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EDITORIAL.

Robert Topaz, our immediate Past President, and Group Leader for Jamaica, has undertaken a stupendous job, in attempting to delineate all of the postal markings from all of the post towns in Jamaica, past and present. He plans to circularize the rough copy, alphabetized,, to a number of our members prior to printing in the Journal. In order to help Bob in this large task, it behooves us all to check our collections and return the copy to him as soon as possible, so that he may collate the information and make the data as complete as possible the first time, thereby avoiding the necessity for putting out corrections and additions later. Also anyone having special or unique cancellations from Jamaica, please send the details to Bob for inclusion in the listing. This is something that has been badly needed by postmark collectors for a long time. If everyone cooperates and sends their records to Bob, we will have a listing that will be of substantial help to all of us.

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On Sunday, July 14, your Editor and Joan were privileged to attend a unique stamp meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Cryer, at Port Lavaca, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cryer are both prominent Texas philatelists. Over a hundred persons attended the meeting, (husbands and wives), from a radius of around 250 miles from Port Lavaca. There were no formal talks or speeches, everyone just settled down with others of like interests, in two large "stamp dens", (an integral part of the Cryer home), and showed their collections to each other, traded, talked stamps, and enjoyed themselves generally, besides making many fine acquaintances for future contacts. To top the day off, the Cryers had arranged for a splendid barbecue luncheon, with all the trimmings. It was a most remarkable meeting and such hospitality will be long remembered. Thanks for a nice day, Jim and Corita.

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NEW MEMBERS

BARTLETT, EDMUND, Address, 57 Broadway, New York 18, N.Y., Occupation, Banker, collects British America

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

EDGCOMB, JULIAN W., 190 Canterbury Road, DeWitt 14, N.Y. Occupation, Attorney, Collects British Colonies in Caribbean, specializes in Jamaica, Member of S.P.A. and J.S.G.

FRISMUTH, Robert B. Peach Tree Drive, R.D. #1, Basking Ridge, N.J., (near Pluckemin, N.J.), Collects Mint British Colonies in Western Hemisphere including Falkland Islands, Used Trinidad. Member of B.F.A., B.W.I.S.G.

NEW MEMBERS, continued:

HICKS, DR. HENRY D, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. occupation Vice President and Dean of Arts and Science, Dalhousie University, collects Pre-stamp material, proofs, essays. Specialty, Bermuda. Member Royal Philatelic Society of London, Royal Canadian P.S., B.N.A. Philatelic Society, Essay Proof Society.

LOCKIE, DR. J. H., 1/3 Brandon Health Unit, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. occupation Doctor of Medicine, Collects, West Indies, Bermuda, British Honduras, British Guiana, Bahamas. Specialties, Cayman Islands, St. Lucia. Member of Trinidad P.S., Collectors Club of New York, J.S.G., King George VI Collectors Society.

OLSEN, MISS FLORENCE H., address 101, West 55th St., Apt 7J, New York 19, N.Y., (except between May 15 until Thanksgiving, RFD #1, South Salem, N.Y. Collects Bahamas, Canada, Jamaica and U.S. Flowers on stamps. Member of A.T.A. Miss Olsen also advises that she collects stamps from Israel, U.S First Day Covers and would like to collect Canadian F.D.C's, if she could locate a source.

NEW APPLICATIONS.

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:

HARDING, CHARLTON C.C., 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Apt. #1503, Wilmington 6, Delaware.

HARRIS, C.Gordon, 36 Reagan Road, Winnipeg 13, Man., Canada.

MINER, HAROLD C., 200 E. 61st St., Hialeah, Florida.

MORGAN, RICHARD H., P.O.Box 126, Princeton, N.J.

EVANS, JAMES F., 3769 West 138th St., Cleveland 11, Ohio.

AVEY, F. MARTIN, 231 Clarence Street, Brantford, Ont. Canada.

Mr. Stanley B. Ineson has donated "The Post Office in Barbados", by Herbert Bayley, to the Library

Mr. Livingston T. Dickasen has donated Harmer Rooke Catalogue of April 25, 1963, on Granada to the Library.

Mr. James B. Hale has donated two Commonwealth Catalogues, 1953 SG Catalogues for 1952 and 1954, four other catalogues and the St. Lucia Philatelist for 1949, 1950 and 1952. Thanks to all of you donors. We are still looking for someone who would have the time to act as our Librarian. To set up the Library and handle the loan of the books and pamphlets to our members. Do I hear 4 Or 5 offers?

Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

BRITISH HONDURAS: STANN CREEK VALLEY P. O.'s
By Gale Raymond.

About 30 miles south of Belize, on the "B.H." coast lies the village of Stann Creek, from which runs inland a fertile valley about 24 miles long. This valley is the B.H. citrus-growing area, primarily grapefruit and oranges, but just after the turn of the century, bananas were the large main crop, and a narrow gauge railway was providing transportation by about 1910 to Commerce Bight port. The banana industry, hard hit by the Panama disease, soon died. For the citrus industry a new all-weather road was completed in 1940 to Stann Creek Town, and now connects with other roads to Belize. Disregarding the long-established Stann Creek P.O., these few paragraphs will deal solely with P.O.'s along the Valley itself,---and a puzzle they are indeed! My notes are based only on the few items of postmarks, covers and data in my files, and do not attempt to solve anything, serving only to organize the confusion!

First item in my collection is a double-ring 31mm datestamp (TRD?) in purple, dated March 25, 1915, which apparently reads "STANN CREEK RAILWAY", although not all of the last word is on the stamp. A 34 mm TRD similarly worded has been reported for 1919. This would appear to have been a Traveling P.O. (TPO) aboard the train serving the whole valley. COMMERCE BIGHT, the port, had a p. o. sometime during this period, but postmarks and dates are unknown to me. In 1944 Robert S. Gordon listed existence then of a P. O. named "STANN CREEK VALLEY", but my only example of a postmark so inscribed is on a 1952 cover, a small purple double-oval TRD. In 1958 Belize GPO LISTS, the P.O. was listed as "STANN CREEK VALLEY-22 MILES"; was a postmark so inscribed? POMONA, about 15 miles up the valley, was listed by 1944. I have a Jan. 1947 registered cover (small double-oval TRD), P.O. was closed certainly by 1959, my next GPO List.

As STANN CREEK VALLEY P.O. has continued to be listed, I have tried repeatedly since WW II for its postmarks on cover, with only the one cover to show for my efforts, and that one having been bought from a dealer! J. Lea recently reported it had in 1962 a postmark (c.d.s.?) inscribed "18½ Miles S/C? Valley"

My curiosity again piqued, I decided this time on a new approach, and asked assistance of the manager of the Citrus Co. of Br. Honduras, Ltd., residing at Pomona in Stann Creek Valley. This time proved successful, and he most kindly sent a Company officer up the Valley for information and postmarks. According to his letter, (June 1963), mail to Valley residents normally comes and goes through Stann Creek Town P.O., and there is now "only one Government Post Office in the Valley, and this is at Mile 20". It serves about 45 families, with mail arriving by truck once or twice a week to the P.O., which is a farm-home of Isaac Daniels, Postmaster. He reports opening date of his postoffice as March 2, 1963, which might well be, since less than a year ago it was located at MILE 18½! And yet his only canceller is already almost illegible; an undated, seal-type cancel, white letters against black background, "20 MILES" at top; "STANN CREEK, B.H." at bottom. The boxed rubberstamp Registry mark is inscribed "20 MILES, STANN CREEK, BRITISH HONDURAS, R.No. ". So that would seem to be now the P.O. name rather than the earlier "Stann Creek Valley" -- or is it?? 22 MILES? 18½ MILES? 20 MILES? And have there been ever earlier designations, with distinctive cancels? It is quite a mystery, this hodgepodge of Valley P.O.'s and postmarks, and unlikely to be cleared up without some postal-historian actually visiting the Valley. Any volunteers? Well, at least you CAN send in any and all information from YOUR collection to the author -- please -- dates, tracings, information, toward solving the "MYSTERY OF STANN CREEK VALLEY".

Mr. Daniel W. Vooy's has again assumed the Editorship of the PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW, a quarterly Journal of the Philatelic Literature Association, and devoted to the dissemination of information on the vast field of Philatelic Literature. We have received copy of Volume 12, No. 1, a 32 page magazine, containing a number of fine articles: "Centenary of the Philatelic Press", by L.N. & M. Williams, two well known philatelic writers, "WHY POSTAL HISTORY", by C. M. Nichols, an article on L.N. & M. Williams; "A Jamaica Bibliography", "The German Philatelic Society", and a number of other articles on stamp literature. All in all, a most excellent Journal for the collector interested in obtaining literature pertaining to his stamp interests. Mr. Vooy's says that there are a tremendous number of reference publications available to the philatelist, and it is his purpose to provide such information through the Review. Membership in the Philatelic Literature Assn., which includes a subscription to the Review is \$2.00 per year, and the address is P.O.Box 237, Jamestown, New York.

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Robert W. Grimble has written in about about the information given in the July Journal pertaining to the green boxed $\frac{1}{2}$ mark, on letters to Scotland. He says: "The mark is green only if it is a Falmouth packet letter. The $\frac{1}{2}$ markings on mail to Scotland in the years 1813 - 1839 in black is very common and signifies the payment of the additional tax. The marking in green is the rare and unusual item and from all I have been able to learn was applied only at Falmouth and is similar in rarity to the series of handstamps with "F" at the foot, shown in Robson Lowe's Handstruck Stamps book as figure 167, page 144".

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Clinton von Pohle reports that he has a copy of ADELPHI, Jamaica TRD, type 12. which apparently has not been recorded previously. Aguilar shows Adelphi as having TRD Type 14. Unfortunately the year date is not shown on Clint's copy, just 3-31---. The mark is in purple ink, and the date written in by hand.

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SWAP COLUMN.

Have the following to swap: Bahamas blocks with control Nos. 158 to 167 inclusive, Barbados 235-6, 238-9, 241, 243 45, 248-50, blocks without control numbers, Caymans 81,100,108,108A,117, Grenada 171-173 Montserrat 127,; FDCs Barbados 207-8 and Cayman 142 singles, threes and blocks, all used. Stanley B. Ineson.

I am interested in buying or swapping any covers from St. Lucia, 1779 to date.
Robert J. Devaux.

Wanted, GIBRALTAR CAMP cancellations, any type, on or off cover, will give good swap.
A. Johnson.

Would like to swap mint Jamaica, Bahamas and Falkland Island Dependencies for other mint B.W.I. Write me what you have and need.
Charlton C.C. Harding.

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.

NOTES ON ANTIGUA
By Mark Swetland.

To those who had been looking forward to an article in the last Journal, I humbly tender my apologies. Our fifth youngster, a son, arrived March 5, and thoroughly disrupted this household.

Due to the response from several correspondents, we have more information to report in this issue of the Journal. More letters will most certainly be even more helpful and assuredly most appreciated. I am looking forward to hearing from all the members and receiving their viewpoints on these notes.

The watermarks on the first issue of Antigua are found in various positions, upright, and sideways for the small star watermarks and normal, reversed and inverted on the Crown and C C watermark. Perhaps this latter even occurs inverted and reversed. It is also probably that the same variations occur with the Crown and C A watermark, but none of them have come to my attention yet.

Commander F. W. Collins of Winchester, England, first brought to my attention the fact that the watermark, (small star), on the 1863-1867 issue occurs both with the points upright and with the points sideways. A reference to this fact was located in a book on the stamps of the British West Indies, published by the Philatelic Society, London, in 1891. This reads as follows:

"In 1874 some correspondence took place in the columns of the "Stamp Collector's Magazine", pages 63, 95 and 110, as to certain varieties of watermark that had been noticed in the early issues of Antigua. It appears that the first watermarked stamps had the star with one point up and that during the issue of the penny in orange-vermillion, the paper was watermarked with a star with two points up. Except for enabling a collector to determine the approximate date of a particular specimen, the fact appears of small importance-----".

"It is possible that there may have been two such wire frames employed, but, in any case, these varieties, while deserving perhaps of passing mention, do not appear to the Society to be more worth cataloguing than the numerous varieties of inverted watermarks, etc., which may be found in any other countries."

After these excerpts from this book were reported to Commander Collins, he was kind enough to check further and has since forwarded the following additional information:

"Regarding the small star watermark and whether it should be upright or sideways, I have a very interesting chat with Mr. K. J. A. O. Manning about this and he tells me that research has been done by himself, and, in particular, by a Mr. Marshall and that no definite conclusion could be reached about it. He told me that when printing began, the woman who actually did the work was careful to place the sheets with one point of the star upward, but, as the plate was nearly square, she did not continue this for long and it is, therefore, entirely a matter of chance which way the watermark occurs".

Under these circumstances, the question still remaining in my mind is whether all values of this issue occur in about the same proportion of upright and sideways watermark or is there one particular value where the sideways watermark is more scarce.

There is, in addition, the question whether anyone else is interested in this matter besides myself. Opinions from the members are solicited.

With the change to the Crown and C C watermark, it becomes possible to distinguish now whether a watermark is inverted or reversed. Such a watermark can also be both

inverted and reversed. Interest in watermark varieties appears to be higher on the English side of the ocean than here but I trust that those who are less interested will nevertheless help out. The Crown and C C watermark was used on the issues of 1872, 1876 and 1879. So far, Bob Topaz has reported the 1d. lake of 1872 with watermark reversed. I have copies of the 1d. lake-rose of 1876 with watermark reversed and the 6d. blue-green of 1876 with watermark inverted. Perhaps the readers of these notes will go through their collections and duplicates to see what other varieties can be found. There is, of course, no reason why these issues should or could not exist with watermarks in all positions. If such a study has already been made, an article on this in a future issue of the Journal would be most helpful.

Other letters and information have been received from Mr. Angus C. Parker, Mr. W. Cornell and Mr. Kenneth Sargeant. Since these all relate to other matters, their contents will be held for a future issue of the Journal.

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Paul Larsen writes as follows: "I am trying to gather some information relative to on-cover usage of the Leeward Islands Q.V. Sexagenary overprints of 1897 (S.G or Scott 9 - 16). If you are lucky enough to have any of this material -----, I would also like to contact any other BCPSG member who might have any of this material. Can you suggest anyone else besides Stan Durnin and Gale Raymond? In addition to any members suggested by you or Stan, I plan to select some likely prospects from the membership list to contact. However, in order to contact as many members as possible, I would appreciate a short "plug" for the project in the Journal. It could state that I would like to send a copy of a form to any member having any on-cover Leeward Islands Q V Sexagenary overprints. I would also like information as to whether any member has, or has seen, a copy of the 1/2d. value with a genuine inverted overprint". Any of the members who have material of this type, please write Paul, and he will send you a form to complete and return.

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NEW ISSUES, NEW PRINTINGS, WITHDRAWALS, etc.

Bahamas Talks 1962 Commemorative consisting of two values of the current definitive issue, 8d. and 10d. were overprinted "Bahamas Talks 1962", by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co., and were released on July 15, 1963, and will remain on sale for 3 months.

Release dates on the new definitive issues of St. Lucia and St. Kitts will be announced soon.

Change from Script to Block watermark: Antigua, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 24 cents.

The Red Cross Omnibus issue was designed by V Whiteley, printed by Bradbury Wilkinson and Company, lithographed in a horizontal format, size 42mm by 27 mm perforation to perforation, watermarked CA (Block Capitals). Colors: Vignette - Cross and dates in red, Border - Lower values, black, higher values blue.

Further printings of Current issues:

Grenada, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 12 cents. July 9th., also 25 and 50 cents, June 11.
St. Lucia, 6 cents, July 22.

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Economy - a way of spending money without getting any fun out of it.

EARLY ST. LUCIA MARKS.

1779 - 1878

By Robert Devaux.

This list is assumed to be complete, anyone with additional information, please contact the writer.

- 1779 Covers exist from the fourth British occupation, 1762-1783. The earliest known dated 1779.
- 1783 It is possible earlier or later French occupation covers exist. St. Lucia was French from 1783 - 1794.
- 1794 The British recaptured the island in 1794, but lost it to the French again in 1802.
- 1803 During the last French occupation of St. Lucia, 1802 - 1811, a post office was opened at Castries on June 22, 1803.
- 1814 The French finally ceded St. Lucia to Britain in 1814, the thirteenth and last change in this hundred and fifty year struggle.

About this time the two marks below appeared:

CASTRIES
ST LUCIA
Date

I know very little about this mark

ST LUCIA
MR - 23
32

The "Fleuron" type comes with or without the year.

- 1841 The "Ship Letter" mark appeared about 1841 - 1860.

ST LUCIA
SHIP LETTER

The paquebot mark may also have been used about that time.

- 1844 The "Crowned Circle" paid mark stamped in red was introduced at Castries on May 1, 1844 and used until G.B. Stamps were issued in 1858.

PAID
AT
ST LUCIA

This mark was used with the date stamp shown below from 1852.

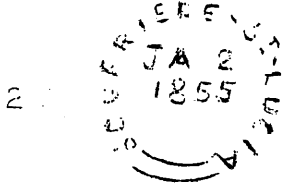
On several occasions this mark was used as a provisional after 1858 and always struck in black, the latest use in 1904.

1850 The Government introduced an "Inland - Post" and issued this mark on March 16, 1850.

INLAND-POSTAGE
PAID

The name "Inland" is deceiving as the mail was exclusively coastal. Roads were non-existent at this early date.

1850 Little is known about the early Soufriere post office, evidently this mark was issued in 1850.



I have seen this mark on cover.

1852 This "Date Stamp" was introduced at Castries in 1852 and used until 1864.



This mark is common on cover alone in the late 1850s, it also appears in conjunction with the "Crowned Circle" above.

1858 With the introduction of Great Britain's stamps in St. Lucia on May 8, 1858, the obliterator "All" was issued at Castries. When these stamps became invalid in 1860, the obliterator was retained as a cancel mark.



Two types of this mark exist, one has slightly wider spaced numerals and was dispatched some two weeks later from England.

1861 This "Currency" mark was used from 1861 to about 1866. It is an accounting stamp to indicate that 40 centimes was due to the French P.O. for the conveyance of mail weighing a half ounce, to Europe.



It was never used as a handstruck stamp.

1866 From 1866 a "coded" mark was used.



It appears that a "B" also exists.

1878 A vertical type of the "All" obliterator appeared about 1878 and was used with or without a date stamp.



There is another type of "All" circular and always dated.

I shall describe the "Town Code Marks" at a later date.

THE BAHAMAS "STAR" POSTMARKS.

By. Gale J. Raymond.

(This article which first appeared in "WEST INDIES STAMPS" is hereby reproduced with permission, with corrections and additions).

Collectors showing an exhibit of Bahamas postal markings are ever delighted to see the intelligent interest and enthusiasm which most viewers invariably display. Many confess that they thought Nassau the only Bahamas postoffice, and are amazed to learn that there are now 111 scattered throughout these tropical islands just off the Florida coast. A part of the attraction must surely be the inexplicable universal appeal, which "islands" have (for people who don't live on them) and to the interesting, often quaint names of the villages, many a heritage from the days of pirates and sailing-ships. Even a small collection of their postmarks can lead to a wider knowledge of the Colony, its history and geography, its friendly people. Discovering a "new" postmark among used Bahamas stamps can be a delightful experience.

Although perhaps not as spectacular as the unusual temporary rubber Datestamps, (TR's), the steel-die datestamps of the Bahamas are equally fascinating, and will make up the major portion of any Bahamas postmark collection. Among these metal datestamps, one interesting type made its appearance about 1927; a small steel-die, single-circle datestamp, (o.d.s.), 24-25 mm in size, which incorporated a small "star" or asterisk above the date in the center. This is "Type 19" in the late H.O.D. Gisburn's book, "THE POSTAGE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY OF THE BAHAMAS" (1950). Since his book was written, with only some 6 postmarks listed in this type, there have been additional discoveries and reports, and are tentatively described here, certainly subject to additional new listings and recorded dates. Strikes seen are usually in black ink, although some can be found in blue and even violet.

<u>P. O. & ISLAND DISTRICT</u>	<u>KNOWN YEARS USED</u>	<u>P. O. & ISLAND DISTRICT</u>	<u>YEARS USED.</u>
COOPERS TOWN (Abaco)	1930-39	MAY AGUANA (island)	1927-35
BURNT GROUND (Long I.)	1930-42	NASSAU (N.P.)	1927-36
EIGHT MILE ROCK (Gr. Bahama)	1930-38	NICOLLS TOWN (Andros)	1930-42
FOX HILL (N.P.)	1929-40	PARCEL POST, NASSAU	1929
GOVERNORS HARBOUR (Eleu.)	1930-35	RAGGED ISLAND (island)	1927-42
GRANTS TOWN (N. P.)	1927-44	HOLLEVILLE (Exuma)	1930-47
H OPE TOWN (Abaco)	1930-32	ROSE'S (Long Is.)	1931-47
KNOWLES'S (Cat Island)	1930-47	RUM CAY (island)	1930-42
LIGNUM VITAE CAY (Berry Is.)	1930	SAN SALVADOR (island)	1929-42
LOWER BOGUE (Eleu.)	1930-41	WEST END (Gr. Bahama)	1927-30

Surprisingly, the Lower Bogue "star" postmark appeared briefly several years ago in a temporary situation, with date (1/8/60) written in by hand, on a nonphilatelic cover to a Nassau church. The "ROSE'S" star datestamp is also recorded in brief use in 1961. Arthurs Town, too, is believed to have had a datestamp of this type, but no examples have been reported.

For supplementary information herein, acknowledgement is gratefully expressed to F. P. Schmitt, M. H. Ludington, Wm. M. McFarlan, L. R. Coasby, Mrs. B. Taylor and R. H. Austin. Additional reports would be most welcome.



High heels, according to one commentator, were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

PERSONAL MENTION:

EDDIE ADELSON and Dorothy came by Baytown and Houston on his way to Mexico and spent the first night with your Editor and the second night at Gale Raymonds. Had a most enjoyable visit with you Eddie and come back soon.

ROY BOTRIGHT has been under the weather for some months and I now understand that he is convalescing in the south of England, Roy, we all hope that you are much better now, and will be up and about soon.

HAROLD BOX writes that he has enough flowers for the house, especially the Vanda and Cattleya orchids are doing especially well this year. Well that's the way it goes, we pay \$5.00 apiece for them here.

JORDAN CHURCHILL says that he will retire this summer and build a home in Virginia. How is the project coming along, Jordan? Write and let us hear.

HARRY DAGGETT was reported as having been ill recently. Hope that you are better now, and will drop us a line.

BOB DEVAUX writes that he had Dr. LOCKIE as a visitor recently, and had the opportunity of seeing some of his stamps. He was especially complimentary of his St. Lucia, naturally.

DR. EDMOND DOAK says that he has neglected his philately this summer by virtue of the fact that he has been having fun sailing at the Houston Yacht Club. Hope that we can have a get-together soon, Ed.

STAN DURNIN must be very busy recently, he's neglecting us on his Leeward Island articles. How about more copy, Stan?

O. K. EDEN was in Baytown recently, on business and your Editor ran in to him quite accidentally. We went by the house and had a short stamp meeting. Come again soon, OK.

PAUL EDWARDS is having his home remodeled, and I haven't seen much of him lately, Drop by Paul.

RALPH GROUP writes that he is writing an article on BOOM, B.H., but has been delayed due to that old school routine.

ERIC HEYER writes from Monaco and San Marino and is having a marvelous time. Will be back home in another six weeks or so.

REG LANT has returned from his English trip, and had a fine time seeing Ireland, Scotland and England. Saw several of the members but missed some of them too, Angus Parker, Charles Payne and Frank Saunders. He and Mrs Lant really did the British Isles and came back glowing reports.

CLINT VON POHLE Writes that he has finished his school work and is now back on the job, and with a large accumulation of correspondence that has been piling up for several months. Dig through it, Clint, there's a bottom to everything.

GALE RAYMOND is doing a wonderful job of supplying copy for maw of this omnivorous Journal, and deserves a lot of credit for his efforts. Thanks, Gale.

FRANK SAUNDERS reports that it has rained so much in West Hartlepool, that his garden looks like the Everglades Swamp. although he has gotten the Gooseberry crop in. Makes my mouth water, Gooseberry Pie!

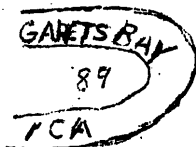
GEORGE TURNER was in charge of a philatelic breakfast held on June 23, in connection with the West Virginia Centennial Stamp Exhibition, in Wheeling, W.Va.

DR IRWIN YARRY was Chairman of the Dinner Committee for the 29th Annual Dinner of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, at the Masonic Club, New York. Abraham Sterman, Deputy of the U.N. Postal Administration was chief speaker, and Herman Herst was toastmaster.

Col. Fred Seifert sends in the following information, covering Jamaica cancels:

Kingston postmarks, K-4 (Early Use) Nov. 27, 1840 and K6, (late use), Oct. 20, 1861. Also states that TRD from Munro College comes in two types, No. 1 is 48 x 22 mm, with letters 3 mm high, known for Feb 13, 1924 and March 7, 1924. No. 2 is 46 x 21 mm, letters 4 mm high and known April 7, 1924, June 9, 1924 and Jan 23, 1924.

Fred also reports a TRD from St. Margarets Bay, unrecorded as far as is known, with a fragment on 2d. Gray CA, like the trd from Alligator Pond, but has inner ring inside lettering:



And a Calderwood, unrecorded TRD TD-25, dated Sept 12, 1927.

Russell Gibson writes that he has appointed Norman Braswell Chairman of the Nominating committee for the selection of six nominees for Trustees, for 1964. These nominees will appear in this issue if Norman is able to get them in in time, otherwise, separate ballots will go out as soon as possible afterwards. This is so that the voting can be done and ballots counted in time for the November meeting, as has been done in the past.

We are still short a few dues for the year 1963, which has one more Journal after this one. If you are delinquent, please make an effort to get your dues in to Reg Lant, at once, so that he will be able to close his books for this year. Reg is doing a terrific job for our Group, and this only adds additional work for him in sending out second and third dues notices, etc.

There is a most interesting article by M. H. Ludington in the July 1963 issue of the British West Indies Study Circle Bulletin on the Postal History of Turks and Caicos. Incidentally, in their list of members published in that same issue, 45 hold membership in our Group. The Bulletin is an excellent little magazine quarterly. Information on membership may be obtained by writing to Mr. P. T. Saunders, Secretary and Treasurer, Caymans Cottage, Ridgmont, Bletchley, Bucks, England.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Robert Topaz.

Postage rates were supposed to have gone up in Jamaica as of July 1, for most items except airmail rates to Europe. Local postage was supposed to have gone from 2d. to 3d., and Registration Fees from 4d. to 6d. Newspapers were supposed to have gone up from 1d. to 2d., and airmail rates from Jamaica to the U.S. and Canada from 8d. to 1/-. While I have nothing official on this, I do note that letters from Jamaica that are carried by air are bearing 1/- worth of postage. (Editor's note: Received a letter from Aguilar today with two 6d. Games stamps).

B.W.A.I. Has announced a new excursion rate from Miami to Kingston of \$19.00.

There has been instituted a new local air service in Jamaica by a company called Jamaica Air Service, Ltd., which flies from Montego Bay each morning and stopping at Ocho Rios, Port Antonio and Kingston, returning in the afternoon. This is done with twin engine aircraft and is presumed to be for the tourist trade primarily. No record of any mail being carried as yet.

New TRD of Valley Piece noted in violet on April 18, 1963.
" " " Dignum " " " " April 9, 1963.
" " " Geddes Town " " " " March 18, 1963.
" " " Leicesterfield " " " " March 25, 1963.

Also Highland Stead is supposed to have been seen.

Fred Seifert, who has been such a big help on the town postmarks, as well as anything else requested of him, has sent in some earlier dates on the Temporary Steel Date Stamps, as follows

ARAWAK DE 17 57. EKD.
CANTERBURY 30 NO 57. EKD.

many thanks Fred, for everything.

For the obliterator collectors, there are a couple of new changes in the listing of marks known. A38N is not known on the 2d. grey, CA, as this proved on examination to be A36L. Please delete this mark. Also add to your listing of stamps known, A360 on the 1d. red fiscal watermarked CC - F-2.

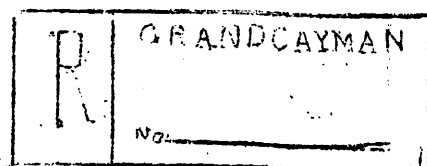
We have had an opportunity to examine closely an almost complete copy of an Adelphi TRD, on the black and red Falls stamp. This most closely follows the type that Mr. Aguilar calls type 12, except that the dimensions are 20 x 32 millimeters. The ink is violet and the letters are sans serif. There is reputed to be a type 14 known of this mark, but I have never seen it, nor do I know anyone that has.

The Parcel Post Office in Kingston was using an oblong TRD in the 1954-65 era according to Aguilar, but I have never seen a copy. Anyone know of it --- measurements, etc???

Also from Aguilar is the information that a double overprint has been found on the 2d. Independence Issue. This is quite difficult to spot because of the colors, but will be worth checking.

Our thanks to L. T. Dickasen for the Grenada catalogue (Harmer Sale), which has been forwarded to the Group Library. Old catalogues, and particularly specialized sales are of much value, as there is a lot of information in many of them.

Byron Cameron has sent in examples of the Hell, Cayman Island postmarks, both the oval TRD, the two c.d.s. (steeldie), and the presently used registration mark, shown below:



He also states that the plate number for the 1/9 Freedom from Hunger stamp is 1A 1A, first day of issue June 4, 1963.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Please change Paul A. Farsen's address to 14 Wilson Court, Park Forest, Ills. Zip No. 60466

Also, Ralph E. Group's address to 203 Third St., Southeast, Washington 3, D.C.

Ralph E. Group, leader for British Honduras, has sent in some excellent information on the Belize and Baking Pot post offices:

BELIZE POST OFFICE, British Honduras:

The post office in Belize was opened on April 1, 1860. The names and dates of postmasters are: W. J. McKinney, 1860; W. B. Gutteron, 1897; G. R. Huise, 1908; G. S. W. Smith, 1919; H. W. Beaumont, 1924; F. C. P. Bowen, 1935; and P. M. Ewing, 1954.

Airmail is sent abroad daily via U. S. A. and Jamaica; Surface mail for abroad is sent once weekly or more often if opportunity presents itself, via Pto. Barrios, thence to U. S. A. or direct to U. S. A. if occasion presents itself; occasionally mail is sent direct to U. K.

In February, 1962, there were three cancelling devices in current use (see attached illustration) the stamp cancelling machines were damaged in Hurricane Hattie and I haven't yet learned of their repair. Another article will be devoted to the many postal markings of this office.

The STANLEY FIELD AIRPORT POST OFFICE, opened February 2, 1960, is really an extension of the General Post Office in Belize. It is served by officers who go out on rotation each week to Stanley Field. No postmaster, since its establishment has been appointed. It is housed in a small room in the Stanley Field Terminal Building. The cancelling device is similar to Type a, illustrated.



Type 1.



Type 2.



Type 3.

B AKING POT, Cayo District, British Honduras.

Baking Pot, located on the Western Highway, 16 miles from the Guatemala frontier, was opened either in 1949 or 1950.

This sub-post office is situated at Central Farm, in the two story Department of Agriculture office building. The ground floor is the Leisamaniasic Research Unit and on the second floor is the post office desk and the Director of Agriculture's office. The postal clerks have all been Agricultural clerks, who had this additional duty. I believe that the current one is Mr. Philip Tate. His duties include signing for the mail bags, looking after registration and selling stamps. The chief function of the post office is to act as a receiving station for all Department of Agriculture mail and the forwarding of it abroad.

Letters are collected, franked and distributed three days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mail arrives Monday, Wednesday and Friday, is dispatched on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by a GMC diesel, 30 passenger bus, via Benque Viejo, to Belize.

An illustration is shown below, of the postmark.



Harole E. Box, Editor of the Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin for July-Aug, 1963, reports the total sales of Trinidad and Tobago Independence Stamps, both from Post offices in T.& T. and by the Crown Agents, as follows:

5 cents	-	3,374,880	of face value (W.I.)	\$168,744.00
8 "	-	282,751	" " " "	22,620.08
25 "	-	317,814	" " " "	79,453.50
35 "	-	172,125	" " " "	60,243.75
60 "	-	100,446	" " " "	60,267.60

Total of 4,248,016 stamps of a face value (W.I.) \$391,328.93; of which 219,512 (\$56,449.28) were sold to the stamp trade by the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau in London and Washington.

Mr. Box also reports a Government Notice in the "Trinidad Guardian of Sat. June 28, "It is notified for general information that a Postal Agency will be established at MOUNT D'OR with effect from Aug. 1. Residents in that area are therefore requested to inform their correspondents that their postal address is MOUNT D'OR Postal Agency, via Curepe".

Also that the Trinidad and Tobago Freedom from Hunger issue, which was issued on June 4, 1963, has been seen with the following plate numbers:

- 5 cents - 1 A, 1 B.
- 8 cents - 1 A.
- 25 cents - 1 A

BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES.

by Gale J. Raymond.

With Bahamas self rule scheduled for January 1, 1964, a new definitive set is definitely slated, and the call is out for suggested designs. Have you ever wanted to design a stamp or two? Here is your chance! Suggested overprints on the current set was rejected immediately, fortunately. Send your sketches to the Secretary, Legislative Council, Nassau, Bahamas. Many of you already know that one of our members H. Moreton Black of Scotland, designed the colorful Bahamas 1959 Postal Centenary Set.

A First Day cover is in from Nassau with the new 8d. and 10d. "BAHAMAS TALKS 1962" overprints, July 15, 1963, and a similar one of the 8d. Freedom From Hunger stamp, June 4, 1963. Regarding the uninspired design and color of the latter stamp, the Bahamas PMG has publicly disclaimed all responsibility! The Crown Colonies issues were all designed and colors selected in London.

For those who have not seen The American Philatelist, May 1963, (p.632), Charles Trousseau, Baranquilla, Columbia has recently discovered a used copy of the Bahamas 1941 2d. scarlet (Scott's 103b) with a clear double printing of "TWO PENCE" in the value tablet. The illustration bears this out quite specifically, Do other copies exist?

Long overdue, a new inkpad, THE CURRENT-is-now-using-bright blue ink, a sharp improvement over the previous cocconut-oil-grey! LOVELY BAY, Acklins Island, appears on no known Bahamas map, old or new, and had to be omitted, therefore from the maps accompanying the "BAHAMAS POST OFFICES" handbook. Now thanks to Mrs. Basil Burnside, we can record that it is located on the westernmost bay at the north end of Acklins, immediately south of the extreme eastern tip of Crooked Island. You may wish to mark your own maps for the future generations!

During WW-II, the U.S. Army Air Force had stations on Mayaguana, Great Exuma and South Caicos. None had post offices, send and receiving their mail thru the address "% Squadron H: Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida". A unit at Nassau used APO 618, with a datestamp so inscribed; covers are scarce.

Eddie Adelson, Miami, stopped off in Houston and brought some delightful Bahamas covers and postmarks to show, virtually all from commercial mail. The "AIR MAIL, West End" TRD is now cropping up regularly on such mail, and he showed me some fascinating early postmarks; ARTHURS TOWN, 24 May 04, RAGGED ISLAND, 94, WATLINGS, 17 Sep 92. Also definitely non-philatelic commercial covers with 1961 dates with a box-shape framed cancel "COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE/date/GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR". Nice! He also reported having actually SEEN the early 1d. "Chalon Head" used fiscally on deeds, and in multiple blocks used thus. So, apparently we need to exercise caution in our previous assumption that pen cancels in this issue indicate only postal usage, (as per Gisburn's BAHAMAS book).

Mrs. Pamela Taylor has turned up a 1/4d. QV with a most unusual killer-type cancel, generally suggesting in format an Indian head-dress. She seems to have recalled reading previous mention of it somewhere as being from CHEROKEE SOUND. Can any reader provide further information, or report the source of the magazine article?

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A veteran Birstall, England motorcycle policeman quit and took a job as a "Wall of Death" rider in a daredevil show, explaining "It's much safer than patrolling the roads".

A CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY OF THE
POST TOWNS OF JAMAICA - Continued.
by Robert Topaz.

ALBION in St. James parish opened sometime in 1956 (?)

1. TRD type 37d 5 DE 1956 2 DE 1957
2. M.S.T. This mark has an asterisk over the date AP 12 58 AP 1962

ALBION MOUNTAIN in St. Mary parish opened sometime in 1960.

1. TRD type 37d 7 OC 60 15 NO 60

ALDERTON in St. Ann parish opened sometime in 1908.

1. TRD type 14 in violet ink 3 mm letters
There has been a type 8 chronicled with an "s". This mark is really
Walderston as read from a partial strike.
2. D. R. 27 mm diameter 2 1/2 mm letters FE 25 17 DE 10 17
3. DR 27 mm diameter 2 1/2 mm letters AU 21 36
The above two struck may be one and the same. However the 1936 mark
is a very clean distinct mark with 1 mm between rings and has none of
the usual characteristics of a 20 year old die.
4. B1 asterisk above date MY 19 45 61

ALEXANDRIA in St. Ann Parish opened sometime prior to 1810.

1. T3 straight line mark sent out 1810. 18 JA 37 48
2. P2 9 MY 39 12 NO 59
This mark was apparently used at least until 1863.
3. A27 type H obliterator, issued 1859 until at least mid 1891 - no dates available.
4. S. B. supposedly used in 1863.
5. D. R. 27 mm diameter, 3 mm letters DE 21 96 MY 3 01
6. D. R. 27 1/2 mm diameter 2 3/4 mm letters OC 26 20 JU 22 35
This mark has dots on each side.
7. D. R. 29 mm diameter, 3 mm letters FE 20 40 MR 23 61
8. B1 asterisk above date. AP 1 45 MY 30 60

ALLEY in Clarendon parish Name changed from "Vere" during 1875.

1. A-78 type H obliterator, from opening to about 1895.
2. S. R. 21mm diameter, 3 mm letters OC 21 76 OC 9 94

ALLEY continued

- 3 D. R. 26 mm diameter, 3 mm letters 26 NO 94 SE 27 07
This mark has dots on both sides.
- 4 S. R. 28 mm diameter 3 mm letters AP 3 20 SE 1 37
This mark has dots on both sides.
- 5 D. R. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter 3 mm letters FE 11 1923 DE 3 1931
This mark has dots on both sides and the year is spelled out in full.
- 6 D. R. 29 mm diameter 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters JY 15 40 JU 18 62
There is a possibility that another die of this strike exists with a much narrower "A". This could be just a damage to the die.
- 7 M.S.R. asterisk above date. AU 15 62

ALLIGATOR POND in Manchester parish was opened on July 10, 1890.

- 1. TRD type 4 in violet ink. 27 AU 90 JA 92
- 2. TRD type 4 in black ink 18 MR 92 10 JU 92
- 3. D. R. 26 mm diameter, 3 mm letters SE 5 92 MY 31 23
The tail of the "R" is unusually short on this mark.
- 4. D. R. 27 mm diameter, 3 mm letters MR 9 25 FE 18 53
The space between the "A" of Alligator and the "J" of Jamaica is approximately 7 mm which is considerably larger than the previous mark.
- 5 B3 JY 1 54 JY 6 61

ALLMAN TOWN in Kingston was opened on Jan. 3, 1939.

- 1. TRD type 32 in violet ink FE 11 39 MO 5 39
The date usually appears in mms. on this mark
- 2. B1 asterisk above date MR 31 45 MY 16 62
- 3. M.S.R. asterisk above date AP 21 58 MR 62

ALSTON in Clarendon parish was opened Feb. 6, 1914.

- 1. D.R. 28 mm diameter, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters 3?
This mark shows dots on both sides.
- 2. D. R. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm letters OC 5 40 MR 28 61

ALVA in St. Ann parish was opened July 20, 1956.

- 1. TRD type 37d 9 AU 56 23 AU 56
- 2. M.S.T. asterisk above date. 19 OC 57 SP 4 62

AMITY HALL in St. Thomas parish opened sometime before 1810.

There is no example of any use of any postmark from this office. It could have used either types T1 or T2. The office was closed before 1833.

ANCHOVY

IN St. James parish

was opened on Nov. 15, 1881.

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|----|---------------|--|----------|----------|
| 1. | S. C. type 1. | | JU 21 82 | OC 1 18 |
| 2. | D. R. | 28 mm diameter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters.
There are dots on both sides | OC 18 06 | JY 14 60 |
| 3. | B1. | | JY 25 50 | 62 |

ANCHOVY RAILWAY

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|----|--------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | R. R. type 1 | Blue ink | 18 DE 06 | JE 12 18 |
| 2. | R. R. type 2 | Blue and violet inks. | 17 MR 19 | NO 29 23 |

ANNOTTO BAY

in St. Mary parish

was opened before 1810.

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|----|----|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | T2 | $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters | 29 SE 19 | |
| 2. | T3 | 5 mm letters
Reads Annatto Bay | 9 FE 34 | |
| 3. | P2 | sent out 1839 | ? | |
| 4. | P3 | | 22 MR 44 | 27 JU 59 |

ANNOTTO BAY R. R.

at town of the same name

opened sometime after 1895.

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|----|-------|----------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| 1. | R. R. | Type I spelled Annatto Bay | Blue | 21 JU 03 | 1 OC 19 |
| 2. | R. R. | Type I spelled correctly | Blue | 29 JA 08 | 20 JU 08 |
| 3. | R. R. | Type II spelled Gov't. | Blue | SP 20 12 | 31 DE 23 |
| 4. | R. R. | Type II spelled Government | Blue | 6 OC 26 | 11 OC 25 |

APPLETON

in St. Elizabeth parish

was opened sometime after 1895

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|----|-------|------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| 1. | R. R. | Type I | Blue | 20 SP 01 | 2 MR 09 |
| 2. | R. R. | Type LL spelled Gov't. | Blue | 18 MY 14 | 20 ?? 24 |

ARAWAK

in St. Ann parish at the hotel of tha t name

opened Dec. 7, 1957.

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|----|--------|--|--|----------|----------|
| 1. | TSD | 31 mm diameter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters
There is an asterisk between the month slug and the date slug in this date stamp and the year slug is on the line below the date. | | DE 17 57 | MY 22 58 |
| 2. | M.S.R. | with asterisk, $23\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters | | OC 23 58 | AU 13 62 |

ASHLEY in Clarendon parish was opened on April 14, 1949.

- 1. TRD type 35 violet ink 23 AP 49 9 MY 50
The early dates of this trd were written in blue ink. Does anyone record how the later dates were put in?
- 2. Oval, defaced violet ink 20 AP 51 17 MY 52
- 3. Oval defaced black ink 29 JU 52
- 4. M.S.R. AP 10 56 JU 7 62

ASHTON in Westmoreland parish opened Dec. 14, 1955.

- 1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 22 DE 55 MY 15 56
- 2. M.S.R. with asterisk FE 21 59

ASHKENISH in Hanover parish was opened Sept 4, 1920.

- 1. TRD Type 21 in violet ink OC 30 20 FE 19 21
- 2. D. R. violet ink, 28 mm diameter, 3 mm letters
This date is presumably 1921 JU 6 192?
- 3. D. R. as above but in black ink MR 20 22 AU 13 62

AUCHTEMBEDDIE in Manchester parish was opened Nov. 13, 1927

- 1. D. R. 29 mm in diameter, 3 mm letters JY 1 40 27 OC 58 (?)
- 2. D. R. 29 1/2 mm in diameter, 2 1/2 mm letters. AP 22 52 FE 9 62

This concludes the listing of all of the "A" post offices in Jamaica, the "B" Group will begin in the next issue of the Journal.

Additions, Extended dates and corrections to Postmark History of Jamaica.

Here is the first group of additions, corrections and clarifications to the Postmark History of the Post Towns of Jamaica. I'm sure that there will be many more. My many thanks to all of the collectors previously named, and also to Col Fred. Seifert, whom I inadvertently left out of my first listing. He has been most helpful and informative. My thanks also to Russ Gibson and especially Mr. Thomas Foster of England. Mr. Foster, while not a member of our Group, has graciously consented to share his knowledge, which may very well be unsurpassed throughout the world in this field. So with this introduction, please make the following changes in the listings:

ABERDEEN Postmark #1. EKD AP 25 32 LKD 12 JY 51
2. 4 AP 50

ABOUKIR " ? AP 50 29 JU 53
3. JA ? 61

ABOVE ROCKS 3. SP 15 30 2 NO 53
4. OC 12 62

ADELPHI 1. DE 31 00
2. 15 AU 00
3. TRD in violet ink as type #12, but 20 x 32 mm. No definite knowledge of #4.
4. MY 19 02
6. JY 28 05
MY 28 54
27 mm diameter.

It has been suggested that postmark #6 is merely #5 recut.

AENON TOWN 1. OC 17 35
2. AP 5 60

It has been suggested that there is a double circle mark 27¹/₂ mm in diameter and dated in 1951. Can anyone else place this mark?

AIRY CASTLE 1. JY 2 35 29 OC 57
2. JU 5 62

ALBANY 1. 22 MY 97 2 OC 97
2. 21 ? 55

The dots on this mark show up again in strikes dated 1951 and 1955, and it would seem that either the die has been recut, cleaned out, or is just being inked better.

3. 23 DE 57 NO 31 61
This mark has an asterisk above the date.

ALBANY RAILWAY STATION

Mr. Foster has done a tremendous amount of work on the Railway markings and suggests a more detailed breakdown of types. Since he has such a wealth of information on the subject, I have very gratefully accepted his offer of information and have changed the entire Railway listing to conform to his method of listing. If there are a couple of towns that are in process, they will be changed at the appropriate time.

1. Slb (as Nicholson's type I but with no dots or crosses at the sides) $\frac{1}{32}$ mm letters.
Blue ink 12 AU 04 8 AP 07
Red Ink DE 05
Purple Ink 12 NO 05
Black Ink 30 DE 07
2. Slb as above but $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters
Blue Ink 18 MY 10 15 DE 10
3. S3 (as Nicholson's type II with the word "Gov't" abbreviated), and with small maltese crosses at both sides of the mark.
Blue Ink 2 AP 12 17 MY 12
4. S3a as above but no crosses at sides
Blue Ink 6 MY 12 14 DE 23
Violet Ink 5 NO 24

ALBERT TOWN

1. The TRD is in violet ink, not black, and the handwritten date is usually found in blue ink or colored crayon.
16 MR 02
2. There has been a question raised as to whether Albert Town was using a $\frac{1}{2}$ mm double circle mark in or around 1919 - can anyone substantiate this use?
00 26 05

Robert Fopaz.