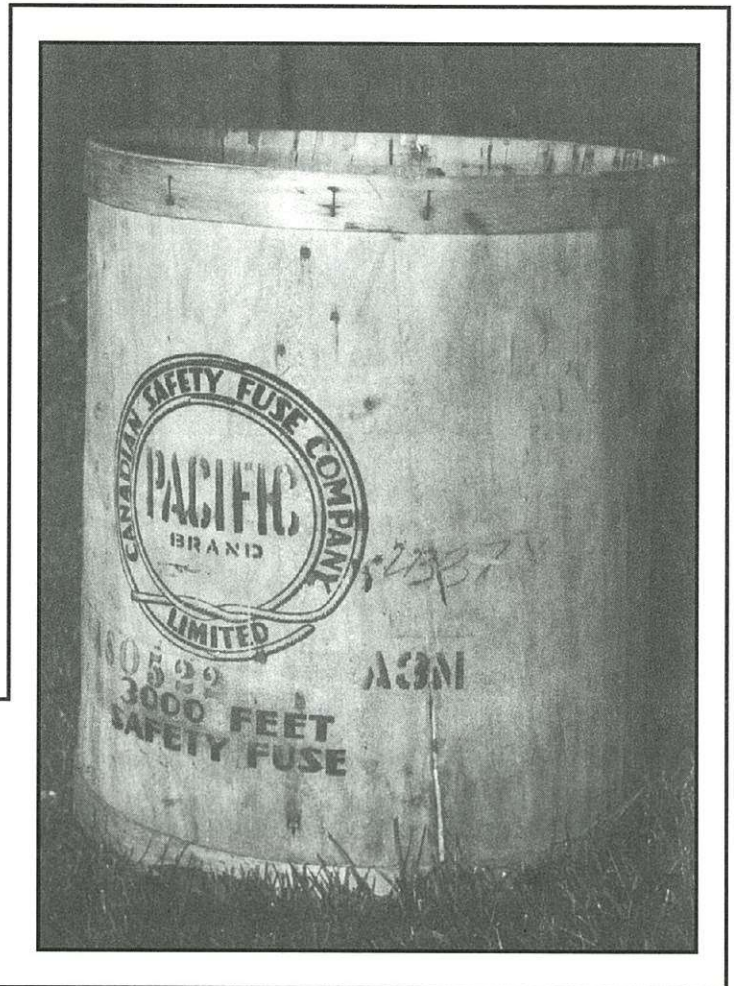


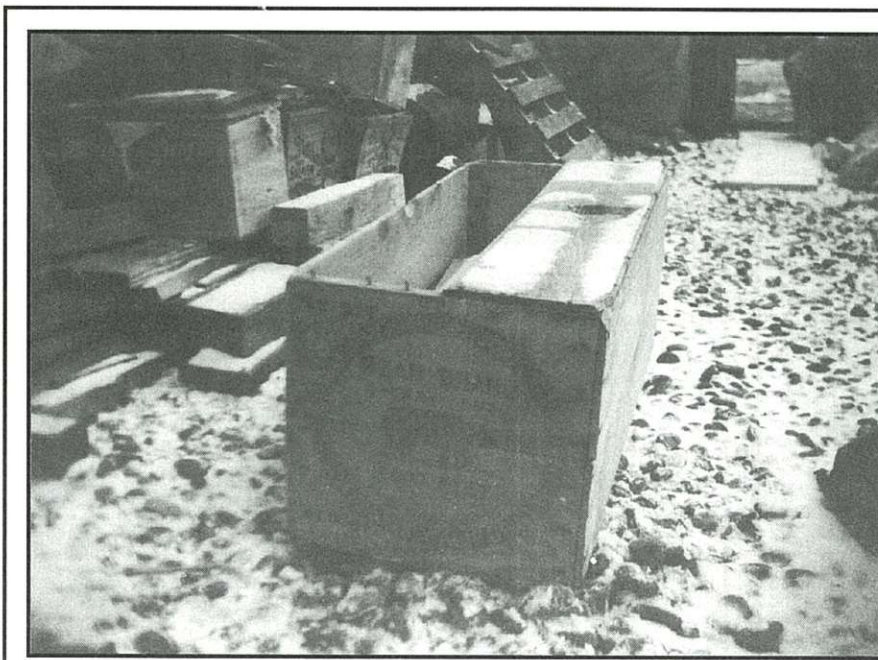
FUSE BOXES

by Lane Griffin

Ever wonder how those paper covered rolls of fuse were transported? Most mining activities consumed large amounts of fuse (you could always load your powder light but enough fuse was much more critical to survival) and shipments were made in lots of usually 3,000 or 6,000 feet. You needed a big box to hold this much fuse and that is what you have if you decide to collect fuse boxes. They're not too practical unless you've got acreage but they are impressive and can store other items, or I've seen just the end displayed. Two examples are shown, a round container from Canada that held 3,000 feet of fuse and a box from Nevada that held over a mile of fuse.



Fuse box (barrel), Pacific Brand, Canadian Safety Fuse Company, East Kootenays of British Columbia. 1920's vintage.
Width = 35cm Height = 40cm.
Made from wood veneer (hat box style).
Submitted by Udo Matern.



Fuse box, Bear Brand.
Coast Manufacturing and Supply Co.,
Livermore, California
From Nevada, 1918 Vintage

Width = 1.25 feet
Height = 1.25 feet
Length = 3 feet