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# BCPSG/AMERIPEX UPDATE 

BEN RAMKISSOON and TOM GIRALDI report that the BCPSG Annual Meeting at AMERIPEX ' 86 will be held in the TWA Room, a set-up theater style location, in the Hyatt Regency 0'Hare Hotel, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 23rd. If needed, the hotel will provide a Kodak Carousel slide projector, screen, one slide tray, and a remote unit at no charge.

It is anticipated that BCPSG'ers JAY
 FREDRICK and AL BRANSTON will speak at the meeting on their favorite subjects, British Virgin Islands (Jay), and BWI Forgeries (Al).
Letters of invitation to attend a joint meeting of BWI enthusiasts at AMERIPEX have been sent to the BWISC, the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, "Bermuda High', and the King George VI Specialist Study Group.
A reception and cash bar have been scheduled at the Holiday Inn, across the street from the Convention Center, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. on Friday, May 23 rd, immediately following the Group meeting. Here's where we all can see old friends, meet new ones, talk stamps, and toast everyone and everything in sight.
If you haven't already done so, please fill out and send in the AMERIPEX questionairre that was inserted in the June 1985 BCPJ. We need to hear from you and listen to your ideas! Remember, AMERIPEX is only five months away!

Thanks to Ben and Tom for keeping us informed.


SPECIALIZED SALE OF JAMAICA -- Christie's/Robson Lowe wish to announce that a specialized collection of JAMAICA is being offered in London on 22-23 January 1986. The sale includes strength in the Pines Issue with plate proofs, specimens, mint blocks including the largest known multiples of the 3d. and 4d. Later issues include the $\$ 1$ varieties mint and used on all issues, a small study of the "SER.ET" variety, 1920 1/ with FRAME INVERTED and 1921 Slavery 6d. UNOVERPRINTED. Send $\$ 6$ for a catalogue to Louise Burman, The Auction House, 39 Poole Hill, Bournemouth BH2 5PX, England.

## ANTIGUA MONOGRAPH

Beginning on the next page is Antigua Monograph Section 6.1.2 (Edwardian Arms Type stamps with Multiple Crown CA watermark). This section was drafted by Bill Cornell with substantial support from Mark Swetland.
Numbers in parentheses ((24)) through ((28)) refer to similarly-numbered references at the end of the article. Numbers ((1)) through ((13)) were listed on pages 8 and 31 of the March 1985 BCPJ; numbers ((14)) through ((23)) were listed on page 40 of the June 1985 BCPJ.

Only eight of the ten values issued in 1903 on Crown over CC paper were issued later on paper watermarked Multiple Crown over CA. The Edwardian Arms Type design remained unchanged. At the same time the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. values were changed from bi-colored to monocolored. The color changes to the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. occurred with the initial printing which was actually made at the end of 1906. The 1d. was changed with its first printing in June 1909. In 1906 the Universal Postal Union confirmed and made obligatory from October 1st, 1907, the 1897 recommendation for uniformity in the colors of the stamps in most general use on international correspondence. These colors were green for the $\frac{1}{2} d$., red for the 1 d. , and blue for the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and their equivalents in foreign currencies. The Colonial Authorities complied with this regulation in the release of the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~d}$., and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. mono-colored stamps. These three stamps were printed with singly-fugitive inks on chalk-surfaced paper, according to Armstrong ((11)).

The reason for assigning a date of $1908,1908-12$, or $1908-17$, as done by Gibbons ((7)), to this issue of stamps is unknown. The first values on the MCA paper were sent out to Antigua in 1906. The last printing of these stamps was sent out in October 1918. Eleven printings of various values were made over the span of nearly twelve years. The largest number of values in any one printing was five.

Due to the irregular manner in which these stamps were printed and released, it has been difficult to explain this issue. With the aid of copies of the pertinent pages from the De La Rue Colonial Stamp Books ((10)) and Day Books ((9)), it has been possible to correlate the printings with the dates given by Melville ((1)) when various color shades were first seen on the island. A study of covers bearing these stamps suggests that Melville's dates require some adjustment. The shipment dates, together with the dates of appearance from Melville, are given below for each value in the sub-section on Quantities and summarized in Table 6.1-3 at the end of this section. With the printing dates ranging from 1906 to 1918 , the release dates given by Melville show that the span begins in January 1908 with the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. ultramarine and ends in September 1919 with the 1d. in dark red aniline ink.

Proof that catalog status is determined by the eye of the editor can easily be seen from the listing of this issue by Stanley Gibbons ((7)). One major color shade, that of the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. blue, has been given a minor variety " a " number, while the 1 d . dark red shade is unrecognized. Both colors are easily spotted and merit major catalog number listings which the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. bluegreen and the 1d. scarlet have received. There is even strong justification for recognizing both the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. dull green and the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. deep green by major listings.

CHECK LIST

| Value | S. G. Color | S. G. Number | Scott Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | Green | 41 | 31 |
| $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | Blue-green | 42 | - |
| 1 d. | Red | 43 | 32 |
| 1 d. | Scarlet | 44 | 32a |
| 2 d . | Dull purple and brown | 45 | 33 |
| $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | Ultramarine | 46 | 34 |
| $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | Blue | 46a | - |
| 3 d . | Grey-green and orange-brown | 47 | 35 |
| 6 d . | Purple and black | 48 | 36 |

The mono-colored stamps were printed on white wove paper, while the bi-colored stamps are on chalk-surfaced paper ((1)). See also discussion of this paper in Section 6.1.1 above. In the case of the bi-colored stamps, the first color given is that of the center and the second color is that of the frame ((7)). All stamps were perforated $14((7,8))$.

## SHEETS

The sheet structure is the same as that discussed in Section 6.1.1 above for the 1903 issue on Crown over CC paper.

SUMMARY OF PRINTINGS

| C.A. REQN. NO. | REQN. NO. | DUTY | DISPA TCHED TO ANTIGUA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 48/125 | 90/06 | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~s}$. | 10 DEC 1906 |
| 50/24 | 83/07 | $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | 31 DEC 1907 |
| 51/7 | 45/08 | $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~s}$. | 23 JUN 1908 |
| 52/59 | 23/09 | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~d}$. | 10 JUN 1909 |
| 53/176 | 44/10 | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~d}$. | 18 JUL 1910 |
| 55/47 | 33/11 | 1d., $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. , 6 d . | 13 JUN 1911 |
| 56/71 | 106/11 | 2d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s. | 29 DEC 1911 |
| 58/12 | 80/12 | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}_{.}, 1 \mathrm{~d}_{.}, 2 \mathrm{~d} ., 2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}_{\text {, , 3d. }}$ | 11 NOV 1912 |
| 61/194 | 29/15 | 1 d . | 10 JUN 1915 |
| 64/116 | 13/17 | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~d}$. | 19 MAR 1917 |
| 66/182 | 78/18 | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~d}$. | 10 OCT 1918 |

The data above for the eleven printings is based on the De La Rue records of ( $(9,10)$ ).

## QUANTITIES PRINTED

| DUTY | QUANTITY $((9,10))$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | 155,880 |
| 1 d. | 304,800 |
| 2 d. | 30,480 |
| $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | 45,600 |
| 3 d. | 29,820 |
| 6 d. | 18,300 |
| 1 s. | 19,680 |
| 2 s. | 6,240 |

The total quantities in stamps of each value dispatched to Antigua are given above. From Table 6.1-3 at the end of this section one can obtain an idea of the quantities of each shade,
but with the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., 1 d ., and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. values this cannot be conclusive in the case of certain shades and colors.

## COLOR TRIALS

Color trials of several, perhaps most, values exist in various colors ((24)), including those of the issued stamps. Although the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. value on paper watermarked Multiple Crown over CA was issued as mono-colored stamps, color trials exist in over twenty bi-colored combinations. The following $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. imperforate color trials on gummed MCA paper have been recorded:

COLOR TRIAL
Issued color of $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. , center cut out
Issued color of $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. (1903)
Issued color of 1d. (1903)
Issued color of 2 d .
Issued color of $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. (1903)
Issued color of 3 d .
Issued color of 6 d .
Issued color of 1 s .
Issued color of 2 s ., center cut out
Issued color of 2 s .6 d .
Bronze and green
Bronze and purple
Grey-green and bright blue
Orange and purple
Purple and red
Grey-green and red, center cut out
Mauve and blue-green, mss. "X" partially removed
Green
Black and purple
Green and grey
Brown and mauve
Chocolate and dull green

SOURCE
((22))
( $(21,25))$
( $(21,22)$ )
((18, 21, 22, 25))
( $(18,21,22,25)$ )
( 21,22 ))
( $(18,21,22))$
( $(21,22))$
( $(21,22))$
$((18,22))$
((22))
( $(21,22)$ )

## PROOFS

No die proofs are known to have been struck after 1903, nor was there a need to do so. However, imprimaturs or plate proofs exist of all values, imperforate and in the issued colors, as follows:

DUTY
EXAMPLES
SOURCE
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.
Horizontal pair
( $(12,20)$ )

| 1d. | Single (two copies) | $((12,18))$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2d. | Horizontal pair, single | $((12,20,21))$ |
| 2 $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | Single | $((12,20))$ |
| 3d. | Horizontal pair | $((12,20))$ |
| 6d. | Horizontal pair, single | $((12,18,20))$ |
| 1s. | Horizontal pair, single | $((12,20,21))$ |
| 2s. | Horizontal pair | $((12,20))$ |

The 1d. red is also reported to exist imperforate with the center vignette cut out ((20)).

## SPECIMENS

The three mono-colored stamps, the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 1 \mathrm{~d}$., and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., were overprinted SPECIMEN in black at the times of the initial printings. Data on these will be found in Section 10, where SPECIMEN stamps of all issues are discussed.

## VARIETIES

Only one watermark variety has been reported, the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. value, with MCA watermark inverted ((26)). A single copy is known, used and cancelled with the ANTIGUA Code Letter A CDS ( 20 mm diameter), dated AP 14 --. This stamp is possibly from the first printing on thick paper ((27)). Color shades exist of all values except the 2 s . , of which only one printing was made. The shades are described below under Quantities.

A single used copy of the 1d. red (partial, dateless St. John's
 cancel) is known with a possibly constant printing variety. As shown in the sketch at the left, the G of ANTIGUA is joined by a "spur" at the upper right to the inner frameline of the ornate tablet containing the colony name. Additional examples would be required before constancy of this variety could be assured ((19)).

Single used copies of the 1 d . red and the 1 d . scarlet are known with irregular colorless spots obscuring parts of the inscription around the upper edge of the central circular medallion. On the red stamp the spot is on the " D " of "F.D.", while the scarlet example has a spot on the "P" of "IMP". Such spots would not be constant varieties on these recess-printed stamps, since they would be caused either by foreign material on the plate or by incomplete inking ((19)).

## QUANTITIES

The data given herein are taken from copies of pertinent pages of the De La Rue Colonial Stamp Books ((9)) and Day Books ((10)), which were supplied by Michael Vokins. In all cases but one, for a 1 d . issue, the despatch dates correlate readily with the release dates given by Melville ((1)), but covers bearing the $\frac{1}{2} d$. value suggest an earlier release date for one printing.

Table 6.1-3 at the end of this section lists all of the printings in tabular form and provides a convenient reference list. However, the mere listing of the printings in a table does not provide a complete story. It is useful for a study of these stamps to discuss each value separately , as done below.

| CA REQN. NO. | STAMPS | REMARKS | DISPATCHED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. Value |  |
| 48/125 | 3,120 | Initial printing on thicker paper. Specimens 732, green. | 10 DEC 1906 |
| 52/59 | 30,180 | On thinner, ordinary paper. | 10 JUN 1909 |
| 53/176 | 30,720 |  | 18 JUL 1910 |
| 58/12 | 30,720 | On a thicker paper, deep green. | 11 NOV 1912 |
| 64/116 | 30,480 | Dull blue-green. | 19 MAR 1917 |
| 66/182 | 30,660 |  | 10 OCT 1918 |

The six printings of the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. value total $155,880 \mathrm{stamps}$. If one assumes the colors were constant until a change is reported, the first 64,020 were green, the next 30,720 were deep green, and the final 61,140 were dull blue-green, using the names given to the shades by Melville ((1)).

Although the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. green was first printed in October 1906 and dispatched to Antigua on December 10, 1906, the stamps did not come on sale until April 1909 ((1)). The first printing was on a thicker paper which is explained by a note in the "Colonial Office Journal", April 1908, stating in part ((1))---'The paper referred to above is about 25 per cent thicker than the ordinary paper and it has been inadvertently used for printing the last two issues of the large Antigua stamps."

The second and third printings were on the ordinary thinner paper, but the printing of November 1912 in deep green is again described as on a thicker paper ((1)). Although Melville gives September 1915 as the date for the appearance of this shade, two covers postmarked 22 JAN 1914 and 4 JUN 1914 indicate an earlier release. No further information is available on the release date of the dull blue-green stamps which constituted the last two shipments.

|  | 1d. Value |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $52 / 59$ | 29,940 | Initial printing. Specimens 413, <br> rose-red. |
| $53 / 176$ | 30,480 |  |
| $55 / 47$ | 30,720 |  |
| $58 / 12$ | 61,860 |  |
| $61 / 194$ | 60,900 | Bright scarlet. |
| $64 / 116$ | 60,900 | Deep scarlet. |
| $66 / 182$ | 30,000 | Dark red. |

The 1d. mono-colored stamp was first printed in April 1909, dispatched on June 10, 1909, and appeared in Antigua in July 1909. A total of 304, 800 stamps appeared on the paper watermarked Multiple Crown over CA. Melville calls the initial shade rose-red and does not indicate a change in shade until the fifth printing. This would give a total of 153,000 stamps in the initial shade.

The printing dispatched 10 June 1915 Melville calls bright scarlet. The change to scarlet in 1915 is further confirmed in an article by G. B. Talbot ((28)) who wrote MOn August 15th, 1915, in common with many other British Colonial 1d. stamps, the 1d. stamp (Ed: of Antigua), formerly printed in red, appeared in scarlet." However, there exists a 1d. stamp
used on postcard and clearly postmarked 20 DEC 1912 in a lovely bright scarlet shade, quite distinct from the initial rose-red. One example does not disprove the record, but creates a mystery to be solved.
The 1917 printing of 60,900 stamps was in deep scarlet. The final printing of 30,000 stamps in 1918 was in a dark red, but did not appear on sale until September 29, 1919 ((1)). Melville refers to the dark red as "sometimes described as aniline, as it appears to have saturated the paper and shows through to the back."

|  | 2d. Value |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $56 / 71$ | 12,120 | Initial printing, dull purple and <br> brown. | 29 DEC 1911 |
| $58 / 12$ | 18,360 | Dull purple and red-brown. | 11 NOV 1912 |

Only two printings of the 2 d . value were made, the first in 1911 of 12,120 stamps and the second in 1912 of 18,360 stamps for a total of 30,480 stamps, or 508 sheets. The initial printing first appeared in February 1912. The second printing, although dispatched in November 1912, did not appear until September 1915 ((1)). The red-brown frame of the second printing is quite distinct and copies can be assigned to each printing by the shades of the frames. Talbot gives a date of February 28, 1912, for the issue date of the initial printing ((28)).

|  | $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. Value <br> Initial printing on thicker paper. <br> Specimens 732, ultramarine. |  | 10 DEC 1906 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| $48 / 125$ | 3,120 | 6,300 | On thinner paper. |

The $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. in ultramarine was the first of the stamps on Multiple Crown over CA paper to be released in Antigua. Five printings of this value were made, four in ultramarine totalling $33,600 \mathrm{stamps}$, and one in deep blue of $12,000 \mathrm{stamps}$. The first shipment of $3,120 \mathrm{stamps}$, dispatched in December 1906, was on the same thicker paper as the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. stamp. These stamps began to appear in January 1908 ((1)). A second printing of 6,300 stamps, dispatched in December 1907, was on the normal, thinner paper. The third shipment of 12,000 stamps, dispatched in June 1908, began to appear in 1909 ((1)). The fourth and final printing in ultramarine of 12,180 stamps was dispatched in June 1911.

Comparison of a number of unused ultramarine stamps indicates that there may be two shades, one lighter than the other. Paper toning has a pronounced effect on the appearance, so care must be taken to compare stamps on paper that has not been toned. There is insufficient evidence to relate the shades to specific printings. However, the use of deep ultramarine is reported on July 30, 1910, pale ultramarine in 1911 and 1914, and deep blue on May 15, 1921 $((27))$. In November 1912 the final printing of the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. stamp was sent to the colony, but the stamps were deep blue rather than ultramarine. There was apparently a suitable stock of $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. stamps on hand, since the deep blue stamps were not released until August 1918 ((1)).
The color designation above for the first four printings differs from that given by Melville in his text. He refers to the first two printings as blue, and does not mention the third and fourth printings. The last printing he calls deep blue (as above). Then, in his check list (Chapter XI), he lists the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. stamps as follows: $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. ultramarine, thick paper; $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. blue;
$2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. deep blue (1918). It is impossible, except for the last listing, to relate to his text which never uses the word "ultramarine". Bridger and Kay ((14)) adds further confusion by listing these stamps as follows: E20, $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. ultramarine; E21, $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. blue, thin paper (11/09); E22, $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. deep blue ( $8 / 18$ ). The present study does not yet have the information needed to resolve this uncertainty.

|  | 3d. Value |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $56 / 71$ | 12,180 | Initial printing, grey-green and <br> orange-brown. | 29 DEC 1911 |
| $58 / 12$ | 17,640 | Deep green and bright orange. | 11 NOV 1912 |

Only two orders were placed for the 3d. value on Multiple Crown over CA paper, the first in 1911 and the second in 1912 , for a total of 29,820 stamps. The first printing of $12,180 \mathrm{stamps}$ was sent to Antigua in December 1911 and began to appear in February 1912 ((1)). Talbot gives a date of February 28, 1912 ((28)). The printing is described as grey-green and orangebrown. The second printing of 17,640 stamps was sent to the island in November 1912, but did not appear until August 1918 ((1)). This printing was in deep green and bright orange. With these shade descriptions, it is readily possible to compare stamps from the two printings and assign them to the first or second printing.

|  | 6d. Value |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $55 / 47$ | 6,000 | Initial printing, purple and black. | 13 JUN 1911 |
| $56 / 71$ | 12,300 | Magenta and grey-black. | 29 DEC 1911 |

As in the case of the 3d., there were only two printings of the 6 d . value, totalling 18,300 stamps on the Multiple Crown over CA paper. Both printings were made in 1911, the first being dispatched in June and the second in December. The first shipment of 6,000 stamps made its appearance in August 1911 ((1)). Talbot states that ". . . the 6d. purple and black was issued on August 30th, 1911." ((28)). The second shipment of 12,300 stamps in magenta and grey-black began to appear in September 1915 ((1)). As with the other values of which there were only two printings, a comparison of examples of the two printings enables one to assign the stamps accurately to each printing.

|  | 1s. Value |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $48 / 125$ | 1,560 | Initial printing, blue and dull purple. | 10 DEC 1906 |
| $51 / 7$ | 6,180 |  | 23 JUN 1908 |
| $56 / 71$ | 11,940 | Deep blue and dark purple. | 29 DEC 1911 |

The three printings of the 1 s . stamp, made between 1906 and 1911 , total 19,680 stamps. Only 1,560 stamps were in the first shipment of December 1906. These stamps in blue and dull purple began to appear in February 1908 ((1)). A second shipment of 6,180 stamps was dispatched in June 1908, but apparently matched the colors of the first shipment closely. The third shipment of 11,940 stamps was sent in December 1911. These stamps in deep blue and dark purple began to appear in September 1915 ((1)), and can easily be distinguished from the earlier blue and dull purple stamps.

> 2s. Value

56/71
6,240
Only printing, grey-green and violet
29 DEC 1911
The 2s. stamp on Multiple Crown over CA paper had only one printing of 6,240 stamps. Dispatched to Antigua in December 1911, these stamps are described as grey-green and violet.

Talbot gives the issue date of this stamp as February 28th, 1912 ((28)). With only 6,240 stamps printed, the 2 s . value merits recognition as the scarcest value of the issue.

## CONCLUDING REMARKS

It is interesting to note that a German catalogue printed about 1922 refers to the thick paper varieties of the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. values printed in 1906 and quotes the quantities of 3,120 each. This catalogue lists two shades each for the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and 1 d ., but does not recognize the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. deep blue or other shades.

There exists a used set of blocks of four of all values on piece, with each piece postmarked March 5, 1920. Each of the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. through 1 s . values is in the last shade noted in the above tables. These examples are suspected of being "favor" postmarks rather than from regular postal use. Since each shade is in the last issued notation, it is quite possible that these stamps were still on hand at the post office on this date. Recently, a similar block of four of the 2s.6d. stamp of 1903 has been found on piece with the same postmark of March 5, 1920. There is no clue on these pieces as to the "stamp collector" responsible, but this group of used blocks of four is thought to be unique.

The data from the De La Rue records are included in Section 6.1 through the efforts of Alfred Branston and Michael Vokins. Mr. Branston did the original searches through the Colonial Stamp Books and provided the starting point. Mr. Vokins took many hours from his research on Jamaica to photocopy the Antigua pieces in the Colonial Stamp Books and Day Books. With such information on hand, it has been a straightforward task to correlate this data with that given by Melville. Sincere thanks are due to these two dedicated men for making this possible.

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Special thanks are due to E. K. Thompson and E. V. Toeg, who exhibited their marvellous Antigua collections at both PHYLIMPIA 1970 and LONDON 1980. Through a study of these collections much of the data in this section has been elaborated and strengthened.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR TABLE 6.1-3 ON NEXT PAGE:

1. Dates are given according to the following two-letter designations for months:

January - JA; February - FE; March - MA; April - AP; May - MY; June - JU; July JY; August - AU; September - SE; October - OC; November - NO; December - DE.
2. Colonial Stamp Book pages come from Volumes 10, 11, and 12.
3. Day Book pages come from Volumes $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}, \mathrm{AA}, \mathrm{AB}$, and AC.
4. Opposite each duty: a. First line is quantity shipped to Antigua.
b. Second line is month and year released according to Melville;
e.g., 4/09 is April 1909.
c. Third and fourth lines give color as reported by Melville.
5. See text for discussion of paper thickness. The reference to the thicker paper for the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. stamps shipped in 1912 comes from Melville but is not further clarified by him.

TABLE 6.1-3
QUANTITIES OF STAMPS DISTRIBUTED BY DE LA RUE PER PRINTING
ANTIGUA, 1908 ARMS ISSUE, WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN OVER CA, PERFORATED

| Colonial Stamp Book Fage and Date | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{pl} 102 \\ & 180 \mathrm{c} 06 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10 \mathrm{pl} 158 \\ 3 \mathrm{DE} 07 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{p} 187 \\ & 20 \mathrm{MY} 08 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} 10 \text { p231 } \\ \text { 21AP } 09 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \mathrm{p} 45 \\ & 25 \mathrm{MY} 10 \end{aligned}$ | $11 \mathrm{p} 91$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \text { pl25 } \\ & \text { 16NO } 11 \end{aligned}$ | 11 pl 81 3SE 12 | $\begin{array}{cc} 12 & \mathrm{p} 51 \\ 7 \mathrm{AP} & 15 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \text { pl26 } \\ & 22 \mathrm{JA} 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \text { pl99 } \\ & 18 \mathrm{JY} 18 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Day Book <br> Page and Date | $\begin{gathered} x \text { p25 } \\ \text { IODE } 06 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} X \quad \text { p233 } \\ 31 \mathrm{EE} 07 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Y p23 } \\ \text { 18JJ } 08 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { y p201 } \\ 10 \int 009 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { z p93 } \\ \text { 18TY } 10 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{rr} \text { z p275 } \\ 13 J & 11 \end{array}$ | AA p112 <br> 29DE 11 | AA p333 <br> 14NO 12 | AB p278 105015 | AC p144 19MA 17 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \text { AC p } 333 \\ 100 \mathrm{C} & 18 \end{array}$ |
| CA Requisition No. | 48/125 | 50/24 | 51/7 | 52/59 | 53/176 | 55/47 | 56/71 | 58/12 | 61/194 | 64/116 | 66/182 |
| Requisition No. | 90/06 | 83/07 | 45/08 | 23/09 | 44/10 | 33/11 | 106/11 | 80/12 | 29/15 | 13/17 | 78/18 |
| Duty |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3} \mathrm{x}$ d. | $\begin{aligned} & 3,120 \\ & \text { (a) } \\ & 4 / 09 \\ & \text { green } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30,180 \\ & (b) \\ & 11 / 09 \end{aligned}$ | 30,720 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30,720 \\ & \text { (c) } \\ & 9 / 15 \\ & \text { deep } \\ & \text { green } \end{aligned}$ |  | 30,480 <br> 117 <br> dull <br> blue <br> green | 30,660 |
| 1 d. | - |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 29,940 \\ & 7 / 09 \end{aligned}$ | 30,480 | 30,720 |  | 61,860 | $\begin{aligned} & 60,900 \\ & 9 / 15 \end{aligned}$ <br> bright scarlet | $\begin{gathered} 60,900 \\ 117 \end{gathered}$ <br> deep acarlet | $\begin{aligned} & 30,000 \\ & 9 / 19 \\ & \text { dark } \\ & \text { red } \\ & \text { aniline } \end{aligned}$ |
| 2d. |  |  |  |  |  |  | 12,120 <br> 2/12 <br> dull <br> purple and <br> brown | $\begin{aligned} & 18,360 \\ & 9 / 15 \\ & \text { dull } \\ & \text { purple } \\ & \text { \& red- } \\ & \text { brown } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{align*} & \text { 3,120 (a) } \\ & 1 / 08  \tag{b}\\ & \text { ultra- } \\ & \text { marine } \end{align*}$ | $6,300$ | $\begin{gathered} 12,000 \\ \text { (b) } \\ 11 / 09 \end{gathered}$ |  |  | 12,180 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 12,000 \\ & 8 / 18 \\ & \text { deep } \\ & \text { blue } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| 3d. |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | $12,180$ <br> 2/12 <br> graygreen \& orangebrown | 17,640 <br> 8/18 <br> deep <br> green bright orange |  |  |  |
| 6 d. |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 6,000 \\ & 8 / 11 \\ & \text { purple } \\ & \text { \& black } \end{aligned}$ | $12,300$ <br> 9/15 <br> magenta <br> 4 gray- <br> black |  |  |  |  |
| 18. | $\begin{aligned} & 1,560 \\ & 2 / 08 \end{aligned}$ <br> blue \& dull purple |  | 6,180 |  |  |  | 11,940 <br> 9/15 <br> deep <br>  <br> dark <br> purple |  |  |  |  |
| 28. |  |  |  |  | - |  | $\begin{aligned} & 6,240 \\ & 2 / 12 \\ & \text { gray- } \\ & \text { green } \\ & \text { violet } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |

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## BCPSG WINNERS AT SESCAL

The following BCPSG'ers earned awards at the 41st Annual SESCAL Exhibit, held at Los Angeles' Ambassador Hotel on 25-27 October 1985:

GOLD (plus the U. S. Cancellation Club Award): KING PARKER, JR., "A Postal History of San Francisco".

SILVER: Dr. RUSSELL V. SKAVARIL, "Research on the Modern Official Handstamps of St. Helena ".

LITERATURE:
SILVER: British Caribbean Philatelic Journal, Volume 24, 1984, George W. Bowman, Editor.

SLLVER-BRONZE: St. Helena and Dependencies Philatelic Society Newsletter, Dr. Russell V. Skavaril, Editor.

BRONZE: Inflation Study Group Bulletin, Diana Manchester, Editor.
George Bowman was Exhibits Chairman of the show, which also hosted the 6 th Annual Convention of the American Helvetia Philatelic Society.


MORE ON "MISSENT TO BAHAMAS" MARKS<br>by HORST AUGUSTINOVIC

In March 1985 I first noticed a new "MISSENT TO BAHAMAS" mark which is similar in size and type style to a previous type; however, the word "THE" has been removed from "MISSENT TO THE BAHAMAS". (Ed: See Horst's listing of "MISSENT TO BAHAMAS" handstamps on page 46 of the April 1984 Journal.) Applied in blue, this mark measures 7 by 55 mm (Figure 1).

Two months later, in May 1985, a similar mark in red made its appearance (Figure 2). It is 8 by 58 mm in size and I at first assumed that it was a distorted version

## Bob Danzer's BERMUDA BRIEFS

BOER WAR PRISONERS HELD ON THE ISLANDS IN HAMILTON HARBOR, BERMUDA--A STUDY OF EIGHT LETTERS


Figure 1


The postcard shown in Figure 1 was printed in the early 1900 's, and shows all of the islands in Hamilton Harbor where Dutch prisoners of war were interned. (Ed: A short review of a book entitled "Boer Prisoners of War in Bermuda", provided to me by Horst Augustinovic, is printed on page 16 of the February 1983 BCPJ. In that publication are described P.O.W. covers similar to those discussed here by Bob.)

1. The item of Figure 2 was sent from a prisoner in Hamilton Harbor to Middleburg, Transvaal, where it remained unclaimed. It was censored in Bermuda in blue, then in black at Pretoria and Middleburg. Mailed on November 17th, 1900, it arrived in Pretoria on December 17 th. It then took six weeks to get to Middleburg, after being detained at Johannesburg on January 3rd, 1901. I wonder whether it was ever delivered!
2. The official letter shown on the front cover of this journal is addressed to a P.O.W. on board a prisoners' ship bound for Bermuda. Sent from Pretoria on August 12 th, 1901, it was censored there in red, backstamped at Durban and Point on August 15th, and finally at Hamil-
ton on November 27th---more than three months later.
3. The cover of Figure 3---my pride and joy!---is from a P.O.W. on St. Helena to a P.O.W. on Darrells Island in Bermuda. Censored in violet at Broad Bottom Camp on September 23 rd , 1901, it arrived in St. Johns, Newfoundland, on November 4th and at Hamilton on November 16th, where it received a Bermuda censor mark in blue.


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## Editor's Message

It certainly doesn't seem as if it's been six years since ledited my first issue of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal. Frankly, I wasn't quite sure, back in early 1980 , just what 1 was getting into. But now, half-a-dozen years and 28 magazines later, I realize that being given a major part in the production of this journal has been a most delightful and rewarding experience.
I'm sure that the entire BCPSG membership will give Mark the same enthusiastic support that was given to me during my term as Editor. The production of Journal pages by means of a computer/word processor, rather than by my banging away on an IBM Executive, is a major step in a different direction from that which my predecessors have followed since Al Johnson mimeographed his first issue back in 1960. Mark's equipment has the capability to give us a slick, neat magazine with a professional appearance of which we can all be proud. All he needs is material to work with, so please fill his in-basket with a steady flow of articles.

Thanks to each of you for your kind words and support these past years. I'd like to write a personal note of appreciation to each BCPSG'er who has made my life as an editor easier, but that would be impossible. I do wish to state here that I am particularly grateful to Ed Addiss, Jack Arnell, Horst Augustinovic, Colin Bayley, Edmund Bayley, Kil Bump, Bill Cornell, Chuck Cwiakala, Bob Danzer, Marge Doran, Jay Fredrick, Tom Giraldi, Colm Hinneburg-Murphy, Reg Lant, Morris Ludington, lan Matheson, Bill Matthews, Ben Ramkissoon, Gale Raymond, Fred Seifert, Tony Shepherd, Russ Skavaril, Bob Swarbrick, Mark Swetland, Mike Vokins, Mike Watman, Mike Wilson, Malcolm Watts, and Ron Wynstra, for their steady stream of literary material. Thanks to them, my inventory of "something to print" never dried up. Many other members have contributed articles and comments, of course, but the people l've named have contributed far more than their share.

# Trinidad Formular Registration Envelopes 

by BEN RAMKISSOON

Recent acquisitions of examples of Trinidad formular registration envelopes prompted a study of this early issue of postal stationery. It turns out that these envelopes are of the same type as the Great Britain formular registration envelopes. The Trinidad types were printed in 1880 in three sizes on bag-shaped envelopes made of white wove linen-lined paper.
The inscription, text, and crossed lines, etc., appear in blue, as on the first issue of Jamaica, but in a different type. The front of the envelope shows the following text (see Figure 1):

## THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT.

Two rectangularly-shaped boxed spaces enclose these messages:

> REGISTERED. $\quad$ (Box measures 55 mm by 9 mm )
> THE STAMP/TO PAY THE/POSTAGE/MUST BE/PLACED HERE
> (Box measures $21 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$ by 24 mm )

FIGURE 1


## FIGURE 3 -

FIGURE 2


On the envelope flap the inscription FOR REGISTRATION ONLY, in block letters, appears in an arched label on a solid blue-green background (Figure 2).
Under the envelope flap the inscription McCORQUODALE \& CO. CONTRACTORS is printed in blue block letters. Beneath this in a straight line in black block letters appear McCORQUODALE \& CO'S. PATENT REGISTERED ENVELOPE (Figure 3).
Without expressed value, the envelopes are:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Green and blue, Size F (illustrated) } \\
& \text { Green and blue, Size G } \\
& \text { Green and blue, Size K }
\end{aligned}
$$

These envelopes are extremely rare, and used examples have not as yet been seen by this writer. Collectors with similar or related formular registration envelopes are invited to share information and comments with this writer at 3011 White Oak Lane, Oak Brook, IL 60521.

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## A "BERMUDA MEETING CACHET" FOLLOWUP <br> by HORST AUGUSTINOVIC

In the September 1985 journal Dr. Russell Skavaril describes one of the elusive cachets applied by the Bermuda Post Office during the 1961 meeting between U.S. President John F. Kennedy and British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan. To my knowledge this was the third such Bermuda cachet.
Bermuda has hosted several meetings of world leaders over the years; most have been commemorated philatelically either by the overprinting of stamps, or the use of cachets during the conference period.
Stamps were overprinted for the 'Three Power Talks' of 1953 and the 'Heath-Nixon' meeting of December 1971. These are catalogued and well known by collectors. Less known, however, are the cachets that were used by the Bermuda Post Office on three separate occasions. In each case the cachets were applied at the General Post Office in Hamilton, on overseas mail only.


## THE BERMUDA TALKS <br> 1957



The first cachet was applied from December 4th to 7th, 1953, during the 'Three Power Talks' of Prime Minister Churchill, President Eisenhower and French President Laniel, held at the Mid Ocean Club in Tucker's Town. It was applied in red.
During 'The Bermuda Talks' between Prime Minister MacMillan and President Eisenhower, held from March 2lst to 24th, 1957, also at the Mid Ocean Club, the second cachet was applied in purple to outgoing airmail only.
The third cachet, as described by Dr. Skavaril, was app1ied during 'The Bermuda Meeting' of President Kennedy and Prime Minister MacMillan on December 21st and 22nd 1961. This meeting, almost cancelled at the last moment due to the serious illness of President Kennedy's father, was held at Bermuda's Government House, not at Mangrove Bay. The cachet, applied in red on outgoing airmail, was announced and illustrated on the front page of the Royal Gazette, Bermuda's daily newspaper, on Wednesday, December 20th, the day before the conference began. Shown below the flags by the way is a map of Bermuda, not clasped hands.
4. Figure 4 illustrates a letter, sent on May 16th, 1902 from a concerned relative in Holland, and which arrived in New York on May 25th. It did not arrive in Bermuda until July 9th, where it was censored in violet and, I presume, delivered to Butts Island.
5. The cover of Figure 5, sent from Natal with a P.O.A. \#46 (?) cancel, was backstamped at Pietmardzburg and Greytown on October 10th, 1901. It was censored in blue at Bermuda without a receiving CDS. The P.O.W. was not at Butts or Darrells. (Did they try Morgans Island?)



Figure 5
6. Registered and censored at Howick, Natal, on December 14th, 1901, the item shown in Figure 6 passed through Durban on December 16th and arrived in London on January 14th, 1902. It finally arrived in Bermuda on January 27th, and then was sent on to Morgans Island. It probably contained something of value because of the high (6d.) registration fee.
7. Mailed from Pearl, Cape of Good Hope, the Figure 7 cover was opened and censored on October 1st, 1901, and sealed with orange tape. It arrived at Hamilton on November 5th---the fastest journey of the eight covers under discussion. But Rocco did not get his letter until November 26th, at Beautwoord.


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Figure 6

8. Lastly, I show an item (Figure 8) sent on November 2nd, 1901, from a burger camp at Pretoria to a P.O.W. in Tent No. 4 on Darrells Island. Censored in purple at the burger camp, it also received the Pretoria censor in black and arrived at Bermuda on December 17th.
(Figures 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are reduced to $77 \%$ of full size.)

# TURKS \& CAICOS ISLANDS: THREE COVERS TO AUSTRIA-BOHEMIA 

by LOUIS E. ZELL, Jr.

The three registered covers shown below were all mailed from Turks Island to a Doctor Brunbauer of Ronsperg, Austria/Bohemia. They all have the following common features:
a. A Turks Island Type 3a CDS (one cover is postmarked on 15 July 1911, the other two on 16 September 1911)
b. A Turks Island Type R4 registration marking (with same dates as specified in a. above)
c. Namescript registration numbers in blue pencil (numbers 744,1973 , and 1074).

The 744 number, inscribed on the 15 July cover (Figure 1), is unboxed. But each of the other two numbers, 1073 (Figure 2) and 1074 (Figure 3), is placed within a 40 mm by 32 mm box struck in violet ink. The box, which is apparently a distinctive registration mark, is divided into two segments, with the upper segment containing the


Figure 1 - Front


Figure 1 - Reverse
Figure 2 - Front




Figure 3 - Reverse
words LIST NUMBER.
The cover not bearing the box is an official "OHMS" envelope. All three covers are inscribed with the familiar crossed blue lines denoting the registration process.
Can any reader shed light upon this 'box' mark? When was it first used in the Turks/ Caicos Islands, and has a similar mark been utilized in other colonies?
The reverse side of all three covers is extremely interesting. Aside from the usual array of transit and receiving marks (i.e., U.S.SEA POST REG., London Registration, and RONSPERG "killer", all of which are normal and explainable), there appears on each cover a strange 'box and number' combination mark I have never before seen and for which I seek information. Each box contains the ornate letters FP and is placed next to a five-digit number, which looks as if it may have been applied by means of an automatic numbering machine. The numbers are 00004 (on the 15 July cover), 00006 (on the mss. 1074 cover), and 00008 (on the mss. 1073 cover).

Any ideas on the purpose and usage dates of this boxed-FP mark would be greatly appreciated.
(Figure 1 shows the cover reduced to $77 \%$ of full size. The covers of Figures 2 and 3 are illustrated actual size.)

BCPSG Librarian BOB LOVETT announces that the following books/magazines are missing from the Group Library. He believes that all of these publications were borrowed in the dim past by BCPSG members who for various reasons failed to return them.

Montserrat, by L. E. Britnor Jamaica Pre-Stamp Covers, 1760-1860, by L。C. C. Nicholson History of Alliongana, by Howard A. Fergus

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'The Philatelic Magazine'", Vol. 22, No. 13; December 15th, 1928
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## Secretary's Report

## NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed in the September 1985 BCPJ have been admitted to membership.

NEW APPLICA NTS:
GREENWOOD, J. S., 33 Drayton Court, Drayton Gardens, London SW10 9RH, England.
Company director. Collects Antigua, British Guiana, British Honduras, British East Africa, Solomon Islands, and horses on stamps. By Bruce Walker.

FULFORD, Richard A., 8900 S. W. 107th Ave., \# 312, Miami, FL 33176.

Exporter. Collects BWI, particularly Jamaica. By Thomas E. Giraldi.

FEINER, Melvin, Classic Philatelics, P.O. Box 5637, Huntington Beach, CA 92615-0637.
Self-employed. Interested in postal stationery of the world. By Ben Ramkissoon.
REYNOLDS, David, 7908 Tokay
Ave., Sp 101 , Fontana, CA 92335. Cooler worker. Interested in Jamaican postmarks. By Thomas E. Giraldi.

BARNSTONE, Howard, 17 Shadowlawn Circle, Houston, TX 77005. Architect. Collects British Honduras. By Robert P. Lovett.

BURNSELL, Bradley W., 11 Bradford Road, Milton, MA 02186. Teacher. Interested in mint/used British until 1968, Pitcairn Islands, and British FDC's to present. By Howard C. Austin.

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The following article, slightly edited from its original appearance in a Belizean newspaper, was forwarded to me by member Peter Bylen. The commentary is interesting not only for its subject matter, but also because it was set up on the computer/printer of soon-to-be-Editor Mark Swetland. Mark and I decided to publish Peter's manuscript in this manner for a couple of reasons: (1) to "test" the technical capability of Mark's equipment to automatically handle Journal page layout, and (2) to give readers a preview of what will probably be standard Journal format beginning next year.

Mark's printer automatically "straight-lines" the right margins, but in doing so occasionally creates areas in the text where considerable space is built up between adjoining words. However, his machine can print out an alternate format in which the text body is fairly free from "white space" spots between words, but in which the right margin is vertically uneven. This is similar to the style I have used during my six years as Editor.

Both Mark and I would greatly appreciate your comments concerning which style you prefer. If you like the way Peter's "Of Stamps and Rubber Stamps" looks as printed here, we'd like for you to let us know.

GEORGE

## Of Stamps and Rubber Stamps

Belize is losing an opportunity to earn foreign exchange and provide additional employment. How? Through the failure of some senior civil servants to provide full information to the new government.

The commodity that can bring us more money and jobs is none other than postage stamps. Stamps are printed for two purposes. They pay for postage and duties on items such as letters, packages and documents, and they are sold overseas to stamp dealers and collectors.

Previously our stamps were controlled by the post Office and were sold abroad through the Crown Agents in the $U$. K. and Stanley Gibbons in the U.S.A. A few years ago a businessman convinced the government to sign over control of our stamps to his company in return for increased revenues of over one million dollars each year.

So far as is known Belize did not benefit much from that arrangement and there are no accounts available to verify the situation. In fact, stamp journals and stamp dealers heaped criticism on Belize stamps for poor quality, unrealistic markup on prices, too many issues, and resorting to dubious gimmicks to bilk collectors.

Following a few years of rapidly falling revenues and a barrage of overseas criticism, government had little choice but to do something. A local company, The Belize Philatelic Bureau, was formed. Equal shares would be held by government and a new foreign company. The Philatelic Bureau was to be located in Belize and a government representative would be chairman of the Board of Directors to protect Belize's interest.

The Philatelic Bureau would employ two dozen Belizeans full time, and an additional dozen or two on a seasonal basis, whenever new stamps were issued and more hands needed to tear, package, and forward orders to overseas collectors.

Equally as important as increased employment was the fact that collectors and dealers orders would come to belize, bringing in foreign exchange. Deposit accounts, the standard practice in all stamp bureaus, would be opened for each of the three to five thousand estimated regular collectors. If a minimum of fifteen U. S. dollars per collector is kept in each deposit account, Belize would have an additional one hundred thousand plus dollars at its disposal. Stamp collectors keep a balance in their accounts to ensure the country supplies the sets of stamps they require. Some leave standing instructions so they don't have to order each time a stamp issue is released.

Belize can earn a million dollars each year and provide more employment. The problem is that, while the government has changed, the same senior civil servants involved in the past unsatisfactory situation remain in their positions and are continuing the same old policies.

In actual fact, there is no Philatelic Bureau in Belize, only a sign on North Front Street, a telephone, and five employees. Overseas collectors wishing to purchase Belize stamps must place orders through a foreign company in a foreign country. They, not us, benefit from the foreign exchange and the additional employment to their citizens. We are also deprived of extra postage revenue as collectors and dealers would be required to pay postage on all orders posted to them. Figure it out - three to five thousand dollars and packages posted eight to ten times a year, depending on how many issues are released.

Then there are the stamp journals and dealers who are again becoming skeptical of our arrangement. They are starting to criticize our country for resorting to gimmicks and excessive issuing of stamps.

The new government has only been in office eight months and must still rely heavily on the advice of Permanent secretaries and Heads of Departments. Their failure to fully inform and brief the new government on the follies of the old methods perpetuates an unacceptable situation. The consequence is that Belize is getting a raw deal. We are losing much needed foreign exchange and our people are deprived of employment.
(NOTE: Another article printed on Mark's equipment appears on page 139.)

IMPORTANT!! Please give your attention to the following items!! IMPORTANT!!

1. Jack Harwood needs auction lots, and plenty of 'em, for the BCPSG auction scheduled for AMERIPEX. Please send your material to Jack (see his new address on page 138) by 1 February 1986, so that the auction list can be prepared and published in the March ' 86 BCPJ. Remember---there's no better place to sell your BWI material than through your BCPSG auction!
2. It is planned that our June ' 86 issue be named the "AMERIPEX Issue"---a journal to honor not only that upcoming international exhibit but also the 25th anniversary (in 1985) of the BCPSG. We would like the June BCPJ to be a thick, meaty issue carrying at least original article on every country in the British Caribbean area. Please send manuscripts to Mark as soon as possible, in order to give him sufficient time to put together this "extravaganza" issue.

I recently purchased a Jamaica "Dead Letter Branch" cover (Figure 1). The wording on this item was so markedly different from that of an earlier, but similar, 'Dead Letter Branch' cover (Figure 2) that I already possessed, that 1 decided to find out more about it.

One noticeable difference-m-apart from the wording of the instructions--mare the different code numbers at the top-m-530 and 531. The instructions themselves, however, struck me as most odd. The old saying "to take a sledgehammer to crack a walnut" was never more true.


Figure 1


Figure 2

I suspect that the $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. stamp on the Figure 1 cover was added to make it more interesting, although at the time of purchase I received a plausible reason for the pres ence of the stamp in that the original stamp was removed from the letter and this was the amount claimed. (Incidentally, the word PAID, shown beneath the line "Returned Letter" on Figure 2, is missing on Figure 1.)
After a visit to the officials of the London Postal Museum (whom I thank for their interest and help), I offer a plausible solution to fellow collectors for their consideration.

It seems that in the Victorian era it was quite common to send unsolicited mail and "begging" letters to unsuspecting victims without the letters being prepaid. If the postage was paid by the recipient then the mail got through at no charge to the sender. If it was refused there was still no loss---except to the Post Office. Naturally, the authorities did not take too kindly to this loss of revenue and the resulting work of redirection.

The Jamaican Postal Regulations were broadly based on the British system, particularly in the more minute detail.
Apparently the main culprit was a Mr. Joseph Ady who, in the period from 1816 to 1840, used this method to further his fortune by promoting lotteries, etc. To combat this, an act, 3 rd and 4th Vict. Cap 96, and 10 th and 11 th Vict. Cap 85 , under 1 st Vict. Cap 36, was enacted.
The system was quite simple: Take the opportunist to court and claim the postage. The sum was infinitesimal but the costs would make it quite unprofitable, since presumably the miscreant would need to be legally represented.
Similar promotional schemes have been attempted from time to time. I understand that a well known "digest" tried a similar operation, which cost the British Post Office many thousands of pounds in lost revenue.
In writing this, 1 hope that some person has access to a copy of the appropriate postal regulations and can either confirm or refute the solution offered for the most unusual wording found on No. 531. Possibly the appearance of another copy of No. 531 would be of help.
Incidentally, from material in my collection it would seem that this Mr. Corty was an agent for the Mutual Life Assurance Society.

## This and That...

Thanks to BEN RAMKISSOON for providing the following extract from the April 15th, 1985, Newsletter of the Consulate General of Trinidad and Tobago, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017:

## Trinidad and Tobago Signs Air Services Treaty with St Lucia

Trinidad and Tobago and St. Lucia ended nine months of negotiations with the initialling (sic) of a new Bilateral Air Services Treaty in Castries last Friday. The new Treaty sets out the terms and conditions under which both parties will operate air services between Trinidad and Tobago and St. Lucia. The latter will be able to designate BWIA or any other airline owned by a CARICOM state as its national carrier.

TOM GIRALDI's inexhaustible flow of postmark information, described on page 100 of the previous BCPJ, shows no signs of slowing down. He continues as follows:
a. A boxed "Airport P. O" registration handstamp is struck in blue on a cover postmarked

26 July 1985 at Bridgetown, Barbados, and addressed to Pennsylvania (Figure 1). Tom points out that this mark, which he hadn't seen previously, is interesting in that the "P. O" incorporates a period after "P." but no period after "O".



## 1

Figure 2

Figure 3
b. Figure 2 is a snapshot of the recently-rebuilt Hell Post Office on Grand Cayman. Tom took the picture during his visit to the Caymans early in July. He reports that the office was opened on 18 March 1985.
c. Two new slogans (unofficial?) from Grenada are pictured in Figures 3 and 4. Unfortunately, the slogan in Figure 4 runs "off the cover"; it is impossible to speculate what the complete strike looks like. What there is of it reads:

> "THIS IS CARRIACO... FOR REGATTA... EARLY AUGUST..."

Who can tell us what the rest of the words are?
d. Montserrat has begun using a "modernistic"



Figure 5


Figure 6

- Figure 4
registration label (Figure 5) of the same type used in the Cayman Islands and pictured on page 91 of the July 1984 Journal. The illustrated label was found on an envelope mailed at Plymouth, Montserrat, on 2 July 1985.
e. Finally, Tom reports a strike of the Teakettle, Belize, Post Office (Figure 6), on a cover mailed on 10 July 1985. Is this a new postal facility? If so, does any reader know the date of its opening?

CARL TROY offers explanations for two of the British Honduras/Belize cancellations described by Ian Matheson in the July 1984 BCPJ. Carl says:
"The 'CANCELLED' handstamp is a fiscal cancel of the type used by either Government or large private users. (Most fiscal cancels of that era are either by pen or indelible pencil.) I have seen many variations of the 'cancelled' handstamp in blue or purple ink, some with straight lines, some with wavy lines, etc. The rubber stamps were usually privately made to order by local stationers.
"Concerning the 'SAN $\qquad$ B $\qquad$ ' postmark, I've reconstructed all but the lower right quadrant of this handstamp from various partial strikes (see actual size drawing at
 right). This is a fiscal cancellation of the 'Santiago Castillo Company' which was (and is) a large import/export house in Belize City. All of my examples appear in purple on $3 ¢$ values of George VI issues, which would have paid the stamp duty on receipts in the 1930's-1940's era."
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At about the same time as HORST AUGUSTINOVIC submitted his article "More on 'Missent to Bahamas' Marks", published on page 117 of this issue, RICHARD HEAP independently provided data on the same subject. Richard states that he found the " 8 by 58 mm " mark (to which Horst refers as Figure 2, pictured on page 143), on a cov-

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 er posted in Cheshire, England, on 12 August 1985 and addressed to Pembroke, Bermuda. A mysterious facet of Richard's mark is that it is in bright blue, whereas Horst remarks that all examples he has seen have been struck in red! (The mark provided by Richard is shown above; it appears identical to that pictured on page 143.)The publications listed below are available on loan to BCPSG members from Librarian Robert P. Lovett. The borrower is expected to pay postage both ways. Donations to the BCPSG Library are gratefully accepted (and are tax deductible).

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CHANGE IN COLLECTING INTERESTS: BYLEN, Peter, BWI General, specializes in British Honduras/Belize.

MEMBERSHIP LIST: It is anticipated that a new BCPSG Membership List will be included in an early-1986 BCPJ, just as soon as Editor Mark has the opportunity to crank all the members' names into his computer!

## Belize SG 448 Revisited

Past articles have referred to the various printings of the 5 cent on 15 cent Butterfly provisional issue of 2 December 1976, SG 448 (see Vol. 24, No. 4 BCPJ of BCPSG). Scott lists this stamp as number 386 but scott is utterly worthless when it comes to varieties. The basic stamp is SG 426 Nessaea Aglaura issued 20 October 1975 and printed by Harrison and Sons, with the overprinting done by the local Belize government printery. Currently Stanley Gibbons lists the common variety with 5 cents to the right - under the $y$ of Doubleday - as SG 448. Also listed is the 5 cents to the left - under the $D$ of Doubleday - with double oblong block as SG 448 Ea . To get the full story on this interesting issue, I wrote to the current Postmaster General of Belize, Mr. E. E. Godfrey. He was extremely helpful as always, but he was not the postmaster General when this issue was overprinted. However, he contacted Mr. C. B. Hyde, Postmaster General at the time, who was able to shed some light
 on these provisionals.

As well as the two currently listed varieties, there was a third variety with the. 5 cents under the $D$, but with a single oblong block. This along with the double block variety were trial printings rejected in favor of the 5 cents to right variety. Since there was a real shortage of 5 cents stamps for both inland postage and revenue needs, the trial printings were placed on sale along with the approved version rather than waste them. I have been unable to find out how many of the trials were printed, but it was probably only a couple of sheets. I know of two mint copies of the 5 cents to left single block variety, (unfortunately they are not in my collection) and several used copies postmarked Belize and Benque Viejo.


SG448Ea


SG448Eab

Based on the available information, Mr. D. J. Aggersberg, Catalogue Editor, Stanley Gibbons Publications Limited, has decided to list the 5 cents to left single block variety as SG 448Ea and renumber the double block variety as SG 448 Eab . Hopefully, this will be reflected in the 1986 edition of Stanley Gibbons Elizabethan Catalogue. The story might have ended here except that former Postmaster General Hyde said he remembered "at least 3 trials", but were there more? Has anyone seen a 5 cents to right with double oblong block? What about
inverted watermarks or double overprints of the 5 cents or double printings on the basic stamp? Can anyone help, or has the story ended?

Don't despair however, as in 1983 during the changeover in suppliers, there were more provisionals and at least one trial! Again these were to meet real postal and revenue needs, but that article will have to wait for another rainy day.

# B.V.I. "Q"s - Quests, Queries, and Quotes by J. L. FREDRICK 

## SPECIMEN MULTIPLES OF 1887-89 BVI ISSUE

According to Samuel ('Specimen Stamps of the Crown Colonies, 1857-1948''), the first British Virgin Islands stamps overprinted specifically for UPU distribution were the 1887-89 values of $1 \mathrm{~d} ., 4 \mathrm{~d} ., 6 \mathrm{~d}$. , and 1 s . He further states that, during this period, a total of 345 specimens were required and were normally supplied in strips of three. (It was not until July 1, 1892, that strips of five became the ''norm'.) It was unspecified as to whether these strips were horizontal (H), vertical (V), or both.
Subsequently, I have completed a survey from my previously-described inventory file (December 1984 BCPJ), as well as from my own collection, with the following results:


From the present findings, it is obvious that strips exist in both horizontal and vertical formats, although multiples of the 6 d . value have not been recorded to date.

Can anyone report the existence of other strips to augment the present data?
COMPLETE BVI PANES AND/OR SHEETS SURVEY
Again, from a survey of my present inventory file and collection, I have been able to assemble data on complete panes and/or sheets of BVI stamps issued from 1866 to 1930. The results are presented in the following tabulation:

| Sc. No. | SG No. | Pane | Plt. No. | Sheet | P1t. No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | -- | -- | X(25) | -- |
| 1 var. | 2 | -- | -- | X(25) | -- |
| 2, 2a | 7, 7a | -- | -- | X(25) | -- |
| 2b | 3 | -- | -- | X(25) | -- |
| 3 | 8 | -- | -- | X(12) | -- |
| 4 | 9 | -- | -- | X(12) | -- |
| 4 a | 12 | -- | -- | $\mathrm{X}(20-2)$ | -- |
| 5 | 16 | -- | -- | $\mathrm{X}(25)$ | -- |
| 5 var. | 17 | -- | -- | X(25) | -- |
| 5 a | 15 | -- | -- | X(25) | -- |
| 6 | 10 | -- | -- | $\mathrm{X}(20-2, r)$ | -- |
| 6 a | 13 | -- | -- | $\mathrm{X}(20-1)$ | -- |
| 7b, 7b var. (T) | 14a, 14b | -- | -- | $\mathrm{X}(20-1)$ | -- |
| 8, 8 var. | 19, 19a | -- | -- | $\mathrm{X}(20)$ | -_ |
| $8 \mathrm{a}, 8 \mathrm{a}$ var. | 18, 18a | -- | -- | X(20) | -- |
| 9 | 22 b | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 9 var. | 22 | X (60) (R) | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 13 | 27 | $\mathrm{X}(60)(\mathrm{R})$ | 2 |  |  |
| 15 | 31 | $\mathrm{X}(60)(\mathrm{L} \& \mathrm{R})$ | 1, 2 |  |  |
| 16 | 35 |  | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 16 var. | 36 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 16a | 37 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 17 | 38 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 17 var. | 39 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 18, 18 var. | 42, 42c | -- | -- | X(20) | -- |
| 19 | 32 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 19 var. | 33 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 19 var. | 34 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 20 | 41 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 20a | 40 | -- | -- | X(24) | -- |
| 21 | 43 | X (60) (R) | 1 |  |  |
| 24 | 46 | $\mathrm{X}(60)(\mathrm{R})$ | 1 |  |  |
| 29 | 54 | $X(60)(L \& R)$ | 1 |  |  |
| 30 | 55 | X (60) | 1 |  |  |
| 38 | 63 | X (60) |  | X(120) | 8 |
| 39 | 68 | X 60 ) |  | X(120) | 6 |
| 40 | 70 | X(60) |  | X(120) | 1 |
| 41 | 72 | X (60) |  | X(120) | 1 |
| 42 | 73 | X (60) |  |  |  |
| 43 | 74 | X (60) |  |  |  |
| 44 | 75 | X(60) |  |  |  |
| 50 | 83 |  |  | X(120) | 1 |
| 55 | 88 | X 60 ) |  |  |  |
| 56 | 90 | X(60) |  |  |  |
| MR1 var. | 78 b | X(60) | 5 |  |  |
| MR2 | 79 | X(60) |  |  |  |
| --: not applic r: reconstruct | $\text { Le } \quad x ;$ <br> sheet | L: left oned paper | R: | pane |  |

The listing is arranged by 1986 Scott Catalogue numbers, which have been correlated with 1986 Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Catalogue numbers. Obviously, many "possible" catalogue number combinations are not included, since I have found no record of them to date. In other instances, where descriptions were unclear or incomplete, e.g., paper "color", such items have been omitted since specific catalogue numbers could not be ascertained.

By definition herein, a "sheet" is in the overall undivided format in which the stamps were printed, while a "pane" is, in general, a component part of a sheet consisting of two or more panes. When a pane/sheet has been cited, the total number of stamps in the pane/sheet has been indicated, along with, as applicable, the pane
position in the sheet, i.e., left or right, when known. Plate numbers, also, have been shown where such data were available.
Due to the scarcity of certain items, e.g., sheets of Scott Nos. 4 a and 6a, partial sheets have been included and the "reduced" sheet sizes are indicated. Similarly, Scott No. 6, of which the only reported example is a reconstructed partial sheet, has been included.
This survey, 1 know, is far from complete, but does represent a "beginning"。 If you have any information to supplement the present tabulation---from items in your own collections, or from auction catalogues, price lists, or ads---l would appreciate hearing from you. All responses will be acknowledged!

## MICHAEL SHEPPARD

Michael Sheppard, who for twelve years edited the Bulletin of the BCPSG's sister society, the British West Indies Study Circle, passed away in his sleep on July 24th, 1985. Mike's death was almost as devastating a blow the BCPSG as it was to the BWISC, for he was an enthusiastic supporter of our group and over the years had contributed numerous articles to the BCPJ. A short profile of Mike and his many accomplishments appeared in the July 1984 issue of the Journal.

The words that follow, prepared by BWISC President Victor Toeg and reprinted from the September 1985 BWISC Bulletin, adequately express the feeling of sorrow and loss experienced by members of both groups, particularly those---including myself---who were fortunate enough to have known Mike personally.

## GEORGE

The sudden and unexpected death of Michael Sheppard at his home on 24th July, 1985, will come as a great shock to many of the Study Circle's members who knew him very well indeed as the Hon. Editor of the Bulletin until only a few months ago.
Mike, who was trained as an engineer, joined the Royal Electrical \& Mechanical Engineers in the 1939-45 War and served in 1940-42 in North Africa where he was captured at Tobruk and became a prisoner of war in Italy. However, he escaped from the Italians but through bad luck was recaptured by the Germans before being able to reach Allied lines and sent to Poland where at one time he was in a prisoner of war camp near to the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp.
From 1952 until his retirement last year Mike was employed by the firm of Louis Newmark where for a number of years he was concerned with flightpath control systems and microprocessor based systems providing auto-pilot and flight detector information for helicopters. Some years before he retired he had the responsibility of training apprentices to work on a new computer control precision machine.
Mike also had a number of outside interests. He was a very keen model railway enthusiast, a great rambler and walker and he was particularly fond of gardening. There was, of course, also his intense interest in philately over many years during which he formed a fine collection of the postal history and stamps of Barbados which was sold in auction in 1984. As far as the Study Circle was concerned Mike gave a very great deal of time in furthering its causes.
He first became Hon. Editor of the Bulletin with the production of the June 1973 Bulletin and continued for twelve years retiring after editing the March 1985 issue. During this period the high standard of the Bulletin was consistently maintained which without doubt contributed to the steady rise in the Study Circle's membership.

In addition he was part of a very successful team with Simon Goldblatt in running the auctions of the Study Circle from their inception and he expressed a wish to continue doing this after ceasing to be Hon. Editor. The members showed Michael their appreciation of his services by making him an Hon. Life Member and a member of the Committee at the last Annual General Meeting and he chose in due course an executive briefcase as a gift from the Study Circle.
Mike retired from work in August 1984 and looked forward to a happy and long retirement during which he had planned to do many things which he had not previously had time for: very sadly this was not to be. We in the Study Circle will miss him, his friendliness and good nature which enabled him to get to know personally so many of our members.

Mike leaves his widow Peggy, his son Christopher, his daughter Jill and four grandchildren to whom we extend our deepest sympathy in their great and tragic loss.

E. Victor Toeg

MORE ON "MISSENT TO BAHAMAS" MARKS (Continued from page 117)

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Figure 2
therefore, that at least two handstamps are in use, one having been distorted by the ink being used.

While on the "MISSENT TO BAHAMAS" subject, I would like to report a rather interesting cover (Figure 3).
When visiting our Bermuda Postmaster General, I could not help but notice a colorful cover in his wastebasket. On retrieval (with the PMG's permission, of course!), it turned out to be a registered cover sent by the General Post Office of Belize to the Postmaster General of Bermuda. There was evidently some confusion as to Bermuda's location, and the cover was addressed to 'Bermuda, Bahamas, W.I. "!, prompting three 'MISSENT TO BAHAMAS" marks---and a nice addition to my collection!

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