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On April 10th, 1961, Robert Topaz, together with the other six founding members of the WIFSG mailed a letter to a number of collectors whom we knew were interested in B. W. I. philately. After a little over three months, and with the publication of two Journals and four brochures on special phases of this philately, our Group has increased to around 70 members with 10 inquiries about the Group pending.

Among the members of the Group are a number of philatelists, important in the field of British West Indies. In our group are Authors, Doctors, Chemists, Engineers, Bankers and several retired persons. We have philatelists from beginners to experts in their field.

All of this indicates to us the need for an organization of this sort, based on the democratic concept, where a collector may make new friends and find new interests, an alert and well informed group, dedicated to the study, research and publication of the latest information on a frequent and regular basis, yet not excluding the person who desires to just collect stamps for stamps sake.

Your Editor is extremely pleased at the response to the call for interested collectors and feels that every member will gain much from the association.

A Constitution Committee has been set up to write a working Constitution, which will be voted on by the membership when completed. This will be sent out either through the Journal or by special letter. Nominations for permanent officers will soon be available and ballots will be sent out to the membership as soon as possible. The Publication Committee has considered the type of format for the Journal, and have concluded that it should remain in its present form for the time being.

It is possible for us to reach a membership of 100 or more by the end of the year. With the help of all of the members, this should be a relatively easy goal.

The more information that we receive from each of you on your particular specialty, for publication in the Journal, the more interesting and informative it will be, and the more attractive membership in the organization will be. Let us hear from each of you as to what you would like to see in your Journal, and what suggestions or criticisms you may have.

A. N. Johnson, Temporary Editor.

King George VI Collector's Society

Mr. Frank Saunders, founder of the King George VI Collectors Society has agreed to exchange bulletins with our Group. This organization has done considerable work on the KG VI stamps and have sent us the last three copies of their Bulletin which contain material on the varieties of the KG VI stamps of the Leeward Islands. Mr. Saunders has also recently become a member of the WIFSG. His bulletins summarize a great deal of work done on these stamps and anyone interested should get in touch with him for mutual benefit, his address is in the present supplement to the membership list, with this issue of the Journal.

Jack Knight .Air Mail Society.

Mr. Earl H. Wellman, Editor of the Jack Knight Air Mail Society, 3532 Oak Ave., Brookfield, Illinois, has also written us, with a view of exchanging Bulletins. We have not, to date, presented anything concerning the Air Mail of the West Indies. Does any of our Group specialize or collect this field? Does anyone have any material that would be of interest to the Group on the B.W.I. Airmail system?

It seems to us that this would be a most interesting aspect of B.W.I. philately.

Additions To List Of Postoffices In Trinidad And Tobago.

Mr. F. G. Freeman has submitted the following list of post offices in Trinidad and Tobago, that were not shown in the listing given in the July Journals.

Post offices in Trinidad		Tobago
Abyssinia	New Settlement	Belle Garden
Caledonia	Palmyra	Bethel
Enterprise	Penal Rock Road	Canaan
Fatima	Plaisance	Castara
Febeau	Point Cumana	Carnbee
Gonzales	Poole	Delaforde
Guapo	Prizgar Lands	Hope
Guaraca Junction	Quarry	Les Coteau
Jordan	Reform	Mason Hall
La Pastora Sosconos	Rochard Douglas	Mount St. George
Lopinot	Rousillac	Patience Hill
Los Bauds	St. Barb's Road	Pembroke
Maracas Road	St, Benedict	Plymouth
Mayaro	St. Juliens	
Navet	Trou Ma---ue	

New TRDs of Jamaica

Robert Topaz reports the following Temporary Rubber Datestamps of Jamaica, not shown in Aguilar's handbook,

Iron Mountain	Claverly Cottage
Old Bottom	Cheltenham (Handwritten over Content).
Joe Hub	
Schoolfield	Bushy Tree
Salmon Town	Flagman

Query:

Mr. G. J. Raymond would like to know whether anyone in the Group can verify the existence of the postmarks from Wilson City, Bahamas, a lumber camp of the early 1900's.

Mr, Everard F. Aguilar has written an interesting article on Jamaica in "Stamps" for July 1, 1961, Volume 116, # 1.

Tom Morgan in the Philatelic Magazine reports the following: "Collectors of shades and printings can prepare themselves for a little mild excitement. Among new printings of current Colonial Issues are some of the first De La Rue printings of stamps previously handled by Waterlows. Stamps affected are the Antigua 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 12 cents; British Guiana 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24, 36, 48 cents and \$1, \$2 and \$5; British Honduras 1 and 5 cents, Falklands 2d; St., Kitts 2, 3e 5s 8, 12, 24 and 48 cents" .

Lt. Colonel Fred F. Seifert has researched and written the following article on the Street Letter Box cancellations of Jamaica, giving much information on these cancels, and updating the material found in L.C.C. Nicholson's "Jamaica":

Jamaica Street Letter Box Postmarks

The special postmarks of Jamaica which were used on mail deposited in Street Letter Boxes were discussed in some detail by the late L.C.C. Nicholson in the Jamaica Handbook of 1928. Acquisition during the past several years of some hundreds of these markings enables me to provide additional information and in several instances, corrections to the Handbook. Except where indicated, all dates are from items in my collection,

KINGSTON

TYPE 1 Latest date known March 1, 1892

TYPE 2 This is actually two types. The Handbook illustration, M16, is technically incorrect correct in that it is a composite of the two types. The first type has no stops before and after "Street Letter Box" and the index code consists of a numeral (1 through 5 on my copies), followed by a single upper case letter. EDK 2 July, 1892, LDK, 14 October, 1897.

The second type, which I have designated TYPE 2a is as illustration M16 in the Handbook except for the index code which its single upper case letter. EDK 28 October, 1897, LDK 13 August, 1902.

TYPE 3 The index code on all copies I have seen consists of the numeral 3 plus an upper case letter. EDK 18 August; 1902, LDK 1 August, 1907

TYPE 4 This again is actually two types, and illustration M18 combines features of both. The first type is as M18 without the stop between Box and Kingston. Index code is numeral 3 plus an upper case letter. EDK 15 August, 1907, LKD 10 September 1910.

The second of this type I call TYPE 4a. This differs from the previous type in the following respects: There are no stops before "Street" and after "Kingston"; there is a comma between "Box" and "Kingston"; and the index code is a single upper case letter. EKD 19 September 1910, LKD 5 December, 1919.

The Handbook states "Still in use (1928)", but its use after 1919 appears doubtful.

MONTEGO BAY

Montego Bay employed two Street Letter Box temporary rubber datestamps, but only the second of these was listed in the Handbook of 1928 (illustration M19). The first type differed from the second in that the words "Street Letter Box" and "Montego Bay" were interchanged in position and the year was given as "14". My only copy is on a cover addressed to the late Astley Clerk and is dated 14 Dec. 1914. The permanent type datestamp which Nicholson listed as Type 2 was still in use in 1954, but the stop before "Street Letter Box" is missing on two clear strikes dated 4 September 1954 and 20 September 1954. This could be a new stamp or may be the result of damage to the original stamp. Since early and late strikes appear to be quite similar in all other respects, any conclusion requires further evidence.

STREET LETTER BOXES, continued:

PORT ANTONIO.

Port Antonio also used a Street Letter Box TRD prior to introduction of a steel CDS. This was not listed in the 1928 Handbook It consisted of a single-lined oblong measuring 32 by 22 mm, with "Street Letter Box" across the top, and "Port Antonio", Ja." across the bottom. A line of dots about two thirds down terminates in '1911", Aguilar lists this as TD 26 in his 1949 Jamaica Handbook, but his illustration omits the year. Since he lists EDK 23 January 1912 and LDK 16 May 1912 it would appear that the year was cut off of the TRD for use in 1912. The only copy I have been able to obtain is a fragmentary mark on stamp with date -- October, 1911, the day numerals having disappeared when a previous owner neatly trimmed the stamp from the cover.

The 1928 Handbook indicated only one type of Street Letter Box date Stamp was used at Port Antonio. Overlooking the TRD, this was possibly true in 1928. However, some time between May of 1926 and March of 1930 a new stamp appeared having larger letters in the same general arrangement My earliest example of this mark is dated 19 March 1930 and my latest 29 July 1957. Having had little access to current material for the past several years, I cannot verify continuing use of this or the Montego Bay stamp beyond the dates I have given. I would appreciate further information on earlier or later usage of any of these marks.

(Editor's note: We have one example of the Montego Bay type 2, dated 11, March, 1957, with stops both before and after "Street Letter Box" shall we send it over for you to examine, Fred?)

Publicity

The Journal, issue No. 2 was mailed to 11 leading philatelic magazines in this country and England, and as a result many of them published information on the WIFSG. It was also sent to nine of the leading newspapers in the West Indies. Have had no direct response from them, but may receive some publicity there. Also have mailed out both issues of the Journal to 14 libraries in the West Indies, and while we haven't had time to receive information from most of them, did have a reply from the Central Library in Belize, British Honduras, saying that they were pleased to receive them, and would like for us to continue, so that they might make a file of them, for use by stamp collectors there.

New Issues

Bahamas: Stamp booklets, containing stamps of the current definitive issue have been ordered from the Crown Agents, as follows: °.

3/ Booklet containing 8 x 1d, 8 x 1½d and 8 x 2d stamps.

6/ Booklet containing 4 x 4d, 4 x 6d and 4 x 8d stamps.

Cayman Islands: New printing of 1d, for 15th of August 1961.

Trinidad: New Printing of 16c, Postage due Label for 22nd of August 1961.

Grenada: The Grenada Postal Centenary stamps, 3, 8 and 25c are now available,

The stamps are bicolored, the 3c Grey and Red, the 6 cent, Blue and Orange and the 25 cent Blue and Red, depicting the heads of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II, and showing various modes of mail transportation.

St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. A pamphlet issued by the Crown Agents is included with this issue of the Journal. It describes the Commemorative stamps issued to commemorate the centenary of the first postage stamps of Nevis, on 1861. The set will consist of four values, the 2, 8, 12 and 24 cent.

Withdrawals: The Trinidad and Tobago Scout Jamboree Commemorative Issue was withdrawn in July 3, 1961:

Birmingham Notes:

A letter from the Ministry of Communications and Works for Trinidad adds something of interest to a question raised regarding the star (or lack of it) on the Jamaica marks:

"I was interested to read the copies of your West Indies Federation Journal and Brochures of Jamaica Philately.....

"The article in the "Birmingham type" datestamps.....raises the question of why certain impressions carry a star whereas others do not. I cannot speak specifically for Jamaica practice, but your readers may be interested to know that the use of a star on datestamps is quite customary on the postal services of Great Britain and the British Overseas territories.

"At larger post offices several mail despatches are made each day and a time type (i.e. 2:00 P.M., etc) is inserted to indicate the period on which the item was posted.....

"At the smaller-offices where only one despatch is made each day at close of business the time type is not usually included in the datestamp, as all items posted that day will bear the same cancellation mark. Should the single despatch be made some time during the day, however, it is usual to insert a star on the datestamp after all mail posted in time for inclusion on the despatch has been dealt with. Items posted after the despatch time, thus bear a cancellation mark including the star, thereby indicating that although "posted in the date indicated, they were not despatched until the following day."

Yours sincerely,

E. A. Drover,

Postal Services Adviser"

Thank you Mr. Drover, for this information. Can any of our readers apply this to Jamaican practice - i.e. marks from the same town, both with and without the star?

The only "timed" datestamps in use at present, where the time is shown on the mark, are those from the post offices using the electric cancelling machines. As of this writing, there are twelve of these machines on use: Brown's Town, Cross Roads, Half-Way Tree, Kingston, Linstead, Mandeville, May Pen, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios, St. Ann's Bay, Savanna-la-mar, and Spanish Town. With the advent of these machines, no doubt we can look for more slogan cancellations.

Clinton L. von Pohle.

"In connection with the above, a letter from Mr. Reg. H. Lant is quoted; on part: "With reference to the star on Birmingham marks.....

"To satisfy my curiosity, I have checked about 150 covers I have received from my Jamaica correspondent during the past 18 months cancelled with a single ring, double ring or Birmingham handstamps, and the more I look at them, the more I am convinced that the "star" does not indicate, at least in the case of Jamaica, that the mail was received too late for that day's delivery.

"For instance, I have yet to come across a double ring stroke with a star, then again practically all the single rings do have a star, which leads me to believe the star is a new innovation. The Birmingham's run about 75% with the star and 25% without. (Editor's note: Can anyone else throw light in this question?).

Personal Mention

Everard Aguilar will be in New York around August 14 and will spend several days there prior to returning to Kingston. He expects to see Bob Topaz, Jordan Churchill and others in the area.

Richard J. Beck vacationed in San Antonio, Tennessee, Southern Wisconsin and St. Louis, Mo., with his family. Hope you had a good time, Dick, and let us know how many meters you picked up.

Prescott Boyce writes that he has recently visited with Bob Topaz, they both being Boston suburbanites.

John M. Buckner writes that he will be moved to Daytona Beach, Florida by August 10th. He will go from California by way of the A. R. S. Convention in Chicago. James A. Campbell has been laid up with a bum knee, due to a fall. Had to have some surgery and a cast for five weeks. Glad to hear that you are better now, Jim.

Mrs. Leonard Kirby, our first woman member writes from Gracefield Quebec that she will be returning to her home in California, Box 215, Pebble Beach, Calif., around August 25th.

Reg H. Lant, our hard working Secy-Treas., has been working on his new brochure "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Jamaica", and hopes to have it ready for the November issue of the Journal,

Morris H. Ludington writes that the proofing of his forthcoming book on Bermuda has kept him busy recently. He has generously offered to help any member with problems connected with his specialty, Bermuda, either directly or through the Journal. Mr. Ludington has been occupied recently with the writing of a book on the postal history and stamps of Bermuda. It is now in process of being proofed, and will be published by Robson Lowe, Ltd., London.

Swap Column:

Wanted: Jamaica No. 60 (Scott). Would like used pairs, strips or blocks, any amount. Offer Uncle Sam's Green, Confederate Cash or exchange. Tommy Thompson.

Wanted: Better grade Jamaican pre-stamp covers, unusual fiscal items and obliterators. Name what you want, I just might have it. Byron R. Cameron.

Wanted: Any and all types of cancellations of Jamaica, on cover, especially TRD's, A. N. Johnson.

Wanted: Bahamas No. 129 (Scotts), on piece or on cover. Chat A. Cromleigh.

Wanted: Leeward Islands used in Montserrat and Virgin Islands, will trade Jamaica postmarks or name what you need. Bob Topaz.

Maps Of The West Indies

After some inquiry, we have located a source of maps of the West Indies, that may be obtained either singly or in quantity. The firm of Edward Stanford, Ltd., 12 - 14 Long Acre, London, WC-2, has sent us a catalogue of these maps with prices which we are quoting below,

1	993	Antigua. Scale 1/125,000 Price 1/-
1a.	6.	Antigua, in two sheets. Scale 1/25,000, Price 4/6d per sheet or 6/- the pair
2	954	Bahamas. Scale 1/2,300,000. Price 1/3
3	955	Barbados. Scale 1/50,000 Price 1/-
3a	418	Barbados. Scale 1/50,000. Price 3/6d
3b	18/118	Barbados In eighteen sheets Scale 1/10,000. Price 3/6d per sheet, (Index to sheets published 6d.)
4	956	Bermuda. Scale 1/100,000. Price 1/-.
5	957	British Guiana, Scale 1/2,250,000/ Price 1/-.
5a	17a,b,c,d..	British Guiana. In four sheets, Scale 1/500,000 Price 2/- per sheet.
5b	440	British Guiana Scale 1/50,000. Price 2/- - per sheet.
5c	12ab	British Guiana. Scale 1/1,000,000, Price 2/6d.
6	17/17	Leeward Islands. Scale 1/2,000,000. Price 1/-.
7	912	Virgin Islands. In Scale 1/250/000 Price 6d.
8	346	British Virgin Islands. In six sheets. Scale 125,000. Price 3/6d per sheet
9	(Misc) 67	Beef Island. Scale 1/50,000. Price 2/-
10	30/4	Dominica Scale 1/140,000 Price 6d.
10a	(Misc) 228	Dominica. Scale 1/50,000 Price 2/
10b	351	Dominica, in three sheets. Scale 1/25,000. Price 3/6d.
11	942	Grenada, Scale 1/180,000, Price 1/- .
11a	342	Grenada. In two sheets Scale 1/25,000 Price 3/6d per sheet.
12	901	Turks and Caicos Islands. Scale 1/1,250,000. Price 6d.
13	902	Cayman Islands. Scale 1/160,000- Price 6d.
14	911	Montserrat. Scale 1/170,000. Price 6d.
15.	343	St. Kitts - Nevis, Scale 125,000. Price 3/6d, per sheet 16.
16	996	St., Lucia- Scale 1/200,000. Price 1/-.
16a	345	St., Lucia, Scale 1/200,000. Price 4/6d per sheet (Three Sheets).
17	904	.St Vincent, Scale 1/140,000 Price 6d,
17a	317	St., Vincent In two sheets, Scale 1 25,000- Price 3/6d per sheet.
18	17/33	Trinidad and Tobago Scale 1/500,000. Price 1/-.
18a	(Misc)55	Trinidad-Central. Soil map in four sheets,, Scale 1/50,000. Price 3/6d per sheet.
19	17/36	Windward Islands, Scale 1/2,500,000 Price 1/-
20	58	British Honduras, Scale 1,750,000 Price 1/-.
20a	67	British Honduras, in three sheets. Scale 1/50,000. Price 2/1d per sheet..
20b	8/449	British Honduras in thirty two sheets. Scale 1/50,000
21	966	Jamaica, Scale 1/720,000. Price 1/7, -
21a	602	Jamaica, Scale 1/250,000 Price 5/
21b	410	Jamaica, In twelve sheets. Scale 1/50,000. Price 4/6d per sheet, (Index to sheets 6d.).

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6, 7, 9, 10,, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20a, 20b, 21 show communications and place names only, The remainder colored topographical maps. Available paper flat style only,

Your Editor has eight of the Jamaica No. 602, that he will dispose of at \$1.00 each post paid, rolled on cylinder. In ordering any of these maps from the supplier, please include 1/-, postage per map,

Bahamas Newsletter.

Postal activity in the summer months in the Bahamas, as usual, is extremely slow. Most of the out-island Sub-postmasters are schoolteachers, whose vacation period is usually spent in Nassau, taking training courses, etc. or just "resting with relatives". (All Bahamians have relatives in Nassau!) The out-islanders try to keep on hand a few stamps ahead for the Sub--postmaster's seasonal absence; if he has delegated no postal substitute, and letters are then normally simply handed aboard the mailboat. On arrival in Nassau, the mail is then postmarked with the G.P.O. c.d.s. or the "B" killer or both.

Bahamas post office lists should be amended to add the PARCEL POST BRANCH under the Nassau listing. This Branch, presently located at Cakes Field, N.P., has existed certainly since 1919, when an oval TRD was in use, and probably earlier. This Branch P.O. handles all parcels, accepts letter mail. and sells stamps. First Class mail generally goes to the G.P.O. for postmarking, but the Parcel Post Branch datestamp is occasionally seen on letters as well as packets.

In reply to an inquiry, printed registry labels are presently in use only at the Nassau GPO, Grants Town and Mackey Street p.o.'s, the latter amusingly a printed label inscribed "MACKEY/ST.BAHAMAS". The Shirley Street N.P. p.o.,(now closed), also had a printed registry label, unfortunately, I neglected to save any cover bearing it (Want to swap). The other Bahamas p.o.s traditionally through the years, have simply handwritten "REG" or "R" in ink, adding a number, on registered letters. In Nassau they are backstamped and re-registered with a new number. The only exceptions known to me are the present large rubberstamp, "REGISTERED" marks used at Rock Sound, West End, Bimini and a long, narrow, boxed rubberstamp used at Inagua, "REGISTERED, INAGUA, BAHAMAS / No.-----". Reports of any others would be appreciated.

Little fresh information from the Bahamas is available this month. No new P.O.s or TRS's are reported, only a new 30mm Savannah SOUND c.d.s. has been noted. The 3SL "SHIP MAIL NASSAU" previously reported must now be revised to TRD type 2SL, as Mr. Ludington's copies indicate that the dateline was separately applied.

Any reports of a complete ship cover of this 1933-35 TRD would serve to authenticate this interesting marking.

H.G.D. Gisburn's "BAHAMAS" book mentions the WILSON CITY p.o. and it has long been listed as such. However "someone else" has always had an example of it's postmark. This lumber camp on Abaco Island existed from 1906 to 1916, at the same period as SPENCERIS POINT, where most of the Wilson City lumber workers had their families and homes, just a few miles away. Spencer's Point definitely had a p.o. during this period, and considerable Wilson City mail passed through it, judging by cover addresses. Spencer's Point, but not Wilson City, is included in an official 1913 P.O. List. The sole Bahamas postmark seen by me as reportedly WILSON CITY, was too faint for positive identification. Did, in fact, a p.o. ever exist named WILSON CITY? If so, can any reader report a legible sample of it's postmark? Any information is urgently needed, to assure accuracy in the new Directory of Bahamas Post Offices, now pending publication.

The response to the merger of the Bahamas Postal History Study Circle with the WIFSG has been most encouraging almost all of the BPHSC members have joined actively. Our Newsletter is now a part of the regular Journal of the West Indies Federation Study Group (which includes the whole Caribbean area), For those who have not yet signed up, WIFSG details of dues. etc., may be obtained from Mr. R. H. Lant, 164 Highbourne Road, Toronto 7, Ontario, Canada, Any BPHSC member who feels they cannot to afford it can write Mr. Raymond, (5718 Wigt on Brive, Houston 35, Texas), who will send the occasional Newsletter.

G. J. RAYMOND.

The President's Letter:

My most sincere welcome to the many of you who have joined us in the last two months, and I must confess that I am a bit overwhelmed by just "how many". If we can all contribute a little bit, we must end up with a wonderful and instructive group.

The large number of new members has made us change our plans for a September 1st, election, since there are so many new members that are unknown to each other. During the last month, I have sent cards to almost all of the members asking whether or not they would like to serve the Group, and in what capacity. When these cards are returned, they are all being turned over to Byron Cameron who so graciously is serving as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. In addition, if anyone has a nomination for any office, please write him directly.

Thus we should be able to hold elections sometime before November 1, 1961, without any problems. My apologies to everyone for this delay. In the interim, the committee working on the Constitution and By-laws, should have something to look at, around that time.

The other problem that confronts us is the scope that the Group is to cover. We started as a group of primarily Jamaican collectors who would like to cover the West Indies Federation. Thanks to the encouragement of Gale Raymond and E. F. Aguilar and others, we expanded a bit and have undertaken Bahamas also. Now there is some pressure to cover them all - i.e. Bermuda, Br. Honduras, Br. Guiana, etc.; May we hear from you on this so that the proper decisions can be made?

Robert Topaz, President pro-tem.

Jamaican Numeral Obliterator Check Listing:

As of Dec. 1, 1960, we published a list of those obliterator numbers known on Jamaican stamps, and the stamps that they were known on. This listing, tentative as it was, amounted to over 1900 stamps. Since that time, and pending a more complete listing and story on the obliterators, I list below some of the stamps that have since been reported or discovered. All of the stamps listed have not been verified by Mr. Gibson and myself, but we hope that in the near future, we will have the time to do a complete job on this group. Meanwhile, here is a tentative listing:

A01//B 2d CC	A79J/ 4d CC, F3 and Local official
A01 G/F2	A81K/ 1d CC
A28M/ 1d Red CA	E06 K/ local official
A36L/ 1d blue CA and Red official.	F97 0/ 4d Pine and 2½d KP
A39H/ 1sh CC	F98 0/ 2½d KP and local official
A44H/ 4d CA and 2½d KP	G14 0/ 3d CC and gray official
A40H/ green London official	617 0/ local official
A46H/ red official	642 0/ 2½d KP i
A50H 2½d KP	647 0/ green London official
A53H/ red official	"A" 1sh CC
A54J/ 3d pine; 2d green CA and 1d red CA	
A60M/ 3d CC	
A63/ 6d pine	
A64H/ 2½d Provisional	
A69H/ red official and F3	
A78H/ green London official and gray official	

Robert Topaz.

A. S. D. A. Stamp Show, November 17-19 1961.

The thirteenth annual National Postage Stamp Show, sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers' Association will be held November 17-19, 1961 at the 71st Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 34th Street., New York., again through the fine cooperation of Col. Donald P, Sherran, who is in charge of the Armory.

Date on the show may be obtained from the Executive Officer of A.S.D.A., Peter G. Keller, 116 Nassau St., New York, N.Y. (Excerpt from "Stamps")

Mr. G. J. Raymond sends the following:

BARRACKS (BELIZE), British Honduras, sub-p.o. or postal agency should have been added to British Honduras Post office lists of extinct p.o.'s. The BARRACKS was a northern suburb of Belize Town, formerly housing units of the West Indies Regiment, but was converted in early 1900's to residences, clubs, informaries, etc. The p.o. utilized a large double circle TRD with BARRACKS at top, BELIZE, below, with date in three lines in center. My copy, dated 13 Mar 1931, The Barracks was completely demolished in the Sept. 1931 hurricane.

Does any reader know exactly where WELLSPORT was located? I have a 1913 cover, (small metal c.d.s.), but cannot find such a village on any map available to me. Mr. Harold Box, Secy of the Trinidad Philatelic Society, reports the following in their Bulletin No. 10:

"POSTAL HISTORY AUCTIONS. - We draw the attention of students of B.W.I. Postal History to "Rigby Postal History Auctions", 46 Queens Park West Drive, Bournemouth England. Their large illustrated catalogues, with photoplates, are sent free and post free well in advance of the sales. The latest Rigby catalogue includes numerous interesting and rare items in the sale on 12th August, from Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Br. Guiana, Br. Honduras, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Christopher, St. Vincent, Tobago and Trinidad".

"ANTIGUA - Mr. J. R. McFarlane tells us that the "English Harbour" commemoratives due for release on Nov. 14, will be of 30c and 50c denomination".