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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE.

Bob Topaz is to be congratulated on the fine material he has assembled for our first B. C. P. S. G. Auction. As this is written it is too early to determine what sort of support as bidders we are giving Bob, but the material offered is, for the most part, such as seldom appears on the market and certainly merits spirited bidding.

Our Treasurer reported as of early March that only one-third of the members had submitted payment for their 1967 dues. I hope that most of the delinquents have paid up since. Payment is due in January of each year, and with our low membership fee, we cannot afford nor expect Mark to write each member to request payment. If this matter hasslipped your mind, please send your payment to Mark at once. While you are at it, why not send an extra year's dues and save the bother of paying again next January. I personally feel that B. C. P. S. G. membership is one of the biggest philatelic bargains available, but if you disagree and have some gripes, let me know and I will do my best to square things to your satisfaction.

In my last letter I suggested a meeting in Jamaica next November and asked for comments. Thus far, I have heard from 5 members who like the idea and will attend. Three have indicated that their wives will come along. The week of November 1967 seems to be the most favorable since it comes well after the end of the hurricane season but before the start of the Winter Season with its crowded facilities and much higher prices. This presents a tremendous opportunity to meet with your fellow members, and you need not be a Jamaica specialist to have a most enjoyable time, as the scenery alone is worth the trip. If you can possibly make it let me know. The better the attendance, the better program we can work up. Preliminary inquiries indicate that our members in Jamaica will be most happy to see us and do everything they can to make our visit a pleasant and fruitful one. Please let me hear from you.

Our need for new members continues. Although we have added quite a few names to our membership roster during the past year, these have barely offset our losses. If you know of a likely prospect, try to sell him on the many advantages of the B.C.P.S.G. membership. Reg Lant can supply our prospectus and application blanks, or if you send him the name, will handle the details. (Note Reg's new address). While we would naturally like to sign up as many advanced philatelists as is possible, we also need those whose only contribution will be as part of an appreciative group of readers of our Journal. Our survival as a Study Group depends upon our encouraging others to share our interests.

Fred.

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Fred Seifert also writes as follows: "In my article on British Guiana Birmingham Type postmarks in the March Journal I stated that the type which I designated as Type B5 had not been used in Jamaica. Had I done my homework a little better, it would not have been necessary for Clint von Pohle to point out that one Jamaica town, BLUEFIELDS, did employ this type of mark. My only alibi is that Clint had hidden this mark away in the text discussing the type B3, calling it Type 3x, and did not include an illustration as for the other towns. Clint graciously agrees that calling this odd mark B5 is a good one. I thank him for helping me to set the record straight.

NEW MEMBERS:

COHN, JAMES, 8 Roger Place, White Plains, N. Y. 10605. Occupation, Sales - Wire Manufacturing, Collects Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, all phases. Member A.P.S.

POLLARD, TOMAS G., Jr., P. O. Box 837, Tyler, Texas 75701. Occupation, Attorney. Collects U.S.A., British America, Colonies, Canada. Member SPA, Tex P. Assn, Postal History Society of America, NPA.

SAUNDERS, PHILIP THOMAS, Little Caymans, Kingsthorpe Hereford, England, Occupation, Retired Bank Official, Collects Dominica. Fellow of Royal Philatelic Society, London, Founder and Hon Secty-Treasurer, British W. I. Study Circle, Founder and Hon Treasurer Herefordshire & Mid-Wales Philatelic Society.

NEW APPLICANTS:

CRIDER, DONALD B., M.D., 140 Larch Street, Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648. Occupation, Physician. Collects, Dominica. Member of B.W.I. Study Circle.

WOODWARD, IAN REGINALD., 29 Hearthstone Road, Pittsford, N. Y. 14534. Occupation, Manager, Computer and Communication Systems. Collects all British Colonials, with preference in Br. America and Br. North America. Specialty, Jamaica. Member Rochester Philatelic Assn.

The above named applicants have applied for membership in the Group in accordance with the constitution, and their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received by the Secretary within 30 days, their names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for full membership.

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VIRGIL E. GIPSON, ONE OF OUR HOUSTON, TEXAS, MEMBERS, SUFFERED A STROKE ON FEB. 14th, while driving to work. We of the B. W. I. S. C, especially those of this area, who knew him well, were shocked and grieved on learning of his passing. Virgil was a veteran of WW II, a 32nd Degree Mason, and Treasurer for his church. A fine philatelist, possessing many fine collections. We are sorry to lose this fellow member, and our sympathy goes to Mrs. Gipson and his three sons.

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REVIEW: Higgins and Gage, Inc. 23 N. Santa Anita, Pasadena, Calif. have issued the Section 6 of their excellent "Priced Catalogue of Postal Stationery of the World". Priced at \$3.00 the copy, this portion of the Catalogue covers the Falkland Islands to Funchal. Anyone collecting postal stationery is well advised to obtain a copy of this fine guide to postal stationery.

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BAHAMAS NEWS on page 30, last issue, was due credit solely to Bob Halliday, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas, according to Gale Raymond, whose name also appeared there in error . Sorry Gale, and my apologies to Bob.

DIVIDEND: A certain percentum, per annum, perhaps.

SEXTON: Someone who minds his keys and pews.

ANOYHER NEW APPLICANT that I didn't get on the previous page, due to arriving late is:

MITCHELL, Mrd. OLIVE M., 127 Taywood Drive, Beakonsfield, Quebec, Canada.
Occupation housewife. Collects, B.W.I., B.N.A., U.S.A., G.B., Australia, New Zealand, Pitcairns and Norfolk Island. Member J.S.G.

OUR SECRETARY HAS A NEW ADDRESS.

Reg H. Lant is moving into a new address. Be sure and address your letters to:

Mr. Reg H. Lant, Secretary,
British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group,
25 Roehampton Ave., Apt # 401
Toronto, 12, Ontario, Canada.

After March 31, 1967.

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The Houston Philatelic Society will be host to TEXPEX, the 71 annual convention and exhibition of the Texas Philatelic Association, which takes place 23-25 June, 1967, at the downtown Rice Hotel. The B.C.P.S.G., who will hold a special meeting there at 10am Sat. June 24th, at the Rice Hotel, will be participating. B.C.P.S.G. members are invited to reserve frames NOW at a maximum of 6 frames at \$2.50 each. The prospectus for classifications, etc. can be obtained now from Harold Van Buskirk, 4602 Devon, Houston, Texas, 77027. There will be major awards in the fields of interest.....The big KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION also convenes in Houston June 25-29, immediately following TEXPEX, bringing thousands of Kiwanians and collectors from all over the world. Both conventions will have special postoffices with special postmarks and large stocks of commemoratives. Kiwanians are being invited to come a few days earlier in order to take in TEXPEX too!

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Gale Raymond writes in with some very sensible suggestions:
APS, SPA, BNA and other international organizations have joined forces to combat the staggering weekly toll of major stamp thefts. Among many other precautions, they advise that membership lists of addresses NOT be loaned or otherwise made available to non members. Membership rights and benefits, of which such a list is, should be confined to members, all of whom have been "screened" in varying degrees. While "screening" is not, unfortunately, always infallible, nevertheless it is a positive step in the right direction, as compared to sheer apathy. It is a shattering experience to find your home burglarized, and your collections stolen, in fact "picked over" for your best material, by obviously "philatelic" thieves.
The very least precaution you can take is NOT lending your membership-address list to non-members.

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QUOTEABLE QUOTES.

Fredric Bastiat - 19th Century French Political economist: Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state lives at the expense of everyone.

Helen Nielson: Humility is like underwear - essential, but indecent if it shows.

NEW ISSUES:

ANTIGUA: Independence in association Issue - See Bulletin inclosed.

GRENADA: Associated Statehood with Great Britain, The 2, 3, 8 and 25 ¢ definitive issue have been overprinted in silver with the legend "Associated Statehood, 1967" Release date March 3.

GUYANA "Rarest Stamp in the World", issue released 2/23/67. Designed by V. Whiteley, printed by Thos. De La Rue Co., Ltd, process Delacryl, in sheets of 50 on un-watermarked paper. Denominations 5 and 25¢.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS CENTENARY Commemorative to be released May 1, 1967.

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BAHAMAS BITS.
by the
BAHAMAS BUM.

Arrived in Nassau February 27th and was greeted by two pieces of news. First, the Mackey Street p.o. closed its doors as a postoffice that day and moved to the out-Island Traders Building on Feb. 28. Now the Mackey Street p.o. is no longer on Mackey Street, but will retain its name. There will be no new cancels, only the date will show where mail was posted. Second, the commemorative stamps of the 20th anniversary of UNESCO were withdrawn from sale. At this date it appears that the dollar value may show up very scarce in used condition.

On May 21, Mr. Claude Saunders, postmaster of the Bahamas whose many kindnesses to me have furnished so many items for this column, will achieve his life long ambition and be ordained by his Bishop as a minister. He will continue on his present position of Post Master and on behalf of the B.C.P.S.G, I personally congratulated him. With men of his calibre we can rest assured that there will be no shenanigans in the Bahamas Post Office.

Through our good friend and member Bob Halliday of the "Coin of the Realm" (P.O.Box 1577, Nassau, N.P., Bahamas) I picked up a little gem, to wit: One nice Simms, TRD on cover with correct postage of airmail rate to Providence, R.I. of 10d. dated Nov. 25, 1944. This rarity and other TRD's I have on cover is that this one is censored.

The new definitive issue will appear on May 25th. Its projected life will be five years, so get the decimal overprints now. Also in September the omnibus issue of the Boy Scouts will appear, with two values.

There is an air of uncertainty in Nassau with the change of government. The old UBP government, now out, composed of the business and financial leaders of the Bahamas is still in shock. The new government, following in the footsteps of the USA by giving the poor classes a little more, may institute reforms to change the tax structure to a more realistic basis. How would you like to own a business over there doing a business in excess of \$5 million per annum and have a tax bill of \$1.40? Its TRUE, MON, TRUE. Business in the Bahamas depends on business in Florida. When its good here, its good there. All I can see for the Bahamas is continued prosperity, after the new Disneyland being built in Florida is destined to lure several million people additionally to Florida of which many, many thousands will visit the Bahamas. The new Douglas airplane that carries 291 passengers made its first test flight to the Bahamas this week. It did not land but went down as far as Inagua.

This will be a "BLACK DAY" for Moreton. The bagpipes may now start to wail. Having seen the so called crash cover of the plane that supposedly crashed in the Berry Islands of May 1929, I was of the opinion then that it was a "phony". However as that time I could not prove it. NOW I can. Through the kindness of Sir Etienne Dupuch, publisher of the Tribune in Nassau and also in searching the files of the Guardian for a period of 45 days before the crash and 45 days after, there is no mention made of it in either Nassau newspaper. However, in that 90 day period over thirty airplane wrecks were reported in the USA and as far away as India. These wrecks were front page news. Now consider if a wreck happened seventy five miles from Nassau at that time when trans water flying was in its infancy, (Lindberg flew the Atlantic only two years prior to that time), imagine what news it would have made in Nassau if a crashed airplane did occur on the Berry Islands. This undoubtedly would have been the biggest news since prohibition.

Stop the pipes, cut out the wailing and have them play "I'll Take the High Road", because in all research you start looking for one thing and what happens, you find something else, like Pan American Airways was not the first scheduled carrier of mail and passengers to the Bahamas. After making its experimental flights on Jan 1, 1929, from Miami to Nassau and return. On July 20, 1929, P.A.A. tendered a proposal to the development board to furnish daily service for mail and passengers for a period of fourteen weeks during the season, (Jan 1st to March). That was the season then. It now stretches out a bit, from Jan 1st to Dec 31. The exact date when the regular schedule flights of the Curtiss Seaplanes based in Miami, (at that time at the foot of Eighth Street and Biscayne Blvd.), is not known at this time. However when I next visit Nassau I shall have the complete story. My looking in the files took five hours, getting to them took at least three hours and I was just short of time as I was trying to set up a date so I could get a slot machine concession from the new Premier in all the stores on Bay Street. But I spent so much time on Black's wreck that I never did get to see him. So, Moreton Black, I hold you responsible for me not becoming a millionaire. But to you also goes the credit for the Curtiss Seaplanes. Here is the listing of the flights as taken from the Guairian and Tribune:

April 3, 1929	-	Seaplane NC8020	for Miami, with mail and passengers.
" 3, 1929	"	NC9776	from " " " " "
" 13 "	"	No. No.	for " " " only.
" 13 "	"		Exploded in Nassau Harbour.
" 13 "	"	J. Herbert Peet	appointed postmaster.
" 17 "	"	P.A.A.	announces that it has 58 planes costing 2½ million - 22 Trimotor Fords carrying 14 passengers. 14 Bimotor seaplanes carrying 8 passengers. (probably Sikorsky Ducks), 20 single motor mailplanes.
" 20 "	"	Albert Moncur	killed his wife with a revolver at Normans Castle later committed suicide, Covers anyone?
" 24 "	"	NC9770	from Miami with Passengers.
		NC9776	" " with 2 passengers and airmail.
May 1 "	"	"	" " " mail.
" 4 "	"	"	" " " 2 passengers.
" 11 "	"	NC4610	to " " 2 " (One being Gar Wood)
June 1 "	"	NC8044	for Miami.
" 5 "	"	NC8044	to and from Miami, note round trip same day possibly the 1st.
" 15 "	"	NC8000	for Miami.

Both newspapers in 1929 published only twice weekly. Possibly other flights were omitted, but above reports are complete as published. Where are the covers from the above? Dr. Lockie, start looking.

The ads at that time were interesting; some have philatelic interest, others that I like. Bahamas Cuban Lumber Co., a consistent advertiser with various domestic and imported lumber for sale. This is where the lumber camps started. First to have

a post office was Spencers Point. Also Wilson City built 3500 feet away named adter Sir W. Grey-Wilson (1904-12, Governor of the Bahamas as noted. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills - Do not weaken, Do not sicken - Do not gripe. Jamaica Bananas real cheap. Salt a native Bahamas Produce - Coarse Salt - Fine Salt - Hominy Salt - quotations for 500 to 50,000 bushels FOB Inagua. - Dr. J. Collis Brown's CHLOROSYNE cures Diarrhea - Stomach - Chills - Cholera - Dysentary - Influenza - Coughs - Catarrh - Asthma - Bronchitis. TESTIMONY ON EACH BOTTLE. (Had to be 120 proof). Ford Cars - New Touring Car £ 140 - Tudor Sedan £ 155.

Also on April 27, 1929, Turtle Canning at Governors Harbor, Eleu,, "Lack of water a mennace to success".

Radio programs of WLW Cincinnati and WNYC were printed in the papers. Also front paged was the headline: "Gypsies barred at Epsom Downs, England." 5/8/29/
June 1, 1929 PAA Announces - Miami to Buenos Aires in 80 hours.

I met a pilot who worked for Curtiss Seaplanes when I first came to Miami in 1929.. We both lived in the same fleabag, pardon me, a modest hotel. He left Curtiss shortly thereafter and made a fortune flying an old Jenny from West End to Miami twice a day, each time carrying 25 cases of whiskey. The only trouble was he couldn't get the old trap more than 300 feet up with his load.

Ever hear of McLeans Town, Grand Bahama. No? You will, because some time last Oct-Nov. a new postoffice was opened there and they are still using a TRD.

Just saw three sheets of current decimal stamps, 5¢ on 4d.

Sheet numbers 04322 that is perfectly normal.

Sheet number 04324 " " " "

Sheet number 04323 that the entire sheet missed getting the overprint.

This is no two and six item.

Will close with this item: The new Premier has picked some cabinet members ideally, The new minister of Sanitation formerly drove a garbage truck.

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BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES

Bu Gale J. Raymond.

For True, it be mos' difficult to add to de news from de Stamp Mon, "BAHAMAS BUM", but he miss out on wan li'l piece! On 10th January 1967, FOX HILL p.o. moved from the Head Teacher's desk at Sandilands School to a fine new modern post office building on the school grounds. While still using the same old Fox Hill c.d.s., it placed into use that day one new canceller, an oval type TRD (Type 20V-2) inscribed at top, "FOX HILL", with "NEW PROVIDENCE" below, This is temporary, pending arrival of new order of c.d.s's. It also has a registry-cachet, "FOX HILL/R. No. plus the usual assortment of standard office markings: Air Mail, etc. The new p.o. now receives mail twice daily from GPO. It has 100 p.o. boxes, identifiable as Fox Hill by being numbered in the 4700's, Nassau, Bahamas. Hastings G. Strachan is postmaster, with one clerk, Agnes A. Cash.

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Dr. Arthur S. Griswold writes in part as follows: "Before I forget it, I want to record what, to me at least, is an extraordinary cancellation on the 6d. NEVIS #29. It is "SLAVE ISLAND", date not shown. The only Slave Island I ever heard of is off the coast of Ceylon. Was this stamp actually postmarked there or is there another Slave Island." Anyone knowing about this, please let us know.

ANTIGUA ADDENDA.

By. William G. Cornell.

I understand that stamp booklets have been issued, containing some of the new definitives. As far as I know, these are the first booklets for Antigua issues, or for Leewards general issues, for that matter. Any further information will be much appreciated.

Changes in the denominations of the new definitives are unrelated to the sterling scale, viz., \$51.00 instead of \$4.80 as in the previous 1953-66 issue, looking forward to independence and eventually to decimal U.K. currency. The $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6¢ values are identical to the previous issues, but higher values are different, reflecting such changes as the 1965 increase from 12¢ to 15¢ of the airletter rate and changes in registration postage.

An interesting collateral item is the booklet "ANTIGUA, 1963 and 1964", available from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London for 6/6d. This is the latest "Colonial Office" report on the colony, published in 1966. Having 61 pages and a good official 1957 map of the island, the report covers all facets of the operation of the colony, plus background material relative to geography, climate, history, administration, weights and measures and a reading list of books with more depth coverage. The section on the Post Office is brief. It is noted that "revenue from the sale of postage stamps represents a fair proportion of the island's total revenue, and this is likely to increase.

A new village sub-Postoffice opened at New Winthorpes in 1965, using a double ring CDS, diameters 27 and 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm., with "NEW WINTHORPES2 above and "ANTIGUA" below in sans serif letters 3mm. high, asterisk above two line date, 22 JY 65 in my earliest example. Line arcs on both sides separating village and island name and situated midway between the two rings. This example is on a registered cover bearing a handstruck black rectangular registration mark measuring 39 x 17mm., with large bold-face serif R, ANTIGUA above and No. below, with handwritten New Winthorpes above ANTIGUA and handwritten 1, after No. This mark is similar to that used at Nelson's Dockyard on 14 NO 61, the opening day, although my example of that mark shows no handwritten village name. St. John's, Old Road, Liberta, Parham and Seatons have all used a similar mark in recent years, except that the village name is printed as part of the mark above ANTIGUA and the rectangle is 18mm. tall. Fred Seifert confirms my data on the CDS with a DE 14 66 strike. More later on other village cancel data from Fred, Does anyone know when the new sub-P.O. opened? What is the EKD of the new CDS? Let's hear from you!

The subject of ANTIGUA registration marks over the years is an exceedingly complex one. Mark Swetland has dug into this area and he and I would welcome any data anyone has,

Antigua participated in the omnibus issue for the 20th Anniversary of UNESCO by issuing three multicolor commemoratives on 1 DE 66, values being 4¢, 25¢ and \$1.00. The latter value will undoubtedly contribute to increased postal revenue!

I recently obtained a cover from New Winthorpe to Trinidad, bearing 10¢ postage in three groups of 8¢, 2x $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and 2x $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, each group having a 2 NO 66 strike of the double ring CDS discussed above. A purple handstruck mark in two lines reads "RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL/POSTAGE OF -----CENTS", with overall dimensions of 61 x 10mm and sans serif letters 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm tall. A M/S mark in the blank before CENTS appears to read 0¢, but this is uncertain since the handstruck mark is defaced by additional obliteration in similar ink. This leaves to one's imagination whether the defacing was done at the Post Office or by the sender after the fact.

Gale Raymond provided me with a copy of a 20 NO 30 letter from the Warden of Barbuda (today's branch-office postmaster), to a collector in Australia, answering postal history queries. The Warden states that the BARBUDA single ring CDS with two dots separating BARBUDA above and B. W. I. below was introduced in March 1922. A strike dated NO 21 30 appears on the letter itself. This input agrees with Dtan Durnin's EKD/LKD of AP 1 22 and NO 14 49, as published in these pages. The Warden further states that "all mail to and from Barbuda passes through the GPO at St. John's, and the letter shows the address "Warden's Office, Barbuda, via Antigua, B.W.I." As I decipher the signature it reads "Geoffrey Downing, Captain."

Stan Durnin notes 18 MY 66 usage of the new SEATONS CDS without island name. Does anyone have an earlier strike? Stan has loaned me additional examples of the target cancels on various B.W.I. More later on these.

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NEWS OF BRITISH HONDURAS

By Gale J. Raymond.

A recently acquired small handfull of British Honduras stamps of the current QEII set indicates some new circular date stamps are in use, of the double-circle variety. Especially noted are items showing new village name-changes, such as "ORANGE WALK TOWN", "SAN IGNACIO", "INDEPENDENCE", "MASKALL", "COROZAL TOWN", "SEINE BIGHT", and an odd one inscribed "BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN". All the Seine Bight c.d.s's have the dateline written in by hand.

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LEEWARD ISLAND REMAINDERS.

By Col. Fred F. Seifert.

On the 31 October 1890, a general issue of the Leeward Islands superseded the individual issues for Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and the Virgin Islands. The obsolete issues were subsequently returned to the Colonial Secretary of the Leeward Islands at Antigua, and in 1891 that office invited bids for the entire remainders of stamps and post cards. Thanks to Harry Hilckes, publisher of the Stamp Collector's Fortnightly of London, many details of this transaction have been recorded. The story, which must be pieced together from various notes and articles is essentially as follows:

Prior to the official announcement, there had been rumors from the islands that sale of the remainders was contemplated. This was ultimately confirmed on the 20th of August 1891, when the following notice appeared:

LEEWARD ISLANDS POSTAGE STAMPS.

Tenders are invited by the Government of the Leeward Islands Colony for the purchase of the undermentioned number, a few more or a few less, of the obsolete issues of the Colony's Postage Stamps and Post Cards. The Government have called in all the stamps and cards in the hands of Postmasters and other officials and the number advertised for sale form the whole stock in the possession of the Government. Both stamps and cards are unused. Plates and dies will be destroyed.

The Government is not bound to accept the highest or any tender and reserves to itself the right to accept or object any portion of any tender.

Tenders to be made in writing on or before the 31st December, 1891, either to the

Crown Agents for the Colonies, Downing Street, London or to the Colonial Secretary of the Leeward Islands at Antigua, West Indies.

	STAMPS						CARDS			
	1/-	6d.	4d.	2½d	1d.	½d	1d.	1½d.	2d.	3d.
Antigua	1387	6300	38464	26009	100749	43064	-	-	2224	239
St. Kitts	1580	2505	29122	13944	42631	36821	2372	1628	2020	201
Nevis	1457	2944	4332	5045	5872	7227	1006	663	1030	9
Dominica	1428	3608	9498	9238	19290	18807	963	1164	188	21
Montserrat	-	1166	7232	4977	5463	5437	759	461	143	7
Virgin Islands	3801	6408	8746	10007	38969	17365	2988	1688	-	-

* ½ of a reply card.

The total face value £ 4,788 odd.

By command of the Governor
Fred Evans,
Colonial Secretary of the Leeward Islands.

Antigua, West Indies, 20th August 1891.

The successful bidder for these remainders was T. H. Thompaon, a stamp dealer of Bishop Auckland, Durham, and later of London. He was interviewed in 1895 regarding his purchase and is quoted as "The way I thought out what my tender should be was like this. I made up my mind that I must offer more than face value. I knew very well the Government would not accept less; in fact, I had been told that they would prefer to make a bonfire of the stamps. Then, thought I, some other dealer might offer £ 5,000, so I must go at least to £ 5,500 to make sure of the deal. Then, again, it occurred to me that the other fellow, arguing just the same as I did, would offer as much as £ 5,500. So to make a long story short, I tendered £ 5,800 and got the stamps.

At the time of his purchase, the catalogue value of the lot was nearly £-30,000 and by 1895, at the time of the interview, it had risen to more than twice that amount. Thus we must conclude that Thompson made a most profitable transaction.

When the material was delivered to him, Thompson found that the number of Antigua 1d stamps was 74,989 rather than the 110,749 indicated by the Government as some half sheets had been counted as full ones. On the other hand, he found to his advantage that some of the stamps included both CA and CC watermarks. Of the St. Christopher 6d. stamps, 1217 were of the CA Watermarks and 1288 of the CC. Of the shilling value Dominica stamps, 774 were CA and 645 were CC. Both of the CA stamps proved to be good items, and those purchased by Thompson constituted around three fourths of the total printed. At auction in 1895, the Dominica 1/- was selling as high as £ 5 at auction, and in those days that was a large sum of money. It is interesting to note that the total 1967 Scott Catalogue value of just the above four stamps in the quantity stated amounts to nearly \$120,000 or slightly less than £ 43,000.

Shortly after the sale of these remainders the question was raised as to whether the stamps were still valid for postage. It would appear that this was a question that the Government has not anticipated, and the Postmasters of the various islands had been given no advice in this respect. One philatelist who wrote to each post office received replies from Postmaster F. S. Fabelle of Dominica and Postmistress A. H.

Bingold of Nevis that only the Leeward Islands stamps were available for postage. However, a month later on 15 April 1896, the Colonial Secretary at Antigua replied to a query by a New York philatelist that he had been directed by the Governor to inform him of a decision of the Crown Law Officer that the stamps referred to could be used in the Presidency to which they relate. It is not stated if this decision ever trickled down to the postmasters concerned, but it seems most likely that some persistent philatelist put it to the test.

Their experience in disposing of remainders at a profit appears to have encouraged the Government of the Leeward Islands to try it again in December 1897 with the leftovers of the Diamond Jubilee or Sexagenary Issue. The quantities ranged from 5,407 for the 2½d. value down to 600 each for the 1/- and 5/- values. These were divided into three lots of approximately equal amounts. While there is no report of the success of this sale, it is noted that in 1902 the Government asked for tenders for one complete sheet of each value, so apparently not all were disposed of in the first try. A Captain Topping of the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers is stated to have purchased these last sheets.

Once more in August 1903, after the King Edward general issue had replaced the 1890 Victorians, the Leeward Government offered the obsolete issue to the highest bidder. In this instance it was specified that since the Victorians were still valid for postage bids must be at least face value. There apparently was no response to the offer, for again in October of the same year the Colonial Secretary announced that those desiring to purchase any of the recalled issue of Victorian Postage and Revenue Stamps at 5% over face value should submit application on or before 15 Dec. 1903. There is no report as to the response to this second offer, but the relatively low catalogue values for this issue and the availability of multiples, would seem to indicate that they ultimately came into philatelic hands.

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Mr. Thomas Foster of Hull, Yorkshire has written as follows:

I have a little piece here which may be of interest to our members. I collect British Honduras in a general sort of way but have no great knowledge of the subject and I thought it would be interesting to a specialist in that colony.

The other day I was looking through some old back numbers of Gibbons Stamp Weekly for 1901-1908 and came across the following (extract) in the 4 January 1905 issue.

"Our correspondent kindly sends us an envelope franked with a 1 cent Green, multiple (wmk) chalky paper stamp, (evidently SG84C, bearing a cancellation in violet ink reading "ORANGE WALK/OCT 22, 1907/CITY OF BELIZE" in three lines. The cancellation is obviously done with a rubber stamp in which the type can be set up as required and our correspondent informs us that the purser of the mail steamer running between Belize and the northern part of the colony has been made a district postmaster, with a post box on board the boat. He is empowered to receive the mail of a carrying value not over 5 cents and cancels same with the name of the boat, date and place received."

Now I do not know whether this cancellation is known to British Honduras specialists, but without this information, it could be possible to assume this a Belize marking. Enquiries made at Lloyd's in London would probably bring forth more information regarding this ship, but I leave that side of the matter to a more interested party. Orange Walk, is of course, in the northern part of the colony, but in view of the remarks made about this type of date stamps, it is possible that it can be found with other offices at the top besides that of Orange Walk.

I think this extract was exceedingly interesting and hope it will be of use to someone in the group.

POSTAL HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN FORCES IN JAMAICA, 1940-46.

By. Thomas Foster.

In the spring of 1940, following the reverses suffered by the British Army on the Continent, it was considered necessary to withdraw the British infantry battalion stationed in Jamaica in order to strengthen the forces deployed throughout Britain. The Canadian Government agreed to replace these troops and those in British Guiana and, at a later date, supplied further forces for services in Iceland and Spitsbergen.

The Canadian battalion allocated to Jamaica was known as "Y" force, whilst the command established in Iceland and Spitsbergen became "Z" Force and "III" Force. The units sent to British Guiana were older troops considered unfit for combat duty. The Bermuda garrison consisted of one infantry company, at first on detachment from the Winnipeg Grenadiers stationed in Jamaica, but later an independent company.

All the Corps troops in the island remained British, but the Canadians were augmented by local troops of the British West Indies Regiment and the West India Regiment. Units of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines also served in the island for a considerable periods.

The Canadians took over the British base at Up Park Camp, near the village of Cross Roads on the outskirts of Kingston and the cantonment at Newcastle in the Blue Mountains. They did not possess army postal services of their own and these facilities were provided by Corps Troops and the Jamaica Post Office.

All mail, whether for Canada or destinations within the island, was subjected to unit censorship and after posting at the Camp Post Office, was taken either to Cross Roads or the Kingston G.P.O., and there passed through the hands of the Jamaica Military Censor before being sent on its way. No letters from the Canadian Forces are known postmarked from Newcastle.

The first postage rates charges were 1/- per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz on airmail letters to Canada and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per oz on surface mail letters, but by 20th May 1942, the latter rate had been reduced to 2d. per oz. Mail for inland addresses was sent at the current local rate of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per oz.

By 17th May 1942, the airmail rate to Canada had been reduced to 6d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz, (many 1 oz letters bearing 1/- in stamps exist), and in all cases, prepayment was by means of Jamaican Postage stamps. The Registration Fee was 3d. and such letters bear Kingston registration labels and Canadian Customs handstamps.

Some authorities state that Air Letter Forms were available after about 1942, but none have so far been recorded.

In the early days, units censored their own mail and applied either unit censor markings or ordinary unit handstamps to the envelopes. In addition, letters going overseas were handstamped with the "Y" Forces Military Censor markings, type "M-CAL". This was a double lined circle with a saw toothed diameter of 50mm., the wording reading "MILITARY CENSOR" around the top with below it the legend, "Y"/FORCE/No3, in three lines.

Several of these handstamps were made, each identified by the number and the author has recorded Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Nos. 1 and 7 are not known and No. 4 differs from the remainder in not having quotes around the "Y". In addition, a further handstamp exists in which the number has been erased or omitted, possibly in an attempt to make an auxiliary handstamp for use by any censor. All these handstamps were probably manufactured locally in the island.

1. WINNIPEG GRENADIERS.

The first battalion to serve in Jamaica was the Winnipeg Grenadiers, a machine-gun regiment, who arrived on 27th May 1940 and relieved the British battalion. They were in residence until 13th September 1941, when they moved to Hong Kong and took part in the gallant, but hopeless defence of that colony.

Letters from this regiment usually bear the unit handstamp, type "M-CAU1" a double-lined oval of 56 x 36mm., enclosing the legend "MILITARY CENSOR/WINNIPEG GRENADIERS (M.G.).2 with a dotted line across the center for the examining officers name.

The "Y" Force marking was also applied (see details below), and in many cases, the letter also was handstamped with the Up Park Camp Military Post Office rubber date-stamp in violet ink, type (A). This mark is known used from 20th May to 25th November 1941, and is usually struck on the envelope, although it can be found cancelling the stamps. It was also used as a receiving mark on incoming mail.

The following "Y" Force Censor markings are known:

No 3 in black ink and No. 4 in red ink.

Outgoing letters were always taken to Kingston and postmarked on the automatic machine at the G.P.O. Letters from civilians in Jamaica are known addressed to members of this regiment after their move in September 1941. They are handstamped "Return to sender", together with an explanatory cachet applied by the Canadian Post office.

2. 1st Battalion, ARGYLE & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS (CANADA).

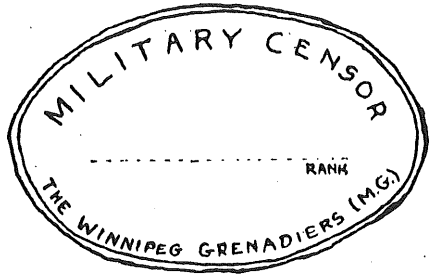
This regiment took over the defence on 10th September 1941 and stayed until 20th May 1945. Letters from its servicemen usually have the unit handstamp, type "M-CAU2" struck in black ink on the reverse of the envelope. It is a double lined oval of 50 x 31mm. with the legend "1st Bn. A & SH of C (PL) A.F./B Coy./Company Office" in three lines.

Occasionally, but very rarely, they bear the rubber handstamp, type "MCA2", reading "CANADIAN ARMY/OVERSEAS", struck in black ink and they always have "Y" Force markings as detailed below. Many of the envelopes used by the troops at this time were specially supplied and had the legend, "Canadian Legion War Forces" and its motif printed in the top left corner. Sometimes this was shown as "Canadian Legion War Services". Other envelopes have the unit designation printed in black in four lines on the flap of the envelope, i.e., "1st Battalion/ARGYLE & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS/OF CANADA/(P.L.) (A) C.A."

The following "Y" Force Censor markings are known:

No.2 in black and red inks, No. 3 in black ink.
No.4 in red, black and purple ink.
No.5 in black ink.
No.6 in blue ink.
No.8 in black ink.

Letters sent to destinations inside the island are known from this regiment, but are extremely rare. They are always postmarked at Cross Roads P.O. and one such letter to Moneague, dated May 13th, 1942, bears a Jamaica Military Censor Marking, type (B), with a diameter of 33½mm and struck in violet ink. The marking is initialed in the center by the examiner and in all probability more than one handstamp of this type



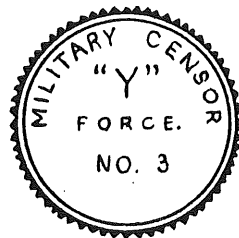
M-CAU1



M-CAU2

CANADIAN ARMY OVERSEAS

N-CA2



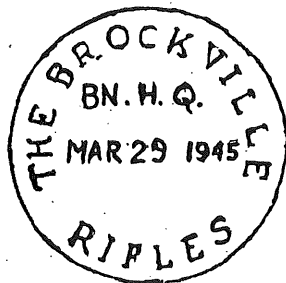
M-CA1



N-CA3



(A)



M-CAU4



(B)

exists, although only the No. 4 has been recorded. Such inland letters never have the "Y" Force Military Censor markings.

3. IRISH FUSILIERS OF CANADA (VANCOUVER REGIMENT)

Arrived on the island on 18th May 1943 and took over from the Argyles. They stayed until August 6th, 1944, but only one letter from this regiment has been recorded by the Author. It bears no unit handstamp and has the un-numbered "Y" Force Censor marking in purple ink.

4. BROCKVILLE RIFLES.

The last of the Canadian Regiments to be stationed in Jamaica arrived on 5th August 1944 and remained in the island until February 1946, when they were relieved by the 8th Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment. Mail from this regiment is scarce and only one example is known bearing a unit handstamp, type "M-CAU4", this being a circular date-stamp with a diameter of 37mm, and a legend reading "THE BROCKFIELD/BN. H. Q./MAR 29 /RIFLES" struck in black ink. This letter carries no censor markings of any sort and although addressed to Canada, carries a 1½d. rate, i.e. the current inland rate. It is however, endorsed in m/s "Canadian Army Active Servic^e" and further in blue crayon underlined with red crayon, "R.A.F." It carries a Kingston date-stamp of 31st March 1945 and was probably carried free by the Royal Air Force to Canada as part of a new service, in which case the inland rate was presumably necessary to pay postage to the Kingston G.P.O.

All other letters bear a new type of censor marking, type "M-CA3, struck in blue ink and consisting of a small circle surmounted by a crown and enclosing the legend, "CANADIAN ARMY 316". These letters are all posted at Kingston and unlike the majority of their predecessors, all appear to have been opened and resealed with printed gum strip bearing Examination numbers in an incomprehensible sequence.

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Members of the Canadian Forces stationed in Jamaica must have written many thousands of letters during their stay in the island, but very few have survived. By far the commonest items are the "Y" Force letters from the Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders and the Winnipeg Grenadiers, whilst the Brockville's and Irish Fusiliers appear to have been poor correspondents.

The type numbers given the "M" prefix are all permanent and belong to the Canadian Section of Military Postmarks of Jamaica. The markings lettered (A) and (B) are probably British or Jamaican and permanent type numbers have yet to be allocated to them. Type "M-CAU3" has been reserved for the unit handstamp of the Irish Fusiliers, should one turn up.

The author invites anyone having such sovers in his collection to send details of them to the author, who will be pleased to enter into correspondence on the subject.

The history of the BRITISH Forces in Jamaica is a far greater subject, but in the hope that one day it may be possible to unravel it, an appeal is made to anyone possessing letters bearing Royal Navy, Army or Air Force postal or unit markings of any period to communicate with the author. He would also be pleased to hear from anyone possessing items to or from Gibraltar Camp and the internment camps established in the island during both world wars.

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LEEWARD ISLANDS CANCELLATIONS.

By. Stan Durnin.

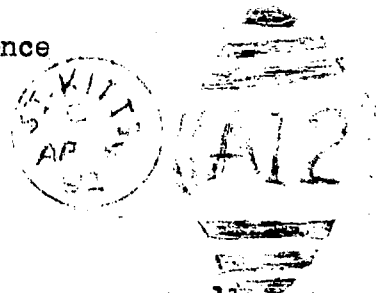
5. ST. KITTS.

A. Killer and duplex.

After a delay of two years, let us continue with the study of the postal markings on the stamps inscribed LEEWARD ISLANDS. This time we will take a look at what we have assembled from the markings of ST. KITTS.

The first postmark found utilized by St. Kitts on the Leeward Islands stamps issued in 1890 cannot be dated in itself for it is a lone killer. Vertical format, the killer consists of six horizontal (varying in thickness) and four vertical arcs enclosing the island's designator, A12. (The right hand half of illustration No. 1 applies.) The overall dimensions of this killer are 24mm. high and 17½mm. wide. The A12 designator is 7½mm. in height. This cancellation I find only on the first Leeward Islands QV set, and since it can often be seen on St. Christopher issues - pre-1890, I would say that this cancellor was discontinued very early in the 1890s.

The next cancellation encountered is what is known commonly as a "Duplex". In this particular one such consists of the vertical killer, A12 on the right and the circular date stamp on the left. (Figure 1.) This type of cancellor continued in use for quite some time on St. Kitts for it is seen on the KGV issues. My studies have shown me that THREE distinctly different cancellors of this type were in use. The difference between them are minimal to the naked eye, but quite pronounced when seen through the glass. The earliest one's pertinent measurements are: Killer; 29mm. x 19mm; the A12 designator is 7½ - 7 3/4mm. in height with the top of the A being flat and approximately 3/4mm. wide. The 'crown' of the 2 is 3½mm. wide at its widest section. The CDS is 21mm in diameter and the lettering of ST. KITTS is 3mm. in height. The "T" in ST. is 2mm high and is underlined with a short, 1/2mm. wide dash. Between St. and Kitts appears a 1mm wide dash or hyphen. (I point this out - the dash under T and hyphen because they are important factors in separating the three St. Kitts duplex striked.) The letter "C" appears above the date Data, which is in two lines, as illustrated. The killer and CDS are not but 1mm apart. My dated examples of this strike run from AP 5 92 through DEV 9 96.



The second duplex encountered affords me the following readings: Killer 1 28mm. x 19½mm., with island designator 8mm. in height. The top of the "A" in A12 is pointed. The CDS, which is not tangent, but ½mm. to the left of the killer, measures 20½mm. in diameter with island name letters being 2½mm. in height. The "T" in ST. is 1½mm. high and is underlined with a 1mm. wide dash. A 1mm wide hyphen separates St. and Kitts. The 'crown' of the 2 in A12 is 3½mm. wide. The index C is found above the date in the CDS. My few examples of this cancellor shows dates between JU 8 97 and NO 6 00.

The third duplex encountered on AU 18 02 continued in use for quite some time as my latest readable example shows a date of 7 DE 26. The killer here is 28mm. high by 19½mm wide, with island designator being 8mm. in height. The top of the "A" in A12 is flat and 1mm. wide. The crown of the "2" in A12 is 4mm. wide. The CDS IS TANGENT to the killer and is 20½mm. in diameter. The island letters are 2½mm high. The "T" in St is 1½mm. tall and is underlined with a 1½mm wide dash. St. and KITTS are separated by a dot - not a dash or hyphen as previous two strikes. This dot,

with the passage of time and usage becomes a quite pronounced VERTICAL line approximately $1 \frac{3}{4}$ mm in length. Progressive deterioration can be seen as the "T" in ST merges with its underline; all letters thicker and smeared. The index C is also used in this cancellor. Perhaps the new year of 1927 saw the laying to rest of this workhorse of a cancellor. (I am not 100% satisfied in my mind that this separation of the St. Kitts duplexes is without doubt, therefore sincerely solicit your opinions and findings on such.)

Contemporary to the St. KITTIS C Duplex strikes, which undoubtedly were in use in BASSETERRE, similar duplex strikes were in use in the villages of that island, i.e. the villages of CAYON, DIEPPE BAY, OLD ROAD and SANDY POINT. Differences between their respective duplexes consist only of measurements and the all-important index in the CDS. Itemized they are:

CAYON designated by index CA in CDS of 20mm. diameter; letters $2 \frac{1}{2}$ mm in height.

Acompanying killer is $27 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. x $19 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. with A12 designator $8 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. tall.

DIEPPE BAY designated by index DB in CDS same as CA but killer measuring 28mm. x $19 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. and A12 $8 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. high.

OLD ROAD designated by index OR in CDS of $19 \frac{1}{2}$ to $3 \frac{1}{4}$ mm diameter and $2 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. high letters. Overall size of killer not available to me at this time, but A12 is $8 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. in height.

SANDY POINT designated by index SP in $19 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. CDS with letters $2 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. tall. The killer is $29 \frac{1}{4}$ x $19 \frac{3}{4}$ mm., with A12 $8 \frac{1}{2}$ mm. high.

The CDS and killer in all of these village cancellors are tangent. The dates on my examples run from my earliest of DE 31 00 of SP to FE 17 28 of DB. (Mr. Groves states in the British West Indies Study Circle Bulletin No. 8, Jan. 1956, that these cancellors were "...sent out to the island from the G.P.O. London on 10 MAY 1900..!") Actually the cancellor contemporary to the above for the office on ANGUILLA belongs in this group, but such was covered in my article on Anguilla in BCPSG Journal No. 26, July 1965.

As can be appreciated, these duplex strikes have been the very devil to study and separate due to the sizes and slight differences. I have not discussed such with anyone, therefore openly welcome your comments and/or criticisms as they will be highly appreciated and only add to our growing knowledge of the postal markings of St. Kitts.

All above mentioned postmarks are struck in black ink except for a few examples of duplex IIIa which appear in purplish-blue ink. Illustrations not exact as to measurements.

The next installment of LEEWARD ISLANDS - CANCELLATIONS will take us through the TRDs of St. Kitts and the development of her single ring CDS.

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It has been a long time since we have heard from Stan Durnin, due to his moving around so much. The above article is a continuation of the Leeward Island series which he has been publishing in the Journal from time to time. He says that he and Elaine are settled in Petaluma, Calif, probably for the next couple of years and his address is P. O. Box 472, Hamilton AFB, Calif., 94934. He suggests that we should consider having a get together on the west coast next year. Says there are two big shows - WESTPEX in San Francisco and SESCOAL in Los Angeles forthcoming. Says he and the other members, ED WINEBERG and others could lay the groundwork for this, if enough could be committed to go. This is 1968.

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THE CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY OF THE POST
TOWNS OF JAMAICA - Continued.

MILK RIVER	Clarendon	Opened September 1873	
1. "A" Oblit Type P		9 NO 73	
2. S.R. (sent out 1873) 25mm		9 NO 73	
The above mark does not carry the word "Jamaica", and at present the above two marks are only recorded on cover by the one instance recorded above. Possibly the first of the TRDs.			
3. "201" Oblit type 0		12 NO 75	9 DE 91
This oblit was sent out about Sept. 1874.			
4. S.R.	no index	12 NO 75	28 SP 05
5. D.R.	27 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters	24 NO 08	29 NO 17
6. D.R.	29mm. dots	9 NO 23	18 DE 54
7. MSR (issued 7 OC 55)		21 OC 55	8 DE 65

MILK RIVER BATH	CLARENDON	Opened 21 Dec. 1920.	
1. TRD Type 21	violet ink	21	
There are very few of these TRD's recorded and none dated in full legible writing.			
2. D.R. 28mm		12 AP 24.	
Closed 2 February 1925.			

MITCHELLS HILL	Clarendon	Opened 22 Feb. 1966.	
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	12 MR 66	23 NO 66
Forwarding office - Rock River.			
MITCHELL TOWN	Clarendon	Opened 15 Dec. 1960.	
1. TRD. Type 37a	violet ink	17 JA 61	22 MY 63
2. MSR	*	5 JU 62	31 MY 66

MOCHO	Clarendon	Opened 14 Sept. 1894	
Closed several times between 1900 and Aug 1930.			
1. TRD Type 8	black ink	5 OC 94	13 OC(94).
2. D.R. 27mm	dots black ink	11 FE 95	15 MR 28
3. TRD Type 21	blue ink	23 J? 07	
	violet ink	NO 20	
4. TRD Type 25	violet ink	11 AU 30.	
Apparently noted in blue ink ?? No verification			
5. D.R. 29mm	6 OC 32	22 JY 55	
6. MSR (issued 7 OC 55)		27 MR 56	6 FE 65

MONA	St Andrew	Opened 15 Dec. 51	
1. Special TRD	violet ink	8 DE 51	
A double ringed commercial date stamp of the University of the West Indies,			

was apparently pressed into service, for lack of a regular TRD at the opening of this office. Actually this mark was used for a few days prior to the official opening of the office.

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| 2. | TRD Type 39 | violet ink | 20 DE 51 | 3 JU 52 |
| | This mark deteriorated quite quickly. Late strikes are distorted. | | | |
| 3. | TRD Type 37 | violet ink | 23 JY 52 | 22 NO 52 |
| | A favor strike in black ink was struck on 10 JA 56 but dated 10 DE 51, to indicate the date of opening of this office. | | | |
| 4. | B 3 | No asterisk | 27 OC 52 | 24 JY 56 |
| 5. | MSR (Issued 13 AU 56) | \$ | 11 FE 57 | 20 JU 66 |
| | Now Kingston Postal Dist. No. 7. | | | |
| MONEAGUE | | St Ann | Opened about 1796 | |
| 1. | T 3 (Foster T 4b0 35mm. x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.) | | 34 | 25 BE 36 |
| 2. | P 2 (Sent out 1 AP 39) | | 30 SP 40 | 9 MY 59 |
| 3. | P 3 (Sent out 15 DE 42) | | 22 MY 46 | 59. |
| | Noted in 1844, no date available. | | | |
| 4. | A56 Oblit Type H (Issued 1 MR 59) | | 59 | ? NO 62 |
| | The last date is recorded as having passed through Kingston on 8 NO 62, a very late date, as this mark was transferred to Montego Bay in late Oct or early Nov. 1862. | | | |
| 5. | S.R. 22mm. (issued 2 SP 59) | Aindex | NO 62 | 23 DE 73 |
| | | C index noted. | | |
| 6. | A55 oblit Type H | | | 8 AU 73 |
| | Transferred from Mile Gully in late 1862. | | | |
| 7. | S.R. 24mm. | No index | 3 FE 79 | 2 AU 07 |
| 8. | D.R. 28mm, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. letters | | 20 JY 11 | 11 AU 31 |
| 9. | D.R. 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 3mm. letters | | 28 JY 35 | 1 DE 64 |
| 10. | B 1 | * | 1 JY 51 | 5 OC 64 |
| 11. | B 3 (Issued early Jan 54.) | No Asterisk | 27 MR 61 | 17 NO 64 |
| MONGRAVE | | St. Catherine | Opened ? | |
| 1 | TED Type 37 a | violet ink | 8 NO 61 | 24 NO 66. |
| MONTEGO BAY | | St. James | Opened before 1774. | |
| 1. | T 1. (Foster T1) | | 16 JA 93 | 3 SP 01 |
| | This mark is reported as known used in 1776 but no verification. | | | |
| 2. | T 2 (Foster T 3) | | 29 MR 03 | 3 MY 36 |
| 3. | T 3 (Foster T 4 | 4mm letters | 8 FE 25 | 38 |
| | | 5mm letters | 1 JA 35 | 11 AU 39 |
| 4. | P 2 (Issued 1 AP 39) | | 8 AU 39 | 26 MY 59 |
| 5. | Ship letter mark | | 16 NO 41 | 17 AU 48 |
| | A rectangular mark framed, reading Montego/Bay/Ship Letter. | | | |

6.	Paid Marking (Foster PDL3) red ink		30 OC 48	22 JA 54
	A single ring mark reading PAID/8d.			
7.	A57 Oblit Type H (Issued NR 1 59)		4 MR 59	23 MY 62/
	Transferred to Morant Bay in late 1862.			
8.	S.R. (issued 2 SP 59)	A index	7 JA 61	30 AU 75
	B & C indices also reported to exist.			
9.	A56 Oblit Type H		10 SP 67	8 OC 67
	Transferred from Moneague in late 1862			
10.	A56 Oblit Type K (Sent out about 1876)		18 JY 79	31 MR 84.
11.	S.R. 26mm	No index	19)C 77	31 MR 84
12.	S.C. Type 1	C index	16 DE 84	25 JU 92
		no index	24 FE 86	15 SP 96
13.	D.R. 26mm. dots	black ink	28 MR 94	14 OC 12
		blue ink	28 DE 03	15 MR 04
		green ink	15 FE 05	
14.	D.R. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.		3 JA 13	10 OC 40
15.	TRD Type 27 (Double Ring) violet ink		16 NO 14	10 FE 15
	This TRD reads "Street Letter Box" and the date is in m/s. The words "Montego Bay" are around the top of the mark.			
		black ink	AP 15	MY 15
16.	TRD Type 28	violet ink	21 JY 15	
	This TRD is similar to mark No. 16 except that the words "Montego Bay" are around the bottom of the mark, and the words "Street Letter Box" are around the top.			
17.	D.R. 28mm	dots	17 SP 15	20 SP 54.
	This mark reads "Street Letter Box" - reported in 1957.			
18.	D.R. 28mm.	dots	20 AP 21	2 AP 51
	The year is expressed in four digits.			
19..	D.R. 30mm.		5 SP 24	7 SP 54
20.	D.R. 29mm.		14 DE 50	15 DE 54.
21.	B 3	*	25 JA 51	15 MY 64
22	MSR (6 issued 10 SP 56)	*	22 NO 56	4 AU 66
		No asterisk	11 JA 66	11 AU 66
23.	MSR (1)	*	16 JU 62	20 SP 65
	This mark has a numeral "1" in parenthesis after the name.			
24.	Machine canceller w 7 wavy broken lines.		21 FE 55	28 JU 62
25.	As above w/Far Famed Resort Slogan		8 SP 30	22 DE 41
26.	As above w/ Independence slogan		28 JU 62	2 AU 62
27.	As above w/ Savings Bond Slogan		15 MY 65	2 SP 66
28.	As above w/ Build Tourism slogan		6 JU 63	24 MR 65
29.	As above w/Remember Games slogan		7 JY 77	17 AU 66.

MONTEGO BAY (No. 2)	St James	Opened 21 April 1960.
1. TRD Type 37a	violet ink	17 AP 61 19 AP 62
2. MSR	*	15 JU 62 5 JA 67.
MONTEGO BAY RAILWAY	St. James	Opened about 1895.
The western terminus of the Jamaican Railway.		
1. S 1	blue ink	24 OC 01 6 DE 12
	red ink	12 AU 05 24 MR 06
2. S 3	blue ink	5 AU 10 18 MR 24
3. S 4	blue ink	10 MY 23 15 MR 24
MONTPELIER	St James	Opened October 1857
1. A58 Obliterator Type H (Issued 1 MR 1858).		
This obliterator was issued for Montpelier, but no known proof of actual use at this town exists. There is one known copy only used on a 6d. GB stamp, (and also at least one forgery), and it is assumed that it was used at Montpelier. Closed about 1860 and reopened on 13 AU 1895.		
2. TRD Type 8	black ink	20 AU 95 DE 95.
3. D.R. 28mm.	dots	7 AP 96 21 FE 05.
4. D.R. 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.		20 DE 24 15 MR 65
5. MSR	*	2 DE 58 16 JU 66
MONTPELIER RAILWAY	St James	Opened about 1895.
1. S 1 b	blueink	10 OC 01 12 DE 02
2. S 3	blue ink	DE 13 1 SP 24
MONTREAL	St Mary	Opened 26 April 1954.
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	30 AP 54 23 MY 54
	Date stamped separately	1 JY 54
2. MSR (Issued 1 JU 54	* Violet ink	23 JY 54 30 AP 65
	* Black ink	
MOORE'S	Clarendon	Opened ?
1. TRD Type 37a	violet ink	12 SP 61 21 NO 65
MOORE TOWN	Fortland	Opened 28 May 1897.
1. D.R. 28mm	dots	16 JU 97 26 AP 26
2. D.R. 30mm		25 NO 31 11 DE 65
MORANT BAY	St Thomas	Opened before Nov. 1773.
1. T 1		2 NO 73
The earliest known town marking.		

Morant Bay - Continued.

2.	T s (Foster T3)		4 MY 06	5 JY 20
3.	T 3 (Foster T4)	4mm. Albino 4½mm. Albino	14 FE 30 9 FE 34	35 15 AU 37
4.	P 2 (Issued 1 AP 39)	25 AU 41	24 OC 62	
5.	A59 Oblit Type H (Issued 1 MR 59)		59	60
	Transferred to Newport in late 1862.			
6.	A57 Oblit Type H	6	6 DE 71	4 MR 88
	Transferred from Montego Bay about Oct. 1862			
7.	S.R. (issued 11 MY 63)	A index	6 DE 71	10 MR 94
8.	D.R. 26mm.	dots	12 MR 94	24 AU 10
9.	D.R. 27½mm.	2½mm. letters	26 JA 16	3 OC 24
10.	D.R. 28mm.	3mm. letters Thin inner ring.	30 JY 23	3 JU 56
11.	D.R. 29½mm.		13 JY 46	23 JA 62
	Late strikes are very distorted.			
12.	B 3	*	19 MY 53	10 MY 56
13.	MSR (2 issued about 10 SP 56)	*	21 NO 56	23 JU 66
		No*	7 DE 63	25 NO 66.

MORAVIA Manchester Opened 4 August 1930.

1.	TRD Type 25	violet ink	11 AU 30	21 NO 30
	M/S date usually in blue crayon.			
2.	D.R. 29mm.,	4mm. letters	2 NO 31	5 JA 66

MORGANS FOREST Clarendon Opened 1 April 1966

1.	TRD type 37	violet ink	13 MY 66	27 OC 66
	Forwarding office: Borobridge.			

MORGANS PASS Clarendon Opened 17 April 1946.

1.	TRD Type 50	violet ink	17 AP 46	14 OC 46
2.	B 1 (issued 24 Dec. 1946)	* violet ink * black ink	31 DE 46 9 FE 48	18 FE 48 19 AU 65

MOUNTAINSIDE St. Elizabeth Opened 19 Oct 1896.

1.	TRD Type 8	black ink	13 NO 96	DE 96
2.	D.R. 26½mm	dots	19 FE 97	10 MY 33
3.	D.R. 29mm.	3½mm. letters	20 SP 35	17 FE 66.

MOUNT AIRY St. Andrew Opened 2 Dec, 1949

1.	TRD Type (Spelled Mt. Airy)	violet ink	2 DE 49	23 NO 53
2.	B 3 (issued early Jan 1954)	no asterisk	29 OC 54	3 JY 65

MOUNT CHARLES	St. Thomas	Opened in Sept. 1874.
1. S.R. 25mm. (Issued 1874)		27 JY 77 22 AP 84
2. A80 Oblit - Type K large numerals		24 FE 84
3. A80 Oblit - Type K small numerals		7 MY 80
	Closed and obliterators transferred to Hagley Gap in 1884.	
MOUNT FELIX	St. Thomas	Opened Sept. 1957
1. TRD Type 46 b	violet ink	11 DE 57= 28 FE 58
2. MSR	* violet ink	29 AU 58 8 FE (59)
	* black ink	13 JU 59 24 AU 65
MOUNT HOREB	St. James	Opened 26 July, 1927.
1. D.R. 28mm.		7 FE 29 25 NO 66
	This mark started with a heavy outer circle and a thin inner circle. The inner circle gradually disappeared as the mark became worn.	
MOUNT INDUSTRY	St. Catherine	Opened 5 April, 1943.
1. TRD Type 40	violet ink	5 AP 48 13 AP 48
	Supposed to have closed on 5 MY 51 and reopened.	
2. B 1	* violet ink	
	* black ink	6 AP 51 26 JA 67.
	The asterisk in this mark is odd-shaped and most of the marks during the 1960-66 period are poorly inked and struck.	
MOUNT JAMES	St. Andrew	Opened 28 Dec. 1920.
1. TRD Type 21	violet ink	2 AP 21 19 AU 21
	The year 1920 is in the mark - the "1" was inserted by hand when necessary.	
2. TRD Type 21	violet ink	20 JY 21
	The year 1921 is in the mark	
3. D.R. 28mm. 4mm. letters		2 AP 27 15 SP 65
	Thin rings	
MOUNT LEBANUS	St. Thomas	Opened 20 March 1964.
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	21 AP 64 10 DE 64
2. MSR	no asterisk	21 MR 65 8 MR 66
MOUNT MORELAND	St. Catherine	Opened 18 Nov. 1947.
1. TRD Type 40	violet ink	8 NO 47 10 DE 47
2. B 1 (issued 19 AP 48)	*	11 OC 48 15 JY 65
MOUNT MORIAH	Hanover	Opened 10 Nov. 1894
1. TRD Type 8	black ink	28 NO 94
2. D.R. 26 mm.	dots	4 JA 95 17 OC 00
	Closed before 1901	

MOUNT MORIAH St Ann Opened 30 August 1963.

L. Mattison was P. M. at opening.
1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 2 FE 64 25 AU 66.

MOUNT PEACE HANOVER Opened early 1961.

1. TRD Type 37 a violet ink 22 AP 61 6 JY 61

2. MSR * 25 OC 62 23 JY 65

MT PETO. Hanover Opened 25 Jan 1939

1. D.R. 30mm. 2 AU 39 OC 55

2. MSR (issued 7 OC 55) * 11 NO 55 27 SP 66
Forwarding office: Ramble

MOUNT PLEASANT Portland Opened 4, Jan. 1947

1. TRD Type 51a violet ink 4 JA 47 24 FE 48

2. B 1 (issued 17 AP 48 * violet ink 17 AP 48 6 JU 51
* black ink 19 JU 51 11 AU 65

Forwarding office: St, Margarets Bay

MOUNT PROVIDENCE Clarendon Opened ? 1964.

1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 20 FE 64 1 OC 64

2. MSR * 2 MR 65 14 MR 66
Forwarding office: Woodhall and Maypen.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Robert Topaz.

I was happy to confirm the EDK of the first type of Jamaica marking as being dated in August 746. A fellow collector from Scotland has been fortunate enough to find this cover, which extends the usage of this mark some 12 years ahead, and can give us all some new thoughts as to the first date of usage of Jamaican stamped markings.

A recent cover that we have seen proved interesting for the Obliterator field-- it was a cover posted at Lucea on Feb 28, 1859, and addressed to Kingston. It carried a 4d. G.B. stamp and was backstamped Lucea. The stamp is cancelled in m/s "Lucea P. O." inscription. At which point this cancel was applied is hard to determine. Either it was applied at Lucea - not authorized to use their own obliterator until the next day, or at the receiving office at Kingston, who received it March 1, 1859 at which time they were not authorized to cancel with the AOL obliterator. Take your pick!!

Squared Circles have been a bit dormant, but a few LDK etc., have been reported. Tom Foster advises us that Stewart Town is known as late as 11 AP 25, while someone has reported that the Falmouth "A" index mark is known as early as 5 MR 83.

Mail from Jamaica is certainly traveling far these days, as we have seen reports of letters being addressed to the USA or CANADA being routed through Glasgow or Derby in the British Isles. Chuck Cwiakala and Reg Lant have both reported the Glasgow marks, and I have seen a Derby marking.

Somewhere along the line, the office of Packham in Clarendon parish opened up and no one reported or noticed it. Apparently this office did open on 14 JU 62 using a type 37 a. Possibly used this mark until 12 SP 63 and is now using a MSR. Sorry about that, Chief!!

We can now also confirm the use of the MSR at Fairy Hill. If you are keeping your listings up to date, and also the use of a violet inked mark of the MSR at Sandy River dated 29 OC 66. Talking about violet ink marks, Chuck Cwiakala also came up with a new LDK for Lemon Hall of 4 MY 58 for the violet ink MSR. Our many thanks. Denham Town has used another MSR so this makes at least two readily identifiable marks out of the several they must use.

The TRD field is active and Bourbon has showed up with a black ink mark dated 20 FE 67, as has Glastonbury dated 18 FE 67. The biggest news is the realization that the only known obliterator "A" cover from Milk River is backstamped with a single ring mark, that is almost surely the first and earliest known type of TRD. This is dated 9 NO 73.

SLOGANS are in the news also with Kingston finally getting a new die for their "Summerland" cancellation. Kingston, Cross Roads and Halfway Ytee are also using a new slogan "INCLUDE PARISH/IN ADDRESS". Supposed to be used in Spanish Town and Montego Bay in the near future. Probably used on local mail primarily. First time noted was 22 JA 67 - the P. O. Claims they do not know precisely when it came into use.

As of Feb. 2, 1967, with the opening of Mears and Coxwain Postal Agencies, there were 396 Postal Agencies and 310 Post Offices in Jamaica. There were also 38 Postal Sub-Agencies, but to the best of my knowledge, these have never had postmarks.

NEW OPENINGS: Below is a listing of the recent office openings to the best of our knowledge:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PARISH</u>	<u>OPENED</u>	<u>FWD.OFFICE</u>	<u>NOTED</u>	<u>TYPE.</u>
Baptist Hill	Hanover	17 NO 66	Jerico	5 JA 67	37
Top Mountain	St. Cath.	9 DE 66	Troja	21 DE 66	37
Bromley	St. Mary	20 DE 66	Clonmel	17 JA 66	37
Longwood	Clarendon	21 DE 66	Promptly closed - reopened.		
Arlington	St. Eliz.	22 DE 66	Mountainside	4 JA 67	37
Fustic Grove	St. Eliz	22 DE 66	Whitehouse	3 JA 67	37
Mears	Clarendon	20 JA 67	James Hill	31 JA 67	37
Coxwain	Clarendon	20 JA 67	Rock River	1 MR 67	37
Mount Edgecomb	W ³ moreland	27 JA 67	Bluefields	16 FE 67	37
Town Head	"	23 JA 67	Frome	27 JA 67	37
Scott's Run	Portland	6 FE 67	Hectors River	14 FE 67	37
Taymount	Clarendon	13 FE 67	Trout Hall	8 MR 67	37
Cousins Cave	Hanover	10 MR 67	Green Island	-----	6-

Peggy Barry which has been closed, reopened on 20 JA 67 with same trd.

The GPO at Kingston has started to use vending machines for stamps. Ronnie Wong reports that the 1d., 1½d., 3d., and 6d. are handled this way. The stamps are sold singly except the 1½d value which is sold two at a time. The coils were prepared in England and went on sale on 20 DE 66.

WANTED: Leeward Islands #8, bearing readable Killer postmarks, i.e. A02, A07, A08, A09, A12, A13, A91. Will pay cash or swap my Winward Island postal markings. Also require large blocks ALL Leeward Islands issues, mint or used for plate studies.

Stan Durnin.

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NOTE: All members who have ordered the Stitt Dibden book should be informed that the Editor has received confirmation of these orders, but they will reach me by surface mail, so will be received later in the month. Will forward them as soon as they arrive.

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Mr. Philip Saunders requests that we notify the Group anyone possessing Dominica covers before 1874, to advise him of the details - postmarks dates, etc as he is now working on a Handbook of Dominica through the EWISC. Please contact him directly with any data you may have. He extends his appreciation in advance for any cooperation we can give him.

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We are in receipt of another applicant, which I was able to get in the May Journal:

SMITH, GEOFFREY SAVILLE, 41 Upper Glenburn Road, Bearsden, Glasgow, Scotland, Occupation, retired Company Director, Collects Great Britain, France, Jamaica and Ireland, the latter two being his specialties. Member the Caledonian Philatelic Society, B.W.I.S.C and Past Chairman of Scottish Philatelic Societies.

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SWAP COLUMN:

WANTED: good copies of BAHAMAS SG #75 (Scott's #47) mint or used. In particular require blocks or multiples and very especially a used copy on cover, single used or mint copies are also needed.

Len Mason,
114 Roman Road,
London, E. 2, England.

Below are shown list of prices realized on lots Nos. 1 to 110 in our first auction:

No. 1.	37.50	34.	8.00	73.	5.00
2.	5.00	35.	7.00	74.	22.00
3.	5.00	36.	17.00	75.	42.50
4.	5.50	37.	26.00	76.	160.00
5.	8.00	38.	6.00	77.	11.00
6.	5.00	39.	2.50	78.	N.S.
7.	2.00	40.	5.50	79.	33.50
8.	2.00	41.	6.00	80.	N.S.
9.	2.00	42.	27.50	81.	N.S.
10.	4.00	43.		82.	50.00
11.	10.00	44.)	140.00	83.	6.50
12.	7.50	45.	N.S.	84.	7.50
13.	4.00	46.	N.S.	85.	N.S.
14.	22.00	47.	N.S.	86.	4.50
15.	4.50	48.	1.25	87.	N.S.
16.	20.00	49.	.65	88.	7.00
17.	4.00	50.	4.00	89.	7.00
18.	13.00	51.	17.50	90.	3.50
19.	24.00	52.	1.75	91.	10.00
20.	17.00	53.	N.S.	92.	5.00
21.	44.00	54.	N.S.	93.	N.S.
22.	35.00	55.	1.50	94.	7.00
23.	30.00	56.	N.S.	95.	5.00
24.	15.00	57.	1.50	96.	6.00
25.	5.00	58.	4.00	97.	7.00
26.	25.00	59.	5.00	98.	N.S.
27.	28.00	60.	17.00	99.	10.00
28.	22.00	61.	N.S.	100.	8.00
29.	55.00	62.	5.00	101.	4.00
30.	10.00	63.	2.50	102.	4.00
31.	40.00	64.	2.10	103.	12.00
32.	7.00	65.	N.S.	104.	N.S.
33.	6.50	66.	N.S.	105.	N.S.
		67.	N.S.	106.	7.00
		68.	N.S.	107.	N.S.
		69.	N.S.	108.	4.50
		70.	N.S.	109.	N.S.
		71.	N.S.	110.	N.S.
		72.	N.S.		

Please note that in future, bidders from the Sterling area will be permitted to pay in Sterling. Please write for details if you are interested.

Robert Topaz.

DUES NOTICE.

Reg lant is on my neck to print Dues Notices in the May Magazine. This is what I have done in each issue of the Journal, since January. Please sit down RIGHT NOW and write a check and send it in to Mark Swetland, to ensure that your Journal continues to come to you and also to get Reg off my neck.

Al Johnson.