

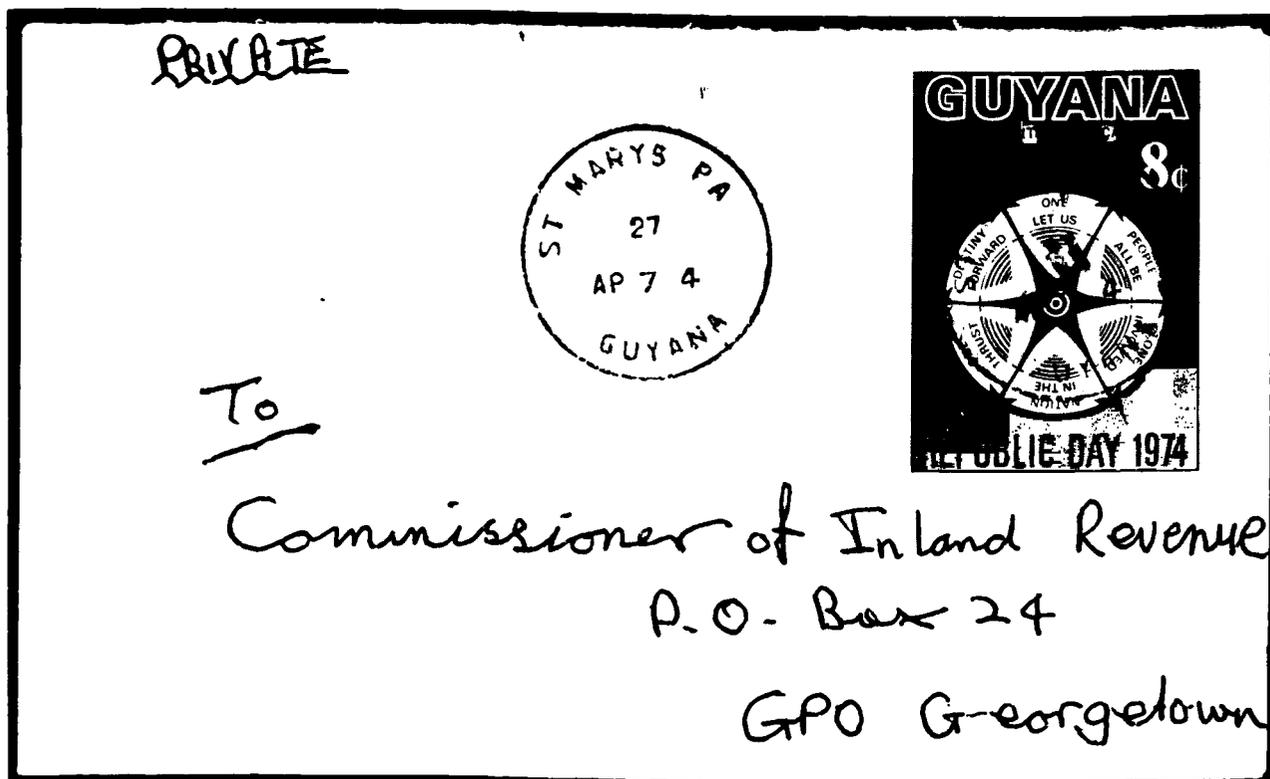
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(Mike Rego collection)

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Dues notices will soon be arriving. Please note that it will be to your advantage to pay before the end of 1977.

Included with the dues notice will be a Trustee ballot and some proposed changes to our constitution which will need your vote. Please take the time to consider your choices and VOTE. Résumés of trustee candidates will be found on page 160 of this Journal.

We also need to know who among our membership are APS-qualified judges. It is vital that the Group be able to propose one or more members for show juries where we obtain invitations for our annual meetings.

Nine BCPSGers have entered 72 nine-page frames of British Caribbean area exhibits in the October CPS exhibit competition. This is one of the largest turnouts to date. I am sure those attending the show and meeting will appreciate this effort. Reports on the annual meeting and related Group activities will appear in the December issue.

One lesson is now very evident. APS-qualified national shows are reaching frame capacity well before their stated deadlines. If CPS had not been able to expand their planned frame capacity we might have lost over 50% of our frames. I recommend that potential exhibitors submit their entry forms 5-6 weeks prior to stated deadline; earlier yet, if practical.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Tom Girdali as our new Membership Chairman. Thanks for helping us, Tom.

PAUL

WILLEMS SPARK TUDWAY INVESTIGATION

Lois and John Willem, backgrounded by 12 years of business experience in the Commonwealth Caribbean including interests in Antigua, acquired, through purchase from dealers and at auctions, a quantity of Tudway letters, early letters (1760-1854) from Antigua.

This led them to pursue the Tudway family history through contacts with David Tudway-Quilter (whose mother was a Tudway and who himself has no male heir) in Wells, and ultimately to attempt a reconstruction of the Tudway collection in the manner of "The Codrington Correspondence."

After a week in Antigua physically covering what remains of the Tudway and Codrington estates (which adjoin), the Willems went to England for a study of the material in the Taunton (Somerset) Archives. It became readily apparent to them that the Tudway material in public hands had come from this rather vast collection, and they asked themselves "How?"

A following weekend with the Tudway-Quilters aroused David Tudway-Quilter's curiosity and a subsequent investigation ensued which led to an arrest, the story of which is detailed in the following item which appeared in the 31 March edition of the "Somerset County Gazette":

"Former Taunton police superintendent John Hamer, who stole and sold ships' letters while employed at the Somerset Records Office, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months at Bristol Crown Court yesterday.

"The reason for the offences lay in 'financial pressures', the court heard.

"Mr. Justice Park told Mr. Hamer 'I have never heard evidence of character of the kind I have heard in this court today. I have come to the conclusion that it would be quite wrong for me to deal with you in any other way.'

"Mr. Hamer, aged 69, of Stoke Road, Taunton, admitted the theft of about 500 early letters and covers bearing Antigua stamp marks, belonging to former Somerset High Sheriff, Mr. David Tudway-Quilter, between 1971 and 1975. He also admitted eight charges of obtaining money by deception by claiming that the letters were his to sell. The total amount realised was £2,515.

"The court was told by Mr. James Black, prosecuting, that the documents were found in the vaults of a house belonging to Wells Cathedral School.

"The letters, postmarked Antigua, had been sent back to England from plantations in the West Indies and were of great historical interest.

"These 'Tudway papers' as they were called, were sent in 1971 for safekeeping to the Somerset Record Office in Taunton, where Mr. Hamer was employed.

" 'Mr. Hamer had collected the documents from the school himself. Within a matter of weeks he started collecting them after writing to firms in London and Bristol, asking what they were worth and instructing them to send a cheque,' said Mr. Black.

"They were later sold again by auction, and privately, both in this country and in America for much larger sums.

"In 1976, it came to the attention of Mr. Tudway-Quilter that his letters were in circulation and being offered for auction.

" 'Some of the papers have been recovered, but the majority, unfortunately, have

gone,' he told the court.

"Interviewed by police in October, 1976, Mr. Hamer admitted the offences...

"He had gone to collect the boxes of Tudway papers in December, 1971, and took one of them home 'as a possible means for further research in his historical studies,' said Mr. Pescoe.

" 'Within a few weeks financial pressures forced him to sell them. He is very loyal to his family, and I can only ask the court to accept that there had been quite a dramatic change in his financial circumstances.' "

The article continues with an account of the character witnesses which appeared for Hamer and of his previous exemplary record. Willem stresses to us that after the disclosure of Hamer's activities, the entire staff of the Somerset Record Office was thoroughly investigated by the police and was cleared. Further, the County Council has endorsed this specifically both in Committee and in an open letter addressed to the staff.

The Willems are not only indexing and cataloging all the Tudway material in an attempt to reconstruct the collection as it might have been treated if the original "find" had remained intact, but pursuing unanswered questions raised by the Hamer trial. They are now again in England for this purpose.

Willem has promised us a further article on the Tudway letters.

From the Editor's Desk - - -

We have received a disappointingly low number of manuscripts for our 100th (February 1978) issue thus far. Because of this, and since this is our last opportunity to solicit such articles, we are extending the deadline to 15 November and are lifting the double-spaced typewritten four-page limit; however, if too many articles are received for this particular issue, those manuscripts which adhere to the four-page limit will be given space priority. The Group medal being offered for the best article submitted is an award for which it is well worth striving.

The Journal is an integral part of the BCPSG and is each member's vehicle of communication to other members. The 100th issue should be a special event, but it is up to you to make it so.

Soon after making our comments in the August BCPJ concerning Montserrat's new stamp issuing policies, we received a Statement of Intent from the Montserrat Philatelic Bureau. This statement is reproduced on page 159.

Soon after posting this October issue we will be heading for Chicago for BCPSG's annual get-together. It is with pleasure and anticipation that we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new. For those of you who cannot attend, we will have a pictorial report in the December BCPJ.

ELAINE

WITHDRAWALS:

Dates for various withdrawals from sale are as follows: Antigua Boy Scout Jamboree 22/8/77; Barbados Natural Beauty 2/8/77; Jamaica Butterflies II 8/8/77; Antigua Carnival 18/10/77; Caymans Tourism 25/10/77; Trinidad & Tobago Republic 26/10/77.

Postmarks of Guyana

by Mike Rego

Guyana obtained full Independence as of May 1966 and became a Republic in February 1970. After its change from a colony, it was to be expected that the post office would have to alter many aspects of its business, including changing such items as datestamps, registration labels, instructional markings, Official envelopes, postal stationery and, not the least, adhesive stamps.

This article will cover the postal datestamps of Guyana's district post offices, district postal agencies, traveling post offices, and traveling postal agencies. A further article will deal with the postal markings of Georgetown and New Amsterdam, as these two large offices warrant a separate chapter.

In March 1974, a list of post offices and agencies was issued by the Postmaster General. A total of 49 post offices was given, including GPO Georgetown and New Amsterdam; since then, Kwakwani has been promoted to a post office and Cambellville and East La Penitence have been reopened, thus a total of 52 post offices now exist (including Georgetown). The postal agencies then given numbered 93. Of these, 29 have not been listed here for several reasons: 16 have not yet received postmarks, though they carry out normal business except for the franking of mail, this being done by a larger postal agency or post office nearby; six agencies closed as per list; two appear to have lost their datestamps; and, five, I feel, are still to be recorded — Apoteri, Issano 13½ Miles, No 28 Village West Coast, Berbice, Northern Hogg Island, and Eping.

From the list, seven traveling post offices (TPO's) are given, Essequibo Steamer and East Coast Railway now being closed. Thirteen traveling postal agencies (TPA's) are given here with seven to be recorded (they, presumably, have been issued with datestamps).

TYPE 1, 1a

Not long after Independence, a new issue of double-ring CDS', measuring 26-27 mm for the outer circle and 16-16.5 mm for the inner ring, were in use at the district post offices. The post office name appears at the top of the datestamp and GUYANA at the foot with dividing arcs at the sides varying according to length of the name of the post office. All district offices, with the exception of Leguan, have been issued with these datestamps.

Many varieties occur in all three lines in the center of the CDS; in placement of day/month, with or without asterisks, and in some cases missing year. There being many minor date varieties, I have decided to give them all a common number, Type 1 having 2.5 mm lettering and Type 1a with 3 mm lettering. The latter type seems to have first appeared in the early 1970's.



Type 1 Lettering 2.5 mm High



Type 1a Lettering 3 mm High



Name of Office	Type 1		Type 1a	
	EKD	LKD	EKD	LKD
Agricola	-		31-10-73	
Anna Regina	15- 7-75	10- 2-76	-	
Aurora	3-11-69	17-11-69	-	
Bagotville	6-11-73		-	
Bartica	10- 9-66	2- 4-73	-	
Benab	10- 1-68		28- 7-71	30- 7-75
Beterverwagting	20- X-69	18- 6-75	-	
Bourda	14- 4-72		-	
Buxton	8-12-67	8-11-76	-	
Cane Grove	24- 1-67	10-10-75	-	
Campbellville	9- 4-77		31-10-74	28-10-76
Charity	28-12-66	20-10-75	-	
Charlestown	4- 1-67	4-12-74	-	
Clonbrook	5- 9-66	2-11-72	-	
Cove & John	28-12-66	4-11-76	-	
Danielstown	1- 8-75		-	
De Kinderen (PA)	24- 5-67	5-12-67	This Agency now closed.	
Enmore	26- 5-71	17- 6-76	19-12-73	
East La Penitence	25- 3-76	24- 8-76	22- 4-74	21- 3-77
Eversham	8-11-66	18- 5-76	-	
Fellowship	1- 2-67	26- 4-74	-	
Fort Wellington	7-10-71		-	
Grove	15- 1-67	30-10-75	-	
Kitty	18- 5-67	25- 2-77	22- 2-74	
K'wakwani	-		6- 1-76	20- 1-76
Leguan	-		-	
Letham	-		12- 2-74	21- 7-75
Leonora	8-10-73	21- 7-75	-	
Mabaruma	24- 8-71	4-12-76	4-12-75	6- 6-76
Mahaica	19- 6-75		-	
Mackenzie	7- 2-67	9-11-75	-	
McKenzie 2	-		3- 4-75	
McKenzie 3	-		-	
McKenzie 4	-		30- 7-74	
McKenzie 5	-		-	
McKenzie 6	-		3- 7-75	
Mahaicony	10- X-70	18- 6-76	-	
Matthews Ridge	19- 8-75	18- 5-76	-	
Metenmeerzorg	28-10-68	30-10-73	-	
New Amsterdam	2-10-70	28- 3-77	20-10-73	8- 6-76
Nigg	8- 3-67	9-11-76	13-10-70	
Parika	28- 2-67	8- 3-76	-	
Plaisance	9-10-67	3- 5-77	-	
Providence	13-12-67	26- 4-74	-	
Queenstown	3- 6-67	5-10-73	-	
Reliance	10- 8-67	28- 5-73	20- 9-74	22- 8-75
Rosignol	28- 5-68	13- 6-76	-	
Skeldon	16-12-66	8- 3-77	14-10-75	
Soesdyke	26- 7-75		-	

Suddie	24-12-66		-
Tuschen	8- 2-67	8- 6-76	1- 9-73
Vreedenhoop	27- 8-66	30- 6-76	-
Wakenaam	14- 4-67	14- 2-77	9- 6-75 12- 1-76
Wales	29- 5-74		-
Weldaad	18- 4-67	7- 8-76	20-10-69 20- 6-72
Whim	13-10-69	12- 1-76	-
Wismar	3- 5-68	1- 3-76	-
Wismar Counter 11		-	17- 9-71

As mentioned, Leguan is to be recorded later. McKenzie No. 3 and No. 5 should possibly be in existence as No.'s 2, 4, and 6 are recorded. DeKinderen, though a postal agency, has received this type of double-ring CDS. This PA is now closed.

TYPE 1b

Recently found and obviously an old type 'BG' CDS (re-made) has been seen since March 1976. Only office recorded is Leonora.



Single-ring 23.5. mm diameter.

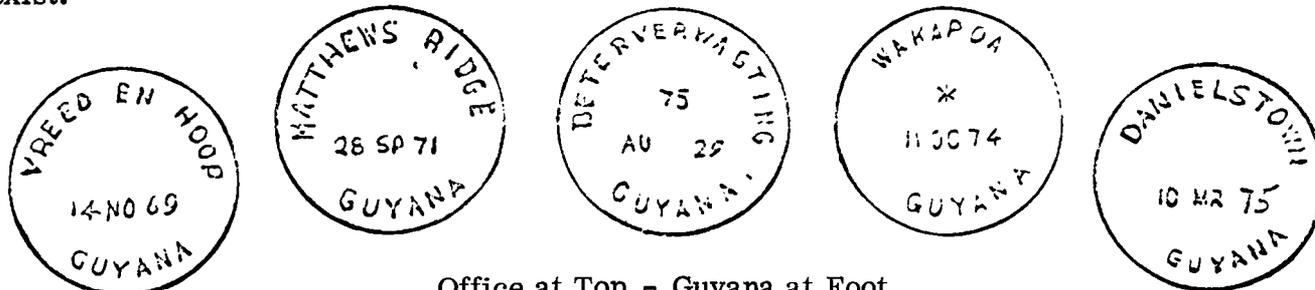
EKD 2.3.76 LKD 4.4.77

TYPE 2

Large skeleton CDS issued to post offices and postal agencies having name of office at top, Guyana at foot. I have not given these an exact measurement because many are found in either under or over-inked condition. The measurements 29.5-30.5 mm are given as a basic guide to this type.

Collectors of British Guiana will notice that many of these were in use prior to Independence and that GUYANA has been subsequently inserted at the foot of the CDS.

The comments at the right-hand side of the table below are given to assist collectors in locating offices when only a partial strike is obtained and refer to the most constant varieties found, e.g., one line date indicates this CDS is most commonly found with a one line date, but does not rule out that strikes of a two line date or incomplete date are to be found or even exist.



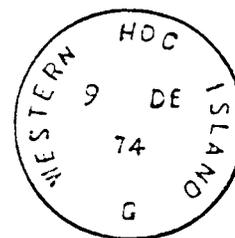
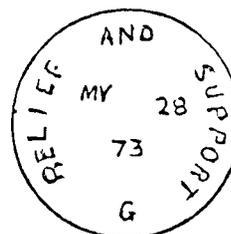
Office at Top - Guyana at Foot

Type 2	EKD	LKD	Comments
Aishalton	X. 8. X		Date incomplete
Anna Regina	30. 5.67	10. 4.75	One or two line date

Anna Regina	4. 9.70 2. 6.76	GUYANA moved to right
Annai Rupununi	3. 6.73 12. 9.76	BR GUIANA at foot
Aquero	30. 9.74 22. 4.76	Misspelling of Acquero
Aquero	6. 1. X 11. 2.74	AQUERO moved to right
Bartica	5. 5.69 1. 7.76	
Beterverwagting	20. 3.70 31.12.73	
Beterverwagting	12. 5.71 4.12.76	GUYANA moved to left
Bootooba	31.12.73 14. 2.74	BRITISH GUIANA at foot
Bourda	2. 5.67 10. 2.77	Asterisk above date
Buxton	28. 8.74	One line date
Danielstown	3. 7.67 12. 2.76	Date partly in manuscript
Enachu	-	See Type 4
Enmore	10. 8.71	
Eversham	10. 3.69 9. 6.69	A in GUYANA missing
Eversham	16.10.68 6.10.69	
Kitty	10.11.66 2. 3.70	
Kwakwani	29. 7.74 21. 1.77	Asterisk above date
Leguan	16. 4.74 22. 6.76	
Leguan	22. 8.75	U of LEGUAN inverted
Leonora	23. 6.70 18. 3.73	Year known missing
Lethem Rup	9. 6.67	
Lethem	25. 9.72 29. 3.77	Asterisk above date
Lethem	24. 1.72 14. 2.72	GUYANAM at foot
Mackenzie 1	25. 3.68	One line date
Mahaica	27. 9.69 8.10.73	Year known missing
Mahaicony	6. 6.66 27. 9.76	
Matthews Ridge	24.10.69 20.12.75	One line date
Metenmeerzorg	29. 5.73 25. 2.76	
Parika	3. 2.76	G U Y A N A at foot
Plaisance	18. 1.67 30. 9.74	
Present Hope	25.12.73 13. 2.74	
Queenstown	18. 8.67 9. 6.69	Two line date
Rosignol	6.10.73 31. 7.76	
Skeldon	9. 5.68 29. 3.77	Asterisk above date
Suddie	6. 9.69 27.12.74	Asterisk above date
Vreed en hoop	23. 5.67 19.12.68	See illustration
Vreedenhoop	25. 8.70	
Vreedenhoop	2.12.70 8. 6.76	GUYANA moved to left
Wakapoa	11.10.74 3.12.76	Asterisk above date
Wismar	15. 6.67 26. 3.74	Year in full

TYPE 2a

CDS 30 - 30.5 mm diameter with name of office at top, G at foot, and a two-line date with year abbreviated.

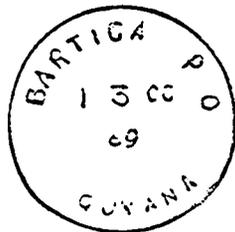
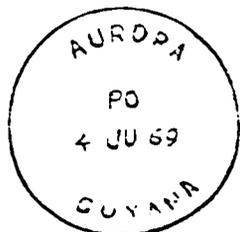


Office at Top and G at Foot

Type 2a	EKD	LKD	Comments
Relief and Support	30. 3.67	28. 5.73	See illus.
Western Hog Island	9.12.74		See illus.

TYPE 3

PO before or after name of office, or PO in center, GUYANA at foot. Measurements are 30-30.5 mm diameter. As to be expected, all are post offices and a number of errors have been noticed which are given in the comments section below.

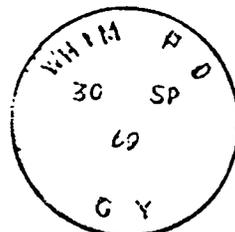
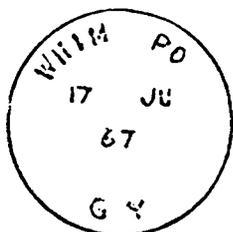


PO Before or After Name of Office (or in Center), Guyana at Foot

Type 3	EKD	LKD	Comments
Agricola PO	2. 5.73	20.11.75	
Aurora (PO)	2. 6.69	24. 2.77	PO in center of CDS
Bagotville PO	10. 9.74		
Bartica P O	16. 2.68	1. 8.74	Two line date
Kwakwani P O	1. 3.68		Reads O KWAKWANI P
Fort Wellington PO	7. 7.67	1. 6.72	
PO Fort Wellington	8.12.66	14.11.75	G misplaced -- reads POG
Mabaruma PO	9. 3.72	24. X.76	Two line date
Mackenzie PO	12.11.66	3.12.70	
Mackenzie PO	19. 6.68	12. 8.70	Errors -- GUY, GUA, GUYANV
Mahaica PO	6.12.67	13. 7.76	Two line date
PO Mahaicony	4.10.76	19.10.76	
Soesdyke PO	12. 8.74		Two line date
Wales PO	6. 4.70	24. 2.76	Year in full
Whim PO	16. 9.68	28. 2.76	

TYPE 3a

PO before or after office name, GY at foot. Skeleton 30 mm diameter circle. Only one office reported. If any postmarks appear in future with G at foot, these would be given a Type 3b number.



PO Before or After Office, GY at Foot

Type 3a	EKD	LKD	Comments
Whim PO	13. 6.67	17. 6.67	G Y at foot of CDS
Whim P O	30. 9.69	11.10.69	Large gap between P an O

(To be continued)

British Caribbean Forwarding Agents

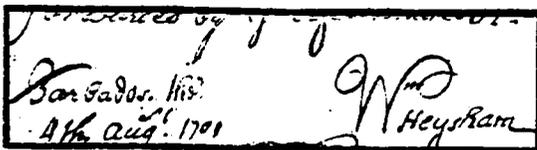
by Charles E. Cwiakala

The preliminary article, December 1971 Journal, on the Forwarding Agents of the British Caribbean listed those manuscript and cachet endorsements recorded by the writer as of 1971 ((1)). The second installment on these markings, December 1972 Journal, included new discoveries and addendum data forwarded by the membership. Based on this information, the check lists were revised for the Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, British Honduras, Jamaica, Trinidad, and Turks Islands portions of the listing in the December 1972 Journal ((2)).

Over the past three years, further new data on this aspect of British Caribbean postal history has been collected from the membership. The information thus far received is substantial enough to comprise this third installment on the continuing story of the British Caribbean Forwarding Agents. Special thanks are given to Michael Sheppard, Haakon Hellner, Fred Seifert, Tom Giraldi, Stephen Cave, Stan Durnin, Roman Burkiewicz, Alfred Hill, Morris Ludington, and Basil Benwell for the time given to the detailed correspondence required to form this article.

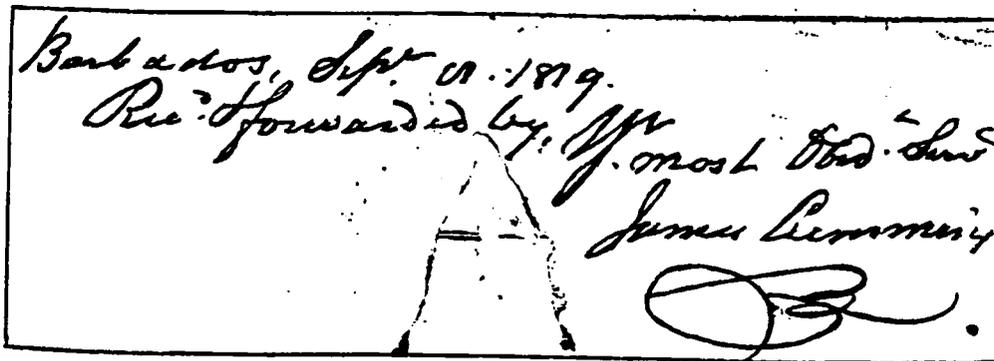
The Barbados "Wm. Heysham" manuscript forwarding agent endorsement was described in the preliminary article as being recorded used in the 1700-1701 period, but we were not able

to illustrate actual usage of this marking. Correspondence has now located a specimen of this agent's handiwork ((3)), and subsequent receipt of an auction catalog illustration ((4)) now allows us to illustrate the item (Barbados #1). The item in question is an envelope-letter to London with the forwarding endorsement of Wm. Heysham dated 4 August 1701.



BARBADOS NO. 1

A newly recorded Barbados forwarding agent, that of "James Cumming" has been reported by Stephen Cave ((5, 6)). The forwarding agent endorsement is written across the back flap of a folded letter addressed to Liverpool, and is inscribed as follows: "Barbados, Sept. 10 1819/ Rec'd & Forwarded by yr. most Obed. Serv./James Cumming." The front of the folded letter is inscribed "per Ship Lancaster," and has a Liverpool Ship Letter mark as a receiving handstamp. A manuscript notation reads "Rec'd 16 October (1819)." This forwarding agent marking will be given the designation BARBADOS #2 (the number previously assigned to the "Griffith & Jeffray" forwarding agency cachet of 1850-1858).



BARBADOS NO. 2

The previous articles pertaining to the Barbados forwarding agents section recorded the manu-

((1)) Similarly numbered references shall appear at the end of article.

script endorsement of "? Walcott" (the first name being undecipherable), but we were unable to illustrate the marking ((2)). Michael Sheppard has now forwarded further data ((3)) and provides an illustration of the item in his collection (BARBADOS #3, previously #1A). The forwarding agent endorsement is in manuscript across the back flap of a folded letter addressed to Fairhaven, Connecticut, and is inscribed as follows: "Barbados, 3rd December 1849, Received & Forwarded by/your Obd. Servant/(?) Walcott." Neither Sheppard nor I can decipher the first name of this little-known forwarding agent. (Editor's Note — The initials could be Jno. which was the standard abbreviation for John at the time; however, the initial in the center remains undecipherable.)



BARBADOS NO. 3

The preliminary article ((1)) on these agencies included data on the "Griffith & Jeffray" forwarding agent cachet (FAC) used at Bridgetown, Barbados, in 1858 as recorded in Rowe's handbook ((7)), but then, as now, an illustration of the FAC was not available (recorded as BARBADOS #4, previously #2). Even though an example of the FAC (oval, 34 x 21 mm) is still not available, Michael Sheppard has recorded a second example ((3)). The item came up for sale in May 1970 at a UK auction house, and was described as follows: "Nearly complete Packet Lettersheet of May 12 & 13/1856 from Griffith and Jeffray (Merchants at Bridgetown) to William Davis at Dominica, bearing (1d) deep blue (SG10) etc. ... also Forwarding Agent's cachet... Est. £30, made £33." The color of the cachet was not recorded nor was the FAC illustrated, but the listing extends the usage of this cachet from 13 May 1856 to 1858.

Sheppard also forwarded photostats of the Jeffray & Co. "Barbados Mercantile Intelligencer" for 11 September 1858 and 25 August 1871 ((8)). These very interesting documents include data on the "Review of the Markets" (last sales' cargo prices, duties paid, etc.), ship arrivals and departures, tables of exported produce, and the like. If of interest to any specialist members, photocopies of these reports will be forwarded upon request.



BARBADOS NO. 5



BARBADOS NO. 6



BARBADOS NO. 7

Another new Barbados FAC has been reported by Stephen Cave ((6)), and will be recorded in this series of articles as BARBADOS #5. The oval cachet is inscribed "FORWARDED BY/MICHL. CAVAN & CO./*BARBADOS*," and was found on a folded letter addressed to the USA with a 7 February 1864 Philadelphia receiving CDS.

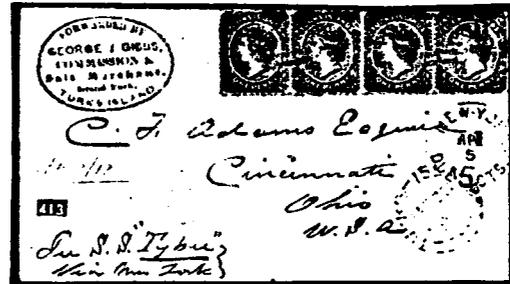
Yet another new Barbados FAC has been reported by both Basil Benwell ((9)) and Haakon Hellner ((10)). From the Da Costa & Co. firm in Bridgetown, this handsome cachet will be recorded as BARBADOS #6. The cachet's inscription reads as follows: "FORWARDED BY/DA COSTA & CO./SHIP BROKER & GENERAL MERCHANTS/BARBADOS, WEST INDIES"; the firm is in existence to this day under the name "Da Costa-Musson & Co." ((6)). Hellner's example of this FAC is on a cover to Nova Scotia postmarked at Barbados on 8 January 1885; also on the face of the cover is a purple "PER QUEBEC S.S. CO'S. STEAMER" handstamp. Benwell's example is on a cover to Vermont, USA, postmarked at Bridgetown on 12 July 1886. The FAC color is purple on both covers.

The final new Barbados forwarding agent endorsement has been reported by Roman Burkiewicz ((1)). On a 21 February 1898 cover from the Clairmonte firm to Philadelphia, USA, the imprinted endorsement reads "Forwarded by CLAIRMONTE, MAN & CO." in black (BARBADOS #7). A second such cover, also with 1898 usage, has been reported, but details are not available as of this writing other than "...it was a sister item..."

One new Trinidad FAC has been reported by Tom Giraldi ((12)). On an 1877 folded letter to Bordeaux, France, the framed cachet is inscribed "FORWARDED BY/EUG. P. MASSON/TRINIDAD." Further information on the FAC is not available, since the information for this marking was extracted from an illustration page of a catalog from an unknown auction house (TRINIDAD #7, the number previously assigned to the "Julian H. Archer Co." FAC of 1896).



TRINIDAD NO. 7



TURKS ISLANDS NO. 3

In the same reference as noted above, Tom Giraldi has also been able to extract data to extend usage dates of the "George I. Gibbs" FAC for the Turks Islands (TURKS #3). Originally recorded as being used only in 1873, a second cover shows 1877 usage. Again, further data as to cover's source is not known.

ADDENDUM TO THE DECEMBER 1971 AND DECEMBER 1972 LISTINGS

As new information has not come to hand regarding the previously published forwarding agent markings for Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras, and Jamaica, these listings will remain unchanged. However, the new discoveries for Barbados, Trinidad, and the Turks Islands require that the original (1971) and first revision (1972) listings of these markings be once again revised. We still seek existing examples of forwarding agent endorsements or cachets from the balance of the British Caribbean areas.

BARBADOS

1. 1700 (Wm. Heysham) - Manuscript forwarding agent endorsement reported by K. Rowe and M. Sheppard.
-1701
2. 1819 (James Cumming) - Manuscript forwarding agent endorsement reported by Maj. S. Cave.
3. 1849 (? Walcott) - Manuscript forwarding agent endorsement reported by M. Sheppard

(formally BARBADOS #1A).

4. 1856 (Griffith & Jeffray) - Oval FAC, approximately 34 x 21 mm, black. Reported by
-1858 K. Rowe and M. Sheppard (formally BARBADOS #2).
5. 1864 (Michl. Cavan) - Oval FAC, approximately 39 x 17.5 mm). Reported by Maj. S.
Cave.
6. 1885 (Da Costa & Co.) - Oval FAC, approximately 47 x 24 mm, purple. Reported by B.
-1886 Benwell and H. Hellner.
7. 1898 (Clairmonte, Man & Co.) - Straight-line, imprinted, black. Reported by R. Bur-
Kiewicz.

TRINIDAD

1. 1851 (G.W. Linsley) - Manuscript forwarding agent indorsement reported by K. Rowe.
No further details.
2. 1867 (O'Connor Bros.) - Oval FAC reported by K. Rowe. No further details given.
3. 1867 (Gerold & Urich) - Framed rectangular FAC, blue. Dates of usage extension by
-1872 Dr. A.E. Hill. Refer to ((1)) and ((2)).
4. 1872 (A. Cumming & Co.) - Oval FAC, 30 x 17 mm, blue. Reported by K. Rowe. No
further details given.
5. 1874 (J.N. Harriman & Co.) - Typeset FAC in three lines, 48 mm, known in blue. Re-
-1875 ported by K. Rowe and Dr. A.E. Hill. Refer to ((2)).
6. 1875 (N. Harriman & Co.) - Typeset FAC in three lines, known in blue. No further de-
tails available. Possibly a state of Trinidad #5.
7. 1877 (Eug. P. Masson) - Framed FAC with text in three lines. Reported by T. Giraldi.
Further details not available.
8. 1887 (Prada & Co.) - Double-ring oval FAC approximately 33 x 21 mm, black. Report-
ed by T. Giraldi (formally TRINIDAD #6A). Refer to ((2)).
9. 1896 (Julian H. Archer & Co.) - Typeset FAC in two lines, 73 mm, known in magenta
-1904 and violet. Reported by K. Rowe and Dr. A.E. Hill (formally TRINIDAD #7).
Refer to ((1)) and ((2)).

TURKS ISLANDS

1. 1850 (James Misick) - Typeset FAC in three lines, black. Only one example known.
Reported by M. Ludington. Refer to ((1)) and ((2)).
2. 1867 (Anthony Tatem) - Oval FAC, exact measurements and color not recorded. Refer
to ((1)) and ((2)).
3. 1873 (George I. Gibbs) - Oval FAC, approximately 38 x 26 mm. Reported by K. Rowe
-1877 (M. Ludington's example), M. Ludington, and T. Giraldi. Refer to ((1)) and
((2)).

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JAMAICA VARIETY ON COVER

by Bob Schultz

While picking through a batch of common commercial Jamaican covers in search of interesting postmarks, I came across a cover from Rocky Point Postal Agency bearing two copies of Scott #223a, the missing blue variety.

Examination of the cover under a stereo microscope at up to 45X magnification shows no trace of blue. (Many copies of this stamp, which at first glance appear to be the missing blue var., prove to be merely a badly shifted print with the blue "hidden" in the black areas.)

The cancellation is not completely clear, but what can be seen plus the return address inscribed on the cover indicate that the letter was mailed from Rocky Point (on the south coast of Jamaica) on 20 February. The year date is totally missing, but other similar covers in the selection were from the 1965-1967 period.



As a first guess, I believe that a sheet of 50 of the missing blue variety escaped detection at the printers and at the Kingston GPO and was sent as part of a shipment to the Rocky Point P.A. where it again was not noticed and, thus, sold over the counter to patrons. If this is the case, more of this variety used on cover should exist. Has any other BCPSG member come across this variety?

Antigua Monograph

The following pages contain another section of the Antigua Monograph. This section was drafted by Bill Cornell with reviews and contributions provided by George Bowman, Gil Holmes, Nat Surtees, Mark Swetland, and Edward Thompson. Additional contributions were made by Al Branston and Charles Tanner.

7.3 KING GEORGE V DEFINITIVE STAMPS



The Small Seal, or Double Medallion, definitive stamps of Antigua were in concurrent use with the Leeward Islands definitive stamps during the 1921-1938 period, replacing the Edwardian Large Seal, or Arms, stamps of 1903-1921.

The new stamps were of the normal small size of British Empire stamps, as contrasted with the oversize Large Seal stamps. Melville ((1)) remarks that the Small Seal stamps must have come to the Antiguan business community as a boon after 18 years of the large stamps.

The oval medallion with the profile of King George V is fringed with pearls and surmounted by a crown. The oval partially overlays the shield containing the device of the Seal of Antigua which is the same as that used in a disc under the Royal Arms on the Large Seal stamps. In heraldic terms, the seal is described as "a landscape colored proper" (i. e., in natural colorings) ((1)). James Mackay ((2)) states that the King's head was a medallion profile designed by Sir Bertram Mackennal, an Australian sculptor.

The new issue was announced by the Crown Agents in their July-September 1920 Bulletin and the initial stamps appeared on 1 July 1921 ((1)).

The stamps were typographed by De La Rue & Co. on white wove paper (except as noted below) and were rather heavily gummed ((3)). Iremonger notes that the initial printing had white gum, while later printings had more yellowish gum which was possibly due to tropicalization ((4)). Both MCA and SCA watermarks were used in the course of the life of the issue (see check list). The stamps were perforated 14 ((5)).

CHECK LIST

VALUE	S. G. COLOR	WMK	ISSUED	S. G./SCOTT CAT. NO.	REMARKS
½d	Dull green	SCA	1921	62/42	Shades
1d	Carmine-red	SCA	1921	63/43	
1d	Bright violet	SCA	1923	65/44	
1d	Mauve	SCA	1926(?)	66/44	
1d	Bright scarlet	SCA	1929	64/43	
1½d	Dull orange	SCA	1922	67/45	
1½d	Carmine-red	SCA	1926	68/46	
1½d	Pale red-brown	SCA	1929	69/47	Shades
2d	Grey	SCA	1921	70/48	Shades
2½d	Bright blue	SCA	1921	71/49	
2½d	Orange-yellow	SCA	1923	73/50	
2½d	Ultramarine	SCA	1926	72/49	
3d	Purple on pale yellow	MCA	1921	55/58	Chalky paper
3d	Purple on pale yellow	SCA	1925	74/51	Chalky paper. Shades.
4d	Grey-black & red on pale yellow	MCA	1922	56/59	Chalky paper

((1)) Numbers refer to similarly numbered references at the end of this section.

6d	Dull & bright purple	SCA	1921	75/52	Chalky paper. Shades.
1/-	Black on emerald	MCA	1921	57/60	Chalky paper. Shades.
1/-	Black on emerald	SCA	1929	76/53	Chalky paper. Shades.
2/-	Purple & blue on blue	MCA	1921	58/61	Chalky paper
2/-	Purple & blue on blue	SCA	1927	77/54	Chalky paper
2/6	Black & red on blue	MCA	1921	59/62	Chalky paper
2/6	Black & red on blue	SCA	1927	60/55	Chalky paper
3/-	Green & violet	SCA	1922	79/56	Chalky paper
4/-	Grey-black & red	SCA	1922	80/57	Chalky paper
5/-	Green & red on pale yellow	MCA	1922	60/63	Chalky paper
£1	Purple & black on red	MCA	1922	61/64	Chalky paper

SHEETS

The Small Seal stamps were printed in sheets of 120 divided into two panes of 60 ((1, 4, 6)). Each pane had 10 horizontal rows of six stamps ((3)) enclosed (with exceptions noted below) in two marginal or "Jubilee" lines ((1, 4)). The so-called "Jubilee" lines are so designated because they first appeared on Great Britain's 1887 Jubilee issue (50 years of Queen Victoria's reign), according to "Stamp Collecting," 20 September 1973, p. 187. The lines were made by the metal protective bars set around the printing plates ((3)). The inner Jubilee lines were in the head or keyplate color (design except for value tablets), while the outer lines were in the dutyplate color ((4)). A perforated vertical gutter between the two panes contains four Jubilee lines, the two dutyplate lines enclosed by keyplate lines ((3)).

Exceptions to the above description have been noted as follows: the £1 sheets have only single Jubilee lines in the keyplate color ((4)); reference 6 states that a supply of 6d stamps issued in mid-1930 had only a single Jubilee line around the panes; M. W. Swetland and W. G. Cornell report blocks of the 1/- SCA stamp of 1929 similarly lined ((3)).

Plate numbers are found in the form of an uncolored numeral 1 in a keyplate-colored circle enclosed by an outer circle. The plate number locations are reported by Melville ((1)), Ire-monger ((4)), and Swetland ((3)) as being in the selvedge beneath Stamp 56 Left Pane (LP) and Stamp 59 Right Pane (RP). Reference 6, on the other hand, states that the plate numbers occur at these positions as well as being symmetrically located at the top of the sheet above Stamp 2 LP and Stamp 5 RP. This statement may have been in error, although George Bowman notes that, according to Huber in a series of articles beginning in "Stamp Lover," May 1927, p. 346 ((3)), various Leeward Islands stamps of the 1912-1927 period had plate numbers at the top, bottom, or both positions. According to the Crown Agents' records ((3)), at least some of the sheets were "numbered 1 up each duty," referring to stamped numbers in the upper right selvedge (see quantity data below).

The initial Small Seal stamps (nine values from $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 2/6) were authorized for use on or after 1 July 1921 by an Order in Council of the Leeward Islands dated 29 June 1921, published in the "Leeward Islands Gazette," (LIG)7 July 1921 ((7)). The stamps were dispatched to Antigua in April 1921 (see below) and placed on sale on 1 July ((1, 6)).

Additional denominations of $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, 4d, 3/-, 4/-, and 5/- were authorized as of 1 February 1922 by an Order in Council dated 9 January 1922 (LIG, 12 January 1922) ((7)). Dispatched to An-

tigua on 28 November 1921 ((3)), the new values were placed on sale on 2 January 1922, according to Reference 6. This date is probably erroneous, since the authorization date is a month later ((3)). Melville ((1)) states that the five new duties were occasioned by increased postage rates which were effective at the beginning of 1921. Reference 6 states that the 1½d value was required for the foreign post card rate, the 4d value for combined postage and registration rates on Imperial letters, and the three high values were needed due to large increases in parcel post rates.

A £1 value was authorized as of 1 June 1922 by an Order in Council dated 24 March 1922 (LIG, 30 March 1922) ((7)). The first shipment to Antigua was dispatched on 2 August 1922, and, based on typical data on other shipments ((3)), the issue date should have been about a month later. Reference 6 states that the issue date was 1 July 1922, but the Crown Agents' dispatch date makes this unlikely. Reference 6 states that the need for the £1 was primarily fiscal.

In addition, Reference 6 states that a Statutory Rule and Order dated 26 April 1928 discontinued the 4d, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, and £1 values. There were no remainders; the obsolescent stamps continuing on sale until supplies were exhausted.

In 1923, revised rates for international postage were imposed by the Madrid Convention of the UPU ((6)). To conform with color standards, the 1d color was changed from carmine-red to bright violet and the 2½d from bright blue to orange-yellow ((1)). The new stamps were dispatched to Antigua on 23 August 1923 ((3)) and issued on 27 September ((1,6)).

In 1926, the single letter rate of the Empire was reduced from 2d to 1½d as of 1 April and a new printing of the 1½d in carmine-red (originally dull orange) was dispatched to Antigua on 25 July 1926 ((3)) and issued on 26 August ((6)).

The foreign letter rate was reduced from 3d to 2½d as of 1 April 1926 and the 2½d color was changed from orange-yellow to ultramarine. The new stamps were dispatched to Antigua on 10 November 1926 ((3)) and issued in 1927 ((6)).

In 1929, the Empire letter rate was further reduced from 1½d to 1d, occasioning further color changes in both duties. The 1d stamp changed from mauve (later shade of the 1d bright violet... see quantity data below) to bright scarlet and the 1½d from carmine-red to pale red-brown. Stamps in the new colors were dispatched to Antigua on 22 March 1929 and probably issued about one month later ((3)).

Additional shipments of lower values (½d, 1d, 1½d, 2½d) continued until 21 December 1937, along with a single additional shipment of 6d and 1/- stamps on 9 August 1933. Interestingly, the shipment of 1d, 1½d and 2½d stamps sent to Antigua on 3 March 1937 was noted in the Crown Agents' records to be dispatched before the Coronation issue (same three values, issued 12 May 1937). The King George VI definitive issue appeared on 15 November 1938 ((3)).

SUMMARY OF PRINTINGS

CA REQ. NO.	DUTY	DISPATCHED TO ANTIGUA
117/20	½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6	APR 1921
107A/21	1½d, 4d, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-	28 NOV 1921
155/21	½d, 1d, 2d, 6d, 1/-	24 MAR 1922
1511, 61/22	£1	2 AUG 1922
1659	1d, 2d, 2½d	23 AUG 1923

1856	2d, 3d	25 JUN 1925
1931	$\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, £1	25 JUL 1926
1973	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	10 NOV 1926
2036	2/-, 2/6	23 MAY 1927
2145	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d	24 APR 1928
2252	$\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, 6d, 1/-	22 MAR 1929
2457	$\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, 2d, 3d	24 OCT 1930
2580	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	29 SEP 1931
2593	1d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d	11 NOV 1931
2788	6d, 1/-	9 AUG 1933
2841	$\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 MAR 1934
3099	1d	12 FEB 1936
3209	$\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d	26 OCT 1936
3243/1	1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d	3 MAR 1937
3278/1	$\frac{1}{2}$ d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d	10-19 APR 1937
3335/1	1d, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d	21 DEC 1937

SUMMARY OF QUANTITIES PRINTED

The table below shows the total quantities printed of each of the Small Seal stamps, exclusive of the numbers of Specimen overprints which run somewhat over 400 each in most cases. The quantity data are largely based on the Crown Agents' records, with important additions, obtained by A. J. Branston, from the De La Rue Archives. More detailed data are given at the end of this section, including quantities dispatched to Antigua and those sold to dealers, individual printings, shades, etc. ((3)).

DUTY	COLOR	WMK	QUANTITY
$\frac{1}{2}$ d	Dull green	SCA	682,410
1d	Carmine-red	SCA	481,710
1d	Bright violet	SCA	246,600 (?)
1d	Mauve	SCA	243,360 (?)
1d	Bright scarlet	SCA	561,120
$1\frac{1}{2}$ d	Dull orange	SCA	59,430
$1\frac{1}{2}$ d	Carmine-red	SCA	363,600
$1\frac{1}{2}$ d	Pale red-brown	SCA	358,200
2d	Grey	SCA	395,130
$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	Bright blue	SCA	18,586
$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	Orange yellow	SCA	61,200
$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	Ultramarine	SCA	158,520
3d	Purple on pale yellow	MCA	29,906
3d	Purple on pale yellow	SCA	106,320
4d	Grey-black & red on pale yellow	MCA	61,166
6d	Dull & bright purple	SCA	90,446
1/-	Black on emerald	MCA	35,746
1/-	Black on emerald	SCA	63,240
2/-	Purple & blue on blue	MCA	12,435
2/-	Purple & blue on blue	SCA	18,000

2/6	Black & red on blue	MCA	12,770
2/6	Black & red on blue	SCA	12,240
3/-	Green & violet	SCA	24,120
4/-	Grey-black & red	SCA	23,400
5/-	Green & red on pale yellow	MCA	24,960
£1	Purple & black on red	MCA	4,800

ARTISTS DRAWINGS

In 1959, H. E. Wingfield & Co. ((8)) offered for sale an artist's composite proof of the 2½d Small Seal stamp, with portions of the design hand-painted, mounted on a card with manuscript date 7th Oct 20.

PROOFS

Die proofs of the Small Seal stamps have been reported as follows:

- Die proof of head (or key) plate, in black on glazed card, with small margins, uncleared state (black value tablet), according to Surtees ((9)) and the H.D. Bessemer sale ((10)).
- Die proof of headplate in black on glazed card, cleared state (blank value tablet) imprinted BEFORE HARDENING, manuscript date 17/1/21, according to Surtees ((9)), the Bessemer sale ((10)), and Swetland ((11)). A similar die proof, reported by E.K. Thompson, is endorsed in manuscript AS PASSED 17/1/1921. A second similarly endorsed BEFORE STRIKING 19/1/21 is also reported ((3)).
- Die proof of headplate, finished state (blank value tablet), imprinted AFTER STRIKING, according to R. Bodily ((12)).
- Die proof of headplate, with small margins, cleared state (blank value tablet), manuscript notation Jan 20th, 120 leads, illustrated on a piece from Robson Lowe Auction Sale of 13 April 1976 (Lot 29), noted by G.W. Bowman ((3)). The complete piece shows the headplate proof, along with a die proof of the ½d value tablet (dutyplate) which, in turn, is noted Jan 12th, 120 leads. In a different manuscript hand, the piece is inscribed 7th March 1921, interpreted by Lowe as completion data of the plates for the initial nine values of the Small Seal stamps, first dispatched April 1921. This interpretation is consistent with the Crown Agent's records and De La Rue Archives data shown in the quantity section below.
- The Robson Lowe 13 April 1976 sale also contains (Lot 29) die proofs of all 15 value tablets (dutyplates), of which several had previously been reported by Swetland ((11)), Toeg ((13)), and Thompson ((3)). All of these are presumably struck in black ((3)).
- Die proof of the completed 5/- stamp, in black on glazed card, with small margins according to Surtees ((9)) and the Bessemer sale ((10)). It would seem likely that such die proofs exist for the remaining 14 duties ((3)).

The Robson Lowe data of the 1976 sale importantly indicate that the dutyplate proofs are endorsed in manuscript to show when dies were made and when plates were completed. Thus, the ½d, 1d and 2d dies were made in January 1921, while in February 1921 the 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, and 2/6 dies were made. The plates for these nine values were completed on 7 March 1921, consistent with the initial shipment of nine values in April 1921.

Further, the Lowe data indicate that in October 1921 the dies for the 1½d, 4d, and 3/- were

made, followed by the 4/- and 5/- dies in November, with the plates being completed 30 November. This is consistent with the initial shipment of these values on 28 November 1921.

Finally, the data show that the £1 die was made on 17 July 1922 with the plate being completed on 3 August. The initial shipment of the £1 value is recorded by the Crown Agents as 2 August 1922. In the cases of the last six duties, the small discrepancies in the dates of plate completion and of initial shipment show that some of the entries are slightly awry, or, more likely, that their interpretation is. The Lowe information indicates that 120 leads were made for each duty, except that two extra were made for the £1. Eleven (unspecified) of the 15 duty-plate proofs were crossed with lines in red ink.

SPECIMENS — All issues are discussed in Section 10.

VARIETIES

C. M. Tanner III ((3)) reports a lower left corner block of four of SG #72, 2½d ultramarine, with the dutyplate in a definite grey-blue as compared to the ultramarine of the headplate. The 1/- MCA stamp of 1921 is known with inverted watermark, and, according to Peter Brooks, the 2d stamp is known with sideways watermark ((3)).

(To be continued)

BWI in South Africa

by Howard L. Godwin

RAND 77, the South African National Stamp Exhibition, was held in Johannesburg 22-27 August. The City Hall was the venue for the 700 frame (20 pages per frame) exhibition, of which 653 frames were in the competitive class. Chairman of the Jury was Robson Lowe.

There were more BWI exhibits than we have had in the past few years. Five exhibitors, four of which are BCPSG members, took a total of 25 frames, or, if you wish, 500 pages of very interesting BWI material.

The BWI exhibits garnered the following awards: Hyman Nathanson's four frames of "Barbados: Britannia Classics" took a Gold and the BCPSG Award, which I was honored to present to him at the closing banquet; Hyman's four frames of "Trinidad: Britannia Classics" took a Silver-Gilt; Tom Strachan's six frames of "Postal Markings of the BWI" took a Gold and the D. Crocker Postal History Award; Bert Simpkins' three frames of "Cayman Islands to 1946" took a Silver; my four frames of WWI War Tax issues, obviously mainly BWI, but including other countries as well, took a Silver; Mike Nethersole, the only non-BCPSG member -- but we hope to have him as one in the near future, exhibited "Barbados" and received a Silver.

We had 20 dealer stands which included Stanley Gibbons, Argyll-Etkins, Bridger & Kay, Michael Bale, WE Lea, FW Collins, Urch Harris, together with a number of local dealers plus five stands for various countries' Philatelic Services.

Altogether a very good exhibition.

ANOTHER SILVER JUBILEE VARIETY ----

Mike Wilson reports that there is a silver dot to the right of the Queen's (Cameo) head on the Turks & Caicos 25¢ Silver Jubilee stamp. It is reputed to be constant on row 4/4, plate 1c.

FISCAL USAGE OF BERMUDA POSTAGE STAMPS

by Col. Lynn D. Wallace

Many lower denomination Bermuda stamps are not canceled with a postal cancellation, but with a marking placed thereon by individuals or firms when such stamps are affixed to a legal document or receipt.

On 22 September 1917, the Stamp Duties Act came into being "to provide additional revenue towards the support of the Government of these Islands," and imposed certain stamp duties. Covered by this Act were checks (1d duty), receipts for £1 or more (1d duty), and bills of lading on goods exported from the islands (6d duty).

The Act specifies that the word "stamp" means any impressed or adhesive stamp available for the payment of stamp duty or postage in the Islands. In other words, a stamp had to be affixed to any check, draft, money order, receipt for £1 or more, and bills of lading to denote the amount of duty collected for that item, or instrument as it is called in the Act.

It is also specified that

"An instrument is not to be deemed duly stamped unless the person required by this Act to cancel the stamp affixed thereto to denote the stamp duty payable thereon duly cancels such stamp by writing on or across the stamp his name or initials, or the name or initials of his firm, together with the true date of his so writing, or otherwise effectively cancels the stamp so as to render the stamp incapable of being used for any other instrument, or for any postal purpose, or unless it is otherwise proved that the stamp appearing on the instrument was affixed thereto at the proper time."

Failure to so cancel said stamp would result in a fine from £1-£10.



Impressed Stamp



X Cancel



Manuscript Paid/date/initials



Rubber Stamp Cancel

The Stamp Duties Act was expanded on 24 December 1919 to cover a great variety of, indeed, a majority of, legal documents. This Act further states

"Any stamp duty of an amount less than two shillings and sixpence may be paid by any adhesive stamp for the time being available for the payment of postage in these Islands. Any stamp duty amounting to or exceeding two shillings and sixpence may be paid by any adhesive stamp for the time being available for payment of postage and revenue in these Islands or by an impressed stamp provided for the purpose."

The Stamp Duties Act has been amended through the years; however, the use of postage stamps on documents and the like has not changed and continues in use.

A collection of receipts with postage stamps so used is an interesting field to explore if one can find the material. Generally, the stamps on these items are canceled with a pen giving date, initials, or just an X mark, while some companies use rubber stamps as cancelers.

YOUR VOTE NEEDED!

When you receive your annual dues notice through the mail this year, you will also be asked to vote for five proposed changes to the BCPSP Constitution and Bylaws. It is important that you vote as a 50% quorum of members is necessary for the changes. Are these changes important enough for you to take a few moments to vote? Yes, they are, and let us explain why.

Several years ago, your officers initiated the mailing of personal annual dues notices to each member in October/November rather than the simple act of announcing in the Journal that the annual dues were payable as had been the practice in the past. Last year, it was decided to include the trustee ballot with the dues notice. The following results were achieved by these procedural changes: first, membership dues have been received more promptly, thus resulting in reduced expenses (for sending second and third notices plus our being able to discontinue sending Journals to non-paying members more quickly); second, we dramatically increased membership participation in trustee elections (from approximately 45 votes cast via previous method to 300 votes cast after the change).

Unfortunately, this very desirable increase in membership participation in trustee elections resulted in a problem. We found that we do not have duly elected officers at the start of each year. Why? Well, because the trustee election was delayed from the second quarter of the year to the fourth quarter when dues notices are sent out, thus the new trustees are not known until sometime in early January. The trustees must then vote for the officers and, since quite a few of our trustees live outside the United States, results from the election do not come in until February or early March and we cannot report the results of the officer election until the April Journal. Since the term of office for new officers begins 1 January, we have a gap of a few months where the Group is actually without duly elected officers.

To correct this problem, and still retain the strong membership participation in the trustee election, we must seek membership approval of a change to our constitution.

Briefly, we are asking members to vote FOR constitutional changes that would have trustee elections in odd years and officer elections in even years, thus eliminating our problem. These proposed changes will result in a doubling of the term for both the trustees and officers, but, it has been concluded, that this is not a burden for members who decide to run for office and it is the best solution to our problem.

We have also proposed other changes which would officially recognize the important office of International Representative, fix responsibility for the administration of the Group with the president, and simplify acceptance of new membership applications.

All these changes will be fully explained in the individually mailed annual dues package. We urge all members to vote on the constitution changes at the same time that you remit your annual dues. The Board of Trustees recommends a FOR vote on all proposed constitutional and bylaw changes.

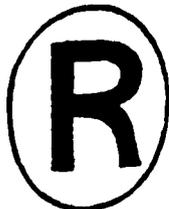
Registration Markings and Labels of Jamaica Part 3

The following is a continuation of the series on the Registration Markings and Labels of Jamaica which began in the December 1976 BCPJ. All additions and/or corrections should be sent to Reg Lant, Apt. 401, 25 Roehampton Ave., Toronto, Ontario M4P 1P9, Canada.

SINGLE LETTER "R" MARKINGS

The single letter "R" handstruck markings, first used about 1886, indicated a registered item and were accompanied by a manuscript identification number. Six different types, with variations, have been used to date.

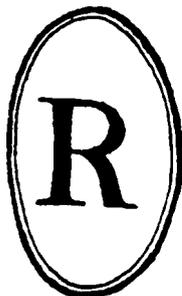
RS 1 Oval Enclosed "R"



A sans-serif block capital letter "R," approximately 16 x 10 mm and 3 mm thick, enclosed in a single line oval measuring about 25 x 20 mm. Manufactured in brass and issued to all Post Towns then in operation. Black ink, except in violet when utilized with RC 14. Nicholson's R12. Several dies.

Black ink EKD 21 JY 1886 LKD 4 JY 1972
Violet ink 1919 1920

RS 2 Double Oval Enclosed
 Serif Letter "R"



Nicholson's R13. A metal handstamp with distinctive single serif capital letter "R" measuring 14 x 8.5 mm enclosed in a double-lined oval 38 x 23 mm. Used only in conjunction with Types RC 14 and 14a. Usually in violet ink, but known in blue.

Violet ink EKD 3 NOV 1919 LKD 17 SEP 1920
Blue ink ? 1919 24 SEP 1920

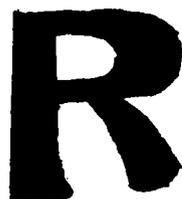
RS 3 Unframed Letter "R"



A rubber handstamp with sans-serif capital "R" measuring 19 x 19 mm and 4.5 mm thick. Violet ink.

EKD 11 NOV 1920 LKD 30 AUG 1921

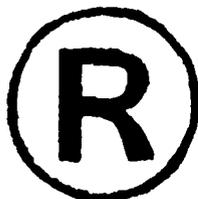
RS 4 Unframed Letter "R"



An unframed sans-serif block capital "R" approximately 24 x 20 mm and 5 mm thick. Black ink. Apparently locally made wood blocks.

EKD 12 SP 1921 LKD 20 NO 1922

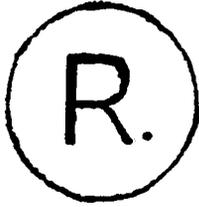
RS 5 Circle Enclosed "R"



Single sans-serif capital "R" enclosed in a thick 25 mm circle. Several dies varying from 13 x 11 mm to 14 x 9.5 mm and 15 x 10 mm and 15 x 12 mm; approximately 2.5 mm thick. Usually in black ink, but also known in violet.

Black ink EKD 29 JY 1921 LKD 15 MR 1975
Violet ink 11 NO 1930

RS 6 Circle Enclosed "R"
With Period



Similar to Type RS 5 EXCEPT the letter "R" is much thinner and is followed by a period ("R."). Various dies from 11 x 8.5 mm to 11.5 x 9 mm. Black ink.

EKD 18 JU 1918

LKD AP 1951

POST TOWN REGISTRATION MARKINGS

RT 1 Single-Line Oval



Original and Restored States

A single-line oval was issued to some 27 post towns in 1950-51. Similar in design to Colony Type RC 12, this mark was apparently erroneously ordered and manufactured in London to such specifications with the word "REGISTERED" around the top and the name of the post town and "JAMAICA" around the bottom — all in 3 mm thin sans-serif capitals. Inasmuch as the date stamps were to be used for ALL postal needs, registration or otherwise, the word "REGISTERED" was blocked out and defaced with a metal filling. Subsequently, during usage, the facing material deteriorated and fell out and the word "REGISTERED" again became legible or was filed off and obliterated entirely. Known in both violet and black.

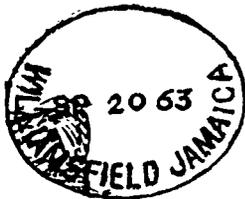


Defaced

The 27 post towns so supplied were:

Aberdeen	Essex Hall	Tower Isle
Aboukir	Flower Hill	Tranquility
Ashley	Hectors River	Troy
Baileys Vale	Leeds	Tweedside
Balcarres	Lorrimers	Whithorn
Broadleaf	Lucea	Williamsfield
Buff Bay	Prickley Pole	Windsor Forest
Carisbrooke	Sandy Bay	Gordon Town (only
Cole Gate	Sandy River	one copy known
Caldwell (Spelled incorrectly,		9 FE 1957)
should be Cauldwell)		

All have a single-line date in the center including two letter month and last two digit year plug. The oval frame measures 31.5 x 24.5 mm.



Obliterated

Violet ink EKD 7 JU 1950 LKD 17 MR 1963
Black ink 9 JY 1950 24 JA 1973

RT 2 Birmingham B3
LINSTED only



A wide double-ring dater, outer circle 27 mm and inner circle 16.5 mm, was issued to post town LINSTED only. "REGISTERED" at the top and "LINSTED. JAMAICA" (with a period between) at the bottom, separated by a single 5 mm line arc on either side. Two line date in center with two digit year. Black ink.

EKD 9 OC 1956

LKD 1 AP 1969

RT 3 Single-Ring
PORT ANTONIO only



Standard 24 mm MSR type issued only to Port Antonio. "REGISTERED" around the top and "PORT ANTONIO JAMAICA" at the bottom; all in 2.5 mm thin sans-serif capitals. Two line date in the center with two digit year, surmounted by an asterisk. Black ink.

EKD 8 DE 1958

LKD 10 MY 1972

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL REGISTRATION MARKINGS

RG 1 O. H. M. S.
Rectangular Boxed A. R



Sans-serif 4.25 mm capital letters "A. R" with period between, enclosed in a 7.5 x 31 mm rectangle. An UPU designation requesting a return receipt. Black ink.

EKD 14 MR 1927

RG 2 O. H. M. S.
Single Straight-Line
REGISTERED



A single straight-line unframed "REGISTERED" mark measuring 5 x 53 mm. Serif capital lettering. Violet ink.

EKD 3 DE 1940

LKD 10 JU 1941

RG 3 O. J. G. S.
Single Straight-Line
REGISTERED



An unframed single straight-line sans-serif "REGISTERED" mark measuring 4.5 x 47.5 mm. Violet ink.

EKD 15 NO 1968

LKD 18 AU 1969

RG 4 O. J. G. S.
Single Straight-Line
REGISTERED



A similar unframed single straight-line mark, "REGISTERED" in somewhat larger sans-serif capitals measuring 5 x 49 mm with the points quite pronounced. Violet ink.

EKD 14 MY 1969

RG 5 O. J. G. S.
Single Straight-Line
REGISTERED



Another unframed single straight-line "REGISTERED" marking. Serif capitals measure 4.25 x 51.5 mm. Violet ink.

EKD 28 FE 1972

RG 6 O. J. G. S.
Unframed Two Line
REGISTERED/NO.



An unframed two line sans-serif marking. "REGISTERED" in 6.5 x 35 mm capitals with "NO." below in 4.5 x 7 mm capitals. Violet ink.

EKD 7 AU 1974

MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION MARKINGS

Since the early 1930's, Jamaica GPO regulations require that all items requiring service be

presented to a post office registration wicket for certification and the affixing of a registration label bearing a serial identification number, at which time a receipt with a duplicate number is tendered to the sender. In the event this procedure is contravened, the item is then hand-stamped with a "MAILED OUT OF COURSE" or "T.O.L.B." (Taken Out of Letter Box) marking to indicate mishandling by the sender.

Numerous types are known; sometimes two different types appear on the same cover.

RM 1 Boxed
MAILED OUT/OF COURSE



A rectangularly enclosed double straight-line mark "MAILED OUT/OF COURSE" in wide sans-serif block lettering measuring 4.25 x 45 mm in a 15 x 55 mm rectangle. Violet ink.

EKD 23 MR 1933

RM 2 MAILED OUT/OF COURSE
MAILED OUT
OF COURSE

A double straight-line unframed mark with sans-serif 3.5 x 38 mm capitals. Violet ink.

EKD 8 FE 1938

RM 3 MAILED OUT/OF COURSE
MAILED OUT
OF COURSE

An unframed double straight-line mark with 4.5 x 42.5 mm serif capital letters. Violet ink.

EKD 13 DE 1945

LKD 21 AU 1957

RM 4 MAILED OUT OF COURSE
MAILED OUT OF COURSE

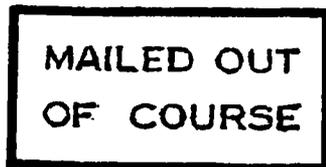
An unframed single straight-line marking. Sans-serif 3 x 69 mm capital letters. Known in both violet and black ink.

Violet ink EKD 3 JY 1953

LKD 22 JU 1959

Black ink 12 JU 1959

RM 5 Boxed
MAILED OUT/OF COURSE



A double straight-line mark enclosed in a 42 x 21 mm rectangular frame. Sans-serif 3 x 33 mm capitals. Violet ink.

EKD 3 OC 1960

RM 6 MAILED OUT/OF COURSE
MAILED OUT
OF COURSE

A double straight-line sans-serif marking with 3.5 x 33.5 mm capitals. Violet ink.

EKD 12 JU 1959

LKD 11 AU 1965

RM 7 MAILED OUT/OF COURSE
MAILED OUT
OF COURSE

A double unframed straight-line marking similar to RM 6, but measuring 3.25 x 31 mm. Known in both violet and black inks.

Violet ink EKD 12 JU 1959

LKD 12 OC 1968

Black ink 25 MY 1967

RM 8

T.O.L.B.

A single straight-line mark with block serif capital letters reading "T.O.L.B." 13 mm high with a period following each letter. Mark indicates the item was "TAKEN OUT OF LETTER BOX." Violet ink.

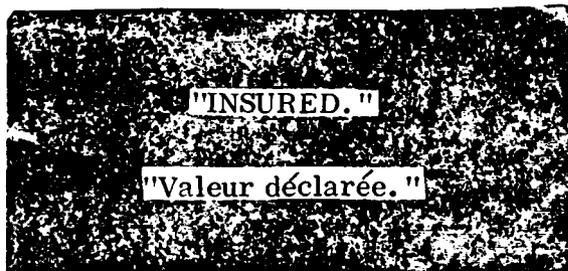
T. O. L. B.

EKD 2 OC 1969

LKD 11 NO 1969

RM 9 Insured Letter Labels

Pregummed 76.5 x 37 mm labels, dark red in color with black wording "INSURED."/"Valeur déclarée." Top line 3 mm serif capitals. Bottom line in upper and lower case serif 2-3 mm letters. Reduced in size at times for usage on limited surfaces.



EKD 24 MR 1950

LKD 6 DE 1950

MONTSERRAT PHILATELIC BUREAU ----

The following "Statement of Intent" was received by your editor from the Montserrat Philatelic Bureau:

"As the Philatelic Bureau representing Montserrat, it must be our first concern to act as an intermediary between the Post Office and the collectors of postage stamps. We will cater for the philatelist's needs both in the service he receives from the bureau, and, on a more general level, by acknowledging informed philatelic opinion in the formulation of the stamp issuing policy of Montserrat. While we act only in an advisory capacity in the latter function by making the feelings of collectors known to the G. P. O. we shall strive to perform the first duty of a Philatelic Bureau — that of advising our customers on postage stamps available and filling orders as quickly and efficiently as is humanly possible.

"It must be emphasized, however, that the requirements of stamps for postal and fiscal purpose must take priority. Philatelic requirements always take second place, but we consider it our responsibility to protect and enhance these interests in so far we are able. (Note, the placing of O. H. M. S. overprints on sale to the public.)

"Therefore, we are sending this letter to all our customers and to individuals concerned with philately because any advice you can give us which helps us to help the hobby, hobbyist and the investor will be greatly appreciated and noted with all due attention.

"Moreover, we are justly proud of the postal and philatelic history of Montserrat which is over two hundred and fifty years old, and we in bureau will strive to make every effort to continue in a policy which will maintain the value and the respect which our stamps so richly deserve."

MORE SILVER JUBILEE VARIETIES

Owen Phillips advises that it has been reported that the Belize Silver Jubilee 35¢ and \$2 values have been found with inverted watermarks and that there are minor varieties on all three stamps of the issue, the only one which is likely to achieve catalog rank being the 10¢ with a black flaw below the central bar of the first E in BELIZE.

CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEE

Each year three members are to be elected to serve as Trustees of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. The Trustee ballot will be sent to members directly via first class mail with the annual dues renewal notice.

A profile of the six candidates for BCPSG Trustee for the period 1978-1980 inclusive follows:

C. KILBOURNE BUMP was a research chemist for the Monsanto Company for 35 years prior to retirement in 1972. His principal collecting interest is in Bermuda postal history with a general interest in British West Indies because of their long postal and social connection with Bermuda, particularly in the case of Turks Islands. He is also seriously concerned with the postal history of his own community, the town of Hampden (formerly South Wilbraham) and the city of Springfield, Massachusetts. Kil is a member of the American Philatelic Society (APS), the Bermuda Philatelic Society, U.S. Cancellation Club, Machine Cancel Forum, Massachusetts Postal Research League, and the Springfield Stamp Club. He lists the BCPSG as having given him the most pleasure of all since joining in 1973. Kil is a contributor to the BCPJ and has won awards with his exhibits throughout the U.S. and Bermuda.

ALAN F. DOYLE of Houston, Texas, is a graduate of Colgate University, a retired Navy Captain, and is currently employed as Analyst with NASA Johnson Space Center. A student of all phases of postal history, he pursues specialty collections of Bahamas, US Possessions and Administrations. Alan is a Life Member of the United Postal Stationery Society and the American Air Mail Society, as well as holding membership in various other philatelic organizations. Currently, Alan runs six Mail Auctions a year for the Maritime Postmark Society and serves as Treasurer and Trustee of the Johnson Space Center Stamp Club. He is an accredited APS judge in Postal History, Maritime Mails, Polar, Space, and Postal Stationery.

THOMAS E. GIRALDI, born in Illinois where he now resides, graduated from Illinois Benedictine in 1965. He now works as a research chemical technician at Borg Warner Corporation. Tom's philatelic interests lie primarily with all aspects of the Cayman Islands as well as BWI censorship during the world wars. He also collects BWI postmarks in general and Nyasaland censorship material. His byline has appeared in the Journal from time to time and he is a regular contributor to the "Bits & Pieces" section. Tom has collected stamps for 20 years and lists memberships in the BWISC, War Cover Club, Civil Censorship Study Group and Rhodesian Study Circle. Recently, Tom has taken over the duties of BCPSG Membership Chairman.

GUY KILBURN has lived and worked in St. Lucia for the last 10 years, but now resides temporarily in California. He holds a Bachelors Degree in History and a Masters Degree in teaching. Guy collects the stamps and postal history of St. Lucia and the odd item from the other BWI territories. He has traveled widely in the West Indies and while in St. Lucia was a member of the St. Lucia Stamp Advisory Committee. He is a member of the BWISC and APS and is a contributor to the BCPJ.

ANTHONY (TONY) SHEPHERD of Halifax, England, writes that when "stamping time" allows he turns to auto body work as a means of financing his philatelic collections. He specializes in Grenada, Barbados, Paraguay, and is especially interested in Censor Markings. Tony is a member of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, BWISC, Spanish Main Study Circle and a founding member of the Civilian Censorship Study Circle. He is a past president of the Hali-

fax Philatelic Society, past president and secretary of the "Roses," and a past trustee of BCPSG, and has been deeply involved in all BCPSG activities in the United Kingdom. Tony has been a contributor to the BCPJ, the BWISC Bulletin, and "Stamp Collecting," as well as being one of the contributors to the Roses Handbook on Censor Markings.

MICHAEL R. WILSON of Hill Head, England, is a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Navy currently attached as a Staff Officer at the NATO HQ at Northwood near London. He is interested in all aspects of the stamps and postal history of the Turks/Turks and Caicos Islands and has a general interest in the QE II stamps of the other islands. Mike has made many contributions to the Journal and is currently writing a series of articles on the postal markings of the Turks & Caicos for the BCPJ. He is a member of the BWISC as well as two other philatelic societies in England.

Deadline for receipt of the Trustee ballot is 31 December 1977. Three of the above will join the following current trustees:

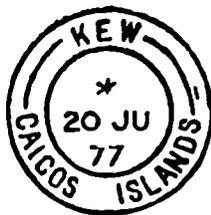
- 1976-1978 -- William G. Bogg of Naples, Florida
- Dr. Geoffrey G. Ritchie of Harrogate, England
- Michael Sheppard of Redhill, England
- 1977-1979 -- Joe Chin Aleong of San Fernando, Trinidad
- Derek Sutcliffe of Huddersfield, England
- Robert Topaz of Waban, Massachusetts

Retiring trustees are Roy J. Botwright of Hemel Hempstead, England, Charles Ricksecker of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Col. Fred F. Seifert of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NEW CAICOS CANCELS

by Mike Wilson

Two more Caicos Islands' postal agencies have been upgraded and now have their own CDS.



Kew and Bottle Creek now have CDS' which are similar to that of the Blue Hills handstamp. The use of the Bottle Creek marking reportedly began in early June. The Kew marking is, I believe, that of the first day, 20 June 1977.

One wonders if we are about to have even more new examples as the remaining postal agencies take on new status.



The October 1973 BCPJ announced that BCPSG dues were being raised to \$7.50 for the year 1974. Since that time, your Officers have tried to hold the dues steady at this rate for as long as possible; however, rising costs in the production of the Journal, mailing envelopes, postage, etc., have caught up with us. In order to meet the proposed budget for 1978, your Officers and Board of Trustees have been forced to initiate a dues increase. 1978 dues paid before 31 December 1977 will be \$9.00; 1978 dues paid after 31 December will be \$10.00. It will be to your benefit to pay your dues early.

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

BARBADOS - Typewriter gremlins were at work when Hyman Nathanson typed his copy for "Your Opinion, Please" which appeared on page 81 in our June issue. The stamp in question is S.G. #86c, not 86b. In addition, 12 pairs (instead of two) are in the Hurlock collection and 100 sheets were surcharged rather than the stated 48. Hyman apologizes for the errors which, he fears, might have given a nonsensical flavor to his query. But, then, that is what typewriter gremlins intend!

BELIZE - Owen Phillips reports that the slogan REMEMBER TO/USE YOUR/RETURN ADDRESS in three lines is in use in Belize. The slogan is enclosed in a rectangle and tied by the Belize City single CDS. Date seen is 7 May 1977.

Phillips further advises that the Bank of Nova Scotia is using a Pitney Bowes postage meter machine. The meter is similar to that used by Barclay Bank Int'l., except that it has PB5 at the bottom in place of Barclay's PB04. The Royal Bank of Canada meter marking still reads "Belize City/B.H.," while the marks of the other two banks read "Belize City/Belize" (July 1977).

Another item sent in from Phillips is that he has lately seen an official wrapper from Belize with the letters O.S.G.B. printed at the top in place of the usual O.H.M.S.

ST. VINCENT - Ben Ramkissoon reports a slogan FOR BETTER/ECONOMY/PLAN YOUR FAMILY used in Kingstown 16 November 1976.



FOR BETTER
ECONOMY
PLAN YOUR FAMILY

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS CARNIVAL
GRAND TURK
AUG. 28th — SEPT. 3rd

TRINIDAD - Paul Larsen sends us a clipping from the 30 June issue of "Stamp Collecting" (London) in which Otto Hornung describes the past postal strike which ended in February. According to reports in the press of Trinidad and Tobago postmen worked hard to clear the backlog of material, but, because overtime was banned, the situation became chaotic. Hornung writes "The vaults of the post office storage rooms in London Street are filled with postbags containing unsorted mail. New bags arriving are piled on top of the old bags. In some cases it appears that down below the pile are postbags dating back as far as last October." At the end of March the situation had gotten to the point where the 87 postmen in the sorting room could cope no longer, so additional labor was brought in (including school children) to help out with the delivery of mail. We hope the situation has returned to normal by now. Perhaps this is the reason we have not hear from our Trinidad members in a long while.

TURKS & CAICOS - We go from chaos in Trinidad to turmoil in Grand Turk. After visiting the Turks and Caicos Islands in June, member John Alden had planned to write an account of his philatelic experiences there for the Journal. However, he feels that such a report would tend to be indiscreet after subsequent events occurred. Instead, he sends us extracts from the locally-published "Conch News" for July which tell their own story:

"GAIRY-connected IGPC (Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation) may be the new managers of the Turks and Caicos Philatelic Bureau which was once mooted to have a 20 per cent interest from Bristol (Eng.) Philatelics Ltd. Solicitors and accountants are here in the Islands to look over the change." Elsewhere, amongst those listed as leaving the Islands, is "Dicken Pollard, of Bristol Philatelics, who appear to have been raped by I.G.P.C. of Gairy fame." It is not known by Alden nor your editor to what "GAIRY" refers.

Chuck Cwiakala reports a black handstamped cachet reading TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS CARNIVAL/GRAND TURK/AUG. 28th - SPET. 3rd in three lines which appeared on a 7 June cover.

WATERMARK DETECTOR - Owen Phillips, Richard Heap and Pat Burke come to our assistance by answering our query on page 94 of the June issue concerning a watermark detector mentioned by 'Watchman' in the 3 February issue of "Stamp Collecting." The detector is purported to allow you to "see" watermarks on stamps on cover. The "gadget" is the Morley Bright Watermark Detector obtainable from Morley Bright, 4A Park Road, Wokingham, Berks., England, for £8. Pat Burke has one and has found it quite effective.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed in the August Journal have been admitted into membership.

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NEW LIFE MEMBER:

ARNELL, Dr. John C.



NEW ISSUES



ANTIGUA

18 JY CARNIVAL. Details in August BCPJ; release date (CA).

BARBADOS

2 AU 13th COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOC. REGIONAL CONFERENCE. Four values: 10¢ - the maces of the House of Commons and shield; 25¢ - the Speaker's chair; 50¢ - the Senate chamber; \$1 - Sam Lord's castle. Designed by Clive Abbott and lithographed by John Waddington in two panes of 25; perf. 13½ x 13½; CA wmk'd paper. (CA)

ROYAL VISIT 1977. To mark the Royal Visit to Barbados in October, the Silver Jubilee designs are being reprinted with modifications: 10¢, 50¢, \$1. The stamps will be self-adhesive. (CA)

BELIZE

25 JY NEW DEFINITIVE VALUE. Details on the new 35¢ value appeared in the August BCPJ. New release date. (CA)

DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. The 5¢ value has been reprinted on CA Spiral Sideways wmk'd paper. (CA, SG)

BERMUDA

26 SP PILOTING IN BERMUDA WATERS. Set of five values: 5¢ - 17th Century vessel approaching Castle Island; 15¢ - King's pilot leaving 18th Century naval vessel at Murray's Anchorage; 17¢ - Early 19th Century pilot gigs racing out to meet a steam driven vessel; 20¢ - The "Harvest Queen" which was in service in the late 19th Century; 40¢ - The "Queen Elizabeth 2" and a present day pilot cutter with St. David's lighthouse in the background. Designed by Richard Granger Barrett and lithographed by House of Questa in two panes of 25 stamps each on CA Spiral wmk'd paper. (CA, SG)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

26 OC ROYAL VISIT 1977. To mark the Royal Visit to the BVI in October, the Silver Jubilee designs are being reprinted with modifications. The values will be lowered to 5¢, 25¢ and 50¢. (CA)

NEW DEFINITIVE PRINTING. The ½¢, 5¢, 8¢, 10¢, 12¢, 13¢, 15¢ and 20¢ values have been reprinted on CA Spiral Sideways wmk'd paper. (CA, SG)

DOMINICA

JY CARIBBEAN BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE. Set of six values and souvenir sheet: ½¢ - Scouts hiking; 1¢ - administering first aid; 2¢ - setting up camp; 45¢ - rock climbing; 50¢ - kayaking; \$3 - sailing; souvenir sheet - contains a 75¢ and \$2 stamp. Designed by John Waddington and lithographed by Questa Color Security. (IGPC)

GUYANA

22 AU CUFFY MONUMENT. Details in August BCPJ; new release date (SG).

REVENUE STAMPS. In the August BCPJ it was mentioned that \$10, \$20, and \$50 revenue stamps were being prepared. They have now been released. Lotus Blossom Bud paper; 100 stamps per sheet. (CA)

MONTSERRAT

DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. In the August BCPJ it was announced that a new printing of the 1¢ stamp had been released; however, the Crown Agents now advise us that this is not strictly the case as the stamps were a new supply to the Bureau taken from the original printing. (CA)

ST. KITTS

DEFINITIVE NEW PRINTING. New printings are now available for the 1¢, 15¢ and \$1 on Spiral Upright wmk'd paper, the 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 10¢, and 20¢ on CA Spiral Sideways paper. (CA, SG)

AEROGRAMME NEW PRINTING. New printings of the 10¢ and 15¢ aerogrammes have been released. (CA, SG)

ST. VINCENT

CARNIVAL '77. Details in the August BCPJ. It has now been announced that a quantity of sheets of the 1975 Fish printing of the \$1 value had been overprinted in addition to those of the 1976 printing. A check of the remaining stock by the St. Vincent Philatelic Bureau shows that all the overprinted 5¢ and 15¢ values are on 1977 printings and those of the 10¢ and 20¢ on 1976 printings. A later communique from the bureau advises that the 10¢ value has been completely sold out.

1 SP GIRL GUIDES. Four values 5¢, 15¢, 20¢ and \$2. The \$2 stamp depicts Lady Baden-Powell who died in June 1977

and because of this the \$2 stamps have been overprinted locally with the dates "1930-1977" to make them "technically correct." The 5¢ and \$2 values were designed by PAD Studio and the 15¢ and 20¢ values by P. B. Powell. All stamps were printed by John Waddington on CA wmk'd paper. (SVPS)

ST. VINCENT GRENADINES

25 AU PRUNE ISLAND. Set of four stamps, 5¢, 35¢, 45¢, and \$1, printed by the House of Questa on CA wmk'd paper in sheetlets of 10 stamps plus two labels. Designed by Gordon Drummond. (SVPS)

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

11 OC CHRISTMAS 1977. Set of four stamps and souvenir sheet: 10¢, 35¢, 45¢, 50¢, all depicting poinsettias. Designed by John Waddington Studio and litho. by Walsall Security Printers on CA wmk'd paper. (CA, SG)

TURKS & CAICOS

SILVER JUBILEE BOOKLET. Mike Wilson has called our attention to the fact that this column failed to mention the fact that a booklet was issued. It contains two 25¢ and two 55¢ stamps with no interleaving within an 80 x 54 mm cover and stapled right or left.

20 JU 25th ANNIV. TURKS TRACKING STATION. Details in June BCPJ; new release date. (CA)

Information in the foregoing listing has been provided by the CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU, STAN-GIB LTD., the INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PHILATELIC CORP., MONTSERRAT PHILATELIC BUREAU, and ST. VINCENT PHILATELIC SERVICES.

Trinidad & Tobago Cancels

by Brian Renshaw

I recently analyzed the cancellations on approximately 4,200 low value definitives used between 1955 and 1970. Inevitably, the vast majority of cancels were Port-of-Spain and San Fernando, but once these and the relative few which could not be identified were removed there still remained nearly 1,000 which bore postmarks of over 100 offices and agencies. My study showed the following:

<u>Cancellation</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Copies</u>									
Arima	7	68	Diego Martin	7	5	Maraval	7	5	San-Juan	7	1
Arima	13	3	Diego Martin	13	3	Mayaro	7	5	San Juan	13	62
Arouca	7	2	East Dry River	8	1	Mayo	7	1	Sangre Grande	7	41
Balmain	12	1	Enterprise	13	2	Morne Coco	13	1	St Francois V. Rd	13	3
Barrackpore	11	1	Fatima	13	1	Morvant	7	7	St Madeleine	7	2
Basseterre	7	4	Forest Reserve	7	10	Newlands	13	1	St Juliens	7	1
Belmont	9	1	Fyzabad	7	1	New Market	10	1	Santa Flora	13	3
Belmont	11	23	Fyzabad	13	5	New Town	7	29	San Raphael	7	1
Blanchisseuse	13	1	Gasparillo	7	2	Oropouche	7	1	Siparia	7	9
Blundell	13	2	George Street	13	3	Palmyra	13	1	Siparia	13	2
Brothers Road	13	1	Gonzales	13	2	Palo Seco	13	2	Tableland	7	1
Calcutta Settlement	7	2	Gran Couva	7	1	Penal	13	9	Tabaquite	7	2
California	13	5	Guaico	7	3	Plaisance	13	4	Tabaquite	13	1
Cap de Ville	13	1	Guapo	7	2	Point Fortin	7	4	Tacarigua	7	2
Carapichaima	7	4	Harris Village	13	2	Point Fortin	10	2	Tacarigua	13	10
Cedros	7	2	Icacos	7	3	Point Fortin	13	26	Toco	7	4
Central Market	13	2	Indian Walk	7	1	Point-a-Pierre	7	2	Todds Road	7	1
Chaguana	7	23	Irios Forest	7	1	Princes Town	7	18	Tunapuna	13	56
Calxton Bay	13	2	La Brea	7	15	Rio Claro	7	12	University P.O.	13	12
Couva	7	3	La Brea	13	1	Rio Claro	13	3	Upper Santa Cruz	7	1
Couva	10	1	La Romain	12	1	Rose Hill	7	10	Upper Belmont		
Couva	13	23	Laventille	7	9	Rousillac	13	1	Valley Road	13	1
Cocoyea	13	3	Les Efforts	13	3	St Anns	7	1	Valencia	13	1
Cross	7	5	Longdenville	7	1	Post Office			Williamsville	7	2
Cunapo Junction Rd	7	1	Manzanilla	7	5	St Vincent Street	13	2	Woodbrook	13	14
Curepe	13	19	Marabella	13	51	St Vincent St	13	40	Woodbrook	7	4
Debe	13	4	Maracas Road	8	1	St James	7	33			
<u>TOBAGO</u>											
Buccoo Point	13	1	Garden Hill	12	1	Pembroke	7	1	Scarborough	13	56
Canaan	7	2	Lambeau	7	1	Plymouth	7	3			
Charlotteville	7	2	Mason Hall	7	1	Speyside	7	1			
Delaford	7	5	Patience Hill	9	1	Scarborough	7	97	Registration	7	2
Goodwood	7	1	Moriah	7	2	Scarborough	10	2	Registration	13	1

Personal Mention

The May-June issue of "Postal Stationery," which is put out by the United Postal Stationery Society, carried a nine page article on "Jamaica Postal Cards 1877-1977" by ROBERT SCHULTZ.

JACK ARNELL advises that the next BERMUPEX to be held will be BERMUPEX '78 at the Castle Harbour Hotel 28-29 January. It will be preceded by a Robson Lowe auction once again.

GALE RAYMOND received a gold award and the Theme Award (Best Polar) at MILCOPEX '77 held in March at Milwaukee, WI. His exhibit was "Terres Australes Antarctique Française."

CHUCK CWIAKALA has been on an extended business trip including Manila, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Tokyo, Korea, Hawaii, among other such exotic sounding areas. Chuck writes that he would rather be home tending the tomato patch (and the stamp collection?).

DOROTHY and EDDIE ADELSON send greetings from Anchorage, Alaska, with a tempting post card showing an Alaskan King Crab weighing over 25 pounds.

It is with regret that we announce the death of FRANK SAUNDERS, founder and mainstay of the King George VI Collector's Society. Frank did much in the realm of philatelic research of King George VI stamps.

Members did well at the Yorkshire Philatelic Association Convention held at Bradford in the UK in May. GEOFF RITCHIE took first place in the General Class with "The First De La Rue Key-and-Duty Type of St. Lucia," while in the Postal History Class TONY SHEPHERD took second with "Grenada: Postal Markings and Rates 1786-1866" and MIKE REGO took third with "British Guiana: Early Mail from Demerara and Berbice Offices." The BCPSG pewter medal went to TONY for his entry.

We note that JOHN BUCHNER is a candidate for director of the SPA (Society of Philatelic Americans). He is also completing his second term as president of the University City Stamp Club.

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BILL BOGG reports a visit from PETER McCANN and his wife in July and a visit from DAN WARREN and his family.

GEOFF RITCHIE reports that he hopes to put out a second Handbook on Censorship for the Roses in time for the Second Caribbean Collector's Convention in November.

JOHN ALDEN is author of a work recently published in the UK, "Printers and Printing in Philately." A thematic study of issues relating to the craft, a chapter on the relationships between printers and postmasters in postal history echoes Morris Ludington's strictures on the 1881 Turks Islands provisionals. The work is available from Vera Trinder Ltd., 38 Bedford St., London WC2E 9EU, England, at \$3.50 post paid.

ALDEN is also the author of a tongue-in-cheek article in the 19 July issue of "Stamp Collecting" (London) on certain 1976 New Hebrides issues, the designs of which were rejected and yet have appeared on the US stamp market.

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