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EDITORIAL.

It gives us great satisfaction and pleasure to realize that our Group has consistently grown during the past four years. The statement of operations sent us by Rog Lant, indicates that we continue to grow - our membership now amounting to 154. We have four new members for this issue and 8 new applicants. During this time increases in cost of paper, postage, mailing envelopes, etc., has prevented us from considering a printed rather than a mimeographed Journal, as proposed by Byron Caroron last year. It will take an expansion of our membership and/or an increase in the Annual dues to accomplish this purpose.

Rog has sent us a compilation of the operations for the past four years:

<u>YEAR.</u>	<u>NO. MEMBERS END OF YEAR.</u>	<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>EXPENSES.</u>	<u>BALANCE END OF YEAR.</u>	<u>INCREASE FOR YEAR.</u>
1961	92	\$96.05	\$86.06	\$9.99	
1962	109	388.01	198.35	199.65	\$189.66
1963	128	405.36	333.78	271.25	71.60
1964	147	486.37	388.89	368.73	97.48

Each of you please let us know whether, in your opinion, an increase to \$5.00 per year is reasonable, under the above circumstances. Your comments will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees, and a decision made as to your wishes. Also it behooves all of us to attempt to interest our friends who collect British West Indies philately, in joining with us and reaping the benefits of our collective knowledge, as it appears in the Journal, as well as having the opportunity to correspond with others of like interests.

Below you will find the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report for 1964, showing a cumulative balance on hand of \$368.75, representing carry-over from the four year's surpluses.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31st, 1964.

Total membership - December 31, 1963	128
Loss 3 deceased and 3 unpaid dues	6
	<u>122</u>
New Members admitted during 1964	25
Total membership - December 31, 1964.	<u>147</u>

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R E C E I P T S.

Balance on hand December 31st, 1963	\$271.25
Membership dues 1964) Including one application	446.12
Admission Fees 1964) refused, check outstanding.	26.00
Donations	10.00
Journals and brochures.	<u>4.25</u>

Total receipts 1964. \$757.62

D I S B U R S E M E N T S.

Bank checking account	\$8.51
Postage - Editor	116.62
" Librarian	0.59
" Secretary-Treasurer	33.93
Stationery-Secretary-Treasurer	18.48
" Editor	<u>210.76</u>

Total disbursements - 1964 \$388.89

Balance as of Dec. 31, 1964. \$368.73

P R E P A I D D U E S.

1965 (Including 4 part paid)	19
1966	3

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) R.H.Lant.

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The BOARD OF TRUSTEES has elected the following OFFICERS for the year 1965:

ROBERT TOPAZ	--	PRESIDENT.
FRED F. SEIFERT	--	VICE PRESIDENT
REG H. LAND	*--	SECRETARY-TREASURER.
A. N. JOHNSON	--	EDITOR.

We hope that 1965 will be a prosperous philatelic year for all of us.

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It will be appreciated if all members who have not sent in their comments on constitution changes, do so as soon as possible. We want as representative an opinion from the Group as possible. Also DUES ARE DUE. Please help Reg Lant, by sending your dues in promptly.

A.N. JOHNSON, EDITOR.

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The Expert is a man who can make your wife believe the same things she sneered at for years when you told them to her.

NEW MEMBERS:

The following new members' philatelic preferences and affiliations will be found in the January, 1965, Journal:

Lt. Co. MARK CASSIDY (RET.), 91 Kennedy Drive, Severna Park, Md., 21146.

DORN, PAUL, A., P. O. Box 36035, Los Angeles 36, California.

WILMOT, VINCENT S., 352 South 3rd Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

WONG, RONALD A., % North American Life, 11 Duke St., Kingston, Jamaica, P. O. Box 439.

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NEW APPLICATIONS:

BLACKMORE, HENRY JACK, Home Address 3 Crawford Avenue, Kingston 8, Jamaica, MAILING ADDRESS, 79-81 Hanover St., Kingston, Jamaica. Occupation Company Business Manager, Collects. British West Indies and Falkland Islands, all reigns.

FOSTER, THOMAS, COCK PIT CLOSE, KERRY PIT WAY, KIRK ELLA, HULL, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND. Collects Jamaica, especially prepostal material and postal history. Now in process of researching and writing book on early Jamaican cancellations.

HALL, ROBERT R., 9757 Tappenbeck Drive, Houston, Texas 77055. Occupation, Supt. of Machine Shop. Collects B.W.I. used also covers. British Colonies. Also coll. of one cover from every stamp issuing country. Specialty - British War Tax issues. Member Houston Philatelic Society and director of Trans World Hobby Club.

HAY, RALPH GORDON, 767 Smythe St., Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Occupation, Secretary, N.B. Progressive Conservative Assn, also part time dealer. Collects Jamaica, B.N.A. and B.W.I. Specialty, Jamaica. Member Royal P. S. of Canada, Stamp Dealer's Assn., A.P.S.

MAYNARD, DAVID M., 12504 Knoll Drive, Los Altos, California. Occupation, Retired from the Foreign Service, Part time teacher, (Foothill College). Collects Current B.W.I. plus Jamaica, Switzerland, Current France. Specialties Jamaican and Swiss Revenues.

SHANK, VICTOR C., 501 Channel Drive, Tampa 8, Florida. Occupation, Postal Clerk, (Retired U.S.N.), Collects B. W. I., Member A. P. S.

STEPHENS, FREDERICK, 19 Leeds Road, St. Johns, Wakefield, Yorkshire, England. Occupation, Commercial traveller. Collects G.B. Including postal history, T.P.O.s, Paquebots, G.B. Used Abroad, B.W.I., Anglo-Boer War philately. Member of Anglo Boer War Society, T.P.O. and Seapost Society, Roses Caribbean Society, Yorkshire Postal History Society.

WARD, RONALD, 118 Banner Cross Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11, Yorkshire, England. Occupation, Company Director & Secretary, Collects Postal History and Cancellations, Specialties, British Guiana, British Honduras, Haiti, Barbados and most of the other B. W. I. islands.

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Even if we could see ourselves as others see us, we wouldnt believe it.

NEW ISSUES, FURTHER PRINTINGS, WITHDRAWALS, ETC:

BERMUDA - A new 10d. stamp is to be added to the current definitive set to meet the increased rate for airmail postage. The design and color will be as for the current 1/6d. (Bermuda Cottages), which will be withdrawn from sale.

VIRGIN ISLANDS - Virgin Islands "Postal Centenary" issue is advised by the Crown Agents as on order. The first issue of the Virgin Islands appeared in 1866. The Centenary stamps are scheduled for issue August 1966.

JAMAICA - Jamaica issued a 1/- stamp commemorating the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation on the 18th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights by the U. N. The design in green, red and black, portrays the late Mrs. Roosevelt and has the inscription, "Out of many, one people" on a ribbon below the country name. By Harrisons in photogravure, from a design by V. Whitely, in sheets of 60 on pineapple watermarked paper.

FURTHER PRINTINGS OF CURRENT ISSUES:

Montserrat, 2 cents.
St. Vincent, 1 cent, 2, 3, 5, and 15 cents.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES:

Montserrat - definitive issue.
St. Vincent - definitive issue.
St. Vincent - 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scout Assn.

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ADDRESS CHANGE.

THOMAS D BARROW, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y., 10020, also please change his membership listing to read: Occupation, Executive, ESSO Exploration Co., member A.P.S., Collects Leeward and Windward Islands Groups. This information was received too late to be included in the new membership list so please change your list accordingly.

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SWAP COLUMN:

Wanted - Jamaica squared circle postmarks from Darliston and Fellowship. Will trade or buy.
Thomas Moseley.

Wanted - To buy Cayman Islands Double ring cancellations on cover.
Isaac Kirkland.

For Sale - one Jamaica Obliterator collection, (179 stamps from A-27 to "B", many pines). Price £25 or app. \$75.00. Write me for more details.
Arthur Courtney.

For Sale - Jamaican single ring, squared circles, etc, small lot of Barbados "boob heel" cancels (numerals).
Arthur Courtney.

Have a few hundred poor to ordinary B.W.I. postmarks and some good ones, that I would like to swap for comparable Pacific Island material, on approval both ways.
Edmond K. Doak.

WANTED - B.W.I. Surplus covers, and postal history material, for purchase or exchange.
Richard D. Higgins.

WANTED - Ascher's Postal Stationery Catalogue and Nicholson's "Jamaica", will buy or trade stamps or cancels. Will swap QE II T.R.D.'s and current out-islands Bahamas cancellations for Bahamas Cancellations up to 1953, or will buy same.
Eddie Adelson.

TO GIVE AW AY * No strings attached, one 3' x 4' map of Jamaica to the first member who writes me requesting same.

Al Johnson.

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BAHAMAS BITS.

By the Bahamas Bum.

Recently I purchased a couple of lots of used stamps, around 5000 in each lot. A couple of facts about these stamps seem to be self evident. The first lot from Dominica contained 3,200 copies of Scott's #160 cancelled in purple with a beautiful revenue cancellation of the immigration department as evidently they have either a 48% or 96% tax on their documents. This shows that #153 was used for the same purpose and why it is very scarce as per catalogue value. The same also held true for Grenada where half of the lot was #158 used for revenue and came in multiples of various amounts which no doubt left a shortage of this value for postal use. I am sure that this is an indication that when certain stamps are scarce, postally used, that the amount printed was adequate for postal use, but when taken over by the revenue department, are hard to find.

Bahamas L1 stamps are also used for revenue tax on ship's manifests, but my investigations in Nassau showed that at periodical times these documents are burned as are remainders of postal issues and to date have been unable to learn of any quantities coming on the market.

Also along with the official ERP revenue cancellation of the Bahamas I have come across two other revenue cancels. The first is a 40mm double oval inscribed at top, RECEIVER GENERAL, with NASS. BAHAMAS at Bottom. Center inscription in two lines, top RECEIVED, bottom 21 OCT, no year date. I have two items, first a strip of three, the other a single, both Scott's #40. The other item is Scott's 72 a pair of the 1d, cancelled with a 43mm by approximately 21mm rectangle with mitored corners inscribed in three lines, Top, RECEIVER GENERAL, Center -6 OCT 1936, bottom NASSAU BAHAMAS.

The BAHAMAS TALKS stamps remain steady in the market with dealers asking \$1.75 wholesale. It looks as if this stamp will continue to rise for a few years then level off as did the Lindberg and F.D.R. items as collectors habits vary with the times. But of all the late issues of the Bahamas this stamp holds the second best future. I will predict the stamp with the best future in a later issue of the Journal. This stamp was issued in 1961. Anyone caring to guess, send me the answer, and if correct, I will send you a mint copy free.

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It was with profound shock that we learned of the death of Charles W. Payne, of Coventry, Warwickshire, England. We extend the deepest sympathy to Mrs. Payne and family in their sad bereavement.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Robert Topaz.

The big excitement in Jamaica circles these days is the forthcoming auction on Mch. 15-17, of the late G. Collett's collection of Jamaica. This column is being written before the receipt of the catalogue, but I strongly urge any collector of Jamaica to get a copy. This should be a good source of information in later years.

STAMPLESS - Since the finding of the long missing "Amity Hall" cover, there seems to be a dearth of news in the pre-stamp department, but how many surprises like that can we look for? FALMOUTH appears to have been used at least on two dies for their straight line T2 mark (Foster T3). While the letters have a squarer look in one mark than in the other, the real clincher seems to be the line under the JA on one of the marks. Could we please hear from any members who have this mark as to measurements, line under JA or lack of it, and dates? Many thanks.

POSTAL STATIONERY - New issues are chronicled elsewhere, but do note new wrappers, courtesy of Reg Lant. Colors are 1d. green and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange red. Design is built around a coat of arms. Postcards of the same general kind are out and the only one I have seen is the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown, but the others must also have been issued.

OBLITERATORS - A new group of obliterator cancellations have been recorded and of these we have been able to verify A79 J/4d. CA and A27/3d. CA. Reported but not yet verified are A69 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. provisional, A77/F5b, 201/1d. CC, A41/25 black ink.

SQUARED CIRCLES - Belatedly may I report a new E.K.D. for Mavis Bank - type 4 - the large squared circle of 26 November 1900. Sorry for the delay. Have also seen another example of the forged squared circle mark that reads "Registered". It is unfortunate that this comes from the same British dealer that others have come from. Had hoped that this kick was over with, but I guess not.

TEMPORARY DATE STAMPS - BANBURY is still using a black ink on their type 37a in late november and the mark is now very fat and swollen, as it becomes distorted. CHANTILLY in Manchester is a new postal agency that opened 2 Oct. 1964. It is using a type 37 TRD in violet ink. The forwarding office is Walderston. (Editor's Note - Have copy dated JAN 18 1965, so probably havent gotten their M.S.R. yet.) CHUDLEIGH has apparently received a new TRD and is using this type 37 mark in violet ink - noted 21 OCT 1964. COTTER WOOD in St. Elizabeth opened on 6 NOV 1964 as a postal agency and is using a type 37 in violet. Fyffes Pen is the forwarding office. EFFORTVILLE in Clarendon is a new P.A. using type 37 in violet. Date of opening is not known yet but noted on 5 NOV 1964. Probably May Pen is the forwarding office. FULLERTON PARK in St. Ann parish opened 21 OCT 1963, but I have never noticed this mark until October 1964, type 37, in violet. GARDEN HILL has a new TRD type 37 in violet ink - noted 19 OCT 1964. LEINSTE R in St. Mary has a new TRD type 37 in violet ink. It is a new P.A. opened on 4 NOV 1963. The forwarding office is Richmond. KETTO in Westmoreland is one that I have never heard of, but they are using a type 37 TRD in violet ink on 9 NOV, 1964. The forwarding office is Sheffield. NEWTON is using a type 37 TRD in violet ink that was noted on 20 OCT, 1964. Several years ago they used a 37a TRD. Does anyone possess or have knowledge of any dates in the 1962-1963 period? (Editor's note - I have one type 37a dated MAR 15 1946, and another one type 37 dated 18 Sept. 1961, and the same mark dated 16 JAN 1965. Apparently this last one used from 1961 to 1965. All are in violet ink). NUTFIELD has been using their second TRD in a short history. The first TRD was type 37a with W.I. following Jamaica and this has been noted as late as 11 JUNE 1963. The second type was without the "W.I." and was noted as early as 29 APRIL

1964. This office used black ink for a while (Noted on 12 OCT), and have now gone to violet ink. However the TRD is now (19 NOV) a bit swollen and distorted. Can anyone extend the dates of usage?

PEARTRBE RIVER is another of the postal agencies whose opening has been given us by our good friend Aguilar. This postal agency in St. Thomas opened on 30 OCT 1964, and is using a type 37 TRD in violet ink.

ROCK in Clarendon parish is using a type 37 TRD in violet ink on 10 DEC 1964. The forwarding office is Four Paths, but no opening date is yet known.

SHERATON KINGSTON was the site of a special TRD that was used for the Inter-American Boy Scout Conference. The TRD, struck in violet ink, consists of a double lined circle, about 43 mm in diameter with an inner circle about 5mm inside of it. Inscribed around the top of the mark within the space between circles is the inscription "SHERATON-KINGSTON and the word JAMAICA is inscribed around the bottom. An asterisk separates the words on both sides. Within the center of the circles the words VI are inscribed above the centered date line

Inter American

and the words "Scout/Conference" are inscribed below. Noted on 23 AUG 1964.

SPICY HILL was using black ink on their 37a TRD in late November and December.

MODERN SINGLE RINGS - Carrick Foyle was using violet ink with a MSR with * on 30 NOV. 1964. UNITY was noted with a MSR with * on 18 NOV 1964. BENSONTON also joined the ranks of the MSR users with a new mark without *, noted 23 NOV. 1964. PORT ANTONIO still mystifies me with a modern single ring with a number in place of the asterisk. We have noted a "3" and a "6" in this spot. Does anyone know what these numbers mean, and are others used?

May I please make clear to any of our members who are interested in the Chronological postmarks by town series, that the pre-stamp markings as used in that series comes from Nicholson's pamphlet entitled "Pre-Stamp Covers", which I believe was published around 1937, and not from the 1928 handbook. If there are readers who do not have this pamphlet, I can probably make some photostats upon request.

An interesting postmark was sent along by Bert Latham. It is a postmark used in India, and reads "JAMAICA EMIGRATION AGENCY * CALCUTTA". It is an oval single line stamp and is apparently used as other than a postal marking, even though it has been seen on a stamp. Violet ink. Thanks for the look, Bert.

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Joe Chin Aleong reports as follows: I have a block of four of the St. Kitts Arts Festival 25¢ with the watermark inverted. It was obtained locally (St. Kitts) and is quite possible that rest of sheet was sold and used for postage in usual way as, of course, an unsuccessful attempt was made to obtain the rest of the sheet. Joe also writes that the St. Vincent Block CA definitives now come as follows

Perf 12½

Perf 13½ x 14

Perf 14.

5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 cents

1, 2, 10, 15, 20 and 25 cents.

50 cents.

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GRENADA'S FIRST ISSUE OF POSTCARDS.
By - Colonel Fred F. Seifert.(Ret).

In the January Journal Bob Topaz asked for help in identifying an unfamiliar Grenada Postal Card. While I have already provided him with the following information, I thought it might be of sufficient interest to warrant publication.

In December 1880, John Anton, Postmaster General of Grenada, advised the Colonial Secretary of the requirement for 500 sheets of 120 stamps each of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, $2\frac{1}{2}$, and 4d denominations and 500 each 1d. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d postcards. In January 1881, the Crown Agents approved an estimate of £244/0 for furnishing these items, submitted by Perkins Bacon & Co. This form printed the required stamps and cards in February and they were released in the Colony in April of 1881. The stamps were those catalogued by Stanley Gibbons as SG 20 through 26 and by Scott as SC 8-10 and 12-13. The design for this first issue of postcards was originally engraved in February 1879 by William Ridgway, as the design for a proposed British Adhesive. As it was never used as such, when the need for a postcard design arose, it was modified for this use by removing the four corner-blocks where the sheet position letters would have been located had it seen adhesive use. Other changes were adding stars to each side and enclosing the entire design in a frame with rounded corners. The portrait, of course, is of the reigning monarch, Queen Victoria. As the second issue of postcards was released in December 1881, the life of the first was at most eight months, probably less. Although only 500 of each value of these cards were printed, it is quite likely that a large percentage found their way into the hands of philatelists, for at that time postal stationery was much more popular than during later periods. Nevertheless, at best they must be very scarce and well worth having in any Grenada collection. The 1d. value was printed in light blue and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d in pale brown with shades of both colors being known. NOTE: Although it is conventional in the U. S. to refer to government issued stamped cards as postal cards, the British call such items postcards, and when dealing with British Colonial material it is best to employ this nomenclature to avoid confusion.

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Robert Topas, who raised the question of the Grenada postcards, summarizes the information from several collectors:

There have been several bits of information supplied by some of the members, regarding the inquiry concerning the early Grenada postcards. Our thanks to all of them on both sides of the waters. A summary of the information is as follows: The postcards in question were the first postcards of Grenada and were printed by Perkins Bacon & Co., and were issued in April 1881. Only two values were issued, the 1d. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. - and only 500 of each value were printed. The 1d. was issued in a light blue color and the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. in a pale red brown. The picture, which indeed was of Queen Victoria, was engraved in 1879, for postage stamps, but was never used for them. Instead, the frame design was modified, to eliminate the spaces for the corner letters which were common on British stamps of the period. There are no errors known, but proofs are known of the 1d. in the color of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. value - pale red brown.

While not listed in the 1955 Charlton's Grenada, Ascher listed them in his postcard catalogue (1925/28). They were priced at that time by Ascher at the following:

1d.	15m unused	40m used	
$1\frac{1}{2}$ d.	20m "	30m "	These were priced in gold

marks.

Gibbons apparently priced them at 15/- and 20/- unused in 1900. Present market price is vague as there is little to go on. Our thanks for the information above to Eddie Adelson, Angus Parker and Col Fred Seifert.

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Eddie Adelson writes that Jacob Saunders, the lay reader for the Methodist Church at Old Place, Bahamas was the only man there who could read and write and served as postmaster. In fact, all the correspondence that left Old Place at one time was written by him for the whole village. When the people of the town received mail they would have Jacob read it to them. First, however, he was always given these instructions "Jacob put your finger in your ear so you dont hear what you

BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES.

By Gale J. Raymond.

The new Bahamas definitives are in, and a vast improvement, for certain. Designs are interesting and colorful, and postmarks should show up well against the white backgrounds! Although the printing process, in my opinion, gives it an "economy" appearance, the 8d. and 5/- values turned out rather well. I'm much indebted to Mrs. Basil Burnside and J. E. Williamson for autographed covers of the 5/-, which depicts Mr. Williamson's "SEA FLOOR" postoffice. According to G.P.O. quotes in a Nassau newspaper, the 5d. value was dropped from this set as it did not apply to any postal rate now. Bahamas postal rates were increased on Jan. 1st and it now appears there is no postal use for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., or $4\frac{1}{2}$ d/ stamps as well, as local (drop) mail went to 2d. interisland and mail doubled to 3d. Airmail rate to U.S.A. increased to 1/-, etc. Rates to the British Commonwealth apparently did not change however.

Dr. A. Deans Pegg and wife stopped off for a visit enroute back to Hong Kong from Nassau, and we had quite a "history session"! Dr. Peggs is the outstanding Bahamas historian and director of the Peggs Foundation of Nassau. From him I learned of a recent "new" sub-p.o. in Nassau, the SANDS ROAD sub-p.o., which handles bulk mail, dutiable letter-packets, sells stamps, etc. Apparently it has no distinctive date-stamp, as his receipt for registered letter posted there carried only the normal 30mm "NASSAU" c.d.s. He (and I) are both intrigued by a postal card I acquired from a dealer recently, a nonphilatelic QV Penny Halfpenny card addressed to Monmouth, N. J., U.S.A., from Nassau. The only C.D.S. is one of FERNANDINA, (Florida?) MAR/10/1882, at lower right on the card, while the stamp itself is cancelled solely by a violet ink single line "WESTERN.TEXAS". We suppose it to have been the name of a ship, thus a ship-marking. Can any reader offer an explanation?

No new Bahamas postmarks have been noted for quite a long time. However, thanks to a tip from Eddie Adelson, covers have arrived (Jan.) from Sandy Point, rubber date stamped "COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, SANDY POINT, ABACO.", with a large "PAID" over the dateline DEC 31 1964, all in a 37mm single-circle. According to the Commissioner, that was the only available cancel on that date. Did you see the notice of the PAA flight (First), Miami-Rock Sound (Eleu.) in time to get covers? PAA arranged to cachet and postmark covers at Miami airport on the day of the flight, 24 DEC 1964, and I received a few covers of the return flight, with inscription reversed in the Cachet, "ROCK SOUND-MIAMI, plus the Commissioner's Office, Rock Sound rubberstamp mark and Rock Sound 30mm CDS of the same date. The biggest Bahamas news concerns the treasure of silver coins just found off Grand Bahama Island (10,000 coins so far), in an ancient shipwreck. I stood only 200 yards from it last June, so near and yet so far!

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Eddie Adelson, Larry Rosnick and John Gavelik have joined in having some maps printed for the Journal. The facing sheet shows an ancient map of Jamaica that was copied by the above trio and donated to the group through the Journal. They say that they will, from time to time, send other material of a like nature. Thanks fellows, a nice gesture.

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DOMINICA - The Postmaster General of Dominica, in official notice August 26, 1964, states that two new Postal Agencies have been opened at Morne Rchette and Scotts Head. Your Editor has received a reply from Scotts Head with postmark similar to Jamaica Birmingham type 3, measuring 27 mm overall. Scotts has no apostrophe.

THE POSTAGE DUE TYPE-SET STAMPS OF ST. LUCIA

1d. & 2d. - 1931-33.
By. Dr. John M. Lockie.

SOURCE - These two values were printed locally, in Castries, by "The Voice" Printing Co., on coloured paper supplies from England.

PAPER AND WATERMARK - For the 1d. value, the first supply was horizontally laid and was watermarked with a large crown surmounted by the word "Kingsclere", in double line Roman capitals and vertical lines of the watermark mesh. The crown and lettering are usually found in the center of the sheet, the crown covering 2 - 3 stamps, and "Kingsclere" 5 or 6 stamps, horizontally. Later supplies of the paper still show the vertical lines of the wire mesh, but do not have the crown and lettering. The first supplies of paper for the 1d. value were pale grey-blue in colour, and later supplies all of a deeper bright blue. For the 2d. value, all the paper supplied was without lettering or crown, but has the vertical lines showing. Early supplies of the paper were of an orange-buff color with a matt surface, and later supplies of a brighter yellow, with a slightly shiny surface.

PRINTING -

(a) Lettering - The lettering of the stamps is identical (except for the third line of "1d." or "2d.") and consists of:

- (i) The letters "No" followed by a varying number of dots for the numbering of each stamp
- (ii) The name of the Colony, St. Lucia, in Roman capitals, with stops.
- (iii) The figure of value "1d" or "2d", and
- (iv) The words "Postage Due" in Roman capitals, without stop.

There are several major and minor printing varieties of the two values. Positions in the sheet are numbered as usual with horizontal row/vertical column (i.e. - 5/3 is the fifth row and the 3rd stamp), and the actual numbering of the sheet is ignored.

Major -

- (i) 10/1 to 10/6 - the "wide fount", with the "o" of "No" rounded.
- (ii) 10/2 to 10/6 - the same "wide fount".
- (iii) 10/3 to 10/6 - the same "wide fount".
- (iv) 6/1 - deformed base to the "L" of "LUCIA".
- (v) 5/3 - no stop after "T" of "ST" - variable.
- (vi) 9/2 - no stop after "LUCIA" - one printing of 1d. only.

Minor -

Numerous, but fairly constant from sheet to sheet and in any one printing, include:

- (i) varying number of dots after "No".
- (ii) serifs of letters broken or missing, and
- (iii) letters cut into and/or with "nicks".

The major variety, the so called "wide fount", and found only in the last row, is the only one of catalogue status, and is a useful means of distinguishing the printings of the two values.

(b) Printings and Settings:

1d. value: There are at least four printings and three settings. The numbering of the sheets is not a reliable guide or indication of the printing order, but all sheets with the watermark Crown and Kingsclere are from the first printing.

First Printing - Watermark Crown and Kingsclere. 2 Narrow and 4 Wide "No".

5/3 - no stop. 9/2 - stop. Pale grey-blue paper.

Second Printing - No watermark 1 narrow and 5 wide "No". 5/3 - stop. 9/2 - stop. Pale grey-blue paper.

- Third Printing - As first printing but without watermark. Pale or deep blue paper
- Fourth Printing - No watermark. All six have the wide "No". 5/3 - stop. 9/2 - no stop. Deep blue paper.

2d. values - There are at least three printings and three settings:

- First Printing - No watermark. 1 narrow and 5 wide "No". Orange-buff paper.
- Second Printing - No watermark. All six have wide "No". 5/3 - no stop Yellow paper.
- Third Printing - No watermark. All six have wide "No". 5/3 - stop. Yellow paper

(c) Sheet size and perforation:

Both values were printed in sheets of 60, (6 x 10). Perforation is a rough 12. The top, right and lower margins of the sheet are imperforate, and the left margin is perforated. The perforations are irregular and often inaccurate. Imperforate vertical pairs are known in the 2d. value, and Scott catalogues these as No. J 2b. There are at least 6 pairs of these, numbered 6903/4, 6913/4, 6923/4, 6933/4 and 6943/4, 6953/4. I would be interested to hear of any other imperforate pairs. The bottom row (with numbers ending in "0", are found with "Postage Due" at the top of the stamp as well as at the bottom due to misplacement of the perforations.

(d) Numbering -

The numbered sheets, applied separately from the printing and by the postal authorities at the G.P.O., Castries, is unusual. The numbers are applied serially, from the top right hand corner of the sheet, downward in column of 10, so that the first number is at the top right and the last at the bottom left. This, presumably, enabled the postal clerk to remove single or several copies, leaving the remainder of the sheet in the book.

The numbering, done by hand, shows numerous errors, particularly in the 1d. value, with such varieties as:

- (i) number misplaced downward or upward on to adjacent stamp, with new impression of number in correct place.
- (ii) as above, with old number not erased or only partly erased.
- (iii) malrotation of figures, e.g., 7170 stamped on top of 7160 the 6 having failed to rotate, and
- (iv) faulty inking of numbers, 7510, 7511, 7512, etc.

The size of the figures applied in replacement or correction often measure 4 mm. in height as compared with the $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm. of the original.

The numbering of the 2d. value has been more careful, though several varieties are known.

PERIOD OF USE - These two type set stamps were preceded by a single line framed rubber handstamp inscribed "Postage Due/1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., or 6d./St. Lucia", and is known to have still been in use in early 1931. They were succeeded by the standard Colonial postage due type, typographed by De La Rue, on Multiple Script CA watermarked paper and perforated 14.

I would be most interested to hear from any member who has a clearly dated used copy of either value, dated earlier than March 1931, and later than May or June 1933.

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Isaac Kirkland states that he has modern single ring postmarks from the Caymans from the following postoffices, without asterisks: Boddentown, East End, Hell, West Bay, North Side Savannah and South Sound. Georgetown single ring has asterisk.

BRITISH WEST INDIES POSTAL HISTORY DATA.

By. William G. Cornoll.

Those interested in the fascinating pre-stamp markings of the B.W.I. will find a useful reference in a series of articles by Colin Maycock in Robson Lowe's magazine, "The Philatelist and Postal Historian". Entitled the Plantation Papers, Maycock's articles deal with the B.W.I. examples in a non-philatelic collection of thousands of letters exchanged between the London Board of Customs and its Collectors and Comptrollers in the Colonies during the period 1814-1854. The material is on file at the library of the Board of Customs and Excise in London. Much new data is given, supplementing standard literature such as Robson Lowe's "Codrington Correspondence" and "Hand-Struck Postage Stamps of the Empire". The articles can be obtained from Robson Lowe, in the form of back copies of the magazine, as listed:

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| 1. (Introduction and) Bahamas, June 1962. | 8. Tortola-Virgin Islands, March 1963. |
| 2. Barbados, June, 1962. | 9. St. Kitts, also letter to Editor on Antigua article, April, 1963. |
| 3. Bermuda and British Guiana, August 1962. | 10. Nevis, May, 1963. |
| 4. Grenada, September, 1962. | 11. St. Lucia and St. Vincent, June, 1963. |
| 5. Jamaica, (Fleurons), October, 1962. | 12. Dominica, July, 1963. |
| 6. Jamaica, (Kingston date stamps and Ship Letters, December, 1962. | 13. Trinidad and Tobago, August 1963. |
| 7. Jamaica (Non-Kingston Town Marks,) January, 1963 | 14. French, Dutch and Danish West Indies Including certain B.W.I. markings, September, 1963. |
| 7A Antigua and Montserrat, March 1963. | |

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Wilson City, Bahamas.
By the Bahamas Bum.

When Gale Raymond got me heated up looking for a Wilson City, Abaco cancellation, I ran up many dead end streets and came up with a lot of bad leads, but interesting stories. Paying frequent business trips to Nassau, I met a Mr. Malone who worked in Wilson City for the lumber company, and he, as all others, could not remember a postoffice in Wilson City, but did remember the one in Spencer's Point. When I asked him how far Spencer's Point was from Wilson City he stopped and thought a minute and then answered me, "It was just about 3500 feet from Wilson City to the dock where the lumber was loaded on board ship." (As this man has dealt and figured lumber for 50 years, I know that his estimate is probably as near correct as can be ascertained.)

Mr. Malone gave me the name of Old MR. SWEETING, in fact took me down the street and introduced me to him and this is what I learned from Mr. Sweeting: Mr. Sweeting's father sold the land to the lumber company at Spencer's Point, where the dock was built. When the sawmill was first established on Abaco, (Wilson City), the lumber camp had no name. Sometime about 1910, the Governour of the Bahamas paid a visit to the lumber camp and Mr. Sweeting remembers that they shut down the sawmill in the afternoon so the governour could have his siesta as this would have been impossible with the noise from the steam boilers that furnished the power to the swamill. A few days after the Governour left, the owner of the new lumber camp called it Wilson City, named in honor of the Governour.

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NEW FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Congratulations are in order.

Reg H. Lant informs me that three of our members have been made Fellows of the Royal of London, Vere N.F. Surtees, Dr. Philip G. Grabfield and Herbert Maguire.

WHITE ISLAND, BERMUDA POSTMARK.
By. Gale Raymond.

Postal Historian Robert S. Gordon, (Phoenix, Arizona) has recently turned a most unusual Bermuda Cover, with a hereto unreported datestamp. A stampless cover, endorsed "SAILORS MAIL, FOREIGN SERVICE", the 26 mm. datestamp (steeldie), is inscribed "U.S.N.BASE", ISLE OF WHITE, BERMUDA". Inside the circle is the date, MAR 22, and time 6 P.M., in two lines. The yeardate, 1919, is outside the circle to the right, with duplex type "1" in vertical killer-bars alongside. Such early U.S.Navy WW-1 "location" stamps are scarce enough, but this one is a real prize. Since the discovery of this C.D.S., M. H. Ludington, the Bermuda specialist, has done some research on the station, and provides the following information. White's Island, (the normal designation), is the tiny island in Hamilton Harbour directly opposite the Yacht Club. Shortly after the U.S.A. entered World War I, in 1917, it was handed over to the U. S. Navy to be used as a small stores depot, and a number of temporary buildings were built as warehouses. The depot was apparently quite small and utilized chiefly by destroyers and smaller vessels, which anchored nearby, and stores were brought out on lighters. Opening and closing dates of the P.O. are yet unknown, but necessarily fell between 1917 - 1919, of course. It is remarkable that such a small base had a postoffice and distinctive postmark, and examples must be quite scarce. Reports of other examples of this datestamp would be greatly appreciated.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS:

Regarding recent mention in this Journal of the newly-discovered boxed marking, "RURAL POST/BLUE HILLS/T.& C.I.", Robson Lowe printed a 12 pound estimated realization in their September 8, (1964) sale. It actually realized £17. Lots hope it went to one of our members.

In 1954, a small 23 mm. double-circle T.R.D. was used at Grand Turk, inscribed "GRAND TURK, TURKS ISLANDS," in tiny letters.. Examples are most elusive and I was highly pleased to turn one up recently, on the last stamp, on the last page, of the last book of a club circuit. Date is 3 OC 54, on 2d. KG VI.
Gale Raymond.

New Atlantis, a newcomer among the world's nations, has not only tripled in size, but it has held its first Presidential Elections. Leicester Hemingway, brother of the late Ernest Hemingway, was elected president, and socialite Lady Pamela Bird was elected vice-President. New Atlantis is being built by Hemingway on what used to be a submerged sandbar about six miles off the Southwest coast of Jamaica. Former U. S. President Harry S. Truman was elected presidential adviser. Due to its youth, we doubt whether a postal administration has been established yet.

I consider the day a total loss unless I receive H... from someone!

A CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY OF THE
POST TOWNS OF JAMAICA * continued.
by Robert Topaz.

EFFORTVILLE in Clarendon Parish
1. TPO type 37 violed ink (near May Pen) 5 NO 64 Opened 19 DE 64

ELDERSLIE in St. Elizabeth Opened 30 AUG 1920.

1. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters 17 JY 20 16 AP 30
2. D.R. 30 mm 3 mm letters 26 DE 36 31 JA 56
3. M.S.R. * 2 AP 58 27 JY 64

Forwarding office - Ipswich.

ELGIN in Clarendon Opened 22 July 1960

1. TRD type 37 violet ink 8 AU 60 17 MR 62
black ink 13 JA 61 21 FE 61

2 M.S.R. 13 JU 63 AU 27 64

There is possibly an asterisk above the date on this mark, but the only copy seen by the compiler has a numeral there instead.

ELIM St. Elizabeth Opened NO 3, 1922.

1. D.R. 29 mm. 3 mm letters 10 AP 23 7 OC 24
This office was closed on 2 November, 1925.

ELLEN STREET. in Manchester Opened 22Nov. 1934.

1. D.R. 29 mm. 3 mm. letters 12 MY 37 4 AU 64
The letters on this mark seem to measure differently in different eras, but I am inclined to believe that they are all the same mark, either cleaned or recut.

ELLICRESS in St. Andrew Opened 18 FEB 1963.

1. TRD type 37 violet ink 14 MR 63 29 MY 64
black ink 23 JU 64 24 AU 64
The violet ink becomes bluish-violet about the end of 1963.

ENFIELD in St. Mary Opened 15 April, 1963.

1. TRD type 8 black ink 20 AP 96 2 DE 96
There are no fixed year dates on this mark.

2. D.R. 28 mm. 3 mm, letters dots 13 JA 97 5 JA 00
3. D.R. 26 mm. 3 mm. letters dots 21 SP 00 12 JU 33
4. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 3 mm. letters 29 MY 37 26 MY 64
Forwarding Office, Annotto Bay.

EPSOM	in St. Mary	Oprmed JU 1, 1951.
1. TRD type 37	violet ink	4 JU 51 30 NO 51
2. B-4	*	20 JA 53 15 OC 63
EPWORTH	IN St. Ann parish	Opened 22 Feb 1923.
1. D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 3 mm. letters		6 DE 26 30 JY 49
2. B 3	Forwarding office, Constant Spring.	13 AP 53 6 AU 61
ESSEX HALL	in St. Andrew	Opened 13 AP 1949.
1. TRD type 37	violet ink MS date	13 AP 49 18 JU 49
	stamped date	10 MY 50 17 AU 51
2. Oval - Registered Defaced (issued Apr. 1950)	violet ink	28 52
	black ink	4 AP 53 7 JA 59
3. M.S.R.	*	5 SP 60 22 DE 60
EWARTON	in St. Catherine	Op Oct, 1849.
1. P 6	sent out September 26, 1849.	
2. A 38 type H obliterator (issued March 1, 1859.	Because of uncertain dates of actual operation of this office, it is doubted at this time, whether either of the two marks above were ever actually used at Ewarton, even though they were both issued for that purpose. There are no proven examples of the A 38 obliterator in G.B. stamps, at Ewarton.	
3. 196 type O obliterator (sent out 9/1874. Office reopened 5 DEC 1873.		
4. S.R. 24 mm (Sent out Sep., 1874	9 JU 90	20 AU 02
5. D.R. 28 mm. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ mm letters	11 SP 02	17 OC 10
	The outer ring is thicker than the inner ring.	
6. D.R. 28 mm. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. letters dots	27 FE 19	22 EB 23
7. D.R. 28 mm. 3 mm .ettters	12 JY 21	4 DE 63
8. B 3	14 AP 55	8 AP 57
9. M.S.R.	*	30 OC 58 13 AU 64
EWARTON RAILWAY	IN St. Catherine	Opened in 1885.
1. S 1 b (Jamaica Railway blue ink	10 DE 11	11 AP 24
2. S 2 a (Ewarton Station) blue ink	24 MY 03	20 MR 06