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EDITORIAL.

Well, we're back at the old stand after having had a splendid trip through the Caribbean. Our itinerary encompassed Jamaica, Porto Rico, Antigua, Barbados and Trinidad, and had we had more time, would have included several more of the islands. But that can wait for another year. When we arrived in Miami, Eddie Adelson and Dorothy met us at the airport and showed us around the cities there for two days as well as putting us up at their home during our stay. We got together for dinner with John Gavelek, Larry Resnick, Byron Cameron and their wives and Everard Aguilar, who was in Miami on business at the time. Afterwards we all went by a stamp meeting of one of the Miami Clubs then repaired to Adelson's home to look over our respective collections, including the tremendous amount of Bahamas material that Eddie has acquired over the past several years. If any of you collectors find Bahamas material in short supply, the reason is that Eddie probably has a corner on it. I've never seen so much material from one country, in one place.

We left Miami for Montego Bay and spent a couple of pleasant days there and around the area. Made a trip on the "Governor's Coach" of the Jamaica Railway through the edge of the Cockpit Country and down to Appleton, and return. The vegetation in this area is unbelievable. Massive growths of bananas, pineapple, coconuts, breadfruit, ackee, mahogany and ebony trees, to name a few, and the flowering trees such as the Royal Poinciana, which they call "Flamboyant", Cassia or "Golden Shower", Flame of the Forest, Tulip trees and many others making a veritable "jungle of beauty".

We flew over to Kingston (25 minutes), and friends met us there and showed us much more similar areas around Kingston. Kingston bay has been described as the most beautiful in the Caribbean, and the day we arrived it was perfect for getting a panorama of it, and the city, backed up by the Blue mountains. Aguilar lives just north of Kingston, on Jack's Hill, overlooking the city, the bay and the distant Palisades. A magnificent view and a lovely home. Mrs Aguilar had us up for a fine dinner and Everard showed me some of his T.R.D.s. A collection that is really outstanding with all of the early T.R.D.s. The next day we took a trip through the mountains to Castleton Gardens and Ocho Rios on the north coast, returning through Fern Gully, a four mile stretch of road through masses of Tree Ferns and many smaller varieties, then through Ewarton, Moneague, Bog Walk to Spanish Town and Kingston.

Leaving Kingston we spent two days in San Juan, Porto Rico, where we visited the Old City and Morro Fort and a quick tour around the new city, then to Antigua. Antigua which to my surprise is pronounced "Anteega" by the "Angeegans" is a small island about 100 miles in area and mostly covered with sugar cane plantations and sugar refineries. A trip to English Harbour and Nelson's Dockyard was a fascinating experience. The old buildings used by Nelson have been repaired and the Harbour is now used by boats and yachts from many places, London, New York, Miami, etc.

We next went to Barbados and spent a couple of days in Hastings, in Christchurch Parish taking a tour around the island the following day. Bridgetown, the capital, is a large town and port with beautiful gardens and trees. Bathsheba on the Atlantic Coast is a rugged, rocky area which is called "Little Scotland" having good beaches, coves and iridescent waters.

Then on to Trinidad, where Harold Box and Jim Chalmers, President of the Trinidad Philatelic Society met us at the Piarco airport (20 odd miles from Port of Spain), at 8:30 at night and drove us into town over the Lady Young Road which gave us a breathtaking view of Port of Spain from the mountains. We visited with Harold Box and Bunny the following day, looked over some of his material and the auction catalogue that he is sending out to members and took some good slides of He and Bunny. (Will have some prints made of them and send them on to you and Jim soon), Jim Chalmers took us sightseeing to San Fernando and the south portion of the island and the next day to the north coast over the Maracas Road to Maracas Bay, a beautiful drive. Jim and Corrine and Joan and I also had dinner one night at the Normandy Hotel and I got to see the "Buocco Reef" painting in the Normandy Bar, that has caused such a controversy. The stamp looks like the picture, but not like "Buocco Reef". We met many collectors in Trinidad, F.R. Montez de Oca, who showed me a fine example of one of the earliest Lindenberg flight covers, Rene Lectaud, who has a magnificent collection of Trinidad postmarks dating from the early numeral obliterations, Jim Chalmers, whose collection of Lincoln on stamps is outstanding and whose British collection is excellent, Charles Maynard, whom we met on the fly and others.

All in all the trip was a real pleasure in all of its facets and I am able to recommend it to all of us for a better insight into the countries that fall in our collecting interests. I gained around five pounds from all good food consumed such as curried dishes, wonderful lobster and turtle steaks, papaya, mangoes and other fruits for breakfast, known to my friends there as "a little tropical"

While in Miami Adelson broached the subject of having our 1965 get-together in Miami. He assures us that the Florida group would insure it being a good one. He suggested that we could hold it concurrently with one of the stamp shows there. What do you all think?

A. N. Johnson, Editor.

NEW APPLICATIONS:

BARROW, EBINEZER OLIVER BUNTING, P. O. Box 25, Belize, British Honduras. Occupation Retired Magistrate Collects British Caribbean Territories, Jamaica and Trinidad.

CAMPBELL, EMIL S., Home Address, Rosemount, Montego Bay, Mailing Address, P. O. Box 205, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Occupation, Business Executive, (E. S. Campbell & Co., Ltd.), Collects West Indies, Specialty, Cayman Islands.

KNAPP, THOMAS P., 109 Handsome Ave., Sayville, N. Y. Occupation, Stock Broker, Collects First Flight Covers, Specialties, FAM, Trans Oceanics and Zepp. Member of American Airmail Society, Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club.

SANCHO, GERALD EUGENE, 8 Pitt St., Port of Spain, Trinidad, Occupation, Chartered Accountant. Collects British West Indies, specialty, postmarks of B.W.I.

HIGGINS, RICHARD D., #346 East 107th St., Chicago, 26, Ills. Occupation Sheet Metal Worker. Collects BWI and British Europe, Member APS, SPA, Roosevelt Phil. Society, Park Forest Stamp Club, PRESIDENT Beverly Hills P. S.

LATHAM, BERT, 68 Somerset Road, Meadville, Redhill, Surrey, England, occupation ?, Collects Jamaica,

MAXWELL, DR. GEORGE A., St. Andrew, Centerville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Occupation, Physician. Collects Jamaica, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Bahamas, Turks and Virgin Islands.

NEW ISSUES, FURTHER PRINTINGS, ETC:

JAMAICA - New definitive issue, described in the July issue.

Further Printings

St. Kitts $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, May 7, 1964.

Grenada - 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 and 25¢. Printed on block watermark paper for the first time on May 12, 1964.

Trinidad - 2, 5 and 15 cents.

British Guiana - 5¢ and \$1.



Reg Lant reports that they had a most interesting trip overseas and journeyed through Belgium, part of Holland, thence to West Germany, Austria Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Northern France. While in London he saw Philip Halward, Alf Branston and out to Bushey to see Roy Botwright and his wife. Also saw Ray Austin, City Engineer for the City of Westminster and Pat Burke of Kingston, Jamaica who was vacationing in England. It is really nice to meet these members that we have been corresponding with, and know that you had as much fun in England as I did in Jamaica and Trinidad.

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Nat Surtees has some additional information on the Holland papers and Jamaica Ship letters as published in the Journal Volume 4, No. 3:

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Please/similar types for Lucea sent out 16 Apr. 1860. Also add Annotto Bay illustrated in "Postal Markings" of 20th Oct. 1934, Vol 4, No. 5 and reputed to be in the collection of Mr. A. W. Richardson of Lennoxville, Quebec.

Regarding Mr. Swetland's article on Antigua - I can record SG 15 and 19 fine mint; 15 is rare thus cost me over catalogue. SG 1 can be got thus at times, my copy is off center, but is Morton Evans reentry.

Regarding the watermarks positions on the stamps that he mentions - the paper did not fit the machine and so was cut up and fed in it upright and sideways to use it all up. So watermarks come all ways and are not scarce thus.

English Harbour A 18. - I have a cover SG 21 plus pair SG 25 cancelled A-18 plus CDS "Antigua" at top, "English Harbour" at bottom dated 1886. I also have a single SG 16 with the same CDS, dated JU 25 81. without A-18. Have also a piece SG 42 and 54 with the other type of this CDS (No. A 18) dated AU 17 21. This CDS has English Harbour at top and Antigua at bottom and I think shows that this type was the later of the two and I believe Dr. Urwick had a cover showing its use with A 18.

My impression is that English Harbour closed in 1931, but I don't know when it was opened.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS:

The present provisionals, surcharged in U. S. Currency, which have done duty since Dec. 1962, will be replaced, probably in August, by a new series of definitives which, like the present stamps, will be recess-printed by De La Rue.

NOTES ON ANTIGUA.

By Mark Swetland.

Two points on the Notes which appeared in the May Journal require clarification:

1/. The "misplaced" duty plate variety of which Bill Cornell wants a photo or picture, is the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. denomination.

2/. The article on re-entries appeared in the January - March, 1952 issue of the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

At the Autumn meeting of the British West Indies Study Circle held in London on Nov. 2, 1963, Mr. Geoffrey W. Groves displayed a selection from his collection of Antigua. Miss Rose Titford presented such an interesting write-up of this display in the March 1964 Bulletin of the BWISC that it should be available to all our members. Through the kindness of the editor of the Bulletin, Mr. B.B. Benwell, and Mr. Groves, permission has been given to reproduce this write-up which follows:

"Mr Groves dealt first with the postal history background of Antigua and showed six different types of the straight-line "ANTIGUA" handstamp dated before 1790 including examples from the Codrington correspondence. Then followed "ANTIGUA" with the year date 1799 below, Antigua being one of the earliest colonies to use this type. Then came the large fleuron type with the year included, which is quite scarce, and an example was shown dated JUL 15 1809, also the small fleuron type with various differences. A cover dated in 1845 sent by the Royal Mail Steam Service Packet was another interesting item included in this part of the display. In 1850 the G.P.O. in London took over the administration of postal affairs in Antigua and established an office at St. John and it was during this period that the "PAID IN ANTIGUA" crowned circle in red appeared - this was in use for approximately 10 years and a cover dated in 1856 was shown. In 1858 the 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1/- stamps of Great Britain were used until 1860 when the local authorities took over the postal administration entirely. Examples of the "A18" (English Harbour), obliteration on the 6d. B.B. were shown. Coming to the issues proper for Antigua, the display commenced with plate proofs of the 6d. in pale green and in black of this value. The August 1862, no watermark, rough perf. 14 to 16, 6d. was followed by various printings of the 1863/67, wmk. small star, rough perf. 1d. and 6d. values with a wide variety of shades, used and unused with examples of the "so-called" imperfs. The De La Rue printings of 1872, printed from Perkins, Bacon plates and subsequent issues of the first two types were shown in great detail and many examples of the "A18" obliteration were included. In the 1879 $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. the variety large "2" in " $2\frac{1}{2}$ " with slanting foot, (of which there are three on the plate) was shown used. Of the 1884 issue, mint and used, many multiple pieces were included and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. ultramarine with the slanting foot to "2" in " $2\frac{1}{2}$ " variety. Re-entries were shown on the 1d. and all six re-entries on the 6d. - a most interesting study. The Seal design and subsequent issues including the WAR STAMP overprints were all well represented, the material ending with a complete and interesting display of Antigua village postmarks; Leeward Islands stamps with Antigua cancellations; Paquebot marks applied to Antigua stamps, and the Barbuda set used"

It is apparent from this description that Mr. Groves has an outstanding collection of Antigua. The members of the BWISC who attended the meeting had a rare treat.

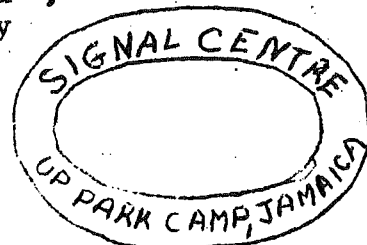
You will note in the above write-up a reference to the "so-called" imperfs. Both Miss Titford and Mr. Crawford Paton have written me saying that they have never seen a pair of the imperfs. Pairs, imperforate between, do exist but they have never seen pairs or larger multiples completely imperforate.

In checking through the latest membership list, it was discovered that only five members list Antigua as a major interest.. Four more indicate Leeward Islands as a specialty. What type of information are the members interested in seeing? Correspondence with Mr. Crawford Paton has resulted in a great deal of additional information to be presented in later Notes, but this all pertains to the early issues. I would very much like to hear from other members who are interested in and have information on the later issues.

(Editors note) I am particularly interested in Jamaica and Trinidad, but am also quite interested in Antigua, the Leewards and other of the Windward and Leeward islands. I believe that there are many other members, who, while they have not designated Antigua as a specialty, are much interested in information on its stamps. My postmark collection of Antigua is complete except for the early prepostal items, but, alas, I have no "A18" on British earlies.

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Fred Seifert reports a new T.R.D. from "SIGNAL CENTER, UP PARK CAMP, JAMAICA. It is in violet on an OHMS cover to the H. M. Treasury, Whitehall, London SW 1. Apparently it went from Jamaica to London by military air or diplomatic pouch as it bears a London Registry Label and a red CDS London SW 1 Official Paid surmounted by Registered dated 13 Mar 44. Also has a two line handstamp in black reading "R. (OVERSEAS) / WAR OFFICE." The first "F" in "OFFICE" is "E" in error. Must have been made locally by a blitzed print shop that had run short of "F"s.



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Fred Seifert also sends in some additions to his article on British Guiana appearing in the January issue of the Journal.

To discussion of SG 162-165 bottom of page 10, add: "There were two additional settings of the Two Cents sheets, one being in the 3 x 4 stamp format and the other in the 2 x 6 stamp arrangement. The principal changes from the previously described settings is that position 6 has a small 2 while position 9 has a large 2.

When sheets of this issue were received from the printer, they were taken to the office of the Receiver General where they were perforated "SPECIMEN". This was probably done to make forgery or use of the printer's waste more difficult. The machine used to perform this operation would only accept the stamps to a depth of one row and the 3 x 4 sheets were separated into two pieces of six to permit perforation of the inner stamps. On stamps from the first and third horizontal, that is numbers 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9. Specimen reads upright diagonally from the lower left to upper right corner of each stamp. The remaining positions have SPECIMEN inverted reading diagonally from upper right to lower left. Sheets of the 2 x 6 format, which was used for later printings to obviate the requirement for separating the sheets in two, were placed in the machine sideways. Thus stamps in the left column have SPECIMEN reading inverted from lower right to upper left. Those in the right column read upward from upper left to lower right. As was to be expected in an operation of this sort, some sheets slipped through without being perforated and others went through the operation two or three times.

On page 11, under SG 192, the last sentence will make more sense if the comma after "anticipated" is deleted.

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Conscience is that still small voice that warns you that someone may be looking.

LEEWARD ISLANDS - CANCELLATIONS

By Stan Durnin.

3. NEVIS

Q.V. to Q.E.II.

Continuing with our study of the postal markings of the stamps inscribed "LEEWARD ISLANDS", we now arrive at the tiny island of NEVIS, and will pause a while to study her method of cancelling her relatively small amounts of outgoing mail.

As with her contemporaries, Nevis' first postmark on the stamps under discussion appears in the form of a small horizontal oval 'killer' bearing the designator AO9 allotted to that island. The 'killer' consists of three horizontal bars both above and below the AO9 designator, and two parallel arcs on either side to form the oval appearance. (Fig. 1). The overall dimensions of the oval are $16\frac{1}{2}$ - $16\frac{3}{4}$ mm high by $20\frac{1}{2}$ - 21 mm wide. Much 'ink spread' is encountered with this strike even at the onset of the Queen Victoria issue, so the canceller must have been in use for some time prior to 1890. The designation letters measure $6 - 6\frac{1}{4}$ mm in height. Quite often only two bars are evident above or below the AO9, indicating deterioration which soon lead to its disappearance from use. My earliest example, which can be dated, is on a cover showing the date of JA 14 91, while the canceller's death came very early in the KEVII era - my latest examples being on a couple of the 1902 KE issues.



Fig. 1.

I have one example of the similar horizontal oval killer with dimensions of $17\frac{1}{2}$ mm in height and approximately 22 mm in width, the designator letters being $5 - 5\frac{1}{4}$ mm high. The strike is quite clearly impressed on a QV 6d. item. In view of it being a 'loner' in my collection, I have second thoughts about it. Therefore I solicit any information that you might possess concerning this strike.

A second type of killer is also encountered when initially taking up Nevis, but this one is of the vertical oval appearance, and is ALWAYS found in the 'duplex' canceller, i.e., accompanied by a NEVIS circular date stamp to its left. (Fig. 2.).

Four bars are employed above and below the island designator in the killer. Measurement-wise, the killer is $23\frac{3}{4}$ mm high by $18\frac{1}{2}$ mm wide and the AO9 designator is 6mm in height. One millimeter to its left is the $20\frac{1}{2}$ diameter C.D.S. as illustrated. The letters of NEVIS are $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high, and the letter A always appears above the date data which is in two lines. This canceller seems to have made its appearance around the turn of the century, and was in service for quite some time as it is found on the second KGV set.

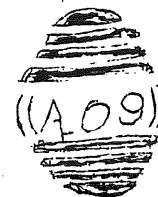


Fig. 2.

My earliest is JU 29 00, while my latest is 25 JU 31. As was anticipated, a variation of this type postmark was encountered. All pertinent measurements remain the same except for the height of the killer which is now $24\frac{1}{4}$ mm. I have too many examples of this one to discard it as a 'variety', so am of the opinion that it is a definitely different strike. The slight difference of $\frac{1}{2}$ mm is accounted for by the heights of the domes at either end of the killer. This strike also stayed with us from the middle of the first decade of this century until the end of the KGV era. It is not encountered on KGVII issues.

One would not think that an island so small and having only one Post Office at the time would have three different cancelling units, but that seems to be exactly the case for Nevis. A third type of postmark is found on the early issues. This one consists solely of a C.D.S. (similar to the C.D.S. of Fig. 2), with a diameter of $20\frac{3}{4}$ mm, enclosing NEVIS, index A, date on two lines. Letters are $2\frac{3}{4}$ mm - 3 mm high. My

earliest examples are dated OC 30 94, my latest, OC 1 02. This item is not seen very often, in comparison with her contemporaries, so might have been a "back-up" canceller. Perhaps one of our Nevis speciallists can clear this up for us? The above mentioned duplex strikes appear to have been employed as the only cancellers as we progress through the later KE sets and nearly all the way through the reign of KGV before we encounter a different type. This new type takes the shape of a large single ring C.D.S. with a diameter of 25 1/2 mm. Nevis is curved within the upper section of the ring and surmounts the letter C, which in turn appears above the date. The letters of Nevis are 2 3/4 mm in height, and are quite wide in comparison with all other Leeward Islands postmarks. (Fig. 3). My earliest impression reads ? DE 30, latest 16 FE 45 on a KGV issue. I have one 'odd-ball' here in that the letter "B" appears above the date of SP 15 43, and bears the added novelty of having the "15" inverted.

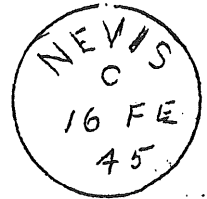


Fig. 3.

Next is what I consider to be Nevis' finest postmark. It is a double ring C.D.S. diameters 27 1/2 mm and 18 mm respectively. The inner ring contains the letter C surmounting the date which is in the familiar two line format. Between the two rings we find NEVIS, letters 2 1/2 mm high, curved in the upper section, and solid colored arcs, 2 mm wide gracing the pathway on either side. Fit banners to draw attention to the lovely "Maltese Cross" at the base of the strike. (Fig. 4). My few examples are dated between 22 AP 35 and MY 23 46. In leaving this interesting strike, I must say that the letter C is found, on some examples, rotated 90 degrees and this opening to the south. Sometime in 1944, Nevis 'expanded' postal-wise when a new post office was opened at GINGERLAND. (Exact date of opening would be greatly appreciated). This fact necessitated manufacture and utilization of new cancellers in which the post office name appeared. Such were duly executed in the format as illustrated in Figure 5. It should be noted that the asterisk, or star is employed in surmounting the date - the first such usage for the island of Nevis. Measurement of both the cancellers for CHARLESTOWN AND GINGERLAND are the same. i.e., 23 1/2 mm diameter, letters 2 1/2 mm high. My earliest date for Charlestown is AU 10 44, while that for Gingerland is OC 16 44. Getting on toward the 'end' of the Leeward Islands, per se, I encounter examples of such strikes measuring 23 mm in diameter - all other pertinent data remaining the same. Needless to say, further study is necessary here and will be discussed in a future article. I have encountered one other postmark from Nevis, but it appears on copies of the St. Kitts-Nevis KGV definitive issues rather than on stamps inscribed Leeward Islands. Its composition is as depicted in Figure 6. The C.D.S. diameter is 24 1/2 mm, and the letters are 3 mm in height. The date appears through the middle of the C.D.S. on one line and is seen to utilize the three-letter month designator. Several copies in hand show a horizontal line extending to the left of, and tangent to the C.D.S. Mr. Frank Saunders of the King George Sixth Collector's Society has put me straight on this cancellation, and has furnished me a copy of an excellent article by C. A. Ross in the March 31st 1951, edition of Stamp Collecting, page 49. It is from that source that I illustrate the cancellation in question. My examples run from 20 DEC 39 to 12 SEP 41. Can you extend its usage?

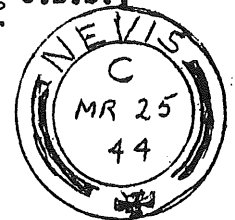


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

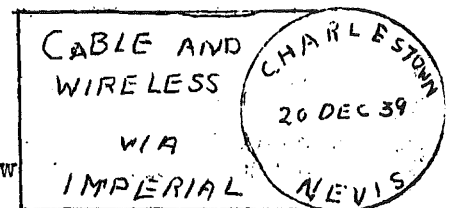


Fig. 6.

As far as Registration is concerned, my collection offers a scant picture. My earliest registered cover, dated SP 6 92, is a postal stationery item with the large "R" in vertical oval printed directly onto the envelope. Three covers of the 1903-06 period show a handstamp similar to Antigua Figure 12. (See Vol 2, #2 of this Journal). Then a cover dated 27 NO 26 bears only a manuscript indication of registration. Present-day Nevis (Charlestown) is using the printed rectangular registration labels. Any information

that you can supply concerning this aspect would be appreciated.

All of the preceding strikes contain sans-serif lettering, except for the "A" of A09 in the killer types, and are all struck in black ink.

Our next stop will be the island of Anguilla.

NOTE - The illustrations are not exact as to measurements.

(Editors Note: Have two postcards Nevis to Domitz, Germany, carrying the A09 duplex also with the upright oval "R" mark and a small handstamped "Registration" in blue-black ink in fancy serifed letters measuring 24 mm long with the R, 3 mm high and the other letters 2 mm high, dated AF 14 04).

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ANTIGUA DOUBLE-CIRCLE/LINE-ARC CANCELLATIONS.

Wm. G. Cornell reports the following:

In the January 1963 Journal, Stan Durnin described his Type 26 cancel and noted that it was known from circa 1950 to date. He also noted a variety, say Type 26a, of 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter, compared to the 27mm diameter of Type 26. He found Type 26a in use between 1951 and 1956. My own examples on Antigua issues are dated between 16 FE 51 and 2 JU 53 and conform to Type 26a.

At a later date, a similar cancel came into use, showing definite differences, as follows: ST. JOHN'S has an apostrophe, the line-arcs have shorter lengths, the asterisk is a trifle larger, ANTIGUA is a bit more spread out, the right line-arc is nearer to the inner circle of the cancel. I have examples of the new type dated between 22 AP 58 and 23 AP 64.

Line-arc chords (linear) lengths of the two cancels in my examples are 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ / 12mm for the Type 26a and 12/10 for the later cancel, the arc-chord lengths being these of left/right arcs. Accordingly, I suggest we dub the Durnin Types 26 and 26a as being "Double-Circle/Long-Line-Arc" cancels, and the new type as "Double-Circle/Short-Line-Arcs" cancels.

In addition, there may be a variety of the new short-line-arc type. I have two examples of 14 NO 61 first day cancels of the Dockyard Issue which show small differences, i.e., the apostrophe has roughly rectangular shape and is situated approximately midway between "N" and "S" of ST. JOHN'S. In the normal case, the shape is that of an inverted (roughly), equilateral triangle, and the location nearer to the "S". The line-arc chord lengths are longer, being 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ /11 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm compared to the 12/10mm for left/right arcs of the normal cancel. Further, both line-arcs are closer to the outer circle in the variety.

Whence, it would seem that we have at least two Antigua Double-Circle/Line-Arc cancels to consider, Type 26 and the later one, and possibly four cancels, including Type 26a and the variety of the later one.

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Some people would drive up to the gates of Heaven and honk.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Bert and Pamela Taylor, P. O. Box 114, Naples, Florida,

Daniel C. Warren, who now states that he has finally completed Medical School and is now located at: Apt. 310, 1221 North Court House Road, Arlington, Va. Congratulations, Doctor, on another milestone.

H. Prescott Boyce, 116 West Emerson St., Apt. 5., Melrose, Mass, 02176

Also, please make the following changes and corrections to the membership listing:

Cannarsa, Dr. Dante N., Mailing number should be 11743, not 42.

Frederick, J. Louis, should read Fredrick.

Commander Norman C. Harvey, , CEC, USNR, U. S. Naval Station, Navy #3080, % Fleet postoffice, San Francisco, Calif.

Manuel, Gerald, change to Mandel.

Oconnor, Harvey, Zip Number should read 02837

Wharton, Donald F, change address to 1294 East Maynard Drive.

Hawes, home address has been changed to 440 Valley Lane, N. Dr., Greenwood, Ind.

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SWAP COLUMN:

Wanted, copies of the Anchovy and Inverness, Jamaica, Railway Postmarks.
Arthur L. Courtney.

Wanted, Jamaica postmarks from Albion Mountain, Askenish, Bickersteth, Big Pear Tree, Bigwoods, Border, Brighton, Camberwell, Clifton, Cornwall Mtn., Harmons, Hartlands, Hopeton, Huntley, Jubilee Town, Junction, Keith Maryland, Milk River Bath, Montgomery Heights, Mount Horeb, Murray's Piece, National Stadium, Old Hope, Pike, Porter's Mountain, will buy or trade.

Al Johnson.

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Alf Branston desires information about the cancellor used by the authorities in the U.S.A. during World War II period, when the Bahamas and certain other islands were leased to America. They apparently used cancellor "806" for Antigua. If any member can supply details or lend/send such items giving the strike used for Bahamas it would be appreciated.

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Roy Botworth, acting on the information in the May Journal from a reprint from Stamp Collecting on obtaining cancels from the Cayman Islands, has received them and furnishes the following information for the benefit of our members:

LITTLE CAYMAN (one post office)

Post mark, double ring, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm inner, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm outer, Little Cayman at Top, Cayman Islands at Bottom, date in two lines with year in full.

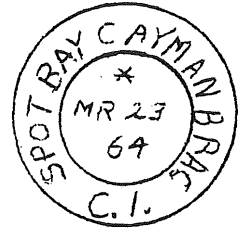
CAYMAN BRAC: Three or maybe four postoffices

STAKE BAY - Similar postmark to Little Cayman outer ring 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Numerals used for date are smaller. These postmarks have been in use for some time and haven't been issued with the new type as illustrated in our Match Journal, page 33.

CREEK: This office now has the new type as used for the eight offices on Grand Cayman. It Reads, CREEK CAYMAN BRAC C.I. The older type I have in my collection shows the name THE CREEK.

WEST END: This was the name of the third office that I understood to be open on Cayman Brac, but I didn't receive an envelope from this office, instead my third envelope is postmarked:

SPOT BAY. This is the only copy I have seen, and it will be noticed is in the old style double ring postmark and not in the new single ring type. Does anyone know anything more about this postmark? Is West End stillopen? If so what kind of postmark is current?



Recently I picked up a 5/- KGVI with the British Field P.O. cancellation, No. 642. The date of use is 10 MR 46. Has any other member a similar cancellation? Was an F.P.O. opened in the Caymans?

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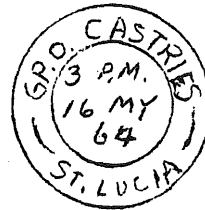
NEW ST.LUCIA POSTMARKS.

By Robert J. Devaux.

A new duplex stamp has replaced the older type which was in use since 1946, and was released in March 1964.



Old Type

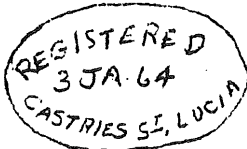


New Type

The old type can still be used if sufficient, all warrants it. (It has; I have covers dated 4th and 5th March and 1st and 8th April, 1964 - all old type.

New type was officially introduced on March 6, 1964, but was used a few days earlier by mistake.

A slight change occurred in the "Castries" Registration mark. The "T" of Saint is now identical to other letters, previously it was smaller with a bar below.



Old Type
Size 30x23mm



New Type
Size 31 1/2 x 25mm.

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Women who insist on wearing the pants, frequently find another woman wearing the mink.

JAMAICA - REVISED LIST OF TRD TYPES - MODERN.

By Robert Topaz.

This is an effort to classify the Temporary Rubber Date Stamps of Jamaica since the publication of Mr. E. F. Aguilar's "Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica. Many new TRD's have been issued since then and there is a great need to properly classify these marks:

Type 32. As described in the 1949 Handbook.

Type 33. An unframed mark, consisting of the office name on the top line and the word Jamaica on the second line followed by a line of dots. Known only for St. Paul's and Linton Park. St. Paul's has the office in seriffed letters. The first two digits of the year are in the mark. Linton Park is in block letters and no part of the date shows. Jamaica is in upper and lower case letters in both marks. Formerly type 34.

Type 34. The first of the double lined ovals. This mark consists of an oval formed by two lines about a mm. apart, about 48 x 31 mm. The office name is spaced around the top of the mark in 4mm block letters. The date is printed across the middle of the mark. The word Jamaica does not appear. Known only for Frome.

Type 35. As in the above mark, but the office name in serif letters about 3mm high. There are asterisks on each side of the oval. There is an inner oval about 35 x 19 mm. Still no word Jamaica in the mark. Known for Rock Spring only.

Type 36. As in type 35, but the word Jamaica is now shown spaced around the bottom of the mark, between the inner and outer ovals. All letters are slanted seriffed upper case letters but vary in size from mark to mark.

Type 37. the work horse of the group - as type 36 but straight seriffed upper case letters of varying sizes. The size of the ovals vary as does the size of the digits in the date. Usually found in purple or gray-violet ink, but often found in black ink. Red ink is known for Tweedside.

Type 38 As type 37 except that the office name is in block letters.

Type 39. As Type 37 but the office name and the word Jamaica are in block letters.

Type 40. As Type 37, but the office name in upper and lower case letters, while the word Jamaica is in seriffed upper case letters.

Type 41. A double lined oval similar to type 34, except that the word Jamaica appears spaced around the bottom of the mark, and the letters are slanted seriffed upper case letters, similar to type 36 except the inner oval is missing.

Type 42. As type 41, but the letters are straight seriffed upper case letters.

Type 43. As type 41, but the letters are all upper case straight block letters in the office name, while the word Jamaica is in seriffed upper case letters.

Type 44. As type 41, but all the letters are block straight upper case.

Type 45. As type 41, except that the office name is in upper and lower case letters while the word Jamaica is in seriffed upper case letters.

Type 46. A double lined circle about 36mm in diameter with an inner circle about 21mm in diameter. The inner circle is broken by the date. Serif upper case letters in both the office name and the word Jamaica.

Type 47, #A double circle mark as type 46, except that the inner circle has been eliminated. The letters are still seriffed.

All marks with the symbol # under them have the same sub-types as follows:

- A....The letters "W.I." follow the word Jamaica.
- B....The letters "B.W.I." follow the word Jamaica.
- C....The letters "T.W.I." follow the word Jamaica.
- D....The word Jamaica is spaced as type C but the letters "T.W.I." are omitted.

Type 48. A double lined oval of varying sizes with the outer line denticulated. There is no inner oval - the letters are all seriffed upper case.

Type 49. As type 48 except that the office name is in block upper case letters.

Type 50. As type 48 except that both the office name and the word Jamaica are in block upper case letters.

Type 51. As type 48 except that the word Jamaica is in upper case and lower case letters as if typewritten.

Type 52. A heavy single line circle about 42mm in diameter with block letters. Known for Franklin Town.

* All marks with the symbol " * " listed under them have the same sub-types as follows:

- a. A simple cross at each side - sometimes tipped over to form an "x".
- b. A five pointed star at each side.
- c. An asterisk at each side.

Type 53. A single line oblong about 48 x 31 mm. All block upper case letters. Known in violet and also in red ink. Known for the Garrison Post Office, and is written in two lines followed by a date line and the word Jamaica on the fourth line.

Type 53a. As above but about 52 x 33 mm. Known in violet ink. The words "Garrison Post Office" appear on the top line followed by the date line. The third line has the words "Up Park Camp" centered well to the left and the bottom line reads "Kingston, Jamaica".

Since this will update Mr. Aguilar's book, the Editor is making extra copied of the atticle for those members who own the book. If they will write me I will send copy for inclusion in the volume.

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REGARDING FORMING SALES CIRCUIT:

Your Editor pulled a fine bubu in the May issue and didnt get to correct it in the July Journal. The Editorial stated that Eddie Adelson had offered to handle a sales circuit for the members. This was grossly in error, since it was Ed Wienberg who made the offer, and his letter somehow was misfiled in Eddie Adelson's file. Please reread the May Journal and substitute Ed Wienberg's name where Eddie Adelson's appears. Write Ed Wienberg as to whether you want one or not.

FREEPORT BAHAMAS SHIP MAIL DATESTAMP.

By Gale J. Raymond,
(Reprinted from "Seaposter")

Located on Grand Bahama Island, Freeport is a booming new town with an excellent large harbor. A great number of ships stop regularly for bunkering (refueling), and in May, 1960, there was placed into use a large single-circle TRD (Temporary Rubber Datestamp), inscribed "SHIP MAIL, FREEPORT" with a date in one line. The postmaster refused to apply it to philatelic mail, and I've seen it only dated July 28, 1960, on mail from the M/S IDALITH, on Bahamas stamps, which the postmaster requires on all ship mail, no exceptions. Thereafter, my further attempts to obtain covers proved fruitless, (as did other collector's attempts reportedly), and the SHIP MAIL, FREEPORT datestamp became one of the rarest modern Bahamas postal markings.

I found out why in June 1964, on a visit to the Grand Bahama Missile-Tracking Stations. Doing postal-history research in the island post offices, I found no one in Freeport P. O. who remembered the mark. All ship-mail is given ashore to ship agents, who add Bahamas stamps and mail out the daily airmail to Miami. A lot of registered mail is posted thus, with 6d. Bahamas stamps (7¢ U.S.A.), to avoid the high registry-fee on letters posted in the U.S.A. (65¢ to overseas destinations). Of course, registry does necessitate Bahamas stamps, and the standard Freeport steel datestamp is then utilized, as the normal cancel on registered mail. At my good-natured urging the Postmaster and staff of five combed every nook and corner for the old TRD, the search complicated by the fact that the whole P.O. had only recently moved into a large, new building, plus having had a break-in burglary only the week before. Finally, in the back of a file-drawer, the Postmaster found the old TRD, still stuck on a 1960 date. It has somehow become mutilated, the word "SHIP" no longer legible, broken or eaten away (mice?), and the datestamp tossed in back of the drawer for probable future use of the handle, containing the date roller. The same search turned up another interesting old TRD, "AIR MAIL, FREEPORT, BAHAMAS" (previously unrecorded by collectors), which no longer had a handle or dateline at all! We applied these marks to 12 letters I had in my shirt pocket for posting, after which the cancels were placed in dispatch to GPO Nassau "for repair or replacement". A large cruise-ship, the S/S GRAND BAHAMA uses the Jack Tar Marina at West End, however, West End P. O. had no ship or paquebot mark of any kind, the tourists preferring Bahamas stamps and cancels.

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Gale Raymond reports that the current 1/- Bahamas definitive will be overprinted with the Olympic symbol and a new value, 8d., for issue later this year for the Olympics in Japan. (Wot, more overprints?) Also a "new" metal c.d.s. is in use at Marsh Harbour, similar to the previous one, but specifically smaller letters in "BAHAMAS" and 5mm space between the foot of the "M" and the top of the "B". His earliest cover is dated July 1962, the latest May 1964.

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Reg Lant report as follows:

You will probably recall I wrote several months ago in regards to an apparent Jamaica perfin with the initials "JPCo" with the small "o" in the center of the "C". See page 56 of the July 1963 Journal. I have recently acquired several additional perfins including a couple that are without a doubt "UFCO" with the "o" in the "C". (United Fruit Co) and in addition picked up a couple more that looked like the "JPCo" I previously reported. Well after looking them over carefully, I noticed those that looked like "JPCo" had several perfs missing, in other words they are UFCO with perfs missing. Members please comment.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE:

Here we are again, well into another year, perhaps a bit wiser, but certainly a stamp group that is making itself known and doing a magnificent job. There have been a lot of bumps since we started rolling in May 1961, but we have progressed so that our membership now includes many who are outstanding students of philately, and some who are internationally known.

This time last year we had 109 members, only three have since fallen by the wayside, but 34 new ones have taken their place making a present total of 140. This is around a 28% increase which should win an award of some sort. It would mean that each of us will have the benefit of a far wider reaching philatelic knowledge, if all of us will pitch in and contribute our specialized subjects of individual study to our energetic Editor.

There has been a lot of wonderful help and co-operation from everyone so far. Some of us have spent a fantastic amount of personal time in forming this group and putting a workable machine together. I am proud of the little bit I have been connected with and know each of the rest of you also feel so rewarded. We have come a long way, but there are still many changes and improvements that need to be made.

Any member who has a pet project in mind, or would like to take on one of the open Group Leader appointments, kindly make it known to me. One has already volunteered to handle the paper work and details connected with setting up an exchange circuit.

In the meantime, thanks for everything,

Byron R. Cameron, President.

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LIST OF SUB-POST OFFICES IN BRITISH HONDURAS.

In Operation, May 1964.

Compiled by Byron Cameron.

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| Hattiesville | * Corozal | * Stann Creek |
| Caye Caulker | ** Louisville | Mullins River |
| Maskall | Caledonia | ** Sittee |
| Gracie Rock | Sartenoja | ** Seine Bight |
| Gales Point | * Orange Walk | Stann Creek Valley |
| Burrell Boom | ** San Estoval | Hopkins |
| Double Head Cabbage | Gallon Jug | Placencia |
| San Pedro, Ambergris Caye | Guinea Grass | ** Mango Creek |
| Ladyville | * El Cayo | * Punta Gorda |
| Sand Hill | ** Benque Viejo | ** Monkey River |
| Rockstone Pond | Roaring Creek | Barranco |
| Crooked Tree | ** Baking Pot | San Antonio |
| | | Stanley Airport |

* Inland Postal Orders may be purchased and are payable at these offices.

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The ultimate salesman is the guy who can make his wife feel sorry for the girl who lost her compact in his car.

PERSONAL MENTION.

EDDIE ADELSON and DOROTHY were wonderful hosts while we were in Miami. Its your time to visit with us, Eddie.

EVERARD and FAY AGUILAR'S home, high on Jask's Hill, overlooking Kingston and the Harbour was one of the beauty spots on our trip. The meal was delicious, too, Fay.

DR J. C. ARNELL has been elected a member of the Collectors Club of New York. Congratulations, Jack.

ROY BOUWRIGHT, we understand from Reg Lant, has been operated on for a bum leg and a prosthesis applied which has helped him a great deal. We are happy to know that you are getting around much better and hope that you continue to improve, Roy.

HAROLD BOX, BUNNIE and their gang of collectors made Trinidad a lively place for us last month. He and Jim Chalmers, president of the Trinidad P. S., Montez De Oca, Rene Leotaud and others took time out and gave us a real welcome. Thanks, fellows.

ALF BRANSTON recently delivered a paper before the Great Britain Philatelic Congress. Hope it is published and that we get a chance to see it, Alf.

JOHN BUCKNER Hasn't reported in for some time. Drop me a line and will tell you about the fine turtle steaks I had in the islands.

PAT BURKE gets around these days. Understand Reg Lant talked to him in London, where he is vacationing.

BYRON CAMERON and MARY were just before going after another ship that he had bought in Mazatlan, Mexico when we saw them in Miami recently. He plans on bringing it around through the Panama Canal and up to Miami for refitting, etc.

CHEF CROMLEIGH reports that HARRY SHEATH on a trip south, stopped over in Lake City one Sunday going and one Sunday returning and visited for some stamp talk. Seems that all the fellows are visiting back and forth this year.

STAN DURNIN reports on his "Philatelic Safari" which he made recently. He and Elaine stopped at Salt Lake City for the APS show on their way to Indiana. Then on to Toronto where they spent a day with Harry Sheath, and another with Reg Lant. From there they went to New York and back to Gary, Ind to see their folks. Then an evening with Paul Larsen and over to Cincinnati to visit Bill Cornell, whom he says is a fine barbequer, then to the COMPEX show in Chicago and the long drive back to North Highlands, 7236 miles in all. Just one question, have you bought new tires yet?

Understand that JAY FREDRICK and Stan Durnin ran into each other at the San Francisco stamp show recently.

NORMAN HARVEY reports that he is now in the Pacific on Naval duty, and signs as Commander Harvey.

JAMES HAWES announces that he is V.P of the Indiana Stamp Club, and currently in charge of programs. Says that if there are any members in the general vicinity who are interested in presenting a program, to contact him.

ERIC HEYER has just completed another trip. This time to the South Pacific, New Zealand, Australia, Noumea, Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti and Honolulu. Made some contacts in Tonga, which islands we are both interested in.

REG LANT journeyed through Belgium, part of Holland, West Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Northern France, and while in London, saw Phil Halward, Alf Branston, Roy Botwright, Ray Austin and Pat Burke.

PAUL LARSEN still talking about Stan Durnin's Leeward Islands material, and Stan is doing the same about Paul's.

DR. J.M.LOCKIE working on a supplement to his "Air Mail First Flights" brochure. Will have it out with the next Journal.

JOHN OLTHOF has sent in a couple of FDC from Aruba, one of which is also a First Flight. Will pass the data on to Dr. Lockie. Thanks, John.

JOSEPH PEREIRA was not at Mona when we were there, at least couldnt locate Him. Sorry we missed you Joe.

CLINT VON POHLE is between final exams and a teaching job next fall, must be fine to have all that leisure, Clint.

GALE RAYMOND just back from a trip to Miami and Grand Bahama and saw him at the Port Lavaca stamp meeting in July. Found some new stuff in the Bahamas, (See his Article this issue).

FRANK SAUNDERS and MADELINE took off July 20 for Cologne, Freiburg and vicinity, then up the Rhine and the Nahe Valley to Weierbach, Cologne, Westphalia, and back to Cologne and home. He expects to stock up on some good German sausages and cigars while there. Watch those pounds, Frank.

JESS THOMPSON has recently moved into a new job and bought a new house. Let's hear from you, Tommy, how about the Montserrat material?

BOB TOPAZ must have broken his arm, havent heard from him in months. You cant be that busy, Bob.

Notice where RICHARD THAYER has been awarded a Certificate of Merit in the Annual Competition at the New York Collectors Club.

DOC YARRY also won a Certificate of Merit in the Collectors Club competitions. You fellows are moving in fast society.

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The TRINIDAD PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S Bi-Monthly Bulletin No. 27, for May- June 1964, has just been received. In addition to the usual Club News, there are several excellent articles; "A Mysterious Trinidad and Tobago Postmark, IC TRI", by John Elson and Harold E. Box, "Coastal Steamer - Trinidad", by Rene M. Leotaud, "Shield of David or Star of Trinity", by John Elson, an excerpt from Dr. Lockie's "Airmails of the West Indies, concerning the T & T First Flights, and a number of other items of interest to B. W. I. collectors. This Bulletin serves a real need for Trinidad and Tobago collectors and those interested in B.W.I. generally. Inquiries may be addressed to Mr. Harold E. Box, Hon. Secty., 2 First Avenue, Cascade, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

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You'll find as you grow older that you weren't born such a very great while after all. The time shortens up.

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND, BAHAMAS

By Gale J. Raymond, FRPSL.

This article is appearing in the West End Philatelist, London, but it is of such interest to our members, that we are reprinting it here in a somewhat condensed form. (Ed.)

June 1964 found my wife, two daughters and I on Grand Bahama, one of the larger islands of the Bahamas. In the northern part of the archipelago, it lies just 60 miles or so from Florida and is now enjoying a large tourist influx. Some 75 miles long, generally flat, it does not have the palm-tree tropical beauty of many Bahamas Islands, but the pine forests and miles of pure white sand beaches have a great beauty of their own. Except for the two tourist spots, (Jack Tar and Lucaya Beach Hotels), Grand Bahama is still quite primitive, with only a few small settlements at all east of Freeport.

My family happily settled in club activities at the Jack Tar (as the Grand Bahama Club is called there), I hitched a ride 50 miles up-island via tracking-station truck, on business to the impressively large Cold Rock Creek Missile-Tracking station, visiting enroute several smaller satellite stations or "sites". Station personnel were most cordial, and I might add, somewhat befuddled by the frequent mail requests for "Tracking-Station postmarks". All the range-stations from Patrick AFB, Florida to Ascension send and receive their mail via Military aircraft to and through Patrick Air Force Base, which postmark is the only one to appear on mail. Occasionally a local-area employee of the stations will post a letter to the U.S.A. with the required local postage stamp, (such as a Bahamas stamp), in the tracking-station letter box, but it must also additionally bear a U.S.A. 5¢ (or 8¢ airmail) stamp to receive this unofficial courtesy service. Such letters are also all postmarked Patrick AFB.

During my visit to the island, I made a postal history survey of the post-offices and sub-post offices, with many delightful side adventures.

HIGH ROCK is a picturesque small village strung along the beach and very difficult to reach at all. The sub-post office is a desk drawer in the schoolhouse, where Headmaster Rawle R. Dean is postmaster, mail arriving weekly from Freeport. The school is incredibly short of schoolbooks of any kind, and any book donations will be highly welcomed, I'm sure. The 30 mm. steel-die datestamp is the sole postmark on hand now.

SWEETING'S CAY. This remote island at the extreme eastern tip of G.B.I. is accessible only by sea. Time and circumstances did not permit me the 2-day fishing-boat trip, but covers are still receiving a large single-circle Temporary Rubber Datestamp inscribed SWEETING'S CAY, BAHAMAS, type C6.

SMITH POINT. Instructions were to "tek de road lef, mon, where lay de dead dawg", but someone done tek dat dead dawg, for true he gone now, we no fine him - or Smith Point. Darkness and time caught up with us, however covers postmarked there the following day with "all available cancels" bore only the old Smith Point oval TRD, now worn and spreading, but still legible. The G.P.O. advised me some years back that a SMITH POINT steel datestamp was issued in December 1960. However, I have never acquired nor seen an example; reports would be welcomed. Virtually all Smith Point and Eight-Mile-Rock mail is posted now at Freeport just a few miles away, to catch the daily airmail out.

EIGHT*MILE*ROCK. This is the oldest p. o. on the island, and the one which for so many years applied the postmark "GRAND BAHAMA", now quite rare. The building itself is old in years but strong and sturdy still, a description befitting too the venerable and highly respected Postmaster, John Wildgoose. We left him standing by the roadside, straight and proud, as he awaited the mail-truck with his small pouch of mail. The sole postmark in the office is the small steel-die used since about 1946, only the third used

here since at least 1890. Within memory, no TRD has ever been used at Eight-Mile-Rock.

WEST END. Actually two post offices, the main one is in the Commissioner's Office, which has the Postal Money Order, 100 metal P. O. boxes and a 30mm WEST END C.D.S. Behind the Commissioner's Office stands a small wooden building which is the sub-P.O., currently staffed by Constable B. A. Smith. Virtually all of the postal business is transacted here, stamps sold, registered mail accepted and delivered. It houses the machine-canceller, (necessary for the sales of tourist post cards), another identical 30 mm West End C.D.S., and a small TRD inscribed "AIR MAIL, WEST END". The latter, a despatch mark, has on previous occasions been used as a postal obliterator, however a recent order from GPO specifically requested such use be discontinued. It is normally applied to airmail forms for district airmail to Miami, Florida.

FREEPORT. The largest and busiest of the G.B.I. Post Offices, it has only recently moved into large modern quarters in a new building. Most efficiently well-run by Postmaster James H. Gibson and a competent staff, it processes very large mails daily. Current cancelling devices include four identical 30 mm FREEPORT C.D.S. and an American made electric cancelling machine, which latter was placed in use about November 1963, as was that at West End (same type). Postmaster Gibson has on his desk a large oval TRD inscribed "POSTMASTER'S OFFICE, FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA", type 20V-6, used to frank official correspondence. This TRD is not normally used as a cancelling device. On my good-natured urging, Postmaster Gibson and his whole staff sought in every nook and cranny for a long forgotten (but not by me!) "SHIP MAIL, FREEPORT" T.R.D., found at last in a file drawer. Issued in May 1960, it was still set on a 1960 date. It had early gotten mutilated, the word "SHIP" illegible, and tossed away in a drawer for probable future use of the handle, containing the dateline roller. In the search, the Postmaster unearthed an old, (unreported) oval "AIR MAIL, FREEPORT" T.R.D., (type 20V-6) the handle and date device long gone. After posting some 12 letters from my shirt-pocket with these marks, the cancels were placed in despatch to GPO Nassau "for repair and replacement".

In the course of my rambles, I tried to find the old Pine Ridge lumber camp which had a Post Office, (1945-1957), however, only the old railroad ties remain, twisted and rotting. Later, in Miami, friend John Gavalek came up with a 1956 photograph of the P.O. building itself and Postmaster C. V. Albury.

At West End, I had the good fortune to encounter the Reverend Hield, who had just come up from Deep Water Cay, which lies near the southeastern end of G.B.I. According to the Commissioner, Reverend Hield was the oldest sub-postmaster known to him, 100 years old. Although I've found no record of a Deep Water Cay p.o., Reverend Hield serves in the capacity of sub-postmaster, handling all mail, including registered matter, incoming and outgoing. He could not recall whether or not he had ever had a postmark of his own, but I sent a couple of covers back home with him to see what markings resulted. At this writing, they had not had time to return. Two sons generally accompany him up to West End from time to time, by his own fishing boat. He is still quite agile and carefully protects his mailpouch, a small wooden hand-case.

Only Freeport p.o. had any representative stamp stock, and no commemoratives. I did see a few of the Red Cross issue on incoming mail from Nassau and several out-islands, but spotted no "new" TRD's in these mails. Ink-colors of postmarks in the Bahamas p.o.'s depend solely on which ink-pad is closest, I might mention. Authority for a new "branch" post office on G.B.I., was still pending, however I had the pleasure of designing a new TRD for its future opening.

Special thanks are expressly due for the success of this trip to Commissioner Colin McDonald, PMG Claude Saunders, PAA/RCA, the Grand Bahama Club, Fred Burmester and each of the various Postmasters.

SPECIMEN STAMPS OF ST. LUCIA (Continued)

By Robert J. Devaux.

This list is assumed to be complete, any errors or omissions should be reported to this Journal. Illustrations are shown when known. Quantities printed are unknown.

1933-47	Postage Due	1d. 2d. 4d. 8d.	Perforated Specimen in Semicircle
1935	Silver Jubilee	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1/-.	" "
1936	George V	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1d. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. 4d. 6d. 1/- 2/6 5/- 10/-	" " Also 5/- & 10/- shown perforated "CANCELLED"
1937	Coronation	1d. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" Specimen in straight line from lower-left to upper right
1938 - 43	George VI	$\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1d. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2d. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. 6d. 1/- 2/- 5/- 10/-	" " " Specimen in semicircle. " CANCELLED in straight line horizontally.
1938 - 43	George VI	5/- 10/-	" "
1946	George VI	8d. 3/- £ 1	" "
1946	Peace	1d. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	" Perforated in semicircle.

Specimen stamps are no longer required by the U.P.U. This cancellation is now used for official reasons only.

BERMUDA NOTES:

The following information was sent in several months ago, but due to lack of space, haven't been able to publish it. However the information will still be of interest to the members.

While at the Hamilton Post Office two weeks ago, I got a few bits of information which you might like to include as notes for the Journal:

(a) Mrs. Caton, who is responsible for the issuance of all stamps for both postal and philatelic purposes told me that she has found several sheets of the 3d. stamps with a colour missing on one or two rows. This has occurred at all positions, top, middle and bottom. Whenever she has found such a sheet, it has been destroyed. However, as she does not have time to examine each sheet carefully, she believes other copies with a colour missing may have got into circulation.

(b) Mrs. Caton believes that there are three regular variations in the current set. These are:

2d. Plate 1A No 32. Broken frame line just above the palm frond on the left hand side.

8d. Plate 1B No 50. Square in lower right corner has been retouched and is very dark blue.

1/- Plate 1B No 28 Rear spire (right) on the steeple is broken.

I have copies of these.

(c) The so-called "Late Letter" still exists, but is no longer marked as such. The normal time of closing for AIR MAIL is 11:30 A.M. However, for the following hour, mail with double postage is added to that being prepared for dispatch to the airport about 1:00 p. m. This is to discourage the Bermuda businessmen from waiting until the last minute to bring in their mail for overseas.

(d) In Ludington's "BERMUDA", Devonshire North is shown as an active postoffice. This office was closed officially on 30 September, 1959.

Dr. J. C. Arnell.

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SWAP COLUMN.

The following was received too late to get in the regular Swap Column:

Disposing of my holdings (all used, no mint) of all the BWI except the Leeward Islands group collected for postmarks (off-paper, on piece, covers). Also Falkland Islands, mostly mint, but few postmarks. Will exchange for Leeward Islands material - mint (printings, plates, fly-specks); used, (postmarks, fly-specks). Mutual agreement on valuation of postmarks changing hands.

Stanley C. Durnin.

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More than one pessimist got that way by financing an optimist.

JAMAICA - INTER-AMERICAN SCOUT CONFERENCE.

A special issue to commemorate the Vith Inter-American Sobut Conference will be placed on sale by the Post & Telegaphs Dept., from Thursday the 27th of August, 1964, to Tuesday the 24th November 1964.

Denominations	Description
3d.	This stamp will be in thæe colors - red, grey and black and will depict the Scoutt Belt. 1.12" x 1.285" perf. to perf.
8d.	In three colors - black, deep yellow-olive and blue, depicting the Scout Hat and Scarf. 1.12" x 1.285" perf to perf.
1/-	In two colors, blue and gold and will be triangular in shape, depicting the Scout Badge, 1.9" along both sides of the isosceles triangle with the right angle falling at the apex.

These stamps will be printed in sheets of 60, by the Photogravure process, with the new pineapple watermark. Harrison and Sons, Ltd. are the printers.

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KINGSTON DOUBLE RING CANCELLATIONS:

I am attempting to type and classify the Kingston double-ring cancels by type and index numbers. Anyone having duplication of these marks please let me know. I am especially interested in determining whether the letters X, Y and Z were used. Anyone having duplicates from their collection, will trade or buy. Also, has anyone in the group ever typed these marks, or know of any literature on the typing of them?

A. N. Johnson.

J A M A I C A J O T T I N G S

By Robert Topaz.

Back at the typewriter after three pleasant months of work, travel and stamping, so here is a short resume of some of the things that I have seen in Jamaican postmarks.

We have seen further proof of the existence of two distinctly different marks of SPANISH TOWN - first type - straight line - Nicholson's T1. I now have seen at least three examples of each type, and there is no question whatsoever, in my mind, that they are completely different.

Bert Latham has brought a query to us about the early straight line marks of Falmouth. I am reasonably sure that his suspicions are right, and that there are at least two different marks for this town in their type T2 (Nicholson). This is the type with the letters "JA" under the word Falmouth. Would anyone possessing this mark please give me the overall length of the word "Falmouth", the height of the letters in the name, and whether or not it has a line under the letters "JA". Also the date.

Also saw in England - courtesy of Mr. Surtees - the very unusual fleuron markings of "Mexico" and "Cartagena". These unusual covers show the use of these marks in Kingston, Jamaica, as transit marks. For reference, please note Robson Lowe's Handstruck Stamps of the Empire - pages 46 and 50 in the third edition. I wonder how many of these marks might be in collections other than Jamaica in this world. Must be very rare in any case.

Also have seen for the first time the unusual "RETURNED FOR POSTAGE", mark type M39 of Nicholson. This is on an unusual part cover, which was mailed from Kingston on Aug. 6, 1851 and stamped with a "JAMAICA SHIP LETTER" mark. This mark was then inked out and the M39 mark stamped upon it. There is another Kingston Paid mark dated 21 Aug. 1851, on the letter and a "Steamship 10" U.S. marking. Very interesting.

Have seen the second tablet ship mark that I have had the pleasure of seeing. This is a mark of about the same size and shape as the "Returned Letter Branch" or "Telegraph" mark of the late 19th century, an oblong with the corners knocked off. It reads "JAMAICA SHIP MAIL" and is dated 2 DE 74 (1874). If there is anyone interested in knowing more intimate details of any of the above marks please get in touch with the writer.

There has been a flurry of new EKD's on the Squared Circle marks in the last few months. My thanks to all of the contributors, especially Arthur Courtney and Tom Moseley.

Kingston type 1 3 arc

I B 23 JU 86 I G 3 AU 85 II O 7 AU 86 II Q 28 MY 85 III A 26 AP 84
III T 7 NO 89 IV A 29 JY 84 IV D 26 AU 86 IV F 21 AU 88 V Z 9 FE 85.

Kingston type 1a 3 arc

4 N 8 SP 90 4 T 10 AP 90

Kingston type 2 2 arc

1 N 7 MY 90 2 E 24 MR 90 3 G 29 MY 90 3 R 7 OC 90

Kingston type 3 large

A 2 7 SP 00 C 2 27 OC 00 F 2 5 OC 00 N 2 1 SP 00

Cross Keys, index D 19 MR 84

Devon has been reported with Index letter "A" - no date.

Hagley Gap has been reported with blue ink dated 22 JU 05.

The only new listing in the Obliterator section is A39 on the 2nd provisional.

Still new TRD's being discovered and Arthur Courtney has a partial that certainly appears to be "ABOVE ROCKS", on an arms issue stamp. Never before noted. Clint von Pohle reports TRD's from Fyffes Pen - more details later, I hope. Modern TRD's reported are CLAY GROUND by Tom Moseley and Clint von Pohle, dated 18 Feb. 1964 - Cornwall dated 30 March 1964, HESSEN CASTLE dated April 20, 1964, courtesy of Harold Box via Al Johnson and GARLANDS dated 3 April 1964. I am assuming that the latter is taking the place of Hutchins Hill, which was reported moved to Garlands in the last Journal. All the above new TRD's are the new type 37 and in violet ink. GARDEN HILL noted in black ink dated 30 AP 64 - reads "JAMAICA, W.I." - type 37a. Some of the TRD's are being used for a long time like LEWISBURG which is still using their mark - after 20 months or so.

Six new MSR's, all with asterisks above the date are reported -
Fellowship Ginger Ridge Rowlandsfield Negril Mylertsfield Scarborough
12 MY 64 18 MY 64 7 AP 64 4 MY 64 6 AP 64 31 MR 64

Gayle has been noted without the asterisk - 19 MY 64.

The old 1/- Queen Elizabeth II value has been kicked around a bit lately. The first "Independence" overprint was applied on the upper half of the stamp, contrary to the practice on the balance of the series. In the last several months, this overprint was seen with the position dropped to the lower half of the stamp. This was apparently used in only a few offices, for during April and May, especially, most or many offices were using the stamp without the overprint.

The Miss World 1/- and 1/6 have both been reported with doubled printings.

For those who are Railway fans, we can now report the finding of a HARTLANDS type 1 Railway Mark, dated 15 Jan 1903. This is about ten years earlier than the EDK reported, and thus fills a long gap.

Because of the many changes in the town listing, we will not report any this month, but will consolidate next issue.

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The following item appeared in Sanders' Philatelic Journal, Vol. 10, No. 5, dated July 1964.

JAMAICA:

May 25, 1964. "Miss World" issue in miniature sheet.

~~1/2~~ sheet: 3d. plus 1/- plus 1/6.

Note: The Surcharge element of the face value of this sheet is in aid to the charities which benefit from the Miss World competition.

I have been unable to ascertain to what charities the excess of 1/6d. was given. Anyone having information on this please let me know.

A. N. Johnson, Editor.

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What this country needs is to have a designer of women's swim suits serve as the Director of the Budget.