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The Seattle World's Fair will open to the public on April 21, 1962, and run for a period of six months.

The Seattle Collector's Club will act as host club to "CENTEX", the 22nd annual Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition and Convention, which will be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Seattle, on May 28, 29 and 30, 1962, during the time the World Fair is in progress.

Thomas E. Moseley, our member in Seattle has written that the huge monorail installed to transport the crowds from downtown Seattle to the Fair Grounds is now in operation and will make the trip in 96 seconds. He also states that rumors that lodging is already unobtainable is strictly untrue, that while the nearby hotels are filled up, there is still plenty of room to accommodate all of the visitors. There will be a commemorative stamp issued for this event. Tom also states that he is listed in the telephone book and will welcome hearing from any of our members who attend the Fair or CENTEX. He also states that if anyone has any questions about the Fair and will write him, he will be glad to try and answer them promptly.

To those of you planning to attend the Fair, an attempt to go during the Stamp Convention would certainly add to your pleasure as philatelists. Also, drop by the Seattle Collector's Club while in town and get acquainted with one of the leading Pacific Coast Philatelic groups.

Ample time has been given for the study of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws, and on the last page of the Journal will be found a ballot for acceptance or rejection of it. Since a large group of the members have written in stating that they do not like the way that the payment of dues has been set up to vary with the age of a member, found in Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws, an amendment, eliminating the age feature has been added to the ballot for your consideration. Please detach this form from the back of the Journal, and vote your preferences, thereafter mailing it to Mr. Reg. H. Lant, 164 Highbourne Road, Toronto 7, Ontario, Canada, for tallying.

Last information from Reg Lant states that there are 25 members still delinquent in 1962 dues. While we would like to continue mailing the Journal to all of the members, it is financially impossible to do this, so that this will be the last Journal sent to those of you who are delinquent at the time of mailing the next issue. Please, therefore, send Reg Lant a check for your 1962 dues.

A. N. Johnson, Editor.

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Ralph Group, Br. Honduras Group Leader, writes as follows: "Please adjust the listing of British Honduras postoffices on page 33, of Vol. 1, No. 4 to note that GUINEA GRASS, HOPKINS and STANN CREEK VALLEY-22 miles, are no longer open. In GUINEA GRASS there was a small postal unit and the headmaster of the village school was generally postmaster. But since early 1961, owing to frequent change or transfer of teachers, the Postmaster General has not appointed a postmaster for the village. A native isn't appointed simply because there is scarcely one capable and responsible enough. Also the job

carries no salary. For the past ten years the following have been postmasters: Mr. Oswald Reyes, Mr. John Arana, Mr. Simon Garcia and Mr. Basilic Novelo."

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LEEWARD ISLAND CANCELLATIONS

by Stanley Durnin.
(Continued from our March Journal)

1. ANTIGUA
(b) King Edward VII.

Let me continue my enumeration of what postmarks of Antigua I find utilized on the stamps inscribed Leeward Islands. This short article will cover the relatively short era that saw the issuance of such stamps depicting KEVII.

First allow me the privilege of returning to my initial article of this series and extend the dates of use of the various postmarks covered. With the stamps of KEVII, I find that I can advance the date of the item illustrated in Figure 6, to JY 15 03. Figure 7 is still evident on JU 25 03. Figure 8 lives on in MR 14 05. St. Peter's of Figure 9 forges ahead to DE 31 12. (This last item goes on into the next reign). An interesting aspect of St. Peter's postmarks is that the letter "C" is turned 90°, i.e., "O", opening to the south of the postmark. I have one example of this postmark on the regular issue of Antigua (Gibbon's No. 32, Scott's No. 22) bearing the date of NO 1 96, but this is impossible due to the date of the stamp issue, therefore, surmise it was caused by careless insertion of the year stamp slug "9" for "0". Any comments?

Commencing this article, a second St. John's, (with the apostrophe), single ring, circular date stamp is encountered. St John's is curved around the upper section of the ring and Antigua B.W.I. around the lower section. The diameter of the ring turns out to be 24 1/2 mm. The letter "C" appears beneath the town name and above the date which is in the two line format, i.e., two digit month designator followed by the day on one line and the two digit year designator on the lower line. The letters measure 3 mm high and are sans serif. (Fig. 13). (Ink spread tempts me to say that the letters are 3 1/2 mm high). The "t" in "St" is 1 1/2 mm high and is underlined. My earliest date of this type is NO 5 08 and we will see that this stays with us for quite some time. I find an exact duplicate of this type measuring a very definite 25 mm in diameter with all of the other information remaining the same. The basic postmark under consideration measures between 24 mm and 24 1/2 mm, depending on where you measure, due to ink spread, and by no stretch of the imagination can it read 25 mm. I wonder if this 25 mm item is a completely different canceller. I would appreciate any comments on this matter.



Fig. 13

With the KEVII stamps I meet my first examples of the single ring CDS for St. Mary's and St. Paul's. The town names (both containing the apostrophe) are curved around the top section of the ring, and Antigua, B.W.I. around the bottom section. The letter "C" appears in the same relative position as in the last mentioned St. John's CDS. The dates are in the familiar format with month first. The CDS have diameters of 25 mm and the sans serif letters are 2 1/2 mm high, the "t" of "St" is approximately 1 1/2 mm high (Fig. 14). According to information that I gleaned from somewhere, St. Mary's was opened as a sub-postoffice in 1890 and the name was changed to Old Road in 1930. One example of this post-office is dated OC 13 05. My other example's year date is not discernable, but bears the interesting aspect of having its letter "C" completely reversed, i.e., "3", opening to the west. My only example of St. Paul's is dated SP 4 05 and then I'm not absolutely certain of the year.

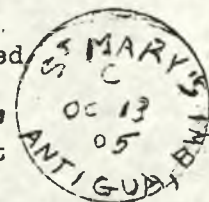


Fig. 14

To conclude what I find in the issues of KEVII, I will describe my one example of Official-Paid Antigua postmark. It is curved within a single ring CDS measuring 2 1/2 mm in diameter. Official-Paid, (with the hyphen), is around the top and Antigua around the bottom of the ring. The sans serif letters measure 3/2 mm in height. (Fig. 15). An asterisk appears in the usual place above the date which is in the familiar format, month first. This interesting mark appears on a cover to Paris dated JU 16 09. It is with this cover that our previously mentioned registration oval of Figure 12 has the significant indentation. A cover dated AP 8 02 shows the beginning of such indentation, while the oval is perfectly smooth on a cover dated OC 26 97. Figure 12a depicts the indentation.

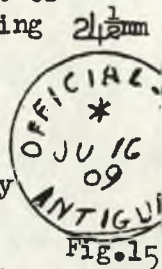


Fig. 15

All of the foregoing postmarks are struck in black.

My next article, continuing this series, will cover the reign of King George V. At first glance, I see that we are introduced to the first double ring CDS for St. Johns and my earliest examples of a few other of the smaller Postoffices make their appearance.



Fig. 12e

Again I wish to say that I would greatly appreciate any comments and/or criticisms that you might have concerning my findings.

NOTE: The illustrations are not exact as to measurements.

Editor's Note: While drawing is not the editor's forte, and all that he had was an old stick to scratch the stencil with, we hope that they are legible enough for you to get the idea.

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NEW ISSUES, WITHDRAWALS, ETC.

British Honduras: A new definitive issue has been printed in multi-color photogravure by Harrison and Sons, Ltd. The stamps include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth with St. Edward's Crown and feature birds of British Honduras, which have previously been described in Volume 1. No. 2, page 9, of the Journal.

Barbados: Golden Jubilee of the Barbados Boy Scouts Assn Commemorative Issue. A special issue of three stamps, 4 and 12 cents and \$1.20 values will be issued by the Government of Barbados to commemorate the Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee. Date of issue was March 9, 1962. The design common to all three values includes the Annigoni portrait with St. Edward's Crown and depicts the Boy Scout emblem on a map of Barbados. They have been recess engraved by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd, on C.A. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper in vertical format, size 40.5 x 31 mm. The colors are:

- 4 cents Black and Orange.
- 12 cents Blue and Sepia.
- \$1.20 Carmine and Bronze Green.

The British Honduras Hurricane Relief Overprinted issue was withdrawn on April 14.

The above information has been supplied by the Crown Agents, who have also written us that they will be agreeable to furnishing us with their leaflets, covering new issues of the B.W.I. in lots of 100, to be mailed out with our current Journal, in the future. This will be of much benefit to us in the future. We would like to thank the Crown Agent's Representative, Mr. A. J. E. Davis for this fine gesture in assisting us to disseminate information to our members on the stamps of the B.W.I.,

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE.

This issue of the Journal carries a ballot to vote on the acceptance of a set of rules for your organization to live by - a Constitution and a set of Bylaws. Please re-read them and participate by voting. Nothing is more discouraging than a small percentage of answers on a project like this. Apparently most of the members appreciated the work of the Constitution Committee, for we have a comparatively small number of suggested changes. Though small in number, they are important. Please read them and send in your ballots as indicated.

By the next issue of the Journal, I hope that we have taken some definite steps to intensify the research on some of the countries involved in the scope of this group. We still need several Group Leaders. Anyone for St Vincent, Grenada, Montserrat, Barbados, etc???

It is a bit disturbing to see Jamaica talk of plans for issuing miniature sheets this coming summer, especially as the first stories indicated that they were to be unofficial. We have now been assured that these miniature sheets will be "100% official and can be used for postage anywhere". Apparently they have been donated by the Government of Jamaica toward the building fund for a new Stadium. This should take some of the stigma off this issue, but only some. Apparently these will be semi-postals, a rather dubious start for a new freedom.

Robert Topaz, President.

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Everard F. Aguilar reports: Jamaica will be having two Commemoratives issued within a week of each other this year. Originally it was planned that the Ninth Central American and Caribbean Olympic Games would open their meeting in the City of Kingston on the 21st of July, but this has now been changed to the 12th of August. This set consists of four values, and the stamps are really most attractive. I feel sure that collectors will be in full agreement. The values of the stamps are 1d, 6d, 8d and 2/-. The First Day Covers addressed to any part of the world, and stiffened will sell for 7/-. while the miniature sheets, which will consist of the same four stamps, but imperforate, and of a different color, with the flags of the competing countries around the edge of the sheet will sell for 7/-. These miniature sheets will not be on sale at the Crown Agents or any postoffice in Jamaica, but are being sold mainly to help the fund for the stadium. The First Day Covers are also toward these funds. On August 6th, Jamaica will receive it's Independence and four special Commemorative stamps will go on sale on that date. These stamps will be the 2d, 4d, 1/6 and 5/- values. First Day Covers will be 10/6, but these will be supplied not directly, but after the issue., for on that day, it will be a public holiday on the island. At the same time readers must remember that the 8 values listed above will be withdrawn from the Queen Elizabeth issue, so that any collector not having the stamps of the QE issue are well advised to obtain these at an early date.

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Please make the following corrections to the recent Membership Listing:
Robert J. Devaux, 3 Rexgate Road, Rexdale, Ont, Canada.
John F. Ayre - Member BWISC, London.
Livingston J. Dickason, (not Dickasen)
Robert W. Grimble, 122 Wynwood Drive.
John C. Olthof, Amalia van Solmsstraat 4, San Nicholas, Netherlands Antilles
A. N. Peatman, Second Street, Renforth, King's County, N.B., Canada.
Arthur L Smith
Herbert A Maguire, 135 Hillhurst.

BAHAMAS NEWSLETTER

by Gale J. Raymond.

The new City of Nassau Centenary 8d and 10d commemoratives were issued on schedule on January 30, 1962, an attractive pair, indeed, and certainly an eye-catching departure from the usual Bahamas issues. It is no secret that an attempt was made in Nassau to corner the market on this issue, the entire printed supply being ordered in advance by a single man. Fortunately for collectors, a supplementary order was quietly cabled to the printers and the reportedly 30,000 additional sets arrived in time for the scheduled day of issue. The colorful, large format stamps are appealing and attractive to collectors in general, who can be expected to absorb most of the issue. The used stamps will be comparatively more elusive, as the off face values ensure far-flung destinations 8d being the air-rate to U.S.A. and Canada and 10d the air-rate to the U.K. and Europe. Technically these are air mail stamps, as the denominations apply to no other rate or usage. Don't pass up the chance now to put a used set in your collection, at new-issue rates. But collectors would be ill-advised to hoard mint sets and sheets, for the day will come when the single one large holding will be dumped back on the market. As a matter of interest, I've seen not a single copy of either stamp turn up on commercial mail these past weeks since issue, and certainly none among my regular supply of inter-island mail. It would be interesting to know if any of these stamps mint were in fact even sent to any out-island postoffices. Reports would be appreciated.

At long last a new steeldie date stamp has turned up in use at RAGGED ISLAND, a 25mm C.D.S. with small, neat letters, a vast improvement over the previous mutilated one of long duration. CLARENCE TOWN reportedly has a new steeldie C.D.S., but very recent mail still bears the older postmark. Other new steeldie C.D.S.s are reported in use at FOX TOWN and McKENNON'S, plus a new one at NASSAU, G.P.O. (not seen here yet). At the THE BIGHT, Cat Island, apparently no C.D.S. is currently available, as all mail, foreign and inter-island, since at least early Dec. 1961, has been postmarked normally with a large double-circle TRD, "COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, THE BIGHT, CAT ISLAND", with single line date. Strangely, no postal TRD's appear to have been issued in the Bahamas for a year at least, nor no new postoffices opened, despite the mushroom growth of many new resort and industrial communities! The last new "SHIP MAIL NASSAU" TRD (C-5), has now appeared on mail posted on the cruise-ship "MAURETANIA".

Recent house guests from the Bahamas were Dr. A. Deans Peggs and his fine family, returning to his latest government post in Hong Kong. Director of the A. Deans Peggs Foundation in Nassau, Dr. Peggs and his wife are intensely interested in all aspects of Bahamas history, and were able to supply much new data of a postal history nature. For example, he showed me in an old book (1803) reference to the main Bahamas post-office having been located earlier on Crooked Island, where mail was transferred in and out of the West Indies for further relay to Nassau. On another point, he was able to solve the puzzle regarding certain mailbag seals sent out from GPO London in 1803, which were inscribed "THE BIGHT S. S." and "ARTHURS TOWN S.S.". He advised that the "S.S." stood for SAN SALVADOR, by which name Cat Island was known until after 1900, as it was then believed that Columbus had landed there and so named it. When evidence became overwhelming that Columbus had actually landed on "WATLING'S ISLAND", that island was then renamed San Salvador at some time after 1900, the previous island regaining its "local" name of Cat Island. However, it was not until 1927 that a Bahamas legislative decree made the name-changes official, revising the WATLING'S ISLAND post-office name officially to SAN SALVADOR. The 1927 TRD inscribed "SAN SALVADOR" is definitely rare, although used at least two years.

Dr. Peggs also knew the fascinating story of the long-obsolete "OLD PLACE" postoffice on Abaco, but that tale will have to wait for the next NEWSLETTER.

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The word "tax" comes from the Latin taxare, meaning "to touch sharply".

FIRST FLIGHT TO AND FROM JAMAICA
1931 to 1938.

by E. F. Aguilar.
(from B. W. I. Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 3.)

Early in December 1930, a new flight was started between Venezuela - Kingston - Miami, and a few covers are known from Venezuela to Kingston, Jamaica, that were not cacheted, but each of the envelopes were signed by the Pilot and co-Pilot, who were Mr. Wallace D. Culbertson, Pilot and Master of Pan American Seaplane - NC 669 M and W. S. Doxey Pilot of Pan American Amphibiab - NC 145 M. Envelopes were postmarked in Venezuela on December 5, arriving in Kingston on the 8th, December at 8 a.m. at the General Post Office. I have no information as to the flights done to Venezuela whether special cachets were ever issued or if the covers that were sent bore any marks for the first flight.

The Christmas trade being very brisk in Kingston - whiskey ran very short in the City, and one wholesale firm chartered the Caribbean Airways, Ltd. seaplane to fly to Black River and back, where a cargo of whiskey was loaded and brought to Kingston. This was the first occasion that air freight was carried from the outports to Kingston.

The New Year started with an announcement by the General Post Office that air mail letters could be posted to London. Letters would go by air to New York, and then link with one of the big Trans-Atlantic liners to Southampton. Air rates were 2/1 per half oz.

On January 9, 1931, the great movie "Hells Angels" opened in Jamaica, and the Caribbean Airways, Ltd. Moth was engaged to do stunts during the evening. A few nights later this Moth crashed and was beyond repair.

The big event of the year was the arrival of the S.S. Cropesa on which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and his younger brother Prince George (later the Duke of Kent), were on board. Kingston gave them a wonderful welcome. Their Royal Highnesses spent nearly two days around St. Andrew and Kingston, in which time they saw and did a great deal. (Although this was a great historical event to the island, it was of no philatelic value as there were no postmarks to commemorate this).

One of the most important new links in Pan American Airways was the opening of service between New York and Bogota. There must have been a number of covers carried on this flight, which was early in June 1931, but I have only the return flight from Bogota to Kingston, which was on the 18th of June, 1931. The cachet on the envelopes were always in black, measuring 60 x 35 MM, and showing the outline of the American coast, the Island of Cuba, Jamaica and the outline and part of the coast of Central and South America, with the air route marked out in black lines from New York to Miami, across Cuba to Kingston, then on to Barranquilla and finally to Bogota. At the bottom of each cachet the following words are in four lines:

"PRIMER - CORREO AEREO - DIRECTO - COLUMBIA - EEUU".

On June 29 a direct service was established between San Salvador, C.A. and Jamaica by Pan American Airways, Inc. The cachet on the envelope is oblong measuring 54 x 23 mm in blue ink with the following wording in five lines:

"PRIMER CORREO AERIO - EL SALVADOR - JAMAICA - 29 de Junio de 1931 - SAN SALVADOR C.A."

Back stamped in Kingston on July 4.

On the 19th November 1931, Pan American opened their new route to Barranquilla. The envelope in my possession had the cachet from Cienfuegos, Cuba to Cristobal via Kingston and Barranquilla. There may exist direct covers from Kingston to Barranquilla or Cristobal but I have not seen any to know if a special cachet was used. From information received it does not appear so. Ink is in purple or blue.

On August 8th, 1932, the first flight between Jamaica to Porto Rico was flown. All covers from Jamaica bear a purple cachet 42 x 45 mm, with the following words in six lines:
"AIR MAIL - FIRST FLIGHT - JAMAICA - HAITI - DOMINICANA *
PORTO RICO - AUGUST 8, 1932."

All envelopes are back stamped Port-au-Prince, 8th August 1932, Haiti. On the return flight only a small amount of mail was carried. The cachet used was almost square, with the corners concaved, measuring 55 x 56 mm, in deep blue ink. A small part of the outline of the coast of Haiti is shown on the left of the cachet while on the right part of the coast line of Jamaica with sea in between a flying boat. In heavy block letters at the top of the cachet in four lines:

PREMIER VOL - PORT au PRINCE - KINGSTON - DIRECT

AND AT THE BOTTOM IN TWO LINES IN HEAVY BLOCK TYPE: PAN AMERICAN - AIRWAYS SYSTEM.

The cover bears the date of mailing as August 8, 1932, and is back stamped at the General Post Office, Kingston, 7:30 P.M., 8th August 1932.

After this flight no new routes were opened for a number of years, but there were several first flights outside the island. Covers were mailed from the island, which went on these flights.

The two most often seen is the Hindenburg, which flight was from Lakehurst to Frankfurt, Germany. The cachet is quite large showing a Zeppelin in two circles and the coast line of North America in the first circle and in the second, the outline of Europe, with the airship route dotted out.

These covers are fairly scarce, and most of those posted from the island had London addresses with no London backstamped date.

The Baltimore-Bermuda flight is also one of the popular covers outside the island, this flight was made March 16th, 1938, and envelopes are backstamped at Hamilton, Bermuda on March 16th.

It is very possible that many more Jamaican covers figure in first flights throughout the world, but these have not come to light yet to be recorded.

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FORGED JAMAICAN OBLITERATORS ON BRITISH STAMPS.

Mr. Russell A. Gibson, who carried an article on Forged Jamaican Numeral Obliterators in our last issue, submits the following additional information:

Either our British Caribbean Philatelic Journal or the word gets around. A few weeks after the last issue of our Journal was circulated I received from a dealer in England, with whom I had never done business, but of whom I had heard, a selection of 10 one-penny reds of Great Britain, all of which bore faked Jamaican obliterations. These were the 1d red brown, perf 14 and watermarked with large crown, in use from 1856 to 1858 and were the last of similar stamps issued with the letters in the two lower corners and are similar to the stamps that were actually used in Jamaica. The next issue of this stamp had the letters in all four corners.

These stamps were sent to me as faked Jamaican obliterations on British stamps. The dealer went on to say that he had obtained these items so labeled from an old specialized Jamaican collection several years ago, and that these were the only such items that he had ever seen. He further stated that he had been informed that I was interested in such material and was taking the liberty of sending them to me for my information and

inspection and quoted a price if I wished to purchase them, which I did.

These stamps are cancelled: A28, A32, A45, A57, A53, A64, A65, A70, A72 and A73. The letters and figures on all of the stamps are identical in size and should not deceive any Jamaican collector who is familiar with the genuine obliterations.

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NEW MEMBERS:

ANDERSON, LESLIE B. Home Address, 33 Webster, Seaside Heights, N.J., Mailing Address P. O. Box 68, Seaside Heights, N. J., Occupation Philatelic Dealer, Collects stamps off cover, showing complete first date cancel. Member AFDCS.

Dr. H. Burnett Bruce, 1 Minnamurra Avenue, Pymble, N.S.Wales, Australia, Occupation, Medical Practitioner, Collects Jamaican Postmarks

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URWICK, DR. REGINALD H., Five Acres, Ford, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, Occupation, retired doctor, Philatelic Interests: B. W. I. Pre-stamp and Q. Victoria issues only, particularly Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Tobago, Trinidad, also Portugal, modern issues and postmarks. (Disposed of his Jamaica and Trinidad collections some 2 or 3 years ago, also sold his Gold Medal collection of Portugal this year). Member Royal Philatelic Society of London (Fellow). Made the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1962.

WEAVER; JAMES W., 228 Euclid Avenue, Ridgway, Pennsylvania, Occupation, Electrical Engineer, Collects Bermuda, Bahamas and British West Indies, used only.

Members will note change of address in last membership listing for Mr. Ralph Group 311 East Capital Avenue has been changed to read: 223 Constitution Avenue N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

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SWAP COLUMN

Wanted, Leeward Islands issues, all reigns, with readable cancellations, used in all of the islands. Offering mint and used B.W.I., covers from the smaller islands or cash. Stanley C. Durnin.

Will swap B.W.I. stamps, covers, etc., for stamps of Venezuela. Harold E. Box.

Need Bahamas material. Write me what you have to swap and maybe we can make a deal. B. J. Plowright.

Have used world wide duplicates, including BWI to swap for Bermuda, Bahamas and BWI. Would like to establish correspondence with a collector of the BWI, please write me. James W. Weaver.

Wanted, Alston, Jamaica town cancels, any type. Dr. J. Alston Clapp.

Wanted, Thompson Town cancels of Jamaica and used King Edward VII, Jamaica Scott's No. 60, 2d Gray, any quantity. Tommy Thompson.

ANTIGUA 1903 TO DATE.

This is a continuation of the first two articles in our January and March Journals by V.N.F. Surtees.

1904/9 CC Perf. 1/4.

1908/12 MCA Perf. 1/4.

1915/17 MCA Perf. 1/4. There is not much to say about these issues, except that color trials abound and Die Proofs are numerous. All are rare on cover, CC particularly so. I only had a few covers and have seen no others and the 1d on blued paper must be very, very rare on cover. Mint blocks are not common on these issues and used blocks are rare, even used strips are not common.

1916/18 War Stamps. I know of no varieties.

1921/29 MCA and Script CA Issues. Covers are scarce and there are some Die Proofs. Issues to date - nothing special to note.

Specimen 1903/09 CC Set. 1908/12 set, 1921/29 set all exist overprinted in black. All issues up to 1946 Victory set exist perforated "Specimen". The issues of specimen stamps ceased at that date.

Imprimaturs. 1908/12, 1/2d, 2d in horizontal pairs, 2 1/2d single, 3d, 6d 1/-, 2/-, horizontal pairs, very, very rare, if not unique.

Essays. Artist's hand painted essay for 1903 issue.

Artist's drawing in dull blue with added De La Rue head in black on thick card, dated Sept. 13, 1901.

Proofs and Color Trials.

1903/9 issue exist in every sort of combination of color, some 15 at least. The 5/- color trial in orange with head cut away, also in gray green and in purple, each on CA paper, the last Wmk. sideways.

1908/12. Imperforate proof in rose red, with center vignette cut out. 1/2d Imperforate proof in green on gummed MCA paper.

Die Proofs.

1903/9. Die Proofs of center only in black on glazed cards, both uncleared; one dated 6 Feb. 02 and "Before Hardening". The other 8 Feb. 02, "After Hardening", initialled G.W.I. and in ink "Antigua Postage Revenue original".

Similar proofs of center only, both cleared dated 19 Feb. 03 and "Before Hardening".

Die Proof of Frame of 1/2d, dated 11 Feb. 03, "Before Hardening".

Die Proof in black on glazed card of complete design with surrounds uncleared and value tablets blank, dated 7 Feb. 03, "Before Hardening".

Die Proof of 5/- value frame and head on glazed card, dated 11 Feb. 03 "Before Hardening". Ditto, a similar pair but dated 13 Feb. 03, "After Hardening and initialled G.C.G. and in ink "Antigua".

1908/11 1 1/2d value die proof in black on glazed card, frame only, "After Hardening".

Similar Die proofs in issued colors of 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-.

1913 5/- Die Proof in gray green and violet, imperforate.

1921/29 5/- value cut down die proof in black on glazed card.

Ditto, but with value tablet uncleared.

Die Proof in black on glazed card without value 17/1/21 in MS and "Before Hardening".

These are some of those that I have noted and many others exist. They do not come up often and generally only in a big sale of a specialized collection.

This concludes the articles on Antigua, except for the last, which will deal with the postmarks, and follows in the next Journal.

GROUP LEADERS.

In last months Journal, Bob Topaz wrote regarding the need for Group Leaders who would be willing to lead the research and corelate information on their particular specialty, for the better dissemination of information through the Journal on their subject. This type of handling of the various specialties within our group will redound to the benefit of everyone concerned, particularly the Leader, who will, through this method, receive information on his specialty, not obtainable otherwise. Please write Bob Topaz if you are willing to act as one of the Group Leaders. We now have:

Ralph Group	Br. Honduras,
Russell Gibson	Jamaica
Robert Devaux	St. Lucia.

We know that there are many of you qualified to handle the research on a particular colony, and to handle it ably. We need you! Write Bob today!

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PERSONAL MENTION

LESLIE B ANDERSON is one of our newest members, you will note that his name is very like Judge Leslie L. Anderson, quite a coincidence for a group this size. Welcome to the Group, Leslie.

THE BECKS, RICHARD J. and SAM S. have been laying mighty low recently, havent heard from them in a long time. Drop us a line.

DR H BURNETT BRUCE is a new member from way around the world, Pymble, New South Wales, Australia, our Group is gradually spreading around the world. Happy to have you with us Dr. Bruce.

BYRON CAMERON has just returned from a trip to Jamaica, lucky dog, where he picked up some ancient maps of the island, made around 1572. I will be by to see you around the middle of June, Byron, get the fishing poles ready.

JAMES A CAMPBELL and Mrs. Campbell are now vacationing in Florida for the next few weeks, why not come back by Baytown on your way home, the guest shack is still available.

LEONARD A COURTNEY writes that he will visit Vancouver in May to see his daughter and hopes to get down to Seattle and San Francisco. Be sure and look up Harry Daggett while in Vancouver, Leonard, he's a Group member and Editor of the Philatelic Literature Review, there.

RUSSELL A GIBSON has won the SPA Plaque for outstanding research on his entry of Jamaican Numeral Obliterators. Also took a first in the British Commonwealth Group at the Peoria, Ills. show on March 10th and 11th. Congratulations, Russ, know that for the time and work that you have put in on this collection, you deserve the best.

RALPH E GROUP is working hard on "CENTURY 21" in Seattle by long distance from Washington. Sent me some Centex seals which will appear on each of the envelopes carrying this months Journal.

MRS LEONARD KIRBY is now cruising around the West Indies, loafing and liking it. Received a postcard from her from Charlestown, Nevis. Have fun, Betty.

REG H. LANT, our hard-working Secy.-Treasurer, writes that our Canadian members were afforded an opportunity of getting together at the recent North Toronto 19th Annual Exposition. Herb Maguire, Harry Sheath, Bob Devaux, Dr. Don Welsh were in attendance

Both Dr. Welsh and Reg Lant were among the exhibitors, the former was second in the Postal History and Covers Class, and was also given a Silver Award of Merit for his Canadian exhibit, while Reg Lant was first in the British Commonwealth Class and was also awarded a Gold Merit award for his pre-20th Century Jamaica exhibit on postal history, postal issues and postmarks. Congratulations to you both. Looks like we are coming up with plenty of winners throughout the group.

MORRIS H LUDIN GTON was elected a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London at their January meeting. Congratulations and best wishes. How's the volume coming along?

BOB TOPAZ writes with the query: Where shall we have the Annual meeting this year? If you have any suggestions, drop him a line. The ASDA Show in New York is still a good place and time, or Houston, Texas, where we have seven members, or Toronto Canada, where a number of the Canadian and East Coast members could meet, or what are your ideas?

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Reg Lant gives the following changes and corrections:

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In addition to the above, there are so many changes in the Kingston Type #2, that have deemed it advisable to write up a new page. This page will be found as revised Page 10, next to the last page (the ballot), in this Journal. Please delete Page 10 from the original brochure and replace with this one, thereby bringing the Kingston marks up to date.