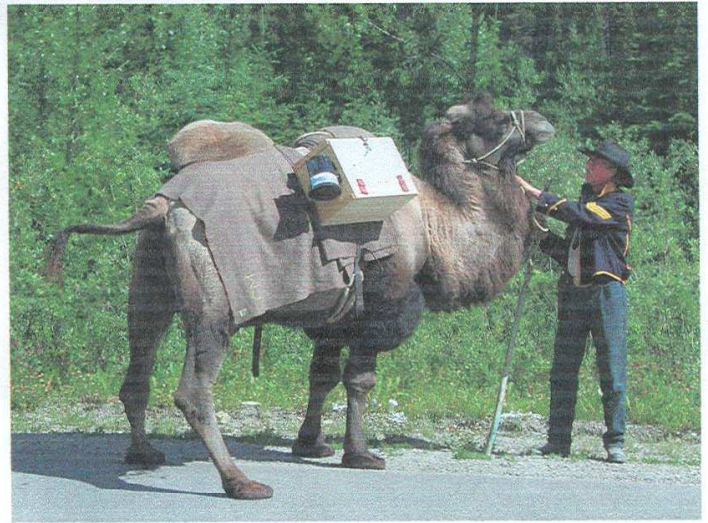


GOLD RUSH DAYS

Leaving Fraser Canyon we continued North on Canada 97 towards Prince George BC. The land became dryer and the trees became fewer. This is the semi-arid section of BC. The land was flatter and there were more farms.

We decided to stay at a park called Roberts Roost that was situated beside a pretty lake. It was so nice we decided to stay two nights. The next day we took the car and went about 55 miles into the mountains to a reconstructed mining town called Barkerville. The town is operated by the Province and has operating hotels, restaurants and stores, all in the old fashioned state. They even operate stagecoach rides. Snippets of the past are taking place in various parts of town, i.e. Bank robberies, shoot-outs etc.

It was a very interesting town in which to take yourself back to the past. One of the remnants of the bygone days was the camel. As in the southwestern US, they tried to utilize camels here. They also did not work here either!



In this area, or perhaps all of Canada, I find out that my AT&T access for e-mail will not work. I will keep on writing the journals and will send them all at once, Maybe from Alaska.

Thursday, Aug 15 we started for Prince George and we did all our grocery shopping at the local Costco there. Instead of spending the night, we decided to forge on to Prince Rupert. on the coast of BC. We are traveling Canada 16 highway, a busy two-lane road. There are a lot of RV's heading for home after being in Alaska. There are also a lot of log trucks. The trees are much smaller here and the prime logging operations are pulpwood, which can use the smaller trees. There are a lot of pulp and paper mills in the towns we pass through. The weather is finally cooling down and we had a bit of rain today.

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