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SOUFRIERE, ST. LUCIA, WHICH HAS ENJOYED POSTAL SERVICE SINCE FRENCH COLONIAL DAYS, IS PRESENTLY SERVED BY THIS ATTRACTIVE POST OFFICE. *Photo by Ned Doak*

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Treasurer Ramkissoon reports receipt of a cash payment of dues from some U.S. member who failed to indicate his name on or in the envelope. Unfortunately, the postmark is illegible and thus gives no clue as to the sender. If you paid your dues several months ago, but have not received your 1972 membership card from Ben, please drop him a line at once.

Speaking of addresses, again we beg you to let us know of any change of address. In the past week, the Post Office has returned two copies of the April Journal which couldn't be delivered because the addressee had moved to another town. In addition we have received three Form 3547 cards indicating that members have moved within their local area where their Journal could be forwarded. Total postage due collected was 62¢. We know that moving time is a busy one for you, but notifying one's correspondents is an important part of a good move.

Paul Larsen advises that the Guyanese swindler who offers fabulous philatelic material for advance payment in U.S. dollar bills, is back with another offer. His spelling shows some improvement, and "Crown Jew House" has now been changed to "Crown Jewel House". Details of this unsavory operator were given in the February 1971 Journal, page 27.

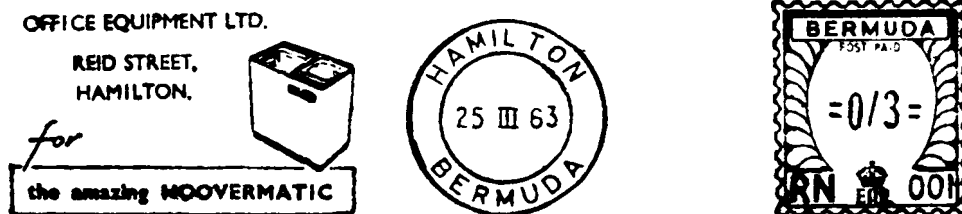
We have just sent our 50th BCPSG Seal rubber stamp to a member. These are supplied to members at slightly over cost, with the small profit going into our Treasury. There are a few stamps in stock at the moment, so if you would like to join the other 50 members in advertising the BCPSG and adding a distinctive touch to your correspondence, just send us \$3, or Sterling equivalent, and we will pop one in the mail for you.

Fred

# POSTAGE METERS OF BERMUDA

by Jack Arnell

In his interesting article in the June 1971 Journal, Lynn Wallace showed the various types of postage meter impressions which have been used in Bermuda during the past ten years and discussed them briefly. He concluded his article with a request for additional information. Some such information was contained in an article of mine which appeared in the December 1964 issue of the *BWI STUDY CIRCLE BULLETIN*. I have expanded on this in what follows.



When initially introduced, two makes of postage meters were authorized by the G. P. O. in Hamilton for use in Bermuda. These were made by Pitney-Bowes and Roneo, and both were handled by a single supplier, Office Equipment Limited, Reid Street, Hamilton. During the early years the G. P. O., Hamilton, granted a total of twenty-eight licenses for use of these meters, but by July 1964 one of these had been allowed to lapse. All but two of the continuing twenty-seven were of Pitney-Bowes manufacture, and three different models of these were in use. These were:

- (a) a Simplex machine, having twenty-five settings of predetermined values;
- (b) a machine covering the range from half-penny to nine shillings and eleven pence half-penny, in half-penny increments; and
- (c) a machine covering the range from half-penny to ninety-nine shillings and eleven pence half-penny, in half-penny increments.

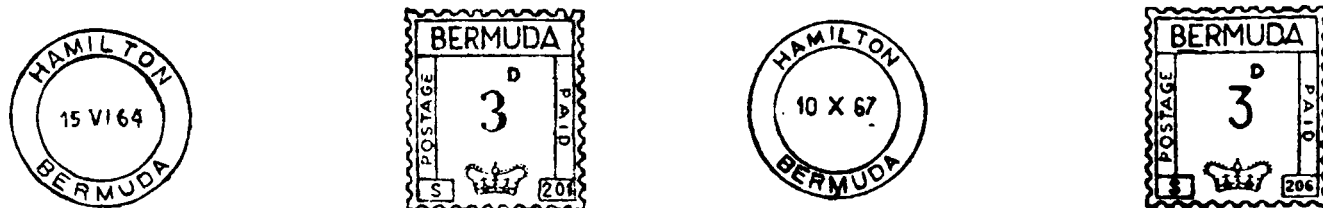
There appears to be no way to distinguish between the latter two types of machines by means of the impressions on covers. Both have essentially the same dimensions and print small values of postage in the same fashion, viz. =0/3=. Of course, if the value is ten shillings or greater it must have come from the (c) machine. From what I could determine at the time, I believe the (c) machines were introduced first and had Die Numbers beginning with 1, while the (b) machines began with the Die Number 101. These numbers appear in the small square in the lower right hand corner of the postage mark.

While all machines obviously made provision for a slogan to the left of the cds, some users did not take advantage of this, others added a slogan later, and some changed their slogan periodically. Both makes of machine used a double circle cds. Between the circles are the town name HAMILTON across the top, and BERMUDA across the bottom, with the date in the center written as "11 X 64".

The P. B. Simplex meter mark is essentially the same as the other Pitney-Bowes machines, except that it has an "S" in a box in the lower left hand corner, while the others have "P. B." in a slightly larger box in the same position. In addition, the value of the postage was shown differently, viz. 3<sup>D</sup> (Simplex) and =0/3= (other Pitney-Bowes). The Roneo mark was more

ornate, and had a large "RN" in the lower left hand corner. The value of the postage on the Roneo machine was also shown as =0/3=, but with differently shaped numbers. There were many differences between the Pitney-Bowes and Roneo postage meter marks.

An interesting feature of the Simplex meters is that they employed two distinct type styles to indicate the postage value during the pre-decimal currency period. Thus, as can be seen on the illustration below, the 3 on meter S 201 has a rounded top, while that on meter S 206 has a flat top.



The dimensions of the circular datestamp portions of the meter marks are quite different, as is shown below:

METER TYPE	OUTER CIRCLE	INNER CIRCLE	HEIGHT	
			LETTERS	DATE
Pitney-Bowes	23.5-24.0 mm	16.5-17.0 mm	1.75 mm	2.75 mm
P.B. Simplex	23.5 mm	17.0 mm	1.75 mm	2.0 mm
Roneo	26.5 mm	17.5 mm	2.5 mm	2.75 mm

In March 1965, the number of licenses for the use of postage meters had increased to thirty-two, and they were issued to the following:

- |       |                                |       |                                 |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| PB1   | Bermuda Telephone Co.          | PB12  | Eastend Properties              |
| PB2   | Bermuda Electric Light Co.     | PB13  | Trimingham Brothers             |
| PB3   | Bermuda Credit Association     | PB14  | H.A. & E. Smith Limited         |
| PB4   | Bank of N.T. Butterfield & Son | PB15  | Mack Trucks                     |
| PB5   | Bermuda Medical Associates     | PB16  | A.S. Cooper & Son               |
| PB6   | Bank of Bermuda                | PB17  | Shell Oil                       |
| PB7   | Penboss Associates             | PB18  | Bermuda Fire & Marine Insurance |
| PB8   | Somer-Isles Insurance          | PB19  | Outgoing Parcel Post            |
| PB9   | Bermuda Gas & Utility Co. Ltd. | PB20  | Outgoing Parcel Post            |
| PB10  | Reynolds (Bermuda)             | PB21  | Bermuda Press                   |
| PB11  | Esso Standard Oil S.A. Ltd.    | PB22  | Conyers, Dill & Pearman         |
| PB101 | S.G. Harris                    | S201  | British Overseas Airways Corp.  |
| PB102 | Miles Super Service Market     | RN001 | Office Equipment Limited        |
| PB103 | L.P. Gutteridge                | RN002 | discontinued                    |
| PB104 | Hornburg Calypso               | RN003 | American Life Insurance Co.     |
| PB105 | English Sports Shop            |       |                                 |
| PB106 | Mid Ocean Club                 |       |                                 |
| PB107 | A.S. Cooper & Son              |       |                                 |

With the introduction of decimal currency, it would appear that most meters were modified to print dollars and cents. Lynn Wallace showed P.B. 113 and S 206 in modified form, while I have a recent P.B. 21 showing =0.04. In the P.B. 1000 series, there appears to be a third variety in the 1040 range of numbers with a decimal point, viz. =0.15 (P.B. 1041 and 1045). These are similar to Lynn's P.B. 1032, except for the added decimal point.

# Notes on Jamaica Post Cards

by Colin H. Bayley

In his comprehensive article on Jamaica Postal Stationery (BCP Journal, Aug. 1971, p.110), Thomas Foster states that cards of the First Provisional Issue of Jamaica post cards were not postmarked when sent through the post. However, I have one of these cards in the half-penny denomination (local rate) that bears a Kingston postmark. Both card and postmark are dated 5 Dec. 1877. The card is addressed to "Bro. Geo. Duff" at Kingston, notifying him of a meeting of the "Degree Temple" at 7 pm, and carries a signature which I cannot read. The red ink half-penny handstamp is rather faint and does not show up well in the photo. (Fig. 1).



FIG. 1

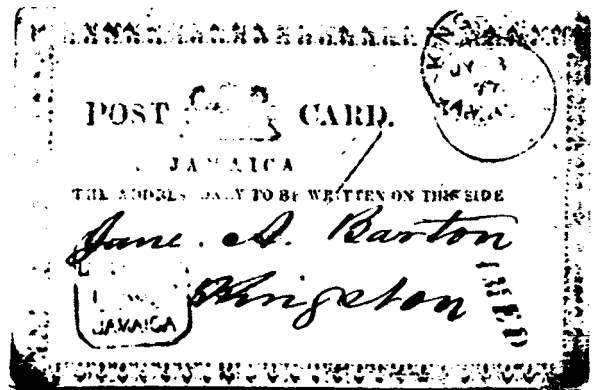


FIG. 2

Likewise, with the First Printing of the Second Provisional (Floriate) Issue, which Foster states was not postmarked, I have one such in the half-penny denomination having a Kingston postmark. It bears notice of assessment of membership fees in an organization called "The Dispensary", dated 7 July 1877, and is addressed to Jane A. Barton. Fortunately from the philatelic viewpoint, Jane could not be found, and the card carries three additional markings all of which are illustrated on page 239 of the Jamaica Handbook by Collett, et al. These are: "UNCLAIMED" (Type M44), "ADVERTISED" (Type M46), and "RETURNED LETTER BRANCH" (Type M42). The date in the box of the latter mark is 15 Aug. 1877. The date of the Kingston postmark is 18 July 1877. (Fig. 2).

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** While Foster indicates that postmarking of the Provisional Post Cards began with the Second Printing of the Floriate Issue, we consider that it would best explain the situation to tie the postmarking to a date. Fig. 1, above, establishes that whether or not a card was postmarked depends not on the issue date, but when it was mailed.

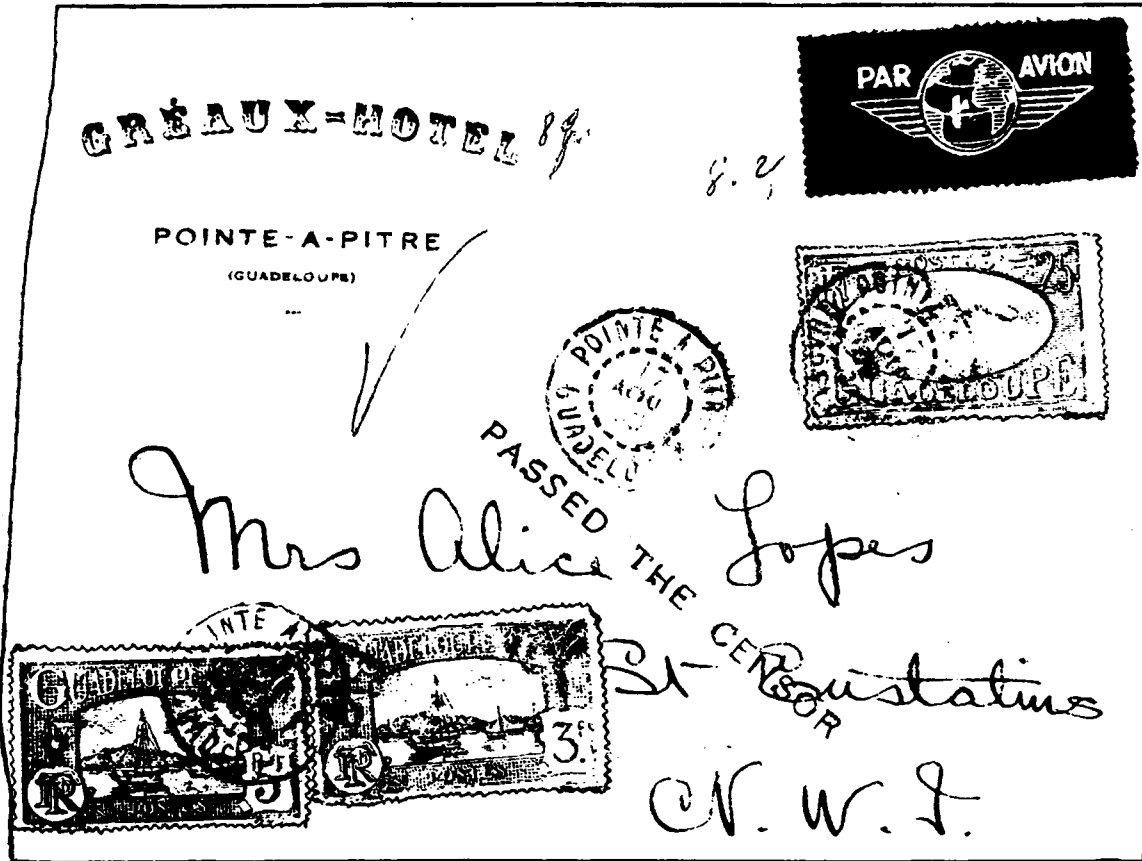
Since the card of Fig. 2 was not postmarked until 18 July, or eleven days subsequent to the date of the message, it probably was postmarked at the time it was Advertised by the P.O. after being unclaimed in the normal course of business. We suspect that it would have gone through without a postmark if it had been picked up prior to that time. Oddly, we have a similar card with identical postmarks and dates, but sent to one Wm. Barnett to advise that a further payment of 2/- was required if he wished to continue as a member of "The Dispensary".

We would like to determine just when postmarking of post cards did begin. If anyone has any cards postmarked in 1877, please send us the details.

# An Unusual Censor Marking

by Lincoln E. Kieffer

While I was attending NOJEX last October, I showed our Editor some West Indies covers that I found of particular interest. Fred suggested that our members would also find them interesting, and asked that I send him an article on them for publication in the Journal.



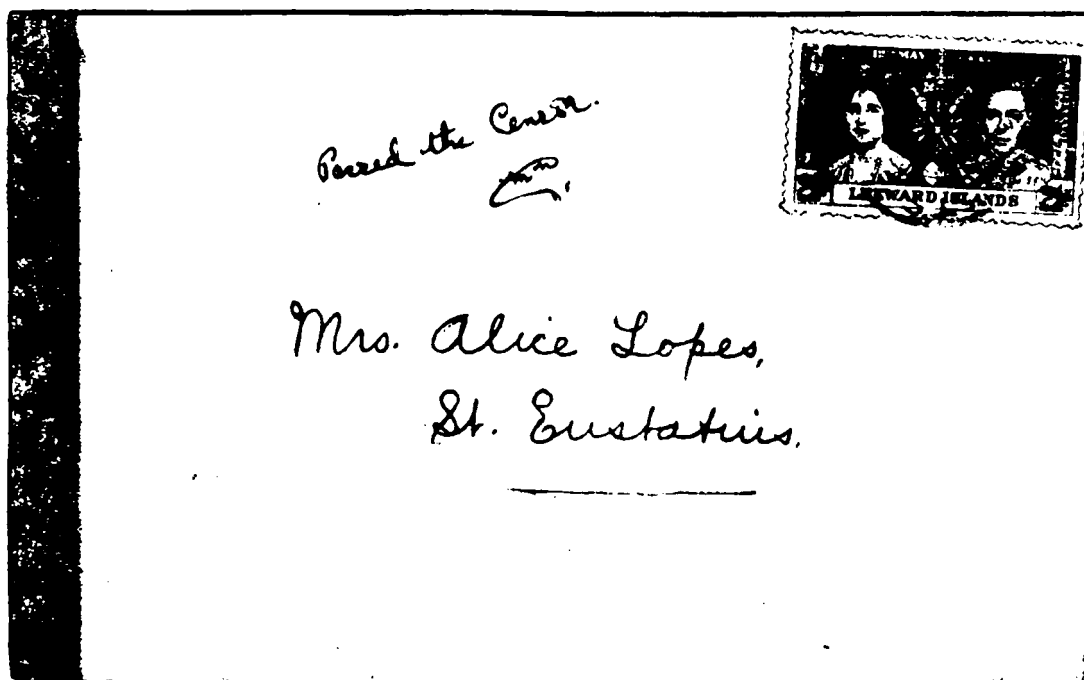
Two of these covers were mailed by M. Lopes to Mrs. Alice Lopes, St. Eustatius, D.W.I., the earliest being posted at Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe, on 17 Aug. 1939. The backstamps it bears indicate that it took a somewhat devious route in reaching its destination. The first stop was at St. John's, Antigua on 19 Aug. 1939; three days later on 22 Aug. it received a St. Kitts backstamp. Although it was now less than 20 miles from its ultimate destination, some quirk of wartime communications intervened here, and instead of taking the short passage to neighboring St. Eustatius, the letter made a long detour to the southwest, reaching Curacao by 18th September, where it was duly backstamped at Willemstad. From there it again went northwards, and finally on 27 Sep. 1939 it reached St. Eustatius.

Perhaps M. Lopes was working on a ship, for the second letter was posted at Barbados just eleven days after the first one, on 28 Aug. 1939. It skipped Antigua, or if it went there did not receive a backstamp, the next postmark being that of St. Kitts, 31 Aug. 1939. Again the short water passage from St. Kitts to St. Eustatius appears to have been impassable, for the second letter followed the detour of the first one which it caught up with at Curacao on 28th Aug., also reaching St. Eustatius on 27 Sep. 1939.

A third cover to Mrs. Lopes, addressed in a different hand, was mailed at St. Kitts, but the

date does not show up on the poorly struck postmark. It bears no backstamps other than that applied at St. Eustatius upon its arrival there on 1 Sep. 1939. Thus it appears to have taken the direct route there. If so, it was probably posted a few days earlier.

Now an interesting feature of each of these covers is the censor marking. As can be seen in the illustration, the first cover has a straight line mark "PASSED THE CENSOR". It is in pale red or scarlet ink. The second cover (not illustrated) has a similar mark struck in the same color on its face. The third cover bears a manuscript version of this mark in black. The second and third covers have been opened by the censor at the left side, and resealed with ordinary manila paper tape. The first cover may have been given similar treatment by the censor, but the left edge has been torn off, probably by the addressee when opening it.



Noting that the wording of this censor mark is quite unusual, I wrote of it to Arthur J. Brown in London, soliciting his comments. Arthur, who in addition to being Business Manager of the National Philatelic Society is the Editor of the Newsletter of the Forces Postal History Society, commented as follows: "This is an unusual wording for a censor handstamp, and I have not come across it before; the usual, of course, is PASSED CENSOR or PASSED BY CENSOR or even PASSED BY THE CENSOR, more rarely. It must be a British West Indian mark because: a) as can be seen from the covers, Guadeloupe (and other French territories) used handstamps in the French language; b) it cannot be a Netherlands West Indies mark, as again all such handstamps were worded in Dutch; and c) it cannot be a U.S. mark because the U.S. was not then at war."

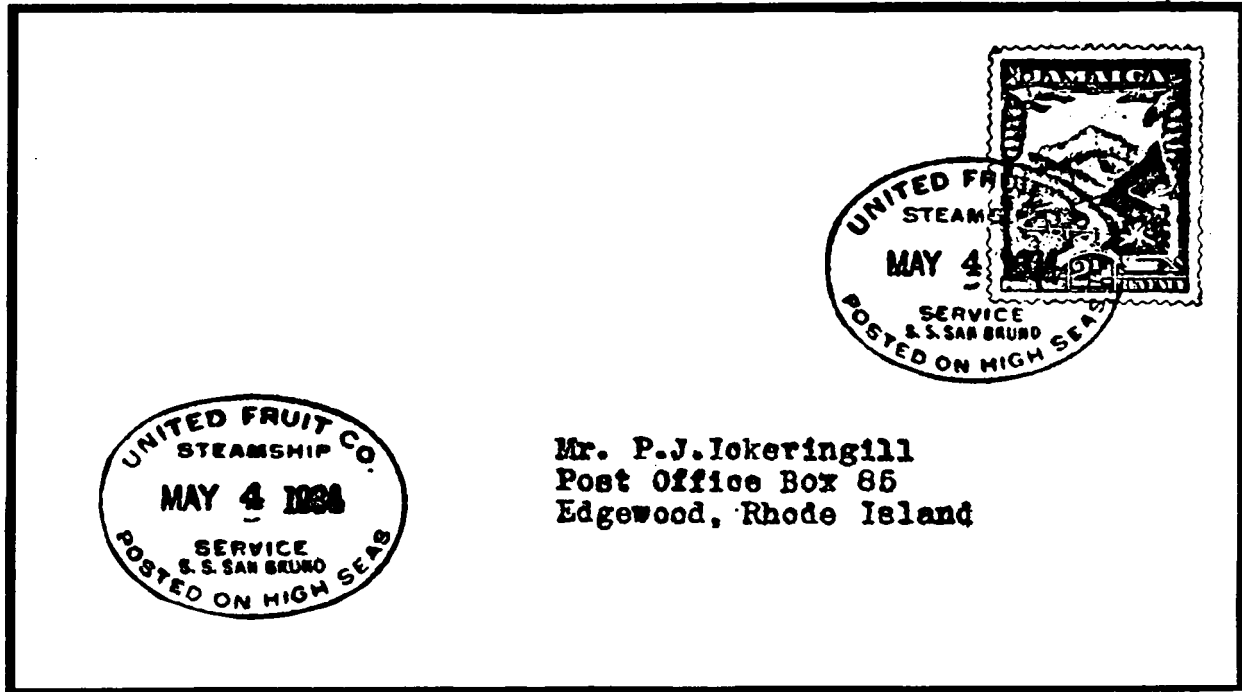
Arthur continued: "Since the covers were routed via St. Kitts, confirmed by the backstamps, it seems almost certain that this was a St. Kitts mark. I have records of St. Kitts marks in 1942-43, but these are entirely different. I therefore conclude that this was a St. Kitts mark from the early part of the war."

Perhaps some member can come forth with an explanation of the lack of direct postal contact between St. Kitts and St. Eustatius in August of 1939.

# The Great White Fleet

by Charles E. Cwiakala

For a great many years, philatelists have been collecting United Fruit Company ship postal markings on the adhesive issues of Jamaica. Indeed, Nicholson devoted two paragraphs and two illustrations to these markings in his chapter on postmarks in the Jamaica Handbook that was published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd. in 1928. As many British Caribbean specialists now know, a large variety of these marks were used by a great number of UFCo ships.



In assembling my information on UFCo markings, I have leaned heavily on two articles, both published in the *SEAPOSTER*, the official publication of the Maritime Postmark Society. The earliest of these appeared in Vol. 5, No. 3 (September 1943), in which Charles F. Schell put together the first true listing of these markings. The second article, written by Gustav J. Lund, appeared in Vol. 19, No. 4 (July-August 1957). I obtained copies of these articles from our Editor, Col. Fred F. Seifert, when in one of our "irregular" telephone conversations we discovered that we had a mutual interest in these marks.

I have redrawn the illustrations from the above articles, attempting to make them a bit more accurate, based on other information and the marks in my collection. I have also renumbered them in what I consider a more logical arrangement.

My primary purpose in publishing this article is to obtain the help of others in determining which of these marks, and from what ships, were used in British Caribbean ports-of-call. From what is presently known, it appears unlikely that they will be found on other than the adhesives of Jamaica and British Honduras, the two British Caribbean countries on which I know them to have been used. Of course, they will also be found on stamps of the Latin West Indies and Central American countries, as well as those of the U.S. and Canal Zone.

The United Fruit Company (UFCo) is a long established American firm, whose fortunes were



derived from that very familiar fruit, the banana. Late in the 19th Century, an American sea captain brought a small cargo of this fruit to Boston. The fruit's popularity proved so great that the captain soon found himself in the "banana-boat" business with a constantly increasing consumer market. As business expanded, so did UFCo offices--New York, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Mobile, Galveston, and even as far as St. John, N.B. in Canada. To assure the availability of a good supply of high quality fruit, UFCo eventually became the owner of vast banana plantations throughout the Caribbean as well as in Central and South America. Perhaps not known to Jamaica buffs is the fact that UFCo once operated the Myrtle Bank Hotel in Kingston, Jamaica. Frequently, the company provided mail service (especially in the many Caribbean republics) which oftentimes proved extremely more reliable than the official government postal systems. The UFCo servicing of mail was mostly used by commercial business houses on mail they could not afford to entrust to local postal services, since a "lost" order or report could be a costly matter of far greater consequence than loss of a letter of cordiality.

UFCo markings on postal covers have enjoyed a strong following for many decades and many reasons. While some of these markings were done for philatelic favor, much of the mail on which they were used was of a commercial nature. The markings are generally quite legible and neatly struck, often in brightly colored ink. The marks themselves, although not quite as elegant as the HAPAG marks, were quite attractive. Further, these marks can be found on the issues of many Caribbean area countries. Many a collection has been formed over the past years, with the objective of a cover from as many stamp-issuing entities as possible.

UFCo postal markings have been recorded used on 61 different ships plying the Caribbean. How many of these ships docked at British Caribbean ports, and how many of these marks were used in those ports is anybody's guess! However, as a start to compiling such a list, those UFCo ships having recorded postal markings (see Table I) are documented. It is hoped that BCPSGers will come forward with their data, and at some future date a list of the ships visiting British Caribbean ports will be published.

It is a fair assumption that those stamps or covers with UFCo markings emanating from the British Caribbean will be dated during the years 1920-1941/2. With the advent of WW II, a majority of these ships were called to active service, and use of their postal markings was discontinued. Following the war, very few ships retained individual postal markings, and the practice has continued to decline. Further, it is also a fair assumption that these markings will be found only on Jamaican and British Honduras issues, as the UFCo ships made but few calls at other British Caribbean areas. Still, the possibility exists...

From a humble beginning in 1899, UFCo built a fleet of ships to rival any commercial enterprise. In 1901, three ships were ordered from Great Britain: ESPARTA, LIMON, and SAN JOSE.

Business became so profitable in the "banana trade" that thirteen more 5,000 ton ships were ordered in 1908. By 1935, UFCo owned fifty-nine ships of which four were chartered to other companies. During the war, thirty-six of these ships were sunk, mostly in the Caribbean area, with loss of 275 lives. However, by the late 1950's the UFCo fleet had been built up to a strength of over sixty ships. Since 1908, all UFCo ships have been painted white, and have been dubbed the "GREAT WHITE FLEET". Table I on the following page gives names of the ships for which markings have been recorded, and is followed by descriptions of the types.

<u>(No Name)</u> T1 1912 T2 1912-20	<u>CARTAGO</u> T9 1932	<u>HEREDIA</u> T9 1932 T21 1948-56	<u>MAYARI</u> T7 1931-41	<u>SAN BLAS</u> T5 1928-39	<u>TANAMO</u> ex <u>LEMPIRA</u> T18 1938-40
<u>ABANGAREZ</u> T9 1931-40	<u>CASTILLA</u> T5 1932 T7 1942 T16 1936-41	<u>HIBUERAS</u> T9 1934-41	<u>METAPAN</u> T4 1921 T5 1928-29 T7 1930-32 T14 1935-42	<u>SAN BRUNO</u> T10 1932-41	<u>TELA</u> T9 1932-40
<u>ALMIRANTE</u> T3 1914	<u>CHIRIQUI</u> T5 1934 T7 1932-39 T16 1938-39	<u>IRIONA</u> T9 1932-35 T16 1938-42	<u>MUSA</u> T7 1931-34 T14 1936-37 T17 1939-41	<u>SAN GIL</u> T10 1931-41	<u>TIVIVES</u> T4 1920 T5 1926-34 T16 1936-37 T22 1948
<u>ANTIGUA</u> T7 1932-40 T20 1957 T21 1949-51	<u>CHOLUTECA</u> T9 1932-40	<u>JAMAICA</u> ex <u>PETEN</u> T7 1938-41 T21 1948-56	<u>NICARAO</u> T9 1934-41	<u>SAN JOSE</u> T5 1933 T7 1928-40	<u>TOLOA</u> T5 1924-34 T7 1934 T10 1931 T16 1936-41
<u>ATENAS</u> T9 1933-42	<u>CIBAO</u> T21 1955-56	<u>LA MAREA</u> ( <u>DARIEN</u> ) T5 1929-30	<u>PARISMINIA</u> T9 1932	<u>SAN MATEO</u> T5 1928-41	<u>TURRIALBA</u> T4 1928-41
<u>BAJA</u> <u>CALIFORNIA</u> T9 1933-40	<u>COMAYAGUA</u> T16 1940-41	<u>LA PERLA</u> T5 1928-34 T15 1933-41	<u>PASTORES</u> T4 1920 T5 1923-28 T7 1932	<u>SANTA MARTA</u> T5 1927-31 T7 1932-33 T14 1934-39	<u>ULUA</u> T5 1928-39 T7 1931-39 T16 1936-41
<u>CALAMARES</u> T4 1921 T5 1921-30 T7 1932 T14 1934-37 T19 1939-40	<u>COPAN</u> T9 1936	<u>LA PLAYA</u> T5 1929	<u>PETEN ***</u> ( <u>JAMAICA</u> ) T14 1933-34	<u>SARAMACCA</u> T11 1931-36 T17 1937	<u>VERAGUA</u> T7 1932-34 T16 1936-41 T21 1948-56
<u>CAPE ANN</u> T24 1952	<u>CUYAMAPA,</u> ( <u>SAGUA</u> ) T7 1932-36	<u>LEMPIRA</u> ( <u>TANAMO</u> ) T9 1932-33	<u>PLATANO</u> T7 1931-34 T14 1933-41	<u>SINALOA</u> T9 1933-40	<u>ZACAPA</u> T3 1912-20 T4 1920 T5 1926-28 T7 1929-40
<u>CAPE</u> <u>AVINOF</u> T23 1952	<u>DARIEN,</u> ex <u>LA MAREA</u> T5 1931 T7 1934-40 T9 1936	<u>LIMON</u> T5 1927-29 T10 1931-32	<u>QUIRIGUA</u> T13 1932-34 T16 1934-40 T20 1947-57	<u>SURINAME</u> T8 1931-32 T12 1930	
<u>CARRILLO</u> T5 1928-29 T7 1933-36 T17 1940-41	<u>ESPARTA</u> T5 1928-41 T25 1956	<u>MACABI</u> T5 1928	<u>SAN BENITO</u> T6 1924-34 T16 1941	<u>TALAMANCA</u> T7 1933-41 T20 1947-50	

TABLE I - Known Recorded Marks from Ships of the United Fruit Company. The Numbering System Refers to Type of Mark. . . . . (SEE ILLUSTRATIONS)

\*\*\* A T16 mark has been reported for PETEN but not verified because of the poor striking (1936).

In the above Table I, the basic Type Numbers as used by the various UFCo ships are listed. For major and minor varieties, see the descriptions on the following pages.

Far from being complete, this listing contains only those marks which have been recorded in past literature and those in the writer's collection. Readers are urged to report any of these marks that they have or know of, giving date, color of mark, type, and ship's name. Should a mark be found of a type not shown here, a Xerox copy will, of course, be most welcome.

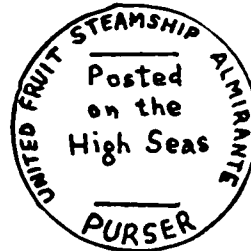
TYPE-1 is the earliest recorded UFCo marking, and is known on covers bearing 1912 postmarks. Since the mark does not reveal the ship's name, it was probably in general use. The same can be said of TYPE-2, which was in use in the 1912-1920 period.



TYPE-1  
1912



TYPE-2  
1912-1920



TYPE-3  
1912-1920



TYPE-4  
1920-1941

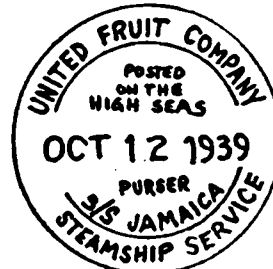
TYPE-3 is the first known marking with inclusion of the ship's name, being recorded for the ALMIRANTE and ZACAPA in the 1912-1920 period. TYPE-4 is recorded for seven different UFCo ships during the 1920-1941 period. This type is recorded by Nicholson as having been used by the METAPAN. His illustration has the name spelled "METPAN", and from his text the error appears to have existed on the stamp.



TYPE-5  
1921-1941



TYPE-6  
1924-1934



TYPE-7  
1928-1942

MAILED  
ON THE  
HIGH SEAS

TYPE-8  
1930

TYPE-5 is recorded in use for a twenty year period (1921-1941), and proved to be the most popular UFCo marking, known used on at least 23 different ships. There are two major and three minor varieties of this mark, as follows:

- |        |           |   |
|--------|-----------|---|
| Major: | TYPE-5A   | Date insert omitted, e.g., LA PERLA (1928-1934).  |
|        | TYPE-5B   | Same as illustration Type-5, but having a larger diameter, e.g., SANTA MARTA (1928-1931). |
| Minor: | TYPE-5i   | M. S. instead of S. S., and ship name cut out, e.g., DARIEN (1931).                       |
|        | TYPE-5ii  | M. S. instead of S. S., e.g., LA PLAYA (1929).  |
|        | TYPE-5iii | Same as illustration Type-5, but with name of ship in larger letters, e.g., ULUA (1929).  |

A full cover franked with Jamaican postage and obliterated with a TYPE-5 SANTA MARTA in bright green resides in the writer's collection. Nicholson recorded this type as M30.

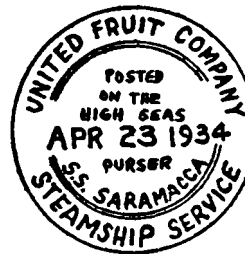
TYPE-6 is recorded used only on the SAN BENITO. TYPE-7 has several recorded minor varieties, differing only in diameter. It is another popular mark, with usage recorded on at least 21 different UFCo ships. TYPE-8 is recorded only for SURINAME (1930).



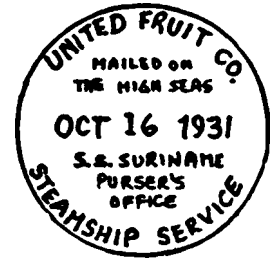
TYPE-9  
1931-1942



TYPE-10  
1931-1941



TYPE-11  
1931-1936



TYPE-12  
1931-1932

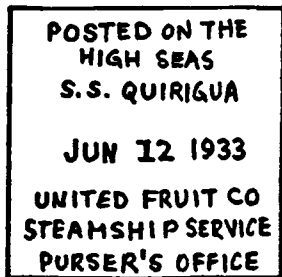
The TYPE-9 mark includes one major variety as well as one minor variety, as follows:

Major: TYPE-9A As illustrated Type-9, but with double ring, e.g., COPAN (1936), DARIEN (1936).

Minor: TYPE-9i As illustrated Type-9, but with "PURSER", "S.S." and ship's name omitted, e.g., IRIONA (1935).

A popular mark, TYPE-9 is recorded used on at least 15 different UFCo ships. TYPE-10, TYPE-11, and TYPE-12 have not been recorded as having varieties. TYPE-11 and TYPE-12 are recorded as being used on but one ship each, SARAMACCA (1931-1936) and SURINAME (1930), respectively.

No major or minor varieties have been recorded for TYPE-13, TYPE-14, and TYPE-15.



TYPE-13  
1932-1934



TYPE-14  
1933-1942



TYPE-15  
1933-1941



TYPE-16  
1934-1942

TYPE-13 is recorded only for QUIRIGUA (1932-1934), while TYPE-15 is recorded only for LA PERLA (1933-1941).

TYPE-16 has been recorded having two major varieties:

Major: TYPE-16A As illustrated Type-16, but with larger diameter, e.g., ULUA (1936-1941), PETEN (1937), TIVIVES (1936-1937), and TOLOA (1936-1941).

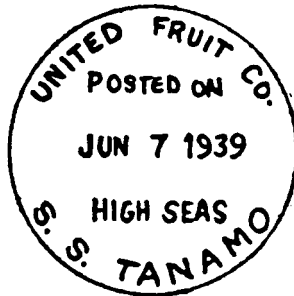
TYPE-16B As illustrated Type-16, but with inner circle complete, e.g., CASTILLA (1936-1941), COMAYAGUA (1940-1941), and IRIONA (1938-1942).

A popular mark, TYPE-16 is recorded as being used on no less than 11 UFCo ships during the 1934-1942 period.

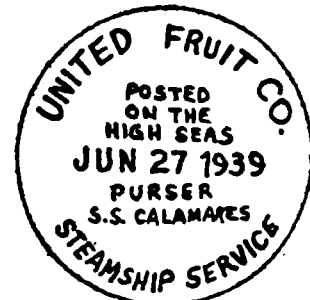
No major varieties are known for TYPE-17, TYPE-18, TYPE-19 and TYPE-20. There is a very slight minor variety of TYPE-17, however. The inner circle of the TYPE-17 mark of SARAMACCA (1937) has a slightly smaller diameter than that of CARRILLO (1939-1941) and of MUSA (1939-1941).



TYPE-17  
1937-1941



TYPE-18  
1938-1940



TYPE-19  
1939-1940

TYPE-21, TYPE-22, and TYPE-23 are relatively contemporary marks (1948-1956), having no recorded major or minor varieties.

TYPE-24, although recorded here as a "UFCo postal marking", is actually a "ticket marker" used to validate passenger tickets. It is but one of a number of types that can be found used as postal markings. These are in various shapes and designs, but can be distinguished from regular postal markings in that they contain the words "Honored for Passage" or do not have the phrase "Posted on the High Seas" included. A few UFCo ships recorded as having used a ticket marker thus are: LIMON (1924), ATENAS (1929), CASTILLA (1928), and ULUA (1940).



TYPE-20  
1947-1957



TYPE-21  
1948-1956



TYPE-22  
1948

TYPE-25 is an unusual UFCo postal marking composed of a number of different type settings and is known used on but one ship, ESPARTA (1956). It is obviously a makeshift device, and general usage of it is deemed unlikely. It possibly was composed of a number of separate handstamps, with the "POSTED ON THE/HIGH SEAS" written in by hand.

There are also many straight line handstamps giving ship names, that are found now and then on covers or used as cancels. It would be interesting to compile a list of these, as earlier writers have merely mentioned their existence. In many cases such marks were applied only as a return address and have no paquebot significance.

Those familiar with the geography of the Latin Caribbean countries, will have recognized the names of many of the UFCo ships as having been taken from those of geographical features of that area. Thus, PARISMINA, SAN JOSE, LIMON, SIXAOLA, CARTAGO, and HEREDIA are named for towns in Costa Rica, while TALAMANCA gets its name from a mountain range in that country. Honduras towns have provided names for IRIONA, TELA, and COMAYAGUA, while contributions of Panama include ALMIRANTE, CHIRIQUI, DARIEN, and SAN BLAS. A ship having a most appropriate name when one considers its primary cargo, was PLATANO, which is the Spanish name for "banana".

PAQUEBOT MAIL UNITED FRUIT CO.

'POSTED ON THE  
HIGH SEAS'

MAY 14 1956

S/S ESPARTA

*Thomson*  
MASTER

*P. Nuber*  
PURSER

TYPE-25  
1956

S. S. CAPE AVINOF  
POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS

DEC 14 1952

TYPE-23  
1952

HONORED  
FOR PASSAGE  
S.S. CAPE ANN  
MAY 3 - 1952  
UNITED FRUIT CO  
STEAMSHIP SERVICE  
PURSER'S OFFICE

TYPE-24  
1952

While the principal office of the United Fruit Company has remained in Boston, not all of its ships have been operated under U.S. registry. Some have sailed under the flags of Panama and Honduras, while others have been operated through a British subsidiary, Elder & Fyffes, Ltd. One finds UFCo covers franked with stamps from a number of different countries. The U.P.U. regulations governing mail posted aboard ships provides that items mailed when the ship is in port must bear stamps of the local government. However, when a ship is at sea it employs stamps of the country of its registration.

If you have enjoyed reading this article, you can help repay this writer for his work in preparing it by reporting details of any UFCo marks you know of or possess.

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TAX EXEMPT STATUS RESULTS IN SAVINGS FOR GROUP----

Based on our new tax exempt status which we mentioned briefly in our editorial in the April Journal, we have requested and received permission from the U.S. Postal Service to mail our Journal at the special domestic bulk rates granted certain non-profit organizations. The 275 copies of the April Journal mailed to U.S. addresses were posted under our permit for a cost of about 3¢ a copy, compared to 16¢ at the regular 3rd Class rate. No postage stamps are used, payment of postage being indicated by a rubber stamp bearing our permit number.

An additional saving came recently, when the State of New Mexico approved our application for exemption from the 4% State Sales Tax. This has already resulted in savings of \$35!

# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As I write this, ORAPEX-72, the annual Ottawa regional show, is just over. It was a good show with 150 frames of philatelic material of almost every type, from the true collector to the young stamp saver. A third of the frames were devoted to the Master's Class, which ranged from early transatlantic covers and pioneer Canadian airmail to specialist collections. The latter category included Colin Bayley's early Barbados consisting of die and plate proofs, specimens, cancels and covers, together with the mint and used stamps of the early issues. The judges named this the unofficial "Best of the Show" and awarded the BCPSG Gold Medal to it.

This was the second show at which the BCPSG medals were offered for competition, and the first to be governed by the new set of criteria referred to in the April 1972 Journal. I have been told that the two distinguished Canadian philatelists who served as judges took their responsibility on our behalf seriously, and they are sending their comments on their judging to Stan Durnin, for the use of your executive with respect to future competitions.

Now that these awards have been established, it is to be hoped that Group members who are associated with either International or major Regional philatelic exhibitions will encourage the organizers of future shows to contact Stan Durnin about including our awards among their prizes. In addition to the medals, Jack Ferguson has designed an Award of Merit in the form of a certificate, which will be available for presenting to exhibitors at all levels of British Caribbean collecting. Also, it is my hope that a pewter medal donated by Bill Bogg will be available later this year for awarding at all stamp shows.

Remember, the purpose in creating the BCPSG awards was to encourage our favorite form of philately. What better way is there of calling attention to it than by making sure that your local show has at least a certificate to offer and, if it qualifies, some medals as well.

*Jack*

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## **BAHAMAS NEWS & NOTES**

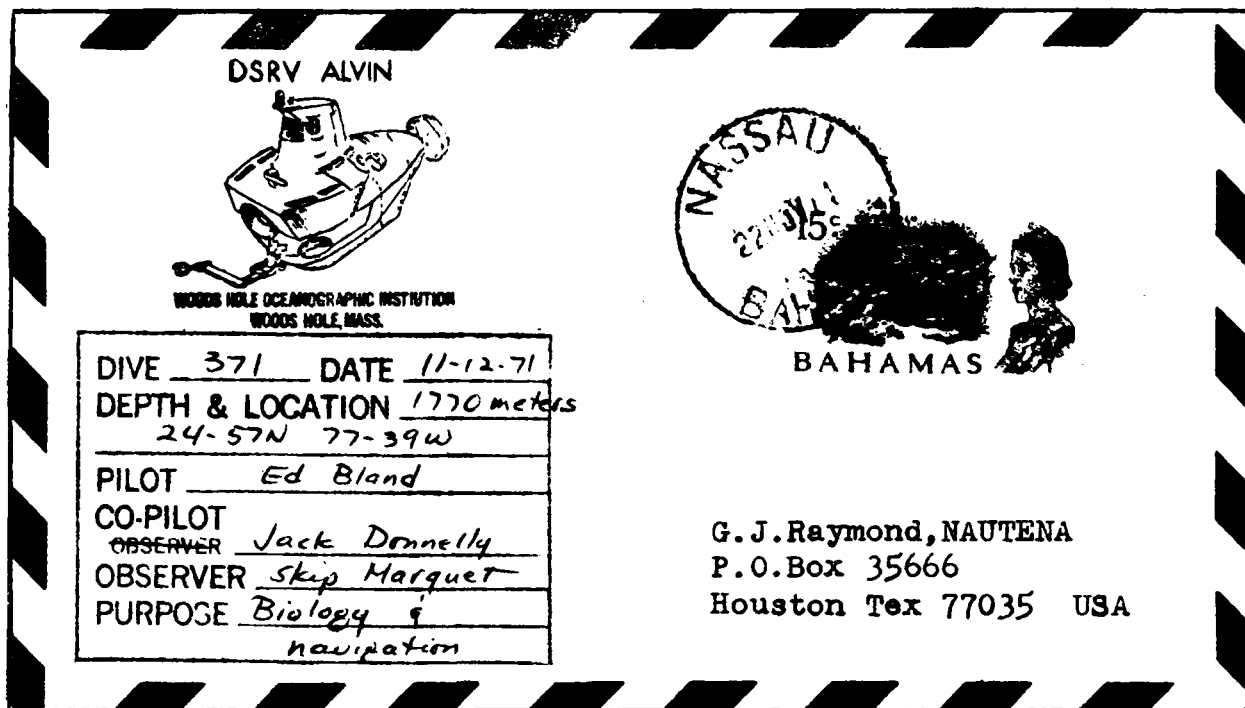
by Gale J. Raymond

A few new datestamps have recently appeared. Particularly notable are the large 30 mm cds of HARBOUR ISLAND, MANGROVE CAY, SAVANNAH SOUND, MAJOR'S CAY, and FRESH CREEK, the latter office being long overdue a decent legible cancel. "COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE" TRD's are still in use at ARTHUR'S TOWN and KEMPS BAY. Of recent TRD's, the only ones I have seen in use are THE BIGHT (Cat I.), THE BLUFF (Andros I.), and SAN ANDROS (Andros I.).

A word of commendation is certainly due to certain Bahamas postmasters whose clarity of postmarks indicates a justifiable pride in their public service. Admittedly "circumstances" sometimes necessitate a hurried sloppy slap of a date stamp on mail, nevertheless even the commercial mail receives a neat, clear, legible postmark at SIMMS, FOX HILL, CHESTER, ROSES, GREEN CASTLE, DRIGGS HILL, DEVILS POINT, and BLACK POINT. Personnel changes sometimes make for drastic improvement, apparently the case now at PLEASANT BAY. We will be delighted to publicly commend in print any OTHER Bahamas postmasters

who noticeably earn the right to appear also on this all-too-brief list. Alas, the postmarks on the great majority of letters in the out island mails range somewhere between "vaguely decipherable" to "totally illegible"! It is especially dismaying to receive such thoughtless smudges on philatelic matter which was sent out especially for clear postmarks for postal history record.

Some fascinating covers came out of the Bahamas last Nov. 22 (Nassau cds) with pictorial cachets and dive-data from the Diving Submarine Research Vessel "ALVIN", of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Collectors of space covers may not be aware that covers from undersea diving and research operations are also being avidly sought and collected. Due to the clarity and underwater wonders of the seas in the vicinity of the Bahamas, many such operations are being centered there, sometimes with covers resulting.



About 1964, a brief note from the Postmaster at GRAYS (Long I.) included a "Yes" to my inquiry if they'd had a recent TRD of any kind. Further inquiry brought no details, so it was forgotten. Now in a handfull of missionary mail from Grays to Nassau just to hand, the normal GRAYS cds carried a year date up through Dec. 1962. Apparently the year date ran out then, as the next cover (registered to Nassau) had its three stamps cancelled solely by an ordinary commercial-type datestamp, reading MAR 12, 1963, in purple ink (too weak to show here). A long skip then occurs, and the normal GRAYS cds then crops up again in use in SEP 1963, presumably with a new dateline roller. I'm hazarding a guess that non-registered mail from Grays in early 1963 was simply sent on uncanceled to Nassau for postmarking, as this was a common practice under such circumstances. In any event, at least we now know what the GRAYS TRD was during this blank period.

Recent attempts to obtain the Freeport "SHIP MAIL" datestamp (TRD) have been completely unsuccessful. Paquebot mail "posted aboard ship" has routinely been cancelled solely by the large FREEPORT cds, or by no datestamp at all. Reports of any recent Bahamas paquebot markings on cover would be welcome.

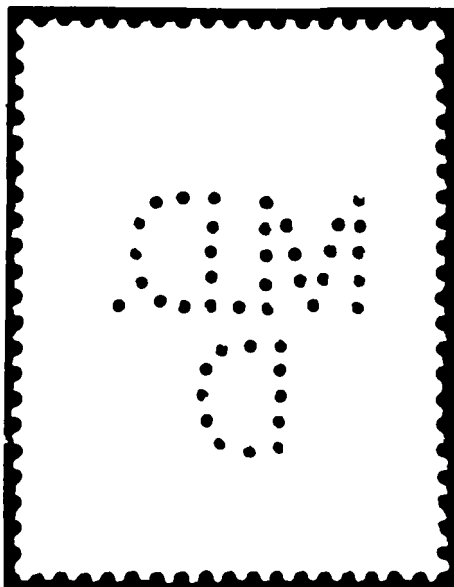


# LEEWARDS PERFINS REPORTED

by Jack Ferguson & Stan Durnin

Perfins from the Leeward Islands? Yes, they do exist. Recently four KG VI items have been located that are perforated with the letters M.D./D, and the big questions now are: what do the letters stand for?; what organization utilized these perfins?; and When and Why?

The stamps on which these perforated initials have been found are the 1/-, 2/-, and 5/- KG VI definitives, and the 5/- Royal Silver Wedding issue of 1949. Only the latter stamp is of sufficient size to comfortably accommodate the entire perforation design, although it could be squeezed on the smaller stamps by carefully placing it sideways.



In the illustration here, the 5/- S.W. stamp has been enlarged approximately 180% to show the perfin design as it appears on the back of the stamp. It will be noted that all letters are 5 holes in height, holes having a diameter of 1 millimeter. Each letter is  $8\frac{1}{2}$  mm high, and widths are  $6\frac{1}{4}$  mm for the first D,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  mm for the M, and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  mm for the second D. The M and the first D are each followed by a period, but there is none after the second D.

Perfins are normally applied to adhesives to discourage theft, as by agreement with the post office concerned they are only usable on material mailed by the person or firm whom the initials represent. While uninformed collectors whose interest lies only in stamps are prone to discard a perfin as a "damaged" stamp, these unusual items find a very warm welcome whenever they fall into the hands of a specialist collector.

Not all perforated stamps are true perfins in the philatelic sense. Perforating machines are sometimes used to cancel stamps used on documents for revenue purposes. Up until a few years ago, many U.S. banks perforated checks with "PAID", the date, and the bank number, after payment had been made. Checks that had been remitted to other countries can often be found bearing adhesives, applied by the payee to cover the revenue fee, which have thus been perforated by the remitter's bank.

We hope that some member will be able to help us identify the subjects of this article. If you have ever seen a similar item, or can identify the letters M.D.D, please contact Stan or our Editor with details.

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## LATE DUES PAYERS GIVEN EXTENSION----

We announced previously that those whose 1972 dues were not paid by the time this issue was ready for mailing would not receive their copies. Several developments have caused us to keep such delinquent members on our mailing list for one more issue. The December 1971 Journal with which dues statements were mailed, did not reach our British members until the second week in April (we still haven't figured out where they spent the time between the 27th

of December when we mailed them and their ultimate delivery date). To allow our members in the UK sufficient time to pay their dues and have the word reach us, we are sending them this one more issue. Hopefully, all will have paid up before we mail the August Journal.

As for the second development, as mentioned on page 78 we are now mailing Journals to our U.S. members at a reduced bulk rate. However, single copies still have to be sent at the higher Third Class "per piece" rate. Accordingly, members who have missed any issues of the Journal because of failure to pay their dues on time, will have to pay an additional fee of 20¢ per issue if they wish to receive the missing issues after they finally pay their dues.

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## 1971 Treasurer's Report

With a sense of sadness but also, I confess, relief, I take pleasure in submitting my final Treasurer's Report. Little did one expect when I began this work at the end of 1966 that our Group would grow from 168 members to well over 400. The added demands on time which have been occasioned by this growth, as well as job pressures, have made it necessary for me to resign my position.

Dr. R. A. Ramkissoon, who has taken over as of Jan. 1 of this year, is far better qualified by background and experience to serve you as Treasurer. When you consider that the work of that office takes close to 500 hours per year, his willingness to help is the more outstanding. I urge you to give Ben your full support, especially by paying your dues promptly. You can make the work easier and reduce the 500 hours substantially.

Again, with great pleasure, I can report that our 1971 income exceeded our expenses. Many factors contribute to this. Our members gave most generously. In particular, the major portion of the cost of the BCPSG medals was donated by Byron Cameron. The efforts of Fred Seifert in selling back issues helped us financially and may have made his garage usable once more. Our advertisers gave us strong support; while Bob Topaz has done a remarkable job with another auction. In mentioning a few individuals by name there is the risk of overlooking others equally noteworthy, so I apologize to all other members for such oversight.

Now there are ten fully paid up life members. If you share their conviction in the strength and future of the BCPSG, write to either Ben Ramkissoon or myself for the details.

To save space in the report, I have grouped several non-recurring expenses in one entry as Miscellaneous. These can be listed as follows: Elliott addressing machine - \$50; NOJEX Brunch - \$87.01; Incorporation fee - \$25; Adv. in NOJEX Catalog - \$20. TOTAL - \$182.01. It will be recalled that G. Morgan Jones III donated the Incorporation Fee in 1969.

Lest you think the job is all hard work and no pleasure, remember that it has brought me in contact with everyone of the members. We have a broad spectrum of people, yet, you meet anyone of them and feel as if they were life long friends from the minute you meet. The work was made worthwhile by the many friendships formed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mark W. Swetland*

Balance on hand as of December 31, 1970 \$1,883.51

1971 Receipts

Current Dues	1,764.70
Admission Fees	55.72
Advance Dues	286.70
Donations	456.25
BCPSG Publications	80.57
Life Membership	60.90
Advertising	243.50
Auction Lots	1,614.80
Auction Postage	6.55
BCPSG Seals	75.00
NOJEX Brunch	<u>78.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$4,722.69

1971 Disbursements

Currency Conversion Charges	17.04
Postage - Editor	42.96
Secretary	53.88
Miscellaneous	12.35
Journal	385.84
Printing - Journal	1,564.25
Supplies - Editor	215.34
Miscellaneous	19.26
BCPSG Seals	42.99
BCPSG Medals	482.05
Auction Payments to Vendors	1,380.35
Miscellaneous	<u>182.01</u>
Total Disbursements	\$4,398.32

Net Receipts over disbursements \$ 324.37

Balance on hand as of December 31, 1971 \$2,207.88

Life Membership Fund

New Jersey Bank & Trust Company 5% Growth Bond No. 11083, Date of Issue, June 24, 1969	\$ 500.00
Redemption Value as of December 24, 1971	566.57
Life Membership fees carried in above balance	<u>310.00</u>
Total	\$ 876.57

Note: Receipts for BCPSG Seals includes payment for some purchased in 1970, but sold in 1971.

# JAMAICA JOTTINGS

by Robert Topaz

It is with deep sorrow that we write this column this time, for one of the finest people that we have ever had the pleasure of meeting, Milt Erickson, passed away several months ago. Milt collected the whole world, and the whole world should collect people like Milt! Jamaica was his specialty and his interest was all-encompassing. But more than anything, Milt loved people and respected them. He was a great person. We will all be poorer without Milt.

TRD's are my thing these days, so it is more than coincidence that I start with this segment of Jamaican postal history this month. CROOKED RIVER opened on 24 Aug. 1910, but it has taken until now to discover that it employed a TRD at, or shortly after its opening. A strike as Nicholson Type 15, in violet ink has been found, dated Aug. 30 with no year apparent. A second find, reported by Tom Foster, is a proof or trial strike of a LONG ROAD TRD as the Nicholson Type 25, with no date. No example of this has been recorded postally used. Long Road opened 28 Dec. 1938.

A more modern strike is a new TRD at MYRTLE BANK of the same type as the one being used (which is damaged and held together with a rubber band). The main difference is that there is no comma after the office name. First noted used on 29 Dec. 1971.

BLACKSTONEDGE was using a black ink TRD Type 37 without asterisks on 4 Jan. 1972, and FORT GEORGE resumed use of its violet ink TRD for a while in Oct. 1971. OLD HARBOUR BAY was using a Type 37 TRD in black ink on 1 Aug. 1971, and has been intermittently using a violet ink strike since 24 Nov. 1971, or before. LIME HALL used a Type 37 TRD without asterisks in black ink in Oct.-Nov. 1971. PALISADOES used a black ink Type 37 TRD from about 26 Nov. 1971. See the list of new openings for other TRD's.

RAILWAY markings are a big mystery in many ways--perhaps due to the fact that they are not basically post office marks, and as such there are no records that have been uncovered to show them in their virgin state. I have noticed strikes of the first type markings for both BUFF BAY and MONTEGO BAY which have clear and unmistakable apostrophes between the two words of the name. Also, I discovered to my chagrin--and with Foster's help--that the first type of LINSTEAD is spelled without an "A". Made it very hard to figure out what a fragment bearing the letters "STED" was. Thanks, Tom! Tom has a theory which I fully support, that the type of railway marking that reads as Ewarton Station, Maypen Station, etc. was really the earliest of the railway markings outside of Seifert's fabulous Type S mark. I go further and believe that not only was it earlier than Nicholson's Type S 1, but that it was the mark used at the telegraph station at the railway depot. Sure wish someone could come up with a telegram or cover with this marking to clarify the situation once and for all.

REGISTRATION markings continue to be interesting, and one new mark is a sample or trial strike of the oval registration marking (issued in error to some dozen towns) for VINEYARD TOWN, in black ink dated 22 June 1950. We also notice that in the last year or so several towns have used their old handstruck "R" in oval or a circle, in place of or for lack of the Registration Labels. Please notice that not all of the marks are the same as that shown in Nicholson's old handbook. Some of them are in a circle instead of an oval.

NEW CDS -- The GPO is now issuing the old type MSR's to some offices instead of the newer

and smaller MSR 1968. Perhaps the latter are clogging up because of the smaller letters. GREEN PARK was using a new MSR w/\* in violet ink, between 8 and 23 Oct. 1971, as was BEAUFORT on 5 Oct. 1971. HARMONS used a new MSR w/\* on 1 Nov. 1971. At IRWIN the MSR 1968 w/\* was in use on 18 Aug. 1971. CHANTILLY was using the older type MSR w/\* 16 Dec. 1971. CONSTANT SPRING used an MSR with a C index. Foster reports it with an inverted C index.

UPS and DOWNS -- KENTISH closed (notice of 23 Nov. 1971); BENBOW reopened on 1 Nov. 1971; MEARS closed 1 Feb. 1972; GARDEN HILL reopened on 1 Oct. 1971.

#### NEW OFFICES

SHELLY PIECE, St. Ann, 1 Oct. 1971; F.O. Alexandria; TRD 37x; violet; noted 12 Oct. 71. DROMILY, Trelawney, 17 Dec. 1971; F.O. Bunkers Hill; TRD 37; violet; noted 8 Jan. 72. SPANISH COURT, St. Andrew; 5 Jan. 1972; F.O. Kingston; TRD 37; violet; noted 5 Jan. 72. RESOURCE, Manchester, 25 Jan. 1972; F.O. Cross Keys; TRD 37x; violet; noted 31 Jan. 72. McFIELD, Westmoreland, 21 Jan. 1972; F.O. Ramble; TRD 37x; violet; noted 1 Feb. 72. SILENT HILL, Manchester, 1 Feb. 1972; F.O. Coleyville; TRD 37x; violet; noted 7 Feb. 72. PLATFIELD, St. Mary, 3 Dec. 1971; F.O. Brainerd; TRD 37x; violet; noted 16 Dec. 71.

SLOGANS -- KINGSTON (22 Dec. 1971) and HALFWAY TREE (18 Dec. 1971) both used a new slogan reading K. S. A. C. / FIRE DEPARTMENT / CENTENARY.

In this column in the December 1971 Journal, I mistakenly reported a new oblit as A45/11. This should have read A45/9. Forgive me, Tom.

There were several special cancellers used during the festivities surrounding the issuance of the Tercentenary of the Post Office stamps. In addition to the special Barneyside TRD, as illustrated on page 192 of the December 1971 Journal, there was a special mark resembling the old type fleuron marking. In the center, between JAMAICA and the fleuron, is a 32 mm single ring reading 300 YEARS/30th Oct./1971/OFF SERVICE.

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## **AN UNLISTED GRENADA GPO POSTMARK**

by W. Danforth Walker & Fred F. Seifert

In the quest for new postmarks, one tends to concentrate on the small offices which provide the most fertile field for new discoveries. Thus the G. P. O.'s are often neglected on the not always true assumption that their marks are common and thus have already been recorded.

While checking some of his earlier Grenada postmarks, Dan Walker noted two rather poor strikes of a small cds that didn't fit any of the types recorded by Charlton in his Grenada Handbook. He sent them to Tony Shepherd and John Cronin for an examination and their comments. Tony discovered that he had one good strike of it dated MR 27 85, while John had none. This information was passed along to Fred Seifert, who found two more strikes in his collection, to make a total of five examples of this previously unrecognized postmark, a sketch of which is shown here.

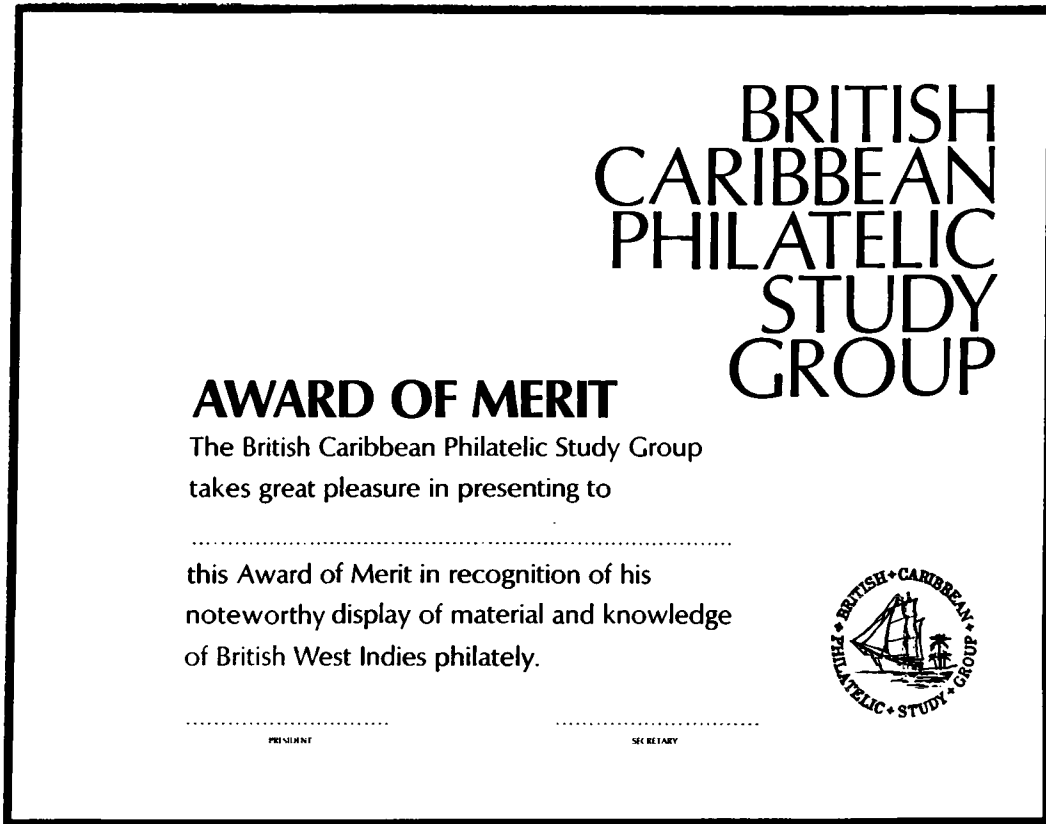


The cds measures about 20½ mm, and resembles the St. Lucia mark discussed on page 52 of

the April 1972 Journal. All five strikes bear the index letter "C", lying on its back, that is with the open side up. Dates run from MR 27 85 to NO 14 85. All of the strikes are on the De La Rue adhesives of 1883.

Reports of additional strikes of this mark will be appreciated. If you have any, or can find any reference to this mark in other literature, please send details to your Editor.

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Shown above in half-size is the new BCPSG "Award of Merit" certificate that has been added to our BCPSG family of awards. It was designed by BCPSG member, JOHN M. FERGUSON, and an anonymous member has donated the cost of having a supply of certificates printed.

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BCPSG MEDALS PRESENTED AT ORAPEX 72----

The second presentation of the BCPSG medals for excellence in the display of British Caribbean philatelic material, took place recently at ORAPEX 72, a regional exhibition sponsored by the RA Stamp Club of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The medals were first introduced late in 1971 at the NOJEX exhibition in Cranford, New Jersey.

COLIN H. BAYLEY received the BCPSG Gold Medal for his display of Barbados, an in-depth presentation of that country's 19th century issues, including die and plate proofs, specimen overprints, cancels and covers.

Taking double honors was DR. JOHN C. ARNELL, whose exhibit "Bermuda, a comprehensive collection showing color, perforation, and other significant varieties" was deemed worthy of a BCPSG Silver Medal, while his "History of Bermuda Airmail" rated a BCPSG Bronze.

# **NEW BAHAMAS TYPE NUMBERS**

by M.H. Ludington

The last several years have seen a considerable number of new postmarks introduced in the post offices at Nassau, Freeport, and Mackey Street. While most of these marks have been reported in various issues of this Journal, I feel that the assignment of type numbers will not be amiss. The following numbers will be employed in the new Bahamas book, that is now in preparation for publication by Robson Lowe Ltd.

## **NASSAU:**

- N11g - Diameter 29 mm; "N" to "B" 13 mm; Narrow lettering. In use since (late?) 1970.
- N12 (TRD) - NASSAU, BAHAMAS/S.O. 1, and S.O. 2. S.O. means Sorting Office.
- N13 - STAMPS.....NASSAU/BAHAMAS. (Known with numbers 1 through 8).
- N14 - GEN. DELY. NASSAU/BAHAMAS.
- N14a - GEN. DELY. 2 NASSAU/BAHAMAS.
- N15 (TRD) - NASSAU, BAHAMAS/GENERAL DELY.
- R5 - RLE.....NASSAU/BAHAMAS. (Known with numbers 7 and 8).
- R6 - REGD. DELY.....NASSAU/BAHAMAS. (Known with letters A, B, and C).
- X16 (TRD) - NASSAU, BAHAMAS/RLB. (Although this means Returned Letter Branch, I have seen it cancelling stamps on ordinary local commercial letters).

## **FREEPORT:**

- 9 - R.L.E.....FREEPORT/GRAND BAHAMA. (This was in use by Dec. 1969, and being the earliest chronologically is being listed first). (Known with numbers 1 through 6).
- 10 - STAMPS.....FREEPORT/GRAND BAHAMA. (Known with numbers 1 through 5).
- 11 - GEN. DELY.....FREEPORT/GRAND BAHAMA.
- 12 - R.L.B. FREEPORT/GRAND BAHAMA. (This is a steel cds, and like the Nassau RLB datestamp has been seen cancelling stamps on regular commercial mail).

## **MACHINE SLOGANS**

### **NASSAU:**

- M6 - 1946-71. Wavy lines; height 15.5-17 mm. 4 dies.
- M7 - Mental Health (old machine); 1968-70.
- M8 - Census Slogan; 1970.
- M9 - Golf Slogan (old machine); 1970.
- M10 - Wavy lines for new machine. Set up either left or right of new cds.
- M11 - Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting.
- M12 - Golf Slogan 1971; for new machine.

M13 - (Mental Health slogan for new machine, if it exists).

FREEPORT:

- M2 - Golf slogan for old machine.
- M3 - Wavy lines for new machine (with new cds D2).
- M4 - Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting.

MACKEY STREET:

- M2 - Census slogan.
- M3 - Golf slogan.
- M4 - Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting.

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## Pomme Rose is New Grenada Post Office

While in Grenada last November, Werner Franke had a sheet of paper circulated with the mail pickup van, obtaining strikes of 22 cds's in current use on 10 Nov. 1971. Dan Walker recently passed the sheet to us, noting that one of the strikes, POMME ROSE, represents a hitherto unreported post office. It uses a Type 23B cds, i. e. the style with office name at top and GRENADA at the bottom, and thus far the 10 Nov. 1971 date is the only one recorded.

All of the other cds's on Werner's sheet are the same as reported from his previous visit in the February 1971 Journal.

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## NEW ISSUES

ANTIGUA

- 1 JUL 72 MILITARY UNIFORMS (3rd series). Set of five stamps: 1/2 ¢ - Battalion Company Officer, 25th Foot (The King's Own Borderers Regiment), 1815; 10¢ - Sergeant, 14th Foot (The Buckinghamshire Regiment), 1837; 20¢ - Private, 67th Foot (The South Hampshire Regiment), 1853; 35¢ - Officer, Royal Artillery, 1854; 75¢ - Private, 29th Foot (The Worcestershire Regiment), 1870. Lithographed by The House of Questa from designs by Waddingtons Studio, on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.
- 15 JUL 72 SHELLS. Set of four stamps: 3¢ - Reticulated Cowrie Helmet; 5¢ - Measled Cowrie; 35¢ - West Indian Fighting Conch; 50¢ - Hawk Wing Conch. Designed by Waddingtons Studio, and lithographed by Questa in panes of 50 (2 x 25).

BRITISH HONDURAS

- 22 MAY 72 MAYAN ARTIFACTS. Set of five stamps, 3, 6, 16, 26, and 50 cents in designs as illustrated on page 89. Each stamp has an inscription printed on the reverse describing the artifact pictured. Designed by Jennifer Toombs and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

In the April 1972 Journal, page 58, the second and third entries under Bermuda are BVI issues, the BVI subtitle having been omitted in error.



GUYANA

3 APR 72

YOUMAN NABI 1972. 5, 25, 30, and 60 cents in a common design that features clasped hands and a background of the Sun rising on a typical Guyana coastal scene. Designed by John Criswick of Guyana, and lithographed in panes of 50 stamps on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper by John Waddington of Kirk-stall Ltd. Youman Nabi celebrates the birth of the Prophet Muhammad.

SEP 72

NEW DEFINITIVES (Part 2). Five additional denominations featuring flora of Guyana: 10¢ - Cattleya (Cattleya violaces); 15¢ - Christmas Orchid (Oncidium lanceanum); 20¢ - None (Paphinia cristata); 25¢ - Marabunta (Gongora quin-quinervis); 40¢ - Tiger Beard (Scuticaria steelii). Designed by V. Whiteley, and lithographed by Waddingtons on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper.



JAMAICA

17 APR 72

NEW DEFINITIVES (Part 1A). 4¢ - Kingston Harbour; 8¢ - Air Jamaica. The designs by Waddingtons Studio. Lithographed by Format International Security Printers on Jamaica Pineapple watermarked paper. Pane size is 50 of the 4¢ and 25 of the 10¢.

5 JUN 72

NEW DEFINITIVES (Part 1B). 1¢ - Pimento; 2¢ - Red Ginger; 3¢ - Bauxite Industry; 5¢ - Oil Refinery; 6¢ - Senate Building, University of the West Indies; 8¢ - National Stadium; 9¢ - Devon House; 50¢ - River Rafting. The design and production details are the same as for Part 1A. The 1¢ through 6¢ are in panes of 50 stamps, and the 8¢, 9¢, and 50¢ in panes of 25.

72

NEW DEFINITIVES. The remaining values will be released sometime late in 1972. Values will be: 15¢ - Old Iron Bridge in Spanish Town; 20¢ - College of Arts, Science and Technology; 30¢ - Dunn's River Falls; \$1 - Jamaica House, Official Residence of the Prime Minister; \$2 - Kings House, Official Residence of the Governor-General.

AUG 72

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. The 3¢, 10¢, and 15¢ of the new definitive issue will be overprinted "10th Anniversary Independence 1962-72".

MONTSERRAT

6 JUL 72

REPTILES. 15¢ - Lizard (Ameiva pluvianotata); 20¢ - Mountain Chicken - a frog, the legs of which are an edible delicacy (Leptodactylus fallax); 40¢ - The Iguana (Iguana iguana); \$1 - Tortoise (Geochelone carbonaria). Lithographed by Questa from designs of G. Drummond on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.

ST. LUCIA

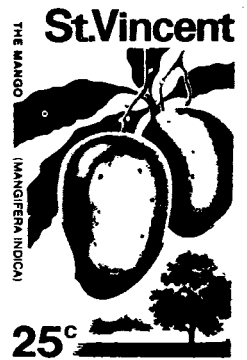
22 JUN 72

CENTENARY OF ST. LUCIA STEAM CONVEYANCE COMPANY LTD. A set of four stamps; 5, 10, 35, and 50 cents, each containing a reproduction of one or more of the St. Lucia Steam Conveyance Co. Ltd. postage stamps. Designed by

J. E. Cooter, and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper, in panes of 25 stamps.

ST. VINCENT

16 MAY 72 FRUITS OF ST. VINCENT. 3¢ - The Breadfruit Fruit (*Artocarpus Incisus*); 5¢ - The Pawpaw or Papaya (*Carica Papaya*); 12¢ - The Plumrose or Roseapple (*Eugenia Malaccensis*); 25¢ - The Mango (*Mangifera Indica*). Designed by P.B. Powell, and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.



TRINIDAD

12 APR 72 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRINIDAD'S FIRST ADHESIVE STAMP, THE "LADY McLEOD". 5, 10, and 30 cents, each featuring the Lady McLeod stamp as part of the design. Designed by J. E. Cooter, and lithographed by Harrison & Sons on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 50. A souvenir sheet bearing one each of the three values has also been issued.

TURKS & CAICOS

4 JUL 72 DISCOVERERS AND EXPLORERS. ¼¢ - Christopher Columbus; 8¢ - Sir. R. Grenville and "Revenge"; 10¢ - Captain John Smith; 30¢ - Ponce de Leon. The designs are by P. B. Powell, and stamps are lithographed by John Waddington Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.

OMNIBUS ISSUE

NOV 72 SILVER WEDDING ISSUE. Some 25 Commonwealth countries will issue sets of two values each. The stamps will show a common portrait of Her Majesty and Prince Philip (by Desmond Groves), but the border surrounding the portrait is to be different for each administration participating, showing scenery, flora and fauna, aspects of local life, etc. peculiar to the country. The stamps are to be photogravure printed by Harrison and Sons Ltd., designs being by their staff artists. British Caribbean countries participating, and their release dates are as follows: Antigua, 20 & 35 cents, not decided; Bermuda, 4 & 15 cents, ? Nov. 1972; British Honduras, 26 & 50 cents, ? Nov. 72; British Virgin Islands, 15 & 25 cents, not decided; Cayman Islands, 12 & 30 cents, 20 Nov. 1972; Montserrat 35¢ and \$1, not decided; St. Kitts, 20 & 25 cents, not decided; St. Lucia, 15 & 35 cents, 20 Nov. 1972; St. Vincent, 30¢ & \$1, 20 Nov. 1972; Turks & Caicos 10 and 20 cents, not decided.

Information in the foregoing listings has been provided by The Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, StanGib Ltd., the Jamaica Government, the Guyana Government, and the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation.

## **BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE**

ANGUILLA -- Gale Raymond says that while he has seen FPO 701 cancels with dates in April 1971, he wonders if this use was on Anguilla, or if it returned to the U.K. in March with the Royal Engineers unit. If the latter, what FPO cds was used on Anguilla between 1 Apr. 1971 and 15 Sep. 1971, when the FPO left with the last of the Forces personnel? Gale would be most happy to receive reports of covers, etc. that might fill this gap in our record of Forces postal operations on Anguilla.

ANTIGUA -- Although the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp. has announced that it would be the new philatelic agent for Antigua & Barbuda, the latest Trade Circular from the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau contains announcements of several forthcoming new issues from there. Frankly, we're confused!

BAHAMAS -- The Freeport TRD, whose earlier career was described in the Journal of April 1970, W/N 54, page 54, has shown up again after an absence of about two years. Thanks to Tom Giraldi, we have seen a registered cover from Freeport to Chicago bearing strikes of it dated 19 Feb. 1972. Its condition is as of the last state shown in the above-mentioned article or possibly a mite more deteriorated.

BERMUDA -- Lynn Wallace quotes from the *ROYAL GAZETTE* of Hamilton, Bermuda of the 18th December 1971 "There will be no first day cover for overprinted stamps of the current floral definitive issue, in commemoration of the Heath-Nixon meeting". The first day of use was 30 December 1971. Lynn also learned from a friend in Bermuda that the demand for these overprinted stamps was below that which had been expected.



**On Postal Service**



BRITISH HONDURAS -- A note from Jack Biancotti encloses reproductions of two covers that he received from the GPO in Belize City, both bearing strikes of the boxed GENERAL POST OFFICE mark shown on page 187 of the December 1971 Journal. However, while one dated 17 Apr. 1972 bears a mark similar to the mark previously illustrated, albeit showing a little more wear, the strike on the other cover, mailed on 28 Jan. 1972, does not have the comma after BELIZE CITY. This latter cover also bears the boxed ON POSTAL SERVICE stamp, but the April cover bears an unboxed version. The three stamps are illustrated above.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS -- Jack also sends us a newspaper clipping from the *PITTSBURGH PRESS* of March 27, 1972, headed "Islands' Top Product: Stamps". The article quotes BVI's Financial Secretary, Hon. Cyril Romney, that nearly half of the earned yearly income of the BVI--about \$300,000, comes from the sale of postage stamps. Romney indicates that only about 10% of the stamps sold are ever called upon to send letters or packages through the mails. He says, "We have found four commemorative issues a year is about right. If you go beyond that, there is danger stamp collectors will stop collecting your stamps entirely, no matter how much you limit the size of the issues". This is a policy which we can fully endorse, and we only wish that more of the British Caribbean countries were as conservative as the BVI.

GUYANA -- The boxed handstamped slogan "1972 YEAR OF PERFORMANCE" has shown up on a number of covers from Mackenzie, with dates in early February 1972. Strikes are quite similar to those from New Amsterdam (page 61, April 1972 Journal), but a few minor differences can be noted.

On a letter from Enmore, Dr. H.K. Beardwood notes a boxed backstamp in purple reading in sans serif caps: "ARTICLE WEIGHING  $\frac{1}{2}$  OZ /RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL POSTAGE/ OF 05 cts . /AFFIX ADDITIONAL POSTAGE AND REPOST".

ST. LUCIA -- Geoff Ritchie reports a new P.O. at GARRAND, possibly in or near Castries, and says that Dr. John Lockie informed him that it opened on 15 March 1971.

The April Journal containing an article on the St. Lucia code marks (pages 52-53) had barely gone to press, when word came from Geoff of a new LDK for the D for Dennery code cds. On a cover from Errard Estate, the adhesives are cancelled with the D cds dated 17 July 1914.

TURKS & CAICOS -- Mail from SALT CAY is quite sparse, but Dr. Gus McVicker received a letter from there in February, and notes that the postmark is a Birmingham B 3 type (thin arcs at sides), with index B. Checking through our few T & C postmarks, we find a strike of the same mark on a 2d Geo. VI adhesive, in purple ink, dated 26 JU 57. Does anyone have an earlier strike of this cds?

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Delete the change of address given for MORGAN, Richard H. in the April 1972 Journal. The change was provided by the Princeton, NJ Post Office, but apparently was only a temporary one. His address remains as previous, P.O. BOX 126, Princeton, NJ 08540.

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GIL JONES and DAG BEARDWOOD livened up the Apex '72 show at Aldridge with their great displays of British Honduras and Guyana. In the court of honour RON WARD showed some 36 pages of Luxembourg. Gil and Dag had a stand where they extolled the merits of being a member of the BCPSG!

To CHARLES RICKSECKER and any member who acted upon his appeal for stamp donations for his 9th Grade History Class, your Editor humbly apologizes for giving the wrong Post Office Box Number in the April Journal. The correct one is Box 570.

JOHN AYRE says he tried to get some photos of philatelic significance during his sojourn in Barbados last winter. Sad to relate, he ended up with a blank roll of film when the mirror in his camera jammed!

While convalescing from a back injury, RUSS SKAVARIL was delighted by the arrival of a bundle of back issues of the Journal. He says they couldn't have arrived at a better time to help relieve the monotony of a week in bed!

Quite a few of our members have won awards in recent philatelic exhibitions. At the SOJEX show in Atlantic City, NJ, MARK SWETLAND won a Gold with his Antigua, while a Jamaica Postal History display won JOHN WHALEN a Bronze award.

Meanwhile, down in New Orleans at the APS-NOPEX 72 affair, DAN WARREN took a Gold, while JOHN F. FIELD, HENRY M. GOBIE and GEORGE T. TURNER earned Silver awards.

Then at the Hollywood Stampede in Florida, it was the Best in Show and the JOHN J. BRITT award for HENRY M. GOBIE, with NORMAN AULD not far behind with a Gold Trophy.

Coming back out West, it was DAN WARREN taking the SOPLEX-HIPLEX Grand Award and an invitation to compete for the Champion of Champions award at the next APS Convention.

Bahamas collectors will be interested in the three-part article by ALFRED J. BRANSTON on "The Spiro Forgeries of the Bahamas" that has been published in the March, April, and

## JOURNAL BACK ISSUES

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RON WARD advises that the Yorkshire Postal History Society's latest publication is on "The Postal History of Upper Wharfedale, Ilkley, and Otley", and is now at the printers. Ron says that his work on it suffered some delay during the U.K. power cuts.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

Latest word from Joe Chin Aleong regarding TRINIPLEX 72 is that arrangements are progressing well. Arrangements have been made with T & T Customs to permit exhibits to be mailed to Trinidad, with the TPS having posted a bond. However, Joe recommends they be hand-carried as personal luggage. If they are mailed, it is essential that they be sent to the TPS, P.O. Box 596, Port of Spain, and not to any individual.

Hotel rates at the Queen's Park are TT\$20-24 EP single, and TT\$32-34 EP double. MAP is

TT\$10 additional per person. At the Kapok, rates are TT\$25 EP single, while the charge for an EP double is TT\$36. Again MAP is an additional TT\$10 per person.

The Kapok has a group rate (6 to 10 persons) of TT\$28.80 EP double. At the Queens Park the group rate requires a minimum of sixteen persons. At the present rate of exchange, the US dollar equals TT\$1.84.

Word just received from JOHN AYRE that the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will honor JACK ARNELL by presenting him with one of its high awards, The Geldert Medal. He is to be given the award at CANPEX 72 which takes place in Edmonton, July 6th to 8th.

Returning from a business trip which included a stay on Dominica, CHUCK CWIAKALA says he agrees with us that the drive from Melville Hall Airport to Roseau offers some fantastically beautiful tropical scenery.

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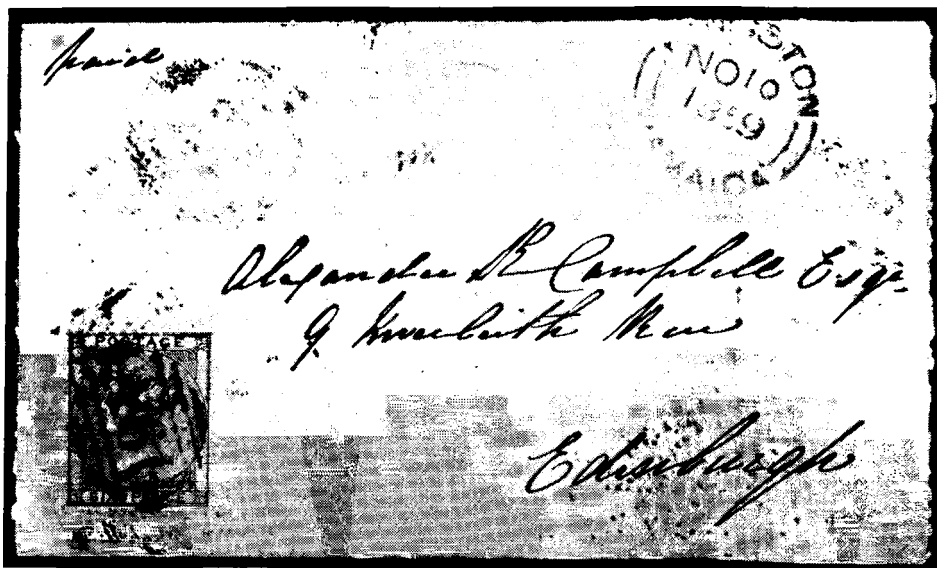
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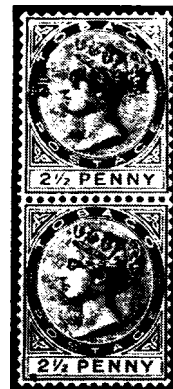
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