

hard time for the Post Mistress because she had no facilities and no help for a break at times.

Around this time many rural Post Offices were being closed. A petition was taken in support of maintaining the Dunrobin Post Office. I understand that postal headquarters wanted to close the Woodlawn location and combine it with Dunrobin in the Younghusband's store. This might have been a great burden upon the Ritchies as they would have had to provide more space. The Post Office was moved June 1, 1987 to northwest half of the old garage owned by Frances Fuels (Consc. 4, North Part Lot 4, Part 1 on RP5R3394, Torbolton Ward). The civic address is 3162 Dunrobin Road about 2km west of Younghusband General Store.

Ellen Delahunt recalls that in the 1970's and 80's some changes in rural mail boxes was evident. They still had to follow regulations but some had pretty pictures on their sides or animal shapes adorned the top of some boxes. As new subdivisions were built Super Boxes (Group Boxes) were installed near their entrances in the 1980's and 90's. This was another cost cutting factor.

Ellen was the Post Mistress of the DUNROBIN & WOODLAWN Post Office until 1989. She moved on to a new profession as owner and cook for the Dunrobin Tea Room. This was the end of an era. Dunrobin postal service had been provided by the Younghusband Family for at least 125 years.

Shirley Tierney who was first a helper in the Dunrobin Post Office became the next Post Mistress. Her helpers are Connie Davis, Sandra Dolan, Elizabeth Daw, Lianne Bowles, and Wendy Penney. In 1992 the contracts for the rural routes were amalgamated into one contract per Post Office location. Nancy James won the contract for the five routes. The cost to send a letter, regulation size is .43 cents before tax equals .46 cents in March 1993. The hours are 8:30 to 5:45 P.M. serving approx. 8000 customers in 1993

I would like to thank many people for their memories of something we take for granted. Ellen Delahunt, Charlie Delahunt, Willard Davis, Edith Read, Irene Kennedy, Cindy Delahunt, Julie Delahunt, Nancy James and Shirley Tierney.