

MUSEUM MUSINGS FOR JANUARY 08

It has been a busy year for the museum. The major event was the celebration of 100 years of mining in Blubber Bay. Visit our web site, texadaheritagesociety.com for pictures.

We have received a number of donations recently, which are worth bringing to your attention. The Powell River Museum have been reviewing their holdings and have come across photographs and documents that pertain to Texada and have turned them over to us. Included were the originals of the photos that were in the little red Texada history book. We thank them for that.

We have also received a package of 160 photographs of Texada Mines from Glen Walker. Glens father was at one time the manager of Texada Mines.

Finally we have received pictures from Deniece Walker (nee Sulyma) and we have chosen to feature one of them today. This is a fine picture of one of the first Texada stores. Henderson's British Columbia Directory of 1898 includes the name John Henry McConville in a partial list of residents of Van Anda. J McConville was also part owner of the Crown Prince group of claims near Pocahontas Bay which shipped gold ore to the Van Anda smelter in 1898 valued at \$13.50 per ton.

Thanks to Glen and Deniece for these donations and we would remind you all that we are always looking for photographs of all aspects of Texada history including family. We simply scan all photographs and return the originals to you.

Our new curator, Doug Paton, has been busy modernising the museum. We have acquired a projection screen to complement the digital projector donated to us by the Texada Community Society. We have also purchased a small digital camera and over time we will photograph all our artefacts as a means of record maintenance. We have also purchased a computer program designed specifically for museum use which will greatly facilitate record keeping. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers the very happiest of new years.

Until the next time take care of each other and remember to think AND act green.

Norm MacLean



