

CANADIAN – AUSTRALIA?



CANADIAN - a suburb east of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia. Originally named **Canadian Gully** after Canadian immigrant gold digger "Captain" Henry Ross. Its Post Office existed from 1 March 1886 to 31 May 1988. The number assigned to the Post Office was 1505. The MD/5 cancellation is calculated: M for 1000 + D for 500 + 5 = 1505.



Off to the diggings

The Diggers

Panning for gold

Gold commissioner's tent

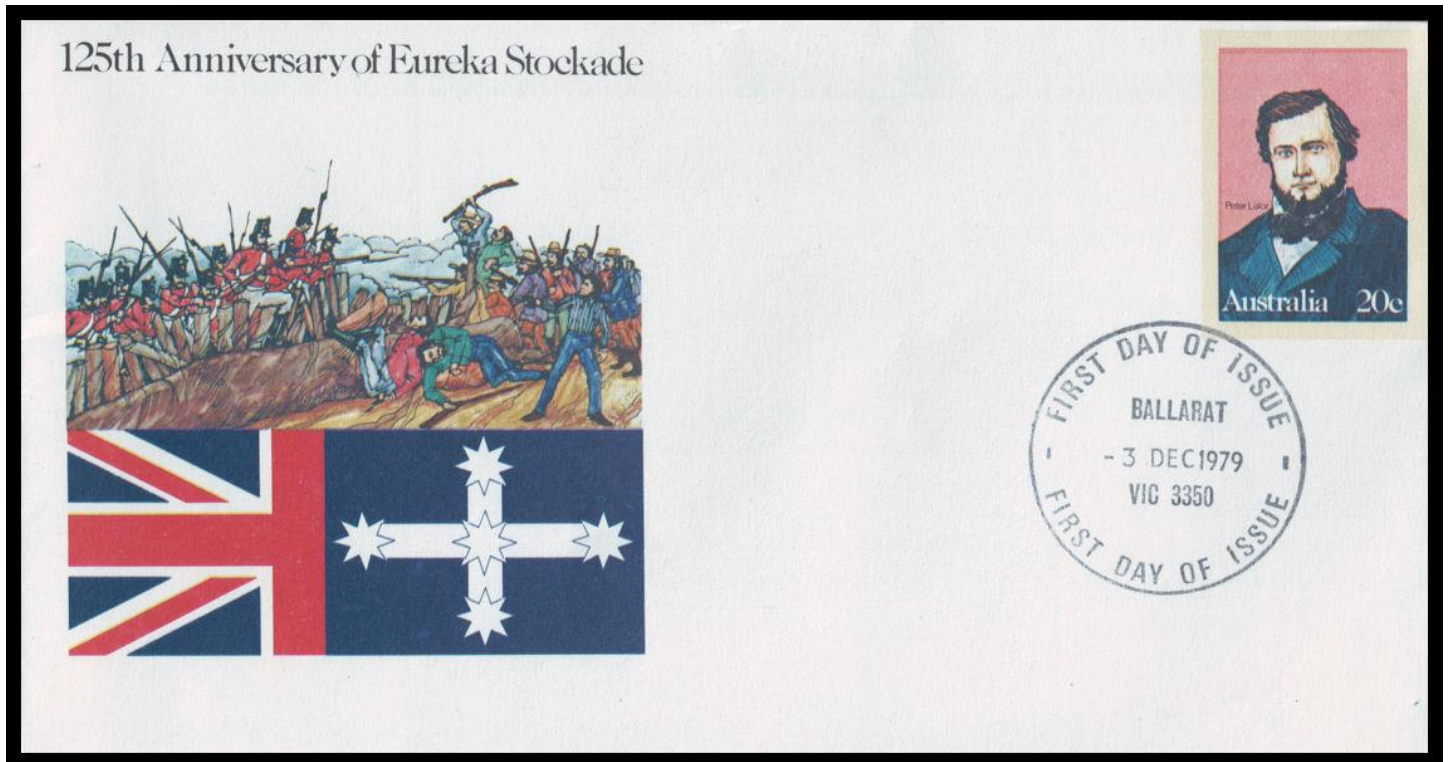
The gold escort

Victoria gold rush lasted from 1851 to about 1870.



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Ross was born in Toronto on 6 May 1829. He arrived in the gold fields in Nov. 1852, along with four other Canadians. He is famous for his role in the Eureka Rebellion. The diggers rebelled when the licence fee for mining was raised to 30 shillings per month. Ross was appointed Captain of 1,000 diggers. On 29 Nov 1854 they erected a Stockade on the Eureka claim. On 3 Dec colonial forces advanced on the stockade and the ensuing battle saw 30 diggers being killed as well as six soldiers. Ross was mortally wounded and died two days later. He was buried in a mass grave at the Ballarat Old Cemetery.



Peter Lalor was the leader of the rebels. He went on to be elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly.