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ON MUSTIQUE ISLAND, THE BAHAMAS BUM PICKS UP THE MAIL FOR GRENADA FROM MUSTIQUE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE NICK COURTNEY. SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND ARE THE PILOT AND LIAT'S GRENADINE-HOPPING BRITTEN-NORMAN ISLANDER VP-LAF. *Photo by Fred Seifert*

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EDITORIAL ELUCIDATIONS

The Grenada Postmark study, the first part of which was printed in the February Journal, is continued in this issue. We congratulate authors John Cronin and Dan Walker for a fine bit of philatelic research in preparing this study. We appreciate the effort they have put into verifying previously reported data and tracking down new information. The long hours they spent going through government files, checking in old newspapers and gazettes, and corresponding with a number of Grenada residents and postal officials, as well as with their fellow collectors, has enabled them to secure a wealth of new data. They have had help from a number of others, with Lionel Coasby deserving special mention. We are happy to be able to publish this important paper in our B.C.P. Journal.

In the 18 months since it was first established, our Awards Program has come along well, especially in the U.K. Our medals have been awarded at the two major British shows, STAMPEX and the B.P.E., and regional exhibitions have expressed interest in having our awards made available to them. Now, Paul Larsen, our Awards Chairman, wants to see greater participation at U.S. exhibitions. If you know of any show where BCPSG Awards could be utilized, get in contact with Paul. Our four medals--gold, silver, bronze, and pewter, plus the parchment certificate, give us a broad enough range to cover all levels of exhibits. Paul will be pleased to offer further info and a copy of the criteria that we have established for presentation of BCPSG awards. A note to Paul at 14 Wilson Court, Park Forest, IL 60466 is all it takes to get things started.

As noted on page 55, the Roses are sponsoring a BCPSG Convention at Leeds next September. They could use some donation auction lots to help pay for rental of facilities at the hotel. Please help!

Fred

THE HAPAG WEST INDIA LINE

by Charles E. Cwiakala

It is a fortunate fact, that our BCPSG members are always ready to respond to appeals made to them for information on even the most obscure and isolated facets of British Caribbean postal history. Thus, it was no surprise when my article "The HAPAG West India Line" that was published in the February 1971 B.C.P. Journal, Vol. 11, No. 1, brought me an in-depth flood of facts pertaining to that subject. Col. Fred F. Seifert generously provided copies of HAPAG postal history literature, while Roman Burkiewicz furnished me examples of HAPAG postal markings employed in the Caribbean. With this new data and other information I had on hand, it is now possible to clarify some points clouded in the first article and to present a reasonably comprehensive history of HAPAG in the British Caribbean.

In brief, HAPAG (Hamburg-Amerikanischen Paketfahrt Aktien-Gesellschaft), the Hamburg-America Packet Company, used their steamships for the transportation of mails, as well as other cargo, in the Caribbean. During the 1875-1879 period, HAPAG issued its own postage adhesives for use on mail it carried. My February 1971 article dealt with the details of the stamp itself, provided examples of non-BWI Caribbean usage, and presented evidence that it is extremely possible that a HAPAG stamp could exist bearing a cancellation denoting BWI usage, specifically Trinidad, since that island was known to be a HAPAG port-of-call in the 1875-1879 period. Similarly, it was suggested that the HAPAG stamp could have been used in other BWI ports, since the routes of the HAPAG ships most likely skirted others of the British Caribbean islands.

Answers to the above questions have come forth. In addition, a great deal of information has come to light regarding the use of HAPAG postal markings on British Caribbean mails in the post-1879 period. Thankfully, there is no information in the first article that is in need of correction.

THE HAPAG STAMP

My first HAPAG article explained and illustrated the HAPAG 1875-1879 local issue and the various reprints made in 1896, 1938, and 1955. In "THE HAMBURG AMERICAN PACKET COMPANY" (American Philatelist, November 1951, pp 85-92), Denwood N. Kelly provided

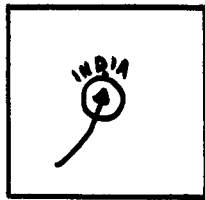
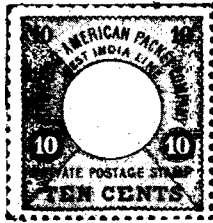
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further printing details of the issue, and reported success in plating an entire sheet.

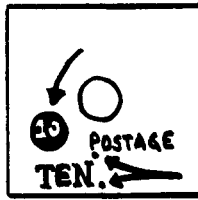
The stamps were lithographed in Germany by Charles Fuch, in sheets of 72 (8 x 9). The intermediate or "matrix" stone consisted of nine transfers of the die to form a block of nine (3 x 3). From this, six complete transfers and three partial transfers were made to form the printing stone. These were laid out as shown in the adjacent sketch. Kelly notes that the sketch represents the layout as seen on a sheet of the finished stamps, and that the printing stone itself would evidence the layout in a reversed manner.

Denwood Kelly also furnishes information which indicates that there are enough minor differences in the seventy-two subjects in the sheet to permit a complete plating. However, as he notes, there would be little to be gained from such an academic exercise as those differences

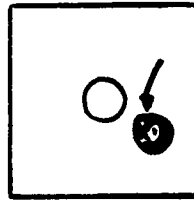
are so minor. Selecting a certain matrix of nine, however, is of interest. Those of types 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 are the only ones readily distinguishable, and Kelly indicates that these were originally noted by Kapitan W. Sachse, Oberinspektor der H.A.L.i.R., Hamburg, in a 1929 article in "Philatelisten-Zeitung". These are illustrated and described below:



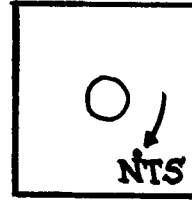
TYPE-1



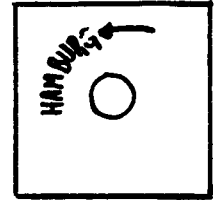
TYPE-2



TYPE-3



TYPE-6



TYPE-9

TYPE-1 Tiny dot at the outer rim of the central circle below the "D" of "INDIA".

TYPE-2 Two dots in the left part of the "0" of the lower-left "10". Dot after the "N" of "TEN". A small dot midway between the upright of the "P" of "POSTAGE" and the right leg of the "N" in "TEN".

TYPE-3 Spur of color from the background to the outer circle of the right lower numeral circle above the "1" of "10".

TYPE-6 Small spur of color projecting from the top serif of the right leg of the "N" of "CENTS".

TYPE-9 Horizontal cut through the upper part of "G" of "HAMBURG".

NOTE: The remaining four types (4, 5, 7, and 8) do not show any readily discernible differences.

As for the distinct plate varieties in the individual positions, the following were described by Kapitan Sachse, and Kelly notes that their constancy and plate positions were confirmed:

POSITION 29 A prominent retouch to the outer circle enclosing the left lower figure of value at about "2 o'clock".

POSITION 39 Upper part of the "S" of "STAMP" missing or just faintly visible.

POSITION 58 "S"-shaped hook over the "W" of "WEST".

The largest known multiple of this issue (ex-Hurt collection) is a beautiful block of 32. Use of this block and other recorded information (primarily Erik Hurt's fine series of articles in Robson Lowe's "THE PHILATELIST" under the title "Private and Local Posts of the World", 1940) has made plating of the HAPAG stamps possible.

USE OF THE 1875 HAPAG LOCAL ISSUE IN THE CARIBBEAN

As noted in my February 1971 HAPAG article, the local stamp was obliterated on cover by use of manuscript markings, regular government postal markings, miscellaneous geometric-al obliterations (primarily the target type) that are generally unidentifiable as to origin, and at rare times, by the various HAPAG agents and other forwarding agents in the various ports which the HAPAG vessels visited.

We previously recorded usage of the HAPAG local issue in various Caribbean ports: Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and Venezuela. New information indicates that to these we can add Cuba,

Dominican Republic, Haiti, Curacao, and the most important of all, Port of Spain, Trinidad! Thus the answer to the driving question in the first HAPAG article is answered---the HAPAG 1875 issue has been recorded used in a British Caribbean port.

We found this lone recorded Port of Spain usage listed in Denwood Kelly's article. It shows up merely in a listing of agents' handstamps known used to cancel the HAPAG adhesives, and tells us that one such handstamp was that of "J.N. Harriman & Co., Port-of-Spain, oval." If this mark was in fact an oval, it indicates that J.N. Harriman & Co. employed more than one handstamp, since the only mark of that firm previously known to us is that illustrated on page 173 of the December 1972 B.C.P. Journal, a 3-line stamp, not enclosed by box or oval. This latter mark was listed by Ken Rowe in "THE FORWARDING AGENTS" as used in 1875, which does at least show that Harriman's firm was in business at P.O.S. when the HAPAG locals were in use, and tends to verify the Kelly report. Perhaps in time more data on this item will turn up, but in any event we can be grateful to Kelly for enabling us to record use of a HAPAG adhesive at a British Caribbean port. Now, perhaps further examples of British Caribbean usage will come to light.

HAPAG SHIP MARKS IN THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN, FROM 1876 ONWARD

The Collectors Club Philatelist for January 1953 (Vol. XXXII, No. 1, pp 3-32) carried a very comprehensive article by Robert G. Stone, "Ship Mail and Postal Markings of the Hamburg-American Line on the West Indian Routes". With his characteristic thoroughness, Stone gave a report of "some notes compiled over fifteen years of casual study in this field", but if this be a casual study, it would really be something to see an all-out effort by that writer! Any reader who finds this subject interesting, should read Stone's article, a copy being available in the BCPSG Library for loan to our members. For those who prefer a summary dealing primarily with the British Caribbean aspects of the HAPAG operations, the paragraphs which follow may suffice.

During the first decade of HAPAG's operation of the West Indian line, the company lost quite a bit of money. Two years after its inauguration (1871), the port of St. Thomas was made the main station of the region. Under an aggressive new management, the line greatly expanded its services, and by 1897 it was well established with 35 ports of call in the Caribbean. In June, 1901, HAPAG purchased the ATLAS LINE, a 30-year old British company operating seven ships on three routes from New York to Jamaica. In order to capitalize on the goodwill of this acquisition, HAPAG retained the identity of the "ATLAS SERVICE", and at first the Atlas ships retained their original names, ADIRONDACK, ALENE, ALLEGHANY, ALPS, ALTAI, ANDES, and ATHOS, and maintained their original ports of call.

Stone notes that HAPAG increased its Caribbean routes, with a New York to British Honduras and Guatemala line added in 1904. In 1907, to meet fierce competition from the Lamport and Holt Line, HAPAG initiated service between the United States, Barbados, and Brazil.

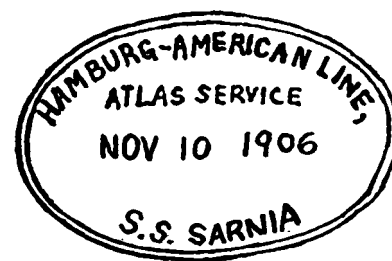
In 1906, the Atlas Service pursers began to use special marks for mail which included the wording, "POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS", an expression introduced several years earlier by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (RMSPC). There are a large variety of these marks, but they are found mostly on the adhesives of Haiti and Colombia. Other Caribbean countries have been recorded, but since we are most interested in the British Caribbean area, we will note only that adhesives of the following British Caribbean countries are known postmarked with the HAPAG-ATLAS TRD's: Bahamas (rare), Jamaica, Trinidad (rare), Barbados (very rare), and British Honduras. The rarity factors are per Stone.

Virtually all of the HAPAG marks to be found on British Caribbean covers and adhesives are of the oval rubber stamp type of the ATLAS SERVICE. There is no evidence that the circular and oval steel German Seapost marks, and the circular TRD's of the German "Shipspost" of 1936-1939 were ever used on British Caribbean adhesives, although in the absence of proof to the contrary, there is a slight, although remote, possibility of such use.

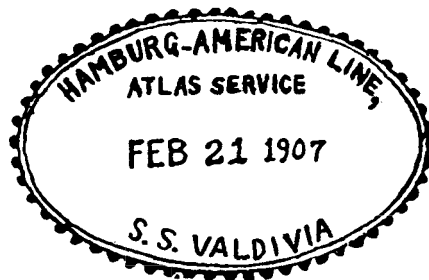
Stone made extensive studies of shipping tables, sailing schedules in newspapers, and annual reports of HAPAG, to determine which of the HAPAG ships were used in its service to the Caribbean. He also compiled records of known covers and adhesives bearing HAPAG marks. Extracting the information pertinent to British Caribbean ports, we end up with a possibility of five different types of ATLAS SERVICE markings for mail associated with such ports, and these are shown in the illustrations below.



TYPE 1



TYPE 2



TYPE 3



TYPE 4



TYPE 5

The above illustrated marks have been recorded used on the ships listed below. An asterisk indicates that the ship's name appears in upper and lower case letters.

Type-1 (1906-1914; black, blue, purple, maroon).

ALLEGHANY (1906-1912)	*Prinz Sigismund (1910-1914)
ALTAI (1906-1913)	SARNIA (1906-1912)
PRINZ AUGUST WILHELM (1911-)	SIBIRIA (1908-1912)
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH (1908-)	VENETIA (1907-1908)
PRINZ JOACHIM (1913-)	PRINZ WALDEMAR (1906)

Type-2 (1906-1912; blue, purple, red).

GRAECIA (1906-1908)	VENETIA (1906-1908)
SARNIA (1906-1912)	VIRGINIA (1906-1907)

Type-3 (1906-1907; black, blue, maroon, purple).

PRINCE SIGISMUND (1907-)	VALDIVIA (1906-1907)
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Type-4 (1906-; blue, purple).

PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH (1906-)	PRINZ AUGUST WILHELM (1906-)
PRINZ JOACHIM (1906-)	

Type-5 (1910-1914; black, blue, purple, red).

ALBINGIA (1910-1914)

ALLEMANNIA (1910-1914)

*Westerwald (1912-)

It is thus possible that any of these five types, for the ships indicated, may exist on covers or adhesives from British Caribbean countries, although it is emphasized that these are only presented as possibilities. Nicholson in the 1928 Jamaica Handbook, recorded the Type-1 of PRINZ AUGUST WILHELM used on the $\frac{1}{2}$ d green and 1d red of Jamaica's second Arms type adhesive. Perhaps readers of this article can confirm other usage.

There are other HAPAG ships for which no marks have been recorded that are known to have called at British Caribbean ports. VALESCIA, SIEGLINDE, SIEGMUND, and NASSOVIA are reported by Stone as having operated into Barbados at various times between 1901 and 1913, and MOLTKE into Jamaica in 1903. Stone mentions having seen a purser's mark for VALESCIA, but knew of none for the other four ships.

To be sure, there are probably other HAPAG and HAPAG ATLAS SERVICE ships which made British Caribbean ports of call, and many of them may have used other HAPAG markings not illustrated here. Stone shows numerous other HAPAG markings, but in the absence of any concrete evidence of British Caribbean usage, we are not recording them here. Should any reader run across marks other than those we have illustrated, please send us details.

ROUTES AND PORTS OF CALL OF HAPAG CARIBBEAN SERVICES, 1907-1914

Since we have established that the only HAPAG marks recorded with British Caribbean usage are from the HAPAG ATLAS SERVICE of 1906-1914 (although there may be others hiding in the wings), it may be useful to record the routings of that service as shown by Stone. During the period 1907-1914, HAPAG-ATLAS had six distinct routings, designated I through VI, but Route V will be omitted from our list, as it included no British Caribbean ports. The first route, called the NEW YORK-WEST INDIES-CENTRAL AMERICA-COLOMBIA ROUTE, was inaugurated in 1901 (HAPAG-ATLAS SERVICE markings were introduced in 1906).

- ROUTE I A. New York; FORTUNE ISLAND (now called Long Cay), Bahamas; KINGSTON, Jamaica; Savanilla, Colombia; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.
- B. (Same as Route A).
- C. New York; INAGUA, Bahamas; Cape Haitien, Haiti; Port-de-Paix, Haiti; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; St. Marc, Haiti; Aux Cayes, Haiti; Santa Marta, Colombia.
- D. New York; INAGUA, Bahamas; Cape Haitien, Haiti; Petite Goave, Haiti; Miragoane, Haiti; Jeremie, Haiti; Jacmel, Haiti; Santa Marta, Colombia.
- E. New York; KINGSTON, Jamaica; Greytown, Nicaragua; Puerto Barrios, Guatemala; Livingston, Guatemala.
- F. New York; KINGSTON, Jamaica; Colon, Panama; Puerto Limon, Costa Rica.
- G. New York; Havana, Cuba; Cienfuegos, Cuba; Santiago, Cuba; KINGSTON, Jamaica; Colon, Panama.

The second route was called the WEST INDIES INTERCOLONIAL LINE, and it commenced service in 1891 with three ships.

ROUTE II A. St. Thomas, D.W.I.; San Juan, Puerto Rico; KINGSTON, Jamaica; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Haiti.

The third route was designated the HAMBURG-WEST INDIES-NORTHERN SOUTH AMERICA-CENTRAL AMERICA (EAST COAST) ROUTE, and service commenced in 1871.

ROUTE III D. Hamburg, Germany; St. Thomas, D.W.I.; PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad; Carupano, Venezuela; La Guaira, Venezuela; Puerto Cabello, Venezuela; Curacao.

The fourth route was known as the HAMBURG-CUBA-MEXICO ROUTE, and it commenced its service in 1867.

ROUTE IV A. Hamburg, Germany; Antwerp, Belgium; KINGSTON, Jamaica; Tampico, Mexico; Vera Cruz, Mexico; Progreso, Mexico.

The sixth route was the BARBADOS-BRAZIL-HAMBURG; BARBADOS-U.S. EAST COAST PORTS ROUTE. Stone does not give ports of call, but presumably BRIDGETOWN, Barbados was included in both routings. Service began in 1907.

West Indies Target Cancels

by Charles G. Ricksecker

There has been much discussion and speculation concerning the origin and method of use of a particular type of concentric circle obliterator, that is found on a variety of stamps from the British West Indies of the Victorian and Edwardian periods. I, personally, have noted that such obliterators are most common on the stamps of the Leeward Islands. I wish to propose and verify that this type of strike emanated from the Danish Post Offices on St. Thomas (and St. Croix). In the following paragraphs, I refer to this mark as a target type, although in the strictest sense that name is usually reserved for marks with a solid center or "bull's eye".

Readers are urged to consult J. Alfred Birch's handbook entitled Postal History of the United States Virgin Islands, published by the American Philatelic Society, 1966. A complete listing of all the obliterators and dated cancellation devices of the Danish West Indies, 1855 to 1917, is given on page 20. One should note that Birch states that the (target type) obliterator bearing four concentric rings (6½, 10, 14, 18 mm), was in extensive general use in the DWI from the early 1870's, continuing into the U.S. ownership period to 1934. A complete list of the Post Offices in the Danish West Indies (a listing which remains unchanged to date) is as follows: Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Christiansted, St. Croix; Frederiksted, St. Croix; Kingshill, St. Croix; and St. Jan (St. John). While Charlotte Amalie was the official name of the town, it was commonly called simply St. Thomas, and both the Danish and British Post Offices used St. Thomas in their datestamps.

The target obliterator was applied to letters of foreign origin which were as yet uncanceled when passing through the Danish Post Office. Since St. Thomas was pre-eminent as an exchange point for the various packet and mail steamer services which linked Europe, North America, and South America with the West Indies, we can assume that the obliterator was most often applied in St. Thomas, rather than in St. Croix. In that era, many nearby small

islands such as Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke, Anegada, and Anguilla, did not have their own post offices, and all were included in the Leeward Islands. However, letters given directly to a ship's captain in any of the West Indies could have arrived in the DWI in an uncanceled condition. The target obliterator as applied to such covers would denote paquebot usage.

Contrary to the article by William Cornell in BCPJ W/N 38, the Danish West Indies did not operate its own mail steamers. French mail packets applied their own anchor cancels that were issued them by the French Post Office. The German Hamburg-Amerika Line generally applied its own cancellations. Therefore, most of the letters which would have arrived in St. Thomas with Leeward Islands stamps (or others) as yet uncanceled, would have arrived by small private schooner or tramp steamer. It is important, too, to note that the DWI did not have a special paquebot cancel, identifiable as such. One of the target obliterations sufficed, the one with the four concentric rings ($6\frac{1}{2}$, 10, 14, 18 mm) being most common.

I have seen this target obliterator on complete covers from St. Thomas and St. Croix bearing DWI stamps. On loose stamps, I have seen it on some from as far away as Barbados. All of the examples cited in the Cornell article, with the exception of a British Honduras example, are on stamps of the Leeward Islands or one of its Presidencies, and all of them fall into the time period when target obliterations were in use in the Danish West Indies.

Three different five-ring targets of a slightly larger diameter are also noted by Cornell as having only been found on stamps of one of the Leeward Islands. It is possible that Birch's listing of DWI targets is not complete and that these additional five-ring obliterations should have been included.



As a modern footnote, I have uncovered an obliterator of four concentric rings as illustrated here, that is still in use at the Main Post Office in St. Thomas. The measurements are 4, 9, 13, 17 mm. At the moment it is in possession of a clerk at the registry window, but has been used to cancel stamps on printed circulars.

The imprinting end of this device is made of steel, while the handle is of polished wood which tapers outward at the top into a bulb. The whole apparatus is about 3" tall, and has the over-all appearance of an automobile cigarette lighter.

BERMUDA ADOPTS POSTAL CODE SYSTEM --- by Col. Lynn D. Wallace

In its 24th February 1973 edition, the Royal Gazette of Hamilton, Bermuda announced that as of 1st March 1973, a new three-digit postal code system would be put into effect. In time the system will be expanded into a five-digit code to pinpoint the exact address.

This new system has two primary objectives, first, to cure the problems created by so many un-numbered homes and un-named streets, roads and alleys, and second, to aid mail service upon the introduction of mechanical mail sorting. Under this system, the full address will contain a postal code number of three digits, the first indicating the parish, while the second and third show the postal zone. There are nine parishes, numbered from one (St. Georges) to nine (Sandys), and 241 postal zones, with each containing about 65 dwellings. Later when the system expands to five digits, each dwelling will have its own number within its postal zone.

The system was first mooted in April of last year, and was recommended by the Management Services Department of the Government after an in-depth study of methods by which the Post Office delivers 70,000 pieces of mail every day.

POSTAGE METERS OF BERMUDA

by Jack Arnell

During the last year or so, there has been considerable interest shown in the postage meters used in Bermuda, since they were first introduced just over ten years ago. In the June 1972 issue of this Journal, I listed the licensees and their meter numbers as of March 1965. Last November, while in Bermuda, I was able to obtain an up-to-date list of current licenses, as well as a list of those which had been cancelled. In the hope that there will be others who are interested in this information, I have combined it into the following table.

<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>NAME OF OWNER</u>	<u>FRANKING DIE NO.</u>
1	Bermuda Telephone Company, Limited	PB 1 (Cancelled)
2	Bermuda Electric Light Company, Limited	PB 2 (Cancelled)
3	Office Equipment Limited	RN 001 (Cancelled)
3	Office Equipment Limited	PB 1001
4	Medical Awards Limited	PB 3 (Cancelled)
5	Bank of N. T. Butterfield Limited	PB 4 (Cancelled)
6	Bermuda Medical Associates	PB 5 (Cancelled)
7	Bank of Bermuda Limited	PB 6
8	S. G. Harris	PB 101
9	Miles Super Service Centre	PB 102 (Cancelled)
10	L. P. Gutteridge Limited	PB 103
11	Bermuda Gas and Utility Company, Limited	PB 9
12	Esso Standard Oil	PB 11
13	Somers Isles Insurance Company, Limited & Argus Insurance, Bermuda Life Insurance	PB 8
14	Bermuda Credit Association	PB 3
15	Penboss Associates Limited	PB 7 (Cancelled)
16	Reynolds International Incorporated	PB 10 (Cancelled)
17	Trimingham Brothers Limited	PB 13 (Cancelled)
17	Archie Brown and Son	PB 13
18	H. A. and E. Smith Limited	PB 14
19	Universal Insurance Company, Limited	PB 12
20	A. S. Cooper and Sons Limited	PB 1014
21	American Life Insurance	PB 1031 (Cancelled)
22	Mack Truck Worldwide	PB 15 (Cancelled)
23	Shell Company of Bermuda	PB 17
24	Bermuda Fire and Marine Insurance	PB 18
25	British Overseas Airways Corporation	S 201
26	Bermuda Press Limited	PB 21
27	Hornburg Calypso Limited	PB 104 (Cancelled)
28	Conyers, Dill and Pearman	PB 22 (Cancelled)
29	Outgoing Parcel Post, G. P. O.	PB 19
30	Outgoing Parcel Post, G. P. O.	PB 20
31	The English Sports Shop	PB 105
32	A. S. Cooper and Sons Limited	PB 107
33	Mid-Ocean Club	PB 106
34	Mayne's Furniture Company, Limited	PB 1013
35	Pearman Watlington and Company	PB 110 (Cancelled)
36	Appleby, Spurling and Kempe	PB 109
37	Holmes, Williams and Purvey Limited	PB 25

38	Canadian Foreign Ore	PB 15
39	United Bermuda Party	S 203
40	Pearman Watlington and Company	S 204 (Cancelled)
41	Pearman Watlington and Company	S 202 (Cancelled)
42	Roche International	PB 111
43	John S. Darrell	PB 24
44	Bermuda Drug Company	S 206
45	Masters Limited	S 207 (Cancelled)
46	Gibbons Company and Subsidiaries	PB 113
47	Advertising Associates Limited & Rotary Club	S 207
48	Medical Services Limited	PB 5
49	John Barritt and Son Limited	PB 114
50	Inverurie Hotel	PB 26 (Cancelled)
51	Gilbert Darrell Store Equipment	S 205
52	Mundo Gas S.A.	PB 26 (Cancelled)
53	Morris and Kempe	PB 112 (Cancelled)
53	Morris and Kempe	PB 1004
54	George E. Ratteray Agency	S 208 (Cancelled)
55	Timex Limited	PB 1003
56	Corporation of Hamilton	PB 1006
57	Ed. Kelly Studio	RN 001 (Cancelled)
58	Bermuda Broadcasting Company, Limited	PB 1005
59	Outgoing Parcel Post, G.P.O.	PB 1018
60	International Risk Management	PB 23 (Cancelled)
61	Harnett and Richardson	PB 1009
62	Purvis Limited	PB 1007
63	Albury Company	PB 1010
64	Princess Hotel	PB 1011
65	Bluefield Insurance	PB 1008
66	Merck, Sharpe and Dohme	PB 1012
67	World Insurance Company, Limited	PB 1015 (Cancelled)
67	Cooper and Lines	PB 1015
68	Bermuda Aviation Services Limited	PB 1016
69	Trimingham Brothers Limited	PB 1017
70	Mutual Insurance Company, Limited	PB 1026
71	Cable and Wireless Limited	PB 1020
72	Bermuda Mineral Water Company	PB 1027
73	American International AIRCO-LIFE	PB 1028
74	American International A.I.U.O.	PB 1024
75	American International AIRCO-GEN	PB 1022
76	John W. Swan Agency	PB 1002
77	Tyndall Managers Bermuda Limited	PB 1030
78	Butterfield and Company	PB 1023
79	Bank of N.T. Butterfield and Son	PB 1025
80	Conyers, Dill and Pearman	PB 1021
81	H.A. and E. Smith Limited	PB 1019
82	Dr. C.R. Terceira	PB 1029
83	Bermuda Forwarders	PB 1036
84	Bermuda Electric Light Company, Limited	PB 1032
85	Gypsum Transportation Limited	PB 1033
86	Standard Hardware Company, Limited	PB 1035

87	Whitehall Management	PB 1034 (Cancelled)
87	Fidelity Management & Research Bermuda Ltd.	PB 1034
88	Bermuda Telephone Company, Limited	PB 1037
89	Island Press Limited	PB 1041
90	Mundo Gas S.A.	PB 1042
91	International Risk Management	PB 1051
92	Bank of N. T. Butterfield and Son	PB 1045
93	Miles Supermarket	PB 1039
94	Pearman and Watlington and Son Limited	PB 1046
95	J.B. Astwood and Son Limited	PB 1043
96	Penboss Associates	PB 1050
97	Bank of Bermuda Limited	PB 1048
98	Bank of Bermuda Limited	PB 1054
99	Bermuda Business Bureau	PB 1052
100	Bacardi International Limited	PB 1047
101	Bermuda National Bank	PB 1038
102	Stevedoring Services Equipment, Sales and Rentals Limited	PB 1049
103	J.S. Vallis Company	PB 1040
104	International Imports Limited	PB 1053
105	Shipping Development Company, Limited	PB 1044 (Cancelled)
106	Princess Hotel, Southampton Division	PB 1055
107	Thomas R. Miller and Son	PB 1031
108	New Testament Church of God	PB 112
109	Vera P. Card Limited	PB 1063
110	Bermuda Mechanical Company	PB 1060
111	Mobile Marine Services	PB 1067
112	Bermuda Provident Bank Limited	PB 1057
113	Outgoing Parcel Post, G. P. O.	PB 1056
114	Outgoing Parcel Post, G. P. O.	PB 1059
115	Holiday Inn Hotel	PB 1058
116	Bermuda Motor and Cycle Accessories Ltd.	PB 1066
117	Oil Insurance Limited	PB 1062
118	Atlantic Chemical Corporation Limited	PB 1065
119	Elbow Beach Surf Club	PB 1064
120	Canadian Pacific	PB 1061
121	Advertising and Business Consultants	PB 1071
122	Canadian Forces Bermuda	PB 1069

Four die numbers are missing from the sequences in the above table, viz. PB 16, PB 108, PB 1068, and PB 1070. The last two of these are obviously newly licensed ones which hadn't been added to the list at the time I got my copy, or might not even have been issued to anyone as of then. PB 16 was used by A.S. Cooper & Sons Limited some years ago and presumably carried License No. 20 until it was replaced by PB 1014. Having no information on the user of PB 108, I can offer no suggestion as to where it should be fitted into the table.

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE UNFORTUNATE MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO ROCHESTER FOR OUR MEETING AT ROPEX, 22-24 JUNE, BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR AUCTION BIDS PROMPTLY. A DEALER-MEMBER SAYS OUR LOT ESTIMATES ARE VERY CONSERVATIVE, A FACTOR WHICH YOU SHOULD CONSIDER IN DECIDING WHAT TO BID.

THE POSTMARKS OF GRENADA

by John A. Cronin & W. Danforth Walker

CHAPTER III

POSTMARKS OF THE GRENADA GENERAL POST OFFICE, 1861-1973

The reader will notice that several of the postmarks used at the G. P. O. are similar to those used at other District Post Offices and Postal Stations. We have grouped them separately in this section to give the reader a quick and easy reference to the styles used by the G. P. O.

A great deal of additional information is needed on the use of the two "A15" British numeral obliterations, types A13 and A13A, before we can determine their periods of use. Both were sent out from London in 1858, their first use being to cancel British adhesives in use during the last several years of Imperial Post Office control. Thus they were on hand when Grenada introduced its own adhesives in 1861, and either or both remained in general use until 1880. Although normally struck in black ink, red-brown strikes are known from 1874 and 1875, and blue strikes are also known. Type A14 also saw usage after 1861, and one example has been recorded dated 24 August 1862, with index letter "C". Sometime between 1862 and 1871, the index letter of this postmark was changed from "C" to "A". It was used to cancel stamps in 1873-1874 and again 1881-1886, and during other periods was used as a datestamp on covers. In this chapter we have assigned this postmark type number P.O.2. Except where otherwise stated, all marks are struck in black ink.

As was done with the handstamps in the previous chapter, the postmarks are listed here in chronological order rather than by styles, it being felt that a better historical picture of the usage of the postmarks is thus provided, allowing the reader to follow style changes as they took place. Postmarks still in use have an "X" after the L.K.D.

It is again pointed out that the illustrations are not necessarily to exact size, but dimensions are stated as accurately as it was possible to obtain from the measurement of actual strikes.



P.O.1

23 mm outer circle
13 mm inner circle
sans-serif "G", 8 mm high
date 2½ mm high

Known only as a back-stamp during period
1 OC 1861-31 DE 1862.

See Chapter V for the history of the "G" postmark.



P.O.2

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

Index Letter C
EKD - 24 AU 1862
LKD - ?

Index Letter A
EKD - 4 AP 1873
LKD - 1 JY 1886

Known forged by Jeffryes
Known in blue 1882-1883.



P.O.3

20 mm diameter
letters 2½-3 mm high
date 2½ mm high

EKD - 27 MR 1885
LKD - 2 FE 1886

The index letter is nearly always found as shown above, but by DE 1885 there is no index apparent.

Type P.O.4 is normally in black ink, but it is known used in blue and green inks during 1889.



P.O.4
21 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 30 MR 1886
LKD - 27 DE 1895



P.O.5
23½ mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high

EKD - 11 MR 04
LKD - 2 JY 29



P.O.6
25 mm diameter
letters 3½ mm high

EKD - 3 MR 08
LKD - 5 MY 27



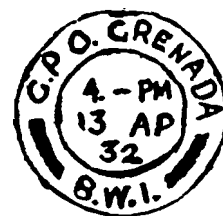
P.O.7
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 13 FE 17
LKD - 10 OC 49



P.O.8
26½ mm outer circle
15½ mm inner circle
letters 2½ mm high

EKD - 5 DE 17
LKD - 9 NO 27



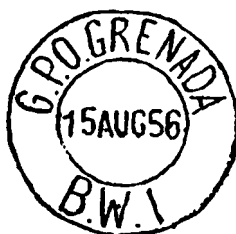
P.O.9
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters 2½ mm high

EKD - 30 AP 20
LKD - 25 AP 49



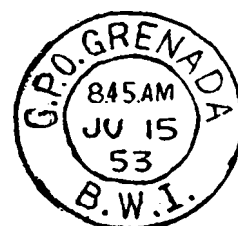
P.O.10
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 22 JY 23
LKD - 17 FE 51



P.O.11
29 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters 5 mm high

EKD - 21 DE 49
LKD - 7 FE 65



P.O.12
28 mm outer circle
16½ mm inner circle
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 6 JU 53
LKD - 28 DE 53

The only recorded usage of the type P.O.12 handstamp is on First Day Covers during 1953.



P.O.13
23 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 6 MY 35
LKD - 6 JY 58



P.O.14
23½ mm diameter
letters 3 mm x 3 mm

EKD - 25 SP 46
LKD - 1 JU 61



P.O.15
23 mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high

EKD - 28 DE 51
LKD - X



P.O.16
23 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 10 MR 62
LKD - X



P.O.17
23½ mm diameter
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 23 NO 60
LKD - X



P.O.18
24 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high

EKD - 25 OC 65
LKD - 3 DE 68



P.O.19
23 mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high

EKD - 18 JY 55
LKD - X



P.O.20
30 mm outer circle
18 mm inner circle
letters 5 mm high

20 OC 71 is only
recorded example



P.O.21
21 mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high

EKD - 2 JY 59
LKD - 15 DE 71

Type P.O.21 is the cds portion of a machine postmark, used with a boxed slogan at its right reading "VISIT GRENADA/ISLAND/IN THE SUN".

CHAPTER IV

Section I

POSTMARKS OF THE DISTRICT POST OFFICES AND POSTAL STATIONS

These postmarks are listed in approximate chronological order. As might be expected, some variations occur in size, spacing, etc., between the same types for different offices. Where such variation is markedly obvious, the reader's attention is drawn to it. Except when it is otherwise indicated, all postmarks are in black. An "X" after the L.K.D. indicates that the postmark was in current use when this list was prepared in late 1972.

District Post Offices are listed first, followed by the Postal Stations in alphabetical order. A list of Postal Stations by Parish is given at the end of this section.



C.1

23 mm outer circle
13 mm inner circle
8 mm sans-serif A-G



C.2

21 mm diameter
letters 8 mm high
only letters B-G



C.2 (A1)

21 mm diameter
"A" 7 mm high
"A" 4 mm wide



C.2 (A2)

21 mm diameter
"A" 7 mm high
"A" 5½ mm wide



C.3

21 mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high



C.4

22 mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high



C.5

24-25 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high



C.6

24-25 mm diameter
letters 3-3½ mm high



C.7

24-25 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high



C.8

23½ mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high



C.9

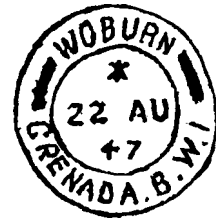
23½ mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high



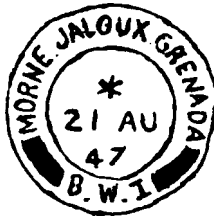
C.10
24 mm diameter
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



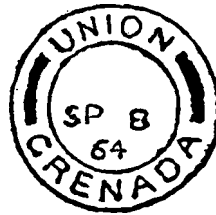
C.11
24 mm diameter
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



C.12
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters 3 mm high



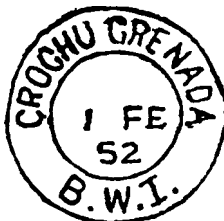
C.13
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



C.14
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3 mm high



C.15
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



C.16
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters 3 mm high



C.17
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



C.18
 $26\frac{1}{2}$ mm outer circle
 $15\frac{1}{2}$ mm inner circle
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



C.19
27 mm outer circle
16 mm inner circle
letters $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm high



C.20
23 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high



C.21
 $23\frac{1}{2}$ -24 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high



C. 22

23½-24 mm diameter
letters 3 mm high



C. 23

23 mm diameter
letters 2½ mm high



C. 24

23½ mm diameter
letters 3 mm high

DISTRICT POST OFFICES AND POSTAL STATIONS LISTED BY PARISHES

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH

General Post Office
Fontenoy
Morne Jaloux
River Road
Springs
Woburn

St. George's (closed)
Grand Anse
Mt. Moritz
St. Pauls
Tempe

Calliste
Happy Hill
New Hampshire
Snug Corner
Vendome

ST. JOHN'S PARISH

St. John's D.P.O. (closed)
Florida (closed?)

Gouyave D.P.O.
Grand Roy

Concord

ST. MARK'S PARISH

St. Mark's D.P.O. (closed)
Union

Victoria D.P.O.

Duquesne

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

St. Patrick's D.P.O. (closed)
Hermitage
Mt. Rose (closed)

Sauteurs D.P.O.
La Taste
Tivoli

Chantimelle
Morne Fendue

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

St. Andrew's D.P.O. (closed)
Byelands
Hope
Paraclete

Grenville D.P.O.
Crochu
La Digue
Plaisance

Birch Grove
Dunfermline
Munich
Post Royal

ST. DAVID'S PARISH

St. David's D.P.O. No. 1
Piedmontagnes/Perdmontemps

St. David's D.P.O. No. 2 (closed)
Pomme Rose

Corinth
Vincennes

CARRIACOU PARISH

Carriacou D.P.O.
Dover (closed)
Petit Martinique

Belvedere/Belvidere
L'Esterre
Windward

Belmont
Mt. Pleasant

While most of the original D.P.O.'s have been indicated as "closed" in the foregoing list, it was actually a case of their being renamed, St. John's becoming Gouyave, etc.

Section II

USAGE OF POSTMARKS AT DISTRICT POST OFFICES, 1861 TO 1973

ST. JOHN'S D.P.O. Opened 1 OC 1861 and closed 31 DE 1862. Used type C.1, code letter "A" during this period. Reopened 1 OC 1872, again using type C.1 until 1884 when type C.2 replaced it. Two types of letter "A" occur in C.2, easily distinguishable by their different widths. Type C.2 (A1), the narrow "A" variety saw use until 1892 when type C.2 (A2), with a broad "A", replaced it. Although St. John's was renamed GOUYAVE in 1907 and was using a cds bearing that name at least by May 1907, the type C.2 (A2) has been noted used until as late as 27 AU 1908.

GOUYAVE D.P.O. Opened 1907.

C.6 EKD 9 MY 07 LKD 23 AP 17 (Sent out 22 FE 1907.)

C.12 EKD 24 SP 19 LKD 7 ? 53

C.21 EKD 8 OC 55 LKD X ("I" in B.W.I. exists both with and without serifs.)

ST. MARK'S D.P.O. Opened 1 OC 1861; closed 31 DE 1862. Type C.1, code letter "B" was in use during the whole of this period. When the office was reopened on 1 OC 1872, type C.1 was reissued and remained in use until the introduction of type C.2, which replaced it in 1884 and saw use until at least November 1907. St. Mark's was renamed VICTORIA in 1907.

VICTORIA D.P.O. Opened 1907.

C.6 EKD 12 MR 08 LKD 8 JY 29

C.10 EKD 31 MY 32 LKD 6 OC 45

C.20 EKD 3 OC 47 LKD 7 JY 60

C.21 EKD 4 SP 46 LKD X

(The "I" in B.W.I. has serifs in both types C.20 and C.21.)

ST. PATRICK'S D.P.O. Opened 1 OC 1861; closed 31 DE 1862. Over the above period type C.1, code letter "C" was used. This mark was brought back into use when the D.P.O. was reopened on 1 OC 1872, remaining in use until 1884 when type C.2 replaced it. The type C.2 remained in use until the end of 1898 when it was replaced by type C.5. C.2 is known struck in blue. Type C.5 was sent from London on 27 JU 1898, and it came into use in September of that year. It continued in use until April or May 1907, being withdrawn when this office was renamed SAUTEURS.

SAUTEURS D.P.O. Opened 1907.

C.6 EKD 31 MY 07 LKD 29 NO 34 (Sent out 22 FE 1907.)

C.20 EKD 27 JY 35 LKD ? JU 54

C.21 EKD 16 AP 58 LKD 23 MY 67

C.22 EKD ? AU 70 LKD X

ST. ANDREW'S D.P.O. Opened 1 OC 1861; closed 31 DE 1862. Type C.1, code letter "D" was used during the whole of this period, being reissued when this office reopened 1 OC 1872. It is recorded as being in use as late as 27 JY 1885, but was eventually replaced by type C.2 in 1886. It is known struck in blue. Despite this office being renamed GRENVILLE in 1903, and being issued a type C.6 cds bearing that name which was in use at least by May, type C.2 saw use until at least 25 JA 04.

GRENVILLE D.P.O. Opened 1903.

C.6 EKD 26 MY 03 LKD 22 DE 16
C.7 EKD 13 AU 25 LKD 2 MY 38
C.14 EKD 13 DE 18 LKD 3 DE 34
C.20 EKD 23 JY 38 LKD 28 JY 67
C.21 EKD 25 OC 61 LKD X (The "I" in B.W.I. is sans serif.)

ST. DAVID'S (Court House) D.P.O. Opened 1 OC 1861; closed 31 DE 1862. The code letter "E" was assigned this office, a type C.1 postmark bearing that letter being used between the above dates. The office reopened on 1 OC 1872, again using the C.1 mark, but closed on 31 JA 1873 for lack of patronage. The office opened again on or before 9 AU 1873, once more employing the C.1 stamp. In 1886, the C.2 replaced the C.1 stamp, continuing in use until at least 1900, even though a type C.5 was sent out from London on 27 JU 1898.

C.5 EKD 8 FE 99 LKD 8 OC 43
C.21 EKD 9 NO 35 LKD X
(On C.21, the "I" of B.W.I. is found both with and without serifs.)

ST. DAVID'S (No. 2) D.P.O. Opened 1 NO 1872; closed 1 OC 1899. Used type P.O.1 and type C.2, code letter "G". The full story of this post office will be found in Chapter V.

CARRIACOU D.P.O. Opened 1 OC 1861; closed 31 DE 1862. Type C.1, code letter "F" was in use during the above period, and again in use when the office reopened on 1 OC 1872. The type C.2 replaced it in 1886.

C.2 EKD 28 MY 86 LKD 15 MY 06
C.6 EKD 17 JU 07 LKD 4 JU 29 (Sent out from London on 13 FE 1907.)
C.7 EKD ? AP 31 LKD 18 OC 54 (Still in use as backstamp.)
C.21 EKD ? AP 58 LKD X (The "I" in B.W.I. is sans serif.)

Section III

USAGE OF POSTMARKS AT TOWN AND VILLAGE POSTAL STATIONS

Information concerning the individual Postal Stations has been hard to come by, especially as to opening dates. Except where a precise date (day, month and year) is given, there is some uncertainty when an office opened, and more exact information is solicited. However, in the case of Postal Stations established prior to 1945, year dates quoted are accurate.

BELMONT Opened 1946.

C.12 EKD 7 SP 46 LKD ? C.21 EKD 23 OC 58 LKD X

BELVIDERE This Postal Station opened on 1 AU 1946, when DOVER was closed. It used the type C.8 postmark of Dover until its own postmark was obtained.

C.19 EKD 31 DE 51 LKD ? JY 55 C.21 EKD 15 MY 61 LKD X

BIRCH GROVE Opened 21 OC 1899.

C.5 EKD 5 JY 00 LKD 1 MR 28 C.21 EKD 19 DE 53 LKD X
(Type C.5 sent out from London 4 AU 1899.) (Type C.21 known in violet during 1962-63;
C.7 EKD 26 NO 31 LKD 16 OC 53 the "I" in B.W.I. is sans serif.)
(Type C.7 is 25 mm in diameter.)

The remainder of Chapter IV, Section III, and Chapter V will be published in the next Journal.

BAHAMAS BITS by the Bahamas Bum

Uncertainty is the word! With Independence due July 10th, everybody is waiting and talking about what's going to happen. Everything is for sale, with businesses that couldn't have been bought for love nor money a few years ago now available. Building is at a standstill--half of the banks that opened in the past ten years have closed, or have been closed up. The supply of foreign capital, once so abundant, is non-existent today. The Government is deep in debt, and all indications are that it will go in deeper.

ABACO---will it be another Anguilla? The people on Abaco have presented a petition to the Crown indicating that they DO NOT want Independence, but would like to continue as a Crown Colony under British rule. How far they will get is a moot question, as Britain already has more than enough trouble with its small and costly Colonies.

On 14th December 1972, our good friend the Reverend Claude Albury Saunders, Postmaster of the Bahamas, died of a heart attack, just two weeks before he was to retire. He was born on Harbour Island, Bahamas, 23rd March 1913, and attended St. Vincent's Academy on that island. Rev. Saunders had a long career in public service, which began with his appointment in 1937 as Out Island Commissioner. After serving in various capacities with the Treasury and Public Works Departments, he was appointed Postmaster of the Bahamas on 24 October 1960. He was awarded the Imperial Service Order Medal for long and good service to His Country.

Rev. Saunders was ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church on 24th October 1950, and Priest on 21st May 1967. He is survived by his wife, the former Claudia Albury, and his daughter, Olivia Suzanne Saunders, to whom we extend our sympathy. He will be missed by all of us.

His capable running of the post offices showed several millions profit a year, yet provided a fine service to all of the islands. His was one of the few governmental agencies that operated with little red tape and peak efficiency. He was respected by all of his staff and held in the highest esteem by all the top brass in the post office. C.M. (Bunny) Harris is acting Postmaster, with second in command being Mr. Gomez, followed by our very good friend, John Saunders who showed us such a fine time at our 1969 meeting over there.

The former Minister of Posts and Telecommunications was recently replaced by a young and vigorous man, and we can look for all the useless commemoratives to grind down to a walk. It is my personal opinion that the new issues will again be handled by the Crown Agents in the near future. No new post offices have opened, nor are any expected to open, and there have been no new TRD's ordered by the P.O. in the last six months. HATCHET BAY is still using the boxed TRD. ARTHURS TOWN is using blue ink to cancel, and ROCK SOUND purple. The TRD's of BIMINI; THE BLUFF, ELEU.; and FREEPORT are used every now and then. The postmaster at ROLLE TOWN keeps his canceller in excellent condition whereas ten years ago his TRD looked like a worn-out rubber heel!

Most everyone that has been to Nassau knows that Rawson Square has a fine statue of Queen Victoria, but did you know that in front of the British Colonial Hotel is an impressive statue of Woods Rogers, the first governor of the Bahamas who drove out the pirates. Also the road along the Prince George Dock is rightfully named Woods Rogers Walk.

This old Bum expects to see all of you up at our ROPEX session in Rochester, New York, in June, so don't disappoint us by not being there! Andy Hale is dusting off the red carpet.

Leeward Islands Coils

by George W. Bowman

In previous issues of this Journal, there have been a number of articles which discussed the presence of stamp vending machines in the GPO's of major BWI cities. The *Leeward Islands Gazette* carries a number of announcements relative to such machines operating in the 1930's at the GPO in St. John's, Antigua. Prior to seeing this *Gazette* data, I was unaware that any Leeward Islands stamps were ever prepared in coil form, and I am interested in learning if any reader has such coils in his possession today.

According to the Antigua Postmaster's Report for 1932, published in the *Gazette* of 8 June 1933, these mechanically-served stamps were first made available in February of 1932. The machines themselves had been obtained from England. Two of them, one each for $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d stamps, were installed outside the St. John's GPO so that stamps could be purchased at any hour of the day or night. Each machine held a coil of 480 stamps, and these coils could be separately ordered from either the Leeward Islands Colonial Secretary, Edward Baynes, or the Postmaster, R.B. Skinner. The prices were £1 and £2, respectively, for a coil of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d stamps. The stamps were Leeward Islands definitives only.

These machine-sold stamps continued to be available at least through 1935. During the time when the Leeward Islands and Antigua King George V Silver Jubilee stamps were on sale, 6th May through 31st December 1935, all other Leeward Islands and Antigua stamps of the values 1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, and 1/- were withdrawn, except for the Leeward Islands 1d denomination sold from the machine. This policy was explained in Leeward Islands Statutory Rules and Orders 1935, No. 7, which was printed in the 28 March 1935

The *Gazette*, however, fails to specify if the machines were back in operation after the end of 1935. The next use of coil stamps in Antigua that I know of occurred with the issuance of the three Coat-of-Arms stamps (SG 257-259) on 30 January 1970. Does any member know if any coils of Antigua or Leeward Islands stamps were used in Antigua in the 1936-1969 period?

PLANS PROGRESSING FOR GROUP MEETING AT ROPEX----

A phone call from Andy Hale has advised us that plans for ROPEX and our BCPSG meeting at that event are rolling along in high gear. To refresh your memory, the dates are 22 thru 24 June, and the location, the Regimental Hall of the Flagship Rochester Hotel, 70 State Street, in the heart of downtown Rochester, NY (14603). The hotel is situated on the west bank of the Genesee River, and has a beautiful terraced plaza overlooking that river.

According to Andy, room rates at the hotel are \$18 single and \$24 double. Reservations are a must, and you can secure them by writing or phoning Andy (716-271-2468). As previously noted, the spring meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans (SPA) is taking place at this event, and we are also advised that the Flag Cancel Society, U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, American First Day Cover Society, Junior Philatelic Society, and the Empire State Postal History Society will meet at ROPEX as well. ROPEX '73 marks the 60th anniversary of the Rochester Philatelic Association, and they are making every effort to provide a unique show.

We hope that many of our members will enter exhibits of British Caribbean material. Entry forms and the prospectus are available from Lawrence R. Moriarty, P.O. Box 5063, River Station, Rochester, NY 14627. Closing date for entries is 15 May 1973, so don't delay!

Roses to Host U.K. Meet

The Hotel Metropole in Leeds, Yorkshire, has been booked by the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, for a BCPSEG U.K. convention on Saturday, 22nd September 1973, and it is expected that many members will make a week-end of it from Friday evening through Sunday morning. Malcolm Watts advises that he has been able to get a special low half-price rate of £2 Bed & Breakfast for those who wish to stay at the hotel.

The get-together will not be limited to BCPSEgers, but any other interested persons are also invited to attend. The Saturday schedule takes the following form:

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	General get-together, swapping, individual island groups, judging of competition, viewing displays.
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Organized Luncheon, probable cost £2 per person.
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Talks and displays by the selected speakers.
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Commence auction of philatelic material.

The Convention Chairman is Dr. Geoff Ritchie, Yorkshire Philatelic Association President. The competition is open to all U.K. members of Roses, BCPSEG, and BWISC, and will be in three classes" (a) General, (b) Postal History, (c) Postal Stationery.

Al Branston is giving the Roses a very considerable amount of help, and he will be contacting all U.K. BCPSEgers to invite them to attend. BCPSEgers from other countries will, of course be most welcome. BCPSEG awards will be available for the exhibition. This is an opportunity for our U.K. members to discover what fine fellows they are associated with, and we trust that all will give the Roses their unqualified support.

BRITISH HONDURAS ERRORS END UP IN PACKETS----

Ever dream of finding something rare in a cheap packet of stamps? If you are the recipient of a packet of stamps used as part of a "Readers' Digest" promotion scheme in the U.K., you just might have that dream come true! It seems that when the packets were being prepared for the magazine by Action for the Crippled Child, a British charitable group, part of a pane of 25 of the current British Honduras $\frac{1}{2}$ c definitive was broken up. Suddenly, someone noted that the stamps were missing the black and blue colors. By that time, 17 of the stamps were already in packets and on their way. The eight that were salvaged were offered for sale by David Field Ltd. on behalf of ACTION, priced at £50 each. As for the other seventeen, thus far there have been no reports on them, and some may remain undiscovered despite a great amount of publicity in the British press regarding the packets. We have seen no figures as to total packets produced, so cannot give the odds of receiving one containing the error.

BCPSEG PARTICIPATION IN SESCAL-APS IS NOW OFFICIAL----

According to Ben Ramkisson, the SESCAL committee has given its official blessing for our Group to participate in SESCAL 1973, Los Angeles, 11-14 October. It is now up to our West Coast members to assure a successful meeting. Members are urged to contact either Ben or Jay Fredrick to help them work up a program. SESCAL shows are always good ones, and as the A.P.S. convention is being held at this one, it should be the best ever. Plan to attend!

Deakin Wins BCPSG Silver at STAMPEX

The second BCPSG Medal to be awarded in the United Kingdom, was won by H. Frank Deakin of Exeter, Devon, whose display of "Barbados Postal History, 1698-1916" at STAMPEX 1973 was judged worthy of our Group's Silver Medal, as well as the STAMPEX Silver-Gilt Medal. The presentation was made at the STAMPEX banquet at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, on 28th February. Al Branston promptly signed up Frank for BCPSG membership.

Other STAMPEX awards presented our members were a Silver to Bunny Collinson, Bronze-Silver to Basil Benwell, and Bronze to Derek Sutcliffe.

The BCPSG received some excellent publicity in the STAMPEX catalogue, including a note on our medal as well as an illustration of it.

DOMINICA'S 1882 PROVISIONAL POST CARD--- by Arthur W. Blackmun

Dominica's first post card, of 1½d value, was issued in July of 1879. In about May or June of 1882, the post card rate from Dominica to points within 300 miles served by British packets was reduced to one penny. Pending procurement of a new 1d post card from England, it was necessary to prepare a provisional card, and these were made up by the Government Printer at Roseau. They were printed on stout white card stock, 122 x 88 mm, and were unstamped, but sold with a 1d adhesive affixed. The inscription reads the same as on the 1½d card, but in a different style of type, and with an additional line of text reading FOR COUNTRIES WITHIN 300 MILES SERVED BY BRITISH PACKETS.

I have just acquired a used example of this card, posted nearly seven years after it was produced, and thus not employed for its intended use. It is franked with SG 20 and 21 (½d and 1d) adhesives, cancelled with the vertical A07 killer and the small single ring cds, DOMINICA 'C' of FE 2 89. There is also a ST. THOMAS receiving mark of 9th February 1889.

What is interesting about this card is that it was written by R. F. GARRAWAY, the then postmaster, to a CHARLES A. BORNN, St. Thomas. The message is dated 5th Feby 89 and says "I send you this through the post as I thought, no doubt, you would prefer it postmarked. It is one of the '82 provisionals of which only 100 were printed. yours truly. R. F. Garraway".

In the 1892 West Indies Handbook of the (Royal) Philatelic Society, London, E. D. Bacon gives a similar figure of 100 cards produced, based on correspondence with Postmaster Garraway. If in fact only 100 were printed, it accounts for their scarcity, since this is the only used one I have come across, and the unused one I have with 1d adhesive is the only one I have seen.

USE OF ST. KITTS CENSOR STAMP EXTENDED FURTHER----

In the February Journal, we reported extension of the use of the "PASSED THE CENSOR" of St. Kitts to August 1940. Now Harold Gosney adds some three months to the life of that hand-stamp, reporting its use on a 1 November 1940 cover from St. Kitts to Curacao.

Harold also tells us that he has examples of the circular St. Kitts censor mark with crown in center for censors number 2 and 3, but lacks number 1. We have still not had a report of the number 1 stamp. Could it be that it was never used? Has anyone seen a strike of it?

NEW ISSUES

ANTIGUA

16 APR 73

EASTER 1973. A 3 value set depicting the 3 stained glass windows of St. John the Divine Cathedral in St. John's, Antigua. Designs by Philatelic Art & Design Studio. Lithographed by Format in sheets of 50 stamps on Crown Agents long grained paper.

BAHAMAS

3 APR 73

IMO/WMO ISSUE. Two stamps, 15 cents featuring a weather satellite, and 18¢ depicting a weather radar. Both stamps also show the IMO/WMO emblem. The designs are by C. Abbott, and the stamps are lithographed by Questa in sheets of 50 stamps.

10 JUL 73

INDEPENDENCE ISSUE. 3, 11, 18 cents, and \$1, plus a souvenir sheet.

OCT 73

CHRISTMAS ISSUE. 3, 11, 15, 18 cents, and a souvenir sheet.

BARBADOS

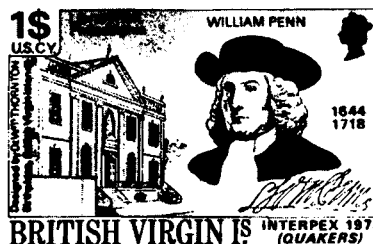
1 MAR 73

POTTERY IN BARBADOS. 5, 15, 25 cents, and \$1, depicting respectively, a Potter's Wheel, Kilns, Finished Products on Chalky Mount, and Market Scene. Designed by P.A.D. Studio and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermark paper in panes of 25 stamps.

BRITISH HONDURAS

9 MAR 73

FESTIVALS OF BELIZE. 3¢ - Baron Bliss Day; 10¢ - Labour Day; 26¢ - Carib Settlement Day; 50¢ - Pan American Day. Designed by Waddington's Studio and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermark paper in panes of 25 stamps.



BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

9 MAR 73

INTERPEX 1973 (QUAKERS). 1/2, 10, 15, 30 cents, and \$1 as illustrated above. Designed by J.E. Cooter and lithographed by Questa in panes of 25 on Block CA watermark paper.

JAMAICA

9 APR 73

CENTENARY OF INTRODUCTION OF THE MONGOOSE INTO JAMAICA. Three

stamps, and a souvenir sheet containing one of each value. 8¢ - Introduction of the Mongoose; 40¢ - Mongoose performing its task of controlling rats; 60¢ - the Mongoose becoming a pest. Designs by R. Granger Barrett, and stamps lithographed by Questa on Jamaica Pineapple and upright "J" watermarked paper, in panes of 50 stamps.

MONTSERRAT

9 APR 73 EASTER 1973. Four designs, each depicting a variety of the Passion Flower. 20¢ - Passiflora Herbertiana; 35¢ - Passiflora Vitifolia; 75¢ - Passiflora Amabilis; \$1 - Passiflora Alata Caerulea. Designed by J.E. Cooter and lithographed by Walsall on Block CA watermark paper in panes of 25 stamps. Printed on the reverse of each stamp is a text explaining why the flower was so named.

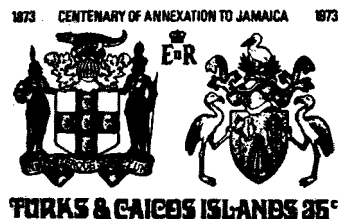
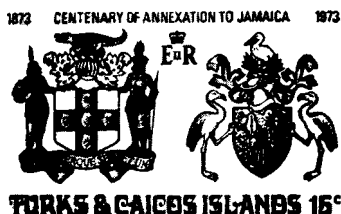
ST. KITTS

16 APR 73 EASTER 1973. Three designs depicting different paintings of the Last Supper. 4¢ - by Tiziano Vecellio (In Galleria Nazionale Delle Marche in Urbino, Italy); 25¢ - Ascribed to Roberti (In National Gallery in London); \$2.50 - by Juan de Juanes (In Museum del Prado, Madrid, Spain); Designed by J.E. Cooter and lithographed by Walsall in panes of 25 on Block CA watermark paper.

ST. LUCIA

24 MAY 73 OLD SHIPS. Depict ships which have visited St. Lucia, with dates shown. The issue consists of 4 stamps, plus a souvenir sheet containing one of each value. 15¢ - H.M.S. St. Lucia (1803); 35¢ - H.M.S. Prince of Wales (1778); 50¢ - Olive Blossom (1605); H.M.S. Rose (1762) appears on the \$1 value. The designs are by R. Granger Barrett, and stamps lithographed by Questa on Block CA paper.

73 COIL DEFINITIVES. Coils of 5, 10, and 25 cents values are being prepared by Harrison & Sons Ltd. They will feature the crest of the island, and each coil is to consist of 480 stamps.



TURKS & CAICOS

16 APR 73 CENTENARY OF ANNEXATION TO JAMAICA. Two stamps in common design, depicting Jamaica coat of arms on the left, and that of Turks and Caicos Islands on the right. Values are 15¢ and 35¢. Designed by PAD Studio and lithographed by Walsall on Block CA watermark paper in panes of 25 stamps.

Information in the foregoing listings has been provided by the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, StanGib Ltd., and the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation. The 1973 Bahamas stamp program information was supplied by Josph V. Lleida of Nassau. Our thanks to all.

John Willem provides an article by ex-Premier Blaize of Grenada, who notes income from foreign stamp sales fell from \$462,810 in 1970 to \$115,000 in 1971. This would indicate that although the Golden Goose is not quite dead, she is not exactly in the best of health!

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS:

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed on page 30 of the February Journal have been admitted to membership.

NEW APPLICANTS:

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FARIES, Belmont, 11713 Chapel Road, Clifton, VA 22024. Newspaper Editor. Interest is as a Philatelic Writer and Editor. By Peter P. McCann

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We regretfully record the death of HAROLD E. BOX and Mrs. KAY HOROWICZ.

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RESIGNATIONS:

BUCK, Frederick L., CONCELMAN, Carl W., DIAMOND, J. Leonard, DODGE, Norman M., HOLLOWAY, Jack H., KRUEGER, W. Lawrence, NAMENY, William F., OSBORN, Geoff A., and WOOD, Kenneth A., have resigned in good standing because of changed interests.

DROPPED FOR N.P.D.:

COLLINS, Ralph E., GOLOB, Mrs. Martin T., and JONES, G. Morgan III, have been dropped from membership for non-payment of 1972 membership fees.

CHANGE OF INTERESTS:

GIRALDI, Thomas E., BWI in general, especially the Cayman Islands and Turks & Caicos.

Members are reminded to promptly advise our Editor of an impending change of address to assure receipt of Journals. If you miss an issue because of incorrect address, it is returned "Postage Due", and can only be remailed at your expense. Currently this amounts to 50¢ an issue, since the Postage Due and remailing are at the single piece rate of 4 cents per ounce.

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Our Postal History Material of the World has postmarks, covers, proofs, specimens, used abroads, unlisted rarities, postal stationery, fakes, forgeries, multiples and Cinderellas. We specialize in British West Indies postmarks and numeral obliterations but many elusive items of the world are in stock. Drop us a line. It might take months till we get around to answering you, but the old bum, our staff of one, won't be rushed. We also buy and are much faster in that department.

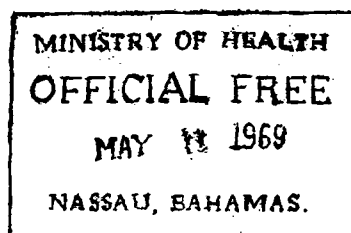
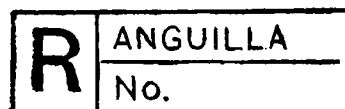
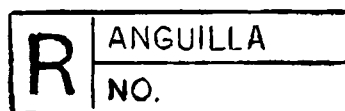
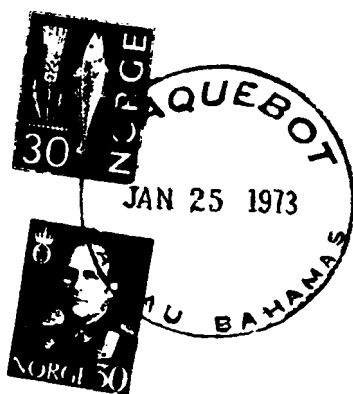
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BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANGUILLA -- Ben Ramkissoon learned from Postmaster Harrigan that on 1 DEC 1971 a new boxed registration stamp was put in use on the Travelling Branch P.O. in Anguilla. Shown below (top), it can easily be distinguished from the one used at the Main P.O. (bottom) by the fact that the "N" and "O" in "NO." are the same size, while the "O" is smaller on that of the Main Post Office. There are also other differences, but the above is the most obvious.



O. H. M. S.

BAHAMAS -- Joe Lleida provides a few more official franks of the Bahamas, and these are shown above. The O.H.M.S. was used with the Ministry of Works frank, which also bore a Nassau cds dated 12 FE 73. The boxed MINISTRY OF HEALTH strike was rather weak, and the day of month is not legible.

Gale Raymond reports a new ship mail TRD of Nassau, thanks to a cover courtesy of BCPSG member Alan Doyle. It is a single ring 37 mm mark, struck in purple, and text is as shown above. The older SHIP MAIL, NASSAU mark was noted on a later cover, but badly worn, so it appears that this new PAQUEBOT mark is its replacement. The cover on which this new TRD was found was posted aboard M/S SUNWARD, and it bears Norwegian adhesives.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS -- From Postmaster Fahie, by way of Charles Ricksecker, comes word of indefinite postponement of opening of a new sub-post office at SEA COW'S BAY.

ST. LUCIA -- Guy Kilburn visited the P.O. at MARC recently, where he found Postmaster Rudolph Weeks a pleasant and accomodating person. Guy sent a registered letter to us from there, and Postmaster Weeks informed him that up to then (6th March) he had registered only one letter in 1973! He went on to say that there are days when he handles no mail, but most days there are 4 or 5 letters. Guy and Bob Devaux agree that this is probably the rarest of all St. Lucian cancellations of offices that are currently in operation. The registration mark on our cover is in manuscript, reading simply R 45.

Guy wonders if anyone can supply the EKD and LKD for the "CASTRIES C" postmark--not the duplex, but the one that came into use around 1900. Any information will be appreciated.

TRINIDAD -- We learn from the Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin, that a new P.A. that we reported in the December 1972 Journal as CANJAL ROAD should have read CUNJAL. It uses a skeleton type cds reading CUNJAL PA. Also in the TPS Bulletin, we read that a skeleton type cds has been seen for PORT OF SPAIN, dated 28 AP 72, but its purpose is not known.

Personal Mention:

BERT SCHAFFNER's visit to Anguilla fell far short of being a success. He spent all seven days there in bed with the 'flu!

Things went considerably better on a holiday in Bermuda by another of our M.D. members. GUS McVICKER spent a pleasant few days on that island. While he found the prices there a bit on the high side, he says the English beer was superb!

MARK CASSIDY is more or less resigned to becoming a 'hermit philatelist' now that he is living way back in the hills. A few letters to him from his fellow members might help him feel a bit less isolated from philately.

At the STAMPFEST in Eugene, Oregon, which was held on 18th March, BERNARD GRIFFIN won both a First and a Second award.

DR. CLEMENS PROKESCH must enjoy being President of the Thames Stamp Club of New London, Connecticut. He has just started his 14th consecutive term in that office!

We may be a bit late in reporting it, but when a card from WERNER ZEHETNER told us he was spending Christmas Day on the beach in the Bahamas, we couldn't help wishing we too were there. While our winters in New Mexico would not seem especially rugged to one who lives in more northern latitudes, the climate here in the high desert is far from tropical.

DAN WARREN expects to attend the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, starting in August.

JACK ARNELL has retired from his position with the Canadian Government. On 30 April, he and Mary were flying to Bermuda to take up residence there. With more time to spare, Jack is hoping to finish his transatlantic mail manuscript in the near future.

The Grand Award at PARFOREX XIII went to PAUL LARSEN for his exhibit of Togo postmarks.

Another BCPSG member became a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, recently when S. GRAHAM HOEY achieved that honor.

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BYRON CAMERON and ED ADELSON advise that GALE RAYMOND visited them while on his way to (or was it from?) somewhere in the West Indies. Our roving representative really gets around!

MALCOLM WATTS keeps us well informed on the activities of the Roses. At the 24th March meeting, RON WARD gave a fine BVI display, while at the previous meeting they had a study afternoon on Censor Examined Covers and the Labels associated with them, with the view of eventually preparing a paper.

A display of Jamaica - Rates and Handstamps won the Postal History Class for MALCOLM WATTS at the Harrogate Philatelic Society in March. Mal's entry now goes forward to the Yorkshire P.A. Convention Competition which takes place at Hull. Other entries by Roses members at the Y.P.A. show will be Postal History by KEN WATSON, General Class by GEOFF RITCHIE, Postal Stationery by TOM FOSTER, and a Thematics entry by DEREK SUTCLIFFE.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

Lynn Wallace reports a new Type H15c cds of Hamilton, Bermuda, that is so obvious we are surprised that it was not noted earlier. One needn't resort to measurements to distinguish this new cds from H15c I and H15c II, for it is so different appearing with its smaller type of letters.



H15c II



H15c III

This new cds, which subject to concurrence of Morris Ludington we will call H15c III, was at first used primarily, if not exclusively, as a postmark on FDC's. The earliest strike seen was on an FDC of the decimal overprints that were issued on 6 FEB 1970. Recently, it has been used on regular mail.

Treasurer Ben Ramkissoon informs us that a member who wishes to remain anonymous has made a donation of \$350 to the Group. As the

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donation was made in 1972, that amount is to be added to the Donations entry on the Report of the Treasurer for 1972. An entry of a like amount should be added to the Office/Transportation expense of the Editor.

According to an advertisement of a dealer in England, inverted watermark varieties of 27 of the recent Silver Wedding stamps have now been found, including the following from the British Caribbean countries:

ANGUILLA -- 25 and 40 cents
ANTIGUA -- 35 cents
BAHAMAS -- 11 and 18 cents
BERMUDA -- 15 cents
BRITISH HONDURAS -- 26 and 50 cents
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS -- 25 cents
CAYMAN ISLANDS -- 30 cents
DOMINICA -- \$1
MONTSERRAT -- \$1
ST. LUCIA -- 15 and 35 cents.

The dealer's asking price, per stamp, ranges from £3.75 to £20, some being marked POR.

Trevor Bates comes forth with an explanation of the new British Honduras slogan that was mentioned in Bits and Pieces in the February Journal. The word we couldn't decipher turns out to be PAHO, making the complete slogan: 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAHO, i.e., "Pan-American Health Organization". We also had reports on this slogan from Tom Giraldi and Stan Durnin. Our thanks to all three.

Gus McVicker sends us a new Cayman Islands slogan that reads: CAYMAN ISLANDS/ LAND AJUDICATION/HAVE YOU CLAIMED/YOUR LAND? Earliest date seen is 1 February 73.

KIL BUMP won a Silver First award with his presentation of postal history at the Bermuda Stamp Club Philatelic Exhibition held on 25th November in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton. An "Invited" non-competitive exhibit was shown by Sir Henry Tucker. Kil & Mrs. Bump were among 54 guests attending the Bermuda Club's annual dinner.

Once more we reach the last page of an issue, and still have a heap of material we wanted to include in it. If we failed to print your article we'll try hard to get it in the June issue!

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