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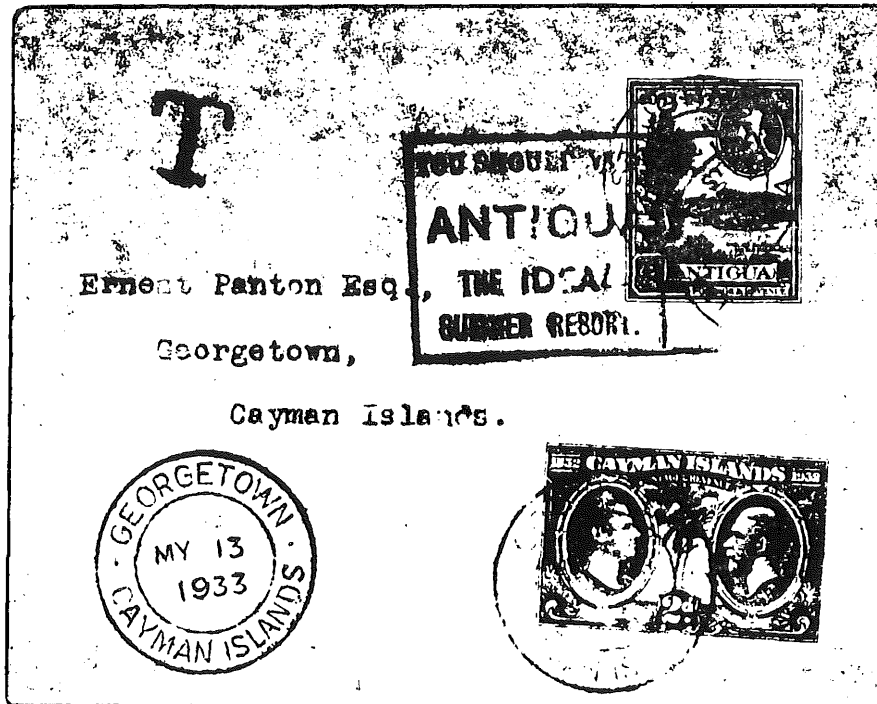
REG LANT AT WORK IN TORONTO STAMP SHOP

After eight years of serving as our BCPSG Secretary, Reg Lant has been retired at his request. In honor of his long and dedicated service, the Trustees have voted unanimously to make Reg an Honorary Life Member of the Group. Our Past-President Gale Raymond has presented Reg with an illuminated scroll, prepared by one of our newest members, Charles Sawyer, to attest to Reg's new membership status. To say retired is probably a poor choice of words, for men like Reg never really retire, but merely relinquish one activity in favor of another. Between spending several days a week behind the counter of a Downtown Toronto stamp shop and working over his Jamaica Postal History collections, Reg will still have little time to spare.

ANTIGUA ADDENDA

by WILLIAM G. CORNELL

The interesting cover illustrated below brings out a number of interesting points. Postmarked AP 11 33 from St. John's and underfranked with a ½d stamp, it was marked T for Postage Due at Georgetown, Cayman Islands. A 2d Cayman Islands stamp was affixed and cancelled Georgetown MY 13 33. A third strike of the Georgetown cds appears on the back of the cover. The dated St. John's strike is the McFarlane type 4b (*See Journal No.43, p.89*) double-ring, which is known JA 26 33 to SP 2 52, per my notes. This strike is superimposed on another strike of a previously unreported cancel, a hand stamped slogan. The



open-ended rectangle measures $29\frac{1}{2}$ mm tall by $33\frac{1}{2}$ mm to the vertical bar and about $41\frac{1}{2}$ mm to the open end. The four lines of letters (first line serifs) have four different fonts of type with heights of $2\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 mm, respectively. A distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm separates the right side of the rectangle from a single-ring cds which is only partially struck. One notes ST, with S being $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm tall and T being $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm tall or possibly taller and only partially struck. Around the bottom of the circle one sees ANT in $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm letters. One is prone to guess that the entire cancel was a slogan plus cds in a rectangular frame with a vertical bar separating slogan and cds.

A further hypothesis is that the full frame was 63 mm long, and that the cds was enclosed in a $29\frac{1}{2}$ mm square, mated with the slogan rectangle. If so, the squared cds would be very like Stan Durnin's mysterious TRD, known 1931-1946, (*See Journals, No.39, p.94; No.40, p.106; No.44, p.127*). Also note that Joe Chin Aleong tells me he has a fourth example dated 1946 on a L.I. KGV1 1/ stamp.

In Stan's first article on the TRD he said "...part of a slogan rectangular block?..." He may very well have been right! All of the measurements noted above are consistent with Stan's TRD measurements within $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Two additional measurements also agree reasonably well, as follows: The minimum diagonal distance between the two corners of the cds "Square" in the slogan cancel measures $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm as does the TRD on both diagonals. The linear distance between the middle of the cross-bar of the T in ST and the apex of A in ANTIGUA measures $14\frac{1}{2}$ mm in the slogan, and $13\frac{1}{2}$ mm in the TRD. A check on this linear distance on McFarlane

Types 3g and 3h (known 1921-34 per my notes) shows $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm for this dimension, so that the cds of the slogan cancel is unlikely to be one of the McFarlane types.

All in all, I suggest that there is a good chance that the slogan/cds mark shown on the previous page is the larger entity of which the TRD began as a part. Who has a cover with a complete slogan/cds mark? I say "began as a part" because like many duplex cancels, the cds part may have been detached deliberately or in damage at some point in its history. Who has a cover with only the TRD?

In answer to my first question, Mark Swetland produced two more covers from the same correspondence with nearly identical markings! The slogan/cds mark is cut-off at the right at just about the same point, the L of IDEAL is helped in blue ink, and the I of ANTIGUA, the E of IDEAL and the D of should are nearly identically underinked. All cancel dates and other marks are the same on the three covers. Mark believes that the addressee was a traveller in the West Indies who is known to have created a variety of philatelic items, including other Tercentenary-franked covers to Cayman Islands and St. Lucia in Mark's collection. Fred Seifert reports similarly underfranked covers from Ascension to the Caymans and from Jamaica to St. Lucia with the same addressee. Fred also notes that the Saunders-Aguilar Cayman Islands Handbook mentions covers of this sort from various countries to the Caymans and states that these found their way to dealers in the US and UK in 1954 after being found in the effects of the addressee on his death.

The AP 11 33 strikes of the slogan-partial cds may be the only ones existing. It may have been made by the addressee. It may have been applied after the covers arrived in Georgetown. Or?? Who has more data?

The Antigua stamp booklets illustrated in the December Journal are made from ordinary definitive sheets, using the two outside columns of the sheet so that the selvedge can be used for binding. Thus, exactly half of the booklets have the stamps inverted relative to the covers.

Fred Seifert has turned up LDK on McFarlane Type 2a, dated JA 21 89, extending the known date range by two years. Fred also has a very interesting partial strike on Antigua SG 26 of a cancel consisting of 4 mm tall serif letters ...S EMPR... The letters S,E,P,R are $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm wide and M is 3 mm wide. Fred wonders if this might be a steamship mark--S.S. EMPRESS OF or possibly a fiscal cancel? Or? More data anyone?

The 50¢ Tourism stamp may turn out to be a good item. G.N. Holmes notes that it was sold out in St. John's a month before it was due to come off sale.

The 1969 Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth Stamp Catalogue lists the following QEII varieties:

S19a 12¢ New Constitution 1960, Broken C in CONSTITUTION, Stamp 9 Row 7.

S33a 15¢ I.C.Y., Bottom of Y of YEAR missing, making letter appear as V, Stamp 1, Row 7.

S54a 15¢ Breda, Watermark inverted (reversed). Per my copy, this notation means both inverted and reversed. Incidentally, I have a used copy although Commonwealth catalogues it only as mint.

No shades of the new definitives are mentioned by Commonwealth.

Various Antigua stamps and postal stationery items exist as SPECIMENS, either overprinted or perforated SPECIMEN in various forms. These interesting items

turn up from time to time, but, frustratingly, no definitive account of just what items exist is available. Accordingly, for the stamps only, I have compiled my best guess as to what exists and give it below, hoping for others to add corrections so that we can have something to steer by. The data given are based on my own holdings and notes, plus the definitive story on U.P.U. Specimens given by Marcus Samuel in *Stamp Collecting* in eight articles appearing in the issues of that publication between 4 December 1964 and 5 February 1965, the notes of V.N.F. Surtees in this Journal, the Catalogue of the Royal Collection, Robson Lowe's Regent Stamp Encyclopaedia of 1935, the 1964 Urwick Sale and the 1963 Bessemer Sale.

It is probable that some of the early SPECIMEN overprints were prepared for purposes other than distribution to member-states of the U.P.U. which Antigua joined in July 1879. According to Samuel, the first official U.P.U. distribution of Antigua was on 12 October 1882, consisting of ½d dull green 1882, 1d lake (CC14) 1876, 2½d red-brown (CC14) 1879, 4d blue (CC14) 1879 and 6d blue green (CC14) 1876, all normal mint without overprint, plus a 1½d postcard. The first Antigua stamp to receive a SPECIMEN overprint was the 1/- mauve, sent out by the U.P.U. on 24 May 1886. The second overprinted lot consisted of the new-colored 2½d ultramarine and 4d chestnut of the 1884-86 issue, both sent out 28 May 1887.

In the list below, those believed to have been sent through U.P.U. and marked SPECIMEN are identified by an asterisk. The general U.P.U. rule was to send out each new face-different issue, not counting shades (pronounced or otherwise), watermarks or perforations. The 1921 KGV Script CA issues of all Crown Colonies seem to have been an exception to the rule. It seems that overprinting was at the discretion of stamp-issuing states, since many never did overprint. Indeed, in 1892, some states requested cessation of all overprints and some non-Commonwealth states complied. On 24 August 1928, the Colonial Office directed the use of perforations instead of overprints, presumably as a security measure. On 15 July 1948, the Colonial Office directed cessation of perforated specimens and further issues were sent out in normal mint condition. Thus, the KGV 10/- and 1/- definitives and the Victory commemoratives are the last Antigua SPECIMEN stamps.

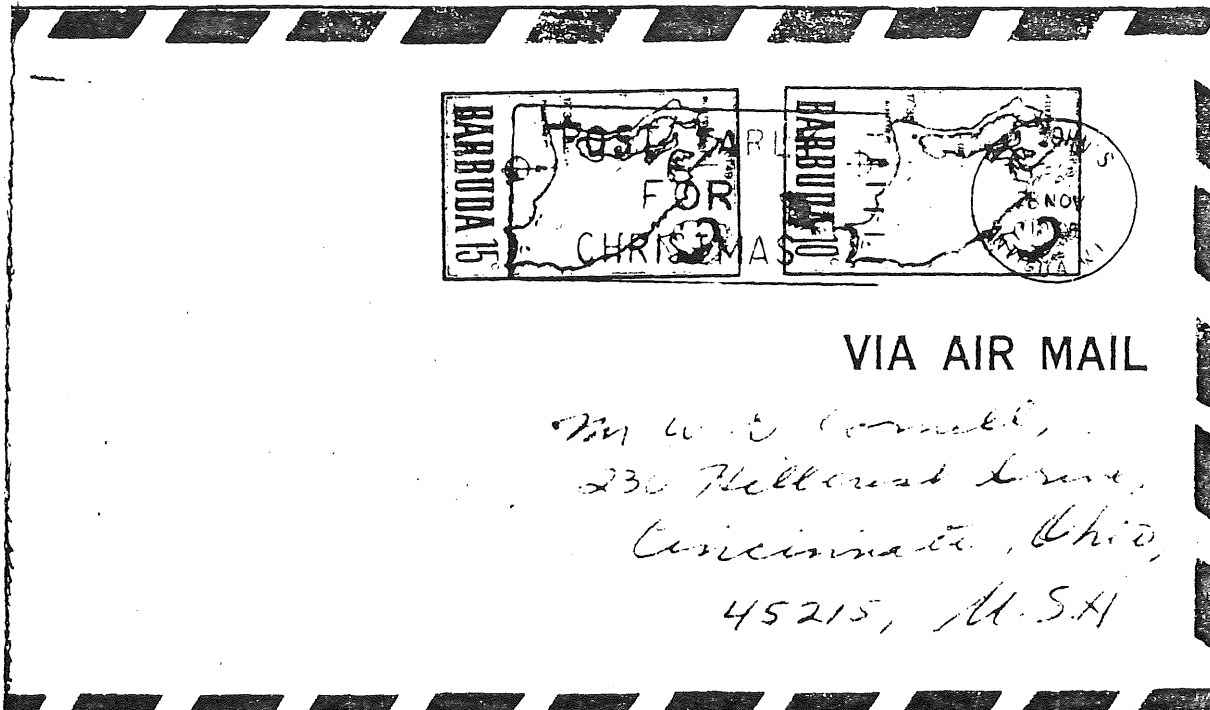
ANTIGUA SPECIMEN STAMPS

<u>SG No.</u>		
5	1863	1d rosy mauve
7	1867	1d vermilion (also CANCELLED overprint)
13	1872	1d lake (also CANCELLED overprint)
14	1872	1d scarlet
15	1872	6d blue green (also CANCELLED overprint)
16	1876	1d lake (?)
18	1876	6d blue green (?)
19	1879	2½d red-brown (?) (also known imprimatur imperf)
20	1879	4d blue (?)
21	1882	½d dull green (?)
* 27	1884-6	2½d ultramarine
* 28	1884-6	4d chestnut
* 29	1884-6	1/- mauve
* 31-40	1903-09	½d-5/- Arms
* 41	1908-12	½d Arms--new color
* 43	1908-12	1d Arms--new color
* 46	1908-12	2½d Arms--new color
* 49	KGV	5/-
* 52-54	1916-18	War Stamps
* 55-61	1921-29	KGV 3d-£1 MCA

ANTIGUA SPECIMEN STAMPS (CONT.)

SG No.

- * 62, 63, 65, 67, 70, 71, 73-80 KGV ½d, 1d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-.
- * 81-90 Tercentenary (perforated)
- * 91-94 Silver Jubilee (perforated)
- * 95-97 Coronation (perforated)
- * 98-107 KGV ½d-5/- (perforated)
- * 110-111 Victory (perforated)
- * 108-109 KGV 10/- & £1 1948



The cover shown above gives a clue to a new era in Antigua philately. The two BARBUDA adhesives cancelled St. John's 28 NO 68 are the top values of a set of nine definitives of the same design (½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 15c values as in the 1966 Antigua set in current use) placed on sale in Barbuda on 20 NO 68 and in St. John's on 21 NO 68. Each stamp is printed in black on white paper with the water areas in a different pastel shade on each value. First day covers exist dated 19 NO 68 from Barbuda and from St. John's. I have a used set cancelled Barbuda 19 NO 68 with the canceller which has been in use for some time. I understand that a new cancel was also used, having the single-ring form, but without asterisk and without B.W.I., with BARBUDA in slightly larger letters. It is planned to complete the new definitive set with higher values and to issue an Olympics commemorative set. The new Barbuda adhesives are valid for postage throughout Antigua, but it is said that they are available at post offices only on request. It is likewise said that the new stamps will be the only ones used in Barbuda in the future. I am convinced that the knowledgeable authorities in Antigua did all in their power to combat the arrangement which led to a separate postal policy for Barbuda, which remains a part of Antigua for purposes of Government. A separate non-Government agency is now in charge of Barbuda's stamp-issuing policy, and I fear that we can expect any manner of what the American Philatelic Society brands as Black Blot philately.

THE CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY
OF THE POST TOWNS OF JAMAICA
(Continued)
BY ROBERT TOPAZ

<u>RACE COURSE</u>	Clarendon	Opened in January 1905	
1. TRD Type 13	violet ink	4 JA 05	24 MY 06
2. D.R. 28½ mm, 3 mm letters	dots	6 NO 06	26 NO 51
3. B 4	*	11 FE 52	19 NO 64
4. B 3	w/o *	16 DE 54	31 DE 66
	*	4 JY 52	31 JA 67
Two dies exist.			
5. MSR	*	12 JA 65	16 AU 68

Forwarding Office: May Pen

<u>RAMBLE</u>	Hanover	Opened 10 October 1857	
1. P 10 (Foster) (Sent out 13 NO 57)	no index	59	20 JY 66
	0 index	14 JY 64	8 DE 73
The year plug is in four digits. The GPO proof books record a mark without index and only a two digit year. No usage noted.			
2. A69 Type H (Issued 1 MR 59)		14 MY 75	9 MR 92
3. S.R. 24½ mm (Sent out 1875)		14 MY 75	22 MY 93
4. D.R. 26½ mm, 3 mm letters	dots	18 AP 94	16 SP 47
5. B 1	*	28 JU 49	1 MR 65
6. MSR	*	6 JA 57	16 AU 65

Forwarding Office: Sav. la Mar

<u>RAYMONDS</u>	Clarendon	Opened 8 September 1967	
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	14 SP 67	16 DE 67

Forwarding Office: Hayes

<u>REACH</u>	Portland	Opened 16 March 1963	
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	30 MR 63	11 JY 67

Forwarding Office: Manchioneal

<u>READING</u>	St. James	Opened 28 September 1931	
1. D.R. 29 mm, 3 mm letters		28 SP 31	28 DE 53
2. MSR	*	19 AU 54	20 FE 67

Forwarding Office: Montego Bay

RED BANK St. Elizabeth Opened 14 March 1958

1. TRD Type 37bx	violet ink	22 MR 58	30 AP 58
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As Type 37b but no asterisks at the sides.

2. MSR	*	2 MR 60	14 FE 67
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Forwarding Office: Junction

RED GROUND St. Catherine Opened in mid-1961

1. TRD Type 37a	violet ink	12 AU 61	13 NO 61
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2. MSR	*	4 JY 62	2 JU 66
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Forwarding Office: Old Harbour

RED HILLS St. Andrew Opened 1 February 1922

This office was called Belvedere before this date.

1. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters		13 DE 24	17 AU 68
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2. TRD Type 37	Black ink	6 JY 68	
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Forwarding Office: Half Way Tree

RED VALLEY St. Ann Opened 7 April 1967

1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	13 AP 67	10 NO 67
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Forwarding Office: Discovery Bay

REDWOOD St. Catherine Opened 25 May 1909

1. TRD Type 14	violet ink	6 JY 09	
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2. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters		21 NO 11	10 DE 59
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3. MSR	*	1 FE 60	22 FE 66
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Forwarding Office: Linstead

REFUGE Trelawney Opened 15 July 1950

1. TRD Type 39	violet ink	15 JY 50	11 NO 50
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2. B 3	violet ink	29 JA 51	31 AU 53
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	black ink	11 NO 57	30 DE 65
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Forwarding Office: Duncans

RESERVE Trelawney Opened ?

1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	1 FE 64	3 MR 64
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2. MSR	no *	20 AU 65	
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Forwarding Office: ?

<u>RETIREMENT</u>	St. Elizabeth	Opened 13 March 1948	
1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	13 MR 48	23 MR 48
2. B 1	* violet ink	6 AP 51	28 NO 51
	* black ink	6 JY 53	4 AP 67

Forwarding Office: Maggotty

<u>RETREAT</u>	St. Mary	Opened 1 July 1892	
This office was called Salt Gut before this date.			

1. D.R. 26 mm, 3 mm letters		JY 92	20 AU 38
	blue ink	26 SP 06	25 OC 07
2. B 3 (Issued Jan. 1954)	w/o *	2 SP 54	28 AU 61
3. D.R. 29 mm, 2½ mm letters		18 NO 35	13 JU 68

Forwarding Office: Linstead

<u>RETRIEVE</u>	Westmoreland	Opened 3 December 1956	
1. TRD Type 37b	violet ink	6 DE 56	30 JY 57
2. MSR	* violet ink	21 OC 58	17 AP 61
	* black ink	28 AP 61	29 AU 67

Forwarding Office: Cambridge

<u>REVIVAL</u>	Westmoreland	Opened in 1954	
1. MSR (Issued 1 June 1954)		29 JU 54	5 AP 67

Forwarding Office: Sheffield

<u>RICHMOND</u>	St. Mary	Opened 1 November 1863	
1. A79 Oblit Type H (Issued 1 NO 63)		2 FE 66	
2. S.R. (Issued 1863)		2 FE 66	25 OC 95
3. A79 Oblit Type J (Issued about 1865)		7 AU 66	3 MY 92
4. D.R. 27 mm, 2 3/4 mm letters dots		3 AU 96	9 SP 18
	(Issued 1896)		
5. D.R. 30 mm, 3 mm letters dots	4 digit year	12 DE 16	4 JA 65
6. D.R. 30 mm, 3½ mm letters		9 JY 30	17 JY 65
7. MSR	w/o *	9 MR 65	12 JU 67
	*	3 MY 65	11 JA 66

Forwarding Office: (Direct)

<u>RICHMOND RAILWAY</u>	St. Mary	Opened before 1900	
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1. S1b	blue ink	23 SP 00	25 FE 14
2. S1	red ink	7 JU 03	7 DE 06
3. S3	blue ink	1 OC 10	26

RICHMOND PARK Clarendon Opened 5 August 1930

1. TRD Type 25	violet ink	5 AU 30	4 NO 30
2. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters		7 MR 34	22 MY 67
3. MSR	*	1 NO 56	22 MY 67

Forwarding Offices: Mocho and Four Paths

RICHMOND VALE St. Thomas Opened 14 May 1965

1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	24 MY 65	23 AU 67
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Forwarding Office: ?

RIO BUENO Trelawney Opened before 1774

There is a cover known with a ms. inscription of Rio Bueno dated 18 Jan. 1790. Perhaps this indicates no Type T 1 mark.

1. T 3 (Nicholson T 2)		32	
2. T 4 (Nicholson T 3)		2 JU 36	40
3. P 2 (Sent out 1 AP 39)		JA 40	
4. P 3 (Sent out 15 DE 42)		5 JU 48	25 FE 59
5. A70 Oblit Type H (Issued 1 MR 59)		29 MR 60	30 MY 92
6. S.R. (Issued 1 MR 59) 21½ mm		29 MR 60	30 MY 92
7. S.R. 23½ mm		91	10 MR 02
8. D.R. 28 mm, 2½ mm letters Thin inner ring squarish letters		1 JU 06	4 AP 25
9. D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters		9 JU 29	9 JY 53
10. B 3	w/o *	26 AP 54	14 JU 65
11. MSR	*	22 JA 66	19 MY 67

Forwarding Office: St. Ann's Bay

RIO GRANDE Portland Opened 21 May 1951

1. TRD Type 50	violet ink	25 MY 51	27 NO 51
2. B 4	*	8 AU 52	13 MR 68

Forwarding Office: Fellowship

RITCHIES Clarendon opened 30 June 1952

1. TRD Type 44	violet ink	30 JU 52	21 OC 52
2. B 3	w/o * violet ink	28 OC 52	16 AP 53
	w/o * black ink	28 JY 53	15 AP 67

Forwarding Office: Spaldings

RIVERSDALE St. Catherine Opened 13 May 1897

1. TRD Type 8	black ink	26 JY 97	12 OC 97
2. D.R. 27 mm, 3½ mm letters	dots	22 DE 97	12 OC 97
3. D.R. 30 mm, 3 mm letters		29 AP 39	1 MR 67

Forwarding Office: (Direct)

RIVERSDALE RAILWAY St. Catherine Opened before 1900

1. S1?	blue ink	27 AP 06	6 JY 18
2. S3a	blue ink	4 MY 16	24
3. S4b	blue ink	1 OC 23	21 JY 24
	violet ink	22 JU 23	7 NO 45

RIVERSIDE Hanover Opened in 1900

1. S.C. Type 4		2 JA 01	3 MY 35
2. D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters		2 FE 38	17 JA 45

Name changed to Dias on 23 Sep 1944. Apparently old stamp was occasionally used after that date.

Forwarding Office: Sav. la Mar

ROBINS BAY Westmoreland Opened 11 September 1953

1. TRD Type 37	violet ink	17 SP 53	8 MR 54
2. MSR (Issued 1 Jun 54)	* violet ink	5 JU 54	
	* black ink	19 OC 54	13 MR 66

Forwarding Office: Richmond

ROBINS HALL Manchester Opened 23 September 1955

1. TRD Type 37b	violet ink	6 JA 56	12 SP 56
2. MSR (Issued 13 Aug 56)	*	9 MR 57	6 AP 57

Forwarding Offices: Mile Gully and Devon

ROBINS RIVER Westmoreland Opened before 1801

1. T 1		29 JA 01	
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2. T 3 (Nicholson T 2) 10 FE 09 7 OC 14
Closed before Jan 1833--reopened early 1839.
3. P 2 (Sent out 1 AP 39) 3 MY 47 15 NO 48
Closed sometime shortly after 1848.

ROCK

Clarendon

Opened in 1964

1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 10 DE 64 22 JU 67

Forwarding Offices: Four Paths and Osborne Store

ROCK HALL

St. Andrew

Opened 5 September 1956

1. TRD Type 37b violet ink 10 SP 56 5 MR 57
2. MSR * violet ink 2 MR 68
* black ink 8 JY 65 9 AU 65

Forwarding Office: Red Hills

ROCK RIVER

Clarendon

Opened 12 September 1894

1. TRD Type 8 Black ink 21 SP 94 9 NO 94
Supposedly in use for only six weeks.
2. D.R. 27 mm, 3½ mm letters dots 9 JA 95 7 FE 34
3. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters 12 JY 38 20 MY 67
The year plug is often missing.
4. MSR (Issued about 10 SP 56) * 8 NO 56 2 MR 66

Forwarding Office: Old Harbour

ROCK SPRING

Trelawney

Opened 11 August 1897

Closed 28 FE 99 and reopened before 10 MR 42.

1. TRD Type 8 black ink 1 SP 97
2. D.R. 27 mm 5 SP 98 30 NO 98
3. TRD Type 35 violet ink 10 MR 42 9 DE 43
4. B 2 (Issued 10 DE 43) * violet ink 44 OC 46
* black ink 28 JY 51 16 FE 68

Forwarding Office: Warsop

ROCKY POINT

Clarendon

Opened in March 1957

1. TRD Type 37b violet ink 4 AP 57 2 FE 61
Apparently put back into use in black ink from 4 JA 65 9 FE 65
2. MSR * violet ink 24 AU 59 15 SP 59
* black ink 28 AU 62 21 JY 67
3. TRD Type 37 black ink 4 JY 66 31 OC 66

Forwarding Office: Alley

RODNEY HALL St. Catherine Opened before 1810

1. T 4 (Sent out 7 FE 33) 5 mm letters
2. P 2 (Sent out 1 AP 39) 15 JA 40 7 MY 50
3. P 6 (Sent out 8 NO 50) 13 MY 51 22 NO 64
4. A71 oblit Type H (Issued 1 MR 59) 7 MY 59 22 NO 64

Renamed Linstead on 15 Non 1868.

ROEHAMPTON St. James Opened 12 September 1947

1. TRD Type 50 violet ink 12 SP 47 17 AP 48
There is an X about 5 mm to each side of Jamaica.
2. TRD Type 50x violet ink 11 OC 47
As mark #1 above, but no X's on the sides. Letters are about 3mm high rather than 2½ mm in mark #1 and appear narrower.
3. B 1 (Issued 19 AP 48) * violet ink 19 AP 48 19 NO 51
* black ink 8 JY 53
4. MSR * 18 NO 59 7 AU 68

Forwarding Offices: Anchovy and Montego Bay

ROSE HALL St. Elizabeth Opened 7 November 1929

1. D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters 20 NO 30 19 MY 67
Very thin inner ring gradually breaking down into one heavy ring.

Forwarding Office: Munro College

ROSE HILL Manchester Opened 26 October 1957

1. TRD Type 46b violet ink 1 NO 57 21 AU 58
2. MSR * 3 NO 58 5 AP 67

Forwarding Office: Newport

ROSES VALLEY St. Elizabeth Opened 30 November 1956

1. TRD Type 37b violet ink 7 DE 56 27 JU 57
2. MSR * 14 JU 60 5 AP 67

Forwarding Office: Balaclava

ROSE TOWN St. Andrew Opened in 1961

1. TRD Type 37a violet ink 9 OC 61 7 NO 67
2. MSR * 5 JU 62 10 SP 68

Closed in 1965 and reopened on 17 JU 65.
Closed in ? and reopened 2 SP 68.

Forwarding Office: (Direct)

ROSEWELL Clarendon Opened 12 November 1937

1. D.R. 30 mm, 3 mm letters		18 NO 37	4 JA 62
2. MSR *		7 AU 61	5 AP 67

This mark is written as two words.

Forwarding Office: May Pen

ROWLANDSFIELD St. Thomas Opened 29 March 1946

1. TRD Type 50 violet ink		29 MR 46	30 DE 46
2. B 1 (Issued 24 DE 46) * violet ink		24 DE 46	15 NO 61
		15 JY 50	15 NO 61
3. MSR *		18 JY 62	22 AU 67

Forwarding Office: Golden Grove

RUNAWAY BAY St. Ann Opened about 1796 or earlier

1. T 4. (Foster) 5 mm letters - Spelled RUNN <u>A</u> WAY Closed about 1839-reopened about 1 July 1896.		19 SP 27	
2. TRD Type 8 black ink The year is part of the die.		8 JY 96	NO 96
3. D.R. 28 mm, 2½ mm letters dots (Issued in 1897)		19 JY 97	30 DE 21
4. D.R. 27 mm, 2½ mm letters		9 OC 23	11 JU 55
5. B 3 w/o *		3 MR 53	10 FE 68
6. MSR w/o *		15 JU 63	8 MY 67

Forwarding Office: St. Ann's Bay

RUSSELL'S St. Elizabeth Opened 23 December 1958

1. TRD Type 37a violet ink		28 JA 59	2 NO 59
2. MSR * violet ink		4 OC 60	17 JA 61
		25 -- 60	5 AP 67

Spelled without apostrophe on MSR.

Forwarding Office: Myersville

BARBADOS TO HAVE NEW G.P.O. BUILDING----

We learn from the December 1968 issue of *Barclays Overseas Review* that clearing of a site for the new Post Office and Library at the corner of President Kennedy Drive and Eagle Hall in Bridgetown, Barbados, has begun. Actual construction is expected to begin shortly.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

by Robert Topaz



My many thanks to all of you who were so kind and thoughtful enough to send me Xmas greetings, and may the good Lord bless you all. In turn may I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

First, I must apologize for the P town listing of Port Antonio. Reg Lant takes me to task, and rightfully so, for missing the SLB TRD for that office. Please list as mark #13 A, TRD type 26, violet ink, EDK -- OC 11 and LDK 18 MY 12. Can anyone extend these dates of usage?

The Foster *JAMAICA* is out on the market-published by Robson Lowe-and is every bit as good as it threatened to be. Our congratulations to Tom Foster and to Robson Lowe. If you are interested in Jamaican Postal History, you must have this book. (*See the Robson Lowe advertisement on page 244 of December Journal, and don't forget to tell Robbie that you saw his ad in the BCPJ--EDITOR*).

The December 10th sale of BWI at Robson Lowe was quite a success, I understand, even though I have not seen the realizations. First reports indicate that prices are continuing their rise, since there is a real shortage of good material.

Bert Latham reports a new OBLIT--F80/2d Pine--good going! Tom Moseley has come up with a couple of new dates for the Kingston SQUARED CIRCLES--type 1a, index 1 D, used on 8 AP 90, and index 4 D, used on 5 AP 90.

Fred Seifert reports a find of double ring marks from MILK RIVER BATH, extending the dates of usage of this mark from 29 MY 22 to 28 AP 24. The two earliest marks are in violet ink, i.e. 29 MY 22 and 22 SP 22.

Changes in office status during the last several months are as follows:

REOPENED	CLOSED
WALTHAM GARDENS- 16 SP 68	DEAN PEN- 18 SP 68
LINTON PARK - 11 OC 68	GALINA - 30 SP 68
CLAVERTY COTTAGE 2 SP 68	
SCOTTS HALL - 9 SP 68	

LAWRENCE TAVERN was using a violet ink TRD type 37 strike on 22 AP 68.

NEW OFFICES opened in the last few months, with dates known, etc. are:

		OPENED	KNOWN	FWD'G OFFICE
PARRY TOWN	St. Ann	6 SP 68	14 SP 68	Ocho Rios
GREEN PARK	Clarendon	13 SP 68	21 SP 68	May Pen
EVERGREEN	Manchester	20 SP 68	26 SP 68	Balaclava
NEW TOWN	St. Andrew	15 NO 68	20 NO 68	Kingston
	Proof strikes exist dated	26 OC 68.		
DAYS MOUNTAIN	St. Mary	1 NO 68	6 NO 68	Oracabessa
	Proof strikes exist dated	15 OC 68.		
PEDRO RIVER	Clarendon	4 OC 68	22 OC 68	Kellit's

A handstamp in violet ink in rectangular frame 77 mm x 26 mm, 8½ mm letters, reading REGISTERED--noted 13 SP 68--covered with label. Any comments? Perhaps a private mark?? Also have seen several letters from the post towns using the

old type R for Registered Letters in late 1968. Any explanations for this rebirth??

Chuck Cwiakala brings to our attention the Kingston Paquebot mark of the early part of the Century which reads PAQUEBOT/KINGSTON JAMAICA in a double ring circle. This is the Studd type B193 for which Studd shows use between 1910 and 1914. Fred Seifert has strikes from 1 DE 10 through 3 DE 17, but there are gaps between this mark and the types which were in use before and after it. Can anyone extend its usage? I would be particularly interested in seeing any covers of this as well as any United Fruit markings.



A slogan marking was used at Kingston on 20 NO 58 reading DRIVE SAFELY/SPEED KILLS/J.A.A. This is the first example I have seen of this marking. Can anyone help out on this one?

Ronnie Wong reports that Jamaica Postal Orders are available in 16 different denominations from 1/- to £5 as of 1 August 1968. These are negotiable only in Jamaica.

The 1½d wrapper has been revalued to 2d with a violet ink overprint about 35 mm x 18 mm reading POSTAGE PAID/HALF PENNY. There is at least one copy of a double strike of this overprint, and some are also known with a short "P". There are reports of the 1d wrapper with a 1d overprint added to it, but I have no data on these. I do know that 1d wrappers were being sold with a 1d stamp attached, and this may have led to the overprint reports. Air letter sheets have a 3d overprint added to make the current 9d value. The new 9d air letters were expected to be issued at the end of 1968, but as this is being written on December 29th, I cannot confirm actual release.

Jamaica is presently scheduled to convert to the decimal system 8 SEP 1969. According to Ronnie Wong, new printings of the current definitives will be overprinted in London with decimal values, and will be released on that date. It is expected that they will be in use for about a year before being replaced by a new definitive set. Tentative values of overprints have been given as follows: 1c on 1d, 1c on 1½d (may be withdrawn), 2c on 2d, 2c on 2½d (may be withdrawn), 3c on 3d, 4c on 4d, 5c on 6d, 7c on 8d, 8c on 9d, 10c on 1/-, 15c on 1/6, 20c on 2/-, 30c on 3/-, 50c on 5/-, \$1 on 10/- and \$2 on £1.

Ronnie Wong also indicates that new Postal Agencies are planned for SPRING VILLAGE, St. Catherine; CUMBERLAND, Clarendon; CONNERS, St. Catherine; and HARTLAND, St. Mary. Opening dates unknown.

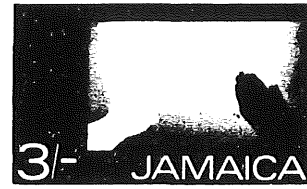
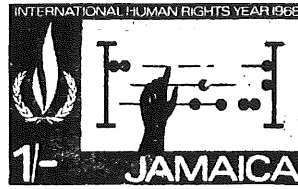
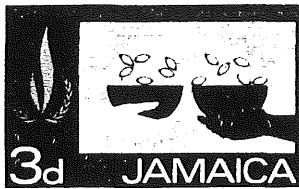
The old pictorial air letters (set of 4) which were sold originally at 10d each are now being sold at 9d each, which price includes a 3d stamp to bring the 6d value up to the current 9d rate. These did not sell very well at the original price since few postal patrons cared to pay a premium of 4d for the picture.

New information on the Police issue 3d value indicates that this stamp was printed on roughly equal quantities of upright and sideways watermarked paper. However, both the Crown Agents and the Philatelic Section at the Jamaica G.P.O. obtained only stamps on the upright watermarked paper while those with the sideways watermark were issued only to the various Post Offices and Postal Agencies throughout Jamaica. Since most of the latter will have been commercially used, the sideways watermarked 3d should be rare in mint condition. This unusual distribution came about purely by chance, and was

not intended by either the Crown Agents or the G.P.O.

The current 6d and 3/- definitives are known with inverted watermarks, and dealers who offer them are asking for a lot of money. A Kingston dealer advertising in a British stamp weekly offers the 6d at 80/- and the 3/- at £10. He claims that only one sheet of the 3/- is known. Could be.

The original Human Rights stamps which were never issued and other issues that have recently been withdrawn are to be burned in the near future. The original IHR set was scheduled for release on 2 January 1968. After there had been several postponements, it was finally announced in the August 1968 *Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin* that it would not be released and that a set of stamps in entirely new design was being prepared. This new IHR set then was released on 3 December 1968. No reasons were ever given for withholding of the original set, the designs of which are shown below. The stamps had

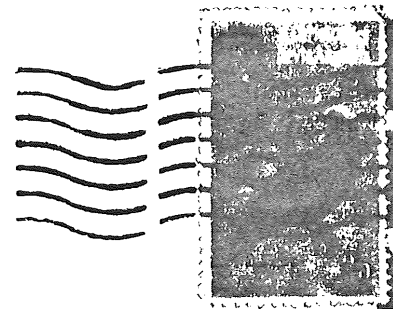


been photogravure printed by Enschede en Zonen from designs by Miss J. Toombs. Although this issue is being destroyed, a small number of sets may have been released! To provide advance publicity for new issues, the Crown Agents normally furnish specimens to the editors of philatelic publications as soon as they receive copies from the printers. At a stamp exhibition a few months ago Fred Seifert was shown a set of this first IHR issue by a man who writes a Stamps column in a Hemet, California, newspaper. Do we have something akin to the 1921 "Abolition of Slavery" stamp here?

George Stribley sent in an auction lot of BWI and in going over the Trinidad postmarks I could not help but notice the resemblance to Jamaican markings. The oval markings of Jamaica that we consider to have been made in error, since the word REGISTERED at the top was blacked out, appear with blank tops in Trinidad for towns like Point Cumana and Les Efforts. It appears that if anything was written across the top it was removed. The temporary steel (TSD) or "Skeleton" markings used in the fifties in Jamaica were used in Trinidad in towns such as Penal, Barrackpore, Cap de Ville, Curepe, Navet, etc.

NEW ST. KITTS MACHINE CANCELLATION----

In a recent batch of BWI commercial covers, Tom Giraldi noted this new St. Kitts machine cancellation and was good enough to furnish us with a specimen. He reports the 19 NOV 1968 date as the earliest known to him. Can anyone establish earlier use? We can't recall having seen any previous machine postmark from Basseterre and wonder if this marks



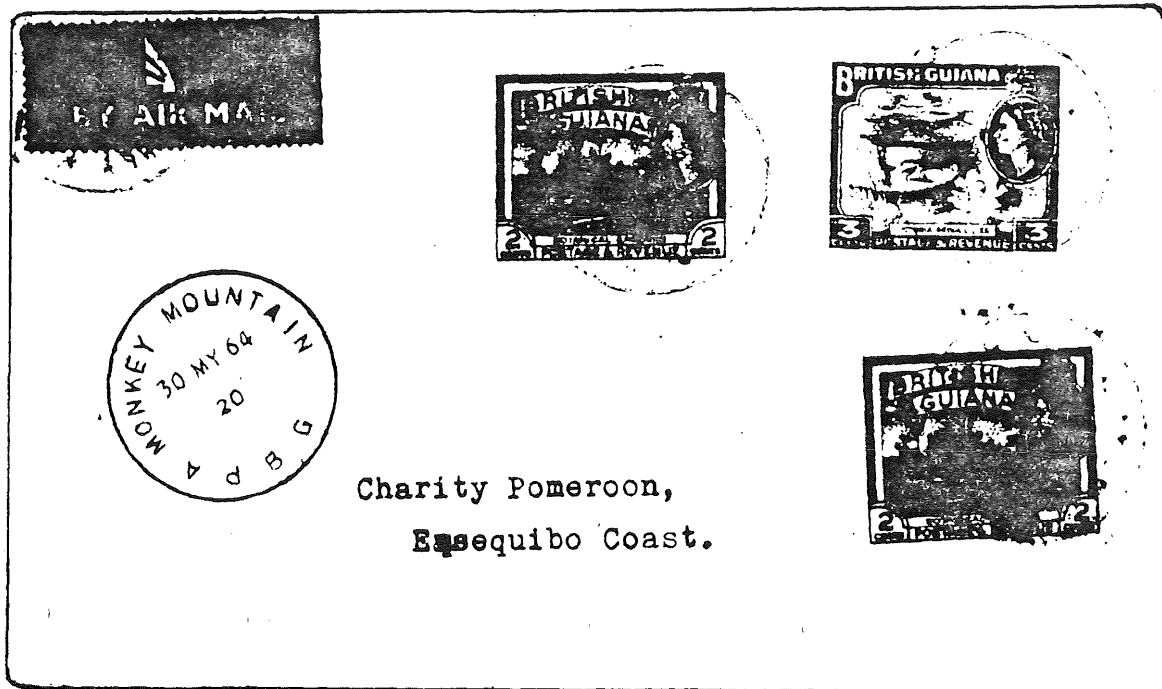
the introduction of the electric cancelling machine to St. Kitts. It will be noted that the country name is given as State of St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla as on the Statehood TRD's and the steel dies which were put into use starting last July. The next step will be to watch for slogans replacing the wavy lines.

MONKEY MOUNTAIN Postal Agency, Br. Guiana

by FRED F. SEIFERT

About five years ago, a postal clerk at Charity on the Pomeroon River in British Guiana decided to obtain specimens of the postmarks of the various post offices and postal agencies in British Guiana. To that end, he wrote to the various postmasters and postal agents asking for information about their offices, and enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their replies. Because he was a fellow postal worker and a brother Guianese, the postmasters and postal agents responded quite well. A short time ago, the postal clerk, now employed in the G.P.O. at Georgetown, decided to sell his collection, and it was the good fortune of your scribe to purchase it.

Among the hundred, or so, covers, several still contained the replies. It is one of these that provides the material for this article, MONKEY MOUNTAIN, a small postal agency deep in the interior of British Guiana. Rather than paraphrasing the postal agent's reply, I am quoting it in its entirety-except for deletion of the name of the addressee. Some of the place-names are a bit difficult to make out, and I may have erred in spelling them, although it might be noted that some names have several spellings, and the letters C and K as well as B and P are often interchanged. The cover from Monkey Mountain (with addressee's name blanked out) is shown below, and the contents of the letter follows.



T. B. Waterman
Postal Agent

Postal Agency
Monkey Mt.
Echilebar
Rupununi
30th May 64

Dear Mr: _____

May I say that you are brother Guianese. Please excuse the delay of your required Franked letter. An airletter to the interior is 7¢ and on the arrival and until now there are no stamps at the Agency since February and Postal Orders since August '61 and you may be surprised to note that the cost for air letter to the

West Indies is 6¢, in B.G. interior is 7¢ and because you may not be aware of the Rupununi or Monkey Mt. I give the importance requested.

The Agency serves-

Yorongparo	11 miles -- on foot--4 hrs.
Yengersen Mining Co.	9 miles -- on foot--3 hrs.
Tuseneng	11 miles -- on foot--4½ hrs.
Tawaling	6 miles -- on foot--2 hrs.
Maribaparo	5 miles -- on foot--1½ hrs.
Taouka	18 miles -- on foot--6 hrs.
Kings Mines	12 miles -- on foot--4 hrs.
Miatum	36 miles -- on foot--12 hrs.

The Agency Monkey Mt. is situated in Echilebar Basin, a mountainous area. The Agency was opened on the 1st June 1961. Mails are received and dispatched on Saturdays at 11:45 local time. It is 36 miles from Kato Agency which is North and a mining outpost, and Carasabai an Amerindian Village or Settlement which is South 40 miles away.

I trust I have tried to your entire satisfaction that you receive Mail on Tuesday, June, second.

Yrs.
The Postal Agent
Theodore Bartholomew Waterman
P.A.

30/5/64

P.S. The penny stamp was affixed under the 3d.
Não ha de que (Don't mention it) Brazilian

Monkey Mountain does not show up on the list of postal agencies issued by the B.G. Department of Posts and Telegraphs as of 31st December 1964, nor is it on a subsequent list of February 1967. However, several other P.A.'s known to be open as of those dates are also omitted. I have sent a query to Georgetown to determine if the Monkey Mountain P.A. is still open, and if not, the date of its closing. If I receive the requested information, I will report in these pages.

Tom Foster reports that he has received so much correspondence regarding his book on Jamaica that it will take some time to answer all letters. He requests patience and says letters of criticism, points of interest, additions, etc. will be most welcome. Tom is now working on a listing of all of the Jamaican TRD's, to bring the Nicholson and Nethersole-Aguilar lists up to date. In order to assign definite type numbers to some TRD's that he has never seen, Tom asks that any member possessing examples of the following help by letting him see the actual examples or sending a photostat or Xerox print. These are the items in question: MANCHIONEAL, supposedly Type 37; the proof strike of PAUL MOUNTAIN dated about 15 Oct. 1947; the proof strikes of BEVERLY dated 1954; a TRD of EWARTON reported for 1949; the circular FAIRY HILL TRD of May 1950; the 1948 TRD of MOUNT INDUSTRY.

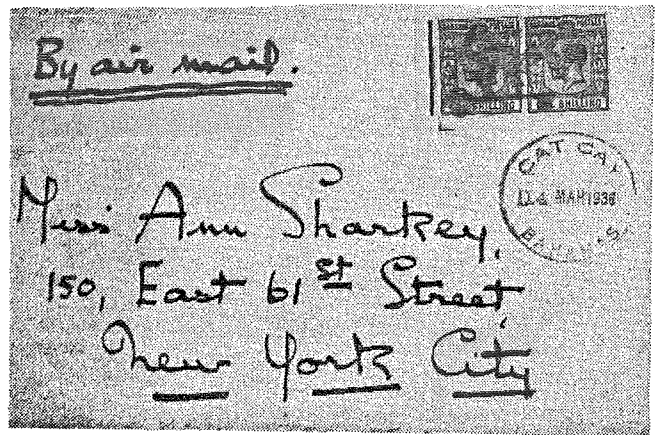
We have agreed to Tom's TRD lists in this Journal. They will be alphabetical, and the first installment should appear in an early issue.

MORE CAT-ON-KEY STRIKES FOUND

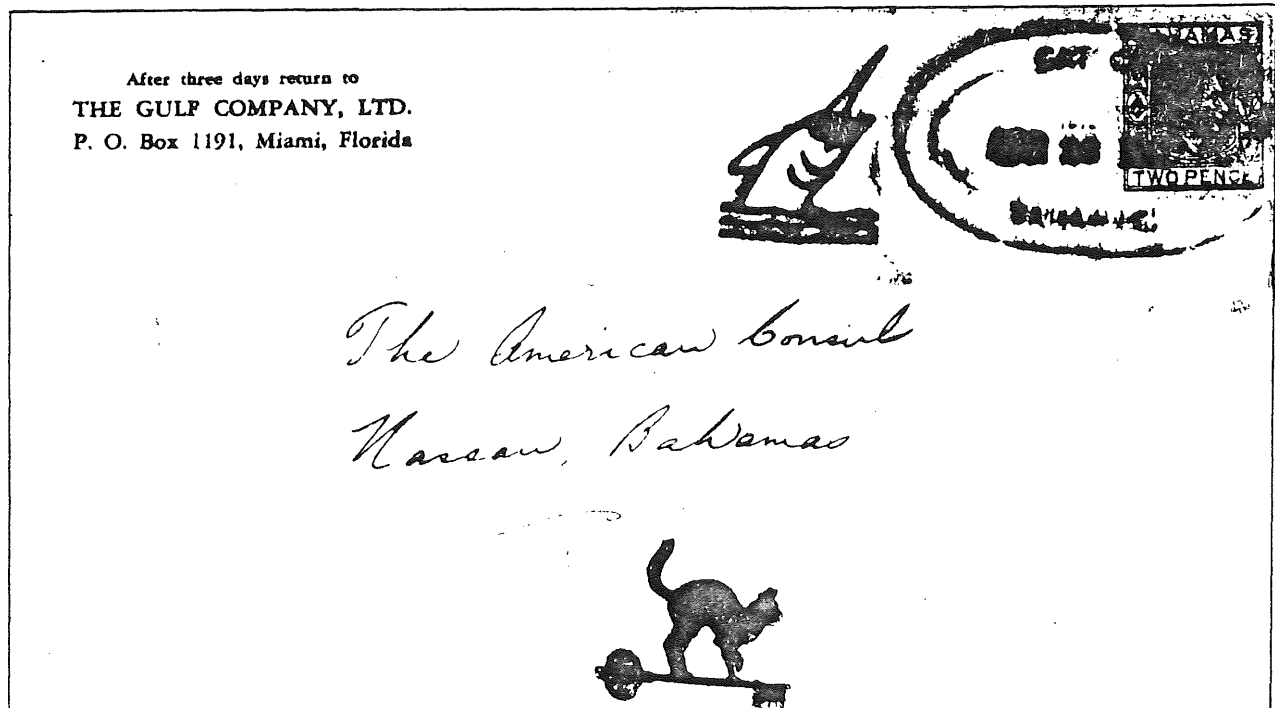
by FRED F. SEIFERT

Gale Raymond described the various postmarks used at CAT CAY, Bahamas, last June in his Bahamas News and Notes column (*BCPJ Whole No. 43, pages 96-97*). Referring to the "cat-on-a-key" postmark, he described it as the rarest of all Cat Cay cancels, and said that he knew of only one genuine example on cover. The Journal carrying Gale's words had barely reached our more distant members when two more covers bearing this unusual postmark were added to the collections of two members of our Group.

The first of these new discoveries is shown at the right. The member who now owns it asks that his name not be mentioned. He purchased the cover at auction in New York, and since there was keen competition, it realised a fairly substantial price. The date of the circular Cat Cay TRD on this cover is 14 MAR 1936, just nine days earlier than the cover illustrated by Gale in his June report. The handwriting of the addresses on these two covers is identical, a fact which has made it easy to give the newly reported cover a clean bill of health.



I was quite startled to find the cover shown below in a small bundle of Bahamas covers which I acquired last year. My first reaction was that a cover struck with the cat-on-a key, marlin head and the oval Cat Cay TRD was just too good



to be true. However, further investigation convinces me that the cover is a genuine one. The other covers in the bundle in which it was found were all addressed either to The American Consul or to Mr. John W. Dye, American Consul,

Nassau, Bahamas. All are postmarked at small Out Island P.O.'s with dates in 1941 or 1942.

I passed the above information on to Gale to discover what he thought of my find. Gale tells me that John Dye was indeed the American Consul in Nassau at that time, and that he was known to be a collector of Bahamas postmarks. Gale sees no reason to question the authenticity of this cover. Despite the fact that it has a philatelic appearance, it is quite possible that it saw some sort of commercial use in dealings between an American resident on Cat Cay and the American Consul. The fact that it is addressed to the American Consul, rather than to Mr. Dye by name, hints at business usage. The date, APR 22, 1941 is late for all three marks, and the oval TRD shows obvious signs of wear.

Last June Gale reported that the sub-p.o. on Cat Cay had closed on 31 March 1968. Then in October Gale reported Cat Cay postmarks as late as 15 July 1968 on some commercial covers. Can anyone tell us the current status of Cat Cay?

WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR PUBLISHES B.C.P.S.G. SPECIAL EDITION----

The February 4th, 1969 edition of Western Stamp Collector is a special issue honoring our British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. With much polite and subtle arm twisting, Chuck Cwiakala persuaded a number of us to provide the required articles to fill the pages of this issue.

This is the first issue of this sort published by WSC, and we are honored that Editors Ken Wood and Hal Lopes invited us to lead the parade. We understand that WSC will publish eight such issues in 1969, and that the other seven have already been scheduled.

WSC has offered to mail copies of our Special Issue to those who are not now subscribers to WSC. To that end we have provided Ken and Hal with our current mailing list.

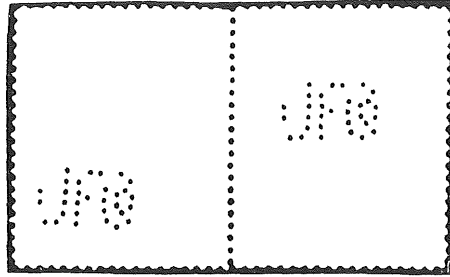
MORE JAMAICAN PERFINS REPORTED----

Your Editor can report one additional United Fruit Company perfin variety to supplement those listed by Tom Foster (*October 1968 BCPJ, pages 189-191*), and Bernard Chin reports four more varieties.

All are Tom's State VI--

- a. Normal upright
Known on SG 123 Only UF on stamp. Co. would be on next stamp right.
? wavy line pmk.
- b. Inverted
Known on SG 136 (pair)
FE 23 46
- c. Sideways to right
Known on SG 127
?

- d. Sideways to right but reversed
Known on SG 135
?
- e. Sideways to left but reversed
Known on SG 135 (pair)
OC 5 ? (probably 1945 or 46)



The illustration shows this latter pair of SG 135 as seen from the gum side. It appears from the fact that both stamps have the same perforation holes missing that the perforating device punched only one stamp at a time. Further evidence leading to this conclusion is found in the facts that this pair shows a jump in position of the perforin, and that different states (missing holes) are not found used in the same periods as might be expected if this were a multiple punch.

IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW THAT WE REPORT THE DEATH OF A DEAR FRIEND AND A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BCPSG, BERT TAYLOR OF NAPLES, FLORIDA. BERT DIED SUDDENLY OF A HEART ATTACK AT HIS HOME ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE AFTERNOON. BURIAL WAS IN TROY, OHIO, THE FORMER HOME TOWN OF BERT'S WIFE, PAMELA.

BERT HAD RETIRED TO FLORIDA FROM NEW YORK CITY SEVERAL YEARS AGO AFTER A CAREER IN THE CHEMICAL BUSINESS. HIS OTHER MEMBERSHIPS IN PHILATELIC ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDED THE COLLECTORS CLUB OF NEW YORK AND THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY. BERT'S PHILATELIC SPECIALTY WAS NEVIS, BUT HE WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE OTHER LEEWARD ISLANDS.

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO PAMELA AND TO THEIR SON. IT WAS A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO HAVE KNOWN BERT, AND HE WILL LIVE ON IN OUR MEMORIES. HIS FRIENDSHIP BROUGHT MUCH LIGHT INTO OUR LIVES.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY - YEAR 1968

Dear Fellow Members:-

Once again it is my privilege and pleasure to present the Secretary's Annual Report.

Our Group enjoyed a most successful year in 1968. A record number of 86 new members were admitted, including 16 from overseas, due in great measure to the campaign inaugurated by our President, Gale Raymond. Our overseas membership now comprises over 70 BWI enthusiasts, which is further evidence that the Group has attained International recognition in our specific philatelic field.

Another pleasing feature of 1968 was the sharp reduction in the number of "Drop-Outs". While the Officers worked diligently on this perennial situation, I am confident that the deciding factor was the capable and efficient work of our Editor.

You will observe from my summary which follows that the Group is much poorer in the death of members Bruno Labelle, Richard Singley and Bert Taylor. They

will be sorely missed by all of us.

Total Membership December 31st, 1967		192*
New Members admitted during 1968		<u>86</u>
	TOTAL	278
LESS - Members deceased	3	
Members resigned	2	
Removed from roll account NPD	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31st, 1968		271

*Shown as 190 on 1967 Report, but two dropped members were subsequently reinstated upon paying back dues.

Inasmuch as this will be my final report, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the officers, past and present, also the members with whom I have had the pleasure of corresponding over the years, for their untiring cooperation. Eight years cannot be considered a long span of time, not by any stretch of the imagination, nevertheless, it is the life span of our Group. I recently came across a copy of the Group's first membership list, issued by former Editor Al Johnson under date of May 14th, 1961. At that time we had a total of but 21 members! This listing revived many old memories, and if our Editor will allow me a few extra lines, I would like to reminisce for a few moments, as with the influx of new members the past few years, a goodly number are not acquainted with the actual formation of the Group. I further feel, as a member of the Board since its inception and soon to retire, that I can write with more freedom.

The Group was the brainchild of the founder and first President, Bob Topaz, who early in 1961 called upon six of his philatelic friends - Byron Cameron, the late Russ Gibson, Milt Erickson, Al Johnson, Clint von Pohle and me, to join with him in forming a Group dedicated to the study, research and publication of the Postal History of the West Indies Federation. After amalgamation with other societies, our field was enlarged to cover also the peripheral British Colonies, and the Group changed its name to the present one.

The six members mentioned above have done much to further the interests of the Group, but the inspiration and driving force was our Founder, Bob Topaz, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude, in fact, I personally consider it a privilege to be associated with this, the premier BWI Society.

Over the years, others have come forward to assist in the work, and may I here insert a few words concerning the labor of love our officers put forth in furthering the interests of the Group. I speak with experience as my personal collection has been sadly neglected for lack of time to work on it. The work and detail needed to operate and maintain such a group as ours is not seriously considered by a goodly number of the members, so may I re-paraphrase those stirring words of the late President John F. Kennedy "It is not what you expect from the Group, but what you put into it". You can all derive much more satisfaction and make the work of the officers that much easier if you will react promptly to special requests, such as prompt payment of dues, immediate return of ballots, etc. etc. Such matters may appear trivial to the individual, but multiplied by our growing membership they present an increasing problem to the already overloaded duties, and special reminders require additional expenditures of time and money that the Group can ill afford. Finally, do not overlook to mail in your articles and even small items of interest to the Editor - we all enjoy reading such material.

Personally, I am looking forward to working on my collection and also my real love - the research of items still in doubt in the Jamaica Postal History field. I will be glad to hear from any who share this interest with me.

With every wish to you and yours for a 1969 of Happiness, Health and Peace.

Respectfully submitted

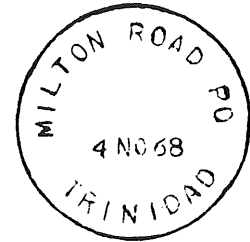
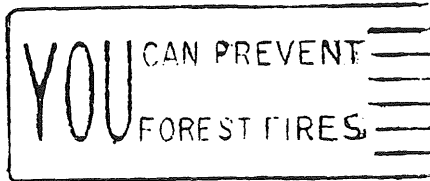
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REPORT FROM TRINIDAD

by Gerald E. Sancho

A new Postal Agency was opened on 22nd November 1968 at GEORGE VILLAGE, Tableland. It is conducted by Miss Sahodarie Ramdial at the premises of Mr. Dhanpath Maraj, on the Naparima-Mayaro Road, near the 15 3/4 mile post. The skeleton type mark in use there is shown below. Also illustrated are the skeleton marks of the Postal Agencies at MILTON ROAD and FONROSE VILLAGE which were mentioned on page 231 of the December, 1968, Journal. It will be noted that the Milton Road mark reads PO, despite the fact that the Post Office Notice which announced its establishment called it a Postal Agency.



Dr. Ben Ramkisson has reported a new slogan used on 4 OCT 1968 at Port of Spain. It reads YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES as illustrated above, and was used with CDS E to left, per Dan Warren's designations. Ben also reported three rubber stamps in current use by the Postmaster General at Port of Spain to frank his official mail. These are shown below. All were noted in violet ink in the

On Postal Service

POSTMASTER GENERAL

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latter part of 1968, on air mail covers to the U.S.A. which bore no adhesives. One cover also bore a Tax mark consisting of the letter T in a circle of about 19 mm diameter. This mark had been crossed out in both red and blue ink, and the cover was delivered untaxed.

NEW CAYMAN ISLANDS AIR LETTER SHEETS REPORTED----

In a letter dated 2 December 1968, David Potter advised: "A new 9d Air Letter in the design of the current postage stamps came into use earlier this year (1968), but the postmaster gave no date. He did, however, say that there was no likelihood of replacing the 2½d and 6d with new designs, but in November I received the 6d air letter also in the new design."

The original Caymans air letters were issued 2 June 1958 with three values: 2½d, 6d and 9d in the same designs as SG 153, 156 and 157.

To the B.V.I. in Quest of Ink

by STAN DURNIN

Most people are astonished when I tell them that I am not a stamp collector, but rather an INK COLLECTOR! Sound strange to you? Well, Sir, do not guffaw too loudly, for you too could very well be an INK collector. Do you collect postmarks?

Having spent nearly the last twenty years with a travelling firm-the United States Air Force-, I have had the opportunity of visiting many countries, but never the lands of my philatelic love, the British Leeward Islands. My desire to "go there someday" materialized last November when with my wife Elaine I embarked on a thirty-day 'working vacation to visit ALL of the Post Offices and Postal Agencies of the Leeward Islands! Armed with a few over 1000 pre-addressed covers, camera, film, a portable tape-recorder, tapes, philatelic queries galore, maps, a few travelers' checks, bubbling enthusiasm, and-oh yes-a few pieces of clothing, we departed the brisk weather of Cape Cod early on the 2nd of November. A few hours later we found ourselves disembarking from an air-conditioned jet liner into the hot humid air of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

We had planned our arrival at St. Thomas so as to meet fellow travellers Eric and Lulu Heyer of California. St. Thomas had been chosen as our starting point so that we could all have the pleasure of a visit with our fellow BCPSGer, Paddy Coleman. On the following day Paddy picked us up in Charlotte Amalie and drove us over the mountain to lovely Pelican Bay where his home is located.

Paddy's effervescent personality and that of his most charming wife, Edna, made us most welcome, and soon we were sipping the 'nectar of the islands' gods, a rum punch. Delightful, absolutely delightful! As might have been expected, Paddy and I were soon engrossed in 'stamp talk', and we kept the others from becoming too bored by plying them with more rum punch. Previous arrangements forced us to take a raincheck on Edna's promising Caribbean spread for dinner. Since meeting Paddy and Edna was our sole reason for being on the island, Elaine and I were sojely disappointed at this turn of events.' We can only promise Paddy and Edna that there will be another time.

The following morning, November 4th, Elaine and I got up raring to go, for this was the day on which we were actually to set foot on Leeward Islands soil. Squeezing in a last half-hour stamp gab-fest, Paddy met us at the dock where we caught the "Goose", a seaplane that services the Virgin Islands. Taking off from the water was a new experience for some of us, so you can well understand that there was some apprehension in the plane. Our approach to Tortola, British Virgin Islands was "low and slow" and so breath-takingly beautiful that our fifteen minute flight seemed completed before it had barely begun.

Landing in, and I do mean IN, the area of Soper's Hole, we taxied to the aircraft landing ramp at West End, Tortola. Taking off and landing on the water is a most exhilarating experience! Having arrived on foreign soil, we had to go through the formalities of customs and immigration. Oh, by the way, the pilot of the "Goose" was kind enough to sign a couple of our prepared 'Airborne Paquebot' covers. These subsequently received the Road Town 'Posted At Sea' handstamp. The customs and immigration building at West End is not unlike the home-made hotdog stand that one finds at many local baseball fields at home.

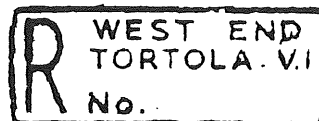
Hiring a taxi, I missed the good-natured haggling over the fare that is the custom in many other lands I have visited. We had scarcely got comfortably seated in the

taxi when we arrived at the WEST END Post Office. What mental sights of postmarks that name brought to mind! I was thrilled with the prospect of actually visiting my first Leeward Islands Post Office as we entered the building and met the most congenial Mr. Basil Blake, Postmaster.

The Post Office is located directly across from the pier and shares a building with a bar/restaurant. There are scarcely a dozen buildings in West End, so you can readily see that only a small amount of mail is processed through its P.O.



WEST END POST OFFICE



UNCLAIMED

ADDRESSEE LEFT COLONY - ADDRESS UNKNOWN

RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL POSTAGE INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE FOR AIRMAIL

The Post Office is in the left-hand section of the building in the photo above. After we had introduced ourselves as BCPSGers on a Postal History research trip through the Leewards, Mr. Blake, who is also a stamp collector, started bringing out his handstamps from beneath the counter. My first packet of prepared covers came out of my case, and Elaine went to work affixing B.V.I. adhesives thereto. The airmail rate from the B.V.I. to the U.S. is 10¢, to the U.K.-25¢ and to the other W.I.-12¢. It should be remembered that these figures are in U.S. Currency, as that is what is used on the B.V.I.--a unique situation.

I might mention that the Registration Fee from the B.V.I. to the U.S. is 8¢, while it costs 75¢ for the same service from U.S. to B.V.I. Rather absurd, eh?

Mr. Blake kindly consented to allow me to cancel my own covers. Believe me, there is no greater thrill to a postal historian than to be able to cancel covers. As I

presented the cancelled covers to Mr. Blake for routing and dispatch, he noted the address on one cover and commented "...Durnin! Is HE still alive?" There was a short moment of utter silence after I told him I was Durnin. Then we all broke into a good-natured laugh as the humor of the situation hit us.

In order to obtain examples of the various handstamps in use, I posted covers by surface, air and Registered mail. These handstamps are illustrated on Page 26. There is ONLY one CDS (circular date stamp) at the West End P.O., and this is shown. It and the Registration handstamp see frequent use, but the AIR MAIL one gets very little use.

Through the course of conversation more handstamps, all very seldom used, came to light after a bit of search. Shown in the illustration are the Postmaster's personal handstamp-never used to cancel stamps, the UNCLAIMED, the RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL POSTAGE, the INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE FOR AIRMAIL and the ADDRESSEE LEFT COLONY-ADDRESS UNKNOWN. Perhaps you are as amazed as I was upon seeing this last-mentioned mark. I had never seen or heard of anything like it having been used in the Leewards. Mr. Blake informed my questioning mind that he had no recollection of this mark ever having been used; in fact, he had forgotten that he had it. This handsome handstamp, by the way, is made of brass rather than steel.

How long these various 'instructive' handstamps have been at the West End P.O. was not known to Mr. Blake. Excited over finding this item, you can imagine my quickening heart-beat when the old mailbag seal was uncovered. Unfortunately, an example of this cannot be illustrated, but I did use this superb brass stamp to make a very clear and full impression in red sealing wax on a 3 x 5 index card for the BCPSG Library.

It would be a gross understatement to merely say that we greatly enjoyed the hour or so spent with Mr. Blake. We were at last embarked on unearthing and recording items of Postal History significance.

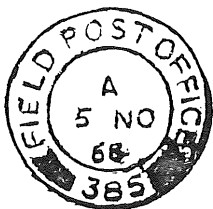
The drive into Road Town was on good roads and along the picturesque South Coast. Our hotel overlooked Road Bay, of which approximately 65 acres are being reclaimed from the sea. This land will eventually be utilized for a large shopping plaza. In conjunction with the land reclamation, Tortola is building a deep water harbour-the lack of which has been a prime factor for Tortola's not progressing at as rapid a pace as most of the other Caribbean Islands.

After settling in at the hotel, Elaine and I immediately walked the short distance into Road Town and sought out the G.P.O. Purchasing stamps, we again spent some time affixing them to my bundle of covers. During the registration and posting of them, I noticed that the Post Office was in the process of closing. It closes at 4 P.M. on week-days. Introducing myself to the Postmaster, Mr. Faiht, I told of my purpose and that I would like to meet with him on the following day in order to obtain Postal Information. Not wanting to delay any of the personnel, Elaine and I departed and in the immediate vicinity discovered the Cockle Shop where an excellent selection of maps of the B.V.I. and the other Leeward Islands was available. Ian Taylor, the proprietor, was kind enough to give us a lift back to our hotel. (All business stops at 4 P.M. in Road Town).

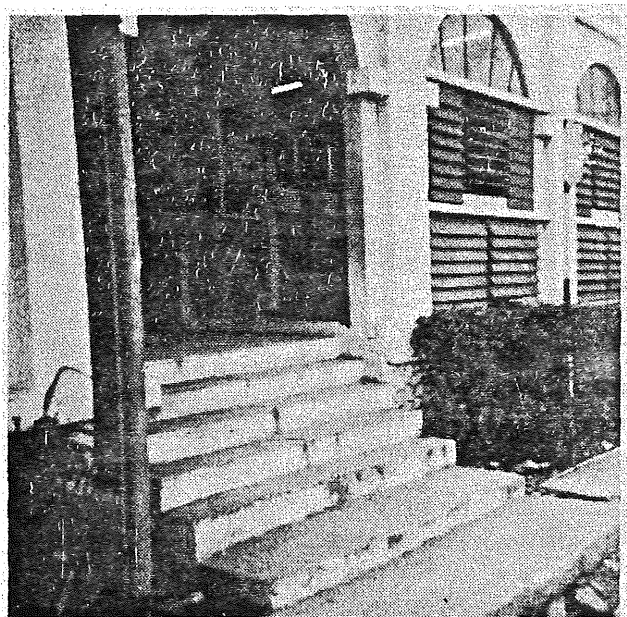
The next morning found us all up quite early in order to get out to Beef Island Airport for a flight to Virgin Gorda. The electricity was "off" that morning, so we breakfasted on bananas, paw-paw (papaya) and imported pineapple juice. It is a good half-hour's drive from Road Town to the airport, but our time was well occupied in viewing the scenery along the coastline and the other islands, Peter, Dead Chest, Salt, Cooper, etc. which lie within easy sight of Tortola.

Crossing the small bridge to Beef Island, which I understand was built for the visit of Queen Elizabeth II, we were soon at the airport terminal area. The Beef Island airline terminal consists of two medium-size tents PERIOD! One is used as the Customs House and general gathering place. I never did learn what the purpose of the other tent might be.

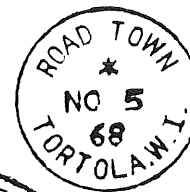
Eric and Lulu accompanied us to the airport so that they could continue on to the other end of the airstrip to obtain information about, and post covers from a Forces Post Office being operated by a unit of the Royal Engineers who were extending the runway as a training exercise. The recently issued set of B.V.I. Beef Island Airport stamps commemorate this activity. (See *NEW ISSUES* pages in this issue.) Eric learned that the Forces Post Office (FPO 385) commenced operating on 15 March, 1968, but he was unable to locate the FPO clerk, so left a few covers to be posted. My two covers subsequently reached me bearing B.V.I. stamps cancelled by the Road Town machine postmark with the POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS SLOGAN. The FPO 385 Birmingham type CDS was applied well away from the adhesive. This mark is illustrated above.



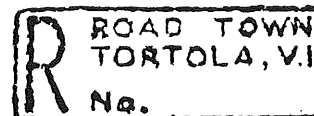
Returning to Road Town, Eric interviewed Mr. Faiht, the Postmaster, and obtained examples of the postal markings in current use. These are illustrated below.



ROAD TOWN POST OFFICE



AIR MAIL



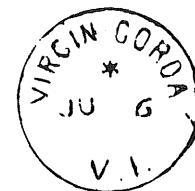
Notice that of the two handstamped cds, one reads TORTOLA V.I., while the other reads TORTOLA, W.I. A third version is given by the machine cancellation with TORTOLA, B.V.I. While no examples of instructive marks were obtained at the P.O., when the covers we mailed reached us some had the AIR MAIL stamp shown above. We also know that Postmaster Faiht has a personal handstamp, and the illustration of it, above, comes from a cover dated 30 AUG 1966 belonging to Fred Seifert.

While the Heyers were busy at the FPO and at Road Town, Elaine and I made the short four or five minute flight to VIRGIN GORDA. Our plane, a small six seater, had to buzz the dirt strip to alert the operator of a bulldozer, who was leveling the runway, of our landing. A terminal here is non-existent, although there is a very small building which I believe is the Customs Office. A much used mini-moke, a motor vehicle akin to the jeep, but a bit more refined, delivered us to the Post Office at Valley, the only P.O. on the island. The charming young lady who greeted us was Miss Nora Waters, the VIRGIN GORDA postmistress. Since B.V.I. Postmasters receive a small commission on stamps sold, I purchased some from Miss Waters. (Does anyone need a quantity of low value B.V.I. stamps?) Again my request that I be allowed to cancel my covers was granted, and I went right to work. Did I say WORK? Sheer pleasure, man, sheer pleasure!

Meanwhile, Elaine and Nora were deeply engrossed in the discussion of postal matters. Miss Waters has only two handstamps in present use, the VIRGIN GORDA B.V.I. cds and the REGISTERED/VALLEY VIRGIN GORDA B.V.I., both of which are shown below.



VIA AIR MAIL



In response to our questioning of the final resting place of the older cds, Miss Waters produced the 'soon-to-become familiar' oblong wooden box containing the remnants of the old canceller. Sans handle, the canceller consisted solely of the two metal base plates. The above illustration shows this mark with the JU 6 date, just as found in the box. To bear out my previous contention that this Post Office went for some time without a year-slug in its canceller, I checked the slugs accompanying this device--several year slugs were indeed missing. While not proof positive, this tends to confirm my theory.

The only other handstamp found at the P.O. was an office-type rubber roller which was seldom used. Of its various words and phrases, the only one that could be used for postal affairs was the VIA AIR MAIL inscription shown above.

Having completed our Post Office business on Virgin Gorda, we turned tourist and had our mini-moke deposit us at the end of the road and the head of the footpath leading to the BATHS. Walking down a primitive path among numerous rocks, we finally reached a group of huge and very impressive boulders which indicated that we had arrived at our destination. The sun being especially hot that day, we found it surprisingly cool in the shade provided by these gigantic sentinels, a most welcome situation. We spent a most delightful three hours there, completely alone with Nature, exploring among the natural formations. Just prior to our scheduled departure, three large yachts dropped anchor in the bay, and the peaceful quiet of the area was shattered by man-made noises.

Our mini-moke picked us up as prearranged and returned us to the airport. We whiled away the time awaiting the aircraft in enjoying the beautiful view of the surrounding waters and islands, and in watching the pelicans and frigate birds going about their daily business. In due course the plane arrived, and we were soon airborne on the short return flight. To show us the clear visibility of the Caribbean, our pilot climbed a bit higher than usual and pointed out Anegada in the near distance, and also the volcano island of Saba in the Dutch group some one hundred or so miles away.

That early evening was delightfully spent with Ian and Irene Taylor at their home, enjoying the night sights and sounds of their island. It was from Ian that we

learned that the Government of the B.V.I. is in the process of setting up a museum to preserve the history of the islands for posterity. The BCPSTG can help through their knowledge of the Postal History of the area. There is presently no Post Office on Anegada, but that island is being developed by a private concern (See page 193, BCPJ, Oct. 1968), so don't be surprised if a Postal activity of some sort is initiated there before long.

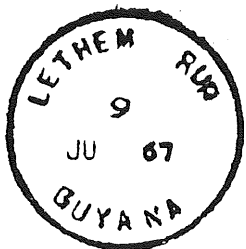
The following morning, November 6th, found us up early again and enroute to Beef Island for our departure to Anguilla. Ever alert for postal information, in a conversation with the customs gentleman we learned that his father was Postmaster of East End, Tortola, until 1919! (More on this later, I hope.) Eric and Lulu had business on the Dutch island of St. Maarten, so we took the circuitous route via St. Thomas to St. Maarten. While on St. Thomas, we arranged our Anguilla Airways flight (and A.A. Covers!) for the following day.

After spending a most relaxing night, we were all primed for our visit to Anguilla. We will report of it in our next installment which, time and space permitting, will appear in the April issue of this Journal.

REVOLUTION STRIKES INTERIOR OF GUYANA----

On the 2nd of January 1969, without warning, revolutionists attacked the Police Outpost at Lethem, Guyana, with machine guns and bazookas, killing four policemen and a civilian and wounding two other policemen and the Government Dispenser.

The rebels then occupied all airstrips in the area, hoping to prevent word from reaching the Government at Georgetown. However, they made the mistake of trusting the capture and holding of the airstrip at Manari, about ten miles from Lethem, to one young man armed with a machine gun. The job was too much for him, and he allowed an American missionary to escape by plane. Thus, news of the revolution came to Georgetown, and the Government quickly dispatched units of the Guyana Defence Force to Manari. The troops made their way overland



to Lethem, and in short order the rebels were fleeing across the savannahs and into the mountains in a fleet of mini-mokes, with the GDF in hot pursuit. Some of the rebels managed to escape across the border into Brazil where they were taken into custody by the Brazilian Government, while most of the others were captured by the GDF.

Lethem is located about 300 miles south of Georgetown and is one of the principal settlements in the Rupununi District. A Postal Agency with the name RUPUNUNI was established there in the mid-1940's, and used a small single ring cds. The name was later changed to LETHEM, and a few years ago it was upgraded to Post Office status. The current postmark is the skeleton type shown above. As there are no roads connecting Lethem with the coast, transportation is primarily by aircraft.

The full story of the revolution is still unknown. However, the rebels were said to be cattle ranchers seeking to secede from Guyana and form "The Independent State of Essequibo". They somehow induced a number of Amerindians to join with them, and this is difficult to understand, for the latter have been feuding with the ranchers for quite some time, claiming that lands leased by the ranchers belonged to them. The rebels were said to have received arms and training in Venezuela, but whether the Venezuelan Government had knowledge of or played any part in this has not been established.

VIA SNAIL MAIL----

It took a mighty long time for the Christmas greetings sent by Harold and Bunny Box to reach us, but we're glad of it. Their card is postmarked at Port of Spain, Trinidad with date 7 DEC 1968. It was delivered to us here in Albuquerque on the afternoon of 13 JAN 1969. It was endorsed AIR MAIL, 2nd Class.

Our delight regarding the delay stems from the fact that misrouting of this cover is explained by addition of the interesting handstamp shown at the right. Thus what would have been a rather poor cover, since the P.O.S. postmark was-as usual-poorly applied, became a desirable item to add to my collection.

MISSENT TO ST. VINCENT, W.I.

This is the first strike we have seen of the MISSENT TO ST. VINCENT, W.I. stamp, and we wonder at its wavy shape. Can anyone else report a similar strike?

While every large P.O. has a "MISSENT TO" mark of some sort, they are extremely difficult to find. Firstly, only a small percentage of mail is missent. Then, to complicate the search for strikes, it is their nature to be found only on covers originating from another country, except for domestic mail in large countries. Thus the St. Vincent collector has to look on covers from anywhere but St. Vincent for the above strike.

A SHORT LESSON IN BRITISH CARIBBEAN POSTAL HISTORY JARGON----

Through the years those of us who collect Postal History material have built up a vocabulary of nicknames and abbreviations as a sort of philatelic shorthand. Although there is nothing profound or complex about these terms, understanding them could be a problem for those who are attempting the transition from plain stamp collecting to the study of postmarks and Postal History. This was recently called to my attention by a new member of our Group who informed me: "The contents of the Journal are very interesting and most informative, except for one thing - I am not (up to now) a specialist, and some of the symbols and terms describing postal markings are Greek to me."

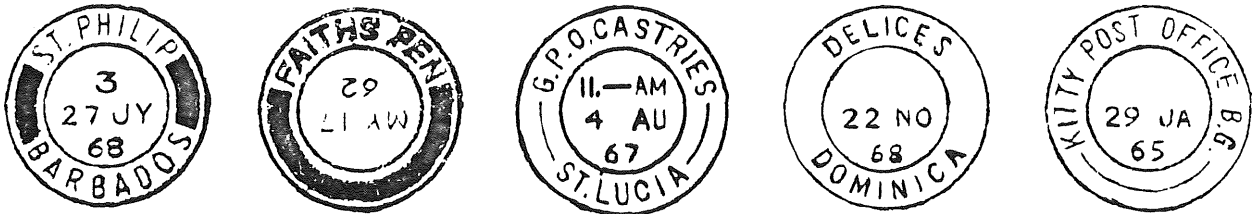
Well, perhaps we can make it a bit easier for Postal History neophytes by tossing out a few clues. First, let's discuss postmark abbreviations and nick names.



CDS means circular date stamp. It is essentially a postmark which gives the name of the Post Office and the date of mailing or processing. Shown above, from left to right, are several types of CDS, the Single Ring (SR), the Double Ring (DR), the Squared Circle (SC), the Modern Single Ring (MSR) and the Temporary Rubber Datestamp (TRD). The latter item is, as the name suggests, a rubber stamp employed for some sort of temporary use pending procurement of a permanent datestamp, or for some special event that does not warrant a permanent device. TRD's are found

in a great variety of shapes and sizes and are usually stamped in colored ink, although black is infrequently used. Of the British Caribbean countries, Jamaica has been the most prolific user of TRD's with the Bahamas second. While some TRD's are used for very short periods, now and then an office will belie the temporary nature of this type of stamp and use its TRD for an extended period of a year or more.

The name, Birmingham type, will frequently be encountered on these pages. This designation originated in Jamaica when a writer in the Jamaica Philatelist in describing this type of mark said that he had first seen such a mark used in Birmingham, England. It is actually a family of marks whose common characteristic is that all have two concentric circles with office name and usually, but not always, the name of the country between the circles. Inside the central circle, date and sometimes time of posting are found. There are five basic subtypes of the Birmingham mark, designated B 1 through B 5. These are illustrated below in numerical order starting with B 1 at the left.



In identifying the earlier postmarks of Jamaica, types such as T 2, P 3, etc. are indicated. These refer to designations assigned by the late L.C.C. Nicholson, a prominent and pioneer student of Jamaican Postal History, as given in his *Jamaica Pre-Stamp Covers, 1760-1860*. In some cases these early marks are identified by FOSTER numbers. These are numbers assigned by our BCPSG member, Tom Foster, of Hull, England. They are found in his *JAMAICA, the postal history 1662-1860*, recently published by Robson Lowe and currently available from the publisher. (See the Robson Lowe advertisement in this issue.)

As the title of this article promised, this is but a short lesson. If you, dear reader, come across any term that confuses you, please feel free to write your Editor for clarification. If he is equally confused, he will consult with the appropriate expert on the subject who had better come up with a good answer if he doesn't want to be stripped of his title as an authority.

Having long subscribed to the old adage that "You can't tell the players without a scorecard", we heartily recommend to anyone about to take up the study of Postal History that he study all available literature in his chosen field. In our Group Library some of the classics will be found. Those living in the U.K. can have access to a good philatelic library by joining the B.W.I. Study Circle. While many books are out of print, copies do show up on the market from time to time. Your Editor has frequently assisted a member in finding a wanted item, and will gladly do so at any time on request.

Finally, the pages of this Journal are open to any member to pose his queries. Be not embarrassed to ask for help. A simple question often provides the stimulus required to initiate a study resulting in the disclosure of valuable new data.

WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE EXACT DATES IN THE APRIL JOURNAL FOR THE BCPSG MEETING AT FLOREX 69 EARLY IN NOVEMBER. IF YOU NEED DETAILS BEFORE THEN TO MAKE YOUR PLANS, WRITE LARRY RESNICK (SEE MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR ADDRESS).

A BARBADOS SCADTA ISSUE

by ROMAN J. BURKIEWICZ

Avid aerophilatelists abide by the listings of the Sanabria Catalogue. While thumbing through the latest edition of this work on matters other than the British Caribbean area, I noted a new entry which should be of interest to the specialist of Barbados. Newly entered and achieving catalogue status is the entry GMA 1 ... a SCADTA issue for the island of Barbados.

SCADTA (Sociedad Colombo-Alemana de Transportes Aéreos) was the acronym for an airline having exclusive rights to operate in the interior of Colombia. The airline issued stamps under authority of the Colombian Government.

To provide countries outside of Colombia the opportunity to post letters to the Colombian interior, stamps were forwarded to Colombian Consulates in the United States, Argentina, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Canal Zone, Chile, Costa Rica, Curaçao, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Spain, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela. Prior to shipment to the above consulates, the stamps had been locally overprinted with the Spanish abbreviation of the country for which intended. Thus those for the United States had the overprint E.U. in black. Similar overprints were used for each of the above-mentioned countries, except that the stamps for Argentina were also used in Uruguay, and those of Sweden were also used in Norway.

Mail destined for the Colombian interior, from without the country, was delivered to the agent or Colombian Consulate in the sending country. The letters would be franked with both stamps of the sending country and SCADTA stamps, the latter bearing the overprint, as above.

SCADTA stamps were also forwarded to other countries where Colombia maintained consulates; however, they did not bear an overprint to distinguish them from domestic mail. Thus they can only be identified on cover where their use with stamps of the sending country establishes the point of origin.

Barbados was one such place. Evidently a recently discovered cover, or piece, substantiates the use of the SCADTA services. However exciting this discovery must have been, the Sanabria people do not seem to agree as to which stamp had been used for prepayment from Barbados. Under the Sanabria heading BARBADOS, they describe the stamp as being a manuscript overprint (as illustrated--an exact replica, but the dimensions may not be exact) on the Colombia San, No.46, 30¢ rose. Referring to this number, one sees that San. No.46 is a 50¢ green overprinted "Servicio Postal / Aereo de Colombia / Panama" while San. No.45 is the 30¢ rose.

*JGB
30 Nov 1921
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Sanabria goes on to explain that the stamp was used in November, 1921. The use from Barbados was authorized by the handwritten overprint by the Colombian Consul in Bridgetown, Mr. G.M. Alleyn. This seems to be a reasonable explanation as to how the use from Barbados was verified.

This issue is unpriced in Sanabria. Could it be unique? Although this note is meant to be simply informative, perhaps the curiosity of our members will be able to throw some light on this magnificent piece of British Caribbean Postal History.

NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

- 18 NOV 68 Christmas 1968. This issue was lithographed on unwatermarked paper and designs were by Lister staff artists. See December 1968 Journal for other details.
- 4 JAN 69 Salt Industry. Four values: 10¢-Bagging Salt; 15¢-Packing Salt; 40¢-Salt Pond; 50¢-Loading Salt. Designed by John Lister staff artists and lithographed on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 25 stamps. The name of the printer was not given.
- 9 JAN 69 ANGUILLA INDEPENDENCE. The complete set of Anguilla definitives were overprinted INDEPENDENCE / JANUARY, 1969 in two lines with black, sans-serif type. It is reported that only 15,000 sets of the 15 definitives were thus overprinted.
- 69 Animals.
69 Floral.
69 Christmas.

ANTIGUA

- 3 FEB 69 Tercentenary of Parliament. A set of four values in square format. 4¢-Parliament Building; 15¢-Antigua Mace; 25¢-Interior of House of Representatives; 50¢-Antigua Coat of Arms and Great Seal. Designed



by R. Granger Barrett and photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 50 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.

- MAY 69 1st Anniversary of CARIFTA.
69 Centenary of Phosphate Industry on Redonda.
70 40th Anniversary of Air Services in Antigua.

BAHAMAS

- 2 DEC 68 Gold Coins. Four stamps featuring the Bahamas gold coins: 3¢- \$100 coin, Columbus landing in the Bahamas in 1492; 12¢-\$50 coin, the flagship Santa Maria; 15¢-\$20 coin, Lighthouse in Nassau Harbour; \$1.00-\$10 coin, The Fort. The effigy of Queen Elizabeth II is on all of the obverse sides. The stamps are kidney shaped to show both sides of the coins. Steel engraved on metallic gold paper by De la Rue.

BARBADOS

- 10 DEC 68 I.H.R. 1968. Release postponed from 29 OCT 68. (See Dec. 1968 Journal for other details.)
- 6 JAN 69 New \$5.00 definitive. Features a Dolphin (The fish-not the porpoise). Designed by the V. Whiteley Studios and photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 100 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.
- MAR 69 Horse Racing.
MAY 69 1st Anniversary of CARIFTA.



BARBADOS (cont.)

- NOV 69 Christmas.
- 69 New Definitives.

BARBUDA

- 18 NOV 68 Definitive Issue. ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 10¢ and 15¢ values. Of uniform design showing a map of Barbuda with the background color different for each value. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and offset printed by Format International Security Printers Ltd. on coated paper in sheets of 50 stamps.
- 20 DEC 68 Olympic Games. 25¢-Runner; 35¢-High Jump; 75¢-Yacht Race and \$1.00-Football. The \$1.00 value comes only in the form of a single stamp miniature sheet, with stamp perforated. It measures 4" by 3", and has MEXICO 68 on the top selvage and OLYMPICS below. Designs are by R. Granger Barrett, and the stamps are offset printed by Format International Security Printers, with the three low values in sheets of 50 stamps.
- 69 Additional Definitives. 25¢, 35¢, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 values, all depicting fish are now in preparation.

BERMUDA

- 17 FEB 69 50th Anniversary of Girl Guides. A set of four values: 3d, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/6d. In two designs with the 3d and 1/- sharing one and the 1/6 and 2/6d the other. The designs are by Harrison's staff artists



and the stamps were printed by Format International security Printers using the Format Litho process, on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 60 stamps

- 69 New Definitives in Decimal Currency.

BRITISH HONDURAS

- 1 MAR 69 Orchids.
- 1 JUN 69 Hardwoods.
- 69 Christmas 1969.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- 16 DEC 68 Opening of Beef Island Airport. 2¢-DHC-6 Twin Otter aircraft in LIAT livery; 10¢-LIAT Hawker Siddeley 748; 25¢-Hawker Siddeley Heron in



PRINAIR colors; \$1.00-Cap Badge of Royal Engineers. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and printed by Format using Format process in sheets of 50 on unwatermarked paper.

- 1 MAR 69 75th Anniversary of Death of Robert Louis Stevenson.
- SEP 69 Tourism
- 69 New Definitives.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 1 FEB 69 New Definitives.
69 Christmas Issue 1/4d Value. The original printing of this value was so oversubscribed that the Crown Agents found it necessary to reduce orders by 40%. A new printing was ordered, but on unwatermarked paper although the original printing was on Block CA upright paper. Thus the new printing will have catalogue status.

DOMINICA

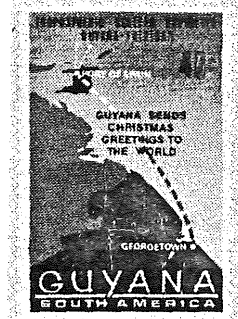
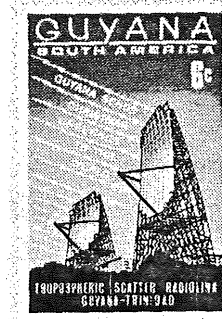
- 23 NOV 68 Olympics. No details available.
16 DEC 68 Christmas 1968. In denominations of 5c, 12c, 24c and \$1.20 with the 5c in sheets of 20 stamps and the other three values in a souvenir sheet containing two of each value. All of the stamps feature famous Madonnas. The designer was L.G. Vasarhelyi and printing was by Delrieu of Paris.

GRENADA

- 25 NOV 68 WHO Issue. 5c-Kidney Transplantation; 25c-Heart Transplantation; 35c-Lung Transplantation; 50c-Cornea Transplantation. Lithographed in sheets of 50 stamps by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. from designs by M. Shamir of Israel.
7 JAN 69 Additional New Definitives: 3c-Bougainvillea flower; 5c-Rock Hind fish; 8c-Snapper; 10c-Giant Toad; 25c-Murine Opossum; 35c-Antillean Armadillo; \$2-Brown Pelican and \$5-Bare-eyed Thrush. Photogravure printed in sheets of 50 stamps by Harrison & Sons Ltd. from designs by M. Shamir.
3 DEC 68 Christmas 1968. 5c, 15c, 35c and \$1.00 showing famous paintings, all presently located in the London National Gallery. Photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 25 subjects.

GUYANA

- 11 NOV 68 Christmas 1968. 6c and 25c showing Dish Aerials, with the 30c and the 40c showing maps of Guyana and Trinidad. Designs were by G.L. Vasarhelyi from original Cable & Wireless material, and printing was by Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. by Delacryl process in sheets of 50 stamps on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper. This seems to be the first issue employing this new watermark. The set is to commemorate establishment of a new Tropospheric scatter telecommunications radiolink between Guyana and Trinidad. The Christmas aspect of this issue is provided only by the inscription "GUYANA SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE WORLD" on each stamp.



- MAR 69 Easter.
1 MAY 69 CARIFTA First Anniversary.
AUG 69 3rd Caribbean Jamboree and Diamond Jubilee of Scouting in Guyana
69 50th Anniversary of I.L.O.
SEP 69 Centenary of Birth of Mahatma Gandhi.
69 Arts and Culture Week.
69 Christmas 1969.

JAMAICA

- 69 50th Anniversary of I.L.O.
69 Tourism.

MONTSEERRAT

- 2 DEC 68 International Human Rights Year, 1968. Five values: 5¢, 15¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00. Each value features the portrait of a different individual who has made a major contribution to the cause of human rights. Designs are by Harrison's staff artists, and the stamps were photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 50 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.
- 16 DEC 68 Christmas, 1968. Four stamps in two designs. The 5¢ and 25¢ show Murillo's "The Two Trinities", a painting now in the National Gallery in London, while the 15¢ and 50¢ show a detail of "The Adoration of the Kings" by Botticelli, also to be found in the National Gallery of London. The designs were made by Harrison's staff artists, and the printing was by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 50 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper. The Murillo painting was also used on the 1965 Christmas stamp of New Zealand.
- FEB 69 Tourism.
- JUN 69 Development Projects.
- SEP 69 Fish.
- 69 CARIFTA.
- 70 New Definitives.



ST. KITTS

- 25 FEB 69 Fish.
- 69 Christmas.
- 69 New Definitives.

ST. LUCIA

10 JAN 69 Birds Issue. Four values with the 10¢ and 25¢ featuring Hummingbird (Colibri) and the 15¢ and 35¢ featuring the St. Lucia Parrot. They



were designed by V. Whiteley and printed in Format (Litho) by Format International Security Printers Ltd. in sheets of 50 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.

- MAR 69 Easter.
- MAY 69 CARIFTA.
- 69 New Definitives.
- ? Views of Old St. Lucia.

ST. VINCENT

- 69 Statehood.
- 69 Carnival.
- 69 CARIFTA.
- 69 New Definitives.
- 70 Bi-centenary of the Anglican Cathedral.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

- 69 New Definitives.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members:

Again it is my pleasure to report to the membership on the status of our treasury. The year-end bank balance is good, and during the past year we noted a slight improvement in our operations. Excess of expenditures over current income was reduced from \$364.00 in 1967 to \$155.00 in 1968, despite a greater increase than anticipated in postage, stationery and printing costs.

The Journal continues to be the major expense of the Group. The Journal is also largely responsible for the growth in membership and the very favorable publicity received by the BCPG this past year. Rather than suggest that we curtail the size of the Journal, it is my recommendation that additional sources of revenue be pursued. A further increase in our membership is also desirable and will have small effect on our expenses.

We need to raise an additional \$300.00 next year (1969). This can best be done by increased participation in our auctions and increased revenue from advertising. Last year's donations were greater than normal, but we should not base our budget on them. They are always welcome, but an appeal to this source of revenue is not recommended.

One member has applied and paid for Life Membership. We will set up a special account for this money, separate from general income. Only the dividends at the annual dues rate will be transferred from this account into general income.

I wish to thank publicly all those who wrote during the past year and express my personal appreciation to those who have been so patient in waiting for a reply. For the present it is still possible to write a note with the membership cards as dues come in, but the larger number of members will make this impractical in the near future. Whether I write or not, let me assure you a warm, personal interest in the activities of each one of you. Do stop in Madison if you come this way.

Balance on hand as of Dec. 31, 1967 \$764.91

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
Current dues 960.81	Bank Checking Charges 3.76
Advance Dues 342.50	Postage - Editor 271.94
Admission Fees 87.25	- Secretary 64.08
Donations 125.65	- Miscellaneous 22.56
Publications 53.89	Stationery & Printing - Editor 1,253.66
Auction Lots 2,190.90	Stationery - Secretary & Misc. 55.01
Auction Lots Postage 11.71	Advertising Costs 41.69
Advertising Income 115.00	Payments to Auction Venders 2,078.93
Life Membership Fee <u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$3,987.71	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$3,791.63
NET RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS \$196.08	
Balance on hand as of Dec. 31, 1968 \$960.99	

Respectfully submitted,

MARK. W. SWETLAND, Treas.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

New Members:

BAIRD, JOHN C.	CHIN, BERNARD A.	COE, JR., EDGAR B.
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SAWYER, CHARLES E.	SIMONS, JR., MRS. MARJORIE G.	SUTTON, DR. EDWARD C.
VICTOR, BERT L.	WALKER, BRUCE	WHALEN, JOHN B.
WINSTON, GODFREY	ZWICK, MELVIN	

Addresses and philatelic interests of the above are given in the previous issue.

New Applicants:

ADAMS, JOHN M.G., Pinfold St., Bridgetown, Barbados, W.I. Occupation: Barrister-at-Law and Member of Parliament. Philatelic Preferences: BWI, Canada, Ireland, Modern G.B., France. Specialty: Barbados - Postal History, etc. Sponsored by Reg Lant.

ANDERSON, ROBERT J., 109 Matterson Ave., Syracuse, NY 13219. Occupation: TV News Photographer. Philatelic Preference: BWI - mint. Specialties: Airmail covers and Barbados. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

BELL, RICHARD G., 100 Bryanston Rd., Solihull, Warwickshire, England. Occupation: Retired Bank Cashier. Philatelic Preferences: Canada, BWI. Specialties: Barbados, Bahamas, Jamaica. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

CLAUSEN, HOWARD E., S.3727 Latawah St., Spokane, WA 99203. Occupation: Carpenter. Philatelic Preferences: British America, Australia, New Zealand. Specialty: Numeral Cancellations. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

FRAMKE, WERNER K., 16854 Levan Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Occupation: Clay Moulder - Car Design. Philatelic Preferences: All British Colonies & Western Europe. Specialty: Paintings on Stamps by World Famous Artists. Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

HEAVENS, TREVOR D., 4185 Pinewood, Pierrefonds 930, Quebec, Canada. Occupation: Accountant. Philatelic Preferences: Canada and BWI. Specialty: BWI Postmarks. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

JONES III, G. MORGAN, 1632 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. Occupation: Banker. Philatelic Preference: Jamaica - mint. Sponsored by Bob Lovett.

KROHN, EDWARD J., 6455-12 San Juan Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32210. Occupation: College Instructor. Specialties: St. Lucia, Bahamas, Canada. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

PARKER, KENNETH M., 4009 Miramar Ave., Dallas, TX 75205. Occupation: Retired - Investments. Philatelic Preference: British Colonies, prior to 1920. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

POTTER, DAVID, 28 Glyn Ct., Leigham Court Rd., London S.W.16, England. Occupation: Schoolmaster, also Part-time Journalist. Specialties: Caymans, Turks & Caicos, BWI Postal Stationery. Sponsored by Al Branston.

PUSTEL, GABRIEL, 34 Laurelton Ave., Jackson, NJ 08527. Occupation: Psychologist. Philatelic Preference: Meter Stamps. Specialty: The World. Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

SESTOKAS, LT.COL. VICTOR G., 1915 Warwick Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.
Occupation: U.S. Air Force. Philatelic Preferences: British Commonwealth
and USA - mint and used. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

de TARTAS, DON A., The Charleston, 6944 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.
Occupation: Chemical Engineer. Specialty: All Q.E. II since 1952 per CW Cat.
Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

THOMPSON, JOHN H., 36 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Occupation: Civil
Engineer. Philatelic Preference: All British America. Sponsored by Al Johnson.

ZELL, JR., LOUIS E., 22 Larchmont Rd., Binghamton, NY 13903. Occupation:
Senior Vice Pres. & Treas. Philatelic Preference: Turks & Caicos - 1900 to date.
Specialties: Cayman Islands and USA 5¢ Taylor. Sponsored by Fred Seifert.

Resignations:

Dr. H.B. Bruce, William W. Bucher and Emerson Mann have resigned in good standing.
Judge Leslie L. Anderson and Paul H. Reader resigned owing 1968 dues.
Elmer D. Adam and Tomas G. Pollard have been dropped from membership for failure
to pay 1968 dues and failure to answer official correspondence.

NOTICE-- Each BCPSG member will receive a new MEMBERSHIP ROSTER with this issue
of the Journal. Please check your listing and advise the Editor at once if any
errors are noted. It is also recommended that you check the addresses of your
correspondents, as there have been quite a few changes since the previous list
was published. Recent applicants for membership, including those listed above
will receive their lists from the Secretary after their applications have been
processed by the Trustees.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DETAILS----

The Board of Trustees have approved the recommendations of the Committee appointed
to study this matter. These recommendations provide for a graduated scale based
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It is appreciated that as in all organizations the rates may be uneconomical for
a majority of the members. However, Life Membership does offer the convenience
of not having to bother with annual payments, and also provides a way for the
member to contribute to the financial stability of the Group.

The Group Treasurer, Mark Swetland, will accept payment from any who desire to
change their status to Life Member, and will be pleased to answer any further
questions. Full credit will be given for 1969 dues already paid.

As of 20th November 1968, the Trinidad & Tobago Government has declared that the
Pound Sterling is a foreign currency. The main purpose seems to have been to
control foreign exchange dealings.

PERSONAL MENTION---

JACK ARNELL, in his capacity of ASSISTANT DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER of Canada, was in the news recently when he presented figures on the Canadian Armed Forces to Commons in Ottawa. We have just received an article from Jack on "The Role of Bermuda in the days of the British Transatlantic Sailing Packets." Look for it in the April issue.

With an advertisement in this issue, the BAHAMAS BUM announces that he is starting to put some of his vast horde of Bahamas postmarks on the market. Ed has been building up this stock for some years with the intent of establishing himself as a specialist dealer after he retires from his present sales job. With retirement drawing closer, Ed has decided to make the transition a gradual one.

E.O. BUNTING BARROW broadcast a stamp talk over RADIO BELIZE on 14th October 1968. His subject was "The Postage Stamps of our Country." Bunting addressed his talk primarily to the school children and young people of British Honduras, and presented them with details of the various postal issues used in B.H. from the stamps of Great Britain in 1856 to the recent new definitives.

We received a report from CHUCK CWIAKALA of the Public Relations Committee activities in 1968, but for lack of space are holding it over for the April Journal. In that issue we will also present an article on Jamaica First Flights by Chuck and Dr. John Lockie.

DICK HIGGINS took a Second Award with his "Postal Markings of Barbados" at SUPEX '69 of the Suburban Collectors Club, held Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 in Hinsdale, Illinois.

"Beginners Please" is the title of a page written by KAY HOROWICZ for the *Stamp Magazine* (England). Despite the modest title, others will also find the subject matter of interest.

BERT LATHAM and BOB TOPAZ were among the successful bidders for the rare Jamaica postal history material in the Robson Lowe Sale of 10th December. As we suspected when we read the catalogue of this sale, some of the estimates were far too low. Your Editor also bid!

"Even my wife (who dislikes stamps) read your articles from the W.I." writes JOHN MUNTINGA from Holland. Thanks, John and Mrs. M. We are sure you will also like the series of reports by Stan Durnin and Eric Heyer which start in this issue. Stan will cover the Leewards, with Eric reporting on the remainder of the islands.

ANGUS PARKER tells us that William R. Hart, a well known Philatelist and Postal Historian, particularly in the field of NATAL and the BOER WAR, has joined him as a full-time partner at Argyll Stamp Co. Ltd. Angus says "Better than ever service maybe, Fred."

We frequently find articles by DAVID POTTER in British stamp publications. Several October 1968 issues of *Stamp Collecting* featured his "The British Caribbean - Political Status through Postage Stamps."

CHARLES SAWYER has been elected a member of the 1969 Board of Directors of the Houston (Texas) Philatelic Society.

Her Leeward Island Cancellations won a Bronze for DOTTY STAPP at NOJEX '68 while DR. MARTIN GARFINKEL took the Grand Prize at TABIRA 1968 in Jerusalem.

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BILL STITT has discontinued most of his active participation in the practice of law and will henceforth spend more than six months of each year in Florida. He and Mrs. Stitt will spend their summers on Eastern Long Island. We hope to see you at FLOREX '69 in Miami, Bill.

It was the good fortune of our Bermuda member, SIR HENRY TUCKER, to be able to purchase both mint and used copies of a modern Bermuda error. The finder was a Patrick Greenshields, who bought twenty five copies of the Bermuda 3d. Olympics stamp over the Post Office counter when he noted that both Bermuda and 3d. were missing. Learning of the find shortly afterwards, Sir Henry met with Greenshields and persuaded him to part with a mint and a used copy. Subsequently, another Bermuda philatelist purchased a copy from Greenshields for £1,000.

BRYAN WALKER has accepted a post in New Brunswick as Senior Industrial Development Analyst with the New Brunswick Government at Fredericton. He has now moved there from Toronto. Reg Lant has transferred his files to Bryan who will now assume his duties as Secretary.

We learned from JIM WATSON that Mrs. F. A. Aguilar can provide copies of some of the fine Handbooks published by her late husband, Everard. Still available are: The Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica (paperbound), 1949 @ 21/-; The Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica, Vol. Two (leather-bound), 1960 @ 42/- and the Saunders-Aguilar Cayman Islands Handbook @ 42/-. Mrs. Aguilar would like payment in Sterling by certified check or Bank Draft, payable in Jamaica. It is suggested that an allowance of about 2/- per volume be added for postage.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

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Montego Bay. In Clarendon parish, the CUMBERLAND P.A. opened on 18 DEC 58. It has Banana Ground as its Forwarding Office. Lloyd also advises that one sheet of the Jamaica Human Rights 3d. value is known with watermark inverted, and that another sheet of the same stamp has the gold entirely missing. Singles of this latter item are being offered at £200.

Our Group has been invited to participate as APS Unit No.27 in the Annual Convention of the APS which will be held in Baltimore at BALPEX '69, 2-5 October, in the Emerson Hotel. Mark Cassidy has offered a special trophy for the best B.W.I. exhibit, providing there are at least 25 frames entered by at least five exhibitors. We will have more on this in the April Journal.

The Crown Agents advise that the reprint of the Caymans ½d. Christmas stamp was released 8 JAN 69. It is on plain paper and has a purple background rather than the original brown.

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