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EDITORIAL.

At long last the results of our election have been received, that is, enough replies have been received by Reg Lant to constitute the wishes of the majority. The results are as follows:

Gale J. Raymond	Elected
Alfred J. Branston	"
Ronnie Wong	"

This now sets up our Board of Trustees as follows:

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together with four non-elected members:

Byron Cameron	- Past President
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Bob Topaz	- Immediate Past President
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The Board of Trustees will nominate and elect the officers for the coming year as soon as possible according to the constitutional provisions governing.

REVIEWS:

"THE PRICED CATALOGUE OF POSTAL STATIONERY OF THE WORLD", Edited by Edward Fladung and published by Higgins & Gage, Inc., 23 No. Santa Anita, Pasadena, Calif, part 3, covering Camerouns to Czechoslovakia, has just been issued. This is a continuation of the excellent catalogue of postal stationery, which should be of much interest to our Group. The issue is well illustrated and is a treasure trove of information for specialty collectors of this material.

The American Philatelic Society has published in handbook form a fascinating postal history study of the Virgin Islands, entitled "THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS, (Formerly the Danish West Indies)", authored by J. Alfred Birch, of England, a member of the A.P.S. and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. The handbook commences with the 1650-1670 period, when the islands were being colonized by the Danes, and covers extensively the Great Britain Used Abroad obliterations D26 and C51, with around 150 illustrations by the author. A real "must" for the B.V.I. Collector.

MONTSERRAT, by L.E. Britnor, 95 pages with illustrations, looseleaf in spiral paper binder and published by the British West Indies Study Circle, England. Price \$3.15 postage paid, from P. T. Saunders, Caymans Cottage Bushley, Tewkesbury, Gloucester, England. Montserrat has had no previous handbook, and previous literature has been quite sparse. This book fills a real void, and deals with the postal history, early packet names, dates, rates and other relevant data. The postage stamp issues cover nine chapters and continue through the current QV II issues. Other chapters are devoted to "specimen" stamps and postal stationery. Postal markings and fiscal stamps of Montserrat are also covered. An excellent reference.

NEW MEMBERS:

WILSON, ELLIOTT HENRY, Octavio Pecon 38, Malaga Spain.

Pertinent information on this new member will be found in the July Journal.

NEW APPLICANTS:

WELLD, JOHN F, 854 Orange Grove Ave., San Fernando, Calif. 91340. Occupation, Clerk, Collects Cayman Islands, N.W. Pacific Islands, Maldives, Member A.P.S., T.M.P.S., Hong Kong Study Group and local club.

MANN, EMERSON, 20 Kenwood Avenue, Verona, N. J. 07044. Occupation, Office Worker, Collects B.N.A., B.W.I., British South America.

Mason, L. W., 114 Roman Road, London, E.2., England, Occupation, Company Director, Collects British West Indies in General, Specialties, Bahamas and Montserrat, Member of Leytonstone Wanstead & District Philatelic Society.

NEVILLE, THOMAS R., 533 West Beechtree Lane, Wayne, Pennsylvania, 19087. Occupation, Manager, Materials Engineering, Aerospace Ind. Collects B. W. I. Postmarks. Member Landsdowne Stamp Club.

NEW ISSUES:

WORLD CUP ,Omnibus issue - see inclosed folder.

BRITISH HONDURAS, New Capital Commemorative Issue, 1, 3, 4, 10 and 25 cents definitive values overprinted "Dedication of Site - New Capital 9th October, 1965", in sheets of 50 stamps.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES:

Antigua definitive issue, Bahamas definitive issue, Turks and Caicos definitive, Jamaica Commonwealth Games, British Honduras Postal Centenary.

Bermuda additional definitive value printed by Harrison and Sons, Ltd., value 1/6d. in the design of the present 5d value which will be withdrawn, date of issue November 1, 1966.

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Roger Guthrie has a block of 4 of St. Kitts Scott's 100, in which shows watermark of the Multiple Crown on three of the stamps but on the upper left stamp is the St. Edwards Crown and Block CA watermark. Apparently a papermakers error. Does anyone else have examples of this variety?

BRITISH-GUIANA POSTMARKS.

By Colonel Fred F. Seifert.

Previous studies of the postmarks of British Guiana have taken us from the period of the first use of adhesive stamps in 1850 to approximately 1895 (B.C.P.J. Volume 5, No 3, May 1965). An earlier article (Volume 4, No. 6, November 1964), partially bridged the turn of the Century with a description of a family of Double Circle marks.

While the aforementioned Double Circles were still in use, a number of types of Single Circles marks were introduced. By virtue of size and other characteristics, these marks can be grouped into several families which will be described in the paragraphs which follow.

BRITISH GUIANA SINGLE CIRCLES.

24 mm diameter, except as noted.

This family is illustrated in Figs. 1 through 4. The date is in two lines and the year is usually given in full.

GEORGETOWN 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm, bottom B. GUIANA, dots at sides Code letter above date (Fig.).

Code D	AU 28 1895	6 JA 1898
Code E	NO 30 1895	AU 22 1896
Code F	JA 29 1896	AU 27 1898
Code H	4 JU 1897	
Code K	NO 13 1895	DE 2 1896

P. B. GEORGETOWN As above.

Code A	MY 3 1894	MY 20 1899
Code E	OC 17 1895	MR 2 1899
Code	2 4 1895 (Digit for month)	MY 7 1895
Code	FE 6 1896	
Code H	MY 31 1894	10 JU 1897 ("H" lower than normal on 1897 strike).
Code K	AP 27 1898	AU 3 1898

NEW-AMSTERDAM As above but 24 mm diameter.

Code A	MR 26 1897	18 JY 1899
Code B	AP 8 1896	5 JU 1899
Code C	JA 7 1896	16 AU 1899

ENMORE As New Amsterdam

Code A	FE 17 1899	FE 20 1899	
Code B	JU 2 1896	MR 29 1899	
Code C	AP 19 1899	JY 11 1899	
Code D	MY 6 1896	JA 26 1899	=
Code H	DE 27 1898		
No code	JU 8 1900	JA 15 1902	

AS NEW-AMSTERDAM AND ENMORE BUT WITHOUT CODE LETTERS (FIGURE 2).

AMACURA	21 AU 1896	21 AU ----(c. 1906, SG 247).
POTARO	2 JY 1896	MY 27 1903
REGISTRATION	21 MR 1898	23 MR 1899
RICHMOND HILL	MY 18 1901	
WELDAAD	OC 8 1900	JU 1 1901
WHIM	FE 1 1897 JU 12 11	MR 29 1904 AU 21 12
WISMAR	- JY 1897	JA 7 1905

AS ABOVE BUT LARGER SIZE, 25½ mm. (FIGURE 3).

ARAKAKA	FE 27 1896 27 NO 6	20 AP 1907 26 MY 18
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B. GUIANA REPLACED BY FLEURON, DIAMETER 24 MM (FIGURE 4).

ROCKSTONE	MR 19 1900	FE 8 1901 (day could be 6)
SANTA ROSA	1 JU 1899	
TUMATUMARI	AU 30 1897	AP 18 1899

BRITISH GUIANA SINGLE CIRCLE POSTMARKS.
28 to 28½ mm diameter: date in 3 lines.

This family is shown in Figures 5 through 7. The identifying characteristics are the diameter and the 3 line date. This year is usually in full for early dates and in one or two digits for later dates, but there are exceptions. Some offices changed back and forth several times and in some cases used both forms of year indication in the same year. The date is usually well centered. In some strikes the base of the stamp has picked up ink and printed extraneous lines before and after the day or year figures which could be mistaken for additional digits (see Fig. 7). Some stamps have a period after B. GUIANA. These are indicated by an asterisk (*) after the town name while towns where which it has not been possible to determine the presence or absence of the period are indicated by a question mark.



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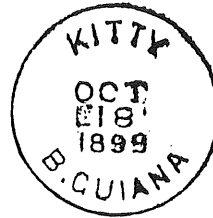
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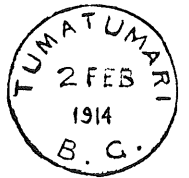
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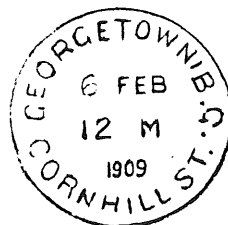
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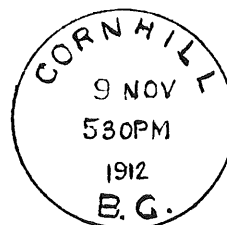
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16.

AGRICOLA	26 OCT 1907	21 JAN 10
ALBUOYSTOWN ?	19 JAN 1904	10 JU 7
ANNA REGINA	MAY 21 1904	JUN 5 1905 (See Fig. 5)
ANNA REGINA *	11 DEC 1907	4 JUL 21 (See Fig. 6)
The letters "GIN" are more closely spaced than on Fig. 5.		
ANNS GROVE *	23 AUG 1900	16 AUG 13
ARAKAKA	MAR 9 1898	26 MAY 18
AURORA	1 JAN 1904	3 JUN 10
BAGOTVILLE	12 AUG 1903	6 APR 18
BARTICA *	19 FEB 1902	18 JUN 15 (Possibly two types)
BELFIELD	NOV 21 1902	7 MAY 12
BENAB ?	14 FEB 1899	23 FEB 1908
BETERVERWAGTING	22 DEC 1905	19 NOV 26
BLAIRMONT	15 FEB 5	27 JUL 1908
BOURDA ?	SEP 20 1904	9 JAN 7
BUXTON *	30 JUL 1901	29 NOV 12 (Possibly 2 types)
CABACABURI ?	12 DEC 1907	
CANE GROVE *	2 JUN 3	10 DEC 12
CARMICHAEL ST.	AUG 4 1902	5 DEC 12
CUYUNI ?	12 SEP 1899	APR 12 1901
DANIELSTOWN	AUG 2 1904	1 DEC 2- (on SG 281, c. 1922-230)
ENMORE	OCT 1 1903	14 JUL 15
EVERSHAM ?	JUL 26 1904	JUN 5 -- (On S.G. 260, c 1913) (also known with blank center)
FELLOWSHIP	3 DEC 1903	19 APR 11
FORT WELLINGTON	20 AUG 1904	2 SEP 14
GROVE ?	4 APR 1907	22 SEP 13
H.M.P.S. *	27 JUN 1900	27 AUG 23
(Her/His Majesty's Penal Settlement).		
HACKNEY	3 OCT 19--	-0 JAN 7

HOPE PLACER *	1 MAR 4	21 MAY 1904
HYDE PARK ?	6 OCT 1906	
KITTY	MAR 31 1899	1 MAR 13
KITTY *	9 FEB 23	29 NOV 24
LEGUAN	AUG 18 1903	9 OCT 16
LEONORA	3 JUN 1904	24 FEB 10
MACCASEEMA ?	4 SEP 1902	7 NOV 1902
MAHAICA (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters)	17 JAN 1899	2 AUG 1901
MAHAICA (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters)	20 OCT 1902	2 FEB 17
MAHAICONY	11 JUL 1904	2 JUN 21
MALIALI *	APR 26 1904	11 JAN 7
MATOPE *	DEC 28 1905	4 APR 14
METENMEERZORG	31 JUL 1903	14 JUL 21
MORAWHANNA *	5 AUG 1905	1 JUN 21
NAAMRYCK	- AUG 1905	23 NOV 1908
NEW AMSTERDAM.P.B. ?	2 SEP 1901	- AUG 12
NIGG	1 NOV 1898	31 AUG 1906
NO. 50 ?	4 FEB 1903	13 APR --
PARCEL POST ?	13 NOV 18	
PLAISANCE	22 OCT 1904	30 JUN 14
POTARO	5 OCT 1903	25 MAR 1907
PROVIDENCE ?	5 DEC 14	
PURUNI ?	14 SEP 1902	20 JUL 1906
REGISTRATION, G.P.O. ?	16 FEB 7	
RELIANCE	13 JUN 1906	4 APR 19
ROSIGNOL ?	13 NOV 190-	20 MAY 1906
SISTERS ?	15 MAY 1907	19 MAY 1907
SKELDON	8 AUG 1904	22 NOV 6
SPARTA *	JAN 14 1901	MAR 30 1903

STANLEY TOWN	31 OCT 1898	2 NOV 1900
STEAMER STELLING ?	29 JUN 10	13 FEB 12 (Also in 1 APR---4)
	Not a T.P.O., but used at Steamer Wharf.)	
SUDDIE	SEP 11 1903	9 MAY 22
TARLOGY ?	14 NOV 1898	23 JAN 1900
TAYMOUTH MANOR	22 APR 1904	14 MAR 19
TUMATUMARI *	8 OCT 1905	10 SEP 12
TUSCHEN *	NOV 18 1897	2 NOV 16
VREEDENHOOP	27 JAN 3	3 APR 17
WAKENAAM	27 FEB 1904	27 JUN 21
WALES ?	26 JUN	1 DEC 190-
WELDAAD ?	23 DEC 190-	
WISMAR	2 FEB 1904	5 JAN 14

VARIETY:

TOP: XV MILE P.O.

3 JAN 1905

16 JUL 10.

BOTTOM: POBARO, B.G.

BRITISH GUIANA SINGLE CIRCLES.

22 to 23 mm except as noted.

This family shown in figures 8 through 12 is often referred to as the "thimble" postmarks. The name was probably given them because their diameter is about that of the open end of a thimble. The first type, (Figs. 8 and 10) has the town name, a comma and B.G. curved around the top. The day and month are in one line centered near the top. The year is given in full and is in tiny closely spaced figures, probably supplied as an integral unit for each year. It is located either at the bottom of the circle (B) or just below the center (C).

ACQUEERO (Not Sp.)	19 OCT 1913 (B)	JUN 1 - (On S.G. 281, c 1923.)
ALBUOYSTOWN	24 JUN 1910 (B)	MAY 13 1912 (C)
ANNA REGINA	AUG 12 1912 (B)	27 NOV 1915 (B)
ARAKAKA (22MM)	19 APR 1909 (B)	24 OCT 1911 (B)
ARAKAKA (26MM)	11 AUG 1913 (C)	10 NOV 1918 (C)
AURORA	14 FEB 1912 (C)	22 MAR 1917 (C)
BAGOTVILLE	16 DEC 1909 (B)	
	21 MAY 1912 (C)	15 SEP 1913 (C)
BELFIELD	DEC 17 1906 (B)	29 JUN 1910 (B)
	DEC 5 1911 (C)	

BETERVERWAGTING	4 OCT 1909 (B)	
BOURDA	4 SEP 1907 (B)	OCT 5 1907 (B)
DANIELSTOWN	28 JUN 1907 (B) 21 MAY 1913 (C)	13 DEC 1911 (B) 26 DEC 1916 (C)
DE KINDEREN	14 JUN 1912 (B)	8 JAN 1914 (B)
FELLOWSHI P	OCT 17 1907 (B)	JUN 13 1910 (B)
FORT ISLAND	14 APR/1130A/1911 (B)	16 DEC/11AM/1912 (B)
FORT WELLINGTON	APR 16 1907 (B)	DEC 20 1910 (B)
GEORGETOWN	2 MAR/1130AM/1907 (B)	27 NOV/230P/1909 (B)
GEORGETOWN G.P.O.	3 MAY/730A/1906 (B)	31 MAR/6pm/1910 (B)
HYDE PARK	14 NOV 1912 (B)	13 JUN 1917 (B)
LEGUAN	DEC 10 1907 (B) 11 FEB 1915 (C)	25 JUN 1912 (B)
LEONORA (22MM)	13 AUG 1912 (C)	
LEONORA (23 $\frac{1}{2}$ MM)	MAY 14 1912 (B)	18 DEC 1917 (B)
MAHAICA (22MM)	9 MAY 1907 (B)	6 AUG 1908 (B) (Fig. 10)
MAHAICA (25 $\frac{1}{2}$ MM)	2 NOV 1914 (C)	5 DEC 1918 (C) (Fig. 11)
MAHAICONY		MAY 21 1910 (B) OCT 10 1916 (C)
MARLBOROUGH	AUG 25, 1910 (B)	26 MAR 1915 (B)
METENMEERZORG	16 APR 1911 (Low C)	- AUG 1912 (Low C)
MORAWHANNA	JUN 2 1910 (B) 11 FEB 1912 (C)	11 AUG 1910 (B) 10 DEC 1914 (C)
NIGG	4 AUG 1908 (B)	
OMAI	JUN 1907 (B)	24 APR 1908 (B)
PLAISANCE	OCT 15 19-- (B)	NOV 25 19-- (B) (Both on SG 240 c. 1905)
POTARO	MAY 15 1906 (B)	8 JUN 1911 (B)
POTARO, XI MILE	8 JUL 1912 (B)	1 OCT 1915 (B) (Also on SG 281 c. 1922-23)
RELIANCE	1 JUL 1908 (B) 14 FEB 1911 (C)	4 JUL 1910 (B) 24 MAR 1913 (C)
SKELDON	NOV 28 1910 (B) JUN 30 1911 (C)	OCT 12 1912 (C)
SUDDIE	29 JUN 1908 (B)	JAN 5 1914 (B)

TAYMOUTH MANOR	9 MAY 1907 (C)	14 APR 1914 (C)
VREED EN HOOP	JUN 7 1906 (B) 6 MAY 1913 (C)	JUL 13 1906 (B) (with large 1913)
WAKENAAM	JUN 17 1909 (B) (Date in 2 lines) 13 APR 1909 (B)	31 JUL 1913 (B) (Dates in 3 lines)
WHIM	JUL 6 1908 (B)	
WISMAR	6 MAY 1911 (B)	12 JAN 1912 (B)
	SAME EXCEPT TOWN NAME AND B. GUIANA AT TOP	
UITVLUGT	20 MAR 191- (B) 19 MAY 191- (C) All on S.G. 258, c. 1910)	17 JUL 191- (C)
	TOWN AND B. G. AT TOP; YEAR IN TWO DIGITS.	
ANNA REGINA	3 AUG 21 (B)	
ARAKAKA (26MM)	23 AUG 20 (C)	- NOV 26 (C)
AURORA	22 MAR 17 (C)	17 JAN 21 (C)
BARTICA	29 APR 21 (C)	6 JUN 29 (C)
DANIELSTOWN	5 AUG 12 (C)	29 OCT 25 (C)
FORT ISLAND	1 DEC/11AM/6 (B) 10 DEC/930AM/2- (C)	17 NOV/1030/19 (B)
FORT WELLINGTON	OCT 26 20 (C)	
GROVE	& JUN 19 (C)	30 DEC 20 (C)
MAHAICA (25½MM)	7 JUN 19 (C)	8 AUG 22 (C)
MAHAICONY	JAN 15 17 (C)	22 JAN 24 (C)
MORAWHANNA	15 MAY 13 (C)	20 AUG 25 (C)
NEW AMSTERDAM	4 SEP 22 (C)	
PLAISANCE	13 JAN 19 (C)	14 MAY 20 (C)
POTARO	17 FEB 1- (B)	(on S.G. 273, c. 1921022)
POTARO XI MILE	SEPT 12 31 (B)	(Late use verified by other postmarks on cover)
SUDDIE	JAN 11 13 (B)	AUG 21 13 (B)
TAYMOUTH MANOR	3 FEB 11 (C)	29 DEC 17 (C)
W XENAAM	18 JUN 17 (C)	

WELDAAD (25¹/₂MM) 10 JUL 14 (C)

WISMAR 8 JUL 13 (B)

TOWN AND BRITISH GUIANA AT TOP; YEAR IN FULL.

ANNS GROVE 3 MAY 1910 (B) 12 DEC/9AM/1918 (B)
8 JUN/9AM/1910 (B)

BENAB 16 FEB 1910 (B) 30 JUN 1913 (B)

BLAIRMONT 12 JUN/6AM/1912 (B) NOV 30/8AM/1917 (B)

ENMORE 20 SEP/8AM/1910 (B) 9 MAY 1913 (B)
25 JUL 1911 (B)

KITTY 13 APR 1910 (B) 10 AUG 1914 (B)

NAAMRYCK 9 MAY 1913 (B) FEB 6 1918 (B)
R. L. O. 17 MAY 1911 (B) 25 NOV 1911 (B)
(Returned Letter office)

ROSIGNOL 16 MAR/630A/1910 (B)

SISTERS 6 FEB 1907 (B) APR - 1913 (B)

WALES 28 FEB 1912 (B) 19 MAR 1920 (B)

SAME AS ABOVE BUT ABBREVIATED YEAR.

ANNS GROVE 28 JUN/8AM/22 (B) 11 JUL/330P/22 (B)
30 JUL 22 (B)

BLAIRMONT OCT 25 20 (C) MAY 6 22 (C)

ENMORE 19 MAR/9AM/20 (B) 6 FEB/430P/23 (B)

ROSIGNOL APR 9 17 (B) 28 MAY 17 (B)

SISTERS DEC 9 18 (B) 5 SEP 24 (B)

WALES 19 JUN 19 (B) 5 DEC 19 (B)

23 mm, TOWN AT TOP, B. G. AT BOTTOM, YEAR IN FULL OR ABBREVIATED.
(See Figure 12)

AGRICOLA 13 MAR 1918 12 AUG 29

BARTICA 8 OCT 17

NO. 50 10 JAN 21 31 MAR 21

REGISTRATION, G.P.O. MAR 30 1918 14 NOV 1918
DEC 13 17 29 JUL 19

SKELDON 13 MAY 1913 9 SEP 1914

STANLEY TOWN JUL 13 17 29 JUL 19

TUMATUMARI 16 DEC 1912 25 OCT 1916

17 JUN 17

A partial strike of the thimble type is known for CARMICHAEL ST. (or STREET), dated 30 SEP 1910, but the right side falls off stamp and it is not known how the Colony is expressed.

BRITISH GUIANA SINGLE CIRCLES,
29½ to 30 mm, two line date.

This type through Figures 13 to 16, is similar to the types of Figures 5 through 7, except for the slightly larger diameter and two line date (three line when time is indicated). The year is either in full or abbreviated, as indicated. When in full it is in narrow tiny figures, similar to those of the thimble type. There is one exception, Fellowship, where the 4 digit year is large. The year is just above B. GUIANA, except for FELLOWSHIP, where it is in the center.

ALBOUYSTOWN	A-- - 20	MAR 2 21
	(Note spelling BOUY versus BUOY for earlier types).	
BUXTON	16 JAN 1915	11 MAY 1920
	16 JUN 21	18 AUG 26
CANE GROVE	14 APR 1917	5 JUN 1917
	25 MAY 23	7 JUL 27
FELLOWSHIP	10 JUL 1915	8 OCT 1924 (Year 4 large digits).
NIGG	AUG 7 19	15 MAR 21
RELIANCE	3PM?2 NOV?1914	MAR 14 21
SKELDON	28 MAR 1917	
	12 OCT 20	17 NOV 23
WHIM	JAN 4 21	DEC 22 -- (On SG 281, c. 1923).
WISMAR	8AM/25 JAN/1915	18 DEC/8AM/1916
	OCT 13 20	18 JAN 24
VARIETY		
TOP: GEORGETOWN, B.G.		25 JAN/2PM/8
BOTTOM: CORNHILL ST.		21 NOV/2PM/1908 6 FEB/12M/1909.
	28½MM; B.G. AT BOTTOM: DATES AS ABOVE.	
BELFIELD	5 DEC 1913	8 JUN 1914
	10 MAY 20	12 OCT 20
CARMICHAEL ST.	DEC 5 1913	21 AUG 1920
	7 JAN 18	- MAR 24 (24 in center).
CORNHILL	9 NOV/530PM/1912	5 AUG/10AM/1913
G.P.O. COUNTER	22 AUG 1912	JUN 29 1916
NEW AMSTERDAM	5/PM/APR 4/1913	6AM/3 AUG/1920
NEW AMSTERDAM	6AM/18 DEC 19	

Georgetown employed a variety of large (28½ to 30 mm) single circle marks during the period of use of the above marks. These will be listed in a later article.

Again thanks are due to Dr. Arthur Griswold and Mrs Bert Taylor for assistance in developing these lists. A few dates were also provided by Bob Topaz and Fred Howe, which help is much appreciated.

Have the following letter, in part, from Dr. John Lockie:

"Whilst I was back in Britain on vacation during the month of May, I visited a St Lucia specialist, and he advised me that copies of many of the older West Indies steel and rubber handstamps dating from the early nineteenth century and up to 1929 can be obtained by personal application to the Post Office Records, Headquarters Building, St.-Martins-Le-Grand, London, E.C.1.

It entails a personal visit to Room 19a, searching for the handstamp impressions that one is interested in, and requesting photostat copies of them. There are, as far as I can remember, something like 70 volumes, all annotated with the dates on which they were sent out to the Colony. For instance, it took me 1½ hours to search out some 20 of the earlier St. Lucia handstamp impressions, and the sum of 9 shillings and elevenpence (approximately \$1.50, to have photostat copies made of the entire relevant page. It is not possible to select a certain portion of a page. The photostats vary in price from 7d through 1/9d (25¢) to 2/6d. (35c) each, but I found the 8¢ variety perfectly satisfactory. I don't think one needs a personal introduction, though I did mention the name of this St. Lucia specialist".

We are sorry to hear that we have lost a member in the person of Francis H. Chase, of Plunkett, Sask. Reg Lant writes that he has just read in the Royal Philatelic of Canada's "Philatelist" that he passed away recently.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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Mr. Thomas R. Neville, 1140 Toll House Road, Warminster, Penns.

Mr. Gale J. Raymond, P. O. Box 35376, Houston, Texas, 77035.

REVIEW: (continued)

Have just received section 5 of the Priced Catalogue of Postal Stationery of the world covering East Africa and Uganda to Ethiopia. The material in these sections are well organized and give a fine basis for evaluating the postal stationery of the world, something that has been badly needed for a long time.

A dime is a dollar with the tax taken out.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Robert topaz.

Seems as if the summer doldrums have hit this scene and hence there is comparatively little to report along the lines of Jamaica postal history these days. I must apologize for an error on my part that was printed in the May journal. Nat Surtees reported a Manchioneal cover dated 19 December, 1803 and not Mandeville, as reported. This Type T 2 (Nicholson). My sincere apologies.

Reg Lant reports a Kingston squared circle type 1, with the V R index dated 18 AU 91 -- not previously reported.

New Oblits that have shown up are 193 on 1d. official (1ocal), and G14/2d red CA. Also we are glad to report that another copy of A28M/1d red CA has shown up, as the only previously reported copy was stolen a couple of years ago.

Darley postoffice has been renamed "BOURBON" according to a note in the Daily Gleaner, dated 22 July 1966, and a new TRD, type 37 has been put into use. It has been noted dated 25 July 1966.

Aboukir has put into use a new type 37 TRD in violet ink and was noted 28 April, and 7 May, 1966. This is apparently to replace the old oval mark, a la Prickley Pole.

Green Pond has been reported as using a new type 37 TRD recently, but I have seen only a copy dated 16 May 1966.

Hagley Park blossomed forth with a new set of single ring marks with numeral indicas around April 1966. Have noted about 14 different numerals between 1 and 30 and I assume that they all exist. In July, I failed to see this being used and they may have stopped using them. I assume that these numerals were intended to designate each clerk, as was the case in Port Antonio.

There have been quite a few openings recently and I am recapitulating them below to add to the confusion:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PARISH</u>	<u>FORWARDING OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE OF OPENING</u>	<u>DATES NOTED.</u>
Baker's Hill	Manchester	Walderston	29 April	21 May
Bounty Hall	Trelawney	Hampden	28 March	3 April
Fairburn	Clarendon	-----	1 April	17 May
Hampshire	St. Catherine	??	13 May ???	23 May
May Day	Manchester	Mandeville	25 Feb	2 April
Morgans Forest	Clarendon	Borobridge	1 April/	13 May
O'Meally	St Catherine	??	??	3 June
Spring Bank	St Thomas	Bath	23 March	4 April
Thatch Walk	St Ann	Aenon Town	15 April	11 May

Peggy Barry is supposed to have opened in Westmoreland according to a notice in the Gleaner on 22 July.

All the TRD's noted above are in violet ink and are type 37.

BAHAMAS NEWSLETTER

By Gale J. Raymond.

Beginning on a rather sad note, undersea explorer, J. E. Williamson, of "SEA-FLOOR" P.O. fame, passed away in July in Nassau, at age 84. Only just earlier the same morning he had completed his new book, "FROM THE BOTTOM UP", and laughingly said to a friend, Sir Etienne Dupuch, "You know, I might drop dead any time now". Just hours later he was felled by a massive stroke.

The Nassau newspapers report word from PMG Claude Saunders, that later this year the Post Office at Mackey Street will close. P. O. business will be transferred to a new postoffice in the Out Island Traders' Building in Earnest Street near the Potters Cay Causeway, but name of the new P.O. has not been set yet.

Major postal-history news of the season is the discovery by Leonard Britnor of an original document in the Packet Minute Files of the London G. P. O. Record Office. We are deeply indebted to friend Britnor for a photostat of this page, and for sharing his discovery with us. In ledger format, it is entitled "STATEMENT SHEWING THE NUMBER OF POST OFFICES IN THE BAHAMAS AND THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTERINSULAR MAIL ROUTES." It is dated August 1881 at the General Post Office, Nassau, N. P., signed by R. C. Crawford, Postmaster. The 16 Post Offices in 1881 are listed as follows:

Nassau New Providence

Arthurs Town)
Bight) San Salvador

Cherokee Sound)
Hope Town) Abaco
Green Turtle Cay)

Rum Key

Watlings Island

Spanish Wells)
Dunmore Town) Harbour Island

Long Island

Governors Harbour)
Tarpum Bay) Eleuthera
Rock Sound)

Long Cay, Fortune Island

Inagua

Mail route data includes a statement under "Remarks" (monthly) "There is regular communication with the United Kingdom, America and West Indies per Atlas Mail S.S. Company, via Long Cay, Fortune Island." Needless to say, this official list has proven most useful, in rolling back the yeardate to at least 1881 on some p.o.'s not previously known this early. The "San Salvador" listed is of course actually Cat Island, to which its name was in time changed. When stronger evidence appeared that the island of Columbus' first landing was in fact Watlings Island, the latter was officially renamed SAN SALVADOR in 1926, and the nearby larger island was officially named as "Cat Island"-- by which name it had been known to the native residents all along! Thanks to Al Johnson, my collection contains a used one penny "interinsular postage" stamp (Sc. #11, of 1863-67 period), with a pen cancel clearly reading "CAT--", certainly from Cat Island.

Considerable interest is already stirring for our next Convention in Kingston, Jamaica, in Nov. 1967. Start planning NOW to attend and to fill some exhibit frames with pages from YOUR collection. We'll see you there.

ANTIGUA - M.O.O. CIRCULAR DATE STAMPS.

By. William G. Cornell.

Ed Weinberg (Journal 7/63) and Stan Durnin (Journal 1/64, note two CDS marks of this type of adhesives. Ed's was $24\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter with ANTIGUA, B.W.I. above, M.O.O., below and dated JA 26,22. Stan had 22 mm diameter, ANTIGUA above, M.O.O. below and dated FE 15 1908.

The writer has a similar strike on ANTIGUA Overseas Money Order No. 4624, from Colonial Postmaster at St. John's to the writer, returning payment for unavailable adhesives. The Money Order is in the form of a thick green card measuring 119 mm horizontally and 95 mm vertically. A coupon has been detached at left and the strike is placed in a box at upper left, labelled "Stamp of Issuing Officer". The strike is of $23\frac{1}{2}$ mm diameter, with ANTIGUA (no comma) B.W.I. above, M.O.O. below dated 20 MY 66, with complete date inverted. Letters are $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high. The Money Order, with a letter from the Colonial Postmaster, was sent in an OHMS envelope, without adhesives and bearing only the usual markings for registration. No M.O.O. strike is found on the envelope.

The 1939 Leeward Islands Postoffice Guide lists Antigua as having two Money Order Offices - St. John's and Barbuda B.O. This would suggest that Barbuda/M.O.O. marks should exist, at least on money orders, per se.

It is suggested that the writer's 1966 strike may be the successor to Ed Weinberg's strike, that all three strikes emanate from St. John's and that M.O.O. may stand for Money Order Office or Money Order Officer. Any further information on M.O.O. strikes would be very much appreciated by the writer.

THE TARGET CANCELS ON ANTIGUA AND LEEWARD ISLAND EDWARDIAN ISSUES.

By William G. Cornell.

The literature contains several references to target cancels of four concentric rings, "dumb marks", in the sense of conveying no information regarding place and date of origin, appearing on the 1903 Arms types of Antigua and the first (1902) issue of Edwardian L.I. adhesives. A. E. Hopkins in 1918, (The Postage Stamps of the Leeward Islands) suggested that the mark was probably applied on arrival at some South American port. F. J. Melville in 1929 (ANTIGUA), stated that the mark was applied, (implied to be in Antigua), with the end of a round, hardwood ruler when the proper "chop" had been mislaid. Hopkins, in the 1949 reprint of his monograph, states that the mark was produced at G.P.O., Antigua with the end of a hardwood ruler. P. L. Jaffe (BWISC Bulletin No. 8), in 1956 noted a similar mark on British Honduras 1891, QV 3d adhesive and suggested that the use was probably that of an ebony ruler, such as once seen to be used at St. John's Antigua. N. D. Thetford (Western Stamp Collector, 1.22.66) writing on Antigua philately, noted that on older Antigua issues, ship and paquebot markings of other ports, particularly those of Trinidad and New York, are not rare. Further, he noted that one may be puzzling to us, a four ring concentric circle. He states that this mark originated in St. Thomas in Danish days and continued in use after the transfer to U. S. Administration. (Editor's note, See J. Alfred Birch's new "Postal History of the U. S. Virgin Islands) (reviewed in this issue of the Journal). S. C. Durnin has a December 1964 cover via registered airmail from St Thomas with a four ring concentric circle cancel.

The writer has a copy of Antigua, Arms type, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1903, S. G. 34 so cancelled. The mean diameters of the four rings are 7, 10, 14 and 18 mm. each ring being $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ mm thick.

Much appreciated would be any data available to others regarding dimensions of such target cancels on Antigua and Leeward Islands Adhesives, as well as any information bearing on the use of target cancels, e.g., office of origin, reason for use, type of mail used on and type of cancellor.

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The following information is from the Trinidad Philatelic Society's Bulletin No. 39 for May-June 1966, and is of interest to our members. Does anyone have copies of these items?

EARLY T & T "INVERTED WATERMARKS".

Mr. Rene Leotaud, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, has shown us used stamps of the 1922 K. G. V "Medallion" type, 1d. brown and 1½d. (two shades) (SG 210, 220, 221) with the Multiple Script CA watermark "Inverted". We have not seen them listed in any catalogue and we suspect they may be proven to be extremely rare. We would very much like to hear from any member who knows of these varieties. In the "B.W.I." area, we can recall variation in the Multiple Script CA watermark only in the Jamaica ½d. green (SG 121a) and Leeward Islands 1 pound (SG 105a), both of which are rarities.

Anyone having any information on these varieties, please let Harold E. Box, Hon. Secretary, Trinidad Philatelic Society, 2, First Ave., Cascade, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

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PERSONAL MENTION:

EDDIE ADELSON 'phoned the other evening that he was getting started on his new home. We'll be over and try it out when it's finished, Eddie.

EVERARD AGUILAR has been in the hospital with ulcers. Hope you are out and much better Everard.

JUDGE LESLIE ANDERSON says that he's in favor of a Group meeting in Kingston, next November, 1967.

Alfred Branston, one of our newly elected Trustees, writes to thank all the members for having so honored him. He states that he is most appreciative of the honor and hopes to discharge the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

JOHN BUCKNER sends a postcard from Dubrovnik, Jugoslavica, after he and Ruth have toured Israel, Turkey and Greece. Says he can't find any Jamaica material there.

JORDAN CHURCHILL hasn't been heard from for a long time, drop us a line, Jordan.

CHET CROMLEIGH has disappeared. Have written him several times during the past year, but no response. Let us know how you are. Chet.

Ed DOAK was by the house last week with some interesting material from Grenada.

STAN DURNIN had a meeting set up with Eric Heyer in Munich, but Stan's General decided to fly to England from Weisbaden instead of coming by way of Munich. Better luck next time, Stan and Eric.

PAUL EDWARDS and Tassie back from a Colorado vacation, and he's so busy that I haven't seen him but once since he got back.

MILT ERICKSON writes that Byron Cameron and Mary dropped by recently. When are you coming by Baytown again? Miss seeing you.

VIRGIL GIPSON got his name in the paper over some Cinderella items.

RALPH GROUP back in the U. S. but doesn't have a firm address. Will advise when he lets me know.

CLINTON von POHLE writes from Saltillo, Coah., Mexico that he is going to summer school "down Mexico way", but probably back in Mountain View by now. Clint, why didn't you come by Baytown on the way back, it's just a step.

GALE RAYMOND just back from Hawaii, by way of the Kiwanis International Convention, at Portland, Oregon. Says that the Portland Philatelic Society held a special meeting for the philatelic Kiwanians while he was there.

GERALD SANCHO, whose new address is 48 New Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad, will be traveling to England, Canada and the U. S. on a three months trip, beginning the first of August. Must be fine to be rich.

FRANK SAUNDERS reports that he and Madeline have been doing some remodeling, etc, recently. Don't spend it all in one place, Frank, use part of it to drop over and see us.

FRED SEIFERT writes that Stan Durnin will be back in the states sometime in September. Fred says he hasn't been getting much correspondence lately, so drop him a line. Come to think of it, I haven't been getting much correspondence lately, either. Drop me a line.

MARK SWETLAND hasn't reported in lately, how about some more Antigua Notes, Mark.

PAMELA TAYLOR should give us a report on how Bert is getting along these days.

RONNIE WONG has been keeping us well posted on new TRD's etc., Thanks a lot Ronnie. The new air letter sheet is a nice specimen.

TO ALL MEMBERS!

The material that many of you have submitted in the past has made a fine cross-section of British West Indies philatelic literature. Many of the articles have given new and interesting aspects of our philatelic interests. This is an invitation to those of you who haven't submitted material for publication in the Journal. Information that you may have on your phase of B.W.I. philately may be entirely new to some of the others of us. Let me urge you to send in anything that you feel would be of interest to the members in General.

Al Johnson, Editor.