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EDITORIAL

We were pleased to receive Everard F. Aguilar's new "West Indies Stamps", bulletin, Volume 1, No. 1. This bulletin, according to Everard will take the place of his former "British West Indian Philatelist", which has not appeared now for several years, and was the Bulletin of the "Jamaica Philatelic Society".

Aguilar also states that the Jamaica Philatelic Society is being revived through the Institute of Jamaica and that the new bulletin will be the organ for that Society. Anyone interested in joining the new organization should write to Aguilar. The proposed subscription price will be 21/- (\$2.00), per year with four bulletins being published yearly. Anyone wishing a subscription only, without joining the Society, may subscribe for 10/6 (\$1.50) for the four editions.

The first bulletin is well organized, carrying news of many of the B.W.I. islands, and the Editor promises forthcoming articles on B.W.I. Postal History, First Flights, Montserrat early Postal History and some of the early letters from British Honduras to Nugent, (1801-1805), that now repose in the Institute of Jamaica archives.

We wish every success to the new Bulletin and the Jamaica Philatelic Society, and hope that it becomes as strong an influence in B.W.I. philately as the old organization was.

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Harold Box and the Trinidad Philatelic Society have caused quite a lot of publicity in the U.S. philatelic press as a result of their uncovering the source of the photograph appearing on the 5¢ Trinidad and Tobago Independence Issue. (See Linn's and Stamps' recent issues).

It seems that Harold, Secretary of the Society, Charles Maynard, V.P., and Jim Chalmers, the President ran down some rumors and found that the design was made from a photograph of a mural depicting a private aquarium in Port-of-Spain. This mural had been painted by Mr. Carlisle Chang on the back bar of the tap-room of the Hotel Normandie in Port-of-Spain. Mr. Maynard states that the picture though not of a private aquarium, was still a fake, as far as it represented a scene at Buccoo Reef. Mr. Chang says that the mural was a result of his studies of illustrations found in the National Geographic Magazine and other sources. Mr. Box, further states that the fishes depicted are not to be found in Caribbean waters.

It seems incongruous that the authorities responsible for the production of the stamp issues of Trinidad and Tobago do not consult with knowledgeable persons in matters of this kind, such as Mossrs Box, Maynard and Chalmers, and others about stamp designs, format and authenticity.

Al. Johnson, Editor.

MONTSERRAT

by Tommy Thompson.

I am certainly glad that the sentiments of the Editors of Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal and many of the philatelists of the early 1900s did not influence the powers who decided that Montserrat would start issuing stamps again. This tiny island, a dot among the Leeward Islands, first issued stamps in 1876. Although there was little mail to and from the island, there was enough to make stamps necessary.

When the Leeward Islands issued stamps to be used in all the islands in 1890, Montserrat withdrew from issuing her own stamps. In 1903, however, either in an effort to pick up a little revenue or maybe on the whim of the island officials, Montserrat issued a set of 10 values.

The Gibbons Monthly Journal sharply criticized this return to the stamp world by Montserrat. The Journal commented on how the island had retired from the 'stamp trade' some years ago and had now taken it up again with renewed vigor. This, of course, was the old frontier and it was not pronounced 'vigah' in those days.

There were more unkind remarks from the Journal:

"The design of all except the highest value, is of small size and shows what we presume is the device of the Colony, consisting of a young lady struggling with a Cross and a Harp--we prefer this description to one that has been suggested to us, of an Itinerant Female Musician holding on to a Sign-post----"

From that rocky return to the stamp world, Montserrat is a rather popular colony these days. If one is interested in postal history, Montserrat offers a stern challenge.

This tiny island, only 32 square miles in extent, was first sighted by Columbus in 1493. He called it Monserrado because of its likeness to a mountain of the same name near Barcelona. Montserrat is called the "Emerald Isle of the Antilles" because the first settlers, brought out by Sir Thomas Warner in 1632, mostly were Irish. To this day, an Irish brogue is spoken by the natives.

England has had control of the island for all but two years since 1632. The French invaded Montserrat in 1667, but held sway only five months. Then, in 1782, the French again took over, remained in power in 1784, when the British again regained control.

A number of earthquakes, accompanied by a flood, wreaked great destruction and loss of life in 1896. Before Montserrat had recovered financially from this blow, it was hit by a terrific hurricane in 1899, with another savage blow following right behind that one. Houses, Churches and schools were almost totally destroyed and the fine lime plantations ruined.

One of the first settlers in Montserrat was Captain Antony Brisket, who was made Governor of the island by the first Earl of Carlisle, the titled owner of the Caribee Islands. Since most of the early settlers were Irish, it was natural that they selected the harp, well-known heraldic device of Ireland, and the Cross--- showing their faith---for use as the "Device of the Colony" on the stamps of 1903.

Like other Islands in the Leewards, Montserrat's hot season is from May to October and heavy rains usually fall between August and January. Sugar, once the most important crop from Montserrat, still is grown, but limes and Sea Island Cotton furnish most of the export dollars. Papain, dried juice of the Papaw, also is cultivated and exported as a relief for dyspepsia.

Next - The Pre Stamp era.

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St. Vincent Notes.

John Medland has agreed to act as Group leader for St. Vincent and submits the following for the members:

There are four sale catalogues that should be in the library of every St. Vincent collector:

- Robson Lowe "Sinton" sale - October 27th, 1954.
- " " "St. Vincent" sale - April 20, 1955.
- " " "Falkland Islands and BWI" sale - October 3, 1956.
- Harmer Rooke "Gilbert-Lodge" sale - May 10, 1962.

(I have been able to obtain the last of these, but would like to buy copies of the other three - all of which I have had an opportunity to examine)

Other reference works are:

- "Saint Vincent", by Napier and Bacon.
- "Saint Vincent", by the St. Vincent Tourist Bureau (good for history and geography)
- "St. Vincent", Godden's Gazette, January 1939.
- "Postage Stamps of St. Vincent", by S.A. Brown, (published in 1917 by Stamp Collectong).
- "The Seal Stamps of St. Vincent", Stamp Collecting, July 2, 1939.
- "St Vincent Seen on Stamps", Stamp Collecting, March 19, 1938.
- "St. Vincent Reprints", Stamp Collecting, April 21, 1943.
- "Counterfeits of St. Vincent", Weekly Philatelic Gossip, June 3, 1944.
- "Postage Stamps of B. W. I.", The Philatelic Society, London, 1891.

I would appreciate receiving further references for this bibliography and, if possible, the loan of such reference works for use in this Journal.

Current Postoffices of St. Vincent:	COLONARIE - MONEY ORDER OFFICE
KINGSTOWN - general post office	CHATEAUBELAIR " " "
GEORGETOWN - money order office	BEQUIA " " "
BARROUALLIE " " "	UNION ISLAND " " "
CALLIAQUA " " "	MESOPOTAMIA " " "
LAYOU " " "	
BIABOU " " "	

Postal Agencies - Arno's Vale, Prospect, Stubbs, Lowmans Village, New Grounds, Byera, Sandy Bay, Lowmans Hill, Questelles, Buccament, Spring Village, Cumberland, Troumaca, Page's Farm, Mustique, Mayreau, Canouan, Sion Hill, Edinboro, Evesham, Rose Hall, Orange Hill, Gomeaux, (opened in late 62), and Park Hill, (1962).

I would be very interested to hear from anyone having information on dates when these post offices were opened.

(Editor's note: We are very happy to have John as Group leader for St. Vincent, anyone having information or questions on St. Vincent should write him)

John Medla nd also mentions a cover that he has from MORNE FENDUE, Grenada, dated Nov. 16, 1962, where the where the "2" in the year "62" is inverted, and asks whether anyone else in the Group received a similar mark. (Editor's note: The only copy of a cover from Morne Fendue that I have is dated Nov. 16, 1962, and carries this inverted "2" in the year.) Does anyone else have this inversion but of another day and month?

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BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES.

By Gale Raymond.

The past few weeks have seen a flurry of Bahamas activity, not only in current events, but also discoveries and new data from the past. Firstly, my erudite notes in the last bulletin were totally redundant explaining how a "FRESH CREEK" circle TRD may have ended up in time as its oval TRD! John Gavalek kindly lent me a prime album from his Bahamas Postal History collection, and mounted therein is a magnificent commercial cover from FRESH CREEK to MIAMI. the 6d. stamp is beautifully tied to the cover by a large 37mm double-line circle TRD, Type 2C-2 in black ink, inscribed "POST OFFICE, Fresh Creek, Andros", the last three words across the bottom in lower-case letters. (The 1959 oval TRD so inscribed contains all upper-case letters). The single-line date across the center is May 1 1953, and another good strike of the TRD graces the reverse of the cover. Thanks, Johnny, for spotting this new discovery and especially for sharing the information with your fellow-collectors. Reports still needed on the evasive TRDs of ROSES and HATCHET BAY. Gavalek has also shown us a 1927 Nassau cover with an interesting postal cachet in 3 lines, "NASSAU/QUEEN OF/WINTER RESORTS", new to me. Equally interesting was a handful of covers to Florida (definitely unphilatelic), from PIRATE'S WELL with the stamps pen-cancelled. The first period represents bears dates from 13 OCT 1953 through 23 JAN 1954, with "PIRATE WELL" and "PIRATE'S WELL" written in pen across the stamps and date as well. His last steel-die c.d.s. covers shows OCT, but no year date (obviously 1953, however), then the manuscript cancel period with the new c. d. s. unrecorded by me until 14 JUNE 55. The second period of mss. covers was OCT - DEC 1960, (Hurricane Donna). Johnny how about an article on the AIRMAIL PAQUEBOT covers in your collection?

Covers have recently turned up from KEMPS BAY and THE BIGHT with the new 30mm steel-die c.d.s., early Feb. 1963 dates. Going down to NASSAU in March, Bill Stitt most generously offered to look into matters postal for me there, and I feared my lists of quests and questions would stagger him, but not only did he turn up the answers to all, he also turned up some new postmarks!! While current GAMBIER and FOX HILL c.d.s. are the same as previously, he found MACKEY Street additionally using a new 30mm c.d.s. inscribed "MACKEY STREET, BAHAMAS", with no "N.P." (I now have Oct. 1962 local covers of this date stamp, which may have been early use). But best of all, he found the big circular rubber-stamp reading "MACKEY ST. POSTOFFICE, NASSAU, BAHAMAS" was in actual fact a TRD! The dateline normally does not show unless the TRD is heavily struck, which they permitted him to do on a few covers. He was also allowed to "chop" the stamps on several covers, with a 2-straight-line mark, "MACKEY STREET/POST OFFICE", however I have not seen covers so cancelled which in fact have passed through the post. I'm told it normally sits at the registry counter, although I've since received a non-philatelic cover from NASSAU with the TRD cancel.

Among other things that Stitt learned, he found a new c.d.s. had been issued to MOORES ISLAND on Feb 11, 1963, (not seen here yet). No new sub-p.o.s are being

planned, nor are any to be closed. The new QE II airletter sheets (8d.) will be put on sale April 15th. A new slogan-die for the Nassau machine-cancellers has been talked about but nothing done as yet. Nassau newspapers report the "SEA FLOOR" p. o. will reopen this year, but the GPO says not likely.

Morris Ludington presents evidence that "GAMBIER, N.P." TRD (c. 1947) should more properly be classified as Type C-3 (31½-33mm) rather than the larger Type C-4, which correction should be made in the TRD handbook. He also sends along a tracing of what is quite likely a "new" (1942) TRD of "INDUSTRIOUS HILL", about which more later. Raymond Austin has shown me three totally different c.d.s. types from "OLD PLACE", the newest discovered being probably the earliest, although the year date does not show on the 1d. mult. C.A., SG 79 (c 1912-19). It is definitely 26mm, as against 25mm later c.d.s., and a totally different TRD Type 2C-2 of SWEETING'S CAY, BAHAMAS, so inscribed (with definite apostrophe) in small letters of DEC 20 1947. I've actually held this gem in my own hands! With both similar "SWEETINGS CAY" TRDs photostated alongside each other, the differences are strikingly apparent.

Finally, Eddie Adelson has turned up two more strikes of the Sweeting's Cay BOXE D TRD, (circa 1940), and shows me superb c.d.s. strikes of PINE RIDGE (Oct. 1950), double-circle "star" c.d.s. of WEST END (Apr. 51), of which illegible strikes are the general rule. Thanks Eddie, for sight of the early "PARCEL POST" oval TRD. You members have been most cooperative with Bahamas information. Please keep it up, the field is wide open and the subject fascinating.

SWAP COLUMN

Will swap US Scott's Nos. 756-765 in blocks of four and singles, with perhaps something else thrown in for Mint UN, Scotts No. 38. Chec Crumleigh.

Wanted, any Bahamas postmarks of CORNWALL and WHALE CAY, to complete p. o. collection. Offer exchange of equal rarity plus bonus items your choice from huge collection. Gale J. Raymond.

Wanted, obliterator cancel "A" on Grenada QV 1d. stamps, will swap other Grenada obliterations. Also wanted Jamaica cancels from Seaforth, circa 1910-15. On cover preferred, but will take stamps also. Will trade other town cancels. Robert Topaz.

The applicants listed below have applied for membership in the Group. In accordance with the Constitution their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received by the Secretary within thirty days, their names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for full membership:

OLSEN, MISS FLORENCE H. 101 West 55th St., Apt. 7J, New York 19, N.Y. Collects Bahamas, Canada, Jamaica and USA, Member of ATA.

CHASE, FRANCIS H. P. O. Box 48, Plunkett, Saskatchewan, Canada. Occupation, Farmer. Collects, Hong Kong, New Zealand, some African Colonies, Bahamas, Barbados, Falkland Islands, Rhodesia. (Specialty), Member Rhodesian Study Circle, London, B.P.A. Ltd., Royal Canadian P.S.

THE TEMPORARY STEEL DATE STAMPS OF JAMAICA

By Robert Topaz.

As far as we know, all of the temporary date stamps that were used in Jamaica, prior to 1956, were made of rubber, and thus the popular name --TRB's-- or temporary Rubber date stamps. These temporary stamps were issued as needed to new post offices, pending the arrival of permanent stamps from England, or on a more temporary basis, as needed repairs or alterations were necessary to the existing stamp. In these cases, the stamp was recalled to Kingston and the necessary work was done there. Unfortunately, these offices for the most part continued to use their supply of black ink, which usually proved ruinous to these rubber stamps in a very short time.

And so in 1956, we see the advent of a new type of temporary mark - a steel Temporary Stamp. The first one was issued to Myrtle Bank post office and consisted of a single ring circle, about 31 mm in diameter, and with the letters about 2 1/2 mm high. The date was written in two lines and consisted of a two letter abbreviation for the month followed by the date, but separated by a distinct space. The last two digits of the year are centered on the line below. This stamp was in use at Myrtle Bank for at least ten months, and perhaps longer. It must have been considered a success for seven more were issued during the next two years or so.

The seven new marks were all almost identical. They were about 30mm in diameter and had letters about 2 1/2 mm high. They all had an asterisk inserted in the space between the month and the date. Canterbury, however, dropped the month and date down to the second line, thus leaving the asterisk as the lone remnant of the top line. Below is a listing of the known marks of this type and their earliest and latest dates of use, to our knowledge:

ARAWAK JAMAICA	FE * 17 58	MY * ?? 58	DALVEY JAMAICA	AP * 22 59	MY * 15 (62)
BALACLAVA JAMAICA	21 * AU 57	OC * 22 57	HOPE BAY JAMAICA	JA * 25 57	OC * 13 61
BALCARRES JAMAICA	13 * AU 57	MR * 20 62	MY RTLE BANK JAMAICA	DE 27 56	OC 25 57
CANTERBURY MONTEGO BAY	* 11 AU 58	* 21 DE 59	PALISADOES JAMAICA	NO * 15 57	JA * 9 61

The temporary nature of these stamps can be fairly well established by several factors. E. F. Aguilar stated that it was his understanding that these marks were stocked for a time at Kingston and sent out as occasion demanded. They were stocked as blanks with no lettering and the required type was sent out along with the stamp. This information is backed up by the exceedingly erratic history of some of the stamps. For instance, the Canterbury mark started out with Montego Bay as two separate and distinct words. As time went on they moved over and became one. Or the case of Balcarres, which inverted the final A in Jamaica during part of 1961 and 1962 and then dropped the year marks in 1962. The prize for flightiness must go to Hope Bay, which made one word out of the name by 1958. During the next three years, one can find examples of an inverted "A" in Bay and Jamaica spelled as follows: JAMAIC IAMAJ, WVJ. The last is supposed to be an inverted M and an inverted A.

Perhaps discouraged by this effort, the post office discontinued this type of mark apparently, for no new ones have been issued since 1959. I know of no instance

where they may have been required, but it would seem as if there should have been some, with all of the post offices on the island.

The listing and information above represent primarily the material and help of Clint von Pohle, Reg Lant and Al Johnson and my own. My thanks for their help. We all would appreciate the help of all of you readers, if you have any marks of this nature, in extending the time of usage--or any other place of usage.

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Tommy Thompson reports that he has a copy of St. Vincent Scott's 1 1/4, on paper watermarked with the letters SOS. This is apparently a papermaker's watermark. Does anyone know who produced the paper for this issue, and the significance of these letters?

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Everard Aguilar reports that the Cunard Eagle line opened their First Flight on May 8th from Jamaica - Nassau - Bermuda - London. No covers were prepared for this flight.

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NEW ISSUES, NEW PRINTINGS, WITHDRAWALS, ETC.

New definitive issues are being prepared for Dominica and St. Lucia and St. Lucia. Release dates will be announced later.

Further printings of current issues are as follows:

- Antigua: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 24 cents.
- Grenada: 25 and 50 cents, \$1.50.
- Jamaica: 2/-

Withdrawals:

Jamaica: IXth Central America and Caribbean Games Issue, Feb. 28.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

JIM CLAPP, ROGER GUTHRIE and GALE RAYMOND met your Editor for lunch in Houston last month and had the usual good stampfest. Hope we can make it again soon and get ED DOAK and TOMMY THOMPSON and the rest together.

ARTHUR COURTNEY writes that the weather has been bad in his part of England, and it has given him a grand opportunity to stay in and work over his stamps.

CHET CROMLEIGH reports that a nephew of his has had trouble with gum disappearing from the current U.S. 5¢ Washington stamp. He puts the stamps in a drawer of his desk, and in three or four days, the gum has disappeared. Has anyone else had this trouble? (No, its not insects).

STAN DURBIN and ELAINE attended WESTPEX in San Francisco and got together with ED WEINBERG and some of the other west coast members. HAROLD BOX writes me from Port of Spain, that HAROLD LOPES AND KEN WOOD were also there and exhibited material. Elaine, hope you picked up some good topicals.

O. K. EDEN hasn't been heard from in a long time. When are you going to come down for a visit, O.K?

FRANK FREEMAN, so I hear by the grapevine, has just renovated his home and has built in a new stamp den.

RUSSELL GIBSON will be going to ROMPEX in Denver on May 10 to 12th. Have a good time Russell, and hope you find lots of oblits.

RALPH GROUP writes that he is working on an article on BOOM, B.H., which he hopes to have ready soon.

JAMES HAWES has been elected Secretary of the Indiana Stamp Club. Congratulations James.

ERIC HEYER has just left for a trip through Europe, Portugal, Spain, Gibraltar, through the Mediterranean, etc. Have fun and leave a few stamps for us who might come later.

JOHN MEDLAND has agreed to act as Group Leader for St. Vincent. Thanks, John, we need more information about this Island and appreciate your first article. Keep up the good work.

Clint von Pohle writes that due to the pressure of his studies, he has not been able to do much stamp collecting lately, and owes everyone a letter. Hope you get that load off your back soon, Clint.

KEN RICE, we hear, has been ill recently. Hope that you are back to normal now Ken,

Bill Stitt and Mrs STITT spent a winter vacation in the Bahamas, and understand that Bill sent Gale Raymond a great deal of interesting material, some of which is printed in the Bahamas News Letter. Thanks, Bill.

ERIC THORN is spending some time in the Caribbean Area, on a business trip. Plans to see Aguilar and others while there.

BOB TOPAZ, on a trip to Florida, made some slides of Byron Cameron's pre-postal material. You should have a first rate slide collection by now, Bob.

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Arthur Courtney writes that he has located a copy of the Jamaican TRD from ABOVE ROCKS on a 1d. all red arms stamp, with the name complete, but no date shown, Type 1/4. As far as Arthur knows, this is a first.

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The new Jamaican Post Office Guides were put on sale in December 1962. Price U.S. \$1.00 or 7/- sterling, plus postage. It may be obtained from the P.M.G., G.P.O., Kingston, Jamaica.

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Jet travel is now so fast, that you can ship a pair of rabbits from coast to coast and have the crate arrive with only two rabbits.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Bob Topaz

There has been some controversy about the status of the souvenir sheet that was issued to finance the building of the Stadium in Jamaica, and at our get-together in New York in November, Russ Gibson was charged with the responsibility of contacting the Postmaster at Kingston and getting the facts. He was fortunate in not having to bother with this, for he points out, the November 1962 issue of the American Philatelist has a short note by David Lidman, former Editor of the publication, wherein he quotes the Postmaster, Dr. Rousseau as stating that the sheets were good for postage. Collectors ordering the sheets from the Post Office were supplied through the Post Office, which purchased them back from the organization set up to finance the stadium. Aguilar has stated that they were available through the Post Office for a short time during the last few days. Milt Erickson, who was on hand on the island at the time, states that they were readily available at many places, even to the extent of being given away with the purchase of ten gallons of gas or more. It is quite apparent from all of this information, that this issue was in effect a semi-postal issue and should be treated as such. I would think that their status was no worse than many issues such as the Swiss Pro Juvente issues of the past twenty years or so.

There have been many corrections and date changes in the squared circle paper, according to Reg Lant, who has been most avid in keeping this up to date. A few members have been most obliging, and have come up with some good information particularly Arthur Courtney and Tom Moseley. One non-member, Tom Foster, has also helped out a great deal. Mark Swetland has not been content with the MILE GULLY deviation as mentioned on page 4, and he has gone to great lengths --and successfully--to show the error or our ways. He has come up with a clear three arc, type 1 squared circle mark. Will you please change your papers to agree with this? The difficulty in recognizing this lies in the fact that the first or largest arc is often so large that it looks like the inner circle. Our thanks to Mark. Incidentally, Reg Lant is working on a compilation of all the new dates.

Clint von Pohle reports that there were three different strikes of the Garrison TRD used in the last few years. This postmark was in use at the military base at Up Park Camp. The first one is a violet ink oblong, about 48mm wide by 50mm high reading "GARRISON POST OFFICE, JAMAICA" on three lines with a date inserted. I show this on November 25, 1960. In May of 1961, I show this mark in red ink. Clint then points out that a violet ink oblong, about 52mm by 33mm was used in April 1962, reading "GARRISON POST OFFICE" across the top with the date stamped in the middle. Across the bottom in two lines, the mark reads "UP PARK CAMP, KINGSTON, JAMAICA".

New Post Offices opened with TRD's in violet ink include:

Allman Hill	noted	29 Jan 1963.	Irwin	reported on	30 Jan 1963.
Heyfield		29 Jan 1963.	Baulk		16 Feb 1963.
Denbigh		28 Jan 1963.	Hounslow		21 Feb 1963.
Chatsworth		24 Jan 1963.	Coker		7 Mar 1963.
Coffee Piece		21 Jan 1963.			

I would appreciate seeing any earlier dates. Sorry that I don't have parish and date of opening at this time.

Hooten Mitchell reports that he is feeling pretty well again and has the following additions to the known obliterations: "BU/1st fiscal, G15/2nd provisional, A01 Type G/1st fiscal and 598/1d. red official.

Reg Lant has shown us a new look in Free Franks with an oblong violet ink strike of two oblongs. The outer oblong is about 62mm by 41mm and the inner oblong is about 33mm by 13mm. The inner oblong is blank and the words "Collector of Taxes" occurs on the top space between the two oblongs and a town name appears in a corresponding place below. Known for Chapelton and Port Morant. Dated Oct. 31, 61 for Chapelton.

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Bob Topaz raises the question as to where the obliterator "O" was used in British Honduras. Rev. Heins states that it was used at Orange Walk, although Bob and I have covers from Belize with this marking. Perhaps Ralph Group can help out, or does anyone have definite information on this?

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NEW ISSUES, (Second Section)

Since we have just received the Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin for April, giving considerable information on new issues, we are showing it on this page. You will find other information on new issues on page 42:

Dominica.

The new definitive issue for Dominica is being printed by Harrison and Sons. Ltd., by the photogravure process on CA. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper. The stamps are 35.5mm x 26.5mm in size, perforation to perforation. The design on all values includes a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II with the St. Edward's Crown. The values, subjects and format are as follows:

1¢	Seashore at Rosalie	Multicolor	Horizontal
2¢	Annigoni Portrait of QEII	Blue	Vertical
3¢	Sailing Canoe	Brown and Ultramarine	Horizontal
4¢	Sulphur Springs	Multicolor	"
5¢	Annigoni Portrait of QEII	Maroon	Vertical
6¢	Road Making	Multicolor	Horizontal
8¢	Dug-out Canoe	"	"
10¢	Crapaud	Brown and Pink	"
12¢	Scotts Head	Multicolor	"
14¢	Traditional Costume	"	Vertical
15¢	Bananas	"	Horizontal
24¢	Sisserou Parrot	"	Vertical
48¢	Goodwill	"	Horizontal
60¢	Cocoa Tree	"	"
\$1.20	Coat of Arms	"	"
\$2.40	Trafalgar Falls	"	Vertical
\$4.80	Coconut Tree	"	"

Jamaica:

This special issue, Freedom from Hunger Commemorative Issue is of two values, 1d. and 8d. and is being printed by Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd. Further details will be given later.

Trinidad and Tobago:

Freedom From Hunger Commemorative Issue is being prepared consisting of three values, 5, 8 and 25 cents. Further details will be given later.

The Omnibus issue of the Freedom From Hunger stamps is being prepared by Harrison and Sons Ltd., by the photogravure process on CA. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper. The stamps are 1.5 by 1 inch perforation to perforation in horizontal format.

New Issues, continued:

The design, common to all stamps, by Michael Goaman, includes a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II with a central subject representing protein foods and incorporating the official symbol of three ears of wheat. All stamps will be printed in blue. The following B.W.I. Colonies will participate.

Antigua	Cayman Islands	St. Vincent
Bahamas	Dominica	Turks and Caicos Islands
Bermuda	Grenada	Virgin Islands.
British Guiana	Montserrat	
British Honduras	St. Lucia	

Further Printings of Current Issues:

Grenada: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12 cents.

Montserrat: $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

St Kitts: $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24, 48, 60 cents, \$1.20, 2.40 and 4.80.

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From the Trinidad Philatelic Society's Bulletin, Harold Box, Editor:

"An undated release from the World Stamp Distribution Organization, Inc., New York, who are arranging the sales of the Freedom from Hunger stamps, gives 140 as the number of countries now participating, with 34 British Territorial postal administrations, including Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. It is expected that other U.K. territories, e.g. British Guiana, will soon announce participation.

In addition to the U.K. territories, the United Nations and the following other postal administrations are issuing Freedom from Hunger stamps: In the Americas twenty-two countries, including Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

According to the "Trinidad Guardian", Trinidad and Tobago will issue three stamps, 5¢, 8¢ and 25¢, but no information is available to us as to the probable date of issue.

Another "Omnibus Issue" for the Red Cross Centenary, is to come out later in the year."

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Everyone who has paid their dues has by now received the new membership cards from Reg Lant. These cards were obtained for the benefit of the members and also as a publicity medium. We hope that the members will display them to other B.W.I. enthusiasts with a view of interesting them in our organization. There must be many more B. W. I. collectors who would benefit from and enjoy a membership in our group.

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The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself, the price goes up.

LEEWARD ISLANDS CANCELLATIONS
ANTIGUA
CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, ETC.

By Stan Durnin.

I have been heartily enjoying a most informative correspondence with our fellow member Paul A. Larsen, and as a result of his searching can add some pertinent information on the Antiguan cancellations.

Fig. 9. Paul has extended the St. Peter's CDS usage on Queen Victoria issues to AU 23 (19) 02.

Fig. 16. Paul possesses an example of the 25mm diameter item dated AP 7 30. This extends date of usage 2½ years beyond my latest item.

Fig. 19. A cover in Paul's collection shows this slogan and he confirms that it is open-ended to the right. This appears on a cover with the Figure 18 CDS.

Fig. 20. Paul has very kindly sent me a cover bearing this postmark dated MY 12 37 (FDC of KGV1 Coronation Issue). Does anyone possess this particular strike used prior to this date, thus disproving my noted contention?

Fig. 21. Correction on the PARHAM measurements - should be 2½mm diameter and letters 3mm in height. Thanks, Paul, for setting us straight on this.

Paul has submitted information on an additional slogan. Its format is as depicted to the right, (Fig. 30). The rectangular block measures 63½-64mm wide and 25mm in height. The letters on the top line are 2½mm high; those on the middle line, 7mm high; and on the bottom line 1½mm in height. His copy appears on a cover with Figure 16 above, and is struck in purple ink. I have subsequently acquired an example of this slogan on a cover dated AP 30 28. Here the ink appears to be a reddish-brown color. Do you have an example of this slogan? If so, its date of use and color would be highly appreciated. (Editor's note: I have this slogan on three examples from St. Johns, all bearing the same date as yours AP 30 28, and all struck in the reddish-brown-violet color as yours).

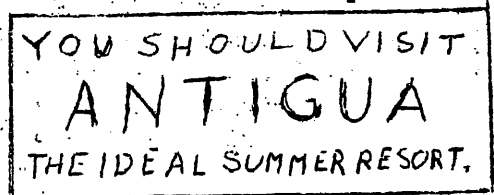
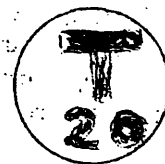


Fig. 30

Paul and I have also been discussing "Dumb Marks" and "Lady Boat" strikes, which are said to have come out of Antigua and the Leeward Islands respectively. If you possess any examples of these marks, please let it be known to either Paul or myself.

I now have a cover addressed to Antigua which bears two different Postage Due tax strikes. The cover is dated by the figure 20. CDS of JA 10 14. One tax strike consists of the letter "T", 10mm high and 11mm wide, above the figure "20", 5½mm high, within a ring of 20½mm diameter. (Fig. D1.) The second mark is a lone "T" 12½mm high and 12mm wide (Fig. D2). I cannot say that the cover originated in the Leeward Islands as it bears no stamps whatsoever, but believe that the lone "T" was applied at its origin and the circled "T" was applied at Antigua because the type is known used from St. Kitts. The Amount Due is indicated in Swiss centimes. Both are struck in black ink.



D-1



D-2

When Ed Weinberg and I got together for a session a while back, he swapped me an item which has me puzzled. It is a 1d. QV issue with the letters "M.C.A." punched clear through the stamp, the letters being formed by small circular holes much like our U.S. perfins. The "A" is on a line beneath the "MC". This item is undoubtedly fiscal, but what do the letters actually stand for?

Over this past Christmas season, St. John's utilized a "Christmas mailing" slogan. In its entirety it consists of St. John's, time, day, month, four digit year, Antigua, W.I. in a 20mm ring. The letters of town and island name appear a hair over 2mm, so lets say that they are 2 1/4mm in height. The date data is 2mm high. To the right of the CDS is the slogan rectangular as shown in Figure 31. The block is 23 1/2mm high and 56-57mm wide, while the enclosed letters are 4mm high.

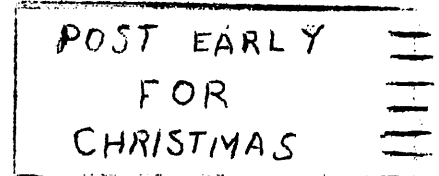


Figure 31.

As you can see, this cancellation business is definitely not a one-man project, therefore, please do not "sit" on your postmarks. Dig them out and give them a thorough going-over. Even a half millimeter difference makes all the difference in the world. The more fellows that we have digging the more accurate will be our final tabulation.

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NORTH TORONTO STAMP CLUB 25th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION.

The recent North Toronto Stamp Club's 25th Anniversary Exhibition provided an opportunity for our Toronto and District members to get together. Amongst those who attended were Verner Willemsen, Harry Sheath, Bill Butler, Dr. Don Welsh, Bob Devaux and Reg Lant. Don Welsh, Reg Lant and Bob Devaux all exhibited, in fact Don copped the Grand Award with his postal history and cancellations of Fiji; Reg Lant gained a Gold Award for selected Postal Issues and Contemporary covers of Jamaica, while Bob Devaux won Honorable Mention for his St. Lucia Coils. A fine showing for our group and congratulations to all of you.

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At the December meeting of the Insurance and Banking Philatelic Society, V. R. Willemsen, a V.P. of the Society, and a collector of British America, brought an album containing a complete collection of the Leeward Islands, Montserrat and New Brunswick, with the exception of the Charles Connell stamp. He has attained that goal toward which all collectors strive, completeness in these countries. He also showed issues of Trinidad and Tobago, early issues of Newfoundland, Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands. For the postmark enthusiasts there was a fine collection of the postmarks of Trinidad and Tobago, complete, with a map showing the various postoffices.

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Reg Lant writes that Eric Thorn is currently making a business trip through the Caribbean, including Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Trinidad and British Guiana.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE.

The Various Group Leaders and other members are doing a splendid job of furnishing interesting and informative articles for publication in the Journal. This is probably the most important phase of the work that this Group can do to make our Journal interesting to all members, so that they will be looking forward to receiving their copy every other month. Your Editor will be very happy to receive contributions of material for publication in the Journal from any and all members who so far have not offered any material. Share your experiences and discoveries in your particular field with all other members of our Group. We still need Group Leaders for several countries as listed in the March Journal, and would be glad to hear from any member who cares to volunteer their services.

Our Secretary advises me on March 31, that we had 110 members and two applicants for membership. Of these 112 all were in good standing for the current year except 12, and I do hope that these men will forward their dues to Secretary Lant as we wish to retain all members we now have and add additional interested philatelists to the membership this year. I am most happy to report that we are in good condition financially, and are looking for worth while brochures to publish for the benefit of all members.

About the time that you receive your copy of this May Journal, I expect to be in Denver for the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition, which will be held at the Albany Hotel on May 10, 11 and 12. I have reservations at the Holiday Inn on May 9th and will be very happy to see any members of the Group who plan to attend ROMPEX.

Russell A. Gibson.

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ST. ANN'S CANCELLATIONS.

Bob Tppaz writes that in his article on St. Ann's cancellations in the March Journal, there was an error and asks that it be corrected: There were TWO single ring marks starting in 1859:

- The first one is spelled: S^T-ANN'S BAY, and has an index above the date.
- The second one is spelled: ST ANN'S.BAY, no indes letter.

Note that in the first mark the "T" in "ST" is an upper case letter, but is smaller than the "S". There is a stop under the "T" on the same line as the bottom of the "S"

In the second mark, there is a stop after the final "S" in "ANN'S".

Bob also wrote a bit of news along with this correction: That Reg Lant is getting ready to go to England, that Fred Seifert is doing considerable traveling around the country and that Gibson is headed for Denver. Also that Aguilar has written that with the rain, Jamaica is turning green again, and things are blossoming out.

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Inclosed with this Journal, is a letter of invitation to B.W.I. collectors and an application blank. If you have a friend who is interested in our area, please pass this letter on to him. We know that there are many B. W. I. collectors who would welcome an invitation to become a member of our Group. You can do a service to the Group and to your fellow collector by passing this letter and application on to him.