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GOOD NEWS!!!!

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ABOUT OUR COVER

On the left is the temporary Southampton Post Office in the lower part of the large home "Uppity". The right photograph shows the extension being added to the Southampton P.O. Bermuda, May, 1974

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Since word got around that I was taking over from Fred, I have received some very nice words of encouragement from the members. A number of these contained contributions for the Journal, which I must confess gladdened my heart more than the good wishes. Starting from scratch, I have no reserve material and am wholly dependent on what you send in, so think of me whenever you get a new cover or when you learn a new fact about the British Caribbean.

As many of you must have realized over the years, I am really a postal historian, rather than a philatelist. Because of this, I was interested in Robson Lowe's "The London Letter" in the March-April 1974 issue of the Canadian Philatelist. It began:

"Philately is the science of Stamp Collecting, and Postal History is the Humanity.

The letters that the post brought you this morning are the latest chapter and if you examine the envelopes carefully, you might readily discover a fact about the postal service that is new to you.

Fifty years ago there were three collectors in England who were interested in old letters, particularly those bearing the old handstamps of the post. The uninitiated called these stamps 'postmarks' but from 1661, when they were first introduced for use in London by the then P. M. G., the Post Office called these impressions 'stamps', (origin 'stempel' - a short sharp blow).

Today there are probably between five and eight thousand collectors in the United Kingdom who include these fore-runners of the adhesive stamp in their specialized studies.

To be of maximum interest, such letters should be entire, i. e., not only the outer letter sheet bearing the address and any handstamps, but also the original letter.

If one has an inquiring mind, one can usually learn something about the life and character of the writer, trace how the letter was carried (foot-post, mounted post boy, mailcoach, train, sailing or steamship, etc.), whether the postage was prepaid or collected on delivery, and, if from overseas, there may be some indication of how the postage was apportioned between the countries and carriers....."

Perhaps we all then ought to revere the old covers and discard many of the new ones, unless they are specially prepared, thus leaving a gap in current postal history. With the elimination of transit or exchange office strikes year ago, and the trend away from adhesives and postmarks on bulk mail, the postal historian is often without any information about a cover, other than its origin.

The Editor's Notebook (cont.)

Within the last month or so, I have received several covers which are pure postal history. One of these was on a parcel from Canada and bore the following handstamp: "NON-PRIORITY/SURFACE- LIFT/NON-PRIORITAIRE/SURFACE-AEROPORTAGE" reflecting the present practice of sending lower class mail by air when there are no regular surface means available. This involves putting the bags to one side at the originating post office supposedly corresponding to the transit time of surface delivery. Whatever is the actual practice, I can report that this usually amounts to 6-8 weeks on the average between Toronto and Bermuda.

The second was a magazine in an open-ended brown wrapper, whose only postal marking was a framed "Missent to Bahamas" in purple. The third was a postcard from Detroit bearing a 10 cent stamp. Because of the recent changes in U. S. postage rates, this was struck with a "POSTAGE DUE ____ ¢" and a double circle "T" over "N. Y.", with '4/12' in red pencil in the second circle.

On arrival at Bermuda, it was struck with a framed "Postage Due 2 ¢" in rose. This latter seems to be an exercise in futility, because the local post office never collects due postage, as they consider the administrative costs of doing so too expensive.

Of such is postal history today. We should probably be recording this for those who will follow us, to see what we can learn today, with respect to covers like the above, about the same thing Robson Lowe listed in his London Letter.

_____JACK ARNELL

AND A COMMENT

BY MARK ALLEN KELLNER

This marks the second issue under the new editorship of Jack Arnell and my final one (for the time being) as assistant editor. The time required for right-hand justification proved to be too much and the April issue was put to press at a point when other activities were overwhelming. While it has been fun - it has been a lot of work and more than one person my age can handle.

President Swetland has good news to give you for the future so I shall not steal his thunder by revealing it here. I expect to continue to contribute and will edit the New Issue News Section of the Journal.

I am determined to produce a good copy on time and think that I have succeeded. To accomplish this it was necessary to give up right-hand justification. One can only pay tribute to Fred Seifert and marvel at his dedication which enabled him to do this. Meanwhile, enjoy the Journal and my best to the man who takes over from me. It is a rough job that will require a lot of work.

NOTES ON BARBADOS

The December 1973 Journal has a short article by Reynold Radford which included illustrations of the first day cancels of the new Worthing Post Office. Frank Gibbons has provided a colorful description of his attempt to obtain a philatelic record of the transfer of the postal service that was involved.

Noting a small item in the newspaper on Friday Morning, 12 October 1973, that the St. Lawrence post office was closing that day and that its business would in the future be transacted from the new Worthing District post office beginning on Monday, 15 October, Frank prepared some covers for himself and his friends and took them to the St. Lawrence Post Office later that day. The clerk on duty did not know at midday Friday that he was serving his last day in that office. The covers received the correct date in an imperfect postmark.

As all post offices in Barbados are closed now on Saturdays and Sundays as a result of the approval of a five-day week by the Government, which the union has interpreted to mean work only on Monday to Friday inclusive, Frank had to wait until Monday to make similar covers at Worthing. When these covers were delivered to him, he found that they had been cancelled at the G. P. O. instead of at Worthing. The explanation in his own words was:

"It seems that the staff has a practice of cancelling at the branch all the mail destined for the area served by the branch. Then they dispatch all the remainder by van to the circulation branch in Bridgetown. In a chat with the postmistress, I could see her point; but it surely does not suit the collector - though it helps the general mail. If she waits to cancel all the mail in her letter boxes, she may not be able to complete this by the time the van passes her way going towards General. The result may be some mail being late to meet the overseas times at the G. P. O. Giving all to the van, she can hustle them to G. P. O., where they may be in time for daily routing to the other branches as well as overseas. You will see how it all happened - I understand the practise is to be discontinued."

Frank was able to get some covers done up properly with the 15 October date, which was when the office was opened for business. However, it was not officially opened until 12 November. This latter event was the subject of a news item in the Advocate-News of 13 November, which contained some interesting collateral information on current thinking about the Barbados postal system. This is given below:

"Construction of a new two-story General Post Office, estimated to cost \$5 Million, will begin at Cheapside, Bridgetown, early next year (1974). This new building will house the General Post Office, which is now housed at the Public Buildings and the parcel post, now sited at the Wharf.

Notes On Barbados (cont.)

Minister of Communications and Works, Mr. Frederick Smith, yesterday disclosed that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the new building and that mechanical and electrical consultants had already been appointed. He said that work on the building will be going out on contract.

Mr. Smith was speaking at the opening of the New Worthing District Post Office, which was completed at a cost of \$185,776. Construction started in May 1972 and ended on October 13, 1973. The minister attributed the length of time for construction of the building to the shortage of cement, restriction of drainage, and the release of funds.

Addressing the gathering,, Mr. Smith maintained that Barbados still had a good postal system.

He urged the people, since the five day week (Monday-Friday) seems to have been accepted, to adjust their business with the postal service in such a way that no inconveniences would be caused.

Regarding a sub post office at Marine Gardens, Mr. Smith said that, unfortunately the question of security met with some opposition and the plan had to be shelved.

Mr. Smith added that they had to revise the plan for a Post Office at Brittons Hill.

Continuing, he said that in the development plans for Seawell Airport, they had money for establishing a building where mail for the various administrations in the Caribbean could be housed.

He touched on another aspect of the postal service that was worrying his Ministry and which called for serious attention. He said that the location of the post offices through out the island posed problems to the people in country districts, like St. Lucy, St. Andrew, St. Thomas.

Mr. Smith revealed that his Ministry planned, provided that they could find suitable and trustworthy people, to establish postal agencies in these parishes to prevent people from going long distances to the post offices.

Speaking about the Worthing post office, Mr. Smith said that he was pleased that it had been completed since it would add to the comfort of the people of the area. He stated that they hoped to get the private letter boxes for this post office early in the new year. He declared that his ministry was willing to investigate complaints of suspected loss or non-delivery of mail. "No complaint is too unimportant for my ministry to investigate," he said. . . .

Notes On Barbados (cont.)

The new Worthing Post Office has been erected to alleviate the hardships which had been suffered at the former post office through lack of space in the Building at St. Lawrence, and the inconvenience of finding parking space.



Worthing, P.O.
Official Ceremony of Opening
November 12, 1973

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A COMMENT

If you have never produced a journal, you can not possibly imagine the work that goes into the accomplishment. Since I now have had this opportunity and the opportunity is not yet over, I am partially qualified to speak on the subject. Since Mark Kellner was travelling to Europe before the Journal copy was complete, I volunteered to pick up the copy and typewriter at his apartment. As Mark says in his COMMENT, he did a superior job to what had been done on the last Journal. Since it wasn't perfect, I decided to have it retyped.

One of our competent secretaries agreed to this at a nominal cost so we arranged to get the typewriter to her apartment. At seven o'clock that evening, she called to say that the shift key on the machine would not release and all she could type was the upper case letters. Next day she found a machine at the office which did not have the same type but nevertheless worked and looked satisfactory for one effort. Had I not been leaving town for a week, we could have waited to have our typewriter fixed but this looked like a delay of over a week.

As you have seen, we still have two kinds of type in this issue. To all of you go my apologies but if I wait any longer to get the June issue out, you will not receive it before the end of the year. I am finishing myself, the remaining work that must be done to mail the copy without further delay. **mws**

by ROBERT P. ODENWELLER, FRPSL.

(Ed. Note-- The Bermuda Stamp Club held its first show in November 1972. This was very small, but was so well received that an expanded exhibit was held on 1 December 1973. While Sir Henry Tucker's internationally known Bermuda collection had graced the place of honor in 1972, his absence from the island at the time prevented a showing of another part of the collection. Instead, Bod Odenweller's international medal-winning collection of Samoa took its place. Geoff Osborn's superb exhibit of early Gibraltar postal history, another international medal winner, won the gold in that category. Kil Bump is the only overseas member of the club and made a special trip to Bermuda to bring his exhibit for the show. Other BCPSG members might like to consider joining the club to provide them with the excuse for a winter holiday in Bermuda!)).

The second stamp show to be held in Bermuda represented a quantum jump in the quality of the exhibits as compared to the first. As may be expected, the entries concerning Bermuda dominated the field.

Leading the section was a fine exhibit which dealt with both the stamps and the postal history aspects of Bermuda, from the pre-stamp period through the Victorian era. Among the prize features of this neatly displayed exhibit were the "three pence" on 1d. rose red provisionally surcharged, and a number of covers which showed the wide range of interesting and rare cancellations to be found in Bermuda's early years. The quality, scope, and presentation combined to win for Dic Perrault (a new BCPSG member) a gold medal and the cup for "Best in Bermuda".

A gold medal was also awarded to Malcolm Gosling for a very comprehensive display of the 1938-53 King George VI high values. This exhibit showed the full range of shades and printings and featured quite a wide range of multiples.

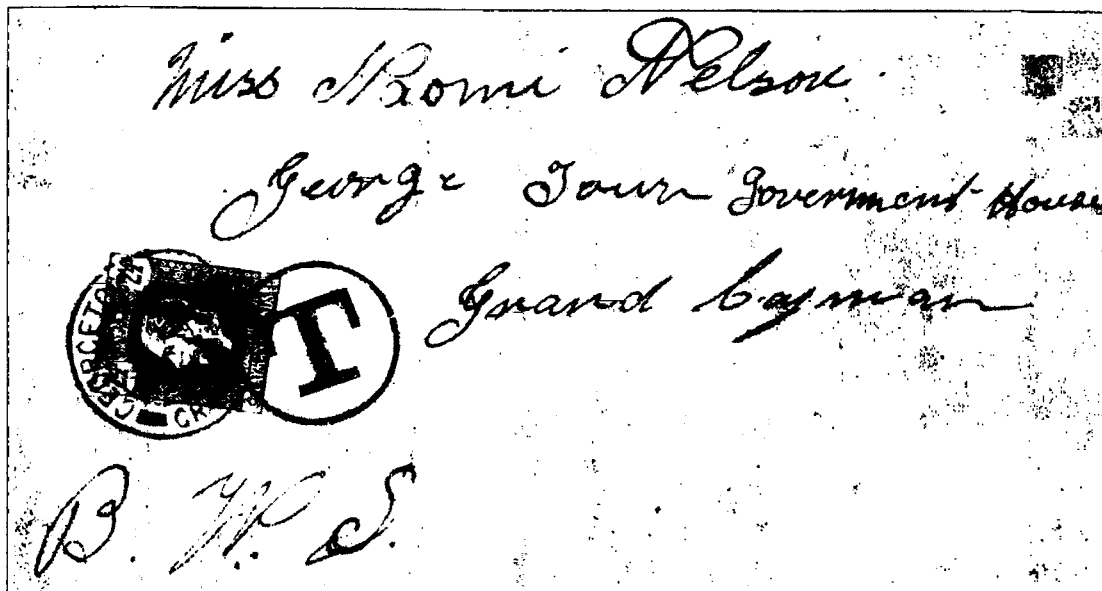
Silver medals were awarded to Jack Arnell and Kil Bump, the former for a study of the shades and perforations of the Caravelle issues of 1910-1935 and notable for the quality of the copies displayed, and the latter for an exhibit of postcards, including the scarce 'manufactured' varieties, which, though philatelic, occupy a definite place in Bermuda philately.

Mention might also be made of a fine exhibit, again by Jack Arnell, of Transatlantic Postal History. Well written up, this exhibit dealt primarily with the prestamp era and showed a number of interesting rates and routes. The material, admirable in quality, helped the two-frame exhibit to achieve a gold medal.

In summary, the exhibits in this relatively small, but growing show, were up to a standard one would expect to find at the national level in many cases. If the degree of advancement shown between the two times of the show continues, I would easily expect any of the medal winners to achieve equal success in national level competition in the United States and/or Great Britain.

CAYMAN ISLANDS' Ship Letter

Geoff Ritchie, who collects postage due covers and professes no expertise in the British Caribbean area, has an interesting letter addressed to Georgetown, Grand Cayman, in his collection. This has a 2 1/2d KGV stamp of the 1921 issue postmarked Georgetown, 28 July 1922, and also cancelled with a large T in a circle, as shown below.



Inside the envelope when he obtained it was a piece of paper, obviously put there by a previous owner, with the following note:

"The following is an extract from a letter from the Commissioner, Cayman Islands, 1922-

'Under a recent law, all ship letters, that is, letters handed in unstamped by the master of a training/trading?/schooner, are taxed 1 1/2d. if from the British Empire and 2 1/2d. if from any place in the Postal Union.

This tax is payable by affixing of local stamps which are obliterated by the cancellation stamp with the addition of a T-mark."

Because this is not his specialty, Geoff is interested in knowing whether this procedure saw much use and, if so, how long it was in operation. He postulates that it was probably the means of regularizing the practice, which was normal in many countries, of not doubling the postage due from places where no stamps were available.

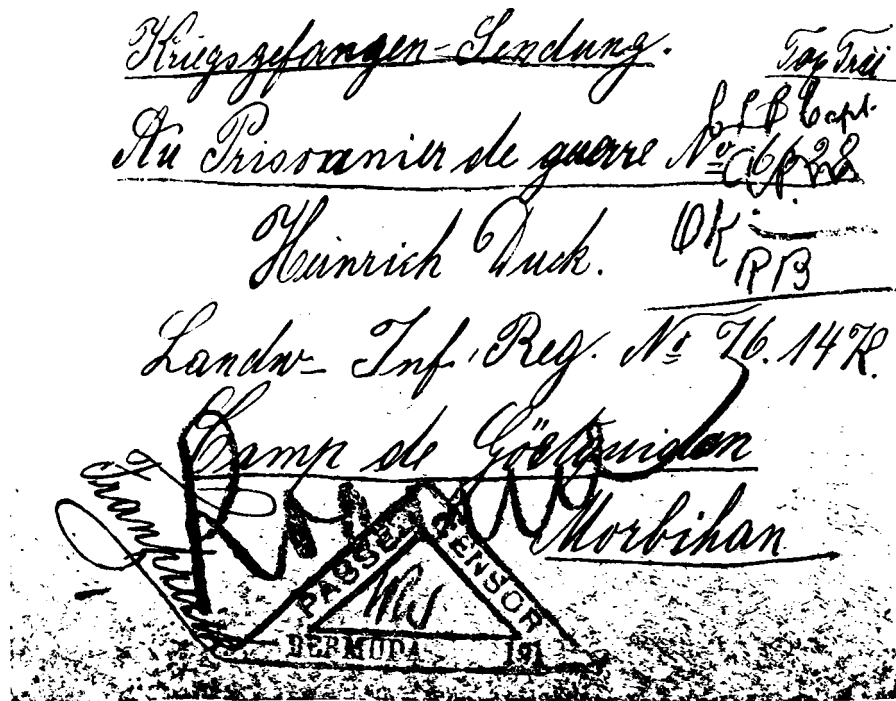
A Bermuda WWI POW Cover

By RICHARD HEMP

While several of the islands in the Great Sound of Bermuda were used to house Boer War prisoners, only Port's Island was used for the same purpose over a hundred years. It was first used for prisoners of war during the War of 1812, and saw later use during World War I.

In 1914, as soon as war was declared, all Germans in Bermuda were rounded up and interned on the island. When the crews from captured German vessels were brought to the island, they were also sent there. Some of the prisoners lived in tents, while others were housed in the old buildings remaining from the Boer War days. The Germans spent much of their confinement beautifying the island building pathways and creating gardens throughout the same. There was an occasional attempt at escape, but generally the prisoners gave little trouble.

I have recently bought a cover, which appears to be a hitherto unrecorded example of mail from this last camp. It was sent by Mr. Alwin Doll, Bermuda, Ports-Island, West Atlantic Station, "to a prisoner of war in France. This is shown below:



The only legible postal mark is a Ludington CM14 in black, with a blue manuscript "H. W.", recorded as a censor's initial on other censor marks. Ludington records that CM14 is only known in purple. The letter was passed as free, P. O. W. mail by "C. P. P. Capt." in red in the top right hand corner, and was countersigned in lead pencil, "OK RB." The illegible scrawl across the front is in purple pencil. There is also a very faint purple mark, which I can only make out as "Geprüft. ." with the remainder too faint to read.

It would be interesting to know whether any member has seen a P.O. W. cover from Port's Island dating from the War of 1812.

THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Fellow members, what can I say about the April Journal? That Fred Seifert was a hard act to follow! That the April issue did not have the quality that we want. Whatever is said, I take full responsibility and this, the June issue, is better. Jack Arnell had nothing to do with the problems in the April issue and no way to prevent them.

We have good news to report which will mean that the journal will appear in the quality we want and on schedule. Elaine and Stan Durnin have volunteered to do the layout and typing for future issues. Mark Kellner has turned over this work, I believe with relief, to their capable hands. Not many of us realize that Fred Seifert used to devote nearly half time to preparing a journal of superior quality and few of us can allocate so much time. As Elaine and Stan gain experience, I am sure you will see continued improvement in our journal.

Cost for the April Journal was high, far to high, but we have good news to report Charles on this also. Tanner has found a printer who will handle printing, addressing and mailing for about two-thirds of what we were paying last year. The quality of this firm's work is excellent from the samples seen both in color and in black and white.

The June Journal is late but follow the April Journal by about ten weeks. With a smile from Lady Fortune the August Journal will be mailed close to the end of September so that we will be back on schedule by the end of the year. We are experimenting with bulk shipment of mail overseas to Europe in hopes that we can reach our members there more rapidly. Second class mail travels slowly and we would urge members elsewhere than the U. S. A., Canada and Europe to consider sending in first class postage if speedier delivery is required.

Airmail cost is almost prohibitive, 'tis true, the average cost being about \$2.34 cents per issue for airmail. First class sea mail would cost on the average less than \$.0.76 per issue and should cut the delivery time to less than half. If this shorter delivery time is of interest to you, drop Stan a note and include enough funds for the service you desire over the next six issues.

Mark W. Swetland

More On Early History Of BWIA

Mike Shepard missed the story by Gerry Sancho on the early history of BWIA in the June 1973 Journal until recently. Having caught up with it, he writes: "This rang a bell and sent me through a large batch of covers that are still waiting to be sorted." He found what he was looking for, and now places some questions before the students of British Caribbean air routes, which if answered, will fill some gaps in the BWIA story. The rest of his letter follows:

"The item in question is a registered air mail cover from Barbados to Lyndhurst, New Jersey, sent via Trinidad, Miami, and New York and franked with stamps of the 1937 issue to the value of 1/10d. On the front, cancelling the stamps, is the G. P. O. BARBADOS REGISTRATION handstamp dated AP 1241, whilst on the reverse are registration marks for TRINIDAD 15 APR 41, MIAMI APR 16 1941, and for NEW YORK and LYNDHURST, both dates APR 17 1941. The day of the month for the Trinidad stamp is incomplete, only the '5' is clear but I think it is reasonable to assume that this would be preceded by a '1'.

Gerry Sancho stated that the air service between Trinidad and Barbados was suspended at the outbreak of World War II and that a new daily service was started in November of 1940. Also, in 1941, this service was extended to include the Leeward and Windward Islands, but Barbados declined to participate.

Is the date known in 1941 when Barbados withdrew from the service, and what happened to Barbados air mail after this time? Were letters sent by ship to Trinidad for onward transmission? If, as I presume, the Trinidad date stamp is APR 15, the gap of three days between it and the date of the Barbados stamp would seem rather long if a daily air service was still in operation. I should be interested to know if other members feel that this cover may have started its journey by ship.

As an extra, the cover also has two good strikes of a double ring handstamp containing the legend: "THE IMPORT, EXPORT, AND CURRENCY CONTROL BOARD, BARBADOS."

Personal Mention

ERIC HEYER took off for Europe about the end of April on a combined business and vacation trip. His itinerary included a stop in Jamaica, where he planned to visit Pat Burke and Ronnie Wong, and then to Puerto Rico for a rest. From there, he was going on to Madrid and Switzerland. He will be home again by mid-July.

MARK SWETLAND spent a week's vacation at Jekyll Island, Georgia, with his family where they enjoyed six tennis courts and 9½ miles of beach. He had to return home before the Miami meeting, so missed it by a few days and a few miles.

COVERS

by COLIN H. BAYLEY

In their comprehensive book, "The Postage Stamps of British Guiana, W. A. Townsend and F. G. Howe describe, (on page 227 and plate 1), what they call a mystery cover in the Howe collection. This cover, here designated cover 1 but not illustrated, apparently started out from Paramaribo, Surinam, on 20 September 1866, for its destination in London, where it received a mark of 15 October. It carried a 24 Cent British Guiana adhesive with the "AD3" Cancellation and was backstamped at Georgetown on 22 September. On the front, it had "stamped", "Rec. October 15-dates Sep 19, "and "Via Southampton England, " all in manuscript. In describing this cover, the authors reflect on the strangeness of an unstamped letter passing through the Paramaribo Post Office and subsequently finding its way to British Guiana, where it acquired a stamp of that country to speed it on its way to England.

I have two similar covers sent from Paramaribo and to the same address, apparently in the same handwriting and obviously from the same correspondent. (See illustrations).

As will be noted from the earlier cover (designated cover 2, Fig. 1), it was dated at Paramaribo on 20 September 1864 and received a "London Paid" mark on 14 October. At the lower left front corner is a mark, in manuscript, that appears to be "fr", possibly an abbreviation for 'franked.' Also, on the front, to the right and slightly overlaid by the British Guiana stamp is a manuscript '4' in red pencil. There is a Demarara receiving mark of 22 September on the reverse.

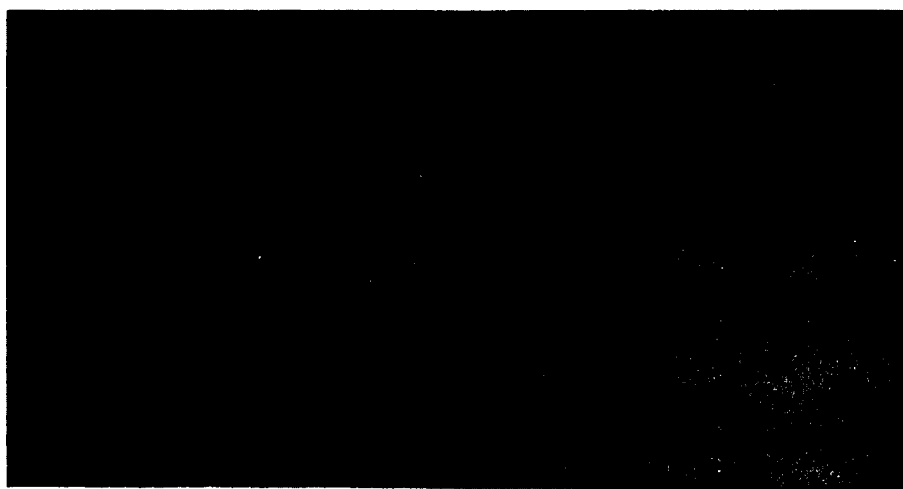


Figure 1

THE SURINAM - BRITISH GUIANA COVERS (cont.)

My second cover (designated cover 3, Figure 2), was datestamped at Paramaribo on 20 October 1866 and shows a London receiving mark of 12 November, which is rather similar to the one on, and exactly one month later than, that of cover 1. Like cover 1, it shows the word "stamped", in manuscript and at the lower left front of the cover and, also, like 1, does not have the red manuscript '4' found on cover 2. On the reverse is a Demerara receipt mark of 22 October.

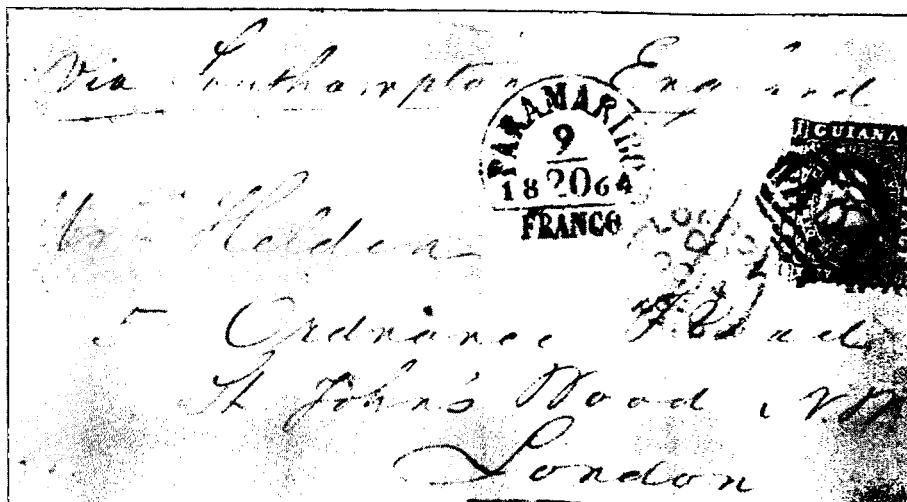


Figure 2

The differences in the marking on these covers give some clues to their postal history and suggest the practice of the day to expedite the transatlantic mail. The significant differences appear to be:

(a) Paramaribo marks. These are different for all three of the covers, although the main difference seems to be the presence of the word "Franco" in the mark on cover 2. I have always considered this word to be synonymous with 'paid', although in some cases it seemed to refer to the partial payment of the total charges, with more to be paid later on. If this view is correct, then the manuscript '4' and the 'fr' mark on cover 2 assume considerable significance.

(b) Red manuscript '4' pencil mark, noted on cover 2 only and apparently applied before the British Guiana adhesive; presumably at Paramaribo.

(c) Abbreviated 'fr' mark at lower left front corner also appearing only on cover 2 and assumed to be associated with the manuscript in the same position without a '4'.

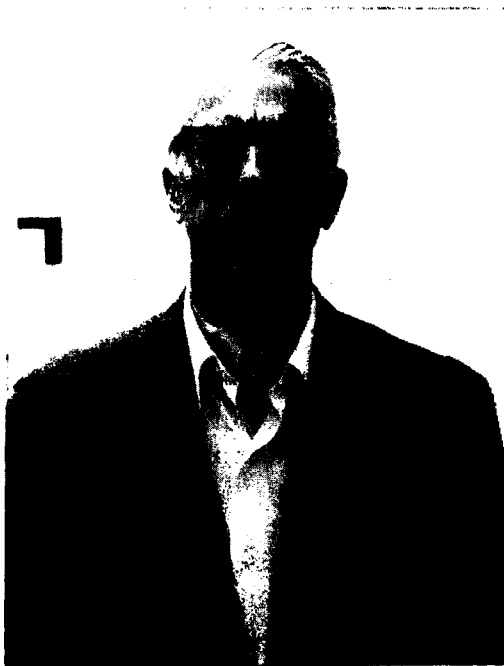
THE SURINAM - BRITISH GUIANA COVERS (cont.)

I offer the following explanation, for whatever it is worth:

(a) Initially, as illustrated by Cover 2, there was an arrangement whereby letters not exceeding a certain weight could be sent from Paramaribo to British Guiana in order to catch the fast British packet on the prepayment of 4 cents, made at the time of posting. That this postage has been paid was shown by the '4' in red and the 'fr', both in manuscript and the subsequent strike of the Paramaribo "Franco" ('paid') datestamp, to sanction its passage to British Guiana. There, a stamp was applied to prepay the passage to London.

(b) Two years later, there was an arrangement involving the application of the British Guiana stamps at the Paramaribo Post Office, at the same time as the 4 cent charge for sending the letter to British Guiana was collected. The application of the adhesive thus eliminated the need for the red manuscript '4' shown on earlier letters. Such mail was then sent to Georgetown where it was cancelled ("A03" and backstamped) and put on the Packet. The word stamped, in manuscript, at the lower left front, could have been used to indicate that the letter was to be sent in the above-mentioned manner. This was the faster, and therefore, the preferred way of getting the letter to the United Kingdom, rather than depending on vessels direct from Surinam.

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Jack Arnell has kindly sent along this photograph so that those of us who have never met him will recognize him at our regular meetings of the BCPSG. Jack hopes to attend some of these but can make no promises in this respect.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The following lists of post offices and postal agencies in Trinidad and Tabago is reprinted from the November-December 1973 issue of the Trinidad Philatelic Society's Bulletin (No. 84)

POST OFFICES

- | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Arima | 21. Guapo | 41. Scarborough |
| 2. Arouca | 22. Guyaguyare | 42. San Fernando |
| 3. Belmont | 23. La Brea | 43. Siparia |
| 4. California | 24. Laventille | 44. Santa Flora |
| 5. Carapichaima | 25. Marabella | 45. St. James |
| 6. Caroni | 26. Manxanilla | 46. Tabaquite |
| 7. Cedros | 27. Matelot | 47. Tacarigua |
| 8. Chaguana | 28. Mayaro | 48. Toco |
| 9. Claxton | 29. Moruga | 49. Tunapuna |
| 10. Couva | 30. Morvant | 50. Williamsville |
| 11. Cumuto | 31. El Scorro | 51. Woodbrook |
| 12. Cunupia | 32. New Town | 52. Roxborough |
| 13. Curepe | 33. Oropuche | 53. Tableand |
| 14. Diego Martin | 34. Palo Seco | 54. Speyside |
| 15. Erin | 36. Princess Town | 55. Charlottville |
| 16. Forest Reserve | 37. Point Fortin | 56. George Street |
| 17. Fyzbad | 38. Rio Claro | 57. St. Vincent Street |
| 18. Gonzales | 39. San Juan | 58. U. W. I. |
| 19. Guaico | 40. Sangre Grande | 59. New Market |

POSTAL AGENCIES

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|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Abyssinia | 23. Chacachacare | 45. Felicity |
| 2. Bagatelle | 24. Chalieville | 46. Fishing Pond |
| 3. Balandra | 25. Clarke Road | 47. Fonrose Village |
| 4. Balmain | 26. Clarke Richard | 48. Flanagin Town |
| 5. Bamboo Village | 27. Cocoyea | 49. Freeport |
| 6. Basseterre | 28. Coromandel | 50. Fullerton |
| 7. Basseterre | 29. Coryal | 51. Gasparillo |
| 8. Bejucal | 30. Cross | 52. George Village |
| 9. Biche | 31. Cumana | 53. Grande Riviere |
| 10. Blundell | 32. Cunapo Junction Rd. | 54. Granville |
| 11. Bonne Aventure | 33. Cunjal | 55. Guaico Tamana |
| 12. Brasso | 34. D'Abadle | 56. Guanapo |
| 13. Brasso Piedra | 35. Debe | 57. Guaracara Junction |
| 14. Brasso Seco | 36. Delhi Road | 58. Harris Village |
| 15. Brazil Village | 37. Diamond Village | 59. Hermitage |
| 16. Brother's Road | 38. Dibe Road | 60. Icacos |
| 17. Buenos Ayres | 39. East Dry River | 61. Indian Walk |
| 18. Caigual | 40. Eastern Quarry | 62. Irois Forest |
| 19. Caparo | 41. Ecclesville | 63. Jordan Hill |

POST OFFICES & POSTAL AGENCIES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (cont.)

20. Cap-de-Ville	42. Enterprise	64. L'Anse Norte
21. Caratal	43. Fatima	65. La Postora
22. Carenage	44. Febeau	66. La Romain
 (continuing from next page of the T. P. S. Bulletin...)		
67. Las Lomas I	101. Prizgar Lange	135. Upper Guaico
68. Las Lomas II	102. Quarry	136. Upper Santa Cruz
69. La Lune	103. Red Hill	137. Upper St. Francis Valley Road
70. Lengua	104. Reform	138. Valencia
71. Les Efforts	105. Rochard Douglas	139. Vance River
72. Longdenville	106. Rock River	140. Vega de Oropouche
73. Lopinot	107. Rose Hill	141. Belle Garden
74. Los Bajos	108. Rousillas	142. Bethel
75. Mamoral	109. Oropouche Road	143. Black Rock
76. Macualay	110. Sans Souci	144. Canaan
77. Maracas Bay	111. Second Calidonia	145. Bucco Point
78. Maracas Road	112. Simeon Road	146. Carnbee
79. Maraval	113. Siparia Junction Rd.	147. Castara
80. Matilda	114. Sister's Road	148. Delaford
81. Matura	115. St. Anns	149. Golden Lane
82. Morne Coco	116. St. Andrews	150. Des Vignes
83. Mayo	117. Sixth Company	151. Goodwood
84. Milton	118. St. Barb's	152. Hope
85. Mon Repos	119. St. Benedict	153. Lambeau
86. Morne Diable	120. Santa Cruz	154. Les Coteaux
87. Mont D'or	121. St. Helena	155. Mason Hall
88. Navet	122. St. John's	156. Mt. Grace
89. New Lands	123. St. Joseph	157. Mt. Pleasant
90. New Settlement	124. St. Julien's	158. Mt. St. George
91. Orange Valley	125. St. Madeline	159. Parlatuvier
92. Palmyra	126. St. Mary's	160. Patience Hill
93. Pelican	127. San Raphael	161. Pembroke
94. Penal Rock Road	128. Talparo	162. Plymouth
95. Piparo	129. Tamana Four Rds.	163. Bon Accord
96. Plaixance	130. Timital	164. Whim
97. Pleasantville	131. Todds Road	165. Bloody Bay
98. Plum Mitan	132. Tortuga	166. Glamorgan
99. Point Cumana	133. Trou Macaque	167. John Dial
100. Poole	134. Upper Belmont Valley Road	168. L'Anse Fourmi

The above lists were reprinted as received from Mr. G. Cumberbatch, the Postmaster General, in September, 1973. The Postmaster General has since advised that Blanchisseuse, Calcutta Settlement, and Laventille Extension should be added to the list of Postal Agencies.

It should be noted that in some cases, the names in the above lists will be different from the names as they appear on the datestamps being currently used.

(Our thanks to the Trinidad Philatelic Society, for this list.)

RECENT

FIRST FLIGHTS

Ben Ramkisson has provided prints of covers showing the cachets used on the Eastern Airlines' inaugural flights from Baltimore to Barbados and Trinidad early in December 1973. Only the Barbados cover had an arrival backstamp. This was a cds reading AIRMAIL/G PO BARBADOS DE 4 73. Both the cachets are green and Ben notes that these covers are rare.



The Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, December 31, 1972.....\$1,229.85

Receipts:

Current Dues	\$1,947.90
Advance Dues	667.50
Admission Fees	35.00
Contributions	356.25
Publications	73.00
Life Membership	350.00
Auction Lots	1,410.22
Advertising	352.72
Seals	21.60

Expenditures

Bank Charges	\$ 9.00
Postage:Editor	492.04
Sec./Treas.	126.06
Supplies:Editor	114.90
Sec./Treas.	54.24
Editor's Office	
& Meeting	500.00
Printing Journal	1,938.00
Service Contracts	59.28
Addressograph	27.50
Auction Payments	<u>432.20</u>

Total Receipts	\$5,214.19	Total Expenditures	\$3,777.22
Excess of Receipts over Expenditures			\$1,436.97
Balance on hand, December 31, 1973.....			\$2,666.82

Life Membership Fund:

New Jersey Bank & Trust Co., 5% Growth Bond No. 11083, 6-24-69	
\$500.00 face value and redemption value, 12-24-73	\$626.16
Life membership funds carried in above balance	310.00
	<u>\$936.16</u>

My second annual Treasurer's report presents our group on a sound financial footing, compared to the report for 1972. Primarily responsible for this is the nearly \$1000 which the Group realized from the donation auction. In addition, significant gains in receipts were realized in advertising and life membership, as well as advance payments of annual dues.

Printing, mailing, and related editorial expenses account for about 80 percent of our expenditures. We are all convinced that this is a worthwhile effort, and is a pivotal point of membership recruitment and the high level of support that we experience from our world wide membership.

With the changeover of the Editor to new hands and locations, and surrounded as we are with increasing costs, we must keep a watchful eye for ways to conserve our expenditures.

The Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Considerable funds can be saved in postage costs, if our members would respond to notices sent out in the Journal for dues, and, if and where possible, our overseas members would send in advance payments of their dues. A random poll shows that overseas members in several areas have not received their August 1973 Journal in March 1974. Perhaps we should consider putting the membership renewals for the overseas members in the mid-year Journal, instead of waiting for the August issue.

Three life members were added in 1973. We invite all members who share our conviction in the vitality of the BCPSG, to join this select group. Please write to me for details.

My special thanks are expressed to three colleagues: Al Branston, our able and congenial Assistant Treasurer; Dr. Dan Warren, who continues to stay on top of our advertising accounts, and to retiring editor, Col. Fred Seifert, who kept me supplied with membership and address changes.

The duties of Treasurer require considerable effort. You can help to make the duties easier to carry, by responding promptly to queries, and by making sure your correspondence carries your name and address.

For those of you expressing your satisfaction with this effort, your word of appreciation is sincerely appreciated, not only by your Treasurer, but by my family, as it makes them realize that the sacrifice they share for this work is appreciated by our membership at large.

Respectfully submitted,
Reuben A. Ramkisson, MD

Personal Mention

CHARLES RICKSECKER reported that his meeting with Postmaster Fahie at the GPO, Roadtown, Tortola was most enlightening and helpful, and added: "It may also interest you to know that he had a copy of the April 1973 issue of the BCPJ sitting right on top of his desk, and that he had a copy of Gale Raymond's article on the BVI SPO's on public display in a show case in the main foyer of the GPO for quite some time. That article appeared in the April 1971 issue.

GEORGE BOWMAN was awarded a BCPSG Parchment certificate for his entry Antigua Ink in the 9-10 February 1974 Filatelic Fiesta show at San Jose, California

Our Secretary Reports

NEW APPLICANTS:

ADAMS, Irving, 2665 Homecrest Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235, 27, BWI etc., US Airmail Stamps.

AHROON, Lester A., 5 Marquette Lane, Kankakee, IL 60901, 64, Retired, BNA, US, France, Scandinavia. by A. N. Johnson

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AUSTIN, Howard C., 133 Fairmount Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53217, 25 High School Teacher, US, BWI by A. N. Johnson

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BREW, Clarence W., 4516 Marble Way, Carmichael, CA 95608, 52

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BCPSG EXHIBITS AT MIAMI

Paul Larsen has provided an account of the Group's exhibits at the show held in Miami 19-21 April 1974. The quality of the exhibits in the show was good and both the show judges and our judges were tough. Members of the BCPSG, nevertheless, carried off their share of the awards. Five BCPSG entries showed 20 nine page frames.

The top winner of this group was Ralph Hart with his early stamps and covers of British Honduras. This consisted of eight frames of Queen Victoria through early King George V. He received a BCPSG gold and a show gold (independently judged) for magnificent showing.

John Gavelek's Bahamas - Postal History through the Victorian Period took BCPSG and show silvers. This consisted of eight frames of pre-stamp covers, G.B. and Bahamas on cover, Bahamas stamps and a fine range of QV reign postal markings and cancels.

Paul Larsen showed six frames of Leeward Islands issues of 1921-29 which included stamps, covers, die proofs and postal stationery. He received a show bronze and BCPSG certificate.

Fred Seifert exhibited four frames of British Guiana postal markings, 1850-1966. This was an interesting run of markings and a wide range of cancels. Fred received a show bronze.

Eddie Adelson showed three frames of Postmarks on Bahamas Stamps and was presented a BCPSG certificate. It was an interesting showing and several Bahamas "nuts" were noted to be drooling as they viewed his treasures.

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