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Informal Display
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POSTAL STATIONERY

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The postal stationery issued between 1908 & 1911 was the first such material issued by the Cayman Islands. It was all printed by De La Rue.
The first order, for 1044 ¼d postcards, was ordered on requisition 22/08 of 6 June 1908. These postcards are found in two different sizes, 121mm x 75mm & 115mm x 89mm.



¼d stationery card, band for 12 inland cards, reverse with Georgetown type 5 cancel dated NO 1 09.



The above stationery card was sent from George Town, with a Type 4 cancel dated OC 20 08. It bears a Kingston, Jamaica transit cancel, dated NO 4 08. The rate to the USA was 1d, but as no Farthing stamps were available the card is over-rated by ¼d.

Card used during the second manuscript period.

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¼d stationery card, with additional Farthing & ½d, paying the correct 1d postcard rate to Germany.
Cancelled Georgetown Type 5, dated JY 14 10.



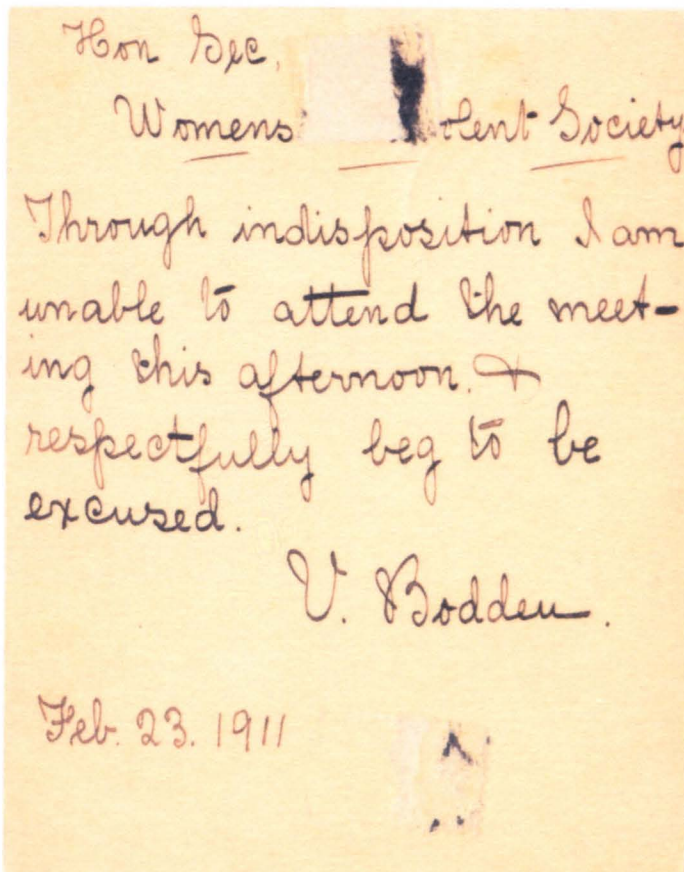
¼d card, sent from Georgetown, with a Type 5 cancel, dated JA 21 10 to London. There is no message, so the card should have attracted the ½d printed matter rate. It shows a 'T' enclosed in a circle, with manuscript 5. It also has the ½d F.B. postage due strike applied in London.

This is the only recorded ¼d stationery card, which has not been up-rated when sent overseas, and the only one with postage due markings.

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1/4d stationery card, used internally, paying the correct 1/4d postcard rate.
Cancelled Georgetown Type 5, dated FE 23 11.



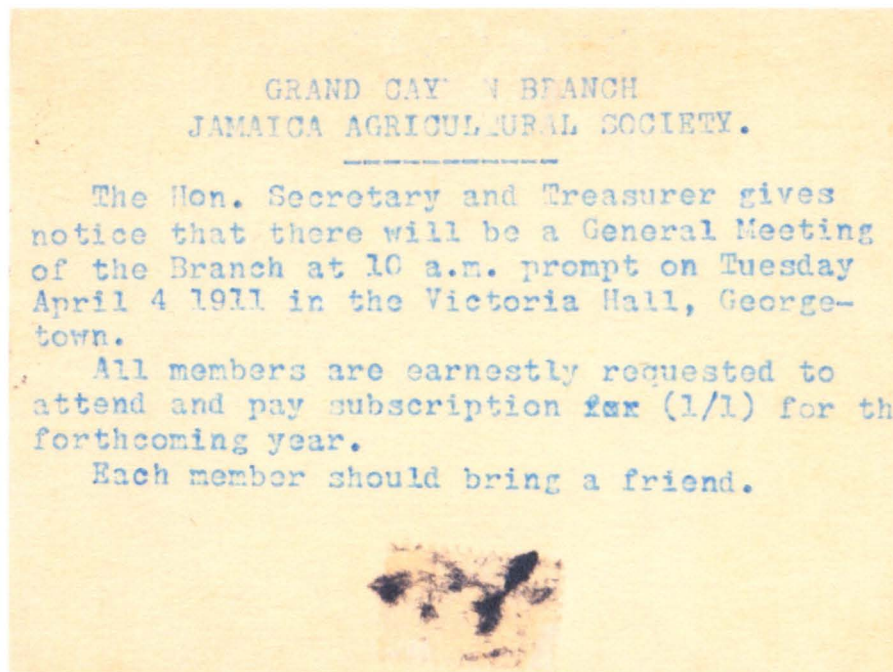
Reverse with message for the 'Hon Sec, Women's Benevolent Society', from V. Bodden, dated Feb 23 1911, stating that, 'Through indisposition I am unable to attend the meeting this afternoon & respectfully beg to be excused'.

The addressee, Mrs Hirst, is the wife of the Commissioner.

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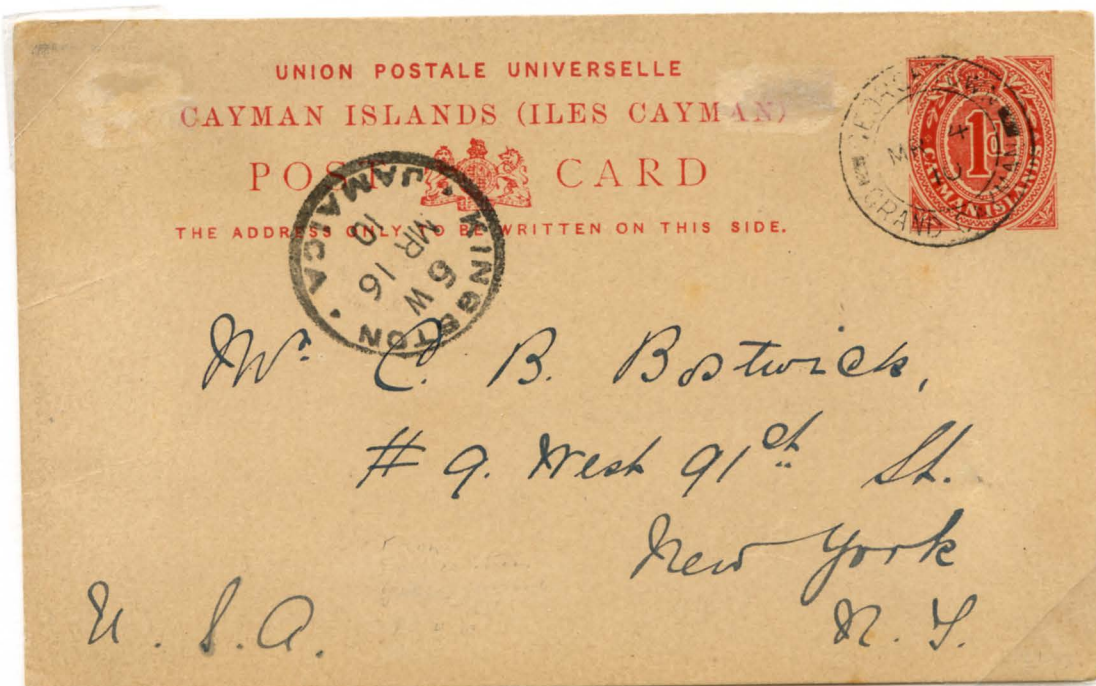


1/4d stationery card, used internally, paying the correct 1/4d postcard rate.
Cancelled Georgetown Type 5, dated MR 18 11.



Reverse with typed message from the 'Hon. Secretary and Treasurer' of the 'Grand Cayman Branch Jamaica Agricultural Society', referring to the General Meeting to be held on 4 April 1911 in the Victoria Hall when subscriptions of 1/1 are due. It also asks for each member to bring a friend.
The addressee, G.S.S. Hirst, is the Commissioner.

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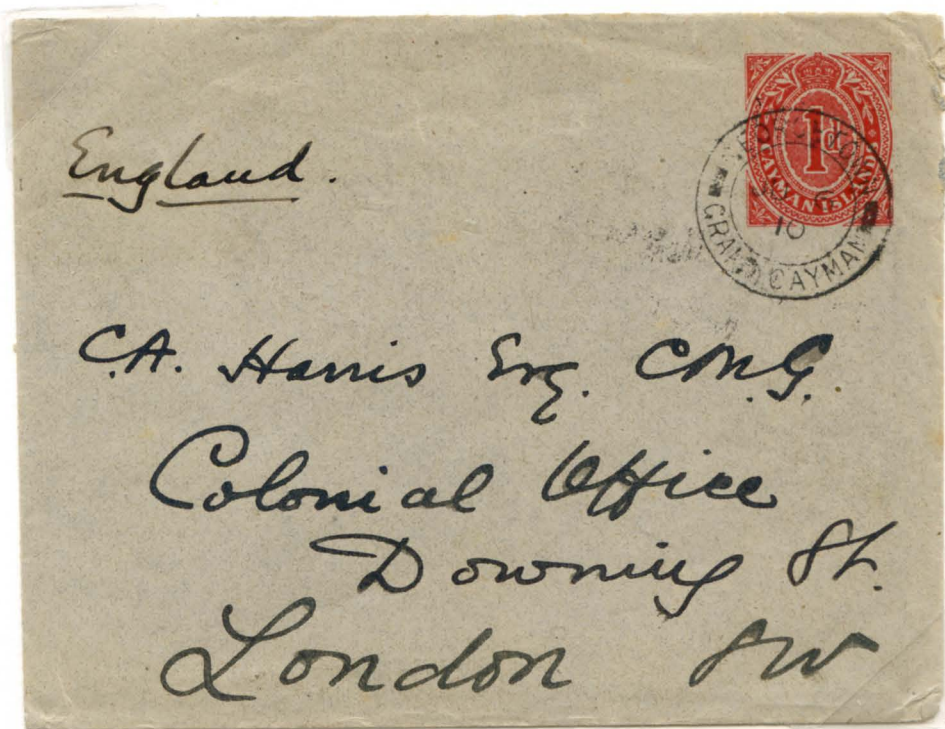
1d postal stationery card: Overseas use—to the USA.
Cancelled Georgetown Type 5, dated MR 4 10.
This card sent by Gwendolyne Parsons, the Postmistress.



1d postal stationery card, used internally, with **EAST END Grand Cayman RURAL Post Collection** boxed cancel, with Boddentown FE 1 13 and FE 3 13 transit cancels and Georgetown FE 3 13 receiver. **Only two 1d stationery cards recorded with East End Rural Post cancel.**

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1d postal stationery envelope, used to the Colonial Office, Downing St., England, cancelled with the type 5 cancel dated JU 6 10. Kingston Jamaica transit dated JU 16 10 and London receiver dated JUL 2 10 on reverse.

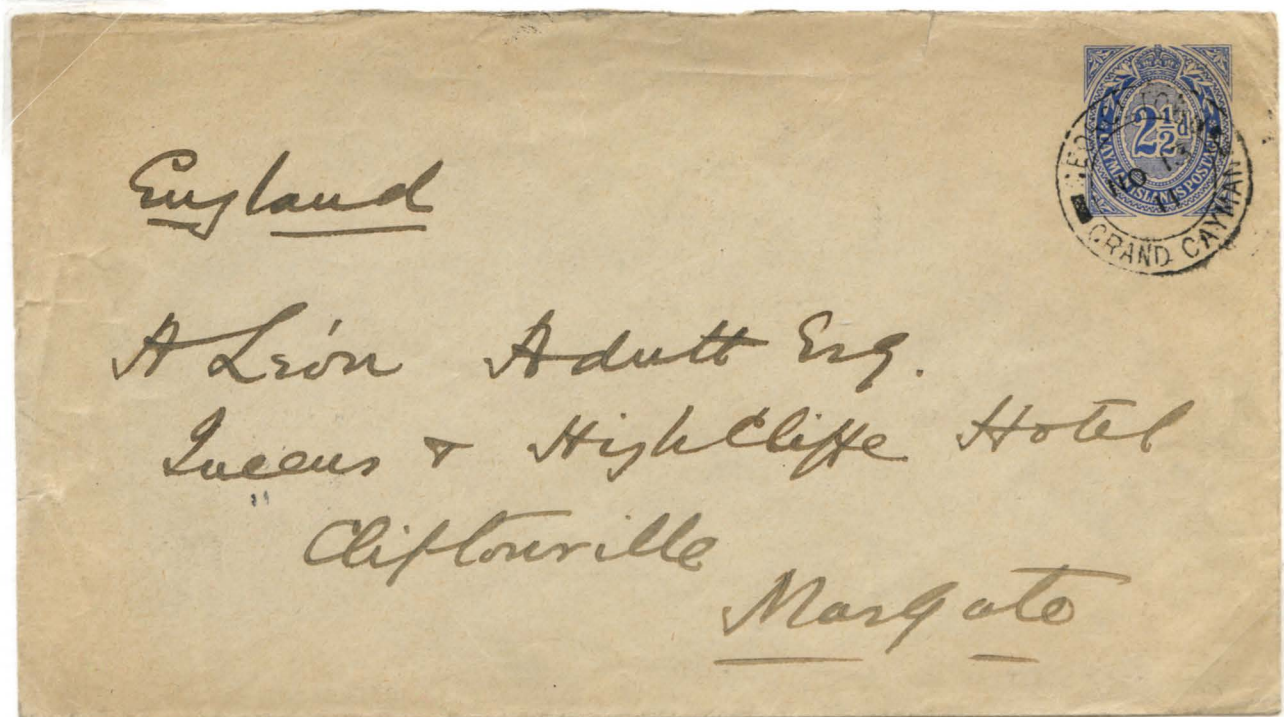


1d postal stationery envelope, used internally. Cancelled Cayman Brac type 2 dated MR 29 13, with Georgetown type 5 receiver dated AP 2 13.

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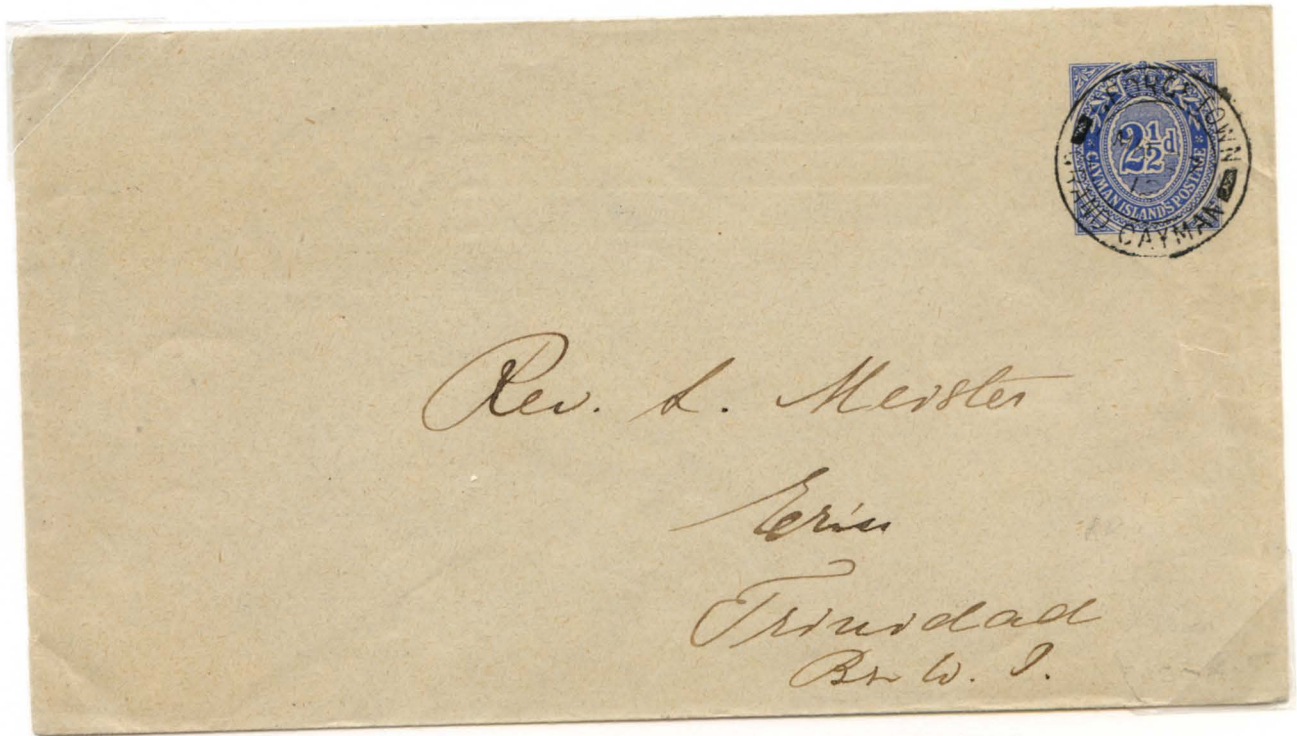


1d postal stationery envelope used with added ½d newspaper wrapper cut-out, addressed to Paget W Bermuda, cancelled Georgetown type 5 cancel dated 20. Reverse with Neuva Cerona Habana transit dated 17 Abr 1920 and Hamilton receiver dated 30 Apr 20.

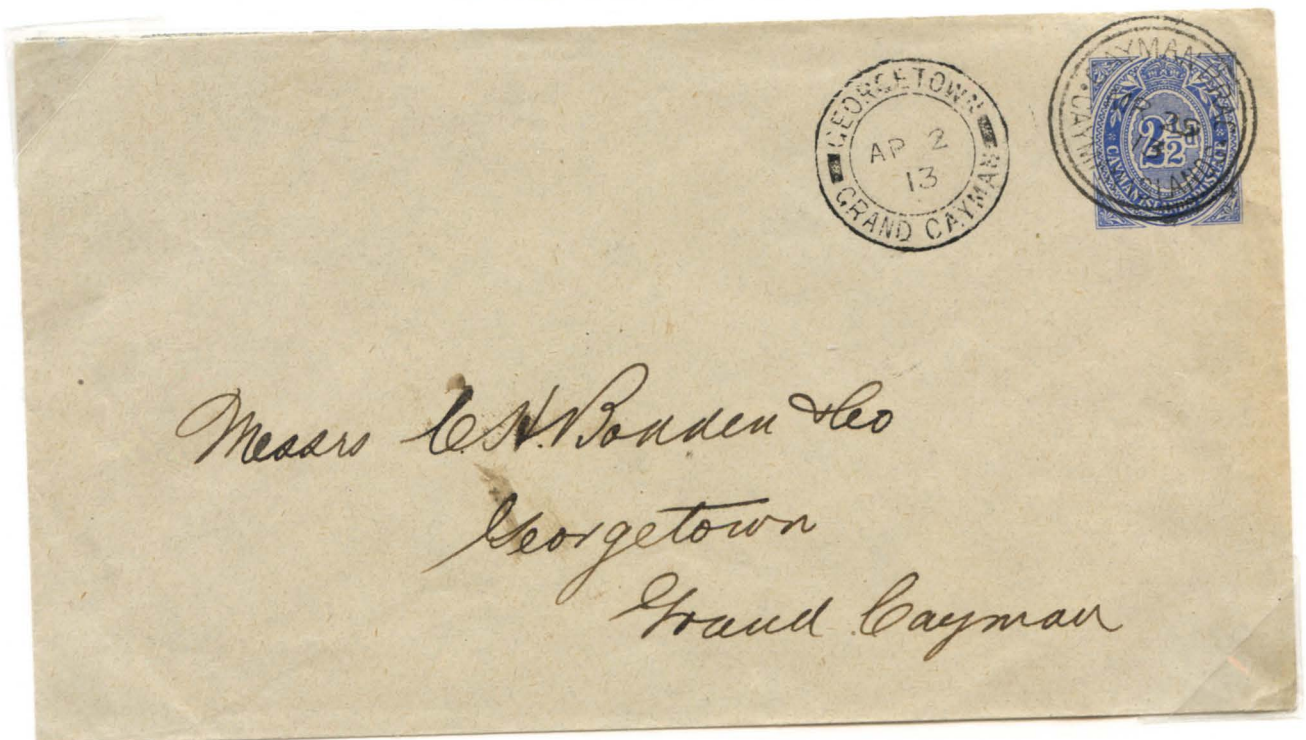


2½d postal stationery envelope: Overseas use—to England. Cancelled Georgetown Type 5, dated NO 13 11, The First Day of Issue. Reverse with Kingston Jamaica transit dated No 24 11 and Margate receiver dated DE 10 11.

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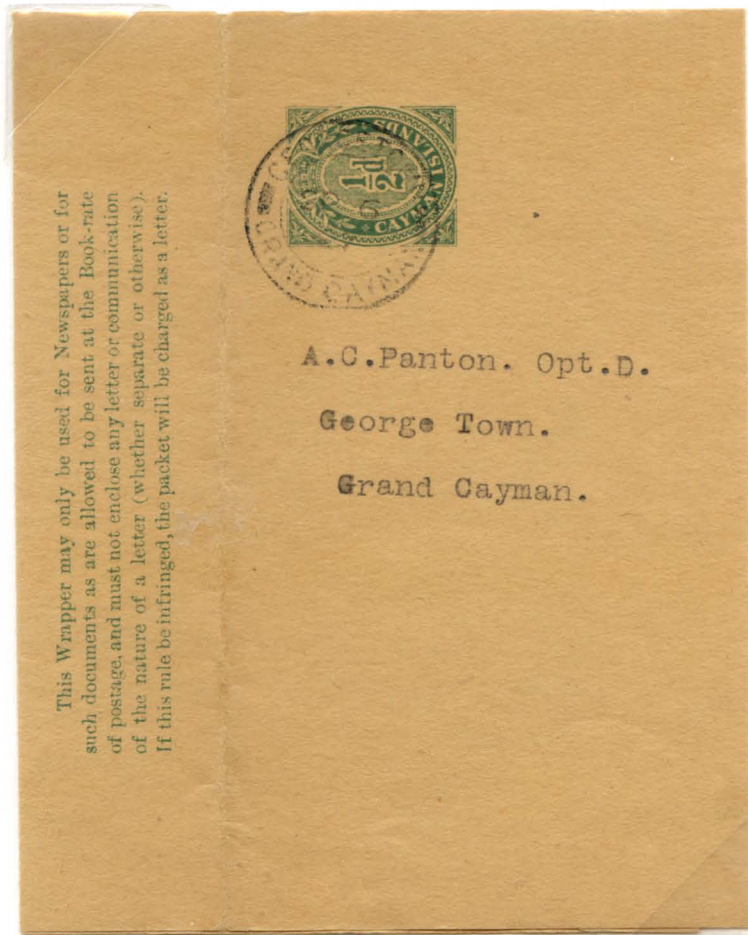


2½d postal stationery envelope: Overseas use—to Trinidad.
Cancelled Georgetown Type 5, dated MR 27 12, with Kingston Jamaica
transit dated APR 18 12, G.P.O. Port Of Spain transit dated AP 29 12 and
Erin receiver dated AP 30 12.



2½d postal stationery envelope, used internally. Cancelled Cayman Brac
type 2 dated MR 29 13, with Georgetown type 5 receiver dated AP 2 13.
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½d newspaper wrapper, used internally, cancelled Georgetown Type 5 dated SP 6 09.

There were four requisitions for the ¼d postal stationery card between 6 June 1908 and 13 July 1910, but only one requisition for the other postal stationery: ½d wrapper 23 April 1909; 1d card and 1d envelope 15 October 1909; 2½d envelope 24 September 1911.

Quantities Printed:

¼d postal card	9492
1d postal card	1656
½d wrapper	5250
1d envelope	4632
2½d envelope	4608

Information on requisitions and quantities taken from, 'Cayman Islands, The De La Rue Records', by James Podger, published in the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal, June 1997.