

POST MARK: N 9 (1930-1961, 1964-1965), 3209 (1965-1971), 2809 (1971-1985)

POST: CHESTERFIELD INLET (NT)
CHESTERFIELD
Named after Philip Stanhope, 4th Earl of
Chesterfield, Secretary of State 1746-1748
BOWDEN'S INLET

DISTRICT: NELSON RIVER (ca.1914-1923)
ST.LAWRENCE-LABRADOR (1923-1929)
NELSON RIVER (1929-1945)
SECTION 9 (1945-1946)
NELSON RIVER (1946-1951)
CENTRAL ARCTIC (1951-1961)
KEEWATIN (1971-1985)

Outpost: Baker Lake, 1916-1918

ADMIN: RG3 FUR TRADE DEPT.
RG7 NORTHERN STORES



LOCATION:

1911 Ewen, Carpenter at Churchill, built the post on South side of Inlet (SF: "BARRENS")
1914 New buildings erected between a freshwater lake and Spurrell Harbour (SF: "BARRENS", 1915)
1932 In Spurrell Harbour at the mouth of Chesterfield Inlet, about 300 miles N. Churchill (RG7/7A/308)

MAPS AND PLANS:

1922, 1932 Plan, Description (G.7/5(13); G.7/9(2))
1923 Description
1927-1929 Plan, Description
1931 Description (G.7/9(2))

HISTORY:

1747 Inlet entered by *Dobbs Gallery* and *California* in search for NW Passage*
1761-1762 Capt. Christopher explored inlet (B.42/a/57, 58)
1853 Eden Colvile suggested the establishment of a post for whalefishery*
1886, 1891 Proposals made for settlement*
1911 Post established by the *Pelican* (SF: 'Chesterfield Inlet; 'Barrens')
1928 Old buildings torn down and used for new (G.7/9(2))
1930 Temporary residence and food warehouse built for Fox Farm (G.7/9(2))
1961, 31 July Post closed because the Eskimo population had moved south to Rankin Inlet (*Bay News*, April 1964)
1964, 9 March Reopened when the Rankin Inlet Mine closed and the Eskimos returned to Chesterfield (*Bay News* April 1964; *Moccasin Telegraph*, Su. 1964)

POST MANAGERS:

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| 1911-1919 | Solomon R. Ford | A.74/49, fo. 82-83; <i>Bay News</i> , April 1964 |
| 1919-ca. 1923 | W.S. Phillips | D.74/49, fo. 83 |
| ca. 1923-1925 | W.O. Douglas | SF: 'Barrens' |
| 1925-1930 | L.A. Learmonth | SF: 'Barrens' |
| 1931-1938 | S.J. Stewart | RG3/35/1 |
| 1938-1941 | J. L. Ford | RG3/35/1 |
| 1941-1945 | A. R. Scott | RG3/35/5 |
| 1945-1949 | D. Drysdale | RG3/35/5 |
| 1949-1950 | W. C. Brownie | RG3/35/5 |
| 1964-1965 | Gordon T. Harkness | <i>Moccasin Telegraph</i> |

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