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EDITORIAL

The past year has been a most satisfying one to your Editor. The membership has responded willingly, in fact eagerly, with much new information on the British West Indies, a great deal of which has been undertaken as a research project by individual members and other material by groups of our philatelists. I am quite proud to belong to such a group of interested men and women, who find time to disseminate their philatelic knowledge and findings to our Group, for the benefit of the whole.

It would be hard to list all of the authors involved, so let me extend my thanks to all of you for the support you have given me in keeping our Journal a real, live mirror of B.W.I. philately.

It doesn't seem possible that we are going into our fifth year of publication, the time has passed, for me, so pleasantly. The friends and acquaintances that I have made while Editor, has been a very heart warming experience - so let me wish each one of you -

Silent Night



A Very Merry Christmas and a most happy and philatelically enjoyable New Year.

Al Johnson

NEW MW MBWES -

Wm. HERBERT HENRY CROW, 90 Brading Crescent, Wanstead, London, E.11, England.
BRIAN ARTHUR DAVIS, 103 Manners Bay, Southend, Sussex, England.
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KIEPURA, WILLIAM T., Box 333, Soledad, California.

The above new members' philatelic preferences and affiliations will be found in the November, 1964 Journal.

NEW APPLICATIONS -

CASSIDY, MARK, LT. COL., (RET.), 91 Kennedy Drive, Saverna Park, Md. 21146. Occupation Government employee, Collects B.W.I., Canada, Newfoundland, Germany, (except East), Switzerland, Specialty, Jamaica. Member of APS, American Philatelic Congress, Germany Philatelic Society, Jamaica Study Group, Baltimore Philatelic Society.

DORN, PAUL A., P. O. BOX 36035, Los Angeles 36, Calif. Occupation, Insurance Agent and Broker. Collects British Empire and Commonwealth, Specialties, B.C.A. Papua, Rhodesia and Zululand. Member of A.F.S., Philatelic Club of Los Angeles, Life Member of Junior Philatelic Society, Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

WILMOT, VINCENT S., 352 South 3rd Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y. Occupation, Chemist, Collects British America, Specialties Jamaica, Cayman Islands and St. Vincent. Member A. P. S.

WONG, RONALD, 1/8 North American Life, 11 Duke St., Kingston, Jamaica. Occupation, Salesman, Collects B.W.I., Specialties, Jamaica and Cayman Islands.

If no adverse reports are received by the Secretary within thirty days, the above named applicants will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for full membership.

ADDRESS CHANGES -

Stanley C. Dyrnin, AFsec, MAAG, Box 218, APO 665, New York, N. Y.
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Mr. Richard Thayer, 8420 Old Stable Road, Indian Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243.
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We regret to note in the American Philatelist for November, called to our attention by Fred Seifert, that our member, R. B. Frishmuth of Basking Ridge, N. J. has passed away. We are grieved to hear this and extend our sincerest sympathy to his family.

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JOE CHIN ALEONG has written that he has received information that St. Vincent will issue three issues between February and September 1965, One to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of their Botanical Gardens, An I.T.U. Issue and a new definitive set.

NEW ISSUES, WITHDRAWALS, FURTHER PRINTINGS, ETC.

BRITISH GUIANA - Olympic Issue, 5, 8 and 25 cents, in sheets of 100, printers, Thos. De La Rue & Co., Ltd, by photogravure process watermarked C.A.Block, lozenge shaped, 32mm x 32.5mm perf. to perf. Design common to all values, weightlifter, with the Royal Cypher and Olympic symbol.

BERMUDA - Olympic Issue, 8d, in sheets of 60, Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., printers, by photogravure, watermark C.A.Block, size 29mm x 39mm., perf.to perf. colors, violet, mauve and red, design Finn boat.

ST VINCENT - Scout Issue, printed by Messrs Harrison and Sons.,Ltd., by offset lithography on C.A. Block watermark paper, measuring 1.3672 inches by 1.1 inches perf.to perf. in vertical format, colors and values, 1 cent, Green and Chocolate, 4 Cents, Blue and Brown/Purple, 20 cents, Gold and Dark Purple, 50 Cents, Red and Green, date of issue, Nov. 23, 1964.

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS - Arts Festival issue overprints on current definitive, reading "Arts/Festival/St.Kitts/1964" on 3 cent and 25 cents.

JAMAICA - Xth Commonwealth Parliamentary Issue placed on sale Nov. 16, 1964 on the opening day of the conference. Printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., on pineapple watermarked paper, 1.590" x 1.175" perf. to perf, and by the photogravure process, 60 stamps per sheet. Colors and values, 3d, Green, Gordon House, Kingston, 6d. Red, Headquarters House, Kingston, 1/6d. blue, Old House of Assembly, Spanish Town.

Further printings of current issues.

British Guiana, 12cents and \$1.

Barbados, 1 cent, 24 and 60 cents.

Bahamas, 2d.

Trinidad, 1 cent, 5, 6, and 12 cents.

St. Vincent, 25 cents.

The new issue for the VIRGIN ISLANDS has been received and is a most attractive definitive. Printed by Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., by recess printing on Block C.A. watermarked paper in sheets of 50. Issued November 2, 1964 with the 1 cent to 25 cents in horizontal format and the 70 cents to \$1.40 in vertical format, the \$2.80 a slightly larger size vertical. Colors, values and designs as follows -

1 cent	Olive and Slate Blue	Bonito fish
2 cents	Carmine and Olive	Soper's Hole.
3 "	Blue and Brown	Brown Pelican
4 "	Red and Black	Dead Man's Chest.
5 "	Green and Black	Road Harbour
6 "	Brown orange and Black	Fallen Jerusalem
8 "	Pink and Black	The Baths, Virgin Gorda
10 "	Violet and Red/Brown	Map of Virgin Islands.
12 "	Grey violet and green	Ferry Service
15 "	Brown violet and Green	The Towers
25 "	Violet and Green	Beef Island Airfield.
70 "	Yellow brown and black	Map of Tortola.
\$1.00	Brown and Light green	Virgin Gorda.
1.40	Pink and Ultramarine	Yachts at Anchor.
2.80	Cerise and Black	Badge of the Colony.

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It is never wise to argue with a fool - the bystanders do not know which is which.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE -

To me, this has been one fast, hectic year. My personal business has required most of my time, thus preventing me from visiting and politicking around with our members. However, many of you have written and from these letters and their many subjects, it appears that we do have a live-wire membership with almost unlimited ideas.

We are acquiring new members from other groups and most important, we are actually attracting persons who have never been affiliated with other philatelic organizations.

Each of you have your own reasons why this organization appeals to you. Each of your officers and Trustees, your Editor, and many of your associates are trying to give you a lot more good reasons why you should continue to be a member and participate in some of the research work which you continually read about in our Journal. Your collection may be very small, and your interests very limited, but all of the rest of us still want to know what you are doing. So keep these articles coming for our Journal so we can all learn.

During 1965, every one of you has an assigned project. This is to find a new member. If you cannot find a collector, find a person with time on his hands, and make a collector out of him. Someone probably did this with you in years past and now you must make our membership and hobby continue to grow.

We need to more than double our membership so as to be able to provide you with a "slick-sheet" Journal. I attempted to do this during the past year, but we are just simply not large enough yet. When this goal is attained, we can then make good use of photographs and cuts and all illustrations can be accurate in detail. In addition, your Editor can have time to develop more good philatelic literature instead of having to spend so much time cutting stencils along with the printing detail.

How many of you would like to spend a one week vacation in Florida with Mom and little angels during this coming winter? I'll bet they would like it in the ocean and sun, and you could have one big stampfest with the rest of our addicts. It would probably be one of the best attended meeting ever for a group of our size. We could even schedule our annual get-together at that time and have our own big auction as part of the entertainment.

If this idea sounds good to you, write to our Editor immediately and tell him so. We will plan things your way. Lets meet in the Sun this time.

This year a considerable amount of time has been spent by your Trustees in trying to make some improvements in our Constitution. Now that we are growing, it needs to be updated and some of the wording changed to permit more flexibility and latitude, and still keep it so that we have a group that will want to stay together. We still have to get your approval to make changes, so our thinking and planning should merit your attention. There may be something we have overlooked and we need your comments, be they good or bad.

There are to be several minor changes modifying, deleting or adding some new words or sentences, but most is routine to effect the following major ideas:

1. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer should be set up so that they can be combined while our group is still limited in size. This can enable us to make the Secretary/Treasurer our official "vote counter" on elective matters.
2. Make both the Secretary/Treasurer as well as the Editor appointive positions, to serve at the pleasure of the Trustees. Either position can be selected from the members at large. Both are "career" jobs which require much time and attention, both are difficult to fill with suitable persons, and frequently changing renders both very ineffective.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE (continued) -

- 3. Both the Secretary/Treasurer and the Editor can be Trustees, but they do not have to be.
- 4. Have the Vice President automatically move up to the Presidency when his term is completed. After a year as V.P., he should be better prepared than anyone else.
- 5. Change election of Trustees to the middle of the year so we will have a new President for certain on January 1st. We now have a terrible time squeeze getting this accomplished.
- 6. Lastly, and this does not affect the Constitution; prepare a more expanded Ballot so you will know the qualifications of each person running for Trustee with a paragraph or two about his interests. Right now, some of us might just as well have numbers instead of names.

It is very possible that we can save a lot of time and expense if each of you would write a letter to Reg Lant as follows:

Itemize each of the above numbers, and after each, write either a yes or no, as you decide. If the answer is no, then tell us what you think is right, but do sign these letters.

If we get enough yes votes we will make the changes in the Constitution.

If enough no votes show up, we will then know what you want done.

Finally, I want to personally thank each of you for being a part of our Group. We do have the makings of the finest specialty group or society, as many of our members are outstanding in their particular fields and world renowned. Each will do his part when the time comes and all of us will benefit accordingly. Get those new members fast.

Byron R. Cameron.

BRITISH GUIANA

Corrections and additions to article on Double Circle Postmarks.

By. Col. Fred F. Seigert.

Since publication in the November 1964 Journal of the article on British Guiana Double Circle Postmarks, further information has become available, which calls for a few additions and changes to the original listings. It has been suggested that the title of the article might be misleading since the double circle postmarks have been used at later dates. To clarify this the words "of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries", might be added to the title. The following changes will bring the article up to date:

Type DC1

- BARTICA-GROVE (note hyphen) Change LKD to 20 MR 01.
- BENAB-CORENTYNE COAST - add LKD to - - 92.
- GOOD SUCCESS (2 1/2mm letters) change LKD to AU 22 91.

Type DC1a

Mr. F. G. Howe of Devon, England comments on this "You sub-divide Good Success, which made me look up 20 strikes, but I honestly doubt the existence of the "fleuron type ornament"." I see what you mean, but think it more likely to be due to wear and tear, and

some damage to the rings of the stamp". After further study, your writer is inclined to agree with Mr. Howe and is removing this type from his list.

Type DC2

Reference the date JA 31 19, given for Leguan, Mr. Howe advises that this is not an error, but was used as an abbreviation for 1900. A strike of Plaisance dated 23 FE 19 as well as one for Taymouth Manor dated JA 29 19 has been recorded.

MET.EN.MEERZORG - add Code B May 10, 99.

TAYMOUTH MANOR (Small Dashes). The writer has recently acquired two examples of this mark dated OC 24 99 used on receipts issued to the sender of Registered Letters as well as a strike dated JA 29 19 (1900) used as the delivery office mark on an Official Telegram envelope. On these strikes the dashes are very large and thick, and there is also a dash between TAYMOUTH and MANOR. On the 1900 strikes some of the letters are partially filled in with ink. This stamp appears to have been retired from use as a cancelling device about late 1889 or 1890 (early), probably because of deterioration, and subsequently been employed by the counter clerk to date the various forms and telegrams requiring an office stamp. The type with dots replaced it as a cancellation mark.

AGRICOLA change LKD to OC 22 1903.

Type DC 2b

ALBOUYSTOWN - Change MY 29 89 to MY 29 99

BELFIELD - Change EKD to MY 25 83

Add:

DALGIN 24 - 1 1/4 mm JA 18 95 - - 04

ENMORE - Change EKD to JA 23 83

M.O.O. NEW AMSTERDAM AU 19 95 NO 5 95

NEW AMSTERDAM (24 - 1 1/2 mm) Change LKD to SP 12 85

Add:

NEW AMSTERDAM 23 - 1 1/4 mm Code A OC 6 93 JU 10 95

Code B AU 13 92

Code C JA 6 94 JU 10 95

No Code OC 30 95

Note: Letters on this stamp are narrower and town and country closer together than on the 24 - 1 1/2 mm type.

STANLEY TOWN - This mark has dots at the sides and should be listed under the DC2 heading. The EKD given as AP 27 88 may be AP 27 89, the last digit of the year being incomplete.

SUDDIE - Change LKD to JA 20 3.

Type DCG1

Change EKD to 26 MY 80 and LKD to JA 23 83

Type DCG1a

Change EKD to OC 29 81 and LKD to - JU 89.

Type DCG2

Change Code E - EKD to FE 4 86 and LKD to JU 25 94.

Add to Code D - LKD DE 6 94.

Type DCG3

Change Code C - LKD to OC 5 93

Add Code D - LKD 26 FE 90

Type DCGza
Change Code C - LKD to AU 20 06 or later (On SG 250, issued 1906).
Add Code D - 25 JY 90.

Type DCG4

ADD:

Code A JU 7 1895
Code F JU 27 1895
Code K MY 30 1894
No Code NO 15 1893

GRENADA STAMPS, CANCELLATIONS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

Several of our members have been corresponding with Mr. A. J. Large, of Mount Edcombe, Grenada for some time for postmarks, covers, etc. He has written Ed. Doak and me that he would like to enlarge his outlets for covers and ancillary material. His prices are excellent and he has recently sent me photographs of many of the postoffices in Grenada. These pictures add a good deal to interest of any postmark collection. Anyone interested in these items should write him mentioning either Ed. Doak or my name. He will be glad to send you some material on approval.

Al Johnson.

Robert Topaz has an inquiry for the membership:

"Can anyone give any information or listing of Grenada postal stationery. I am particularly looking for information about some postal cards that read:

"UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
GRENADA. (DE GRENADA).

The Address only to be Written on this side"

The picture on the embossed stamp is not the usual picture of Queen Victoria, (if indeed it is her), and has rounded corners rather than 90° corners - several values noted. (Editor's Note: I have one copy of this issue, measuring 125 x 87 mm overall, with this stamp in penny halfpenny denomination, in brown orange ink, "POSTAGE" in curve at top of stamp and value in curve at bottom. Someone has pencilled notation "V. Rare £5" on it.)

NORM THETFORD writes that he has an unusual paquebot that he picked up from Basseterre, St. Kitts, straight line, italicized, seriffed mark, measuring 23½mm letters 2½mm high. Looks like the stamp was made from a typewritten model. Norm says he had difficulty obtaining this mark from the window clerk and had to appeal to the mail supervisor for it.

Howard L. Godwin, Benoni, S. Africa writes "First World Censor Stamp of Bermuda, Type Ludington CML5 on cover with Machine Cancellation ML. Have one dated 11 FE 16, which is a month earlier than listed on p 105 of Ludington's Bermuda."

Howard Godwin also states that he will be glad to furnish South African stamps or FDC's to anyone in the group interested at face. His address Box 538, Benoni, South Africa.

NOTES ON ANTIGUA

By. Mark Swetland.

Answers to a number of questions have come in since my queries in the May Journal. My thanks are again extended to all who have written and helped.

Mr. V. N. F. Surtees has kindly loaned Bob Topaz a copy of the 2¹/₂d. "misplaced duty plate" variety. This has been photographed by Bob and copies made available both for Mr. W. G. Cornell and for myself. If anyone should wish a copy of the slide, please let me know. Bill Cornell has now been able to confirm that he does have a copy of the variety. Now this is another item which I need. Does this variety occur on all issues of the 2¹/₂d. or only one issue?

Mr. Stanley C. Durnin has supplied the following on the postoffice at English Harbour:

"English Harbour c.d.s. was supplied by the G.P.O., London on Dec. 10, 1857.
A18 killer was supplied by the G.P.O., London, on June 1, 1858.
The English Harbour postoffice was abolished on Jan. 1, 1879 and the c.d.s. was withdrawn on that date but has been seen dated April 12, 1884."

Mr. Surtees in the September Journal reported that he had examples of English Harbour cancellations dated 1881 and 1886. An 1885 cover was owned by Dr. Urwick. Why are there postmarks after the postoffice was supposedly abolished? Where was or were the hand-stamps used after 1879? Can anyone answer these questions?

Mr. Crawford Paton has supplied considerable data on the early issues of Antigua, particularly SG 1, 15 and 19. Since his information is sufficient for a full article, it will appear in the Journal soon. Mr. Paton has given us the opening date of the English Harbour postoffice as 1857.

The list of re-entries given by Mr. Surtees in his articles in the Journal can now be modified on the basis of information supplied by Mr. Surtees. He has kindly forwarded a letter from Mr. W. E. Lea containing the following information:

"---and wish to inform you that No. 118 on the right-hand pane of the 6d. Antigua is a re-touch and not a re-entry. The re-touch occurs under the 'N' and 'E' of 'PEN'CE' and shows a strengthening of the engine turning below these two letters. There is also another re-touch on No. 120 which shows a strengthening of the background below 'SIX'; in this case the re-touch is in the diagonal lines.

With this information we can revise the list of re-entries to read one plate flaw, stamp No. 24, two re-touches, stamps No. 118 and No. 120 and six re-entries. Whether these terms are strictly accurate in all cases can be questioned but let's use them until better information is available.

The list of re-entries given by Mr. Surtees in his article in the Journal for March, 1962, Volume 2, Number 2, contains a description of all of the varieties except the re-touch on No. 118, which he has now supplied.

Bill Cornell has suggested that the re-entries be photographed. This is a phase of the hobby which I have just become interested in with the result that a modest investment in equipment has been made. The results to date show continued improvement in technique and now fairly good slides can be obtained. The use of a bellows extension permits sufficient magnification that the details of the re-entries stand out quite clearly.

As soon as all of the re-entries have been photographed, I will be happy to have slides made up in sets or singly as members request. At the moment I have slides of only four

of the re-entries. I have the two re-entries on the 1d. but need copies of the other two on the 6d. stamp before I can supply complete sets. Presently, I have slides of the Morton Evans, the Iremonger and the two Sefi re-entries.

The British West Indies collection formed by Dr. Reginald H. Urwick, a member of the group until his death, was auctioned by Robson Lowe on 6th and 7th of October. This sale was of especial interest to members interested in Antigua because of the 75 lots of Antigua material, both covers and stamps, that were included. This collection had the most extensive variety of pre-stamp covers to come on the market in the last several years.

If any one knows where I can obtain a personal copy of the Charlton Henry Auction sales catalogues, the information will be most appreciated. (Editors note: I have copies of the two catalogues with prices realized if you would like to have them copied.)

The new Antigua Shakespeare stamp has been reported to exist with watermark inverted. In a letter to the editor printed in the August 21, 1964 issue of Philatelic Magazine, Isis Stamp Service, Oxford England, reports that he distributed this variety since his first lot of Antigua were all this variety. Further supplies were found to be normal. Perhaps some member has more about this which can be shared with the rest of us in the next issue of the Journal.

Comments on all of the above will be welcomed and also acknowledged.

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SWAP COLUMN:

I would like to swap two Bermuda GEO VI stamp booklets (1 left hand staples, 1 right hand staples) for an Airmail booklet of Bermuda, but other Bermuda items would be considered.
Howard L. Godwin.

Understand that there are in the Grenada alphabetical obliterators, an 'H' mark. Haven't seen or heard of it until recently. Have all of the other alphabetical oblits of Grenada from 'A' to 'G' in duplication and will make good trade for one reading 'H', if it actually exists.

Al Johnson.

WANTED - MORE SWAP ADS - This department could be a going concern if you would let us know what you have to swap and what you need. Write your Editor.

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Have the following letter from Charles Maynard, member of the Trinidad P. S., which I am passing along as information :

"I think I really have something for you this time. On August 24, the postoffice established three new postoffices to replace the GPO in St. Vincent (St.), for the sale of stamps. This because the Treasury Building which houses the GPO is being turned over to the newly established Central Bank of T & T. The GPO itself is to be housed in a new building on Wrightso Road but this will take about a month before it is completed.

The new offices were (1) St. Vincent Street, located a block further up the street from the present GPO and coincidentally in the same renovated building now housing the Dept. of the Control Board (Commerce Import Permits, etc., where the old postoffice was prior to moving down the road in 1938). (2) George Street P.O. located in one of the Govt. multi-storied lower-income flats, and (3) Park Street P.O. at the corner of Park and Frederick Streets half a block from Jim Chalmer's office (Jim is prexy of the T.P.S.) When the opening date came along the date stamps ordered from England had not arrived, so

the GPO had dies made up locally. These were replaced by the English dies when they arrived. These local dies were in use for only four days and are therefore very rare. Moreso, since I have learned that mail posted in the letter box at the offices were collected in the normal way and sent to the GPO for stamping. Mine were handed back to me over the counter.

Now the strange thing, the St. Vincent Street P.O. did not and will not have a separate dater until the new building is in use. In other words the St. Vincent Street P.O. is not really a branch P.O., but is still a sort of watered down G.P.O."

Charles Maynard sent me FDC's of all of these what may be called Temporary Steel Die cancels and a later one from another P.O. "Clarke Road". The cancels all are single ring measuring 31mm in diameter with the postoffice name above and Trinidad below and the date in one line in the center. The first three are dated Aug. 24, 1964 while the Clarke Road cover is dated Sept. 24, 1964. A later cover commemorating the opening of the G.P.O. on Wrightson Road, (New), carries a Port of Spain single ring cancel dated 7 OCT 64.

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BAHAMAS BITS

BY THE BAHAMA BUM.

After ten long years the Bahamas will issue a new definitive set of postage stamps that will be released approximately January 7, 1965. This set will have only 15 values instead of the usual 16 as the 5d. will be dropped because of the small usage of this value. Surface mail rate to Canada and England, and in today's air age people don't want 30 day delivery. The new set will be the same size as the present definitive set but will be printed in six colors and in my opinion will be the most beautiful set of stamps issued for any British Colony. Mr. Claude Saunders, P.M.G. of the Bahamas, showed me the proofs as accepted from Bradbury, Wilkinson, the designs all with native scenes plus the Queen's portrait in either of four or six colors are to say the least outstanding and may well be a criterion for other colonies.

The remaining stocks of the present definitive set are expected to last, but in the event they do not, there may well be an overprint because it takes more than 90 days to receive anything from the Crown Agents as they have more business than they can handle, which is why some stamps are printed outside of England.

There will be no more postal stationery until the present stocks are depleted. Only one value, the 1d. is being sold in the coil machine in front of the G.P.O., whereas a year and a half ago the 2d., 1d., 3d., 6d., and 1/- were being dispensed. One year ago the 2d., 1d. and 3d. stamps were being sold from the machine and six months ago only the 2d. and 1d. remained.

The finance office of the postoffice was affixing the new overprinted 8d. on the 1/- Olympic stamp to thousands of covers that were sent in to bear first day cancels.

A new TRD showed up from the out islands. It is similar to Gale Raymond's 2 OV 2. The double oval in black measures 50mm long by 25mm wide, inscribed COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE at top GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR at bottom with single line date in center. Earliest use that I have is Aug. 31, 1964. Incidentally, those members who are without Gale Raymond's TRD book missed the boat as this pamphlet is invaluable. A short while ago a copy appeared in a British auction with a reserve of \$2.00, twice what we paid a few years ago. How about another printing, Gale?

I arrived in Nassau Monday, Sept 21 and in the afternoon the first resumption of Cuba to Nassau Air Service took place. A crowd of over 4,000 were at the airport to show their

displeasure at this resumption of service. The Prime Minister and Minister of Tele-Communications flew to England immediately to try to stop this service and abrogate the treaty of 1948 of regular air service. Nassau is very fearful of a bad press from the U.S.A. as their prosperity depends on the tourists and each week several thousand visit there from Miami alone. Today their economy is the best in their history, with hundreds of millions of American dollars being spent and invested there. They feel closer to the U.S.A. than they do to the homeland and don't want anything to disturb their greatest boom era.

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THE ST. LUCIA TYPE-SET POSTAGE DUES OF 1931.

by Robert J. Devaux.

In July 1933 the new De La Rue Postage Due 1d. and 2d. values were released and the locally produced type-set copies withdrawn from sale.

I believe it is possible to work out an average number of copies sold per month using a combination of the dated postmark and the corresponding serial number on that stamp.

My earliest date is April 17, 1931 on No. 2440 (1d.), and my latest is May 31, 1933, on No. 22730 (1d.) - a quantity of some 20,000 over a period of 26 months, which averages out to about 800 per month for the one penny denomination.

It is now possible to project this average backward in order to arrive at an approximate month of introduction of these stamps. This appears to be in mid-January 1931. When No. 1 was issued. Similarly using the 800 per month average and the fact that the stamps were withdrawn in July 1933 and that the highest number on an unused sheet of 1d. is 24000, they must have been in use for approximately 30 months or January 1931.

This looks good on paper, but does it actually work? Is it a reliable conclusion? Using intermediate dates of the 1d. a rather inconsistent picture emerges. However, I believe it is possible to arrive at a logical explanation of these differences.

Referring to the table of dated copies of the 1d. denomination two dates stand out, which tend to throw averages for a loop! i.e., October 1931 and January-February 1932.

My guess is that a lot of sheets were sold to collectors in the early months of 1931, and may have averaged more than 800 per month, (possibly 1,200 per month). All my copies of low serial numbers on the 1d. are unused, tending to bear out this theory.

Interest appears to have waned and a normal amount were sold averaging 300 per month for the next few months through October 1931. Gradually interest again grew and it appears a large call was made for these stamps around January-February 1932, when over 2,000 were sold. Their popularity was maintained throughout 1932 when an average of 800 per month were sold.

A strict numeral order was not followed and on occasion sheets of a high serial number were sold before lower numbered sheets were sold out. This is noticed in February and December 1932. Sales seem to have picked up in 1933, but this is expected as large quantities were sold to dealers when the stamps became obsolete in July 1933.

Using the dated copies of the 2d. denomination a similar picture emerges. The earliest date, January 1932 on No. 4997 (2d.) to the latest, February 1933 on No. 12753 (2d.) gives an average of about 600 copies per month. Bear in mind that January-February 1932 was also heavy in sales of the 2d. denomination, a truer average is obtained over the period February 1932 - February 1933, which works out to approximately 500 per month.

Projecting this backwards, as before, brings us to about March 1931, close enough to confirm this theory.

The highest number on an unused sheet of the 2d. denomination is 15,000 using an average of 500 per month indicates that they were used for 30 months.

I sum up with the guess that the month of issue for these type-set postage due stamps was February 1931. My reason being that a larger quantity was sold in the early months than the averages would indicate, due to the interest collectors and dealers had for these interesting labels. It certainly was no later than March 1931. My guess - and it is only a guess - therefore is February 1931.

May I close with a plea to the members with used copies of these stamps? Would interested collectors please submit a list of all dates on these labels to the editor or myself at address below, and include the corresponding serial number with the date and denomination? The more items available for inspection the more accurate the introduction date may be pinpointed. I shall submit a complete list of all dates sent me in order that interested collectors may all benefit from the information.

1.d. Type Set postage due

2110	17 AR 31
4090	OC 31
7336	JA 32
7360	25 JA 32
7288	7 FE 32
8116	10 FE 32
9735	4 FE 32
13548	16 JU 32
13620	16 JU 32
13707	16 JU 32
14567	16 JY 32
15880	3 SP 32
16270	27 OC 32
16816	30 NO 32
21195	15 DE 32
17868	15 FE 33
22730	31 MY 32

2d. Type-Set postage due

4997	25 JA 32
5019	25 JA 32
6670	22 FE 32
9356	16 JU 32
9660	16 JU 32
10108	16 JY 32
10807	11 AU 32
11879	7 OC 32
12090	30 NO 32
12373	15 DE 32
12753	15 FE 33

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MEMO ON ST. JOHNSTON'S, ANTIGUA CANCELLATIONS.

by Wm. G. Connell.

The Antiguan village of St. Johnston's is a model village in the parish of St. John and was named in honor of former Governor Sir Reginald S. Johnston. It was officially opened as a sub-p.o. on January 1, 1932, along with other "Tercentenary Year" offices, and officially closed on 31 March 1936. Cancellations from this office do not abound. Accordingly I was delighted to obtain recently an example of a St. Johnston's cancellation, ca 1932-33, unfortunately in the form of three partially superimposed strikes, on a cover to New York City, bearing a 3d. Tercentenary adhesive. As best one can measure multiple strikes, I find the cancel to be of Stan Durnin's Type 25, a single circle c.d.s. of $2\frac{3}{8}$ plus mm diameter, with ST JOHNSTONS (no apostrophe) above and ANTIGUA below in sans-serif letters of $2\frac{1}{2}$ plus mm height and $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm width, ("small letters". An asterisk surmounts a two line date of SP 18 3?, with the interrogation mark indicating a "2" or "3" subject to viewer's judgment. The writer would be grateful to hear from anyone having other St. Johnston's cancels, in order to obtain more conclusive information.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS.

by Robert Topaz.

Another two months has come and gone - and this closes out another year. A lot of good enjoyment has been had by many of us, but we all grieve the passing of two of the very best in Russell Gibson and Gilbert Collett this year.

Nat Surtees reports further on the Amity Hall T2 marking - the first one ever reported in the annals of Jamaican philately. The mark reads "Amity Hall" on one line with "JA" directly under it. The mark is reported as 50¹/₂mm long with 1¹/₂mm letters. The "JA" is 6mm high. Our congratulations, Nat.

If our Editor prints this on pink paper, it would be most appropriate. Last issue, I questioned the existence of the TPO TRD's numbered 1 to 3, as written up in an English magazine some months back. As soon as I wrote the column, I came across a half a dozen of the #2 mark, and since have reportedly heard of the existence of #3. Will someone please verify the existence of #1 and #3, and accept my apologies?

In the recent "D" listing, the postoffice of Dalton was inadvertantly omitted from the list. This should have read as follows:

<u>DALTON</u>	St Elizabeth parish	Opened 30 Nov. 1956.
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	7 DE 56
2. MSR	*	1 NO 58
		13 DE 56

Col. Fred F. Seifert has reported a TRD from Direct Cable that is apparently a bit different than any we have listed for that town. He reports a partial strike on a pair of stamps showing a heavily inked purplish black mark. The "1922" is part of the mark. The letters vary in measurable height between 3 - 5 mm. The word "Cable" is 19¹/₂mm long. There is no discernable line under the date. The right hand side of the "M" in Jamaica lines up with the right hand side of the crossbar of the "T" in Direct. Most of these characteristics are different from our listed TRD's. Please enter this in your listing as la.

Bert Latham showed us a very lovely cover with a straight line "Saint Ann's Bay" mark dated October 1836. The mark is all in caps - Nicholson type T3 - Foster T4. Some of these old marks are still showing up 150 or more years later.

Al Johnson has shown us the Wire Fence and Boyne Park TRD's and they are both type 37 and both in violet ink. Some while back I reported the opening of Boyne Tank, but this is in error and the right name is Boyne Park. Listed below are some others that Al has come across and I assume that they are all type 37 and all in violet ink. If not, I shall ask him to add a note to the bottom of this column:

Wire Fence	Trelawney	25 AU 64	Boyne Park	?	25 AU 64
Mount Ibanus	St Thomas	8 JU 64	Leinster	?	18 JU 64
Paisley	St James	12 MY 64			

If anyone can tell us the parishes to replace the question marks, I would appreciate it very much. An oddity among TRD's is the case of the Bohemia Postoffice. This office opened in October 1962 to our best knowledge and used a violet ink TRD. Apparently our good friend and fellow member Everard Aguilar sent a group of letters to be mailed to this office, where they should have received the TRD postmark and gone on to their destinations. Nothing happened however, until Al Johnson wrote to the Postmaster there and asked for a postmark of the TRD. That generous soul, sent Al not only a postmark but the

few dozen letters that Aguilar had mailed 20 months or so previously. And to top it all off, he postmarked them with a black ink TRD mark, even though the steel die mark had been in use for some time. It's easy to understand why Everard had given up servicing TRD covers. But our many thanks to both Everard and Al for providing a little insight into the vagaries of the Postal Service and also a little chuckle and an interesting cover.

Bert Latham has reported the following new oblits: A36L/F2, A4OH/2d. official and A6OH/1d. blue CC. And Harmer has announced the dates of the Collett auction (March 15-17, 1965) in which we should see the very rare "D" obliterator postmark.

I have heard reports of a new 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value wrapper with a new Arms design. I am sorry that I don't have one at hand to give the details of it. But we have seen a picture of a part sheet of 1/- National Stadium (New Definitive) stamps with one color missing. This error apparently was made when a sheet of paper was lying across the sheet of stamps when they were printed. Aguilar owns the sheet and is breaking it up at last reports

The only two single-rings that are new to me this month are Cliffords - noted with * on 24 AU 64 and Mike Town - also with * on 1 AU 64.

The BANBURY TRD which was noted in August in Blackish ink is now getting the characteristic distortion that accompanies the use of black ink on these rubber TRD's. FULLERTON PARK is a familiar name to me for some reason, although I just can't seem to place any record of this office. So please record, if you like, a TRD type 37 in violet ink dated 8 October 1964. (Editor's note: I have no record of this office, could you mean Fullersfield?) GARDEN HILL was using violet ink again in October and the mark seemed to be in good shape - if it is the same one that was being used with black ink, it is surprisong. NEWTON is an odd office that seems to be opening and closing quite a bit. It originally opened in 1946 with a TRD type 37. This TRD was used for several months and was then succeeded by a Birmingham type 1 mark. It was closed for a time during this period for an official notice announcing the reopening on Jan 20th, 1956 appeared. It still was using the B1 mark. However in 1961 another TRD type 37a was used for atleast eight months. I have no record of any postmarks since late 1961 until I note a new TRD type 37 dated Oct. 20, 1964. This differs in size and lettering from the 1946 mark. NUTFIELD is also using its second TRD (since about mid 1963). It originally used a type 37a, but in mid 1963 or later, it switched to a straight type 37 - also in violet ink. Now (Oct 1964), they are using purplish black ink.

Have just received a most colorful first day cover of the Parliamentary Conference Issue, and I find the stamps quite pleasing to the eye. The colors will show cancellations well, (I hope) and they are typical colors of the island. The issue is three stamps - issued 16 Nov., 1964. I assume that our good Editor will list them more fully elsewhere. Noticed in Stamp Collecting a listing of some minor varieties on the Scout Issue. Anyone desiring the information can get it by just dropping me a line.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL -- and I hope that you all had a merry Christmas.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Reg Lant advises that FRANCIS H CHASE address has been changed to P. O. Box 10, instead of 48, Plunkett, Sask., Canada. Within the next several months we will issue a revised membership listing. If you have changes in philatelic interests, membership affiliations or otherwise, please let your Editor know about them.

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Even if we could see ourselves as others see us, we wouldn't believe it.

BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES.

By Gale J. Raymond.

Sad to relate, the planned new sub-P.O. on Grand Bahama "fizzled". It was to have been at one of the very large tourist hotels, which needed the facility badly, however the Nassau and New Providence hotels heard of it and raised a holler, inasmuch as they themselves had been previously unsuccessful, and thereby effectively killed any future chances of better postal service. Special advisers were due to have revamped the Bahamas postal system in the past few months; however this has not occurred, at least its results have not yet been noted. PMG Saunders on 27th November, 1964 reports "As far as I am aware there were no Post Offices or sub-P.O.'s opened or closed during the past year nor have any datestamps, rubber or metal, been issued to my knowledge. The Sea Floor P.O. will not be reopened." He does give the tentative release date of the attractive new definitives as 7th Jan. 1965. Nassau newspapers reported last May a committee was to be selected to take under consideration the issuing of a special postage stamp honoring Sidney Poitier, the Bahamian "Best Actor" Academy Award winner of 1964. No further word has come of this as yet.

Colonel Seifert has come up with an odd "Jamaican Type" squared circle cancel on Sc #19, reading Bahamas at top with a "B" under. It is generally regarded as "doubtful", (or worse) and any further reports or facts would be much appreciated, pro or con.

New U. S. Navy cancels have turned up on recent covers from the Bahamas stations, that of Eleuthera now reading at bottom "1036 BR." and "1035 BR." at San Salvador. Effective January 1965, all U.S. APO and Navy P.O. numbers are being changed to ZIP-code-type numbers, so we can expect new cancels at all the Bahamas stations. The Navy P. O. for AUTEK on Andros Island is not expected until March; mail bearing U. S. stamps goes by daily US N plane to Miami International Airport, where it is then postmarked.

P.O. Lists from GPO Nassau do not now include DRIGGS HILL, Andros I., however this is an error, the P. O. is still open and active. To see if possibly the sub-P.O. at WALKERS CAY had been reactivated, Tracking Station friend posted a Bahamas letter to me there, which reached me with a large TRD "COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, GRAND CAY, BAHAMAS". The stamp itself was cancelled only by the normal WEST END, BAHAMAS machine cancellation. Grand Cay is a fairly large island east of Walkers Cay, and is a Port of Entry, without a sub-P.O. Eddie Adelson finds Governors Harbour mail coming out solely with the cancel "COMMISSIONERS OFFICE, GOVERNORS HARBOUR", suggesting the regular datestamp is out of circulation or use for some reason. He has also spotted the new registration rubberstamp mark there, (boxed), "REGISTERED /GOVERNORS HARBOUR".

Earlier last year a forthcoming special commemorative stamp of Bahamas was widely publicized, to portray the old "SEA FLOOR" post office and to honor the anniversary of the first undersea movie, taken in the Bahamas. As most collectors are now aware, this proposed stamp has now been absorbed into the new Bahamas definitive set, as the new 5/- value. From all reports the new definitive set will be a real eye-catcher, the wait has been rewarding, we hope. By all means, collectors should fill in NOW the blank spots in their albums of recent past Bahamas commemorative sets and singles in USED condition at current prices; they will cost you much more a year from now, you can rest assured.

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TURKS AND CAICOS "RURAL POST".

By Gale J. Raymond.

For several centuries, the favorite shipping-lane between Europe and the Caribbean has been through the Turks Island Passage. Turks Islanders have long been held in high regard as seamen, and ocean liners have regularly taken on crewmen there over the years, crewmen who in time return home considerably more informed, knowledgeable and literate. The intelligence level and literacy rate of the Turks and Caicos islanders continues high, and yet postal facilities over the years have appeared puzzlingly low. Aside from the GPO on Grand Turk, we have heretofore noted sub-P.O.'s only at COCKBURN HARBOUR, on South Caicos Island, established at least by 1923, and at SALT CAY, just southwest about five

miles from Grand Turk, with sub-P.O. established also about or by 1923. Oddly, this left rather a large number of populated islands without official postal facilities of any sort.

Following a hunch, I have persisted for some years in a quest for possible postal markings from these other out-islands, suspecting there might well have been something similar to the Cayman Islands rural posts. It was with great delight, therefore, that I spotted an illustrated pair of the 1913 Turks & Caicos ½d. green stamps in the Robson Lowe Postal History Auction catalogue of 8 Sept. 1964. These stamps bear a three-quarter strike in violet of a boxed marking in three lines, "RURAL POST/BLUE HILLS/T.& C.I.". BLUE HILLS was and is the local name for the island of Providenciales in the Caicos group, hilly as the name suggests and one of the larger islands. I have not been able to find population figures of the island, but there has been a Government school there for many years, which the population obviously has been large enough to justify, and certainly is evidence of literacy. Like many of the elusive Bahamas TRD's the odd shape and colored ink has undoubtedly caused many examples of the cancel to be cast aside and lost forever, appearing to the uninformed as apparent "fiscal cancels", alas. Too, unless on cover or on a pair of stamps, the markings would show such a small portion that it would likely slip by un-noticed. More information is badly needed on the existence of this (and possibly other) heretofore unrecorded Rural Posts of the Turks and Caicos Islands. Some reader may have notes on these from files, or a cancel or cover of such in their collection; is it you?

POSTSCRIPT: Since the above was written, a letter has reached me from BLUE HILLS with further information. A sub-P.O. has in fact existed there since 1911, until the present time. The original sub-postmaster, George C. Deane, is now deceased, and was replaced by Mr. George Brown. Mail arrives every two weeks aboard the "DONA DRUCILLA". At this time the island has about 518 residents. As has been the custom for many, many years, all mail is sent uncanceled to Grand Turk and postmarked there with the Grand Turk c.d.s. No one appears to know why Blue Hills has no cancel of its own, now.

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PERSONAL MENTION:

ROY BOTWRIGHT's name was inadvertently misspelled in our last Journal. My apologies, Roy. Glad to hear that you are in better health now.

HAROLD BOX writes urging me to send copies of some photos I took while visiting him last June. The slides went in to Kodak Processing and I should hear from them any day now. I am behind in everything, including this Journal due to hospitalization for another duodenal ulcer last month.

JOHN BUCKNER is probably settled in his new home at 410 Arroyo Lane, Daytona Beach by now and leading the life of an old Benedict by now. Much success in your new profession, John.

BYRON CAMERON is probably the busiest man in Fort Lauderdale these days. Hope you've gotten the Hope and Pride both back in the Caribbean by now. Your outline of a meeting in Florida sounds wonderful, count me in, but I can't fly over to London with you for the Collett sale, I'd come back worse than broke.

JIM CAMPBELL in his last letter said he'd write before Christmas, but haven't heard from him yet. Hope that you are doing fine and that that busted neck is a thing of the past.

ALF BRANSTON recently gave a talk on Bahamas to the Burnley, England Philatelic Society.

STAN DURNIN sent me his new APO address, but haven't heard from him since. Drop us a line when you can, Stan, and we miss the articles on the Leewards.

PAUL EDWARDS was elected President of the Baytown Stamp Club at our last meeting. Incidentally, Paul is going all out for Jamaica, he even has a correspondent at Caymanas Bay, who keeps him supplied with all the philatelic "dope".

MILT ERICKSON has sent me a new list of his obliterator cancellations of Jamaica and he now has broken 1200 different. Also am happy to hear that he has had a nice step up in his company to V.P. in charge of Group Insurance Operations with Nationwide Ins. Co.

FRANK FREEMAN left for Vancouver, Nov. 29th, thence to Hawaii for Christmas, then will leave there on a world tour for a year.

HOWARD GODWIN, Benoni, S. Africa writes that the Journals are coming through to him regularly. Hope this is true in allcases.

ERIC HEYER and I are the lucky recipients of sets of the new Tonga stamps, sent us by a friend there. He is getting ready to make another trip, this time through South America and back through most of the islands of the Caribbean. Bon Voyage, Eric.

BETTY KIRBY has disappeared from our ranks. Drop us a line, Betty, and let us know how things are going with you.

MORRIS LUDINGTON has won two awards at NAPEX one for Comprehensive Selection of Bernuda 19th Century and one for his 20th century Bermuda. Congratulations, Morris.

ANGUS PARKER addressed the Plymouth Society and displayed his Iceland material including postal history, maritime mail, and a selection from Yemen.

FRED SEIFERT is to be congratulated on his work on the British Guiana cancellations. This is a tough country and am glad to see someone tackle the postal markings.

GEORGE TURNER was one of the judges at the NOJEX Exhibition this year.

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Just received last minute information from the Crown Agents on the new Bahamas definitive set, by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd by Vignette offset-lithography, border-recess:

½d. vignette in full color, blue border,	Colony Badge.
1d. blue and black with orange border	Out Island Regatta
1½d. red and green with brown border	Hospital
2d. blue and green with blue border	High School
3d. red and blue with mauve border	Flamingo
4d. green and blue with sepia border.	R.M.S. Queen Elizabeth
6d. blue and green with cerise border	Development
8d. blue and mauve with olive border	Yachting
10d. brown and green with violet border	Public Square
1/- yellow, black, red, blue with green border	Sea Garden .
2/- brown, blue with green border	Old Cannons, Fort Charlotte
2/6 olive and blue with magenta border	Seaplane and Jetliner
5/- Blue and brown with sark green border	1914 Williamson film
Project and 1939 Undersea Post Office.	
10/- blue and red with brown border	Conch Shell
£ 1 sepia, blue with red border	Columbus' flagship,

All stamps bear an Anthony Buckley portrait of the Queen and will be released January 7th, 1965.

