

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE
DIRECTOR OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING
THE REPLY TO THIS LETTER SHOULD BE MARKED
FOR THE ATTENTION OF:

THE DIRECTOR

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

LEGAL SURVEYS DIVISION

MAP PRODUCTION DIVISION



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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SURVEYS AND MAPPING BRANCH
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, FORESTS,
AND WATER RESOURCES
VICTORIA, B.C.

June 4, 1971

CIRCULAR LETTER TO BRITISH COLUMBIA LAND SURVEYORS

Dear Sir:

Re: Section 61(6) of the Land Act 1970

This section of the Land Act provides that a location reference, based on the National Topographic Map numbering system, may be added to a District Lot number to aid in its geographical location.

Section 5.06(z) of B.C.Reg. 4/70, being the Land Act Survey Instructions, detailed the method to be adopted and cited an example. (There is a typographical error in that an upper case G was used instead of a lower case g.)

This method has been in use since January 1st, 1970 and the procedure has been for Legal Surveys Division to supply the location reference as part of the survey instructions. The difficulty has been, that Legal Surveys, because of its involvement with Petroleum and Natural Gas surveys, elected to adopt the breakdown used under that system, for Land Act surveys as well.

As you are aware a National Topo map (e.g. 93P) is broken down into 16 sheets, (e.g. 93P/9). The P. & N. G. System further breaks down each sheet into 12 Blocks A to L with upper case lettering. The National Topo System breakdown however is into 8 blocks, a to e with lower case lettering, each covering an area of 7½ minutes in both latitude and longitude.

The National Topographic (and not the P. & N. G.) location reference is the one that will be supplied in future survey instructions. Should a survey lap over a boundary of one of these National Topo blocks, the reference to be used is that block in which the greater part of the survey falls. When several lots appear on one survey plan and more than one block becomes involved it is permissible to quote all of them, for example: 93I/8 a-b-h.

The attached map index will illustrate the breakdown to be used in future surveys.

Yours truly,

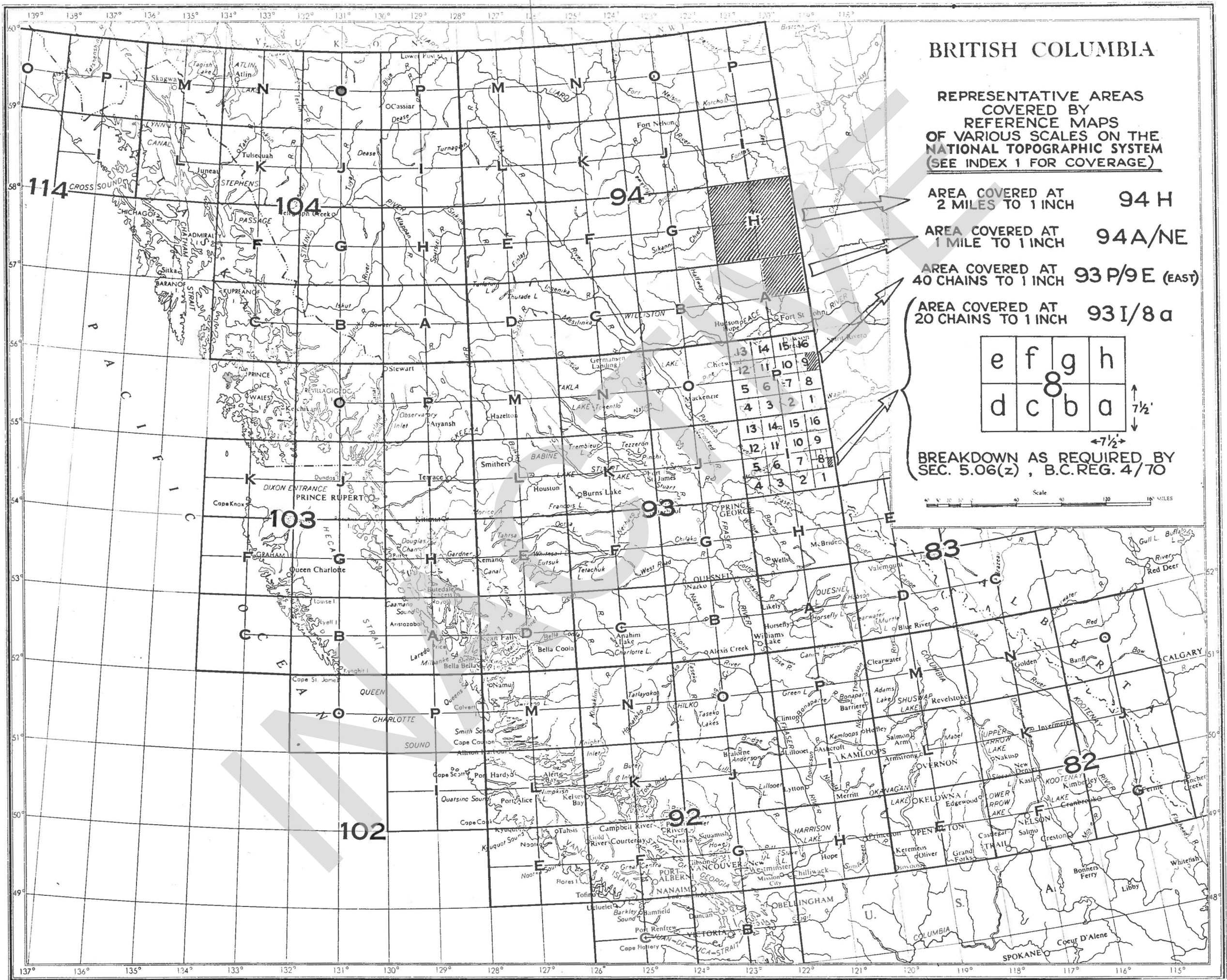
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Surveyor General and Director



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BRITISH COLUMBIA

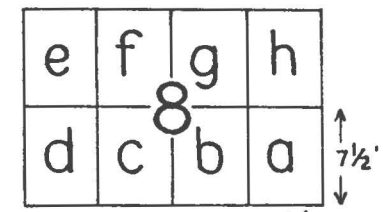
REPRESENTATIVE AREAS
COVERED BY
REFERENCE MAPS
OF VARIOUS SCALES ON THE
NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SYSTEM
(SEE INDEX 1 FOR COVERAGE)

AREA COVERED AT
2 MILES TO 1 INCH 94 H

AREA COVERED AT
1 MILE TO 1 INCH 94A/NE

AREA COVERED AT
40 CHAINS TO 1 INCH 93 P/9 E (EAST)

AREA COVERED AT
20 CHAINS TO 1 INCH 93 I/8 a



BREAKDOWN AS REQUIRED BY
SEC. 5.06(z), B.C. REG. 4/70

