

BRITISH CARIBBEAN PHILATELIC JOURNAL

Club News of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

Volume 6, No. 4

July 1966

Whole No. 32.

Robert Topaz, President

Reg H. Lant, Secretary, Treasurer.

A. N. Johnson, 2610 Virginia St., Baytown, Texas, 77520 - Editor.

EDITORIAL.

Our organization has been blessed with members who are very knowledgeable on their philatelic interests, and who have been willing to pass their knowledge on to your Editor for dissemination to the entire. This has in turn caused others of the members to further investigate and report on their favorite phases of philately, and has made for a close-knit group of B.W.I. collectors. Through direct correspondence, many acquaintances and friendships have been made. In the case of your Editor, no less than ten U.S.A. and one British collectors have visited in his home during the past year, and much pleasure and profit has been derived from the meetings.

We strongly recommend that each of you consider corresponding with at least one other member of the Group and when you have some philatelic knowledge or discovery that you think will be of interest to the Group, send it in for publication. We will print it and feel sure that it will be of interest to other members, and may elicit further information of the exact kind that you have been looking for.

Topaz, Seifert, Lant, Cornell, Cameron, Adelson, Raymond, von Pohle, Ludington, Aguilar, Lockie, Larsen, Durnin and many others have made valuable contributions to the Journal, but there are many other members who we feel could expand the B.W.I. literature considerably. We hope that you will all think this over and let us have any material that you feel might be suitable for the Journal. We can assure you that it will be given consideration, so don't be hesitant about sending it in, even though you have never published anything before.

A.N.Johnson, Editor.

* * * * *

In preparing the new membership listing, it was that Philip Halward was a dealer in stamps. this is completely erroneous, and Phil's listing should read as follows:

HALWARD, PHILIP. 34 Malvern Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts.; England. Occupation, Company Director. Collects B.W.I. and KG VI. Specialties, Leeward Islands, Bahamas, De La Rue 10/-. Editor of the 'THE STAMP LOVER', magazine of the National Philatelic Society.

* * * * *

Byron Cameron writes that he has found another new Discovery in the Cayman Island stamps: Inverted Watermark on the 1/- Churchill stamp. Has anyone else copies of this variety?

* * * * *

It is surprising how often you see the prettiest girl you ever saw.

NEW MEMBERS:

MCFARLAN, WILLIAM M., 356 East Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, Penna. 19335.

de. Segovia, Mrs. Anita, Apartado 4191, Puerto La Cruz, Edo. Anzoategui, Venezuela.

Pertinent information will be found in the May issue on these new members.

NEW APPLICANTS:

WILSON, ELLIOTT HENRY, Octavio Picon 38, Malaga, Spain. Occupation, Manufacturers Representative. Collects Cancels, Covers, used postal stationery B.W.I., All small countries and colonies. First Flights. Coins and Medals. Member, A.P.S., Life Member Jamaica Philatelic Society. Wants all current lists of postoffices.

NEW ISSUES:

The present Bahamas definitive issue has been overprinted in decimal conversion as follows:

| | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|----------|-------|-------------|-----------|
| ½d. | overprinted | 1 cent. | 1½D. | overprinted | 11 Cents. |
| 1d. | " | 2 cents. | 10d | " | 12 " |
| 2d. | " | 3 " | 1/- | " | 15 " |
| 3d. | " | 4 " | 2/- | " | 22 " |
| 4d. | " | 5 " | 2/6d. | " | 50 " |
| 6d. | " | 8 " | 5/- | " | 1 Dollar. |
| 8d. | " | 10 " | 10/- | " | 2 " |
| | | | £ 1. | " | 3 " |

Issued on May 25, 1966.

GUYANA, definitive overprints issued May 26, 1966 in denominations of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24, 36, 48 and 72 cents and \$1, 2, 5, in sheets of 50 stamps.

GUYANA, Independence Commemorative Issue, May 26, 1966. 5, 15 and \$1, in sheets of 50.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES: Antigua definitive, Turks and Caicos definitive, British Honduras, Postal Centenary, Jamaica Commonwealth Games - dates of issue to be announced.

ST. KITTS NEVIS AND ANGUILLA announce that the issue marking the inauguration of the Federal Parliament of the West Indies will no longer be valid from Sept. 10 1966.

* * * * *

PAUL LARSEN reports on PARFOREX VI held on May 26 at Park Forest Ills, in which all three BCPSG members in that area, Paul, Mrs. Elaine Strauss and Dick Higgins, participated in exhibiting. Mrs. Strauss took the Grand Award for the second time in a row for an exhibit of RPO's. All three took awards in various categories.

A fine get together of Houston area members was enjoyed on May 7 by Robert Hall, Isaac Kirkland, Paul Edwards, O. K. Eden, Dr. Ed Doak and Al Johnson at Gale Raymond's home. Other collectors present were Harry Anderson, Jack Redding, Larry and David Finrock and the Rev Carl Judy (Korea). Mrs. Raymond served the group a delicious lunch and a fine time was had by all. Let's do it again Gale, only come down to my house next time.

BAHAMAS NEWS LETTER.

By Gale J. Raymond.

May 25, 1966 marked the day of issue of the new decimal-overprinted Bahamas stamps which are slated to be in use for quite awhile, before replacement by unoverprinted stamps. Nevertheless, be sure to include a set in your collection, used, by preference, at new-issue rates. If you still lack the QE II 8d. stamp or the 9d. overprint on 8d. get a used copy of each now. You'll pay more in the very near future.

New postal rates are also reflected in new values in the decimal set. Airmail to the U.S.A. and Canada is now 15¢ per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz., (10¢ for aerogrammes), airmail post-cards 11¢ and second class airmail 8¢ per oz. Airmail letters to Europe, W.I., Central America and South America is now 12¢ per $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. Within the islands, surface mail is 4¢ per 2 ozs., to the British Commonwealth, 6¢ per oz., to "foreign" addresses 8¢ per oz.

Famed undersea explorer J. E. Williamson, of the 1939 "SEA FLOOR" p.o. renown, carries another distinction. Portrayed on the current 5/- Bahamas stamp, he is the only living man to be so honored on the same stamp as the Queen's picture appears. Incidentally, did you know that the Bahamas Photosphere "SEA FLOOR P.O." is also depicted on a stamp of Monaco? It is the 1962 Oceanographic Museum stamp, the 25¢ value, Scott's #523, and a tough stamp to find without buying the whole set, which catalogue value is climbing yearly.

At long last, a new post office has appeared in the Bahamas! On May 25 1966, a p.o. was opened on Andros Island at San Andros. This has now a very busy airstrip, the only one in northern Andros Island. It is located some 7 miles from Mastic Point, and has a population of 75. Airmail arrives daily via Bahamas Airlines from Nassau, and via the mailboat "MV SEA QUEEN" less frequently. Anting Postmaster is Donald A. MacAllister. Pending arrival of the new steel-die, it opened using a large double circle TRD (Type 2C-2) 37 mm., inscribed "SAN ANDROS, ANDROS BAHAMAS", with date in one line across the center.

The "HOPE TOWN" paquebot mark is still in use, according to a cover just in which was posted aboard a boat and handed in, as per UPU regulations, to Hope Town p.o. The U. S. Stamp received the "paquebot" mark as a cancel, but some kind soul generously added a 1/- Bahamas stamp to give it airmail service.

Further attempts for "SHIP MAIL, FREEPORT BAHAMAS" covers have been consistently unsuccessful; can readers report any such recent covers of this interesting TRD? Don't forget to keep us posted on any Bahamas news or discoveries this summer - and good hunting.

Below are a few corrections that I did not have at time of publishing the new membership listing, or errors that my typewriter made:

Adelson, Elkin M. P. O. Address Box 333, Uleta, Florida
Barrow E.O. Banting, P. O. Box 25, Belize, Br. Honduras.
Black, Moreton, 3. Ralston Road, Bearsden, Glasgow W5, Scotland.
Blackmore, Henry Jack, Box 153, Kingston 8, Jamaica
Cassidy, Lt. Cpl. Mark, 91 Kennedy Drive, Saverna Park, Maryland, 21146.
Clapp, Dr. James A., Jr., 1400 Herman Drive, Houston 4, Texas 77004.
HALLIDAY, ROBERT W, P. O. Box 1577, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas.
Eric Heyer, - correct Zip No. to 90265
Stanley B. Ineson, summer residence Manchester Vermont, 05254.

Lenhart, Richard L., 619 N. 9th St. Cambridge, Ohio, 43725
Mandel, Gerald, 26 Moorecraig Rd., Petersborough, Ont, Canada.
ADD - McFarlan, Wm. M. 356 East Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, Pa. 19335.
ADD - Miner, Harold C. 200 E 61st St., Hialeah, Fla.
Peatman, A.N., Second Street, Renforth, King's County, N.C., Canada
Pendleton, Robert E. 828 N. E. 14th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla, 33301.
Resnick, Lorrence, Zip No. 33125.
Sargeant, Kenneth S., 38 Hawks Town Crescent, Hailsham, Sussex, England
Sheath, Harry G., 1442 Lawrence, West, Apt 701, Toronto, Ont, Canada.
Stitt, Wm. B., 60 East 42nd St., New York 17, N. Y.
Segovia, Mrs. Anita de, Apartado 4191, Porta la Cruz, Edo. Venezuela.
Thorn, Eric W. 1840 Victoria Park Ave., Apt 618, Scarborough, Ont., Canada.
Warren, Dr. Daniel, Apt 310, 1221 North Court House Road, Arlington, Va. 22201

We have the following letter, in part, from Bob Halladay as follows:

"I have written to Ed Adelson, who mentioned in your May Journal the possibility that there was a reprinting of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Churchill stamps. We have very definite information from the postmaster, Mr. Saunders, that no reprinting of this value was done. I suggested to Ed that the fact that no control numbers appeared in the Churchill stamps was that they were obtained from the Crown Agents who have sent us sheets for the Bahamas and other countries without control numbers."

Bill Cornell sends the following:

A NEW ANTIGUA VICTORIAN CANCEL

A cancellation recently found on a copy of the 1884 issue of Antigua, SG-24, 1d. carmine-red has not been previously recorded. It consists of a rectangular pattern of squares struck in black, the squares having 5mm. sides and spacing between adjacent sides being 6mm. (centerline spacing of squares being 11mm.) The copy at hand shows a pattern of two horizontal squares repeated three times vertically, with the top two squares truncated somewhat by the stamp edge. The cancel is not regular, (imperfect squares), as if cut out of flexible material, e.g., cork. The copy has what appears to be a vertical blue crayon mark, as frequently used in registered mail, as least of later vintage. The cancel in question may be a forgery, or a registration mark, or possibly applied at some extra-insular point, after posting at Antigua. The writer would welcome any information relative to this cancellation.

Due to the fact that to date Reg has received less than fourth of the membership's vote on three new trustees, we are unable to give a report on who was elected. Those of you who havent returned the ballot, found on the last sheet of the May 1966 Journal, please do so at once, so we may have a majority. Your prompt attention to this will be greatly appreciated.

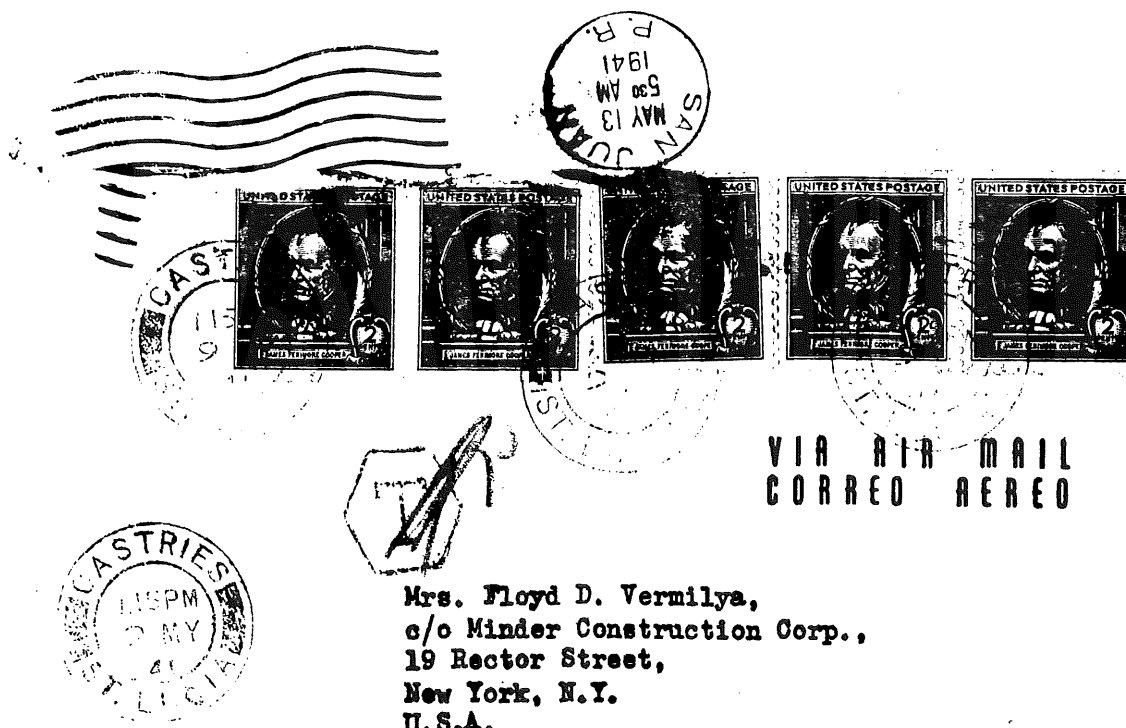
Wife to husband about financial matters: "What good is it for me to skimp and slave, if you continue to squander money on income taxes."

A ST. LUCIA A.P.O. FORERUNNER
by Col. Fred F. Seifert

Although the U.S. Army Post Office, A.P.O. 805, at Vieux Fort, St. Lucia, did not open until 26 July 1941, construction of the U.S. Army Base and other military facilities began some months earlier. During this interim period, the civilian construction workers from the U.S. either sent their mail through the St. Lucia Post Office or entrusted it to someone travelling back to the States. When the St. Lucia mail facilities were employed, letters were normally franked with St. Lucia adhesives, but the cover illustrated here, has been franked with five U.S. 2¢ stamps, all of which are tied to the cover with the Castries, St. Lucia postmark of 9 May 1941.

It will be noted that the St. Lucia Post Office applied a Tax mark to the cover which was subsequently crossed out with a blue pencil, and that the letter was delivered without the New York Post Office collecting additional postage.

At the time this letter was sent, the U.S. Marine Detachment at Gros Islet Naval Base, near Castries, had a Temporary Post Office in operation. It is possible that the sender intended that his letter be posted at that office, but that his courier "goofed." A less kind explanation is that the sender just didn't understand that U.S. stamps are not valid for use in other countries.



The following article is reprinted from "West Indies Stamps, Vol. 3, No. 1, And was written by E. F. Aguilar:

JAMAICA LABELS.

Many Jamaican collectors are not aware of the wide extent to which labels were used in this island over the past fifty years. One can form a very interesting and varied collection of these items.

The very first label which we have on record was issued in 1908. A small stamp of 23 x 28mm. printed in red, white and blue, in the middle portraying the Union Jack and around the flag in a double circle ring, "Buy Goods of" (around top) - "BRITISH MANUFACTURE", (around the bottom of the circle). The outside frame is in red. Postmarked Kingston - February 25, 1908. These are very scarce, and only rarely do they ever turn up.

The British Red Cross Society in Jamaica issued five labels during the 1914-18 period. These labels, although not authorized for postage, were accepted and sold by the Post Office over the counter to help boost the War Fund. If one has the opportunity of collecting many hundreds, they can be found with flaws and errors. All of the labels, generally speaking, are of a similar size, 22 x 28mm. Illustrating one of the early planes flying above the clouds, with the big red Geneva Cross at the bottom. All of the first printings were done as above in red. They can be found along with the normal postage stamp of that period tied to the postmark. These are becoming very scarce. The second printing, which came out around nine months later in 1915, shows a similar design as above but with the word "JAMAICA" just above the Geneva Cross. Jamaica is printed in black. The third printing was done shortly after, and Jamaica appeared under the aeroplane in between the clouds. Again in black.

Many copies can be found where the word "JAMAICA" is across the aeroplane and above the aeroplane, almost on the frame. With the fourth printing the same design shows the word "JAMAICA", once again just above the Geneva Cross and printed across the Geneva Red Cross is the word $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Both wording in black. The fifth printing is very similar to the second except that the word "JAMAICA" appears in red, not black. There is to be found quite a variety of shades, varying from deep red to carmine. This organization was able to purchase a number of planes and helped considerably during this period.

In the 1939-45 War, the Jamaica Red Cross Society again issued labels, and these were distributed and sold in large amounts and helped form the Squadron named after the Island - also part of the proceeds went toward the Fund. These labels of the 1939-45 period are 22 x 28mm. framed with the word "JAMAICA" at the top and the words "WAR FUND" at the bottom, with the large Geneva Red Cross filling the rest of the stamp. These are almost as scarce as the first Red Cross labels of 1914-18.

Also at this period Mr. Cargill organized a Fund known as the "Fellowship of the Blowers". These labels were issued to each member, who had to pay either a $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., upward, depending on how many planes were destroyed each month. This organization collected a very large amount particularly toward the last months of the war.

The third label to be issued for 1939-45 War was the St. Dunstons, which is the same size as the above, 22 x 28mm. framed with the words, "HELP THE WAR FUND" printed in red at the top of the stamp showing the Tomb - Framed with the word St. Dunstons across the Tomb, and the bottom of the Tomb, the words, "JAMAICA, W.I."

All this is in black except for the frame, which is in red. These are extremely scarce, even more so used.

Many collectors do not realize that the War Labels can be found in booklets. These booklets were prepared and printed in Jamaica and contained 12 war labels of the fourth printing, with interleaving of advertisements by different firms in Kingston.

On the cover, the advertisement - Adolph Levy and Bros., for Corn Oil. The second page had J. Wray & Nephew, Ltd., - Wine and Spirit Merchants - Finest of Jamaican Rums. These is then the 6 Labels of the Red Cross - fourth printing. On the following page advertisement by the Jamaica Mutual Life Insurance Society. On the next page there is an advertisement to use the red labels on your letters going through the mails, so as to help the Worthy Cause which these labels were being sold for. On the back of that page was an advertisement by Cecil deCordova & Co. for Golden Glow Milk, and then another 6 Red Cross Labels. The advertisement on the following page is for Machados Cigarettes while on the back of that is Charleys of 64 King Street. On the cover inside Sherlock and Smith of King Street, and on the back of the folder was an advertisement of Fred L. Myers & Son. The whole booklet contained only 12 War Labels, selling for 6d. per booklet.

One understands that there were also other earlier Booklets, but these have never been seen or recorded. This is the first occasion that this booklet is being recorded. The cover is in a greyish color, usual size prepared by the Gleaner Company. Certainly a very rare item for any collector to find. Large collections of these labels will certainly show many varieties.

GRENADA PROVISIONAL
"2" on \$1.50.

In the middle of December 1965, it appeared that resort would have to be had to the overprinting of a stamp, as the stock of one-cent and two cents stamps had been exhausted. The Postal Authority scouted the idea and enjoined the use of the half cent stamp to the requisite figure. But with the approach of Christmas there was the usual demand for a two cent stamp to send the greeting cards, with a postal rate of two cents. Moreover, the Business Community (Banks, Commercial Houses and self service centers), registered a vehement protest against the otherwise inevitable necessity of affixing four half cent stamps to receipts for amounts to \$1, and ten half cents for some above, also for documents requiring a revenue stamp.

The Postal Authority yielded to pressure in the fact of no alternative and it was decided to over-print the \$1.50 stamp. This was effected by the Government Printery. Of the sheets of this denomination released from stock for the purpose, a large number were mis-printed and therefore destroyed. It is reliably reported that the total emission was 35,000 overprinted stamps

The first thing observed was that two types, quite different, of the numeral had been employed. These were eventually designated as Type I and Type II. THE LATTER OCCURRING TWELVE TIMES IN A SHEET OF FIFTY. Secondly, the numeral was not followed by the word "cents" or the conventional sign "¢". Inasmuch as the \$1.50 denomination was used, it could be reasonably argued, at least theoretically, that the lonely "2" represented dollars.

By way of general comment, it might be mentioned that there were three printings. After two essays, the frame proved defective and was evidently reset. The result appeared in the spacing of the obliterating bars, indeed, it may be the case that in one printing only one bar was used. The frame was not capable of fine adjustment and in quite a number of instances the obliteration missed the \$1.50 entirely.

The imprint of Type I shows many flaws and on some stamps defies detection. When the stamps were released an attempt was made to limit supplies to the leading concerns. It was inferred they were not to be used for postage and that an attempt to do so would be countered by defacing the stamp with a blue or red crayon mark.

A simple device would have been to overprint with the word "REVENUE". The issue was not Gazetted nor was official notice posted that it was intended for revenue purposes only. The fact remains that immediately the stamp was affixed to envelopes for second class mail and with two half-cent stamps or the one cent stamp of the Churchill issue for inland letter mail. Examination of representative selections of stamps from mail has not uncovered one specimen defaced. A few have been seen where other stamps were postmarked, but the over-printed stamp omitted.

If the over-printed stamp was not valid for postage, why was not such mail surcharged? To be consistent, it should have been surcharged four cents, for which a postage due stamp is available. An illuminating comment implying the validity of the stamp is that, at an early date, the Crown Agents cabled for £ 50 worth, only to be informed that the request could not be complied with.

At length the Postmaster appeared to realize that he could no longer insist, and that the stamp could not be regarded as a fiscal issue. At this point it was freely sold at the Post Office Counters to the general public.

He makes much of the assertion if these stamps were passed into the mail and postmarked, it was contrary to instructions and could have occurred only by oversight in the bulk of the postal matter. Enquiry of a District Postmaster elicited the reply that he was aware of some restriction but had received no written communication to this effect. It goes without saying that many of this limited supply were used for fiscal requirement and particularly by self service centers. It is equally well established, by reliable report, that many were used to mail Christmas Cards to Grenadians residing in the United Kingdom and the United States.

It has been officially communicated that there were no bulk philatelic sales and that nostock remained after the third week in March.

An article that appeared in "Stamp Collecting for March 18th, reads as follows:

"The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications, Grenada, has now officially confirmed the facts regarding the Provisional "2" (2 cents) surcharge applied without notice to the outgoing \$1.50 stamp of Grenada. This provisional was created to overcome a shortage of 2 cents stamps. It was issued on December 23, 1965, and remained on sale until mid-January 1966. The printing was 35,000 and there were no bulk philatelic sales, all the stamps being sold for local use. No stocks now remain."

Does anyone in the group have any further information on this rather unusual provisional?

* * * * *

Sign in the window of a Houston furniture store:

"Use our Easy Payment Plan - 100% down and Then Nothing Else to Pay."

PERSONAL MENTION:

Eddie Adelson and Dorothy have started their new house, and Eddie says he's going to have enough room for all the stamps in the Bahamas. Remember he and Larry Resnick and Johnny Gevelek are writing an article on the Air Mail Paquebots of Bahamas, so send them any information you have.

EVERARD AGUILAR writes that all is well with he and Fay. He had a ball during the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip last March.

JOE CHIN ALEONG Says that he is able to supply new issues, and F.D.C.'s of most of the B.W.I. If you need some you've missed, drop him a line.

EARL APFELBAUM gave us a nice write-up in Linn's last month, which has resulted in several inquiries from B.W.I. collectors. Thanks, Earl.

RAYMOND AUSTIN has been retired for about a year now. Nothing like it, is there Ray?

Havent heard from ROY BOOTWRIGHT in a long time. How you doing Roy?

Dr. JOHN BUCKNER has moved back to Daytona Beach, Fla., and from there have taken off to Europe for the summer. Bon Voyage and good hunting, John and Ruth.

BYRON AND MARY CAMEEON attended SIPEX and understand Byron took a bronze-silver award for his wonderful pre-stamp cancellations on cover, Jamaica, of course. Congratulations, Byron, and hows about you and Mary dropping over here for a few days.

JORDAN CHURCHILL hasn't been heard from for a long time. How are you doing, Jordan. Write me a letter with the news.

ARTHUR COURTNEY writes that he would like to make a trip over here once a year. Sure enjoyed your visit to Houston and Baytown, as well as the Miami environs, Art. The staff at Bremer's ask about you often.

CHET CROMLEYGH hasn't answered several letters and am wondering if hes has been ill or otherwise incapacitated. Does anyone know?

STAN DURNIN must have broken his typewriter.

PAUL EDWARDS real busy these days trying to corner the banking business in Baytown.

MILT ERICKSON spent a weekend in Dallas, Houston and Baytown recently, then back home and to SIPEX, where he took a silver medal for his magnificent collection of Jamaican numeral obliterations, many on stamps of G.B. and on full cover. Congratulations, Milt.

PHIL HALWARD writes that he is now Editor for the National Philatelic Society, whose magazine "The Stamp Lover", is one of the more excellent British Journals.

ERIC HEYER is on another round-the world tour. Had a card from him from Athens, Greece, which was also signed by Stan Durnin, who met him there for a session. Must be nice to be retired and rich.

STANLEY INESON Has returned to Manchester, Vt. for the summer. Hope you are feeling well, Stanley.

REG LANT and HELEN left for England, Scotland and Ireland by air on May 30, to be gone about a month. He plans on contacting some of the British members while there. As I said before, it must be wonderful to be retired and rich.

BERT LATHAM writes that his pockets are not deep enough to keep up with the material that keeps coming up over there. I'm in the same boat, Bert.

Dr. JOHN LOCKIE has been vacationing in Vancouver and in G. Britain, and will return to Brandon about the middle of May.

BOB LOVETT wrote that he was either going to Jamaica or make a trip to the West this summer. Which did you do, Bob? Drop us a line and let us know how you and the family fared on the trip.

GERALD SANCHO and JOE CHIN ALEONG are preparing a listing of the Trinidad Town date stamps together with all the postoffices in Trinidad. How are you all coming along with the project?

BILL STITT writes that he visited the Bahamas earlier this year. Thanks for the covers, Bill.

Mrs. Elaine STRAUSS still taking awards at the exhibits. Congratulations, Elaine.

PAM TAYLOR writes that BERT is now home at Naples after a serious hospital session in New York. Glad you are OK Bert, and hope you continue to stay well.

RONNIE WONG writes asking for B.W.I. postage dues on full cover. Anyone have any duplicates?

* * * * *

The Masonic Stamp Club honored DR. IRWIN M YARRY, at their annual dinner May 6, at the Masonic Club in New York. Dr. Yarry, a dental surgeon, is a past president of the Masonic Stamp Club and its Secretary for 13 years. Guest speaker at the dinner was Henry M. Goodkind, editor of the Collectors Club Philatelist and Aero Philatelist Annals. Congratulations, Doc, for the many years of service to both the Masonic Club and the Collector's Club.

* * * * *

BOB LOVETT writes: The B.C.P.S.G. Library has received a set of photographs of early Jamaican letters which were mentioned in the last issue of the Journal. Below is some additional information concerning these letters: There are 12 letters dating from 23 June 1707 to 24 May 1712. They are all from a Mr. Peter Heywood, Agent or representative in Jamaica and addressed to Col. Charles Long concerning his property in Jamaica. Much of the correspondence concerns court actions and legal matters which leads me to believe that Mr. Heywood may have been an attorney. There are no Jamaica postal markings on the letters and they are addressed variously "to be left with Mr. Charles Kent, Merchant, London", "to be left at the Jamaica Coffee House, London", "at his house in Queen's Square, London", etc. Most letters mention the name of the vessel carrying them: "per Packet Franklin", "per His Majesty's Ship Portsmouth", "per the Diamond, Capt. Hood", etc. The first letter mentions that the Col's. "affairs in general go on well, especially at Lucky Valley, where ye works are well near finished". These letters may be borrowed from the library, and should prove very interesting.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Robert Topaz.

The summer doldrums have hit again, as it seems to every year, and I do hope that you Jamaica zealots will have mercy on your writer. Still there are a few items to make note of this month, In the Stampless field my notes yield the following:

Buff Bay - the P6 mark has been noted dated 24 MY 61 with a "6" under the date. This is the same type of a thing that had been previously noted for Highgate.

The albino strike from the Collett collection of Dry Harbour - type T 1 - has been examined and apparently is spelled "Dry Harbor".

Bert Latham reports the only recorded copy of GREEN ISLAND - type P2 - dated 7 JU 40.

Mark Swetland reports the existence of an albino strike of Saint David in type T-3 - 4mm. high, Dated 9 JU 39 - the first recorded copy I have heard about.

The squared circle type 1 of Kingston has been noted with the index "V R" dated 18 AU 91 - heretofore unreported.

Everard Aguilar was kind enough to send along the Laughlands TRD that has been reported as 1918. Upon examination, I am inclined to think that it is more likely to be "1913" than "1918", and this would make more sense in some respects. It would be wonderful, if someone would or could come up with another one to verify this date one way or another. This mark is in violet ink - about 33 x 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. with seriffed caps, and the date line is a dotted one. The year is part of the mark.

Wondering if there is some significance to the fact that the early Hartlands Railway mark previously noted was a telegraph stamp. Perhaps the reason for this type marking (usually reads "station" after the name), was used as a telegraph cancellation at these stations? Can anybody help??

Prickly Pole has been using their worn oval mark for the past 15 years or so, but we suddenly find them using a second TRD type 37 in violet ink dated 28 MR 66. The last recorded mark I have of the old oval was 1 JU 65. Can anyone fill in the interim?

BOHEMIA is again using their TRD - noted 21 MR 66 in violet ink - type 37 a - after using their MSR for some time. It is now considerably larger appearing probably due to the black ink usage

Current TRD and openings noted - thanks to Ronnie and Lloyd - are:

Mitchells Hill - previously noted as opening on 25 FE 66 now noted as opening 22 FE 65 - can anyone verify?

BOUNTY HALL TRD type 37 violet ink noted 3 AP 66

MAYDAY type 37 noted in violet ink on 2 AP 66, forwarding office Mandeville.

SPRING BANK - Noted in type 37 violet ink on 4 AP 66 Forwarding office - Bath

THATCH WALK - St Ann parish opened 15 AP 66 - noted in type 37 violet ink on 11 MY 66.

New MSR's noted were EPWORTH dated 30 MR 66 - no asterisk, and HALSE HALL with asterisk dated 24 MR 65 - new EKD.

Reg Lant reports the slogan "COMMONWEALTH/GAMES/JAMAICA AUG 1966" all block

letters - unframed 55 x 17 mm.

Jamaica put out a new TRD cachet mark for the first flight of AIR JAMAICA on 1 May 1966. This is the type 37 TRD and reads FIRST FLIGHT around the top and "AIR JAMAICA around the bottom. The cover I have seen also has a violet ink oblong reading "philatelic mail".

The new postage due markings to conform to the UPU regulations has been noted dated 12 MR 66. It consists of a single circle about 22mm. in diameter. In the upper left hand quadrant of this circle is a serified capital "T" about 6mm in height. Apparently the postmaster inserts a line drawn horizontally through the middle, and inserts the amount due on top of this line, and the single rate postage charge under the line.

Fred Seifert reports that he has received only one response to his article "JAMAICA PAID, THE STORY BEHIND A COVER", which appeared on pages 62-63 of the May Journal. Bert Latham confirmed that the Nicholson Types M8 and M9, JAMAICA PAID do exist. Bert states that he has a cover of M8 struck in red with additional manuscript marking "1 pd". The cover is dated 1 DEC 1899. He also has a strike of M9 in mauve on a undated envelope. This squashes Fred's theory of a drafting error, and establishes that his marks are new types not recorded by Nicholson. To fit his two new types into Nicholson's system of nomenclature, Fred suggests that his Figure 1 be called M8a and his Figure 4, M9a. He again appeals to our members to examine their Jamaica material and report all examples of any of the four paid marks illustrated in his article. Surely he and Bert are not the only BCPSG members who possess examples of those marks.

A portion of the listing of the "L" towns were left off the May issue of the Journal and are included here:

| | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| LIME TREE GARDENS | St. Ann parish | Opened 12 February 1945 |
| 1. Type 37 | violet ink | 12 FE 45 1 DE 45 |
| 2. B 1 (issued 12 DE 45) | | 13 DE 49 11 DE 65 |
| | Forwarding office Brownstown | |
| 3. MSR (issued 13 AU 56) | | 5 MR 57 21 DE 65 |
| LINSTEAD | St Catherine | Opened 15 Nov. 1868 |
| 1. S.R. (issued 15 NO 69) | A index | 21 MY 73 30 OC 94 |
| 2. A71 Oblit type H | | 7 SP 86 8 AU 93 |
| 3. D.R. 26 mm | 3 mm letters dots | 28 NO 94 5 FE 12 |
| 4. D.R. 28 mm | 3 mm letters | 22 HO 12 3 OC 53 |
| 5. D.R. 29½ mm. | 3 mm letters | 11 DE 33 14 JY 65 |
| | The letters are squarer than in the previous mark and there is less space between the terminal D of Linstead and the Terminal A of Jamaica. | |
| | | 31 AU 57 DE 63 |
| 6. B 1 | | |
| 7. B.B. (Registered) | | 9 OC 56 7 DE 64 |
| | This mark reads "Registered/Linstead, Jamaica". Most marks carry no asterisk, but it is reported that this mark originally carried an asterisk. | |
| 8. Timed single ring-Bar cancellation | | 16 NO 60 12 DE 65 |
| | A machine printed mark with the hour of cancellation appearing above the date in half-hour intervals. 7 wavy broken bars in the obliterating part of the cancellation | |
| 9. Timed single ring- independence slogan. | | 9 JY 62 16 JY 62 |
| | As mark #8 but the independence slogan replaces the wavy bars. | |
| LINSTEAD VALLEY RAILWAY | St Catherine | Opened before 1887. |
| 1. S l b i | red ink | 1 M? 00 28 MR 06 |
| | Spelled Linsted. | |
| 2. S i b i | blue ink | 31 OC 01 27 JA 10 |
| | Spelled Linstead. | |
| 3. \$ 3 | blue ink | 28 FE 21 7 OC 24 |
| LINCOLN | Manchester | Opened 28 July 1928 |
| 1. TRD type 25 | violet ink | 10 AU 28 15 DE 28 |
| 2. D.R. 28 mm. | 3½ mm. letters | 12 AU 32 22 MR 55 |
| 3. MSR (issued 13 AU 56) | | 5 MR 57 21 DE 65 |

LINTON PARK St Ann parish Opened 17 Sept. 1940

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 34 | brownish ink | 7 AU 40 | 8 NO 40 |
| 2. TRD type 35 | violet ink | 4 NO 41 | 3 AP 43 |
| 3. B 2 (issued MY 42) | | 24 JY 46 | 11 AU 65 |

Forwarding office Alexandria.

There seems to be some confusion about the opening date of this office, and it is possible that it was opened - closed for a very few days and then reopened on 17 SP 40. There are two dates reported on cover before the 17 SP 40 date.

LLANDEWEY St Thomas Opened 5 Feb, 1896

| | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 8 | black ink | FE 96 | 21 JY 03 |
|---------------|-----------|-------|----------|

This office was supposed to have been closed on 28 FE 99, however we have recorded two dates during 1903. Supposedly reopened on 28 JU 12

| | | | |
|--|------------|----------|----------|
| 2. D.R. 28 mm 2½mm letters | | 8 JA 97 | 3 MR 31 |
| 3. TRD type 16 | violet ink | 20 JY 25 | |
| 4. D.R. 27 mm 3 mm. letters | | 8 FE 26 | 30 NO 51 |
| 5. B 3 (issued early Jan 54) no asterisk | | 21 JY 55 | 18 JA 66 |

Forwarding office Bull Bay-Yallahs

LLOYDS St. Thomas Opened 10 Feb 1945.

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 37 | violet ink | 16 FE 45 | 5 NO 45 |
| 2. B 1 | * Black ink | 2 DE 46 | 12 MR 65 |
| | * Violet ink | 27 DE 61 | |

LLUIDAS VALE St Catherine Opened 1 March 1881

(possibly 7 MR 81 undated)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 1 | black ink | | |
| 2. S.C. type 1 (issued 1882 | Index A | 29 FE 84 | m2 DE 91 |
| | Index B | 10 MY 83 | 12 JA 30 |
| | Index C | 19 MR 83 | 35 |
| | No index. | 96 | 9 FE 33 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| 3. D.R. 30mm, 3½mm letters | | 10 JU 43 | 2 DE 65 |
| 4. MSR | no asterisk | 27 OC 64 | 3 MY 65 |

LODGE St Ann parish Opened December 1911

| | | | |
|----------------|--|----------|----------|
| 1. TRD type 16 | | 15 JA 12 | 16 SP 12 |
|----------------|--|----------|----------|

The year 1911 is in the mark

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| 2. D.R. 28 mm., 3 mm. letters | | 22 MY 17 | 17 MY 35 |
| 3. D.R. 30 mm., 3½mm. letters | | 27 JY 37 | 14 SP 65 |

| | | |
|--|-------------------|---|
| LONG BAY | St. Mary parish | Opened 18 August 1910. |
| 1. TRD type 16 | violet ink | 6 OC 10 1 NO 11 |
| The year "1910" is in the mark. It was written over in mms, to make 1911. Aguilar states that black ink was used after SP 1911, and specifically states 6 OC 11. | | |
| 2. D.R. 29 mm. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters | | 1 NO 11 26 |
| 3. D.R. 28 mm. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters | | FE 27 27 MY 32 |
| Thin inner circle. | | |
| 4. D.R. 29 mm., 3 mm. letters | | 3 JY 49 30 JY 52 |
| 5. MSR | * | FE 58 27 AU 65 |
| LUCKY VALLEY | St. Catherine | Opened 18 Nov. 1955 |
| 1. TRD type 37b | violet ink | 25 NO 55 5 JU 56 |
| 2. MSR (issued 13 AU 56 | * | 8 FE 57 16 JY 65 |
| Month noted in mms. | | |
| LUMSDEN | St. Ann parish. | Opened 19 March 1958 (Possibly 15 MR 58) |
| 1. TRD type 46 b | violet ink | 22 MR 58 5 SP 58 |
| 2. MSR | * | 7 NO 58 11 AU 65 |
| Forwarding office, Claremont - St. Ann's Bay. | | |
| LYDFORD | St. Ann parish | Opened 16 July 1939 |
| 1. TRD type 32 | violet ink | 16 JY 39 3 AP 41 |
| 2. B 2 (issued 1 OC 40) | * | 5 FE 42 9 NO 64 |
| 3. MSR (issued 18 DE 64) | * | 12 JA 65 23 SP 65 |
| LYSSONS | St. Thomas parish | Opened 5 March 1959 |
| 1. TRD type 56 a | violet ink | 24 MR 59 22 DE 59 |
| This originally had the letters B.W.I. following the word Jamaica, but the "B" disappeared. | | |
| 2. MSR | * violet ink | 1 MY 60 6 AU 60 |
| | * black ink | 11 OC 60 27 JA 66. |