreman, Dock District.

Scotch Creek Bridge, under construction in 1959, is located on the road to Celista along Shuswap Lake.

On February 27 at Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd., North Vancouver, the new ferry for the Gabriola route was christened QUINSAM by Lenora Clapp, wife of Frank A. Clapp, Lands Survey Officer. Shown after the ceremony are Wayne D. Traill, President of Vancouver Shipyards, and Lenora and Frank. The 70-car, 285-foot QUINSAM was to enter service during May.

Photo courtesy of Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd.
THREE IN A ROW FOR GIBSONS

The Gibsons Highway District has won the Region 1 Annual Safety Award for the third consecutive year. This award for the lowest countable frequency rate, was presented to the District Highway Manager, T. M. Forsyth, and the Chairman of the Safety Committee, John Bowling by W. E. Mercer, Regional Director. Bill Boughney, Secretary, Headquarters Health and Safety Committee presented the achievement award to the Gibsons Health and Safety Committee. R. W. Veitch, Regional Manager, Maintenance, presented the Vehicle Accident Safety Award to Frank Charlesworth, the Gibsons District Training Operator. The presentations were made at a banquet and dance in Powell River on March 19.

KAMLOOPS WINS REGION 2 FOR 2ND YEAR

The Region 2 Annual Safety Awards Banquet was held in Kamloops on March 26. Kamloops District won the Roy McLeod Memorial Award for the lowest personal accident frequency for the second year in a row. Kamloops also won the Rolf Mathie Award for the lowest disabling injury frequency, presented by Dave MacVicar, Regional Manager, Maintenance, to George Dance, Machine Operator 7. For Lillooet District, Errol Redman, District Highways Manager, accepted the Firmining Award for the most improved frequency for personal accidents which was presented by Al Rhodes, Assistant Deputy Minister. For the Salmon Arm District, Brian Daniels, District Technician, accepted the General Motors Award for the lowest frequency in motor vehicle accidents which was presented by Roy Gittins, Regional Director.

Three members of Headquarters Bridge Branch display their certificates following 240 hours of self-study in the Highways Technology Training Program, a development program under the Manpower Planning and Staff Development Section. They are, left to right, Walter Tate, Kent Lee, Gordie Pengelly, with Victor Vickers, Senior Bridge Design Engineer who presented the certificates. The Highways Technology Training Program has been developed to meet some of the training needs of the Ministry and to assist employees with furthering their careers. Subjects studied include mathematics, communications, surveying, accounting, maintenance management, landscape maintenance, bridge maintenance, principles of supervision, geology and soils and related subjects. About 2,500 Ministry employees are studying 22 courses offered.
Gold Safety Award issued to Logan Lake Highways personnel, Merritt Highway District, for 108,000 accident-free man-hours between February 1, 1978 and July 31, 1980. Left to right, Glenn Borgens, Regina Brittain, Fred Johnson (Foreman), Jack Green and Larry Lund. Missing from the photograph are Ken Wilson, Cec Lunn and Joe Wormlinger.

The Traffic Engineering Branch, Headquarters, recently had two of its employees, R. R. Bayne, left, and R. P. Casey, right, complete Level I of the Highway Technology Training Program. Herb Coupe, Director of Traffic Engineering, is shown presenting Bob and Ross their well-deserved certificates.

AL MURDOCH, Machine Operator 3, Merritt Highways District, has received the "Belt-Up Award" from W.C.B., a certificate and a belt with a specially-designed buckle given to workers whose use of safety belts protected them from serious injury when they are involved in an accident. Allen was driving the Merritt District's grader on the Coldwater Road on July 16, 1981 when the right wheels slid over the edge. The machine did a 270-degree roll and came to rest on its side. He was kept secure in the cab when the door sprang open. Although he was pinned by his leg for over three hours, he had no bones broken. Without the seat belt, he would probably have been thrown out of the cab and crushed by the equipment.

ANDY K. BIEGANSKI, member of the Pouce Coupe District crew, has completed Level I and has received the Highway Technology Training Program Certificate. Andy is one of the Operator Trainers, he is the Defensive Driving Instructor, Traffic Control Instructor and Chairman of the Safety Committee. In addition to his duties in the Pouce Coupe Yard, Andy has for many years taken a very active part in promoting safety at the workplace and promoting a safety attitude among the crews.

KERN CLEMENT, Machine Operator 3, Golden District, has received the Compensation Board, Belt-Up Award. On an early morning, Kern was plowing snow with a front-end plow on Toby Creek Road when his plow hit a frost boil over a culvert causing the blade to dig in and throw the truck across the road and over an embankment. The truck came to rest on its side in the icy waters of Toby Creek. Kern scrambled to safety suffering only a Bruised leg. He firmly believes that had he not been wearing a seat belt he would have suffered serious injuries. A certificate of commendation and a belt with a specially-designed buckle were presented to Kern in Invermere by W.C.B. representative, Scott Morrison from Cranbrook, and District Highways Manager, Dennis Oliver.

Rob Banks, centre, receives certificates after completing his apprenticeship. Rob joined the Merritt District crew in July, 1981. He apprenticed for two years in Courtenay and 18 months in Port Alberni. His interests are hockey, dirt biking and skiing. Left to right: Darcy Byers, District Highways Manager, Merritt; Rob, new Journeyman Heavy Trade; and Walt Caryk, Mechanical Foreman.

Bruce Hildred, left, Prince George District, is presented with his certificate of qualification and apprenticeship by Mechanic Foreman Vic Martin. Bruce started in Terrace in 1977, then went to Smithers and to Prince George April 1, 1981, for a permanent Mechanic 2 position. Bruce is single and plans to gain experience and become a Mechanic Foreman.
The Region 3 Annual Safety Awards Presentation and Banquet was held in Kaslo on April 16. The New Denver District, which last won the annual award in 1973, won the Regional Award and the award for the Most Improved District. The Vehicle Safety Award went to the Grand Forks District, the Regional Branch Award was won by the Paving Branch, the Art Irving Award was jointly presented to the Nelson and Rossland Districts who tied, and the Good Housekeeping Award was won by the Golden District. The Needles Ferry crew won the Province-wide Marine Safety Award.

Regional Director W. M. Sproul, right, presents the Regional Award to G. F. Kazakoff, New Denver District Highway Manager.

E. K. Lloyd, Regional Personnel Officer, left, presents the Good Housekeeping Award to Bev Green, Golden District Technician.

Dan Butler, Chairman, New Denver Safety Committee, right, accepts the Most Improved District Award from H. J. Kelsall, Regional Manager, Maintenance.

The Marine Safety Award was presented to the Senior Captain of the MV Needles, Henry Foard, left, by the Regional Safety Officer, Ron Mack.

Zale Collins, W.C.B. representative, left, presents the award for the Lowest Vehicle Accident Frequency to Frank Wolfram, Road Foreman, who accepted the award on behalf of the winning District, Grand Forks.

R. E. Johnson, Regional Manager, Equipment, centre, presented the Art Irving Memorial Award to the Shop Foremen of the two Districts who were tied, Bill Kortegaard, Nelson, left, and Ken Davis, Rossland.
Jim Lawrence, Regional Personnel Officer, Region I and Barry Wilton, Manager Employee Relations, Headquarters, conducted two, one-day seminars, April 14 and 15, 1982 in Burnaby. Some 60 supervisors and managers attended. The mornings were spent discussing the subject of discipline and reviewing in detail a manual of policy and procedure. The afternoons were devoted to group exercises involving disciplinary problems. A mock “arbitration hearing” involving those present concluded the day. Part of the group at work shown below are, left to right: Jim Garr, Road Foreman, Richmond; Laurie Lewis, District Office Manager, New Westminster; Pat Dunn, District Highways Manager, Chilliwack; Bart Duteau, District Technician, Gibsons; Captain Norman Craddock, Senior Captain, Albion Ferry; and Jim Lawrence.

Len Johnson, Director Bridge Engineering, Chairman Headquarters Health and Safety Committee, right, presents Regional Branch Award to Roger Pratt, Regional Manager, Pavng, left, and Frank Sawatsky, Project Supervisor, Nelson.

ALF HOUDE retired from the Ministry January 22, 1982 after 15 years of service as a Machine Operator and Relief Foreman. Alf began with the Ministry in 1967 at Mt. Lemoray and transferred to Chetwynd in 1974. He was honoured at a supper and dance by the Chetwynd crew and their wives, as well as representatives from adjoining areas where he was presented with an engraved plaque and wallet of money to mark his retirement. Alf and his wife Marie will be moving to the new home they built 16 kilometres west of Chetwynd. Alf enjoys carpentry and outdoors.

JOHN GAULEY retired in February after 15 years service with the Ministry. John was a Yardman with the Kamloops Regional electrical crew for the past five years. He began work with the Ministry in 1967 with the Kamloops bridge paint crew and then transferred to the electrical crew in 1977. John is an avid crib player and his future plans are indefinite.

W. K. (BILL) McKay, Mechanic 3, Cranbrook Highways District, retired from service after 33 years with the Ministry. Bill began work in July, 1947 as a Blacksmith at New Denver. He transferred to Burns Lake in May, 1954, then to Cranbrook in September, 1954, and in 1955 was reclassified to Mechanic 3. Bill was instrumental in the design and fabrication of the first body sander and the underbody blades that are now used Province-wide. He was also a machinist, operating a lathe in the Cranbrook shop. A retirement party was held in his honour and he was presented with a Meritorious Service Scroll and other presentations. Bill’s quick wit and cheerfulness is missed by the District.

Level I Technology Certificates are presented to Denny Butler, left, and Wayne McCargar, right, by the Regional Personnel Officer, Earl Lloyd.

Three members of the Fernie Highway District recently received their 25-Year Meritorious Award Certificates. They are, left to right: Willy Chudik, Machine Operator 7; J. H. Knight, Journeyman Trade Supervisor; and E. H. (Elmer) Winaig, Trade Journeyman.

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ON THE JOB . .

McBride District bridge crew stop for a picture. Shown from left to right are: Phil Jensen, Bridge Foreman; Dave McLean, Assistant Bridge Foreman; Curtis Culp, Bridgeman; and Tony Molendyke, Bridgeman during work on the Dunster Bridge just east of McBride. The bridge was being reinforced by the addition of a 40-metre section, placed on the outside of the existing panels. In most cases the additional section would be installed in 3-metre panels, but in this case it was installed in one section, a difficult manoeuvre at best. The reinforcing was needed to allow for legal and over-weight loads in excess of 30 tonnes.

A new, 18.5 metre, prestressed, concrete, box beam structure was recently built over Lewis Creek by the Cranbrook District Bridge crew as a capital bridge project. The original 10-metre structure immediately upstream from the new bridge was built prior to 1930 and has since been removed. The approaches to the new structure were constructed under a minor betterment program by the Cranbrook and Kimberley road crews. The new structure, as well as the approaches, provide a much improved access to the ranching and recreational area of Lazy Lake.
The rebuilding of the Enderby bridge over the Shuswap River has been held up for some years due to difficulty in acquiring land for a new location. The solution is to build the detour bridge, top picture, and then tear down the existing bridge which was built in 1943, bottom left, before building a concrete structure in the same location.

The new Baker Bridge will be the third new cement structure bridge to be completed in the Lillooet Highway District in three years, two of which were designed and built by the Lillooet Highway District. The bridge, crossing the Bonaparte River on Loon Lake Road, near Ashcroft, will be a 15-metre structure with cement stringers and is replacing the older 14-metre King Truss bridge, built in 1952. Picture during construction of the new bridge, is the hired crane operator with Bridge Foreman, Howard Ganner viewing the placement of the rip rap and wooden piles.

In order to re-direct the flow of water from a culvert on Loon Lake Road, approximately 32 km from Ashcroft, and to prevent erosion of the bank near the highway, flume pipe is installed by Machine Operator Gerry Reed and Temporary Road Maintenance Foreman, Dave Hudson of the Lillooet Highway District's Ashcroft foreman area. The pipe is connected to the end of the culvert and laid across the bank to an area where erosion will not affect the highway.
ON THE JOB . . .

A major part of winter maintenance in the Lillooet Highway District is avalanche control and snowslide removal. Within the Lillooet District, the size of an avalanche deposit varies from one to possibly 10 metres in height and coming down with a force up to 30 tonnes per cubic metre. Pictured is an avalanche which occurred 30 kilometres south of Lillooet on the Duffes Lake Road. This avalanche, which brought down many live trees along with other debris, closed the road for almost one day. Although this is a plotted avalanche path, this was the first slide in a number of years. Consequently there was much debris in the 600-metre path that came down.

Snowslides that occurred February 13th on the Salmo-Creston Highway closed it from February 13th to February 16th, 1982 inclusive. Slide on the east side was 1.5 km in length with an average depth on the highway of 2 metres. Slide on the west side was one kilometre in length with a depth on the highway of 2 metres. Approximately 100,000 cubic metres of snow was removed from the highway in that four day period. Left picture shows D8 hired cat working 2 kilometres west of Summit Camp and right, Foreman Bill Pelech from Creston District shows depth 3 kilometres east of summit.
Monday, February 15th, the Revelstoke District road crew were busier than usual clearing snow avalanche deposits from Highway No. 1, both west and east of Revelstoke. The snow avalanches were caused by over one metre of snowfall which fell over the weekend. A call was received from B.C. Hydro to report that one of its employees, Basil Wade, had not returned to Revelstoke and that he had been last seen just north of a snow avalanche at 20 Mile on the Mica Creek Highway the night before. Revelstoke District staff and Snow Avalanche Section personnel from Victoria were soon on their way to the site. The rescue team made its way to the edge of the 20 Mile avalanche path by following a loader which plowed its way through many other avalanches to make it to the site. At this point, a helicopter carrying a rescue dog and his master from Parks Canada arrived at the scene. The helicopter and dogmaster picked up a member of the Snow Avalanche Section staff and proceeded to the accident site. Soon the helicopter crew was able to report that they had located Basil Wade and that he was safe.

OBITUARIES

Funeral services were held December 31, 1981 for the late GEORGE LLOYD BROOKBANK of Pouce Coupe who died in Vancouver, December 26, 1981 at the age of 72 years. Mr. Brookbank was born in Davidson, Saskatchewan and came to the Peace River country in 1924. George was employed by the Ministry for many years as an Operator and Temporary Supervisor until he retired at 65. His instructions and humour are still talked about when the Pouce Coupe District crews get together.

Employees in the Kootenays were saddened to hear of the death of JOHN GORDON MORROW, 45, of the Rossland Highways District who died accidentally at his home on November 16, 1981. He began with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways in 1955 in the Grand Forks District at Greenwood. He then transferred to Kimberley, Golden, Fernie and then to Rossland in 1966 where he worked in the Castlegar Foreman Area as a Machine Operator. At the time of his death, John is survived by his wife Sylvia.

The Air Services Branch staff were saddened recently by the death of CAPTAIN NORE GUSTAFSON who died January 18, 1982 after a long illness. Nore had been employed with the Air Services Branch for the past five years and two months. He is survived by his wife Barbara June, two daughters and two sons. Nore will be missed by his fellow workers who extend sincere sympathy to his family.

HARRY J. THOMAS, 74, Ministry Patrolman from 1959 until his retirement in 1973, died April 12. He is survived by his wife, Vera, and two sons.

FREDERICK G. BUXTON, 62, who worked for the Ministry as a Patrolman and Road Foreman on Pender Island and in Richmond before transferring to the University Endowment Lands, died February 1982. He is survived by his wife and four children.
ON THE JOB...

The Lytton Bridge over the Thompson River recently underwent major repair when a 9-metre timber approach span was removed and replaced by a pre-manufactured span. Construction of the span was done by the Merritt District garage crew and installation was carried out by the Merritt bridge crew with help from the Lillooet bridge crew. The operation took only 10 hours from the time the bridge deck was removed until it was opened to traffic. A 60-ton crane was used to remove and replace the approach span.

Snow removal from bridge sidewalks has always been a slow but necessary task for maintenance crews. The Burns Lake District bridge and shop crews designed and fabricated the plough attachment which fits onto the back of the bridge truck. The bridge crew is seen clearing the Burns Lake Trestle. Although there are still minor bugs, all comments on the effectiveness of the device are positive. Dick Vessey is checking controls on the truck and monitoring the attachment are Jack Turford and Tom Roberts.

Merritt District bridge crew, left to right, Herb Hug, Len Stirling and John Mulvey, Foreman, at their unofficial opening of Beaks Bridge, March 1982. The bridge is 15 m clear span log stringer 8.5 m wide with the logs on the average of 60 cm in diameter. The bridge was constructed during the winter months by the five-man bridge crew.

Ministry's Holiday Mountain repeater station site just east of McBride. The housing encloses a larger antenna and the radio gear as well as about 12 large batteries used to power the site. In the McBride District alone there are three other sites similar to the one in the pictures.
This snow slide at Three Valley Gap, west of Revelstoke, being cleared away by members of the Revelstoke road crew is one of a considerable number of slides with which the Districts crews had to contend this winter. Few people realize the long hours and hard work, under hazardous conditions, involved in keeping the Trans-Canada Highway open east and west of Revelstoke. The stretch of highway from the Lanark Snow Shed to Three Valley Gap is one of the most difficult sections of road in the Province to maintain in winter. Although the highest point reached on the highway is only 915 metres, the travelling motorist does not quite grasp the fact that the mountains tower more than 1.6 kilometres higher than the highway and are loaded with snow ready to break off and roll as avalanches. This route crosses 46 known avalanche paths. However, it is the maverick slides that can really cause problems, as they are totally unpredictable.

Even at minus 25 the CN salt car has to be unloaded, or it costs money. Here Don Ramnies, Burns Lake District, keeps an eye on the Auger in the Burns Lake siding.

On the job and at the controls of one of the Ministry's Citation jets are Chief Pilot John Taylor, left, and Captain Norm Bennett, Air Services Branch.

On the job, William (Bill) Deak supervising widening of shoulder on the south approach to the Taylor Bridge in the Dawson Creek District by installation of wire gabions. For years Bill was a crawler tractor operator in the Dawson Creek Highways District. However, as tractors were phased out of Ministry fleets and with construction experience as a skilled cat operator, he became a Construction Foreman, active on numerous District projects.

Deak Dock bridge crew takes a break from constructing one of many curved dolphin fender pads. Fender pads are hung on walls and turning dolphins and are used as guides and buffers by the ferries, when they land and depart. Front, left to right, Bill Garden, Foreman, Bob Dumas; Dan Cooke, back, left to right, Doug Reid and Lorrie Ewers.
The Dena Yard stock crew of Dock Branch is responsible for shipping and receiving millions of dollars in stock each year for the B.C. Ferries and Highways. Fort Simpson dock maintenance and construction. Left to right, Ken Holter, Labourer; Art Pol, Labourer; Gary McBride, Stockman 3; and Chuck Lavery, Stockman 5.

The Port Renfrew maintenance crew of the Saanich Highway District, pause for a moment to get their picture taken for the RR & C by their Foreman, Bill McFarlane. From left to right, Lindsay (“Duff”) Keoppl, Machine Operator 7; Dan Burns, Labourer; Bill Kuzman, Machine Operator 1A; D’Arcy Monnington, Labourer.

A contract was awarded to View Construction, Kamloops, to crush 45,000 tonnes of 16 mm and 500 tonnes of 13 mm aggregate for stockpile in Anderson Pit, in the Lillooet District. The crush is to be used for miscellaneous paving of roads in the Lillooet area. Pictured is the contractor’s crushing plant in operation last year.

The Fort Nelson road crew, pose for a picture, left to right, Dan Lewis, Randy Telisky, Len Pineau and the area Foreman, Doug Clay. Fort Nelson is in the Fort St. John District which is 400 kilometres away making communication difficult at times. With the winter they have just experienced they have been very active keeping the roads open. They also maintain the new Fort Simpson Highway to the Northwest Territories border.

Replacing damaged sings is a constant battle. A double posted advisory sign in the Nanaimo District is being repaired here by Norm Porter, Signman, picking up the sign; Bob Frew, Labourer, and Dave Nielsen, Foreman 2, helping to remove the broken part. The sign was repaired in time for the first snowfall. Travellers are kept aware of the equipment on the roads in order to prevent possible serious vehicle accidents.

Picture shows the new northbound weigh scale at Duncan which was recently opened. The new prefabricated building measures 27 square metres and is equipped with a concrete pit, electronic scale, and appropriate signs and lighting.

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Time out for a picture break at Haig weigh scale. Weighmasters Jack Johnston, right, and John Clifford. Location is about 6.4 kilometres west of Hope on the north side of the Fraser.

The Ministry's Nanaimo Motor Vehicle inspection station was opened in 1973. It employs 13 people and processes an average of 200 cars a day. It's area of jurisdiction ranges from Ladysmith to Bowser and west to Cameron Lake.

The electrical maintenance crew of Southern Vancouver Island, based in the Saanich District, are busy changing the old traffic light control boxes from mechanical to solid state. Left to right, Brian Hannah, Electrician; Randy Cunningham, Labourer; Larry Cuthbert, Labourer. This small crew, and their foreman Eric Rapps (not available for the picture), is responsible for the operation and maintenance of 42 signalized intersections, more than 500 street lights, 100 island flashers, and over 50 sign-lighters. Beside their regular maintenance duties, they are also in the midst of a modernization programme, changing street lights from 400 watt Mercury to 100 watt Sodium. This will mean a 50% saving in power requirement and help eliminate a disturbing reflection which interferes with the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory nearby.

Pausing for RR & C cameraman during a lull at Pouce Coupe scale are Weighmasters Ray Calder, right, and Howard Emslie. Pouce Coupe scale is on Highway 2 about 14 kilometres south of Dawson Creek.

David Paul, railway accident investigation officer with Transportation Engineering in Vancouver, makes a guideline of a complete accident investigation sequence report.

Lynn Murley, Office Assistant 2, pre-screens accident data for the computer system at Driver Records, Motor Vehicle Department, Victoria. Behind is Bev Mason, Office Assistant 2.
NINE GAS UNITS CONVERTED TO PROPANE

Nine motor vehicle units in the Chilliwack District home shop at Mission have been converted from gasoline to propane fuel. The units range from pick-ups to a tandem flat deck. The gas tanks were removed and replaced with propane tanks to provide equivalent range. The installation averaged $1,300 per unit. The gain is longer plug life, longer oil life, easier starting, cleaner burning, quieter operation. Longer engine life is expected. All the units were quite new when the conversion was made and only the tanks, carburetion and timing was changed. The operators are unanimous in their preference for this changeover.

CAR TIPS FROM GERRY: BUYING THAT CAR

(By Gerry Brown, Manager, Motor Vehicle Inspection Division)

When Ministry employees become frustrated with a dealer over their new car they sometimes complain to their friends about such and such a dealer but that is the extent of their complaining.

Little do they know that by carrying out one simple step the dealer might be convinced to review his decision.

By filling in a vehicle defect complaint form at the nearest British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Highways inspection station. This form is forwarded to Transport Canada Defect Investigation Department in Ottawa and to each of the inspection stations. The latter are thus made aware of a suspected defect on your type of vehicle. Additional checking is done on similar makes of cars to assure the complaint is not one of a kind.

If there are other complaints of this type, Transport Canada will discuss the problem with the manufacturer, and if contrary to the standards, the vehicles in question will be recalled to ensure they meet the standards.

If the manufacturer fails to recall, Transport Canada may levy a fine of X dollars per day for non-compliance or withdraw certification. Vehicle manufacturers are very aware that the federal government has this authority.

Our Ministry sometimes goes to the manufacturer to lobby on behalf of the customer but this is not always successful because of some difficulty the customer may have gotten into, such as going to an unauthorized dealer. The manufacturer won't even look at your car, if such is the case, as it means they have lost control of the parts and can't accept the workmanship of another garage.

In some unsuccessful cases we liaise with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and between our two Ministries enough pressure may be applied to enable the customer to come out the winner. So, next time you have a dealer problem let us know.