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AT THE CHELMSFORD SOCIETY'S NOVEMBER 21ST MEETING, BUNNY COLLINSON IS PRESENTED THE BCPSG SILVER MEDAL BY AL BRANSTON, AWARDED HER BARBADOS ENTRY AT THE B.P.E.

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After a long illness, HAROLD E. BOX passed away on 4th February in Port of Spain, Trinidad. For the past 13 years he was Secretary of the Trinidad Philatelic Society, and the Editor of its Bi-monthly Bulletin. Despite being unable to move about without assistance during recent years because of severe rheumatism, Harold continued to serve the TPS in both capacities until shortly before his death. He was a charter member of our BCPSG, and members who visited Trinidad always received a warm welcome from Harold and Bunny Box. We know that his many friends in all parts of the world will miss Harold as we do.

The catalogue for our ROPEX auction in June will be found in this issue. Material received too late to be listed is to be added for the floor sale, so there is still time to send in both donation lots and those for sale on your behalf. If you can help, please send your material to Bob Topaz as soon as possible.

Some members have asked about the additional cost for air mailing their Journals. With our present postal rates, the cost is roughly \$3 a year for Caribbean and Central American countries, \$5 to Europe and South America, and \$6.50 to all other countries. First Class to Canada and the U.S. adds \$1.20 and \$2.25, respectively, to the cost. To obtain this service, send us or Al Branston a deposit of enough to cover a year or so, and we'll do the rest.

The lists giving the scarcity and relative valuations of the Jamaica Numeral Obliterators, which Bob Topaz prepared with the help of a number of members, have long been out of print. We have now had some Xerox copies made so that members who joined our Group in recent years can obtain copies. These are available from your Editor at just about the cost of reproducing them, \$1.25.

Fred

St. Lucia's Official Postmarks

by Dr. Geoffrey G. Ritchie

In the April 1972 BCP Journal was an interesting description of the GPO ovals of Antigua. It has encouraged me to draw up the following somewhat scant account of similar marks of St. Lucia in the hope that news of further examples will be reported by fellow members.

As stated in George Bowman's article, the main function of these rubber stamps, after being initialed by a responsible official, is to indicate the postpaid status of the correspondence on which it is found. In other words, they are the equivalent of "official" postage stamps, which

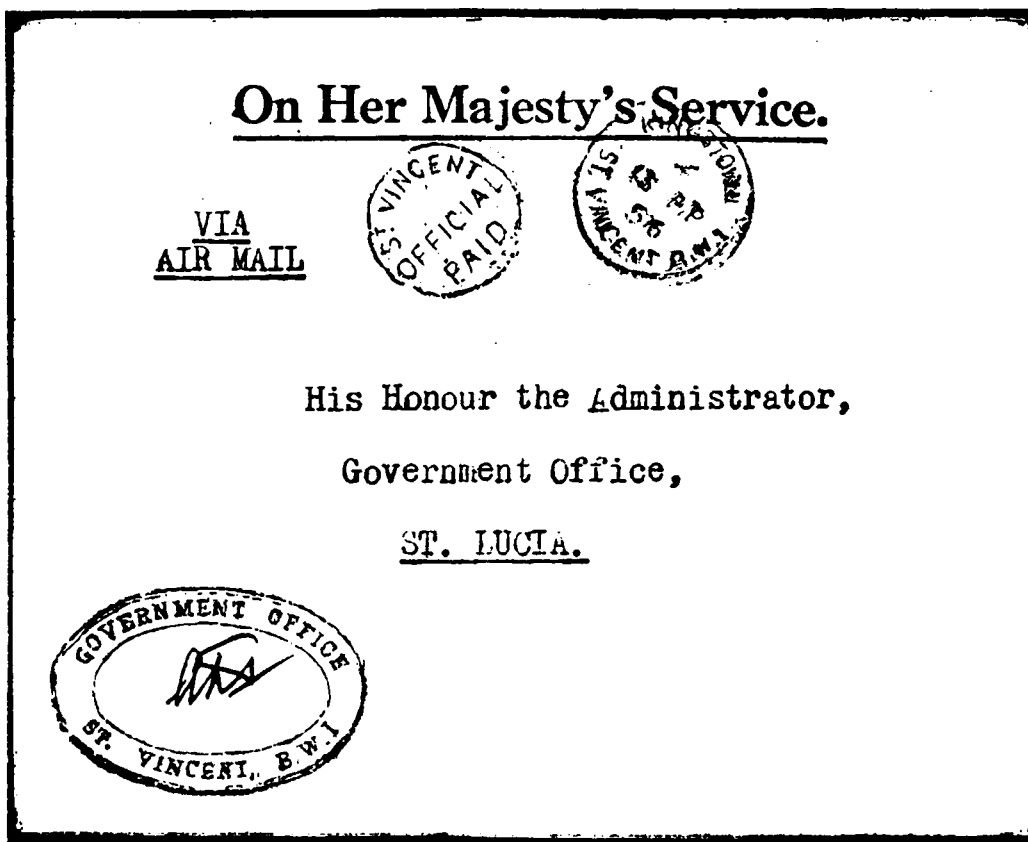


FIGURE 1. 15 APRIL 1956

have been issued by only British Guiana, Jamaica, and Trinidad of the British West Indian territories. However, all of the B.W.I. use, or have used, official franks. I have an O.H.M.S. letter of 15th April 1956, without adhesives, addressed to the Administrator of St. Lucia, that bears an initialed, undated rubber oval reading "GOVERNMENT OFFICE/ST. VINCENT, B.W.I.", as well as a 20 mm frank of St. Vincent inscribed "ST. VINCENT/OFFICIAL/PAID", and the normal Kingstown circular date stamp. This cover is illustrated as Fig. 1, above. Recently I came across for the first time a similar 20 mm official frank of St. Lucia used on 19th July 1901, and this mark is illustrated in Fig. 2 at the left. It would be most helpful if anyone could provide further dates of use.



FIG. 2.

Since these rubber ovals act as "official franks", they are not necessarily confined to use on correspondence involving post office business, although these are the ones most likely to fall into the hands of collectors. Departmental strikes used as franks are shown in Figs. 3 and 4 from Vieux Fort and Castries, respectively. In addition, an oval "POLICE HEADQUARTERS/ST. LUCIA" (Fig. 5) has been seen on a fully franked (35¢) air mail letter sent to the Crown

Agents in London, but this type of use merely indicates the origin of the letter and does not have any franking power.

Figures 6 through 8 show ovals from Government Office covering the period of 1935 to 1959.

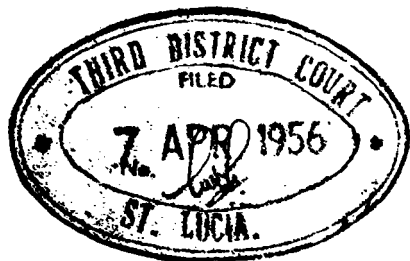


FIGURE 3.
7 APR 1956



FIGURE 4.
19 DEC 1960



FIGURE 5.
MIS-SETTING FOR 12 MAY 1966



FIGURE 6.
2 DEC 1935



FIGURE 7.
3 JUN 1940



FIGURE 8.
22 SEP 1959

Ovals used by the Post Office are shown in Figs. 9 through 14. The first five, differing in detail but all inscribed "GENERAL POST OFFICE/ST. LUCIA", have been used on general business letters of the Post Office. Fig. 14 was used on a registered letter from the Colonial Postmaster, Castries to the District Postmaster, Choiseul. Incidentally, the same cover was posted back to Castries with the addition only of the Choiseul date stamp and endorsed, "D(istrict) P(ost) M(aster) Choiseul", in manuscript.



FIGURE 9.
10 FEB 1927



FIGURE 10.
11 OCT 1929

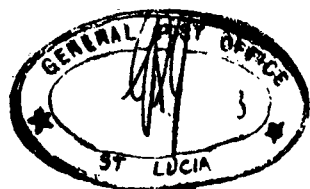


FIGURE 11.
2 SEP 1953

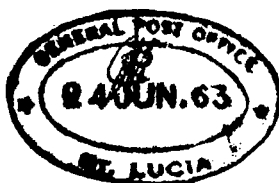


FIGURE 12.
29 DEC 1960
24 JUN 1963

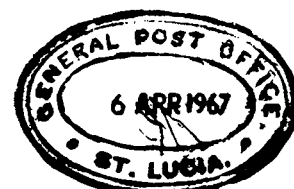


FIGURE 13.
6 APR 1967
26 JUL 1971

When used in the inland post the purpose of these stamps obviously can be recognized. However, they have no status in the international post, and all letters to addresses abroad seen with these marks have borne an additional cachet. Its purpose is to show that the letter has been fully franked. Three examples are shown in Figures 15 through 17. A fourth type, that is similar to that of Fig. 12 but with $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high letters, was reported as used 26 NOV 1970

in the August 1971 BCP Journal, page 122. Further reports of these marks are requested to help us define their periods of use.



FIGURE 14.
26 APR 1956

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FIGURE 15.
30 OCT 1943
19 DEC 1960

ON POSTAL SERVICE

FIGURE 16. 2 SEP 1953 - 26 NOV 1970
LENGTH 60 mm.

ON POSTAL SERVICE

FIGURE 17. 29 DEC 1960 - 24 JUN 1963
LENGTH 82 mm.

Lastly, Fig. 18 shows a cover for which I appeal for an explanation. This was posted unpaid at Sheffield, England on 8th June 1971, where the "T" mark was applied in green. 700 is the Sheffield office number, while the manuscript 8/4 means that postage of 4p had not been paid,

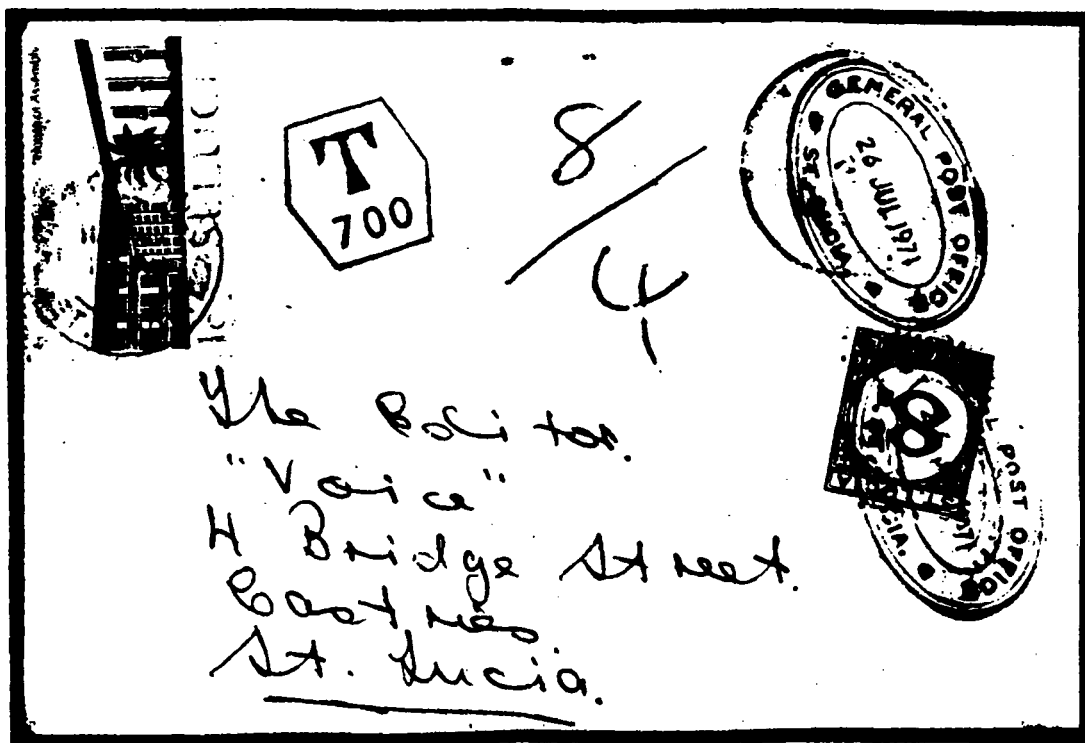


FIGURE 18. 8 JUN 1971

and twice the foreign postage rate was due to be collected from the addressee. This was interpreted at Castries as 8¢ to pay, but the St. Lucia postage due adhesive was cancelled (26 JUL 1971) by the GPO rubber oval of Fig. 13. Why? Was this merely a use of convenience by someone too lazy to go for the normal date stamp? Finally, what is the purpose of the 1¢

St. Lucia definitive which is cancelled by the regular Castries date stamp of 11 AUG 71, i. e. 15 days later. This is not tied to the cover, and there is no evidence whether it belongs or not, but it would seem to be a pointless addition for a faker to make. Any theories, please, to the Editor.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The honor that the Trustees have bestowed in electing me to serve you as President is fully appreciated. I pledge to you that you will receive full effort from me to meet the needs of the BCPSG, and I have every confidence in the continued strength of our Group. Let me express for all of you, sincere thanks to Dr. John Arnell for his leadership during the past two years. At the same time, let us give recognition to our other officers and chairmen, whose efforts have contributed to our growth and strength.

It is always unpleasant to talk about money, so let's discuss this first. Increased expenses during the past year, with the prospect that such increase will continue in the future, make it necessary that we consider a dues increase for 1974. This action will be submitted to the Trustees for their review and decision as early as possible in 1973. If you wish to express your thoughts on this, please send them to me or any officer asking that they be considered before a decision is reached.

Perhaps you have given your Trustees and officers a vote of confidence that was not realized at the time. Participation in BCPSG affairs is the only way in which the membership can influence where we are headed. This applies above all to your voting for the Trustees who in turn elect the officers. During our recent election, only 19% of the members sent in their ballots. Since the voting was close, just a few more votes could have changed the outcome. I urge each of you to believe that you can have an effect on the progress of our Group with your participation in all activities.

The growth of the BCPSG together with our status as a corporation has resulted in questions of a legal nature arising which your present officers are not qualified by training to handle. We have a real need for a member with legal training to volunteer to serve our Group as its Attorney. This is a call for all qualified members to volunteer. Please write me if you are willing to serve.

Yet another call for volunteers is in order. We need Group Leaders to serve as focal points for data and information on each of the countries in our area of interest. Would all those who have served before indicate their willingness to serve again? All others who would like to volunteer should contact Stan Durnin or myself. It is our hope that we can find leaders for each country, especially for those which now have little information published on them in the Journal.

The support of each one of you is needed to realize our total capabilities. As a group dedicated to sharing knowledge, we depend on each other to make available his own special information so that all can benefit. Until you let others know what you know, you may never be aware that it was unknown to anyone except yourself!

In closing, I look forward to hearing from all members. You can count on a reply, quickly if I am not travelling, but for certain at all times.

Mark W. Swetland

The Great White Fleet

by Charles E. Cwiakala

The initial article discussing use of the UFCo. markings on British Caribbean mails (BCPJ, June 1972) produced a wealth of additional information from BCPSG members and others. As a result, I now have enough data to publish a follow-up article. For this I am grateful to our fellow BCPSG'ers Warren Buchanan, Roman Burkiewicz, Laurie Franks, Reg Lant, Fred Seifert, and Bob Topaz. Also aiding was Leonard Joesten, Editor of the SEAPOSTER of the Maritime Postmark Society, who took great interest in the article and contributed a large amount of information, including extension dates for the specific UFCo. markings listed in Table I of the June 1972 article.

We have been able to record at least sixteen different UFCo. ships visiting British Caribbean ports-of-call. These sixteen ships used no less than twenty-two different marks, primarily in Jamaica, but some being found on covers from British Honduras. Since we have examined or had reports of only a small fraction of the covers and off-cover stamps bearing markings of UFCo. ships which must exist, we can't say any strikes are unique, but note that only one of a specific type mark has been reported for quite a few UFCo. ships. On the other hand, a considerable number of covers have been reported for T-3 ALMIRANTE, T-9 CHOLUTECA, T-7 METAPAN, T-5 SANTA MARTA, and T-5 SIXAOLA marks. Perhaps these ships made more frequent visits to Jamaica and British Honduras than others of the UFCo. fleet.

The covers we have examined appear to be evenly divided between those of a philatelic nature and those showing commercial use. One of the most interesting covers examined resides in Reg Lant's collection. Its printed return address identifies it as being from the American Consular Service in Kingston, Jamaica, and it is addressed to the Division of Communications and Records at the State Department in Washington, D.C. Franked with the 2½d Return of the Contingent adhesive, it is neatly cancelled with the T-7 METAPAN mark dated 8 MAY 1931. This cover does not appear to be philatelic, but one wonders why such consular mail was sent via UFCo. facilities rather than the consular mail pouch or even Jamaican Government mail.

My request for information on the UFCo. markings in general resulted in our members and a few others forwarding data or examples of covers/stamps with these markings not only from Jamaica and British Honduras, but from other areas as well. Of the 147 UFCo. markings I examined, less than one-fourth were of Jamaican or British Honduran origin. Although not statistically sound, the following breakdown of those 147 items provides some idea as to the relative scarcity of usage by country.

COLOMBIA	26.6%	NICARAGUA	12.2%
COSTA RICA	22.4	BRITISH HONDURAS	3.4
JAMAICA	19.0	U.S.A.	1.4
HONDURAS	13.6	GUATEMALA	1.4

Although actual specimens were not examined, we are aware of UFCo. covers originating in Panama, the Canal Zone, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and Cuba. It is probably safe to say that covers also exist for other Central American and Latin American countries. Alas, try as we might, we could not uncover a single shred of evidence that BWI ports other than those in Jamaica and British Honduras were visited by UFCo. ships.

In the course of recording UFCo. markings in the British Caribbean, we were able to uncover some markings and additional data not contained in the June 1972 article. Reg Lant produced a hitherto unrecorded T-4 mark for the CARRILLO on a cover of Jamaican origin from the

1920's. Fred Seifert showed us a Jamaican piece franked with the Script CA (?) 2½d Return of the Overseas Contingent and 3d Columbus Landing issues neatly tied by the ticket stamp of the SIXAOLA. These ticket markers were normally used to validate passenger tickets, but they are often found used as cancellations on UFCo. covers. Warren Buchanan forwarded a cover with an engraved return address from the "GREAT WHITE FLEET/UNITED FRUIT COMPANY" franked with a 3¢ U.S. adhesive neatly tied by the Kingston machine PAQUEBOT cancellation dated 25 NOV 1937. The ship was not identified. U.P.U. regulations state that when a ship is in port it must use the stamps of the host country, while letters written at sea may be franked with the stamps of the country in which the ship is registered.

KNOWN RECORDED MARKS FROM SHIPS OF THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY IN BRITISH CARIBBEAN PORTS. THE MARK TYPE REFERS TO THE ILLUSTRATION IN THE JUNE 1972 B.C.P. JOURNAL.

<u>UFCo. SHIP</u>	<u>PORT OF USAGE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COLOR(S)</u>	<u>RECORDED DATE(S)</u>
"UNKNOWN"	Jamaica	T-1	Blue	12 NOV 1912
ALMIRANTE	Jamaica	T-3	Black, Red	1 MAR 1912 - ? FEB 1913
CALAMARES	Jamaica	T-14	Violet-red	30 AUG 1935
CARRILLO	Jamaica	T-4	Red	? ? 192?
		T-5	Black	26 JAN 1927
		T-7	Blue	22 AUG 1935
CASTILLA	British Honduras	T-5	Red	? ? 1932
CHIRIQUI	Jamaica	T-7	Blue-green	27 MAR 1938
CHOLUTECA	British Honduras	T-9	Black	10 MAR 1933 - 9 APR 1933
METAPAN	Jamaica	T-4	Violet	? ? 1921
		T-7	Black	8 MAY 1931 - 23 DEC 1932
QUIRIGUA	Jamaica	T-13	Black	11 APR 1933
SAN BRUNO	Jamaica	T-10	Black	4 MAY 1934
SANTA MARTA	Jamaica	T-5	Black, Red, Blue	1 JAN 1926 - 1 MAY 1930
SIXAOLA	Jamaica	T-5	Black	18 FEB 1926 - 18 APR 1929
		T-7	Black	13 OCT 1932
TOLOA	British Honduras	T-16	Black	1 FEB 1939
	Jamaica	T-16	Black	12 FEB 1936
ULUA	British Honduras	T-16	Black	31 AUG 1939
	Jamaica	T-7	Blue	4 SEP 1935
VERAGUA	Jamaica	T-7	Black	28 AUG 1939
ZACAPA	Jamaica	T-5	Black	2 JUN 1927

It is somewhat dangerous to assign valuations to articles of postal history, especially these days when valuations are out-of-date shortly after publication. However, in the interest of completion we will pass along what we have discovered in this regard. In the past, covers of the UFCo. type were collected primarily by Maritime historians. They were rather abundant and sold in the range of 15¢ - \$1.00. Even the very rare T-1 UFCo. mark was valued at only \$3.00 in the 1943 listing of these marks in the SEAPOSTER magazine. Conferring with those collecting these covers, we find that today Jamaican covers with the more common UFCo. marks command prices of up to \$5, while those of British Honduras are slightly higher. Not too surprising is the fact that non-British Caribbean UFCo. covers can still be purchased at lower prices, usually in the 50¢ - \$2.00 range. This speaks well for the popularity of British Caribbean postal history material.

In the course of recording these marks, we found that the usage of UFCo. markings declined steadily in the 1940's, being virtually non-existent towards the last years of World War II. In the late 1940's up through the late 1950's, only a few ships used these identifying marks. We have not been able to record any marks of UFCo. origin from the 1960's to the present, at

least for Jamaica and British Honduras, although we lack any positive proof that none exist.

The decline of usage of the UFCo. markings can be explained. During World War II, 80% of the tonnage of the UFCo. "reefer" (refrigerated) ships under U.S. control were turned over to the Government to aid in the war effort. This temporary change of control resulted in the mails being handled by the Government in its prescribed manner, rather than by the Purser and his UFCo. handstamps. When the surviving ships reverted to civilian UFCo. control, very few of them reinstated their distinctive UFCo. markings on mail.

Should any members have further examples of Jamaican or British Honduran UFCo. covers/stamps with cancellations not included in the foregoing listing, please pass your information to me or to our Editor. Any other data on UFCo. mail, not recorded in this or my previous article, will also be appreciated.

Secretary's 1972 Summary

The year 1972 has been quite an active one for your Secretary in processing applications for BCPSG membership. We started 1972 with 421 BCPSG'ers, and through the efforts of seventeen of our members, by year's end we had processed 72 new applications. Indicative of the international aspect of the BCPSG, these new members come from Australia, Canada, Japan, and South Africa, as well as the West Indies, the U.K., and the U.S.A. After deducting our losses, we ended the year with 463 members, for a net gain of 42.

During the year, we're sorry to report, three of our members were taken from us by death. The presence of Milt Erickson, Bill Coons, and Clarence Heyser has been, and will continue to be missed by the BCPSG.

For various reasons, primarily no longer collecting BWI, 24 members resigned. It was also necessary to drop from the rolls for non-payment of dues, three members. Each had been sent a number of reminder letters by various Officers and Trustees, but to no avail. These friendly attempts to keep our fellows in our midst are costly in time, effort, and materials. If you find it necessary to drop your membership for whatever reason, please extend us the courtesy of letting us know. A note to me or our Editor will enable us to divert the Journals earmarked for your pleasure to someone else who does plan to pursue BWI philately. Some 1972 issues of the BCP Journal are exhausted even now.

The BCPSG Awards are being highly received in the philatelic world, medals and certificates having been presented to outstanding displays of British Caribbean material at exhibitions in the U.S.A., Canada, Trinidad, and the U.K. during 1972. With the pewter medals donated by Bill Bogg, we now have awards for all levels of material, and members are encouraged to spread the word of the availability of BCPSG Awards. Paul Larsen, our Awards Chairman, asks your help in letting him know of any exhibitions, including the smaller local-area ones, where our awards might be utilized to encourage exhibiting of British Caribbean material. It is also important that Paul be advised of exhibitions you will be attending, as we need to have our members monitor utilization of our awards to assure maintenance of proper standards.

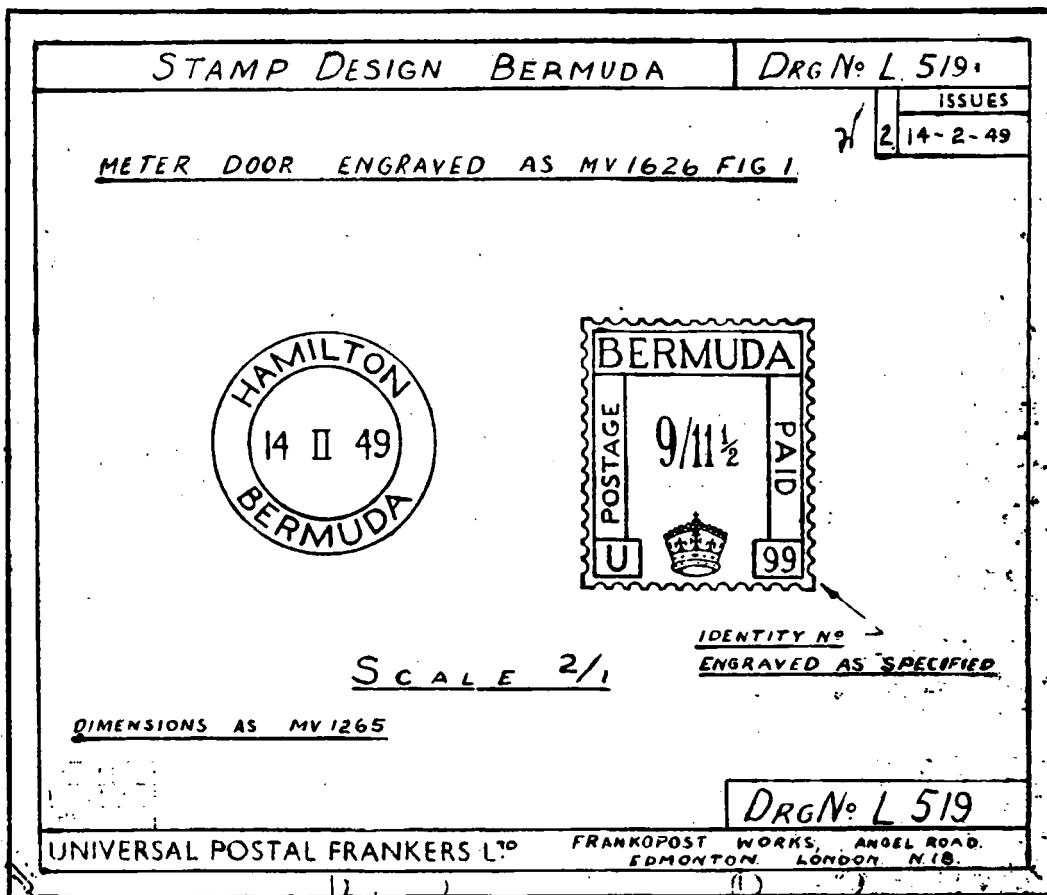
I want to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow BCPSG'ers, all of you guys and gals who have made this position so worthwhile. Meeting you, exchanging correspondence with you, (albeit infrequently of late) and being your fellow member has greatly enriched my life, and I look forward with pleasure to serving you all in the future.

Stan

POSTAGE METERS OF BERMUDA

by Col. Lynn D. Wallace

The use of a Postal Franking Machine for Denoting Prepayment of Postage, more commonly known as a Postage Meter, was not authorized for use in Bermuda until 1 August 1961. (See June 1971 B.C.P. Journal, page 84). However, their use had been advocated for some years prior to that date. On a recent trip to Bermuda, I visited Office Equipment Limited, on Reid Street, Hamilton, the single supplier of these meters in Bermuda, to see what information I might be able to uncover. The personnel were most cooperative, and from their files showed some very interesting documents and drawings, of which I was permitted to make copies.



Shown above is a drawing of "Stamp Design Bermuda" of the Universal Postal Frankers Ltd., Frankopost Works, Angel Road, Edmonton, London N.18. It bears the date 14 FEB 1949, and is designated as their DRG No. L519. For illustration in this article, the drawing has been reduced by about 40%, so rather than having a 2/1 scale it is more nearly 1.2/1. Also in the files of Office Equipment Limited, is found the Universal Postal Frankers Ltd. Multi-value Inspection Report, that is shown on page 12. At the top, this form bears an impression from Meter No. U 1 with date -3 V 49, indicating that such a meter was manufactured and available more than twelve years before the Bermuda Post Office authorized the use of meters! It will be noted that this meter incorporated a "COME TO BERMUDA/THE ISLES OF REST" slogan. The report itself is dated 4 May 1949, confirming the date on the specimen impression.

The ultimate fate of meter No. U 1 was not determined, but it seems doubtful that it ever saw postal use, for no strikes of it have been reported. Perhaps in the twelve years that elapsed until Bermuda authorized meter use, new designs made it obsolete, or it could have been re-fitted with new dies and utilized elsewhere after Bermuda rejected the proposal for its use.

THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKER MULTI-VALUE PURCHASE & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

I/We the undersigned Agree to purchase a UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKER MULTI-VALUE model, for which I/we will pay £ and for each engraved slogan on delivery plus a fee of £ (guineas) per annum payable in advance after the first year to cover maintenance of the machine and hire of Post Office franks and stamping dies; all subject to a Post Office licence being obtained for me/us within 14 days of this date.

I/We agree to abide by the conditions of the Post Office licence and not to do or allow to be done anything which may be a breach thereof or to render same liable to revocation and not to part with the franks or dies nor suffer either or any of these to go out of my/our possession; to keep them free and exempt from all distresses or legal processes and to permit the Officials of the Post Office or of Universal Postal Frankers Ltd., (a) to inspect same at all reasonable times and (b) to remove them in the event of the revocation or termination of the Post Office licence or of this agreement, or my/our bankruptcy or liquidation.

It is agreed that Universal Postal Frankers Ltd will maintain the machine in proper mechanical condition for one year from the date of installation free of charge and thereafter during the period for which the maintenance fee, referred to above, is paid by me/us.

Maintenance is to include periodical inspections, labour for adjustment and all ordinary repairs which can be effected on the spot (but not rebuilding or major reconstruction) a reasonable supply of new felt impression rollers, complete inker assembly, springs, dies and motor brushes but no other mechanical new parts, nor repairs necessitated by damage caused by fire, accident, neglect or careless and wrongful usage, which shall be paid for by me/us at cost. Only special No. 221 franking ink to be used.

The contract regarding maintenance may be terminated at my/our option by giving Universal Postal Frankers Ltd. three months' notice in writing and surrender of licence and Post Office dies.

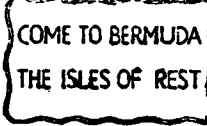


To be completed by
PURCHASER

Signed
Witnessed.....
Date.....

Machine and Meter No.	Identity No.	Cancellation	Model	Denominations	Licence No.

Illustrated above is the Purchase and Maintenance Agreement form for the Universal Postal Franker. It will be noted that while the user purchased the machine, he only hired the Post Office franks and stamping dies, the retention of which was subject to specified conditions.

Although the Universal meters have been used in Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, and British Guiana, as well as in Guyana, they never gained a foothold in Bermuda. When meters finally were authorized there, the majority of users chose Pitney Bowes machines, with a few going to the Roneo-Neopost meters. Thus, despite their pioneering efforts to sell the Government of Bermuda on the advantages of employing postage meters, Universal Postal Frankers Ltd. reaped none of the benefits when Bermuda finally went along with the idea.

UNIVERSAL POSTAL FRANKERS LTD.
MULTI-VALUE INSPECTION REPORT

Machine Number	MV 5454	Partic. of motor	
Number of Banks	3	Electric drive tested	
Production Number	MV 5454	Value changing	GOOD
Meter records correctly	YES	Meter setting tested	YES
Passes test for automatic locking	9-11 1/2	Trip operates with thin paper	YES
Maximum thickness	12.5"/H	Date Setting	OK
Printing even, distinct and in line	YES	Final reading of tote	999499/11 1/2 - 1
		Final reading of credit	0000/0-
Special attachments	SLOGAN FITTED	Finish	GOOD

Signed *J.P. O'Neil* 3/5/49

Machine Thoroughly Lubricated

ACCESSORIES WITH MACHINE		No.	No.
Carrying Case	YES	P.O. Licence	-
No. 221 ink	TEN	Tool for meter door	-
Lead Seals	TEN	Handle	YES
Stylo & slogan tool	YES	Coupling	-
Slogan holders	-	Feed Plate	YES
Meter Record Cards	-	DUST PROOF COVER	YES

Signed *B. Callaghan*
Date *4/5/49*

The files of Office Equipment Limited also contained some recent interesting proposals with regard to postage meters, and I plan to give a report of these in a future Journal. The help I received from personnel of that firm in gathering meter information is much appreciated.

GIBBONS TO SELL TUCKER BRITISH HONDURAS---

An announcement by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., London, advises that they are to sell the British Honduras collection formed by BCPSG member Sir Henry Tucker of Bermuda. No details as to whether the sale will be by auction or private treaty were given in the Gibbons release, but the value is given as "over £50,000", so an auction sale seems most probable.

Those who attended PHILYMPIA or AMPHILEX '71 (New York) were privileged to see parts of this superb collection, which won a Silver Medal at the former exhibition and a Gold at the latter event. Gibbons considers it one of the greatest single country collections assembled.

1972 Treasurer's Report

In this my first annual report to you as your Treasurer, I am happy to say that our Group's financial position at year's end is solid, although not as firmly so as a year ago. The 1972 expenditures exceeded our receipts by \$824.08. Most of this deficit is reflected in purchase of the IBM Executive typewriter for the Editor's use in composing our Journal, and the ever rising costs of printing and mailing the Journal. However, it should be mentioned that the typewriter is really a capital outlay, and its service to the Group should be for a number of years, especially if we maintain the service contract on the equipment.

Many members contributed funds beyond the required dues, to help us carry on the work of the Group. A number gave generously to the typewriter fund, although only about 20% of the amount required to purchase the machine was thus obtained. The entire cost of purchasing the pewter medals to be used as BCPSG awards, was defrayed by Bill Bogg. Our advertisers continued to give us solid support, with Dr. Dan Warren ably staying on top of the accounts, and reporting 100% collections. During the year, advertising rates were increased a bit to reflect our larger circulation and increased printing and mailing costs. The sale of Journal back issues was the only other significant source of income. The BCPSG Seal rubber stamps are provided members at very near cost. In considering their cost, it should be noted that some of those sold in 1972 were procured in the previous year. Additionally, at the end of 1972 we had 8 rubber stamps in stock for sale in 1973. These are available from our Editor at \$3.00 each, postpaid.

We added an additional Life Member in 1972. We invite our members to strengthen the purpose and future of our Group by seeking this long-range type of support. I would be happy to supply you with details. If you have already paid your 1973 dues, these can be credited as a part of the total payment.

It is apparent that we must seek additional revenue if we are to stay financially sound, but more important if we are to continue to produce the type and caliber of our Journal, we must continue to offer a realistic budget to our Editor, and maintain the equipment and services he requires to do the job. Our postage costs have risen greatly, and to save on this our Editor has taken out bulk mail permits, which cost us \$75 during the fiscal year. The savings on mailing out the December 1972 Journal alone, amounted to \$62, so this has been money well spent. Henceforth the annual fee will be \$35, and savings of more than \$300 are anticipated on mailing 1973 Journals to U.S.A. members.

I have recommended to the Trustees that we seek additional sources of revenue through our dues structure, consideration of regular auctions, and by the encouragement of categories of membership (regular, contributing, sustaining), in addition to the life membership currently available.

While the job of Treasurer demands a good deal of time, I am grateful to Mark Swetland, who did such a fine job as my predecessor, and whose pattern I have been readily able to adopt. The job brings me in contact with most of you, and I am particularly grateful to those of you who have responded promptly with dues and queries. It saves both time, effort, and Group funds if you can be prompt in your responses. Please be certain that your letter bears your name, for in these days of USPS regional postmarks, often no postmark at all, we can't tell the source of a letter by the postmark. The friendships already formed have made the job of Treasurer pleasant and worthwhile for me.

Reuben A. Ramkissoon, M.D.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1972---

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1971 \$2,053.93

1972 Receipts:

Current dues	\$1,921.00
Admission Fees	71.10
Advance Dues	220.50
Donations	389.81
Publications	134.11
Life Membership	40.00
Advertising	214.00
Seal rubber stamps	30.00
Typewriter fund	157.25
Sales Tax refund	28.58
Miscellaneous	12.20

1972 Disbursements:

Postage: Editor	\$378.84
Sec/Treas	171.03
Bulk Mail permits	75.00
Supplies: Editor	293.21
Sec/Treas	19.51
Printing: Journal	\$1,721.50
Memb. Roster	156.00
Seal rubber stamps	45.00
Medals	237.61
Service contract-IBM	52.60
IBM Executive typewriter	742.98
Editor-Office/transportation	<u>150.00</u>

Total Receipts \$3,219.20

Total Disbursements \$4,043.28

Excess of expenditures over receipts 824.08

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1972 \$1,229.85

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

New Jersey Bank and Trust Company	
5% Growth Bond, #11083, issued June 24, 1969	\$500.00
Redemption value, December 24, 1972	595.62
Life membership dues carried in above balance	<u>310.00</u>
	<u>\$905.62</u>

BRINKS PROVIDES LOCAL SERVICE IN TRINIDAD---

Gerry Sancho tells us that his firm, Pannell Fitzpatrick & Co., is now using the facilities of the Brinks Armoured Car Service to deliver mail between its Port of Spain and San Fernando offices, because of the very poor postal service in Trinidad. Shown below are strikes of the

VIA BRINKS
MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE
PORT OF SPAIN/SAN FERNANDO

VIA BRINKS
MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE
SAN FERNANDO/PORT OF SPAIN

handstamps found on mail carried in the two directions. The strikes are in purple ink, and other than the address there are no other markings on the two covers Gerry sent us. Gerry says they have just had a Commission of Enquiry in Trinidad, and judging from the reports in the newspapers, it is a wonder that any mails get delivered at all.

START 1973 OUT RIGHT. SEND IN YOUR DUES PAYMENT PROMPTLY AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND ONE OR BOTH OF OUR 1973 GET-TOGETHERS. THE FIRST OF THESE WILL TAKE PLACE AT ROPEX IN ROCHESTER, NY, 22-24 JUNE; THE SECOND AT SESCOAL IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, 11-14 OCTOBER. ROPEX ALSO HOSTS THE S. P. A. SPRING MEETING, SESCOAL THE A. P. S. CONVENTION, ASSURING US TWO GREAT EXHIBITIONS.

THE POSTMARKS OF GRENADA

FOREWORD

Although there have been several philatelic studies relating to Grenada published in the past, the emphasis has been more on the adhesive postage stamps than the postmarks. Sefi's 1912 booklet, published by David Field as No. 8 of the "W.E.P." Series of Philatelic Handbooks, devoted slightly over half a page to postmarks. The four short paragraphs mention several marks in very general terms and provide no useful information. Alfred Charlton went quite a bit further in his 1955 study. He made a good start with the pre-adhesive postal markings, but was not too precise in recording later markings, and in any event it is 18 years since his study was published, during which period a number of new postal facilities have been established on the island, and many new postmarks have appeared.

The list and comments which follow attempt to record and to show the period of use of all the known handstamps and cancelling devices used in Grenada. The information has been gathered in the U.S.A. and United Kingdom by W. Danforth Walker, John A. Cronin, and Lionel R. Coasby. No doubt there are errors and omissions, and your assistance in making this study more accurate and complete is requested. Hopefully, this study will become the base upon which a comprehensive handbook on Grenada's postal history can be prepared. Comments as well as additional information may be sent to John A. Cronin, 7 Campbell Road, Burton Park, Christchurch, Hants., England; W. Danforth Walker, 123 West 74th Street, Apartment 8A, New York, NY 10023, U.S.A.; or to the Editor at the address on the front cover.

CHAPTER I PRE-HANDSTAMP PERIOD

In the spring of 1650, Du Parquet, Governor of Martinique, brought a group of settlers from that island to Grenada. This was the first permanent settlement on Grenada. It is not known what postal arrangements were made for Grenada in this early period, but presumably mail to and from Grenada went by way of Martinique. The earliest known letters from Grenada were written on 10 March 1702 and 1 March 1705, and both are preserved in Paris, Archives National, Archives Coloniales, C10 A-1. We suspect that neither of these letters bears any Grenada postal markings. France was in continuous control of Grenada until 1762, when the island was captured by the British under Commodore Swanton, and ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Paris, signed on the 10th of February 1763. Since there are no known Grenada letters in private collectors' hands covering the period 1650 to 1762-1763, no definite conclusions can be reached as to Grenada postmarks. It was not the practice of the French to issue handstamps to its colonies during this period, and it is assumed Grenada was no exception.

From 1763 to 1779, Great Britain ruled Grenada. During this period no Grenada handstamps were in use, and Grenada was not serviced by the Falmouth to Jamaica packet service which was established in 1755. All mail from Grenada during this period was either given to the captain of a merchant ship, or was entrusted to a passenger of a ship going to England. The earliest recorded letter from Grenada while under British rule is dated 22 May 1764, and a letter from Carriacou, 30 August 1764, by the same correspondent bears no postal markings other than the name and captain's name of the merchant ship that carried it to England. The latest recorded letter during this period is dated 3 June 1776. It is rated one shilling, and is addressed to the Jamaica Coffee House in London. It bears a Deal Ship Letter handstamp.

In 1779 Grenada again passed into the hands of the French, and was restored to Great Britain for the last time by the Treaty of Versailles in 1783. As during the previous period when the

French controlled Grenada, there are no postal markings recorded. The earliest recorded letter during this period is dated 2 February 1870, and bears a Dover Ship Letter handstamp. The latest recorded letter of this period is dated 27 December 1783, and it also has a Dover Ship Letter handstamp. This letter was written while Grenada was still under French control for in it the writer says "...our being still under French Government, notwithstanding the time stipulated by Treaty for the Exchange of the Islands is expired the 19th instant."

From 1784 Grenada was under the continuous control of Great Britain. A 16 May 1784 letter bearing a Deal Ship Letter handstamp is the earliest recorded from this period. Soon after this, the first known Grenada handstamp is recorded, and handstamps are generally found on Grenada mail from 1784 onwards.

CHAPTER II
HANDSTAMP PERIOD

The illustrations which follow were obtained from a number of sources, and some are not to exact size. They have generally been made from actual strikes, but in the process of being touched up and reinforced so that they could be reproduced, slight changes have no doubt been introduced.

Grenada

A 1
30 mm long
"G" 6 mm high
lower case 4 mm
("d" 7 mm high)
EKD - 13 JY 1784
LKD - 17 JA 1785

GRENADA

A 2
36 mm long
letters 4 mm high

19 MR 1785
(only recorded date)



A 3
21 mm diameter
letters 3½ mm
EKD - 25 JA 1786*
LKD - 17 DE 1798
* First recorded packet
letter from Grenada.



A 4
37 mm diameter
GRENADA - 5 mm high
date - 3½-4 mm high
EKD - 25 OC 1805
LKD - ? FE 1828



A 4 A
same as A 4

12 AP 1800
(only recorded date)

GRENADA
JAN 18

A 4 B
no circle
same as A 4
JAN - 2½ mm high
18 JA 1829
(only recorded date)

GRENADA
JUN 20 14



A5

9 OC 1814
(only recorded date)

A6

40 mm x 27 mm
capitals 5 mm high
lower case 4 mm high

EKD - 15 AP 1815
LKD - 22 MY 1815

A7

28 mm diameter
GRENADA - 4 mm high
date - 3 mm high

EKD - 10 JA 1834
LKD - 20 DE 1843



GRENADA
SHIP LETTER

CARRIACOU

A8

26 mm diameter
GRENADA - 3 mm high
date - 3 mm high

EKD - 27 JU 1835
LKD - 9 AU 1847

A9

No dated copy known -
Undated copy on cover
to the Colonial Bank in
Grenada.

A10

Ship Letter cut out
32½ mm long
letters 5 mm high

EKD - 14 FE 1842
LKD - 23 SP 1845



A11

29 mm diameter
GRENADA - 4 mm high

EKD - 28 MR 1844
LKD - 25 AP 1859*
*backstamp

A12

EKD - 10 JU 1847
LKD - 8 JY 1848

It should be noted that a number of the illustrations are a bit larger than the actual stamps.

The two "A15" obliterations, A13 and A13A, were sent out in 1858 for use in cancelling the British adhesives then in use at the British Post Office in St. George's. The illustrations of these two marks shown below were taken from photocopies of the G. P. O. Record Book. That of type A13 is found on page 152, where it is indicated that it was sent out on April 14, 1858. Type A13A is found on page 154, and was sent out two weeks later on April 28, 1858. Later use of these two obliterations is discussed in Chapter III.



A 13
22 mm x 18 mm
A15 - 6 mm high

EKD - 25 AP 1859
LKD - 9 AU 1859



A 13A
same as A13
A wider, 5 smaller

Common but need clear
strikes on dated covers



A 14
20 mm diameter
GRENADA - 3-3½ mm high
date - 2½-3 mm high

EKD - 14 AP 1859*
LKD - 10 DE 1859*
*backstamp



B 1
EKD - 10 NO 1853
LKD - 10 JY 1858
Reintroduced 1 MY
1860 to 1 JU 1861
EKD - 12 OC 1860
LKD - ? MR 1861

In Appendix III of his "Handstruck Postage Stamps of the Empire", Robson Lowe discusses the "Crowned Circle Stamps". He gives 24 November 1850 as the date when that of Grenada, type B1 above, was registered at the G. P. O., but by a footnote indicates that it was possibly first issued on 1 May 1847, but not registered. He also lists a stamp of the same design for Carriacou, registered at the G. P. O. on 13 November 1846. We are assigning this the type number B2. No strikes of this Carriacou Crowned Circle are recorded.

This concludes the markings of the Handstamp Period. Because of the length of our study, it will be necessary to present it in several installments. We will continue in the April Journal with postmarks of the Grenada General Post Office from 1861 onwards. Again, we appeal to our readers for comments, corrections, and any additional information they can provide.

CATALOGUE OF MAIL/FLOOR AUCTION SALE AT ROPEX 1973
TO BE HELD ON 23 JUNE 1973, IN THE FLAGSHIP ROCHESTER

- 1000 ALBUMS - Two black Robson Lowe cover albums in good used condition. Each has spaces for about 80 covers. EST \$5.00
- 1001 ALBUM - Used Elbe #202 stockbook in f to g cond. Abt 40 stock pages. EST \$3.00
- 1002 ALBUMS - two used red Gibbons Facile Oriel binders only, no pages. g. EST \$3.00
- 1003 ALBUM - Green Elbe #1441 Governor Album with dust jacket-like new-containing abt 30 gilt edge pages, quadrille ruled, imprinted JAMAICA in gold. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pages. A place for your prized items! EST \$10.00
- 1004 ALBUMS - Seven used albums, all red with dust jackets, standard 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10 3/8" page size. Includes four Lincoln albums in almost new condition and three Classic albums in very good condition. Each album has 40-50 new interleaved pages imprinted with JAMAICA. A set of albums ready to mount a prized collection! EST \$35.00
- 1005 ALBUM - A beautiful large blue sheet album in like-new condition. Elbe Jefferson model with blank 11" x 14" quadrille pages never used. EST \$10.00
- 1006 LITERATURE - A complete set of the British West Indian Philatelist, vols. 1-9 from SEP 1949 to JUN 1958, Ex cond. 35 issues of original source material. EST \$25.00
- 1007 LITERATURE - BWISC Bulletins complete through 1971, #'s 1-71. EST \$25.00
- 1008 LITERATURE - An excellent copy of 1st edition of the "Codrington Correspondence" by Robson Lowe. Covers early postal history of Antigua and Barbuda. EST \$4.00
- 1009 LITERATURE - Three booklets issued by BWISC incl. Benwell & Britnor's Barbados, Britnor's Montserrat, and Marriott's Trinidad. All good condition. EST \$6.00
- 1010 LITERATURE - An excellent copy of Foster's JAMAICA. EST \$10.00
- 1011 LITERATURE - Seven pamphlets or books including a leather bound copy of Aguilar's Handbook-Vol. 2 autographed, Nicholson's TRD and Oblit booklets, Aguilar Handbook Vol. 1-paper back, Heins' Numeral Cancels of the British Empire, Britnor's Postal History of the West Indies, and Stitt-Dibden's West Indies. All f cond. EST \$20.00
- 1012 LITERATURE - Five items, consisting of an excellent copy of the Jamaica Handbook by Collett, et al. 1928; Aguilar's Vol. 2 leather bound and autographed; Jamaica Post Towns by Morton; Melville's Jamaica; and a photostat copy of Cundall's Place Names of Jamaica. EST \$35.00
- 1013 LITERATURE - Various items including "The Western Design" (Taylor), History of Jamaica (Black), photostats of H & G Jamaica section and early German catalogue, Jamaica PO Guides for 1952 & 1962, Johnson's Jamaica, etc. 9 items. EST \$5.00
- 1014 LITERATURE - An excellent copy of ST. VINCENT by Pierce, Messenger, and Lowe. The publisher's price for this superb book is \$25. EST \$18.00
- 1015 LITERATURE - Excellent copy of THE FORWARDING AGENTS by Rowe. EST \$4.00
- 1016 BWI - Stamps, used, incl. BERMUDA 124 f-vf, BAHAMAS 82 nice appearing but with crease, ST. VINCENT 52 (small stains), BR. HONDURAS 131-36 f-vf. CAT \$13.45
- 1017 BWI - Ten covers from Br. Honduras (2), Dominica (1925 Reg.), Br. Guiana (Kitty) Jamaica (Mango Valley & York Pen TRD's), Antigua (2), Caymans (2). EST \$2.50
- 1018 BWI - 17 FDC's from 1937 to date from various islands including one Canada and one Newfoundland. Various issues. EST \$3.50
- 1019 POSTAL STATIONERY - Mixed lot of postcards, Registered envelopes, wrappers and stamped envelopes, all unused except one postcard, and all in good cond. except some staining. Some duplication. Several double postcards are counted as one item. The lot includes Bahamas (2), Barbados (16), Dominica (5), Grenada (1), Leewards (2), Montserrat (2), Nevis (1), St. Christopher (3), Tobago (7), Trinidad (6), and Virgin Islands (4). One Tobago card appears to have "Specimen" erased. EST \$12.00
- 1020 MARITIME - Three HAPAG seals (not stamps) with almost full gum. EST \$7.50

- 1021 ANTIGUA - (G.B. Used Abroad). A copy of the 1d red G.B. stamp cancelled with the A02 obliterator. Straight-edge bottom. EST \$15.00
- 1022 ANTIGUA - An OHMS cover to Chicago dated 1927 franked only with the 1½d stamp and the black ink crowned frank of the Antigua Post Office. EST \$1.50
- 1023 ANTIGUA - A 1940 OHMS cover to USA with Leewards franking and Free Frank of the Secretariat of the Leeward Islands. EST \$3.50
- 1024 ANTIGUA - Ten covers cancelled 1 NO 46 from ten different villages in Antigua-some quite scarce. All on Peace issues of Antigua or Leewards. EST \$12.50
- 1025 BAHAMAS - Used copy of the CC perf 12½ 1/- green QV Sc# 15 in fair cond. Has A05 cancel. Some perfs missing. CAT \$60.00
- 1026 BAHAMAS - The complete used set, Sc. 65-69, SG 117-121, f-vf. CAT \$12.80
- 1027 BAHAMAS - Lightly cancelled copy of Sc.88, SG 135. One short perf. CAT \$9.00
- 1028 BAHAMAS - N.H. mint copy of 3/- Seal of 1930, Sc.89, SG 136. vf. CAT \$16.00
- 1029 BAHAMAS MARITIME COVER - A commercial cover with black handstamp reading "Seapost Mail/British MV ENA K/NASSAU BAHAMAS" dated Aug. 13, 1936, and with Bahamas 2½d adhesive cancelled with Miami machine postmark of next day having the "Air Mail Saves Time" and biplane slogan. EST \$5.00
- 1030 BAHAMAS - An interesting postcard dated 1936 from the Bahamas with picture side showing a nicely colored map of the Bahamas Islands. EST \$1.00
- 1031 BAHAMAS - An OHMS cover from Nassau to Philadelphia dated 1947. Has been opened carelessly and is torn at top. Carries not only the Nassau cds, but the frank of the "Bahamas Imperial Lighthouse Service-Ministry of Transport" initialed with red ink, plus a good strike of the black ink PAID IN BAHAMAS crowned circle. EST \$5.00
- 1032 BARBUDA - A Registered FDC of the 1937 Coronation set of Antigua, Sc. 81-83, from Barbuda to Antigua, with stamps neatly cancelled by Barbuda cds. EST \$1.50
- 1033 BRITISH GUIANA - Sc.178-188, SG 259-269, lightly cancelled and f-vf. CAT \$27.48
- 1033A BRITISH GUIANA - Used complete set Sc.191-210, SG 272-282, in good to very fine condition. The 48¢ has a corner perf missing and the 96¢ has two short perfs on the side, otherwise very fine. CAT \$25.44
- 1034 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - an entire from Spanish Town to Trelawney dated 1789, showing the Spanish Town T1a strike. Good strike and excellent cond. EST \$50.00
- 1035 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - an entire in good cond. from Lacovia to England showing Lacovia T2 and Jamaica J2 marks, both nice. Dated 1781 or 1787. EST \$70.00
- 1036 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - A packet entire from Spanish Town to Scotland bearing a good strike of Spanish Town P1 dated 27 AP 38 on the reverse and a green boxed '½' border tax on the face. EST \$15.00
- 1037 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - A packet letter from Vere to Scotland bearing a good strike of the Vere P2 mark in black. Date is in ms-21 Apl, 1845. EST \$10.00
- 1038 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - A wrapper from Dry Harbour to London, dated 1845, showing the Dry Harbour strike on the face (unusual) and the London receiving mark on the reverse. Very good strike. EST \$7.50
- 1039 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - Envelope mailed from Kingston, 3 FE 53, to Montego Bay. Kingston cds K7a, Mo Bay cds P2b dated 4 FE 53. EST \$5.00
- 1040 JAMAICA - Stampless Cover - An entire mailed from P.G.R. to Kingston, showing the scarce P5 strike of Plantain Garden River dated 25 MY 58, as well as the K8 of Kingston. Blue paper. Excellent condition. EST \$20.00
- 1041 JAMAICA - GB used in Jamaica - a 6d GB used at Black River and cancelled with the P2 strike of that town. A forerunner of the A30 oblit. 31 JA 1859. EST \$15.00
- 1042 JAMAICA CANCELLATION - A pair of 1d Pine cancelled with P5 cds of P.G.R. and dated 23 JY 83, some 8 years later than Foster LKD. A very scarce pmk. EST \$35
- 1043 JAMAICA CANCELLATION - A 1d CC stamp cancelled with the P9 cds of Mile Gully,

- dated 27 JY 83. This scarce cancel on stamps was used very early after the A54 type J oblit became unserviceable. EST \$10.00
- 1044 JAMAICA CANCELLATION - A 1d Pine cancelled with the P10 mark of Falmouth and dated 23 OC 6? - undoubtedly 1862, for that was the time of the transfer of many of the oblit numbers. This P10 mark was used for the few days while the oblits were being moved from office to office. EST \$15.00
- 1045 JAMAICA CANCELLATION - A copy of the 1/- Pine, Sc.6, cancelled by the dots and anchor of the French Paquebot service. Rare. EST \$20.00
- 1046 JAMAICA - A folder of STREET LETTER BOX markings consisting of 21 covers from 1890 plus 10 stamps. The prize of this lot is a piece of the JAMAICAN CHURCHMAN dated 15 SEP 1890 posted to London with a 1d Key-Plate adhesive and cancelled with two nice strikes of the diamond shaped first SLB mark. EST \$35.00
- 1047 JAMAICA - A folder of small squared circle postmarked material all on the 1d KP, showing all 34 post towns that used this mark plus Kingston with nice neat examples. There are quite a few multiples in addition. Total 70 stamps. EST \$10.00
- 1048 JAMAICA - Cancellations - About 70 oblits mostly different, primarily a collection of one of a town with few dupl. and about 70 diff. other town cancels from 1885 to date. Some very useful oblits. EST \$25.00
- 1049 JAMAICA - Covers - An assortment of seven covers or fronts including a pair of #20 cancelled by A49 (no date). TRD's incl. the scarce Courtleigh Manor. EST \$4.00
- 1050 JAMAICA - USED IN CAYMANS - A 1d red official KP stamp cancelled by a strike of the oval Caymans TRD in violet. The letters "ND CAY" are very clear. EST \$15.00
- 1051 JAMAICA - The 1927 GEO V ½d green, Sc.101, SG 107, "Bow" variety, in pair with a normal stamp. Very fine used. EST \$1.50
- 1051A JAMAICA - A mint NH set of the 1948 Silver Wedding issue. vf. CAT \$12.15
- 1052 JAMAICA - Selected used copies of 1960 def. set 1d-£1 complete, f-vf. CAT \$8.96
- 1053 JAMAICA - A folder of PAQUEBOT material from 1898 to 1960, includes PAQUEBOT marks, United Fruit Co. markings, RMSP, HAPAG, etc. Also includes a group of Jamaican maritime strikes on foreign stamps. Contains 29 complete covers plus 70 or so pieces or stamps. EST \$30.00
- 1054 JAMAICA - A folder of REGISTRATION material from about 1894 to date, incl. about 95 stamps and a couple of covers. Included is a front of an OHMS cover posted to the USA with a stamp lifted but hinged to show the FREE mark dated 1904. One stamp is the 5/- Arms, Sc.45. Also several hundred loose Registration labels. EST \$5.00
- 1055 JAMAICA REGISTRATION LABELS - 197 different towns' labels from the 1950 - 1970 period. EST \$2.00
- 1056 JAMAICA - A folder of POSTAGE DUE material from 1904 to date but mostly modern material. 37 covers plus a few pieces. EST \$4.00
- 1057 JAMAICA - A miscellaneous lot, including various items such as foreign cancels on Jamaican stamps, Meter Markings, Censored Covers, Free Frank Markings, Parcel Post Markings, Postage Paid Markings, TPO's, Revenues, Slogans, etc. More than 80 covers, plus about 50 stamps or pieces. Very interesting lot! EST \$20.00
- 1058 JAMAICA - A folder of RED CROSS material incl. 15 labels-mint and used-plus seven covers. Mostly WWI material. EST \$5.00
- 1059 JAMAICA - TRD Cover - A nice cover with the 1½d Embarkation stamp cancelled by a beautiful clear strike of Lucky Hill TD21 in violet, dated 16 MAY 1921. EST \$15.00
- 1060 JAMAICA - TRD Cover - A cover showing the TRD of the 3rd Stamp Exhibition of the Jamaica Philatelic Society, Kingston, 3 FEB 1938, first day of use. EST \$3.00
- 1061 JAMAICA FDC's - Plate No. blocks of four of the 1955 Tercentenary issue, Sc.155-58 complete used, cancelled by TRD's, cacheted. EST \$3.00
- 1062 JAMAICA JUDICIALS - Judicial overprints on Sc.21, 23, 28-30, 44, 45, 52-54, 68 &

- 69, all with manuscript or fiscal handstamp cancels. f-vf. 12 stamps. EST \$1.50
- 1063 NEVIS - Unused Sc.6 & 8 in good condition. Some defects, no gum, possibly cleaned but usable copies. CAT \$47.50
- 1064 NEVIS PROOFS - An imperf proof of the first issue, 6d lilac gray, on thin paper with very fine margins all around. EST \$10.00
- 1065 NEVIS PROOFS - An imperf proof of the first issue one shilling value in green on thin paper. VF margins all around and a large margin on left. EST \$12.00
- 1066 NEVIS PROOFS - Another proof as Lot 65. Vf with clear margins. EST \$10.00
- 1067 NEVIS UNUSED - Sc.17a, fresh, margins all around, some gum, VF for this issue. Plate Position No. 8. CAT \$30.00
- 1067A NEVIS UNUSED - As Lot1067, but left margin not clear, and weak corner perf. Plate Position No. 12. CAT \$30.00
- 1067B NEVIS UNUSED - As Lot1067, but right margin not clear, some trimmed perfs. Plate Position No. 10. CAT \$30.00
- 1068 NEVIS UNUSED - Six stamps, Sc.21-25, 27 in f-vf condition mostly with original gum intact. CAT \$26.35
- 1069 ST. LUCIA - A white 3 x 5" card bearing the 8¢ QE II definitive of 1964, Sc.187, tied by the signature of A. C. Davidson-Houston, the artist who painted the portrait of Her Majesty used in the design of this and other St. Lucia stamps. EST \$2.50
- 1070 ST. VINCENT UNUSED - A fresh appearing copy of Sc.51, the CA perf 14, 6d QV of 1888. Some weak perfs, but otherwise fine. Heavily hinged. CAT \$60.00
- 1071 TOBAGO - Cancellations - various stamps between Sc.15-23 with Tobago cancels incl two parcel post cancels up to 1898. Also a good to fine copy of Sc.3 with early Tobago cancel dated 1879. CAT \$15.35
- 1072 TRINIDAD - Cancellations - a collection of 68 stamps 1872-1906 with mostly different town cancels. Cat. value \$18.90. Also about 10 stamps T & T including a piece with a first day strike of B3 with missing period. EST \$15.00
- 1073 TRINIDAD - Military Covers - two covers used by the US military forces in Trinidad during the 1941-1945 period. EST \$2.00
- 1074 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO - Covers - About 220 covers mostly with different postmarks, 1915-1970, but mostly modern. Many registered letters, Dues, etc. Also about 75 cut squares. Some duplication. EST \$25.00
- 1075 TURKS & CAICOS - Mint Stamps - An unhinged set Sc.94-100, f-vf. CAT \$10.85
- 1076 TURKS & CAICOS - Sc.121-35, mint NH and complete thru the 10/-f-vf. CAT \$14.57
- 1077 VIRGIN ISLANDS - A mint NH set of 1948 Silver Wedding issue, f-vf. CAT \$6.25

ALL CATALOGUE VALUATIONS ARE AS GIVEN IN THE SCOTT 1972 CATALOGUE, PART I.

Any additional material received before the date of the sale will be offered to floor bidders at ROPEX. The exact time and location of the sale have not yet been determined. They will be announced in the April Journal. MAIL BIDS must reach the auction manager by not later than 18th June 1973, and should be sent to:

ROBERT TOPAZ, 34 MARYELLEN ROAD, WABAN, MA 02168, USA.

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- 1078 BAHAMAS - Cover from Bimini, 8 NOV 1965, bearing 6d definitive tied with the rare Marlin cancel TRC III M. Also strike of TRD 3SL II, both in blue ink. EST \$10.00
- 1079 LEEWARD ISLANDS - Presentation booklet for 1947 Universal Postal Congress, hard blue gold-inscribed covers, with G VI defs. thru 10/- & Peace issue. EST \$15.00
- 1080 ST. CHRISTOPHER - Complete mint sheet of 20 with complete selvage of the 1882 1d rose, very fine and fresh. Ex-Charlton Henry. Scott #9. EST \$15.00
- 1081 ST. CHRISTOPHER - Same as previous lot, but 4d gray of 1884, Sc.14. EST \$20.00

FAY AGUILAR SUCCUMBS TO SHORT ILLNESS---

The many friends of Fay Aguilar will share our sorrow in learning of her death in Kingston, Jamaica, on December 17th, 1972 after a very brief illness. Since the death of her husband Everard, a charter member of our BCPSG, in late 1966, we continued to send our Journal to Fay, for she loved to read of our activities. Fay was a most gracious hostess, and a visit to the Aguilar home on Jack's Hill was always a great treat. Her "snacks" always turned out to be tropical feasts which introduced one to unusual taste treats. We especially remember her pumpkin soup which we enjoyed on several visits. We never were able to get the exact recipe for it, for Fay said it was put together from whatever happened to be in the 'fridge at the moment! Fay had a way of making us feel really welcome and at ease in her home.

Fay is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frances Campbell and Mrs. Anne Penkethman, both of Kingston, to whom we extend our sympathy. We are sad to have lost a dear friend, but happy in the many pleasant memories of our friendship with Fay Aguilar.

Gladys and Fred Seifert

Commonwealth QE2 Catalogue Released

The 1973 (21st) edition of the Commonwealth Queen Elizabeth II Stamp Catalogue has arrived, and it is better than ever! By using the facilities of Waterlow and Sons to print this popular and useful philatelic publication, the publishers, Urch, Harris & Co. Ltd. have been able to include virtually all of the stamps issued prior to the December 1st publication date. Even the 1972 Silver Wedding issues are listed.

This edition totals 436 pages, an increase of 48 over the 1972 book, and in these days of ever increasing prices, it is a pleasure to report that despite its larger size the catalogue is being sold at the same price as last year, £1.80, plus 20p postage and packing.

In addition to inclusion of all QE II stamps issued in the past year, the book shows a number of other important changes. The listings of the Canadian Centennial definitive issues of 1967 through 1972 have been completely rewritten to include the different papers. Glazed papers for the Dominica and Trinidad definitives are shown for the first time. The catalogue lists over 400 new errors and varieties, many of which have not been recorded elsewhere.

Comparing values with those in the previous edition, we note that obsolete definitive sets are generally priced about ten per-cent higher. Thus the 1953 Antigua set jumps from £5.50 in the 1972 catalogue to £6.00 in the new book, while the 1966 set is up .25 to £3.75. The 1954 definitive set of Bahamas rises from £6.50 to £7.00. While we have not been able to make a complete check of price changes, a few spot checks of commemorative issues showed only a few moderate increases, generally for those stamps having popular themes.

Lest this sound like a paid advertisement, we add that we are not enthralled with the manner in which certain dubious emissions have been reported. The Barbuda Dürer issue which has been repudiated by the Antigua Government and was never valid for postage, is assigned type numbers. Even though there is a qualifying note following their listing, the mere fact of their being listed honors them unduly, and might lead the unwary to think them postage stamps.

We were not surprised to find the Mustique Island selvedge overprints accorded full honors, since the publisher played a major role in their distribution. A paragraph in the Foreword to

the catalogue purports to justify their inclusion, but we can see no reason why anything more than a note explaining their existence was needed.

The St. Lucia Statehood overprints are catalogued without mention of the sad details that were associated with their preparation and distribution. A note pointing out that the 1¢ and \$2.50 values were not sold at the St. Lucia P.O., but were only available from the "agent" at a very considerable premium, seems called for here. We are not for ignoring such items, but feel that collectors deserve to be told of their backgrounds. With such information they are able to make enlightened decisions as to whether they want to collect the material. We can recall that St. Lucia apologized to collectors for having been an unwitting party to this deal!

Having pointed out the above, we hasten to say that despite these shortcomings, we still feel that the Commonwealth Catalogue of QE II Postage Stamps is an excellent publication, and we recommend it freely to all collectors of QE II issues, or who merely like to read about them.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

by Robert Topaz

My thanks and very best wishes to all of you wonderful people who sent me Holiday Greetings.

The December issue carried a mistake on my part. RAYMONDS, WHITE SANDS BEACH, and AENON TOWN are using MSR marks and not MSR 1968 marks. Please correct your notes if you keep any. New MSR's noted this month (all except Higgin Town with * above date) are:

MSR 1968 -- COUSINS COVE 3 AU 72, KINGS VALE 8 DE 72, MEARS 2 DE 72, MUIR HOUSE 19 JU 72, and RIO HOE 1 DE 72. The latter two strikes are in violet ink.

MSR -- BELLAS GATE 11 DE 72, ELLEN STREET 18 OC 72, HENDON - SP 72, KEN JONES 27 JU 72, HOUNSLOW 17 OC 72, KILLANCHOLLY 6 SP 72, MACCA TREE 4 DE 72, HIGGIN TOWN 20 OC 72, in violet ink for this latter strike. The P.A. at Higgin Town has obviously been reopened, but I have no information as to when this took place.

NEW TRD's reported are for CORNPIECE (written in two words), plain capitals, asterisks, black ink, noted 24 JY 72; CHATHAM, all serifs, no asterisks, violet ink, noted 9 MY 72 to 10 JY 72, and black ink, noted 4 NO 72; ENFIELD, new type 48 x 31 mm oval with no inner circle, serif caps, no asterisks, noted 14 AU 72 to 23 OC 72, a very unusual mark; BAMBOO was using black ink on a serifed TRD with no asterisks on 4 NO 72, as was PARADISE but on its asterisked mark starting 3 NO 72.

The most unusual TRD noted this month is from MEADOWBRIDGE. The shape is the usual oval with side asterisks, but it reads " ? DELIVERY AT/Meadowbridge Postal Agency". The first word could be FREE, but I can't be sure. Can anyone help on this one?

The slogan NATIONAL HERITAGE/WEEK/OCTOBER 19-26 was first noted on 9 OC 72. The usual Christmas slogan was noted again at Kingston starting 13 NO 72. It reads BUY T.B./CHRISTMAS/SEALS, with the double-barred cross at the right.

TEMPORARY CLOSINGS: PENNANTS and BYBROOK per notice of 31 OC 72; ALDERTON and COKA per notice of 11 DE 72.

Tom Foster reports a lovely cover bearing the steel date stamp of OSBORNE STORE, that is

dated 9 OC 31, the opening date of that office. This pretty well refutes the possibility of any TRD for that office. Tom also reports the THORNTON MSR used on 5 MR 64, and notes that it is spelled THORTON! Also DENBIGH MSR/Sc1 in violet used 21 MY 68 and WIRE FENCE TRD 37/41 in black ink dated 9 MR 68.

My thanks to Lloyd Brandon, Tom Foster, Ralph Scrivens, Reg Lant, Bill Bogg, and all the rest of you who help with these new postmarks. If there is anyone else who has new info that he can provide, please write directly to me so that I can include it in a future column.

New Grenada Post Office Noted

by John M. Willem

When I retired from my major interests in the Caribbean last year, several of my affiliate companies in the islands collected and presented to me individual envelopes bearing the cancellations of the branch and sub-station postal facilities. In finally getting around to doing something about them, I have just put Grenada into some semblance of order. To see what this order meant, I referred to Harvey O'Connor's article in the April 1969 issue of BCPJ; Werner Framke's contributions to the February 1971, and June 1972 issues; and the Shepherd and Cronin contribution in the April 1972 Journal.

Since Carriacou was not included at the time, I restrict my following comments to all main island stations, from which the cds were gathered in June and July of 1972. There are 43 in all, of which one has not been previously reported in these pages.

Framke has already reported on POMME ROSE (June '72 issue) as a new sub-station. The cds on my envelope is Type 23B, 15 JUN 72, with both date and month upside down. Some of our members visited there in August and confirmed opening date as 6th April 1971.

My discovery is a sub-station at VENDOME, using Type 23B dated 14 JUN 72. Vendome is located about a mile ESE of Snug Corner, on the road to the Grand Etang, there being both a Vendome Estate and a village of that name. I have no information as to the opening date.

As previously reported, PIEDMONTAGNE has indeed become PERDMONTEMPS, but its cds Type 23A now shows an error in set up, the year being above the day and month, the * below. CROCHU continues using Type 22 without inclusion of the year. At the GPO, Type 23C is the most frequently used, although Type 23 is concurrent.

GRAND ROY continues to use Type 23B following its recent change from Type 23. The Type 23A "SUNG" CORNER is back! (Correct name of the station is SNUG CORNER - Type 23B). O'Connor said the error was used in 1963-64. My cancellation is dated 14 JUN 72.

Type 23A, which has B.W.I. on it, is gradually being replaced by 23B, which simply reads GRENADA at the bottom. The direct score is 16 to 14 now, however, Type 23, which simply has B.W.I. at the bottom adds another eight to the older category.

My cancellation of MUNICH, Type 23, is dated 21 June, with the JU upside down. As all collectors know, such carelessness occurs often in sub-stations and occasionally in the p.o.'s.

The English custom is to use the day's date ahead of the name of the month, as with 4th July instead of July 4th. Of my 43 cds, 26 were using the English system, 17 the American.

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANTIGUA -- The Crown Agents have advised that a consignment of "Inauguration of Tourist Office in New York" issue was lost in transit between London and New York. The shipment consisted of stamps with denominations 35, 50, 75 cents, and \$1, and souvenir sheets. They ask that anyone offered this issue in suspicious circumstances inform them immediately at Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, St. Nicholas House, Sutton, Surrey (Telephone 01-643-3311), or StanGib Ltd., 320 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, NY 11550 (Telephone 516-538-8866).

Ben Ramkissoon advises that the above issue is available in 'gutter pairs', but he doesn't say where they can be obtained in that form.

BARBADOS -- The Barbados Year Book and Who's Who for 1935 contains a section on Postal Service in Barbados. Eric Heyer sent us a photostat of page 83, which had been sent him by Frank Gibbons, and points out that it lists as available "Stamp Booklets: 2/- (10 at $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 10 at 1d and 6 at $1\frac{1}{2}$ d)."

BRITISH HONDURAS -- A commercial cover shown us by Tom Giraldi, bears the Belize City machine cancel of 19 DEC 1972 with a new slogan. Unfortunately, it is a very poor strike, so we can only decipher a portion of the wording. The top line is ??TH, possibly 70 TH, while the center line is clearly ANNIVERSARY. The bottom line is OF??, the final word having 5 or 6 letters. Has anyone seen a clear strike of this slogan?

DOMINICA -- Arthur Blackmun has a cover mailed by the Royal Bank of Canada, Roseau to a bank in Saginaw, Michigan, on 27 JUL 1916. It bears a handstamp reading "Via Bermuda and New York", evidently struck by the sender as it is in the same dirty blue ink used by them to stamp their mailing point, Roseau. The letter did go via Bermuda as indicated by a strike of the circular censor's mark, Ludington Type CM15, and took 21 days to reach Saginaw, being backstamped there on 16 AUG 1916. Arthur also has a registered cover sent on 20 DEC 1916 from Roseau to Detroit, Michigan, which apparently went directly to New York, since it has only New York and Detroit backstamps. It reached Detroit in 14 days, arriving 2 JAN 1917. Arthur wonders if anyone can explain why the first cover was routed via Bermuda, apparently at the sender's request. Was this a safer route during these days of WW I? Does anyone of our members have a positive explanation?

Tom Giraldi provides us a cover from Portsmouth, 28 NOV 72, with the unusual Registration mark shown on page 27, a straight-line PORTSMOUTH in black, sans-serif capitals, with the height 5 mm and length 45 mm. The registration number is in manuscript beneath this mark, and the cover also bears an "R" in oval handstamp, about 25 x 20 mm in black ink. Tom also noted a manuscript "R W. F. Hill/115" on a registered cover from Woodford Hill.

GRENADA -- We almost hate to report any modern varieties of Grenada, because as far as we are concerned most recent issues are unneeded, unwanted, and undesirable. However, it should be noted for the record that the Air Mail overprinted definitives of last year which saw little, if any, use on the island, have been found with double overprints on the 5¢ and 8¢.

JAMAICA -- Mal Watts recently discovered a new EKD for the ALEXANDRIA S/L marking of Foster Type 4b, the date being 30 March 1834. This is a rare mark, and this brings the total number of strikes known to but 7. Mal viewed the cover bearing it at an auction, but he was not successful in purchasing it. It was on an entire from St. Anns (via Africa) to England, but why it took that routing is something that neither Mal nor Tom Foster can explain. Perhaps there was a sailing of opportunity that promised faster (or safer) transit.

From Byron Cameron comes a report of a bit of original research. Foster mentions by footnote on page 73 of his "Jamaica" book, "It is possible that two handstamps of Falmouth T3 may exist." Byron has sent us a Xerox of a strike that verifies existence of two of these T3 Falmouth marks. His new find shows the "J" of "JA" as about 1/4" to the left of the position in which it is found on the previously known item. It was used 6 MAR 1808. The copy sent to us is not sufficiently clear to provide an illustration here.

MONTSERRAT -- In Britnor's Montserrat he has a checklist of "SPECIMEN" stamps, and it shows the 1884 2 1/2d blue as being overprinted "CANCELLED" while listing the 4d mauve with "SPECIMEN" overprint. Recently, John Willem picked up this pair, and both of them have the "SPECIMEN" overprint. Thus we can now record the 2 1/2d with both overprints.

ST. LUCIA -- Guy Kilburn advises us that there is again a temporary shortage of registration labels at the Castries GPO. Once more covers are being numbered with the printing device and in manuscript, as reported by Guy in the December 1972 Journal, page 163. The printing device was started with number 5000 for this new series, while manuscript numbers were started at 1. Each clerk now has her own datestamp with an identifying number in the mark. These are illustrated below. These coded marks were first used on 23 OCT 1972, although Guy is not sure if all saw use on that date. However, they were all in use within a day or two of the 23rd. Their most common use is for registry and postal orders, and No.3 is the least frequently used. The figure 2 has been noted positioned both to the left and to the right. The oval Registration stamp is also in current use, and is employed by the clerk using the printing machine to number covers. Guy sent us this information in a registered letter which was processed by this latter clerk. It has imprinted number 7641 and the oval cds, 24 JA 73.



Tom Giraldi has been looking for these provisional registration covers, and managed to come up with a pair. One is from the first series reported by Guy, having the machine imprinted number 2246, with a ms. R in front of it, and the oval cds of 30 MR 72. The second cover is from this latest series, with R159 in red manuscript and the Index 4 cds of 27 DE 72.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO -- The 1973 Commonwealth QE II Catalogue shows that all but three of the current T & T definitives exist on glazed paper. Missing values are the 8¢, \$2.50, and the \$5. If you collect T & T, be sure that you get these definitives on both papers.

LATE USE OF ST. KITTS CENSOR STAMP NOTED---

Paul Bondor extends use of the St. Kitts "PASSED THE CENSOR" mark to August 1940 with a cover (day-of-month illegible) postmarked at St. Kitts in that month. This means that its use overlapped the circular type mark with crown in center, your Editor having a cover bearing a strike of that type used by "CENSOR 3" on 1 MAR 1940.

With regard to this latter type mark, does anyone have strikes bearing numbers other than 1, 2, and 3? We have only seen the latter two, but presume there was a number 1. Has anyone ever made a study of BWI Censor Marks?

NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

4 DEC 72 CHRISTMAS 1972. Five values featuring different Nativity scenes, 1, 20, 25, 40, and 50 cents. Designed by John Lister Staff Artists. Lithographed in panes of 25 stamps by Questa Colour Security Printers Ltd.

ANTIGUA

29 DEC 72 INAUGURATION OF THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA TOURIST OFFICE IN NEW YORK. 35¢ - Yachting scene and the map of Antigua (Sailing Week 1972); 50¢ - Sailing (Sailing Week 1972); 75¢ - The Post Office, High Street, St. John's-19th Century; \$1.00 - Skyline of New York with Statue of Liberty in the foreground. There is also a Souvenir Sheet containing the 50¢ and \$1.00 values. Designs by Shamir Brothers. Lithographed by Format International in panes of 25 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.

BARBADOS

15 NOV 72 DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. The 4, 5, 6, and 8 cents are watermark Block CA sideways (formerly upright), while the 12, 15, 25, 35, 50 cents and \$1.00 are Block CA upright (formerly sideways). All are on glazed paper, this being the first time for the 6¢ to appear on this paper.

BRITISH HONDURAS

15 NOV 72 DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. The 3, 5, and 10 cents are now found with Block CA watermark upright. The original 1968 printing was without watermark, but a 5 May 1972 printing of the 2, 3, and 10 cents was Block CA sideways.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

15 JAN 73 FIRST CURRENCY ISSUE. 3, 6, 15, and 25 cents plus a Souvenir Sheet. The designs are montages featuring the Machin QE II and different banknotes and coins of the Caymans. Designed by De La Rue Studio and photogravure printed by De La Rue in panes of 25 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper.

GRENADA

9 DEC 72 CHRISTMAS 1972. A six value issue, 1, 3, 5, 25, 35 cents, and \$1.00, plus a Souvenir Sheet of two additional values 60 and 70 cents. The stamps feature six modernistic designs of the Nativity and associated events. V. Whiteley is the designer, and the stamps are lithographed by Format International.

5 JAN 73 NATIONAL ZOO. 25¢ - Phoenicopterus Ruber Ruber; 35¢ - Tapirus Terrestris; 60¢ - Ara Araraura, Ara Macau; 70¢ - Felis Pardalis. Designs are by Shamir, and the stamps are lithographed by Questa.

26 JAN 73 WORLD YACHTING CENTER ISSUE. A four value set featuring two views of St. George's and two different sailboats. 25¢ - R.O.R.C. Class II; 35¢ - View of St. George's Harbor; 60¢ - "Bloodhound"; 70¢ - View of St. George's Harbor. Designed by V. Whiteley and lithographed by Format International.

GUYANA

23 FEB 73 REPUBLIC DAY 1973. Two designs - the 8 and 50 cents show Umana Yana, the meeting place of the Wai Wai chiefs. It is a large conical building built by the Wai Wai Indians of Guyana from rough poles and saplings, thatched with palm fronds, the whole being secured by tying with vines and lianas. It is 82 feet in

diameter and 50 feet in height. The 25 and 40 cents show Bethel Chapel. The original chapel was built in 1808 by the London Missionary Society at the instigation of the owner of the plantation "Le Resouvenir" so that he could give his slaves religious instruction. Designs by J.E. Cooter and lithographed in panes of 25 on Block CA watermarked paper by Questa. See illustrations below.

ST. KITTS

28 JAN 73

350TH ANNIV. OF LANDING OF SIR THOMAS WARNER ON ST. CHRISTOPHER. 4¢ - Landing at St. Christopher 1623; 25¢ - Growing tobacco; 40¢ - Building the fort at "Old Road"; \$2.50 - Sir Thomas Warner's ship off St. Christopher, 28 January 1623. Designed by Waddington Studio and lithographed by Questa on CA Block watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.



ST. LUCIA

1 FEB 73

HEADRESSES OF ST. LUCIA. 5¢ - two peaks, in the old peasant style, worn as a week-day headdress; 10¢ - one peak in the modern style that is worn only to churches and business appointments; 25¢ - three peaks, again in the modern more sophisticated style, worn by unmarried girls; 50¢ - one and a half peaks, historic ceremonial headdress, is ornately decorated with hand made artificial flowers, and occasionally feathers, worn on official or formal occasions. The designs are by Sylvia Goaman and stamps lithographed by Alden & Mowbray on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.

ST. VINCENT

31 JAN 73

DISCOVERY BY COLUMBUS. A set of four triangular stamps, 5, 12, 30, and 50 cents, with designs featuring Columbus and his ships. Lithographed in panes of 25 stamps by Enschede en Zonen from designs by J.E. Cooter.

TURKS & CAICOS

18 JAN 73

TREASURE. 3¢ - Treasure hunting circa 1700; 5¢ - Obverse of the Silver Bank Medallion; 10¢ - Reverse of the Silver Bank Medallion; 30¢ - Treasure hunting in 1973. The Silver Bank Medallion was struck in the 17th century to commemorate the recovery of treasure from a Spanish ship which had been wrecked 40 years earlier. Stamps designed by Clive Abbott and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps. There is also a souvenir sheet containing one of each value.

16 APR 73

CENTENARY OF ANNEXATION TO JAMAICA. (No details available.)

Just announced is a Barbados "Pottery" issue, for 1 MAR 73 release. Details in next issue.

Information in the foregoing listings has been provided by the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, StanGib Ltd., John Lister Ltd., and the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS:

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed on pages 189-190 of the DEC Journal have been admitted to membership.

NEW APPLICANTS:

BERMUDEZ, Alejandro, 2460 N. Spaulding, Apt. 1-E, Chicago, IL 60647. Electronic & Tel. Technician. Topical: Fish and Sea Animals. By A.N. Johnson

BODILY, Ritchie, 72 Fitzjohns Ave., London NW3, England. Stamp Dealer. Has a personal collection of British Honduras. By C.E. Cwiakala

BRACK, John R., 6443 Desco Drive, Dallas, TX 75225. Engineer. W.I. By C.E. Cwiakala

BUMP, C. Kilbourne (KIL), 78 North Road, Hampden, MA 01036. Retired. Bermuda, Turks Islands. Sp. - Bermuda Postal History, Western Massachusetts P.H. By J.C. Arnell

DODGE, William E., 6311 Somerled Ave., Apt. 604, Montreal 253, PQ, Canada. Retired. Principally BWI. By C.E. Cwiakala

EVANS, Ronald B., "Clydesdale", 14 St. Catherines Way, Downend, Fareham, Hants. PO16 8RL, England. Salesman. BWI, Australia, NZ, Gib., Malta. By M.D. Watts

GLASS, Powell Jr., P.O. Box 131, Lynchburg, VA 24505. Newspaper Publisher and General Manager. BWI, Iceland. By E.M. Adelson

HORTON, Ralph D., 23 Broom St., Rotherham, Yorkshire, England. Bank Clerk. Modern West Indies (General). By M.D. Watts

LAMB, Charles A., 8 Woods End Rd., Darien, CT 06820. Business Executive. US, Canada, British Colonies in America. By W.D. Buchanan

MINIHAN, Dennis, Post Office Box 282, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Administrator/Accountant. British Commonwealth, Spain, France & Colonies. By R.A. Ramkisson

PIRINGER, Albert A., 7512 Rhode Island Ave., College Park, MD 20740. Horticulturist and Agricultural Adm., USDA. Grenada, Botony, Flowers, Ag. topica. By C.E. Cwiakala

SNELLING, George E.D., "Meadowbank", 23 Hollybush Road, Crawley, Sussex, RG10 2DY, England. Lecturer in Accountancy. St. Vincent. By M.D. Watts

STOCK, Charles L., Post Office Box 495, Phoenix, AZ 85001. Office Manager. Caribbean Area countries. By C.E. Cwiakala

John Farthing's listing was omitted in error from the 1972 Membership Roster. Please add: FARTHING, John N., Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London WC2R 0LX, England. General.

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Personal Mention:

LINCOLN KIEFFER won a Bronze Award with his Suriname WW II Censorship display at the recent SEPAD in Philadelphia, while in Miami at the Cuban Philatelic Club Fiesta, AGUSTIN CANTENS took the Grand Award with a Cuba exhibit, and LAURA CANTENS' Spain earned a Bronze. Agustin also received a Gold APS Chapter Medal.

We learn from STAN DURNIN that one of the Judges at SEAPEX in Seattle several months ago was DICK MOUNSEY.

Received too late to publish in the December Journal is a report of the September meeting of the Roses Caribbean P.S. in Leeds. The visitors included BILL MATTHEWS and wife, who had come up from Trinidad for a visit to the U.K. TOM FOSTER provided a display of Jamaica postal history as well as a few pages from each of the other islands.

GENE DEEMS and JOHN WHALEN called on MORRIS LUDINGTON last month and report a splendid session, with Morris helping Gene to identify some shades and printings of stamps in his Bermuda collection.

Mr. and Mrs. LAURIE FRANKS won the Grand Award (the Post Office Trophy) at ANPEX '72 with their showing of China.

A Bronze-Silver Literature award was given RONALD WARD at the recent B. P. E. for his Postal History of Upper Wharfedale etc., and DAVID POTTER received a Bronze Award for his G. B. Railway Letter Stamp Catalogue.



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KIL BUMP advises that his local stamp club has been invited to attend the annual dinner of the **Bermuda Stamp Club**. Kil and wife with a few other couples planned to attend and to put on a program for the **Bermuda Club**.

REYN RADFORD tells us that he will drop out as Editor of the **BWISC Bulletin** after he gets the **March** issue completed. With a growing family, Reyn finds he can't spare the time one needs to publish on a regular schedule.

When **AL BRANSTON** presented his stamp and slide show of the **Bahamas "Pirates All"** at a meeting in **Harlow** on 6th December, it was the 70th time he had given this display! Clubs in **England, Scotland, and Ireland** have been privileged to receive his superb presentation.

DAN WARREN was recently elected President of the **New Mexico Philatelic Association**.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

Word just received on a **British Honduras** new issue "**Festivals of Belize**" for 9 March 1973, and a **Cayman Islands "Easter"** issue for 15th March 1973. Details in the **April Journal**.

We sadly report the death on 14 December of the **REV. CLAUDE A. SAUNDERS**, Postmaster General of the **Bahamas**, and a good friend of the **BCPSG**, much interested in our activities. He was the honored guest of our Group at our dinner held in **Nassau** in November 1969, and his kind cooperation made possible our visits behind the counters of **Bahamas P.O.'s**. His death was from a heart attack.

The 9th grade **Social Studies** classes that our member **CHARLES RICKSECKER** teaches are sponsoring a stamp exhibition in **May**. They are in need of used stamps with thematic relation to any aspect of **W.I. history**. Charles is able to get adequate supplies of stamps of the **Leeward Islands**, but would appreciate if members can donate material from the other islands—even if torn or damaged. Please help if you can! Send material to Charles at **P.O. Box 4833, St. Thomas, U. S. V. I. 00801**.

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