NEW LILLOOET AIRPORT

The "Lillooet Industrial Airport" was officially opened on October 24, 1981 by Yale-Lillooet MLA and Minister of Forests, the Honourable Tom Waterland. Mr. Waterland, along with the Honourable Robert McClelland, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, arrived in one of the Province's Citation jets to mark the first "official landing" at the new facility. Also in attendance at the opening were Don Kasianchuk, Assistant Deputy Minister Transportation, John Olmstead, Manager Aviation Policy, and Messrs. Antrobus, Creasy and Driscoll of the Air Transport Assistance Program.

The airport development project was a co-operative effort involving the Ministry's branches of Transportation and Highways combining with the Village of Lillooet and the Lillooet Airport Committee. Provincial grants of nearly $1.5 million funded almost all project development costs including property acquisition, engineering, clearing and grubbing, earthworks, construction and paving of the runway, taxiway and apron, providing access roads and fencing of the site.

The Highways Branch of the Ministry, with funding from the Air Transport Assistance Program, designed and built the access road to the airport and paved the 1200 m runway, taxiway and apron. All other work was contracted out by the village through the Kamloops office of Associated Engineering Services Limited.

Airstrip facilities existing in Lillooet at the time of initial application for funds from the Air Transport Assistance Program consisted of a 610 m airstrip located on private property adjacent to the east bank of the Fraser River. At that time, plans for the construction of a new Fraser River bridge necessitated the relocation of the strip to a new site to make way for the bridge approach. This, as well as the desire to provide better air access and to develop emergency and commercial services, served as the basis for the village's application, support and promotion of the community airport development project.

In addition to the two Citations which brought the Cabinet members and government officials, a number of private planes also flew into Lillooet to mark the opening, including the famous "Miss America" P51 Mustang, a World War II fighter, flown by Howie Keefe of Van Nuys, California, and owned by Ron Smith of Everett, Washington.
People sometimes ask us why we are building more highways and upgrading existing ones when the automobile is "on its way out" because of the high cost of fuel. We would like them to talk to the people in our Ministry who maintain the roads and deal with the few inevitable complaints and those who handle accident statistics and licensing. Our people get the feeling that the number of cars in the province is continuing to increase much faster than the population and there are right. It is. We have pointed this out before and the pattern does not seem to be changing. Despite the rise in the cost of fuel in the past six years the number of private and commercial vehicles in the province has risen from 1,167,448 in 1975 to 1,630,400 in 1980, an increase of about 40 percent. In the same period the population of the province increased from 2,433,600 in 1975 to 2,667,600 in 1980, an increase of about 10.5 percent. The ratio of population to cars in 1975 was 2.1 persons per vehicle and in 1980 it was 1.8 persons per vehicle. This rapid increase in the number of vehicles has occurred in the very period in which there has been the sharpest increase in the cost of motive fuels and at a time when there has been a great deal more interest in the development of alternative means of transportation. The figures collected by our Traffic Branch throughout the province show that average daily traffic counts on all highways continue to rise along with the total number of vehicles. A single example is the Squamish Highway which has been on the news lately. Daily traffic counts just north of Horseshoe Bay which were up to 6,300 in 1980, a 26 percent increase. As we have said before, if there is only a slight increase in the number of complaints since 1975 we are still doing a pretty good job because there are 10.3 percent more people to make them and they own 40 percent more cars.

ALEX V. FRASER
Minister

The following telex was received by the Minister's office December 29, 1981.

"Sir, I have had the privilege of spending seven days in this holiday season going from Vancouver via the canyon via the Trans Canada Highway ending up in Banff. I travelled from Banff—the southern route to Vancouver. I wish to express our thanks to all the Managers involved in making our highways, under adverse conditions. So nice to travel on."

James Campbell Brown
Vancouver, B.C.

In his reply the Minister commented that people seldom take the time to acknowledge the excellent work that so many of our people do to make it safe for those travelling during the holiday period. These people must make personal sacrifices during the holiday season to ensure the enjoyment of others and it is very nice to know that it is appreciated."
P. B. (Pat) MacCarthy, Director of Maintenance Services, retired on November 30, 1981 after 31 years of service with the Ministry. Pat emigrated to Canada in the fall of 1951 from Ireland and in 1952 he was posted to the Rossland-Tail Highways District as District Engineer. In 1959 he was transferred to Courtenay as district Engineer and in 1965 he moved to Victoria as Bridge Inspection Engineer. From 1967 to 1972, Pat was the Regional Maintenance Engineer in Nelson and in 1972 he was promoted to the position of Director of Maintenance Services in Victoria, where he remained until his retirement. A large gathering of Pat's co-workers, retired friends and family gathered at the Laurel Point Delta Inn, Victoria, on Friday, November 27, 1981. Many expressions of good wishes, wires and telexes and a presentation of gifts were presented with some lawn furniture and a pocket watch for Ray.

Bob Jackman, Creston District Highways Manager retired September, 1981 completing 35 years of service with the Ministry. Bob began working for Highways in Nelson in 1946 on the District Survey crew, working there until 1955. He transferred to Horseshoe Bay for two years and then moved to Creston in 1957 as Location Resident Engineer. Bob remained in Creston as District Resident Engineer till 1965, when he transferred to Rossland. In 1972 Bob returned to the Creston District as District Highways Manager remaining in Creston till his retirement in September 1981. A supper and dance was held at Wynnlel honouring Bob on his retirement. Presentations were made by Errol Hicks, Nelson Regional Office, Lenny McNicholas and Bruce Casemore. Among the presentations was a 35-year meritorious award. Bob and his wife, Hazel, will remain in Creston. They plan on doing considerable travelling in their newly purchased pick-up and camper.

A. F. “Al” Park, Senior Training and Safety Officer, retired last year. Al had a long, distinguished career with the Ministry beginning as an Instrumentman in Vanderhoof, and as Resident Engineer in Prince George from 1946 to 1954. After a short break in service, he returned in 1956 as District Superintendent in Prince George. In 1966 he was transferred to Saanich District as District Superintendent, and in 1969 established the Training Office. During his many years of service, he became well known for his concern and promotion of Training and Safety programs for the benefit of Ministry employees. Many of his fellow workers and friends honoured him at a farewell banquet and dance.

Joel Profili, Senior Road Foreman at Powell River in the Gibsons Highway District, retired October 16, 1981 after 35 years service. Joe began with Public Works in Rossland in 1946 as a Labourer; he became a Foreman in 1960 and moved to Squamish that same year. His next move was to Powell River in 1964. He is married with two children, a son and a daughter. His family, friends and fellow workers attended a farewell banquet and dance in Powell River. For the next years presentations were made to Joe by his fellow workers. His hobbies are gardening, oil painting, fishing, bowling and photography. The Profili’s will continue to live in Powell River.

Arnold “Arnie” Robinson, Machine Operator 7 at 100 Mile House, stopped down from his grader for the last time on December 21, 1981. Arnie started with the Ministry in 1963. Throughout his 19 years of service, he has had no lost time due to accidents and in his last years has been the District Safety Officer. Married in 1938, Arnie plans to spend more time with his three grandchildren. His hobbies are hunting and he is actively involved with the Royal Canadian Legion.

Les Wilmott recently retired after 28 years of service in the Fort St. John District. He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and moved to the North Peace River area in 1927. Les spent many years as an equipment operator before becoming the Patching Foreman in the District, a position he held until his retirement. A party was held for Les and his wife, Margaret, where he was presented with a spotting scope and stand. Les and his wife are enjoying their free time and are quite active gardening, hunting, fishing and ski-doing.
JOE E. REED, Mechanic Foreman B in the Cranbrook Highways District, retired recently after 24 years of service. Joe began his service in Cranbrook in 1957, transferred to Stewart as Mechanic Foreman in 1959, transferred to Prince Coupee, Mechanic Foreman 3 in 1962 and back to Cranbrook in 1967. Joe was honoured at a retirement party where presentations were made. Joe and his wife, Olive, have a daughter, three sons and grandchildren. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and gardening.

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GORDON HARFORD, Road Foreman 1, Quesnel District, has retired after 33 years continuous service. Gordon was born in Gloucestershire, England. During the Second World War Gordon spent four years with the Civil Defence. In 1946 he came to Canada and worked in Ontario, before moving to Alberta in 1947, where he worked on a farm haying and harvesting. Later that year he moved to Vancouver Island and worked in the logging industry until the spring of 1948. He moved again, this time to Quesnel where he began with the Ministry in May 1948. He worked as a Labourer on the Bridge crew working on the McLarney Bridge at Cottonwood River on the Barkerville Road. When the bridge was finished Gordon went to maintenance, operating graders and trucks. He held a blasting certificate and did a lot of rock blasting throughout the District. In 1965 he became Relief Foreman and worked on many projects throughout the Quesnel District. Gordon enjoys travelling. He has a small farm 10 kilometres south of Quesnel which keeps him busy.

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JOHN GERHARDT recently won through competition the position as Senior Road Foreman A in the Kelowna District. John comes to Kelowna from Salmon Arm where he held a similar position since December 1975. Starting as a Labourer in 1956 in Victoria, he worked his way up to Truck Driver, and later, Patching Foreman. John left Victoria in June 1969 for Crawford Bay where he was Foreman 2. After a stay of four years there, John was off again to Blue River as Foreman 3, a position he held until he went to Salmon Arm in December 1975. John received his 25 year certificate this year in Victoria. John has bought a home in Kelowna, where he and his wife presently have a large flower garden, which takes up most of his after work hours. However, he still likes a little recreational fishing.

BRIAN DAY won through competition the position of Communications Technician 3 in the Traffic Signal Shop, Victoria, last year. Brian started with the Ministry in the Safety Branch in December 1979 as a Technical Assistant. His hobbies include coaching youth soccer and racing his sailboat "MOXT."

DEAN OWEN won through competition the position of Technical Assistant 3 in the Traffic Engineering Branch, Victoria. Dean brings with him many skills, one of which is cartooning. He adds to the spirit of the Branch and besides drawing his hobbies include hockey, playing the guitar and skiing.

DALE NORDSTROM, Smithers District Technician, has recently moved from Dease Lake. Dale started in the Paving Branch in April 1972 as an Engineering Aide 2. He joined the Dease Lake District in May 1975 where he worked his way up to District Technician. Dale, his wife and two children, have settled in and are enjoying some of the facilities Smithers offers such as skiing and flying.

LINDA GEORGE has been promoted to Office Manager of the Driver Safety and Improvement Section, Driver Licence Division, Victoria. Linda's duties include coordinating liaison with B.C. Systems Corporation and providing information on driver safety and improvement policies and procedures to motor licence offices, enforcement agencies and other Ministries. Born in Vancouver, Linda came to the Ministry in September 1980 from Human Resources where she was responsible for a staff of 43 as Office Manager. She has completed two years towards a Bachelor of Arts degree and in addition has courses in supervision, time management, supervisory techniques, Public Service Commission staff management course, basic psychology, report writing and women in management. Linda is married with two sons ages 16 and 17 and enjoys hiking, backpacking and cooking.

WAYNE SAWLOR is the new Administrative and Safety Services Clerk for the Motor Vehicle Department, Victoria. Wayne will coordinate the activities of the Superintenden's office to the rest of the Motor Vehicle Department and provide administrative support to the Director of Administration and Safety Programs. Originally from Nova Scotia, Wayne spent 23 years with the RCAF and held administrative positions in Belgium, France and Victoria where he ran the RCAF Air Movement Unit at Pat Bay Airport. Prior to discharge, he held the rank of Sergeant. He is a graduate of the RCAF School of Administration in Aylmer, Ontario, and has taken a course in instructional techniques from Camp Borden, as well as arts courses from Camosun College. Married with two boys, Wayne enjoys camping and junior sports in his spare time.

DANIEL (DAN) STEAD, who was recently promoted to District Technician, Quesnel District joined the Ministry in 1965. Dan first worked for the Construction Branch at Red Pass during construction of Highway 16, the Yellowhead Highway. Later he worked on the Liard Highway in the northeast corner of the province only 12 km from the Northwest Territories boundary. He and his family moved to Quesnel in September 1981. His hobbies are camping and fishing. He also likes old cars and hot-rodning. Before joining Highways, Dan worked in the logging industry on the Sunshine Coast.

GEORGE McGRGOR has been appointed Regional Supervisor, Region 2 (Lower Mainland and Fraser Canyon to Boston Bar) Commercial Transport Division with headquarters at Pattullo Bridge scale. George joined the Commercial Transport Division in August 1962. He and his brother operated their own trucking firm in the Vancouver area from 1946 to 1960 and prior to joining this Ministry he worked on the Oak Street Toll Bridge starting in July 1960. George is married with three children and seven grandchildren and when time permits he likes to golf, fish, garden, play darts and relax down at Birch Bay where he has a trailer.

J. D. (DAN) KERR recently won through competition the Engineering Aide 2-2 position on Fernie Highways District survey crew. Previously from the Fort St. John Highways District where he worked with the survey crew from June 1977 to June 1978, he took a leave of absence for one year to travel Europe and Asia, hiring back on again in July 1979. Originally from Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, where he spent one year at the Nova Scotia Land & Survey Institute in the Annapolis Valley, Dan wishes to return for a visit to rekindle old friendships and visit family. Dan also enjoys hunting, fishing and hiking.

RICK COX, Regional Stockman, was recently promoted to this position in Nanaimo. Prior to this position, Rick was the District Stockman at 100 Mile House. He started his career with the Ministry in Williams Lake in 1973 and was transferred to 100 Mile House in 1974. Rick has the reputation of being a "mean" hockey player and played for Edmonton OI! Kings and the Trail Smokeaters. He is married with one child.

BILL NIELSEN, Regional Manager, Paving, was appointed to this position in Nanaimo in April 1981. Bill was the Senior Project Supervisor, Construction Branch, prior to coming to this office and has worked for the Ministry since 1959. He is married with a son and daughter. Bill has worked on Vancouver Island from 1966 to 1972 and is pleased to be back on the Island. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.
LARRY FRANSSON, new District Highways Manager, Creston District, began with Highways in 1957 as an Engineering Aide with Construction Branch in the Fraser Canyon area. He left Highways in 1967 for private employment until 1970. He attended B.C.I.T. in 1970 and graduated in 1972 in Civil and Structural Technology. Then he rejoined the Ministry as an Engineering Assistant in Quesnel District. He was transferred to Burns Lake in 1975 as District Technician and moved again as District Technician to Vernon in 1977. Larry is married with two children and has recently bought a house in Creston. Hunting, camping, fishing and curling are favourite hobbies.

TERRY WILTON has won the position of Mechanic 6 Foreman in the Creston District. He started with the Ministry in 1960 in Langford as a Mechanic Helper. In 1967 he enrolled in Nanaimo Vocational School for a heavy duty mechanic course. Afterwards he served his apprenticeship in Region 1. Terry worked in shops in Nanaimo and Rossland as Mechanic 3, Cranbrook as Assistant Foreman, Fort Clements in the Queen Charlotte Islands as Mechanic Foreman, before winning the Creston position. Terry is married with two girls. He enjoys Creston and has bought a home in the Erickson area. Boating is a favourite pastime in the summer with skiing his main interest in the winter months.

JOHN DICK recently won through competition the position of Maintenance Foreman 1 in the Quesnel District. South crew, John joined the Ministry in 1961 as a Machine Operator 4 and was later promoted to a Machine Operator 4. He has had considerable experience in the construction and logging industry. John supervises projects during the summer months and is a shift foreman in the winter. John enjoys hobby farming.

CAROL DEVEAU recently won through competition the position of Clerk 3 with the Headquarters Geotechnical and Materials Branch, Victoria. Carol comes from Financial Services where she was involved with accounts. Her present duties also include the processing of accounts. In her spare time she enjoys dancing, hiking and swimming.

SANDY BEGGS recently won through competition the position of Assistant District Office Manager in North Vancouver. Sandy started with the Provincial Emergency Program in 1974 and moved to the Ministry in 1975 as a Timekeeper in Terrace. She has also served as a Timekeeper and Payroll Supervisor in New Westminster. Sandy is married and includes sketching, painting and stitching among her hobbies.

PAT BRADE, Clerk Steno 4, recently won the position of Secretary to the Regional Director, Highways, in Nanaimo. She came from Lands, Parks and Housing in Prince George and has worked for the Provincial Government since 1971. Pat's main hobbies are sewing and bowling—she has been called "the world's greatest bowler" and is planning on retaining that title. Pat and her family enjoy living on the Coast with the mild climate and walks on the beach.

GERRY QUIRING, Office Assistant 2, recently won through competition the position of Secretary to the Regional Manager, Equipment Services, Regional Driver Trainer and Regional Bridge Engineer in Region 6. Gerry is married with two children, a boy and a girl, and has taken up the fine art of weight lifting. She also enjoys gardening, redecorating her home and long walks.

KAREN PARTINGTON recently was promoted to a Clerk 3, as Timekeeper in the Burns Lake District Office. Karen is married with three children. She is presently busy curling, playing bridge and can be seen in the early morning jogging along the Burns Lake streets accompanied by her dachshund.

ROBERT HUTCHINGS won through competition the position of Road Foreman at Mezidin Lake in the Prince Rupert Highways District. Hutch had spent some time in the Grand Forks District prior to coming to Mezidin Lake in July of 1979. His hobbies include camping, fishing and travelling.

TOM BONE was the successful applicant for the position of Mechanic 5 at Kamloops District. He started with the Ministry in 1972 at Langford. During the ensuing years he worked in shops at Williams Lake, Merritt and Prince George. The past four years have been spent in the Vernon District shop. He is married with three children, two of them being future mechanics. Tom's hobbies are fly fishing and working on motorcycles.
ABOUT PEOPLE

LINDA CALLANDER, Clerk 3, is an Information Clerk with Driver Safety and Improvement in Victoria. Linda started with Driver Exams as a Clerk 1 in 1972. In 1973 she was promoted to a Clerk 2 in Driver Records and in 1977 was advanced to her present position. Linda's duties include computer work relating to the suspension of drivers such as answering inquiries and providing information to motor licence offices, police and the general public. She has taken the basic computer course, also a course in effective supervision, and hopes to become more involved in computer work. Married, with one girl, Linda enjoys flower arranging, cooking and gardening in her off hours.

MARY-ELLEN TONGE, Clerk 3, Transportation Payroll, Victoria, worked as Accounts Supervisor for four years with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources before joining this Ministry on October 7, 1981. Prior to that she worked three years with the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. She has taken basic computer and computing 090 courses and has completed one year university and part of her second year. Mary-Ellen is married, with two boys, and her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, curling and running.

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BOB HIGGINSON, Road Foreman 1 for the Golden District, received his 25-year Service Certificate in June 1981. Bob was considered to be quite a chef. He owned his own cafe in Yankton. In 1951 Bob commenced work with the Regional Highways crew as a Cook, and in 1954 worked in the Golden District as cook for the grader patrol on the Big Bend Highway and Kootenay Columbia South. In 1956 Bob gave up his cooking career and until 1970 was a Grader Operator, Patching Foreman and winter shift Foreman. In 1973, through competition, he won the position of Road Foreman 1, which position he presently holds. Bob is married with five sons, all living in B.C. His hobbies include fishing, boating, and at present he is rebuilding a 1947 Nash Statesman.

RAYMOND WYLIE, Office Assistant 2, Motor Vehicle Information Centre, Victoria, came to the Motor Vehicle Department in June 1977. Born in Paisley, Scotland, Raymond moved to Calgary at an early age and came to Victoria seven years ago. His duties with the Centre include providing police, other government offices and general public with serial, licence and registration numbers of vehicles. Prior to joining the department, Raymond worked as a front end man in a garage. He is single and enjoys playing the drums and riding dirt bikes.

WAYNE FONTAINE, District Coordinator in the Dawson Creek Highway District, has been transferred to the Nanaimo District in the same capacity. Wayne and his wife, Linda, were given a warm send-off by fellow workers and friends at the Royal Canadian Legion on October 27, 1981.

DON LOWE, Creston District, began working with the Ministry in Jaffray in 1968 as a Labourer. In 1969 he left Jaffray to work in Victoria, eventually becoming a Machine Operator 7. In March 1981 he won through competition the position of Road Foreman 2 in the Creston District. Don is married with two children. Hobbies are hunting, skiing and amateur photography.

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ALLEN RICHARDS began with the Ministry in 1961 as a Labourer in the Fort St. John District. He has been the load operator in this area since 1969 and has also taken on temporary Road Foreman duties from time to time. Allen was born and raised in the Peace River and he had his own gravel truck prior to joining the Ministry. He is married, with three children, and his hobbies include camping, playing softball, and ski-dooing.

ART LANE, Motor Carrier Inspector, Nanaimo, operated his own trucking business in the North Okanagan area and drove for Western Canadian Greyhound for six years out of Penticton before joining the Motor Carrier Branch in December 1981. He began at Dawson Creek and moved to Nanaimo in July 1969. Art is married, with three daughters, and likes to make wine as well as raise vegetables, while his wife does the flowers. He hopes to travel next year. Nanaimo truck traffic is three times greater now than when he first came.

ELAINE BALBIRNIE began with the Lillooet District in April 1981 as an Office Assistant 1 and is responsible for the data entry operations in the Highway Technology Training Program. Elaine enjoys most sports and has been actively involved in snow skiing, curling and fastball.

MATT HOWES, Apprentice Mechanic, Quesnel District garage, has been with the Ministry since July 1980. He started in Prince George and transferred to Quesnel in October 1980. After graduating from Merritt Secondary School, Matt moved to Edmonton where he was employed by a private firm. A year later Matt left to attend Cariboo College where he took a nine-month engine course. His future plans include getting a journeyman's ticket. Matt is an avid rugby player and hockey player. He also enjoys hunting, fishing and camping. He was married recently.

GRACE TCKSON, Clerk Steno with the Motor Carrier Branch Office in Nanaimo joined the Branch in 1963. Before that she worked as a billing clerk for a freight company. Grace is interested in union work and has held different offices in the BCGEU since she started working. A native of Victoria, she is married, with one son and two grandchildren, and her spare time activities include dancing, swimming, reading and travelling.

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BERT COVEY, Road Foreman 2, Wells, Quesnel District, was born and raised at Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Before joining the Ministry, Bert operated a fork lift and carrier at Quesnel Sawmills. In 1956 Bert joined the Ministry in Quesnel as a Truck Driver. He moved to Wells in January 1958. Bert was a relief Foreman in 1961, was promoted to Road Foreman 1 in 1974, on to a Road Foreman 2 in 1975. While in Wells, Bert has completed the Maintenance Management and Avalanche Control courses. Bert's hobbies include skiing and gardening.

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SHANNON SAVARD, Office Assistant 2, Nanaimo Inspection Station, joined the Motor Vehicle Department four years ago in October. Born and raised in Nanaimo, Shannon is quite familiar with the automobile scene having worked at a gas station charging fuel and oil and pumping gas before coming to work with us. She is married and her spare time is taken up with horseback riding, snow skiing and travelling.

ROSS HENDERSON, Machine Operator 3, Wells, Quesnel Highway District, was born and grew up at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. When he left school he became a butcher and spent 21 years in that trade, working in Portage La Prairie and Calgary. Ross gave up the butcher trade and moved to B.C. where he worked for the Parks Branch at Bowron Lakes Park before joining the Ministry in 1977. He began as a Labourer in Wells and was promoted to a Machine Operator 3. Ross is also the Assistant Foreman at Wells. His special interests include travelling, woodworking, camping and fishing.

DONNA HEISE is an Office Assistant 2 in the Quesnel District office. Born in Vancouver, she moved to Quesnel when she was 11. After graduation from Quesnel Senior Secondary School, Donna attended the Royal Columbia School of Nursing. When she returned to Quesnel, she worked at the municipal office as a Clerk Stenographer. In 1971 Donna joined the Ministry in Quesnel and three months later transferred to the Ministry of Finance. Provincial Assessment now B.C. Assessment Authority, in Quesnel. In 1977 Donna returned to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. Her hobbies include water and snow skiing, curling, bowling and dancing. Donna is married and has one son who is number one in her plans for the future.

DAVE STACEY, Road Foreman 3, Fernie Highways District, moved to Fernie on March 1, 1981 after winning through competition the Road Foreman 1 position in Quesnel. Dave began with the Maintenance Branch in 1969 at Ganges on Salt Spring Island where he was a Graderman for six years. Dave transferred to the Whistler area, north of Squamish, in 1979 as a relief Road Foreman. He enjoys salt water fishing, backyard mechanics, camping, sign painting, skiing, tennis, Hockey Night in Canada, and is also a trivia buff. Dave is married and has one son and one daughter.

K. A. (STUB) HRECHKA, Mechanic 3, Quesnel District garage, joined the Ministry in October 1973 in Prince George, as a Mechanic Helper. He was immediately transferred to Victoria, Langford, Garage, to begin his apprenticeship as a heavy duty mechanic. From Langford he transferred to Nanaimo for one and a half years, then to Port Alberni for a year. He moved back to Langford, completed his apprenticeship, and was promoted to Mechanic 2. In 1978, Stub was promoted to Mechanic 3 in Lytton. After three years he took a lateral transfer to Quesnel. Before joining Highways, he worked as a mechanic in the heavy construction industry. His hobbies include fishing, camping, and building and flying radio-controlled aircraft.

KELLY ANDREONI is an Office Assistant 2 in the Motor Vehicle Department in Quesnel. Kelly is responsible for the registration of vehicles and equipment, including the maintenance of the vehicle registration data base. She has worked for the Ministry of Transportation and Highways for eight years. Kelly enjoys reading, walking, and spending time with her family.

JEAN HAVERTY is a clerk in the Vehicle Records Section, Motor Vehicle Department, Victoria. Jean joined the Branch, as it was then called, back in February 1941. In December 1942 she went to work as a bookkeeper's helper in a wartime shipbuilding plant at Victoria. She remained there for two years then left to raise a family. In October 1964 she returned to her old job in Vehicle Records. Jean enjoys her job of searching vehicle records and is interested in finding out if there is anyone with the Department now who was there in 1941. Her local is 6961. Married, with five children and eight grandchildren, Jean is active in the Canadian Ladies Auxiliary, Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) and early bird swimming.

BERNADETTE JONES began with the Ministry in December 1980 as Office Assistant in the Property Services Branch in the Prince George Region. Bernie was born in Birmingham, England, and graduated from Bishop Walsh Senior High School at the age of 16. She immigrated to Canada five years ago and lived in Calgary before moving to Prince George. Ber­nerdette's hobbies include baking, slowpitch and keeping fit by working out at a fitness centre.

BECKY SMITH is a member of the Region 4 Office Manager in Prince George. In her spare time, she enjoys volleyball, keep fit and cross country skiing. Becky loves to get involved in slowpitch for the great Highways team during the summer. During the fall Becky has been taking a psychology night class at the College. One of her more exciting hobbies is going on bi-annual shopping trips to Vancouver.
LEE AINSWORTH, Mechanic 6 Foreman, 100 Mile House District. Lee began work with the Ministry in 1967 in Cloverdale as a Mechanic Apprentice. After completing his apprenticeship he was posted to Crestron as Mechanic 2. After two years he transferred to Lillooet as Mechanic 3 where he stayed for the next three years. He then transferred to 100 Mile House for two years and then bid to Prince George, 1st Avenue Shop, as Mechanic 5. After three years he was successful in bidding back to 100 Mile as Mechanic 6. Lee's hobbies and interests include motorcycle riding and hunting. Lee is married, with two children, and they enjoy family campouts at the many lakes in the 100 Mile area.

Weightmaster ROBERT HORNIT, Duncan North Scale, is a native of Alberta and a former RCMP Staff Sergeant who served 26 years with the force, all in Saskatchewan. Bob moved to British Columbia in 1971 following his retirement and worked for the B.C. Forest Service Nursery for two years, and one year with the Forest Ranger Service before joining the Commercial Transport on September 1, 1974. In his spare time he enjoys a game of golf, and restoring old cars. He hopes to travel to England when he retires for the second time.

DIANE TAHOUNEY worked for the Liquor Control Board for two years before joining the Motor Vehicle Department, Victoria, in October 1974 as secretary to the Deputy Superintendent. In June 1976 Diane left to raise a family. In 1978 she returned as an auxiliary and in October 1980 she was hired permanently as Secretary to the Manager of the Vehicle Licence Division in Victoria. Born and raised in Victoria, Diane is married, with a boy and a girl, and her interests include umpiring softball, rug-making and bowling. She has a course in effective supervision and starting in the new year will take the effective business writing course at Camosun. Her long-term plans include a trip to Hawaii next year.

COLLEEN CLARKE is a Clerk 3 with the Driver Exam Unit, Motor Vehicle Department, in Nanaimo, Victoria. Born in Nanaimo, Colleen worked in sales for automotive wholesale parts for five years before joining the department in October 1979. Her hobbies include skiing, racquet-ball, motorcycling, swimming and travelling. Colleen says her next big trip will be to Australia and New Zealand where she is looking forward to driving on the left side of the road to see what it will be like.

CRYSTAL CROPLEY is an Office Assistant I, Mail Clerk, in the Region 4 office, Prince George. She started in September of 1980. Some of Crystal's favourite pastimes are cross-country skiing, swimming, slowpitch during the summer and attending plays throughout the year. Crystal just invested in a 1981 Datsun 310 GX and she's off to test it out on Prince George winter highways.

GLENNA NAPPER, Issuing Supervisor with the Motor Vehicle Department's Provincial Section, Victoria, joined the Department in 1979 and was promoted to her present position in September 1980. Glenna was born in Victoria but lived all over Canada as her father was in the armed forces. Before joining the Ministry she worked in the insurance field, mostly in Ottawa as an assistant manager and in Victoria as a supervisor. Glenna has an insurance salesman's licence and an accounting course in income tax. She has taken the ICBC Autoplan introductory course and still retains her Ontario real estate licence. Married, with two girls, her hobbies and interests include sailing, hiking, reading, camping, modelling in her spare time (she is a graduate of a local modelling agency), and art, as she studied commercial art for four years with Art Instruction Schools, Minnesota.

RICHARD HUNGLE, Engineering Aide with the Construction Branch began with the Ministry in 1970 at Vancouver. During his 11 years service with Highways he has worked on the Upper Levels Highway in West Vancouver, the Chilcotin Highway, Williams Lake and the four-laning at the north end of Kelowna. The current work at Lillooet has just been concluded—he is currently working for the Lillooet Highway District. Richard is married with two children. His hobbies are playing guitar, working on cars, hockey, baseball, boxing, fishing, camping, and karate which he teaches in Ashcroft.

IVAN WILLIAMS, Technician 2-4 with the Construction Branch, was born in Ashcroft in 1934 and started with the Ministry's Construction Branch at Spences Bridge in 1952. He progressed to Project Supervisor in 1965 at 44 Mile when the access for the Mica Dam construction was built, a major and demanding project of 148 kilometres. Since then he worked on Shelter Bay Terminal, Arrowhead Lake, south of Revelstoke, two projects at Williams Lake, north and west, two projects at Kelowna, Springfield Road and 4-laning at the airport, and two projects at Lillooet. Sallas Creek where we relocated the BCR and the Lillooet Bridge of the 23 Canals bridge approaches, Station Hill. He has three children, all in high school, and all are very active in sports. Ivan is active in curling and also in coaching minor sports such as softball and hockey.

HEATHER GIBSON, Engineering Aide with the Construction Branch, began with Highways in 1978 in Kelowna on the four-laning project. From there she went to the Gibb Creek-Sallos Creek project and then to the Station Hill bridge approaches at Lillooet. Heather's duties include typing, drafting, and compiling miscellaneous reports. She was born and raised in Nanaimo where she completed her education at Malaspina College. Heather is single. Her hobbies include ceramics, playing piano, fishing, water and snow skiing, snowmobiling and travelling.

GORDON ETTEL, Engineering Aide with the Construction Branch, has been with the Ministry for 12 years. Since joining Highways in 1966 he has worked in Salmo Arm, Williams Lake, Cache Creek and Kelowna where he now makes his home. He has been loaned to other crews and this has taken him to such places as Prince George, Quesnel, Nakusp, and Kamloops. Gordon is married with two children. His hobbies are music, guitar, banjo, accordion, water and snow skiing, cars, fishing and electronics.
ABOUT PEOPLE

GARY MOORE, Engineering Assistant with the Construction Branch, has been with the Ministry for 17 years. During that time he has worked on the following projects: Red Pass to the Alberta border, Shelter Bay, Williams Lake to Deep Creek, Williams Lake to the Chilcotin River, Ashcroft to the DuPont Plant, Hobbywood Road, Springfield extension (Kelowna), Reids Corner—Old Vernon Road, Sallus Creek—Gibbs Creek, and Station Hill Road at Lillooet. Gary is married with two children. His interests are church work, specifically teaching Boys' Club, camping, fishing and travelling. He enjoys working for the Construction Branch because he gets to meet people and see new places.

CATHY MacDONALD, Office Assistant 2, worked at the Saanich District Office prior to coming to Region 6 at Nanaimo. She was appointed Secretary to the Regional Approving Officer recently. Cathy is an avid horsewoman who teaches horseback riding and competes in equestrian events. Her time is taken up raising two quarter horses for the show ring and for competition in Canada and the United States.

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TOM WIGHT, Region 6, was previously employed as an Engineering Aide 2 in the Quesnel District office before being promoted to Technical Assistant 3 in Design and Surveys Branch, Nanaimo. In his spare time he enjoys photography, fishing, camping and watching the Great White North.

BOB O'BRIEN, Technical Assistant 4, Region 6, was previously employed by B.C. Rail in North Vancouver, and now works in the Design and Survey Department before being appointed to a regular position. Bob is an excellent softball player and is a real asset to the regional softball team. Other hobbies are photography, golfing and tennis.

PAULA BUCK, Office Assistant 2, Region 6, Nanaimo, has worked as an auxiliary for the Design and Survey Department before being appointed to a regular position. Paula was born and raised in Nanaimo, although she recently moved to Saltair to a house on the beach. Paula's favorite pastimes are creating gourmet meals and bowling.

WAYNE JENTSCH, Technical Assistant 3, Region 6, came from Kamloops where he was an Engineering Aide with the Design and Survey field crew, and has been employed by the government for three and a half years. Wayne enjoys racquetball, bowling, and belongs to the Nanaimo Corvette Club. Much of his spare time is spent "datin', dancin' and dinnin'."

MAURICE BAGG, McBride District, has been with the Ministry for over 15 years. He started out in 100 Mile House then moved to Alexis Creek where he spent three years, and from there moved to McBride as Road Foreman, a position he has held for the past 12 years. His hobbies include golf, curling, fishing, and his model railroad. Maurice is married and he and his wife, Helen, enjoy travelling around British Columbia in the summertime.

JOSIE HAMILTON, Clerk 4, Assistant Office Manager in the Chilliwack District Office, started with the Ministry in Rossland in 1975 as a Clerk 3, Timekeeper. She won through competition the position of Clerk 4, Assistant Office Manager in Chilliwack in 1979. Josie is married with five children and two granddaughters. Her husband works for Highways in Mission. Born and raised in Vancouver, she spent 13 years in Rossland and she enjoys being back in the Lower Mainland.

SIMON NG, Assistant to the Maintenance Systems Technician, Region 6, started at Nanaimo this summer. As well as having a keen interest in computers, he is the coordinator for the Nanaimo Refugee Coordination Society and instructs new citizens, especially South East Asians, on community life in Canada. Simon is married with a son.

JANICE WAWRYK, Engineering Aide 2, Chilliwack Highways District, began with the Ministry in 1974 in Quesnel as a summer student in the maintenance department. In 1977 she began with the Abbotsford Pavement Branch as an Auxiliary and through competitions has progressed to a permanent position with the Ministry. Janice has worked in various areas of the province, such as Bella Coola, Squamish, and Campbell River. Her interests include skiing, gardening and travelling.

DON J. RUTLEY, Road Foreman B, Chilliwack Highways District, began with the Ministry in 1952 as a Truck Driver at the Rosedale Yard. He has also worked as a Loader Operator, Machine Operator 4, Night Foreman and Relief Foreman. Don became Road Foreman B at the Rosedale yard on June 30, 1980. He enjoys working in his workshop and around the yard. He has farmed for several years and is involved in the 4H Club. Don has a wife, four sons, one daughter, and one granddaughter.

DICK HAWORTH, Region 6 Driver Trainer, has worked for the Ministry since 1970. Prior to his appointment as Regional Driver Trainer, Dick was a Machine Operator and District Trainer for the Nanaimo District. He and his wife, May, are avid trail bike riders, with a new pastime for them. Other hobbies are camping, music, gospel quartet singing and choir directing.
GLORIA HUNTER, Burns Lake District, has the distinction of being the only female District Stockperson with the Ministry. She started her career with Highways in Kamloops, transferred to Smithers and for the last three years has lived in Burns Lake. She and her two children enjoy the outdoor life. The family spent most of their summer leisure time camping and fishing. Gloria also is a member of the Highwaymen slowpitch team. During the winter, sleighing, ice-fishing and bowling keep her busy. Gloria thinks more women should become stockpersons as she says it is an interesting and challenging job.

BARTER ARMSTRONG has recently joined the Headquarters Geotechnical and Materials Branch as an Office Assistant 2. She previously worked in private industry as a secretary/bookkeeper for a furniture moving company. Her job involves all aspects of clerical and receptionist work. She enjoys camping, fishing and handcrafts. Barbara has two teenagers; one is in University of Victoria and the other is still attending high school.

DAVE TRODD, Communications Technician, has been with the Ministry’s Traffic Branch signal shop since 1974. Dave enjoys putting on training courses for the regional electricians on solid state traffic controllers which are used throughout the Province. Dave came to Canada from England in 1971. He has been married for 15 years and has three children. He is a Captain in the Mill Bay Volunteer Fire Department and in his spare time enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and beer and wine making.

JOE SIVECKI began with the Ministry in 1981 as Mechanic 1 and is currently employed as Mechanic 3 in the McBride District. Joe is the local fire chief in McBride and is a member of the Legion. His hobbies include curling, hunting, and fishing. He served with the Canadian Army, Seaforth Regiment. 1st Canadian Division in Italy. Joe and his wife, Marjorie, enjoy travelling and use their holidays each year to see more of the country.

MICHAEL BRETThOUR started with the Ministry in December, 1979 as an Engineering Aide and is now serving an Apprenticeship with the Traffic Branch signal shop in Victoria. Mike is married with one son, and his hobbies include skating, locating car parts for his '56 Meteor, woodworking and camping.

MICHELE GALE, recently graduating from high school has been hired as an auxiliary Office Assistant 1 with the Geotechnical and Materials Testing Branch. Her duties include an assortment of clerical jobs. Her hobbies are dancing, exercising and art work. In the near future Michele and her sister are planning to take a trip to Hawaii where they will enjoy soaking up the sun and surf.

ROB HOWAT, Penticton District, started in the Saanich District with the survey crew in 1971. In July, 1978 he transferred to Vernon as an Engineering Aide working with subdivisions. In July, 1981 he was promoted to Engineer Assistant 1 in Penticton. His hobbies include skiing, baseball and hockey. He is married with one daughter.

JACK SIMPSON, an Auxiliary Technical Assistant in the electrical section of the Traffic Engineering Branch, comes from Sir Sanford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology in Petawawa, Ontario. Jack enjoys and participates in all forms of sport and his hobbies include photography and travelling.

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WALTER STUIBLE retired at 65, on September 30, 1981. At the time, Walter was an Engineering Aide working for Project Supervisor I. C. Williams, Construction Branch at Cache Creek. A retirement supper was held for Walter and his wife, Mary, at Cache Creek. Many of his friends from around the province attended. Walter began with the Ministry in 1948 as a chairman in Keremeos. In the 1950s he became an office man. Interesting projects on which he has worked are: Anarchist Mountain, Christina Lake-Kinnaird, the Salmo-Creston, the Mica Dam Access, Shelter Bay. Since 1970 he has worked at Williams Lake, Kelowna, Lillooet and Ashcroft. His last project was Station Hill Road, access to the Bridge of the 23 Camels in Lillooet. His hobbies are fishing and photography. He took a year's leave of absence in the 1960s to try gold mining.

CARL SEEHUBER recently retired after 34 years of service. Carl commenced with the Ministry in 1948 as an auxiliary Mechanic. In 1960 he transferred to Highways, Cloverdale Maintenance Yard in 1952 as District Stockman and subsequent promotions brought him to the position of Regional Stockman. Frequently Carl wore two hats, relieving District Office Managers and travelling throughout the Region in his regular capacity. A superb bowler—five and ten pin, golfer and flower gardener, Carl also anticipates good fishing under the guidance of his grandson, Ben. Many friends recently gathered and presented Carl with a photo album of past triumphs and events.

FREDERICK (FRED) SCHONWALD, Mechanic Foreman, Oak Street Shop, New Westminster District, retired from the Ministry after 23 years of service. Fred started with the Ministry in 1958 as a mechanic at the Cloverdale Shop. In 1963 he was transferred to North Vancouver as a Heavy Duty Mechanic. In 1965 Fred was promoted to Mechanic Foreman in 1968 promoted to Mechanic Foreman 2. In 1972 he transferred to the Oak Street Garage where he took up duties as the Senior Mechanic Foreman until retirement. Fred was honored at the annual Christmas dance. Fred plans some travelling in the warmer climates and has a bicycle repair and restoration business started.

A dinner party and presentation was held in honour of the retirement of GEORGE GUEWARD, grader operator at Lumby. The party was held at the home of Torn Dent, Lumby Foreman. George and his wife were toasted by the Lumby staff and their wives. Also present were two couples from Vernon and also two couples from Lillooet who had worked with George in previous years. Presentation of gifts were made by Norm Adams, Alan Luntzman and Dickie Smith. George started with the Ministry in 1961 in the Kootenays. He will be spending his retirement at his farm at Lavington and at his summer home in the Kootenays at Burton.
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Victoria's Highways women softball team fought back from a last place finish in 1980, to win the "B" Division of the Provincial Government Softball League in 1981, with an exciting 12-10 playoff victory over the Provincial Secretary team. Team members are, back row, left to right: Jean Martyn, Cindy Clifford, Debbie Leonard, Kim Amirault, Shirley Vivian, Jennifer Furry and Janice Schmidt. In the front row are, left to right: Russ Spilsbury, Coach; Janet Whitney-Griffiths, Sandy Peters, Carol Leung and Dean Lacheur, Assistant Coach. Missing from the picture were Leslie Morris, Annie Nelson, Lynn McKinney, Shelley Allan and Fay Johanson.

Model Trucks—Interesting Pastime

Wilfred (Will) Ryder, Machine Operator 5, Nanaimo Regional Crusher crew is a crusher operator working on the mechanical operation of an EL-JAY 45-inch crusher but he likes trucks—little ones. While working with the crusher he has travelled to places such as Campbell River, Port Alberni, Sooke, and other localities on Vancouver Island, including Quadra Island. Then to Region 4 and the Quesnel District. He has found a very enjoyable pastime, building model trucks. Will does not build his trucks from kits, he makes them from scratch. Old bits of plywood covered with fiberglass roving and Bondo body filler form the cab. Pieces of old shopping carts for smoke stacks, front-end suspensions, and mirrors. Old coffee cans for fenders, hand towel rolls for fuel tanks. Tires are hand carved from old snubber rubbers from the screen deck off the crusher on which Wilf works. The antennas are hempy wire, and mirrors are plexiglass. Mud flaps are rubber tension bandages, and the list of components goes on and on. The 5th wheel is made of 1/4-inch flat steel and is a working model complete with coupling pin that really works! Wilf is shown here with two of his models that are built on a scale of 1 inch = 1 foot. Each of these models weighs approximately 30 pounds. On the left is a Peterbuilt and on the right a Kenworth.

"Have you seen my horse?" Rossland Highway District office staff were regaled in western gear last fall in honour of Rossland's Golden City Days. Pictured from left to right, Lisa MacDonald, Donna South, Lynn Kovunekoff and Judy DeRosa.
LONG TERM SERVICE AWARDS

On December 3, 1981 a total of 135 Ministry employees received awards at Government House in Victoria representing 3,605 years of service to the people of British Columbia.

The occasion was the Continuous Service Awards and presentation and dinner hosted by His Honour, Lieutenant Governor Henry Bell-Irving where Premier Bill Bennett handed out the awards and personally thanked each recipient for faithful service.

Of the 135 Ministry employees in attendance with their spouses or guests, 23 had served for 35 years and 112 for 25 years.

While other Ministries were also in attendance—the awards were handed out on two days, December 2 and 3—our Ministry had the largest number of recipients in both categories.

The 35-year award recipients were, in alphabetical order, Gustave Bauder, Machine Operator 7, Penticton; Robert Bayne, Technician 1, Traffic Branch, Victoria; Roscoe Bowlby, Retired Road Foreman A, Terrace; James Cambrey, Regional Manager, Design and Surveys, Nanaimo; John Campbell, Patrolman 2, North Vancouver; George Coward, Road Foreman A, Saanich; Lawrence Croft, Mechanical Foreman A, Saanich; Louie De Vito, Machine Operator 7, Gibsons; Arthur Dimock, L.S.O. 2, Bridge Branch, Victoria; George Dodge, Technician 2, Construction Branch, Courtenay; Gordon Dunsmore, Technician 1, Nanaimo; Charles Fallowfield, Foreman 3, Nanaimo; Joyce Folbigg, Clerk Steno 5, Motor Vehicle Branch, Victoria; Robert Glover, Machine Operator 7, Rossland; Robert Jackman, Retired District Highways Manager, Creston; Leonard Johnson, Director, Bridge Engineering, Victoria; George Kent, District Highways Manager, Courtenay; Jack Leslie, Retired Road Foreman 2, Grand Forks; Andrew Peloso, Foreman 2, Nelson; Frederick Poland, Foreman 2, Golden; Joseph Profili, Road Foreman B, Gibsons; Joseph Rutherford, Driver Examiner 3, Motor Vehicle Branch, Vancouver; and Robert Whitlock, Superintendent, Motor Vehicle Branch, Victoria.

The 25-year employees, some of whom are shown alongside, got their fine Omega watches and the 25-year employees received scrolls and set their sights on the next ceremony, 10 years further down the road for them.

CAR TIPS FROM GERRY: BUYING THAT CAR

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

Buying that car is a big step for most young employees today. With increasing car and gas prices the vehicle purchased, most often, is a used one. Sound mechanical condition should be the first criterion after purchase but often isn’t. As a result the car lets the driver down at the wrong time.

In coroner’s cases reviewed there were frequent references to antecedent car troubles . . . usually the young owner did not have the money to pay for necessary repairs or they had just bought the car from a friend and hadn’t been able to fix it up. The result is that brakes, steering, lights, tires, etc., failed when needed most. Another disturbing fact is that a recent study states 48% of adolescents fatally injured were not wearing a seat belt. Seat belts have been proven time and time again to reduce the effects of accidents. Many of these young people would be alive today had they obeyed the law.

Two new weigh scales, costing a total of $245,000 have been built on Vancouver Island’s Highway 19 at Parksville. The new buildings each measure 21 metres by two metres. Completed in December, each is equipped with an electronic scale, a concrete pit, a washroom exclusively for truckers and the usual lighting and signs. The scales are located on either side of the highway south of the junction of Highway 4 to accommodate both southbound and northbound traffic and are being constructed to standards consistent with similar weigh scale stations throughout the Province. All work is being contracted by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The scales became necessary as a result of the relocation of the junction of Highway 4 and the four-lane upgrading of Highway 19.
PEEK INTO THE PAST . . .

Southern Trans Provincial Highway evolution in 33 years. Left picture is section of Highway 3 at Michel-Natal at the time of flooding in Michel Creek in 1948. Right picture is same view (note trees and hills contour in background) in 1987 with hydraulic mine load out facilities on the right.

Crushing at the Fairy Creek gravel pit on Burma Road, May 1, 1947, 1 kilometre north of Fernie, B.C. Note the Elk River, and the town of Fernie in the left background, and the Fernie Ski Hill, Lizard Range in the background.

Fernie Highways District road crew snowblowing avalanche at Morrissey — Segment 1395 km 16 — Southern Trans-Provincial Highway 3 in the 1940's.

This picture was taken in 1950 at the top of what is known as Shale Hill on Highway 16, just east of Tete Jaune Cache. As you can see the "highway" was quite narrow then and just a little rough. Cliff Brooks is shown standing in front of his unit S-738 a 1950 Ford Mercury.
The Burns Lake District office under construction as a post office in 1951, left picture. Same building in 1981, right picture.

YALE TOLL HOUSE

The above photograph is of the Yale Toll House and Gate on the Cariboo Road (now Trans Canada Highway) shortly after it went into use in August, 1938. Cars passed to the left while trucks used the right side where there was a weigh scale.

According to regulation in effect at that time the toll was “For each passenger motor vehicle having a seating capacity not exceeding seven persons, and including the carrying therein of the driver and four other persons a toll of $1.00; with an additional toll of 25¢ for each additional person carried therein. The passengers also had to pay a charge for personal baggage and freight exceeding 50 pounds at the rate of 10 cents for each 100 pounds or portion thereof. Vehicles with a passenger capacity over seven paid $2 plus 25¢ for each passenger. The residents of Hope, Yale, Spuzzum, Boston Bar, North Bend, Lytton and points between travelled free providing they had a permit. Persons attempting to avoid paying the toll were, upon summary conviction, liable to a penalty not exceeding $50.

Tolls were placed on the Cariboo Road effective May 20, 1927 in order to help pay the cost of maintaining the recently reconstructed road. At the time the toll house and gate was located at Spuzzum. Tolls were collected there until August 2, 1938 when the Yale toll house and gate was opened. The highway toll was abolished on April 1, 1947.

These were not the first toll gates on the Cariboo Road. The first one, located on the pioneer Cariboo Wagon Road went into service on November 10, 1860. This toll gate was situated close to the site of the one shown here. Later tolls were collected near Clinton and at Lytton. The tolls were lifted about 1872 although the contractors who built the bridges at Alexandra and at Spences Bridge were allowed to collect tolls from persons using the structures for sometime after that.

Editor’s Note—A portion of the Spuzzum toll house was pictured in the March, 1970 issue of the Road Runner (Volume 7, No. 1, page 8) where it is incorrectly identified as being at Yale. The Spuzzum toll house was shared with the British Columbia Police who continued to use the building until 1947. The vandalized building was sold by tender in 1949 to a local resident for $15.

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TRAINING AND SAFETY

What do supervisors do with those few minutes that the crews have to spare at the end of the day, or between jobs? The Burns Lake bridge crew has established a policy for fill-in jobs. A poster is hung on the bridge bay wall with the following times for various small jobs—10-minute jobs, 15-minute jobs and 20-minute jobs. The board can either be a permanent memo, as in the Burns Lake one, or can be a chalk board which is changed on a day-to-day basis. The board can be a useful item for every foreman.

The Kelowna District shop staff under the direction of Shop Foreman Don Weber recently built a new sign truck for the District. The new truck shown here is constructed on a one-ton chassis and has an electronic traffic control device as well as carrying capacity for ten sign posts of either steel or wood construction. The truck is also equipped with a 3,000 kw generator so that power tools, compressors and paint units can be operated in the field.

Willard Seymour, Senior Ferry Operator on the Usk reaction ferry, Terrace District, right, accepts the Safety Award on behalf of the Usk ferry crew from Neville Hope, Regional Manager, Maintenance. The crew was treated to a luncheon for its achievement.

Roger Hogg, left, Mechanic 2 at New Denver, is shown receiving certificate after successfully completing electrical course at Selkirk College in Nelson. Making presentation is Russ Broughton, Mechanic Foreman at New Denver.

Ray Lahner, left, Mechanic 3 at New Denver, receives certificate after successfully completing electrical course at Selkirk College in Nelson. Making presentation is Russ Broughton, Mechanic Foreman at New Denver.
A two-week roadside truck inspection program carried out last year in Victoria produced a depressing result. Over 50% of the vehicles—333 out of 636—had major defects or some deficiency and some 43% were ruled unsafe. Left, police flagged down trucks on Highway 17 north of Victoria and, right picture, Gordon Leatham, Inspector with the Victoria Motor Vehicle Inspection Station requests to see a driver's papers prior to an inspection. This location is Highway 1 near Portage Inlet.

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Ministry Profile

JOHN FURMSTON—ADVISER, INVESTIGATOR, SAFETY OFFICER
MOTOR VEHICLE BRANCH

John Furmston is the senior of four Reviewing Officers with the Motor Vehicle Department whose job is to ensure that problem drivers are either corrected or removed from the Highways.

Sound like an exciting job?
It can be, according to John because they do have their moments.
Many drivers are unaware of their complete driving record. They are surprised when confronted with their offences.

"Many feel that if they had disputed the offences they would have won their case, but lack of funds or time from work made this impossible," he says.

Some however, do write or come to the office to say thank you. Comments like that, and the drivers who improve and remain free of offences, make it rewarding to a Reviewing Officer.

The main types of suspensions are mandatory and discretionary. The first is imposed when a driver is convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada for offences such as dangerous driving or drinking and driving, and the other is for offences received under the Motor Vehicle Act such as speeding, careless driving or driving through red lights or stop signs.

Under the Criminal Code a person is charged, summoned to appear before Court and if convicted, his licence is automatically suspended and a record of his conviction is sent to the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

Drivers are informed when they amass six points and when a driver's record reaches ten points within three years, the computer produces a printout showing the class of driver, licence number, offences, and any prior suspension or action carried out by the Motor Vehicle Department.

This information is then forwarded to one of the three adjudicators who determine the type of action to take. If the offences are spread out they may place the driver on probation with a letter stating that if there are any further offences within the probationary period the licence will be subject to suspension. Where a person has accumulated more offences and there has been prior action taken, the department sends out a notice of intent to suspend. On receipt of this notice a driver has 15 days in which to make an appeal.

"When we make a suspension we have to be prepared to justify that suspension in Court. We take into consideration any hardship that may be created but you have to weigh that against the type of driving record the individual has and then make the final decision."

"If he wants to go higher he may approach the Administrative Officer, the Manager of Driver Licensing or the Superintendent, but pretty well 99 per cent end right here," adds John.

An ex-paratrooper who saw action in Normandy and Belgium during World War II with the First Canadian Paratroop Battalion, John doesn't scare easily. He was born in Shropshire, England, and came to Canada at the age of two where he grew up on the prairies. He worked in the flooring business before joining the Motor Vehicle Department 25 years ago.

He is a graduate of the Driver Improvement Personnel Training Course conducted by San Jose State College in California, a course which includes the psychology of interviewing, driver record review, communications, decision making, and factors which influence driver behavior.

John believes the new amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act should have some effect on motorists due to increased suspensions, fines and mandatory jail terms for those who drive while under suspension.

"Bad drivers are going to have to start paying attention in British Columbia or they're going to have to pay the price; however I'm not naive enough to think it's going to eradicate all the bad driving habits overnight but hopefully will give cause for the driver to reassess his driving habits," he adds.

Left, Allan Birkett, Bridgeman I, Cranbrook District Bridge crew, being presented with a Belt-Up Award by G. B. Salmon, W.C.B. Accident Prevention Officer. Looking on is the Cranbrook safety committee. The award is a framed certificate and a belt with a specially-designed buckle. Allan Birkett was driving a Ministry pickup on the highway near Salmo on January 16, when a car in front of him made a left turn from the inside lane. He was unable to avoid hitting the car head-on as it turned. Because he was wearing his seat belt, Birkett suffered only bruises, although the pickup was extensively damaged.
There's nothing like getting in there and trying something new. This goes for foremen as well as crews. Shown doing paving is Ray Foss, Temporary Foreman in the Nanaimo District. The other special item to note is the cold mix product which is the highly praised "U.P.M." cold mix paving asphalt. The pothole must have sharp sides and not be excessive in size, but there are no restrictions to water in the hole or temperature. The crew and the foreman appreciate one other aspect—you don't have to keep going back to repair the same pothole the next day.

The Prince Rupert District recently put on an Operator Training Course at Meziadin Lake. Included in the course was salt and sand applications, servicing, and various aspects of loader and truck operations including gravel spreading, plow and sander mounting, plowing, sanding etc. Left to right, top row, Brian Logan, Susan Standbridge, William Sterling, District Driver Trainer; centre row, John Ryan, District Highways Manager, Jim Logan, Rod Friesen, Roy Hamecher, Benny Olson, Vern Emmerton, Don Bichuan, Regional Driver Trainer; bottom row, Sam Parson, Ken Murdoch, David Anderson, Les Pymanski, Lex Allen.

BERNIE STONE, Machine Operator 4, Kelowna District recently completed 25 years service with the Ministry having started in the Kelowna yard as a Loader operator on April 9, 1956. Bernie is married with five children and has lived almost all his life in Kelowna. When he is not at work he enjoys his garden and working around his home. Bernie attended the 25-year dinner in Victoria last fall.

BETH GIBBONS recently received her personal British Columbia Public Service Meritorious Service Scroll. She earned this with almost 27 years of faithful service to the Government and the public. Beth spent her entire Government career with the Dawson Creek Highways District, most of which was in Peace Country. Beth was the District Timekeeper when she retired recently.
Demolition of an elaborately reconstructed false front service station was one of the final dramatic scenes from a film "First Blood" shot in Hope between October, 1981 and January, 1982. The American made film stars Sylvester Stallone and Richard Crenna. The explosion scene occurs when Stallone crashes an army truck into the gas pumps and canopy of the gas station igniting the wreckage. The special effect, which took place at night, was designed and executed by professional stuntmen and special effects men under controlled conditions.

The ministry granted a special permit for the filming which involved some short detours of public traffic with very rigidly controlled and specified conditions. The film company paid the Ministry's bills for detour personnel and equipment.

The production of the picture in British Columbia employed about 120 local technicians and actors for four months. Construction of the false front service station began in October. The town of Hope itself was altered slightly to depict an American community with American style mail boxes, U.S. flags and exterior signs like "Mountain State Savings" to represent American firms.

The Ministry agreed to the temporary highway detour and other activities only on the condition that the public was not inconvenienced unduly and that absolute safety was guaranteed during the more dramatic filming scenes.

Bottom left the service station before the explosion, bottom right shows Stallone filming a scene in the town streets where he steals a motorcycle and makes his getaway. The R.C.M.P. office in the background represented the county sheriff's office and R.C.M.P. police cars were fitted for the scene with Washington State licence plates.
MISCELLANY

Marion Meldrum, Payroll Clerk, cuts the opening ribbon while Ron Baerg, Foreman and Dennis Beaulac, Bridgeman, hold it steady at refurbished old Terrace Bridge. (See full story page 32.)

Pictured at their field office trailer out of Revelstoke late last summer, are members of Construction Branch survey crew working on the Revelstoke-Mica section of Highway 23. Sitting, front row, left to right, are Mike Decker, Engineering Aide; Linda Sopko, Engineering Aide; Mark Charlton, Engineering Aide; and Terry Zapf, Engineering Aide. Second row standing, left to right, Debbie Olynyk, Engineering Aide; Peter VonNiclow, Engineering Aide; Hector Denton, Engineering Assistant; Ralph Dodd, Engineering Assistant; Ed Dooly, Engineering Aide; Rich Marven, Engineering Aide 1 and Don Owen, Engineering Aide 2. At the back, left, is Ross Bain, Engineering Aide 3. Missing from the photo is project supervisor, Bob Galloway.

Posting for the RR & C camera man are three members of the Dawson Creek District office staff. Left to right, Corinne Weingart, Office Assistant 2, Hired Equipment Clerk; Maria Braden, Office Assistant 2, Voucher Clerk; and Chris Wards, Auxiliary Office Assistant 1, payroll and other general duties clerk.

This is the Ministry's Revelstoke construction crew on projects 3961 and 3962 on relocation of Highway 23, Revelstoke to Mica. They are, left to right, Ollie Twiname, Project Supervisor; Rick Matthews, Engineering Aide; Wilfred Butts, Engineering Aide; Lindsey Gallaway, Engineering Aide; Don McKee, Engineering Aide; Harland Levstak, Engineering Aide; Dave Mintak, Engineering Aide; Steve Hanne, Engineering Aide; Terry Horel, Engineering Aide; Ron Tack, Engineering Aide; Darrell Hearsey, Engineering Aide; Greg Lowen, Engineering Aide; Wayne Newman, Engineering Assistant 4; Joe Rosolfs, Engineering Assistant 4.

OBITUARIES

ALEXANDER STEWART ALLAN, 43, Technician 1, Headquarters Landscape Section, died suddenly October 24, 1981. Alex came to Victoria from Glasgow, Scotland in 1964. After a short spell at Yarrow's Yard in Victoria, Alex started with Public Works in 1966 and joined the Ministry in 1978 as an irrigation, water supply and sewage disposal designer with the Headquarters Landscape Maintenance Section. He was avidly involved in the game of soccer, as a player, coach and manager during his years of association with the Royal Elks Soccer Club. He is survived by his wife, Mary and two daughters, Elizabeth and Lesley. He will be deeply missed by his friends and co-workers in the Ministry, and throughout government service. At the family's request, donations were sent to the Canadian Heart Fund.

CLYDE ANDREW McDougall, age 58, of the Chilliwack Highways District, died suddenly on October 9, 1981. He began with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways on June 17, 1974 and was employed as a Stockman 4 at the Allison Pass Garage.

E. J. GARRETT, Regional Construction Engineer in Region 1 until his retirement in December, 1971, died November 19, 1981 in his 76th year. He is survived by his wife, Mabel; daughter, Barbara Sharrers, and grandsons, Jay and Matthew.

GEORGE WHITESEL, 53, of the Fort St. John Highways District, died suddenly on October 11, 1981. He began with the Ministry in 1970 as an automotive mechanic in the Fort St. John shop. He is survived by his wife Lorraine, six daughters and one son.
Left photo shows the disastrous effects that the 1980 flood had on a portion of Tzouhalem Road in the Nanaimo District. While the flood waters in 1981 were not nearly as high, the remedial work carried out by the Duncan Road crew did prevent further damage to the road structure, right picture. The small bridge in the foreground is Bear Bridge.

The Lillooet District bridge crew completed construction of this new concrete deck Yalakom Bridge, right, approximately 34 kilometres north of Lillooet on Road 40, last year. Under the supervision of Bridge Foreman, Howard Ganner, and with direction from Engineering Assistant, Mac Goda, the bridge crew completely installed Binwall, supports and beams to complete the construction of this bridge crossing the Yalakom River. The new bridge replaces the older King Truss Bridge built in 1955, shown at left.

Machine Operator, Phil Branca of the Goldbridge Foreman area, Lillooet Highways District, installing a culvert on the road from Goldbridge to Bralorne, approximately 120 kilometres north of Lillooet. This job had to be completed in a short time because with the road closed Bralorne residents had only the lower standard Hurley Pass road for access. With increasing demand for proper drainage, culvert installations have become a major part of a District's maintenance operation.

Crews clear floating debris from the Mission Bridge, Cranbrook District where it accumulated after heavy rains last fall. Operating Hiab crane, Brian Merrick, Bridgeenvior 3, left assisting is Willie Sissons, Machine Operator 3, Auxiliary; and supervising, right, Albert Hamilton, Road Foreman.
The Lillooet Highway District last year completed a paving project of approximately 11 kilometres in a subdivision two kilometres north of Lillooet, known as the "Hop Farm." Until the 1940s, this land was used to grow hops, although it now accommodates approximately 600 people and, thanks to the Ministry, has paved roads throughout. Pictured is Grader Operator, Bill Balbirnie, blade mixing the material in preparation for rolling and seal coating at a later date.

From left are Ken Daub, Mechanic 2, Dieter Wedemeyer, Mechanic 3, and Norman Dyck, Apprentice Mechanic, as they prepare to do major preventive maintenance on one of the Dawson Creek District's graders. With the new system in full swing, it keeps the mechanics very busy to keep on top of staying on top of the preventive maintenance program.

Michael (Mike) Tessier, Machine Operator 7, Quesnel (South) District, is shown here during reconstruction of four km of route 60, Quesnel-Hydraulic Road 25 km southeast of Quesnel, done August to October, 1981. Mike did the final finishing of the ditches, back sloping and leveling of gravel.

Michael (Mike) Schwemler, Mechanic 1, Quesnel District garage, is shown here tuning up one of the District's 4-ton dump trucks.

Boulder Creek wooden bridge on Kootenay Bay-Creston Highway 3A was replaced by a new concrete bridge built by the Creston District bridge crew last year. Completion date for traffic was scheduled for mid-December, 1981.
Eight concrete stringers weighing 20½ tonnes each were positioned on the abutments by two hydraulic cranes on the Frost Creek Bridge in the Chilliwack Highways District last fall. The new prestressed concrete box beam bridge, measuring 18 metres in length and 10 metres in width, was constructed of steel H piles, concrete abutments, prestressed concrete stringers and flexbeam railings. The new bridge, top picture, is now in use and the temporary Bailey bridge, above, has been removed. The Mission bridge crew, consisting of Len Kercher, Ben Warmerdam, Terry Davies, Rick Molnar and Gordon Driver, under the supervision of Bill Briese, Bridge Foreman 3, Mission, and the assistance of the Chilliwack survey crew, worked on the bridge for approximately two months.

Old Lakeelse Lake Road in the Terrace District, was reconstructed on a new alignment. This involved eight km of road construction and the building of two nine metre bridges. The project was interesting because of the various types of soil conditions encountered such as gravel, clay, rock and muskeg.

Reconstruction of four km on route 60 Quesnel-Hydraulic Road, Quesnel District took place between August 1 and October 5 1981. The area is located 25 km southeast of Quesnel. Rough terrain, and heavy clay material make the area unsuitable for conventional road building methods. Any amount of rain can turn this material into a sea of mud. It was decided to remove this material using a three yard Bantam Koehring C-306 back hoe on tracks, three tandem dump trucks, a John Deere 550 dozer to level the waste, and a motor grader. It proved to be a wise decision as the costs were lowered considerably for the amount of material moved. John Dick, Quesnel (South) District foreman was in charge of the reconstruction, which eliminated several narrow areas and blind corners. Snowplowing and maintenance will also be made easier.

Crew chief Bob Jackson, Engineering Aide at work in the Cheakamus Canyon, Squamish Highway in the North Vancouver Highway District.
Left to right, Project Supervisor Wally Calder, Norm Wilson, Superintendent for Dawson Construction and Rob Fra, Regional Manager, Construction get together on-the-job in the Cheakamus Canyon, Squamish Highway for consultation.

Rob Warne, left, and Gordon Blakey, Engineering Aides, taking Geodimeter readings on the Cheakamus Canyon reconstruction, north of Squamish on Highway 99.

Dale Chadsey, Bridgemen 2, 100 Mile House, applies form oil to footing forms for a M & F tank cradle being constructed in Bridge Lake sand pit. The bridge crew has constructed two other such cradles in 100 Mile House.

Bill Glen Yardman, 100 Mile House, trims the end of a 2 x 4 for forms at Bridge Lake. For the last three months Bill has been helping out on the bridge crew.
ON THE JOB •

Highway 9 (Cheam Avenue and Evergreen Drive) in Agassiz, Chilliwack District, was recently constructed and has been newly paved. Continuous subdivision curbing was used along both sides of the Highway. Street lights were installed and newly painted centrelines marked. The Abbotsford and Rosedale Paving Branches have completed the bottom lift only on the Highway and will be placing the top lift this spring to complete this highway improvement project.

Alceo Sartor, Machine Operator 4, Cranbrook District road crew, rolling blende-mix material test fall for left-hand turn slot, 10.7 kilometres east of Cranbrook on Highway 3 at Rampart rest area.

Dave Jamison, Machine Operator 3, Cranbrook District road crew, carrying out swath-mowing on Bull River Road.

Nanaimo Motor Vehicle Inspection officials on the job are, left to right, Harvey Dendy, Inspector 3; Al Edwards, Supervisor in Charge; and Bill Hunter, Inspector 3.

Before a new truck is put into service it is usually given the once over by the Nanaimo District mechanical crew. Shown here is Tony Borza, Auxiliary Mechanic 2, checking out a new four ton diesel unit.

One of the Creston District projects initiated this year was the pioneering of a .5 km connection between Abbey Road (Minor) and the Canyon-Pavith Road (Collector) in the Lister area.
Matt Marshall, Technical Assistant 4, Bridge Branch, Victoria at work on a bridge drawing.

Weighmasters take time out for RR & C picture at the Tete Jaune Cache Scale. They are, left, Floyd Larsen and Nick Taylor, weighmaster in charge.

On the job is Euclid Trembley, Dawson Creek Highway District Foreman, returning from bridge projects along the Heritage Highway-N.E. Coal access. Euclid and his bridge crew completed substructures for four temporary bridges to connect the road system west of the Murray River to the Tumbler Ridge Enon site and Heritage Highway. The superstructures, Arrow bridges, are being erected by contract.

The Kelowna District took delivery of a new chip spreader, J-0576, shown here last year starting out on a chip seal operation. Under the technical direction of Bobby Orr from the surfacing operations crew, the District did 25 kilometres of grading and sealing throughout the District.

Hard at work, Newton Campbell, Engineering Aide, Highways Traffic Branch, Victoria, prepares drawings on traffic signals and lighting for the King George Highway, Surrey.

Motor Vehicle Inspector Yuen Gee checks ball joints and steering linkage at the Nanaimo Inspection Station.
Heavy and prolonged rainfall last spring caused major problems in the Fernie Highways District of the East Kootenays, as in other portions of the Province. In June a road base failure, 90 metres in length, at Kilometre 7.22 to 7.31, Segment 1395 of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway 3 had the Fernie District road crews busy. The failure, requiring over 30,000 m$^3$ of fill, was opened to one-lane traffic, with two-hour delays, within two days and open to two-lane traffic in four. Closure of the highway instituted a 13.4 km detour via the Elko-Morrissey Road on the east side of the Elk River. Eight areas of the Southern Trans-Provincial Highway northeast of Elko, B.C. were affected by the prolonged rainfall. Over 710 metres of the highway shoulder and portions of one lane settled requiring extensive repairs, including fill and pavement repairs. “Low shoulder” sign was someone’s bizarre sense of humor for benefit of RR & C cameraman.

Lillooet Highway District’s Duffey Lake Road between Lillooet and Pemberton is handling increasingly large traffic volumes since the Ministry took the road over from the Ministry of Forests in 1979. The Lillooet Highway District has included the Duffey Lake Road as a regular part of summer maintenance and, although the road is closed throughout most of the winter the District has been consistently provided with construction funds since taking it over in order to steadily upgrade the road. This picture shows a project 24 kilometres south of Lillooet under the direction of Construction Foreman Willy Moffat.

There are a few short sections of road in the Nanaimo District that are not maintained during the winter months. One of these is a portion of Renfrew Road. Don Jenner, Sign Maintenance Person, is shown here replacing a cautionary sign which had become a bit hard to read after it was burned.

Looks like a normal fence, right? Wrong, look closely. Those silver items are hinges. They allow the lower portions of the fence to open up when the floodwaters of the Cowichan River, Nanaimo Highway District, overflows its banks. The fence borders the lawn bowling park on Cowichan Bay Road.

Meeting recently to discuss the basis for an administrative agreement between Federal and Provincial Governments on dangerous goods were, left to right, Captain E. P. de Cunha, Operations Manager, B.C. Ferries; Fleming Christensen, Chief Inspecting Engineer, B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Highways; Wally Sobel, Dangerous Commodities Officer, Ministry of Transportation and Highways; and Duncan Ellison, Director, Transport of Dangerous Goods, Ottawa; John Phillips, Director of Administration and Safety, Motor Vehicle Department and B.C. Government Liaison Officer for Dangerous Goods, Ministry of Transportation and Highways; and Captain W. R. (Russ) Wiggs, Ferries Superintendent, Ministry of Transportation and Highways.
Hard at it are Norm Dickie, (seated) Supervisor of the drafting squad. Bridge Branch in Victoria and Doug Doidge, Technical Assistant 4 in the background.

Gail Brajkovic, Office Assistant 2, Driver Records Information Centre. Victoria answers telephone inquiries and operates to find driver licence data.

Joan Weatherby, Clerk 3, Driver Records Section, Victoria has to ensure that all statistics as well as information on the number of convictions and traffic accidents are accurate and coded properly before being placed on computer.

On the job in Victoria are Motor Vehicle Department employees Julie Cotter, Office Assistant 2 standing, and Mariene Ireland, Supervisor of the Driver Records Information Centre. Besides supervising staff, Mariene has to see that all inquiries are communicated clearly as well as answer general correspondence. Information is given to the general public, police agencies, motor licence offices and government agencies.

Wilt Bohmer, Road Foreman, Burns Lake District, checks salt amounts from tailgate spreader, during this winter’s truck calibration.
ANATOMY OF A BRIDGE RESTORATION

The Old Terrace Bridge over the Skeena River was cleaned, painted, stripped, redecked and rewired in a 4-month period, July 20 to November 13, 1981. The single-lane bridge is 335 metres long. Rust and wood rot were extreme. Stripping has just started. Painting had been under way for two months.

New decking goes down. Two-inch Ekki is presplit and spiked down to 8" X 10" treated fir ties. Posts were prefabricated and pre-stained. New lighting and signal wiring is done.

Mike McCuish and Rob Brown, Bridge Labourers, and Peter Wightman, Regional Bridge and Works Engineer, installing new 10" X 10" wheel guards in the main span.

Fence rails going into place. That deck hasn't been as smooth in 10 years.

West end of the bridge, showing the main span. Two rows of flex beam were installed on the sidewalk side, and one on the traffic side of the truss.

The Terrace bridge crew from the left. Jim Stephens, Randy Penner, Dennis Bednarek, Sid Mills, Rob Brown, Dieter Rubeling, John McAlpine, Reiny Dusdal, Mike McCuish, Brian Shack and John Mayner. Chuck Webber, Don Forbes, and Keith Netzel did the wiring. Painting was done by contract, and inspected by Don Ngai and Brian Shack.