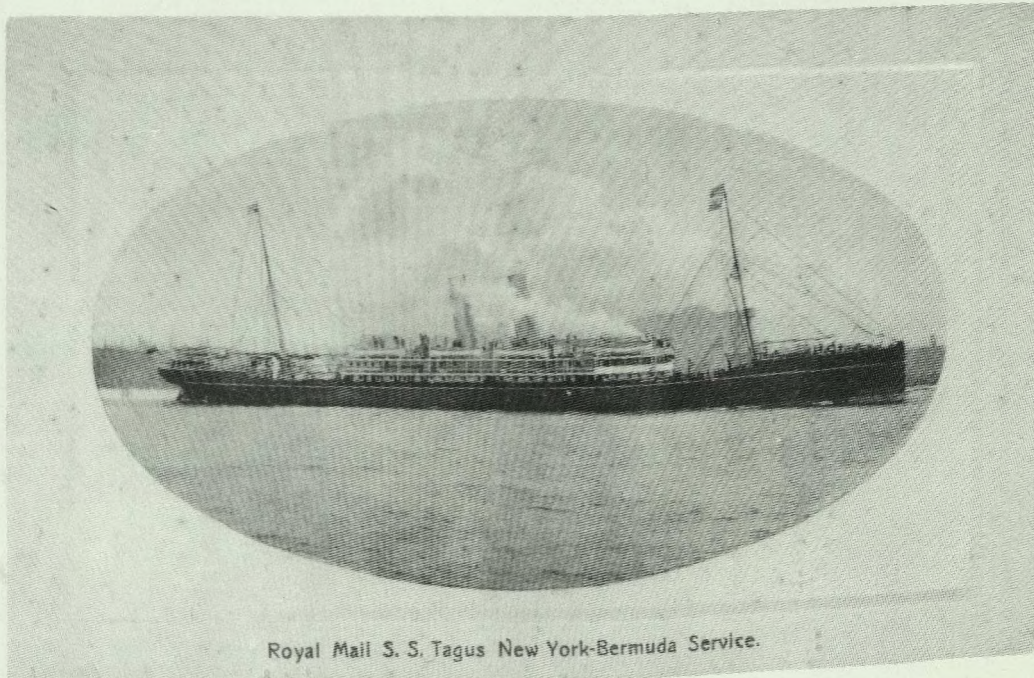


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Election of Trustees

The BCPSG has nine Trustees who are responsible for electing the officers and advising them in conducting the Group's activities. (The names of the current Trustees appear on page 58.) The Trustees are elected for one six-year term by the BCPSG members, in groups of three every second year, so as to ensure a degree of continuity.

The terms of three current Trustees will expire at the end of 1995, and elections are being held this fall to choose their replacements. A ballot will be found as an insert in this issue of the journal. We ask that you vote and return the ballot promptly so that we may be able to announce the three new Trustees in the December journal.

Six members have agreed to run for those three positions. As I know all six personally, I also know that this will be a very difficult choice to make: all six have been strong supporters of the Group for several years and have excellent philatelic credentials. The six candidates are:

Marjorie A. Doran

I started collecting stamps at the age of 9. There were "on" years and "off" years, but stamps were always on my mind. For many years, I lived on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, and I attended the first meeting of the BCPSG held outside North America, which took place in Road Town, Tortola, in 1976. Today, I spend about seven months in Massachusetts and the rest of the year in Tortola.



I have been actively involved in the British Virgin Islands Philatelic Society's activities and have helped in organizing all of its four exhibitions in recent years, as well as exhibited there. Our fifth exhibition will take place in Road Town on December 2-3, 1995. The APS Philatelic Cruise will be visiting us then, and I hope to see many of you at that time.

David N. Druett

I am 34 years old and have collected stamps from the age of 10. Since leaving school at 18, I have always worked in the stamp trade and have been running my own business in the U.K. for 13 years.



I am still an avid collector of Trinidad stamps and have started to give displays to local philatelic societies. I have managed to attend a few of the BCPSG meetings and was one of the lucky ones who went to Barbados this year.

Mary Green

I was born in Vancouver and graduated in Russian from the University of British Columbia. I worked as a cataloguer much of my working life, with brief spells as a teacher and as a secretary of a Yugoslav consulate-general. A lifelong interest in stamps be-

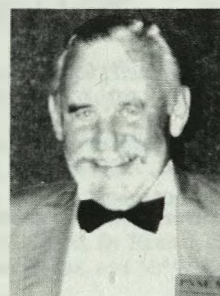


gan at the age of 5 when my father thought I should have "something to do" during seven months of winter in the north of British Columbia. I also learned every card game known to man and read extensively.

Postcard collecting (old Barbados) began 15 years ago: postcards were much cheaper than the stamps I needed to complete my collection. I moved to Barbados 13 years ago, and still collect stamps and postcards, and read. My BCPSG membership dates from the mid-1980s.

James F. Stern

I was born in Milwaukee, where I still live. After graduating from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, I served in the Army Signal Corps in both the Aleutians and the European theater during World War II. A member of the Wisconsin Bar, I not only practised law but also operated a chemical specialties manufacturing company until I retired in 1992. I now spend my winters in Sarasota, Florida, with my wife Hilda, playing golf and working on my stamp collection.



I have been collecting stamps for some 65 years and have long concentrated on British America. My exhibit of Cayman Islands registered mail has earned several gold and vermeil awards at World Series of Philately exhibitions around the United States. I have written several articles on Cayman Islands philately and maintain an active interest in the BCPSG, having attended several of its meetings over the years.

Edward W. Waterous

Born and raised in the Chicago area, I am an employee of U.S. Steel Corp. of Gary, Indiana. I hold

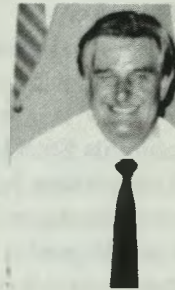


an M.S. degree in Management from Purdue University. I have collected stamps since receiving an album for my 9th birthday, although of course, there has been time away for other interests in life. The Bahamas became my main collecting interest in the late 1980s, with the postal history, stamps, and postal stationery of the "Isles of June" being my focus. I have attended several BCPSG meetings since joining the group in 1990, and opted for life membership this year.

Ronald G. Wike

My collecting interests cover all aspects of Trinidad and Tobago postal history. I have been a member of the BCPSG since 1973 and am a life member of the Philatelic Society of Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the editor of the *Civil Censorship Study Group Bulletin*. I also belong to the British

West Indies Study Circle, the Forces Postal History Society and several other philatelic societies in Britain.



I have published many articles on Trinidad and Tobago in various society journals, and am the author of *Trinidad and Tobago Postal Meter Stamps*, *Postal History of United States Forces in Trinidad and Tobago*, and *British Empire Civil Censorship Devices World War II: Trinidad and Tobago*.

*Now that you have met our candidates, please vote!!!
A ballot is inserted in the journal for that purpose.*

The Jamaica Philatelist

by MICHAEL VOKINS

A reprint of *The Jamaica Philatelist* is now available. All 24 numbers, originally issued from 1927 to 1950, have been reprinted, plus the four numbers of the *Quarterly Bulletin*, which were published in 1941-42, and the Index prepared by Clinton von Pohle. The reprint includes a total of just over 1,000 pages.

The Jamaica Philatelist was originally printed in small numbers to supply a few members of the Jamaica Philatelic Society, and very few sets have survived. The journal contains much serious research on Caribbean philately, with an obvious emphasis on Jamaica. And it is for that reason that a reprint was felt to be worthwhile. There are also contemporary reports of events such as the first Jamaican air mails, descriptions that capture the excitement of the events and make them still worthwhile reading. The original advertisements have been retained, including two in colour. As far as

possible, rust stains and toning, errors of alignment and inking mishaps have been corrected. The original illustrations were not suitable for reproduction to a reasonable standard, but they are mostly non-philatelic.

The reprint may be ordered by prepayment of \$75 postpaid by surface mail to the U.S. and Canada, £30 postpaid in the U.K., and £50 elsewhere in the world. Cheques in U.S. dollars or sterling should be made payable to "British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group."

Orders received before the end of 1995 will also receive free reprints of the Programmes for the JPS Exhibitions of 1921 and 1927; from 1 January 1996, these reprints will be £5 extra.

Send prepayment and orders to: M. Vokins, Cecil Powell Centre, Old Park Hill, Bristol BS2 8BB, U.K.

The Jamaica Philatelic Society Celebrates Two Anniversaries

by DAVE UHLMAN, Treasurer

Our society is celebrating its 86th year of existence and its 75th year under the name Jamaica Philatelic Society. In this connection, we will hold a stamp exhibition on November 11 and 12, 1995, and we are publishing a commemorative magazine.

The exhibition will be held at the Phillip Sherlock Centre (University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston 6) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. The major display will be by Joe Mahfood, who will show his Jamaica collection. There will also be displays by Ewan Cameron, JPS president, Dr John Ingledeew, secretary, and myself. Messrs. Mahfood, Cameron and I are all members of the BCPSG.

There will be other activities during the exhibition, such as a valuation desk and stamps for sale, and we hope the Jamaica Post Office will participate in some manner. There will be lectures and films, as well as videos. Any help that members could provide with the latter would be most appreciated.

The magazine should be available in mid-October at a price of US\$3, Can\$4, or £2. If anyone wishes to receive a copy, please send a money order payable to the society. The address is as follows: Jamaica Philatelic Society, Constant Spring Post Office, Box 201, Kingston 8, Jamaica.

In Memoriam Robert Rand

Robert Rand, of South Farmingdale, N.Y., died of a heart attack during the first week of October while on vacation in Italy.

Bob, who joined the BCPSG in 1978, was a familiar figure at New York, London, and other international exhibitions, where he often assisted at Group member Phoebe MacGillivray's Victoria Stamp Company booth. During his philatelic career, he collected stamps of most of the British Caribbean through the reign of King George VI. His interests included Bermuda, and he was one of the founding members and financial backers of the Bermuda Collectors Society in 1986.

Later, he narrowed his collecting to Turks and Caicos Islands, Jamaica, and the Leeward Islands. His Leewards collection of plate-plug blocks was deep, impressive, and a delight to view.



Bob was a big man and lived a big life. He was excellent at nailing you with a sly joke and a twinkle in his eyes. We will surely miss him.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Nancy, his wife of 36 years, and to their three children. — *Thomas J. McMahon*

A Message from Lee Addiss

Dear Members,

When I married Ed Addiss, I understood that first place in his heart had to be shared with his love of British West Indies postal history and the BCPSG. That was okay, because I truly enjoyed the enormous pleasure he derived from his research and from correspondence and phone conversations with so many members. There was a wonderful grin on his face when he had learned something or bought something new – everything was “inexpensive” or “a bargain.” I feel very lucky to have been able to share his enjoyment and, from time to time, to learn so much about a subject that had been so unfamiliar to me. My stereotype of stamp collectors was that they were a group of dusty, musty men – with Ed being an exception, of course – and a few

frumpy, humorless women. How delighted was I to discover so many bright, funny, attractive, “with it” people of both sexes!

I want to thank the many members of the BCPSG who knew and loved Ed and who were so kind to me. I was pleased that the Group has decided to use the money left by Ed for its publication program. Ed had hoped that membership in the BCPSG would grow as the years went on, and I think that publications such as the Forand-Freeland monograph will help to enhance its reputation and appeal. A previous publication and the institution of a biannual award by the Group’s British members, both honoring Ed, have been a source of gratification to his mother, now aged 96, and to other members of his family as well as to me.

My thanks and thoughts go to all of you.

Forthcoming Publications

As mentioned in a previous issue, three new BCPSG monographs are in preparation. The first is Morris Ludington’s *Postal History of Blockade Running Through Bermuda, 1861–1865*, which we hope to release before the end of the year. The two other monographs deal with Jamaica: *The Robert V. Swarbrick Collection of Jamaica* and Ian Potter’s *The Postal Markings of Jamaica*. Because of the amount of pre-publication work involved in both books, release is not expected until early in 1996.

The BCPSG’s membership directory and library

catalogue will be released with the December journal. The directory has been compiled by Russ Skavaril, our vice-president, while the library catalogue has been prepared by our librarian, Dan Walker.

Finally, a cumulative index to the journal, covering the years 1984 to 1995, will be released soon. This is being compiled by the current editor, Michel Forand, and is a stage in the compilation of a cumulative index covering the entire run of the journal since its first issue in 1961.

Membership Renewal

It’s that time of year again! A membership renewal form is enclosed with this issue of the journal. If the label on the envelope in which you receive this journal reads P95, please forward the form along with your remittance as soon as possible.

This year, we received payments for 1995 well into the summer, even though the form was sent with the September 1994 journal. We ask for your cooperation in avoiding this as much as possible, as delays cause much additional work for your officers.

The Return of the R.M.S.P. to Bermuda, 1909-14 and 1922-30

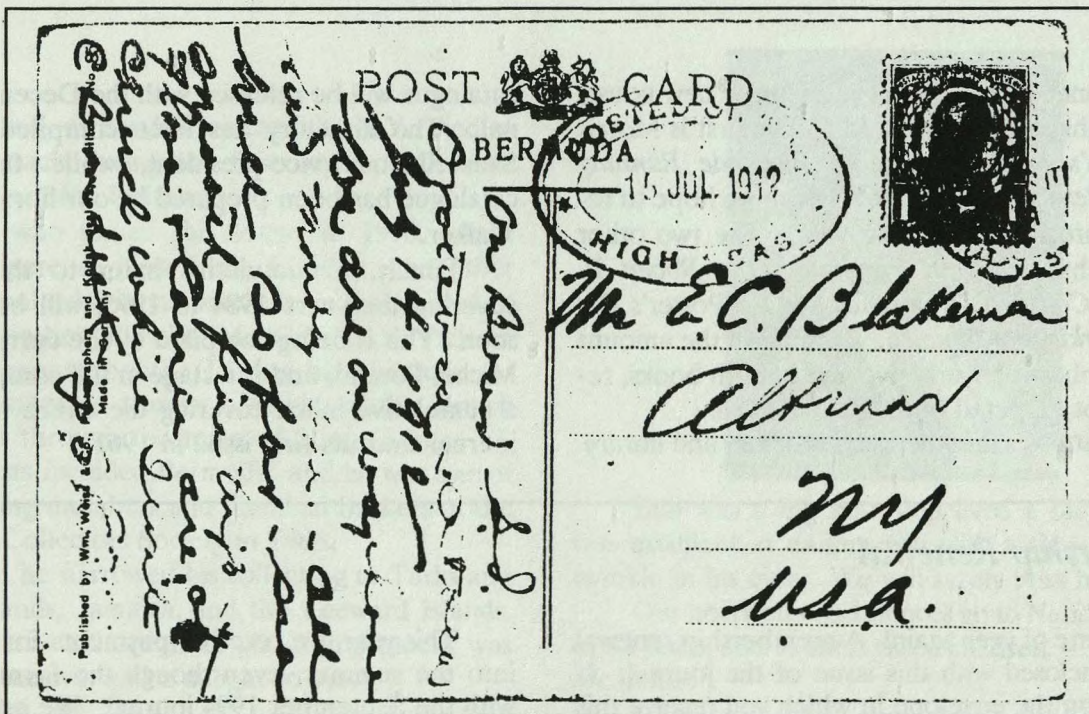
by M. H. LUDINGTON

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. gave up calling at Bermuda in September 1850 and over the next 50 years gradually transferred their main area of operations from the Caribbean to the east coast of South America, due in large part to the reduction in importance of the West Indies and its exports. By about 1905, the company's main routes were between England and Buenos Aires and England and Colón via certain major British West Indian islands, with small steamers serving the other British colonies. To attract American tourists, a branch line was set up between Kingston, Jamaica, and New York. The increase in popularity of Bermuda in the next few years induced the company to start a seasonal service in December 1909 between New York and Bermuda to supplement that of the Quebec Steamship Company, which for 35 years had held a virtual monopoly on this route. The two companies quickly came to an agreement to alternate sailings, allow interchangeable tickets and charge similar fares for similar accommodations.

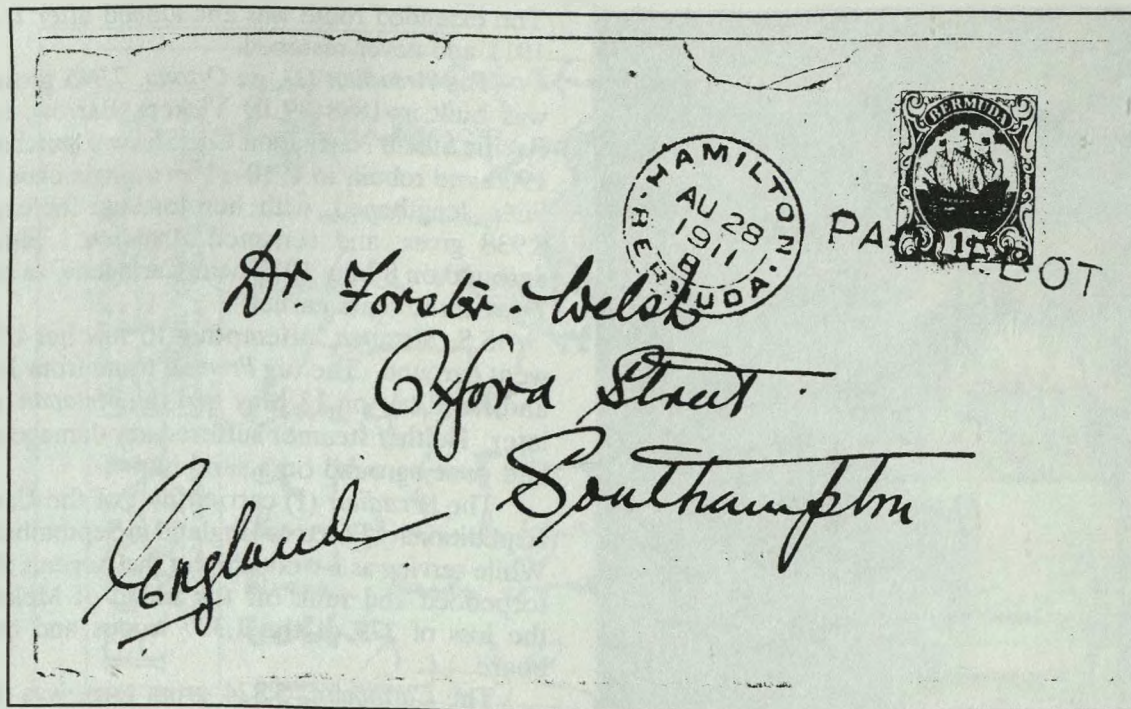
During the season, from approximately Christmas to Easter, the R.M.S.P. steamers sailed weekly, on Saturdays, from New York, while the Quebec's *Bermudian* sailed weekly on Wednesdays. During the rest of the year, the steamers ran every 10 to 14 days, again alternating.

By 1912 more visitors to Bermuda during the season obliged the R.M.S.P. to employ a larger, more luxurious steamer, the recently rebuilt *Arcadian* (I), and in 1913 and 1914 a second weekly steamer was added, sailing from New York on Tuesdays.

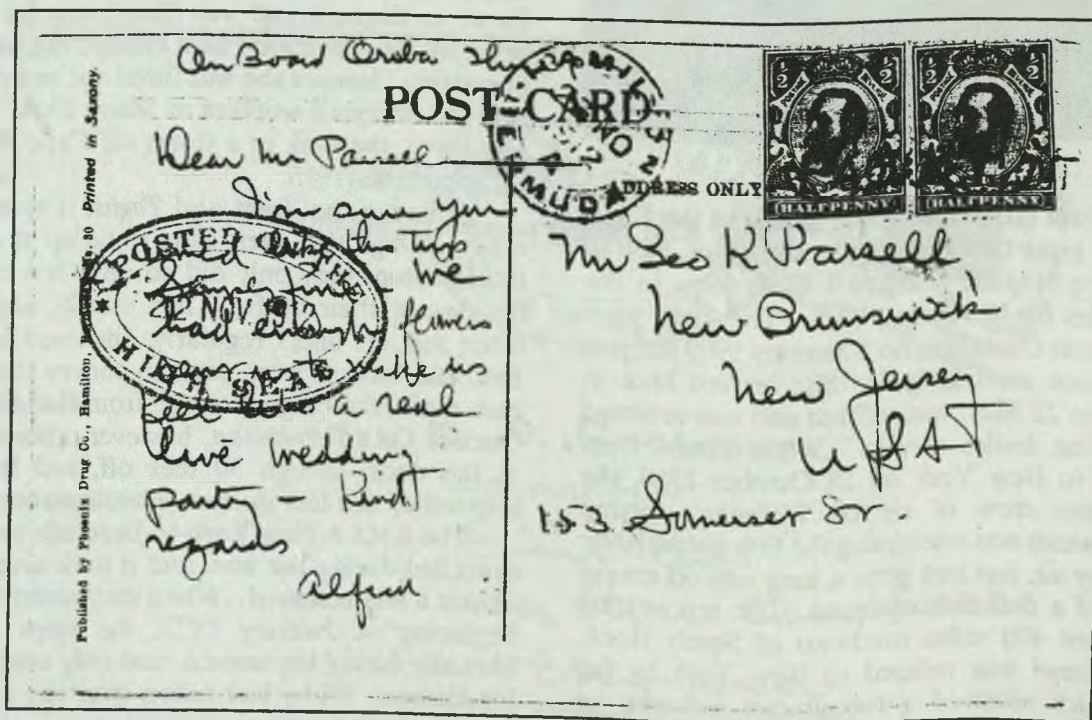
The *Orotava*, 5,857 gross tons, and the *Oruba*, 5,852 gross tons, were sister ships built in 1888-89 at Barrow for the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. and purchased in 1906. Both were on West Indies service by April 1909. The *Orotava* served as an armed merchant cruiser in World War I and was scrapped in 1920. The *Oruba* served as a dummy battleship under the name *Orion* and was scuttled at Lemnos in the Aegean in 1915 to help form a breakwater during the Dardanelles campaign.



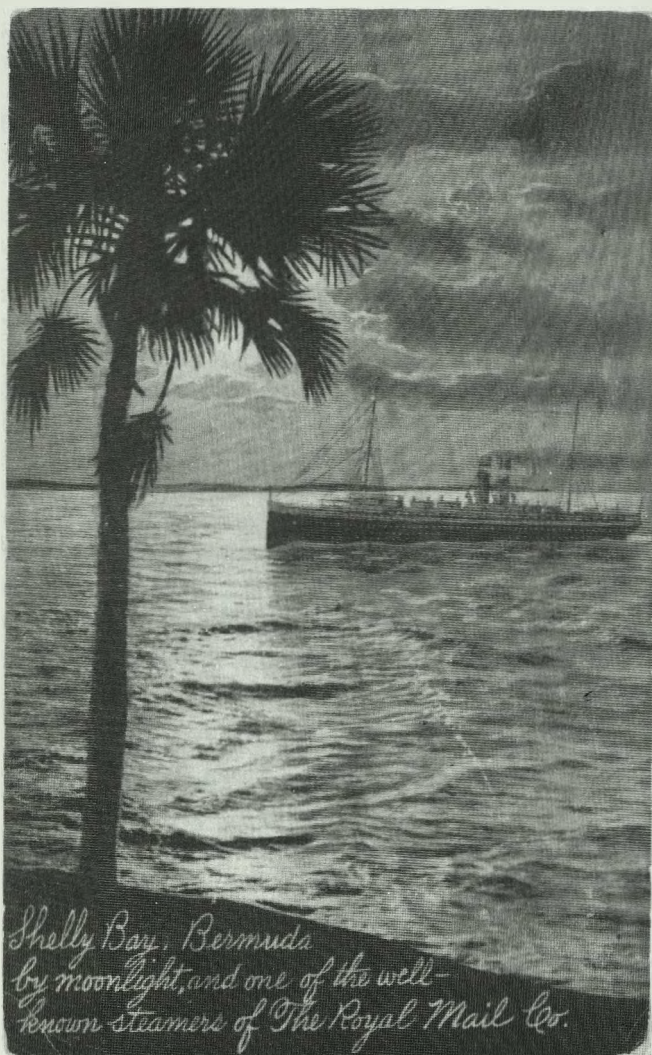
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R.M.S.P. envelope (badge on flap). R.M.S.P. *Tagus* (II) sailed from New York on 26 August 1911. No Ship mark. Bermuda 1d cancelled by the Hamilton PAQUEBOT mark, with type H7 of AU 28 1911. No backstamp.



Rego type 8 of 22 NOV 1912 in violet, used on R.M.S.P. *Oruba*. Great Britain K.G. V 1/2d (pair) cancelled by the Hamilton PAQUEBOT mark, with type H7 of 22 NO 1912.



The *Trent* (III), 5,525 gross tons, and the *Tagus* (II), 5,545 gross tons, were also sister ships, built in 1898–99 by Napier, Glasgow. Both were in the West Indies by November 1905. The *Trent* went aground near Cartagena on 6 January 1909 and was not refloated until 2 April. She arrived back in England on 22 May, was refitted and was returned to the West Indies service. While bound from Bermuda to New York on 18 October 1910, she rescued the crew of six of Wellman's airship *America*, which was attempting the first transatlantic crossing by air, but had gone a long way off course because of a defective compass. The rescue took place about 408 miles southeast of Sandy Hook, and the news was radioed to New York by the *Trent*, which received a tumultuous welcome on arrival.

In January and February 1911, the *Trent* sailed every two weeks from New York, as she went on, experimentally, from Bermuda to Antilla, Cuba.

The extended route was abandoned after 1 March 1911 and never resumed.

The *Arcadian* (I), ex *Ortona*, 7,945 gross tons, was built in 1888–89 by Vickers, Barrow, for the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. She was purchased in 1906 and rebuilt in 1910–11 as a single-class luxury liner, lengthened, with her tonnage increased to 8,938 gross, and renamed *Arcadian*. She went aground on 8 May 1912 near Cartagena, as had the *Trent* three years earlier.

S.S. *Metapan*, attempting to tow her off, also went aground. The tug *Premier* came from Jamaica and freed her on 13 May and the *Metapan* a week later. Neither steamer suffered any damage as they had gone aground on a sand bar.

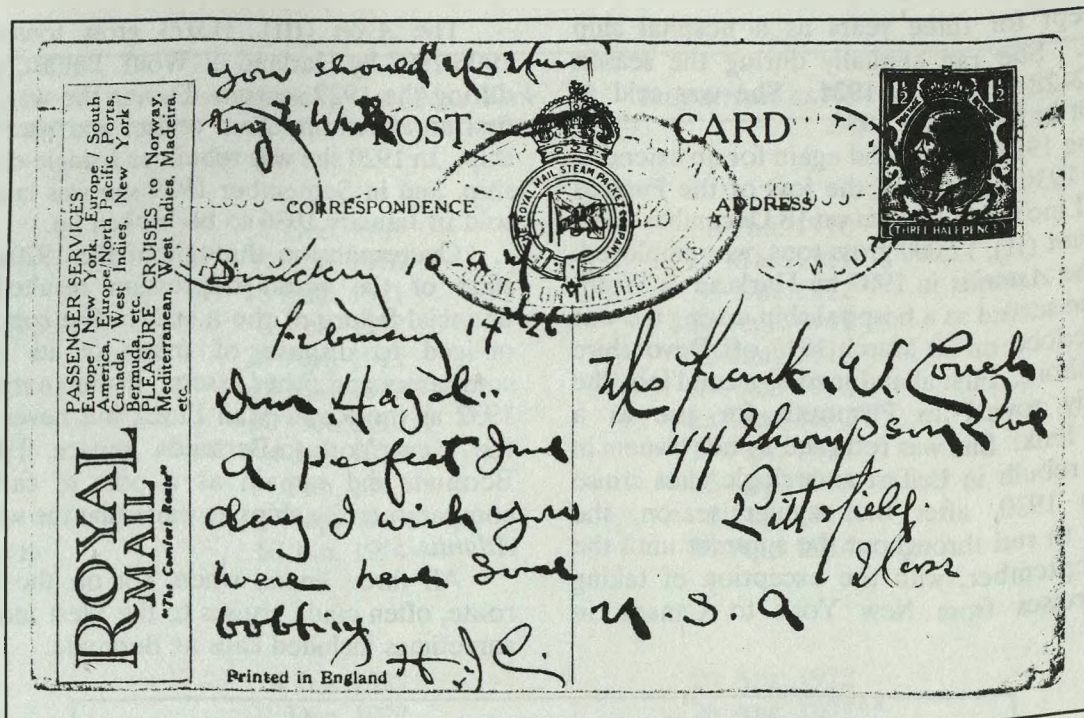
The *Arcadian* (I) carried part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to England in September 1914. While serving as a troopship in the Aegean, she was torpedoed and sunk off the island of Melos, with the loss of 279 of the 1,337 troops and crew on board.

The *Caribbean*, 5,824 gross tons, was built in 1889–90 as the *Dunottar Castle* by Fitirfield, Glasgow, for the Union Castle Line. Purchased by the R.M.S.P. in 1913, she was refitted and renamed and ran for a few days short of a year between New York and Bermuda. In September 1914, she also helped to take some of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to England and was then taken for conversion into an armed merchant cruiser, but was found unsuitable. Instead she was fitted out as a receiving ship for dockyard workers at Scapa Flow. On her way there, she sank in a storm off Cape Wrath on 27 September 1915.

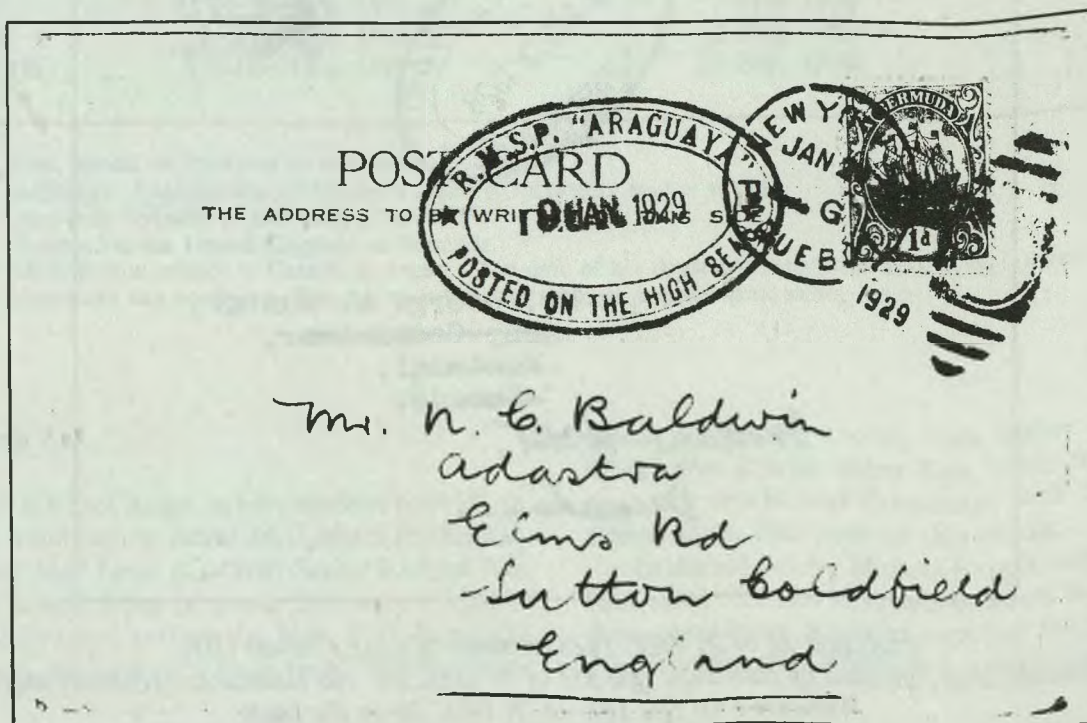
Although the *Trent* and *Tagus*, if arriving and sailing at high tide, were able to tie up at the dock in Hamilton, they only did so on a few occasions because of their draft. They usually, and all the other R.M.S.P. liners regularly, anchored in Grassy Bay, and tenders were used to convey the passengers, mails, and cargoes to and from Hamilton. The Quebec Co.'s *Bermudian*, however, always tied up at the dock, though 30 feet off, and frequently boasted of this fact in their advertisements.

The R.M.S.P. New York-to-Bermuda service was cancelled during the war, and it took several years before it was resumed. When they returned, at the beginning of January 1922, the ships only ran annually during the season, and only once a week, for Furness, Withy had taken over the route with two steamers running weekly.

The liner first employed was the *Araguaya*, 10,537 gross tons, built in 1905–1906 by Workman, Clark, Belfast, which had been on the Buenos Aires



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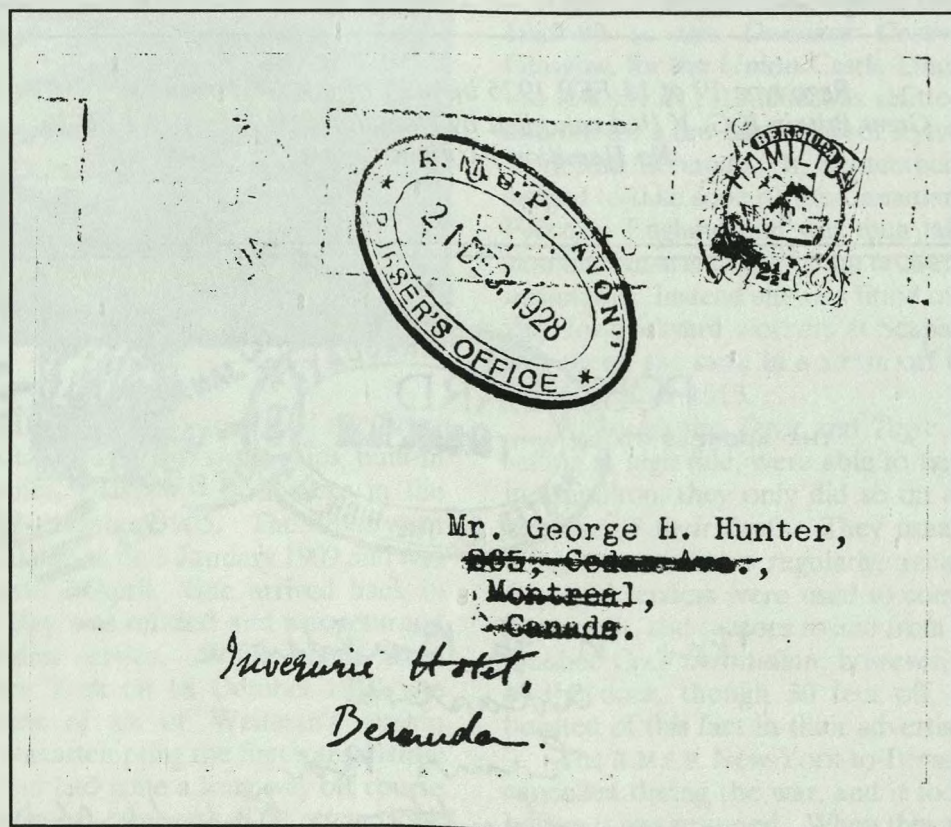
route except for three years as a hospital ship (1917-20). She ran annually during the season from 1922-28, except in 1924. She was sold to Yugoslavia in November 1930.

For the 1924 season, and again for an extended period in 1930 because of the loss of the Furness Bermuda Line's *Fort Victoria* on 18 December 1929, the *Arcadian* (II), 12,000 gross tons, was employed. Built as the *Astorias* in 1907 by Harland & Wolff, Belfast, she served as a hospital ship during the war until torpedoed on 20 March 1917 off Devonshire and run ashore. First abandoned as a total loss, she was finally towed to Plymouth for use as a munitions hulk. She was returned to her owners in 1919 and rebuilt in Belfast as a single class cruise ship. In 1930, after the regular season, she continued to run throughout the summer until the end of September, with the exception of taking several cruises from New York to Canada in August.

The *Avon* (III), 11,073 gross tons, built in 1906-1907 by Harland & Wolff, Belfast, was used during the 1929 season. During the war, she was first an armed merchant cruiser and later a troopship. In 1920 she was rebuilt as a single class cruise ship, and in September 1929 she was laid up and sold in January 1930 to be broken up.

Overexpansion throughout the 1920s and the start of the world depression resulted in the financial failure of the R.M.S.P. The company was obliged to dispose of many of its subsidiary companies and other assets. It was reorganized in 1932 as the Royal Mail Lines, but never resumed the New York-to-Bermuda service. However, Bermuda did remain as a port of call for the company's cruise ships, in particular the well-known *Atlantis*.

All three liners, when not on the Bermuda route, often made cruises to the West Indies which sometimes included calls at Bermuda.



Rego type 29 of 21 DEC 1928 in black of R.M.S.P. Avon (III).

Bermuda 2½d cancelled by Hamilton type M3 of 24 DEC 28. No Hamilton PAQUEBOT mark.

Warwick East type H9b of 24 DEC 28 on the back.

The liner's schedule on this trip was as follows: sailed from New York 20 December, at Hamilton 22 to 24 December, arrived New York 26 December.

The letter must have been re-addressed on board by the sender (the addressee?). Probably philatelic.

Schedules

Steamer	First departure from New York	Last arrival at New York
1909-14		
<i>Orotava</i>	15 Dec. 1909	6 Jun. 1910
<i>Trent</i> (III)	11 Jun. 1910	15 Mar. 1911
<i>Tagus</i> (II)	18 Mar. 1911	31 Jan. 1912
<i>Arcadian</i> (I)	3 Feb. 1912	25 Apr. 1912
<i>Oruba</i>	27 Apr. 1912	23 May 1912
<i>Orotava</i>	25 May 1912	17 Oct. 1912
<i>Oruba</i>	30 Oct. 1912	23 Dec. 1912
<i>Arcadian</i> (I)	4 Jan. 1913	17 Apr. 1913
<i>Orotava</i> *	14 Feb. 1913	15 Sep. 1913
<i>Caribbean</i>	17 Sep. 1913	3 Sep. 1914
<i>Arcadian</i> (I)	10 Jan. 1914	30 Apr. 1914
1922-30		
<i>Araguaya</i>	4 Jan. 1922	20 Apr. 1922
<i>Araguaya</i>	21 Dec. 1922	26 Apr. 1923**
<i>Arcadian</i> (II)	22 Dec. 1923	24 Apr. 1924
<i>Araguaya</i>	29 Nov. 1924	1 May 1925***
<i>Araguaya</i>	2 Dec. 1925	22 Apr. 1926***
<i>Araguaya</i>	11 Dec. 1926	30 Apr. 1927***
<i>Avon</i> (III)	25 Jan. 1927	9 May 1927***
<i>Araguaya</i>	15 Dec. 1927	1 May 1928***
<i>Avon</i> (III)	13 Dec. 1928	2 May 1929*,*
<i>Arcadian</i> (II)	27 Dec. 1929	26 Sep. 1930

I, II, III First, second, or third ship of that name.

* Refitting in England delayed *Orotava*'s return to service for several weeks.

** Also three "cruises" to Bermuda in May 1923.

*** Returned to the United Kingdom via Bermuda.

, Made several cruises to Canada in August. The date of her departure from New York to the United Kingdom in September was not found. She may have left without mails or passengers, sailing direct.

Ship Marks List

Although Michael Rego, in his excellent booklet on the *Ship Marks of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. and Royal Mail Lines* (Cockrill Series Booklet No. 49), lists several types of marks that were available on the ships employed on the New York-Bermuda route, not all have yet been seen. In fact, quite

a few covers are known, both before and after World War I, with either New York or Bermuda paquebot marks and datestamps with the correct arrival dates, that have no ship marks.

In the list below, Michael Rego's numbers have been used. Entries in square brackets indicate that these types have not been seen but may exist. No ship mark for the *Caribbean* has yet been recorded.

Record of Ship Marks

Ship	Rego type no.	Dates recorded	Color
<i>Orotava</i>	8	1912	violet
	no ship mark	1912-13	-
<i>Trent</i> (III)	[5/2	1913	violet]
	[7	1908	violet]
	7/1	1911-13	violet
<i>Tagus</i> (II)	[7	1908-09	violet]
	no ship mark	1911	-
<i>Arcadian</i> (I)	[8/3	1912	black]
<i>Oruba</i>	[7	1910	violet]
	8	1911-12	violet
	no ship mark	1912	-
<i>Caribbean</i>	-	-	-
<i>Araguaya</i>	18	1925-29	violet
	19	1926-29	violet
	no ship mark	1927	-
<i>Arcadian</i> (II)	[19	1930	purple]
<i>Avon</i> (III)	17	1920-28	violet, purple
	[21	1928	purple]
	39	1928	violet, black
	no ship mark	1929	-

POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Type 5/2



Type 7



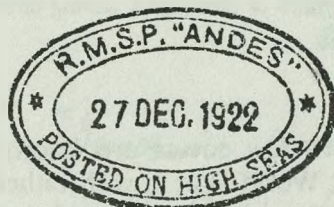
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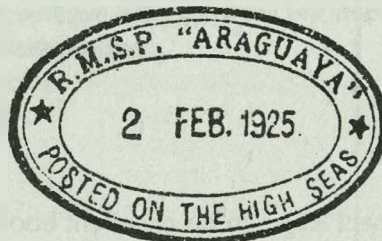
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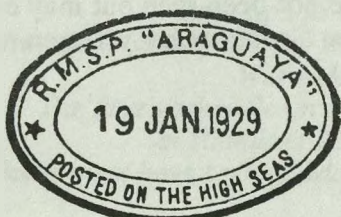
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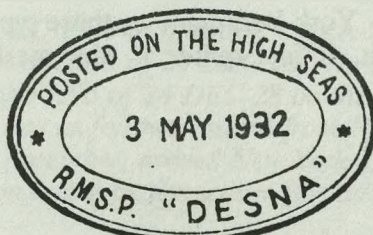
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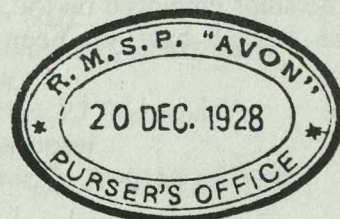
Type 18



Type 19



Type 21



Type 39

Caribbean Round-up

by JOHN F. BETHELL

The following is a mixture of old and new – items that were passed on to me when I became Caribbean Round-up Editor and others that have been reported to (or by) Michel Forand in more recent times.

Bermuda: A New Forwarding-Agent Mark and a New Forgery

Michel Forand contributed two items for Bermuda. The first is a previously unrecorded forwarding agent mark, reading

FORWARDED/ BY/ N.S. WALKER/ ST. GEORGES.BERMUDA'

on a Blockade runner cover to Charlotte, N.C., via Wilmington ('DEC 9', year undetermined).



The second item is a forgery of Scott 10/SG 14, the 1874 3d/1s provisional, with a wing margin, that could easily fool the non-expert were it not for the fact that the surcharge runs from top left to bottom right, instead of from bottom left to top right, as in the issued stamp.

Dominica

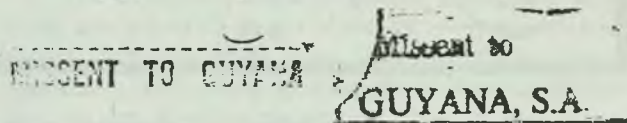
Ben Ramkissoon sent an illustration of a cover from Roseau to Portsmouth, dated AU 30 02, with a TOO LATE handstamp. He noted that the local postal rate at the time was 1d/½ oz. The Too Late fee would have called for an additional 2d postage to be paid, but that added charge does not appear on the cover. Ben speculated that either the cover was philatelic, with the TOO LATE applied by favor, or else the 2d was indeed collected but there was no time to apply the stamp or stamps because the mail packet was leaving.

Chuck Cwiakala sent in an example of a pictorial cachet, referring to "Reunion 88," applied in purple at the Roseau GPO to all outgoing mails in early 1988, while Peter Bylen sent in another cachet (circular) on the same theme. This one is in blue. [Ed.: These Dominica items are shown on page 72.]

Guyana: Missent Marks

Paul Raynor reports two straightline 'MISSENT TO GUYANA' marks, both in violet. The first is from mid-1987, while the second is known from April-June 1990. A third mark, boxed and inscribed 'Missent to/ GUYANA, S.A.', is in black and dates from January 1995.

MISSENT TO GUYANA



Trinidad & Tobago

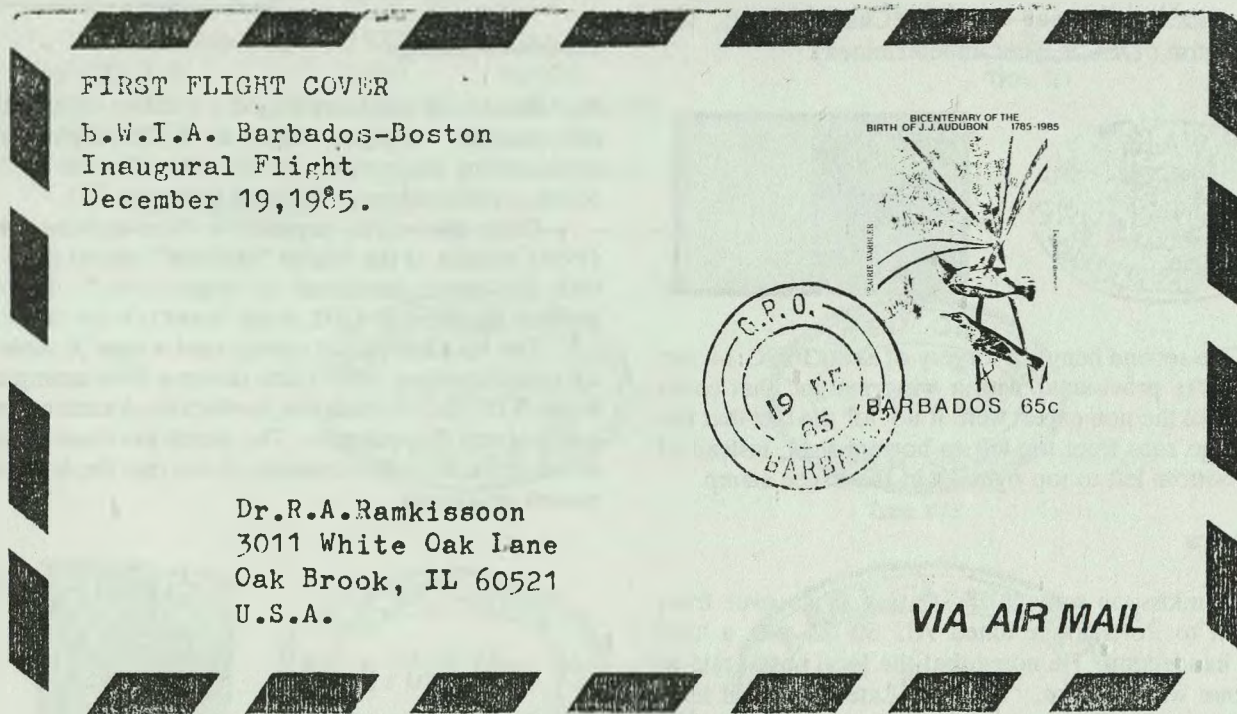
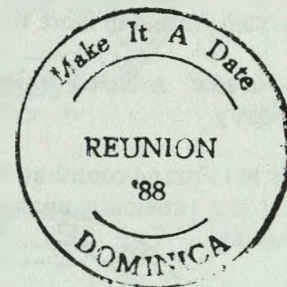
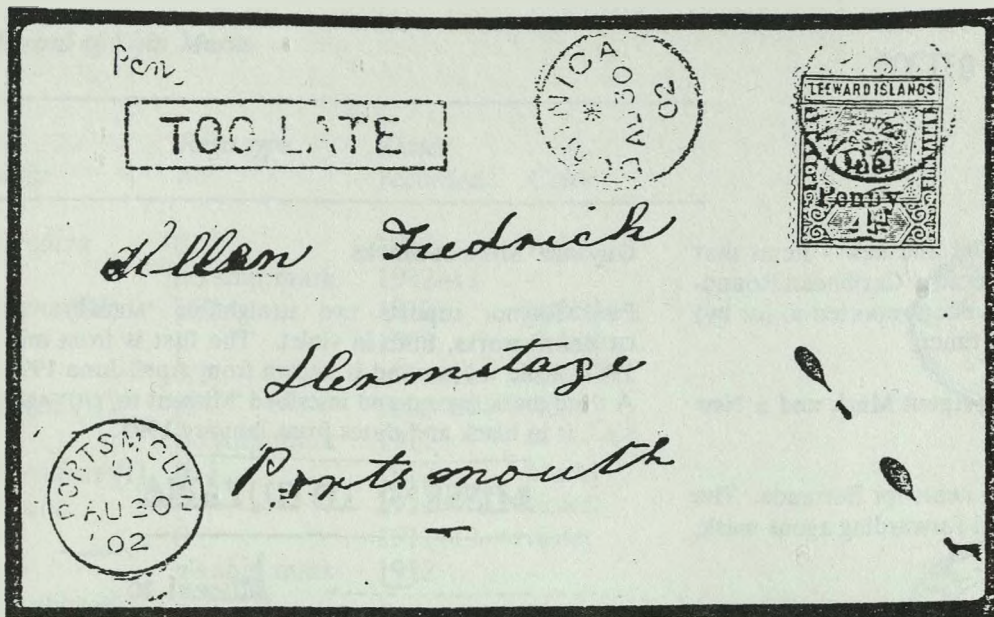
Ben Ramkissoon has contributed a number of items for this country. Among them is a first-flight cover commemorating direct BWIA service from Boston to Barbados, continuing on to Trinidad (see page 72).

Other discoveries reported by Ben include a new (1993) version of the Piarco "skeleton" cancel (type X) with the name shortened to 'PIARCO P.O.' The old version, recorded in 1992, reads 'PIARCO POST OFFICE'.

The Malabar postal agency used a type X skeleton c.d.s. in December 1987. Also shown a 1994 example of a type VII c.d.s. for Malabar, in which the location names are reversed (but normal). The month has been omitted in this example: other evidence shows that the letter was posted on 31 July.



Please let your fellow BCPSG members know what is happening now in the country or countries that are of interest to you. Information on recent discoveries and events can be sent to me at the following address – P.O. Box N-4874, Nassau, Bahamas – and I will make every effort to deal with it in a timely manner. [Ed.: I apologize to John and to those who reported the items above for not including them in an earlier edition.]



Bermuda: The Shaw Stamp Collection on the Block

The collection of Bermuda postage stamps formed by Reid L. Shaw, a BCPSG member, will be offered for sale at public auction by Victoria Stamp Company in New York City on November 13 and 14. Included in the sale will be three major reference collections, all ex-Ulrich: the MCA and MSCA Caravels, including die, shade, perfor-

ation and paper varieties, as well as the Georgian Pictorials of 1936-41, consisting of 125 different stamps arranged by printing.

The Queen Victoria section will feature a number of blocks and multiples, as well as watermark varieties (including a fine used 1s yellow-brown with inverted watermark, believed to be unique) and a large piece franked by SG 1, SG 6 and a pair of SG 14, the 1874 provisional. A f.u. copy of the 3d/1d surcharge of 1874, SG 12 (with a Brandon certificate), is also part of this group.



The King George V grouping comprises a large offering of keyplates, mint and used, including scarce printings (SG 89d and SG F1, among others) and flaws, as well as the 2s with reversed watermark and the £1 with inverted watermark. The Tercentenary issue is highlighted by two SG 74 (½d) rarities: a v.f.m. example with inverted watermark and a f.u. copy with reversed watermark.

In the King George VI section will be nearly 100 blocks, both mint and used, from various printings, including the 2s6d and 10s line perf., and the "lemon yellow" (ex-Tucker). Flaws will be well represented, with the "blank scroll" flaw on the 2s and £1 stamp, and a number of examples of flaws nos. 59 and 60.

Some Queen Elizabeth II material will also be offered in the sale, including a block and a gutter strip of the 1986 90¢ surcharge errors.

The sale will take place at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York. Catalogues may be requested from Victoria Stamp Company, P.O. Box 745, Ridgewood, NJ 07451; tel. (201) 652-7283; fax (201) 612-0024.

Book Review

Bermuda Mails to 1865: An Inventory of the Postal Markings, by M. Forand and C. Freeland.

As someone who has compiled from the contemporary Halifax and Bermuda newspapers the sailing dates of the Cunard steamer sailings from 1840 until the service to Halifax was discontinued, the Halifax and Bermuda dates of the Falmouth packets and the Cunard mailboats throughout their operations, and the Cunard mailboat services from Halifax to Boston and Bermuda until steam replaced them, I can appreciate the amount of effort that was expended in compiling this inventory.

While the task in my research was essentially one of methodically working through the Shipping Intelligence

columns of each issue of the newspapers of the period, apart from going through a small amount of collateral material, Michel and Charles had the more difficult one of seeking help from collectors, dealers, and anyone else who might have early Bermuda covers or illustrations of same; these are acknowledged in the Preface. In parallel, they searched the various types of printed media for additional entries, and the Bibliography reflects the extent of this effort.

The 24-page Introduction reviews the local and overseas Bermudian Mails, describing the various services for the latter. Also covered are relevant postal rates and usages of the handstamps – datestamps, 'PAID' stamps, 'SHIP LETTER' stamps, forwarding agent marks, and other miscellaneous ones – with illustrations. This is an excellent quick reference to the subject.

The Inventory, which forms the major part of the book, consists of 75 pages of lists of every known cover with a Bermuda mark from 1820 to 1865 by type of handstamp, with pertinent information about each one – date, quality of strike, routing, etc.

The 14-page Appendix contains the arrival and departure dates at Bermuda of the 1827 Bermuda-Annapolis Cunard mailboats, which provided the link with the United States during the nine months between the cancellation of the Falmouth packet service to New York and its replacement with a Halifax-Boston mailboat service, using the same Cunard mailboats. It also provides similar dates for the 1842–50 Royal Mail Steam Packet Service between the United Kingdom and the West Indies, via Bermuda, and those of the 1850–54 Cunard mail steamers on the New York-Bermuda-St Thomas service. While some of us have some or all of these dates on file, to my knowledge this is the first time they have appeared in print together. It is unfortunate that the complete dates for these sailings were not included, but in some cases they are still waiting for some dedicated researcher to dig them out.

The volume concludes with a four-page Bibliography of the books, journal articles, and auction catalogues examined.

Bermuda Mails to 1865 is a definitive reference to Bermuda's early postal history, which augments previous publications touching on the same subject. The illustrations are particularly useful, for examples of the handstamps and datestamps on cover are included with the lists of known covers. This book is certainly a must for the Bermuda specialist collector, but it has enough general information to interest others. – *Jack Arnell*

Please don't forget to mail in your membership renewal form (along with your remittance) and your ballot for the Trustee election!

Secretary's Report

by PETER KAULBACK

New Members

The four applicants listed in the June 1995 issue of the journal have been admitted to membership in the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

New Applicants

ANSTEAD, Christopher: RR 1, McDonalds Corner, Ont., Canada K0G 1M0; sponsored by Peter Kaulback; collects the Victorian issues of St Vincent and the Britannia issues of Barbados, Trinidad, and Mauritius.

COSENTINO, Anthony R.: 43 Lakeview Ave., West Long Branch, NJ 07764, USA; sponsored by Tom Bansak; collects Leeward Islands, Bermuda, Cayman Islands.

FUSSELL, Jeff M.: Box 24015, New Orleans, LA 70184, USA; sponsored by Tom Girdaldi; collects the British Commonwealth, especially the British West Indies.

GOLDBERG, Michael: 65 Newcastle Road, Rochester, NY 14601, USA; sponsored by Tom Girdaldi; collects Trinidad & Tobago, Belize (British Honduras).

HORRY, David S.: 60 Tournay Road, London, SW6 7UF, U.K.; sponsored by Bob Swarbrick; collects postmarks of the Caribbean, 1935-62, on recess-printed definitives only, especially Trinidad & Tobago.

PITTS, David R.: 7946 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806, USA; sponsored by Peter Kaulback; collects British Commonwealth used to 1966, especially Bermuda and British Virgin Islands.

RUSSELL, John W. M.: Box 7, Fonthill, Ont., Canada L0S 1E0; sponsored by Michel Forand; col-

lects Leeward Islands, King George VI, also topicals (professors, science and technology).
SABOURIN, Marcel: P.O. Box 23552, 360 L'Heureux, Belœil, Qué., Canada J3G 6M2; sponsored by Peter Kaulback; collects "everything!"

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Marston, Ed: 2900 South Tower, Pennzoil Place, Houston, TX 77002.

Sawicki, John: Maison d'Esprit, 57 rue de la Louvière, 59800 Lille, France.

Sismondo, Sergio: 10035 Carousel Center Drive, Syracuse, NY 13290-0001.

Swarbrick, Bob: "High Meadow," Church Lane, Grimston, Melton Mowbray, LE14 3BY, U.K.

Troy, Carl: 1105 N. Rockingham St., Arlington, VA 22205-1743.

Tweddell, Edward: 258 Silver Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-9321.

Reinstated

Fraser, Colin.

Hamilton, Michael.

Deceased

Robert Rand.

Held Wanted

The last several journals sent to Mark Fromer, a life member whose address has been variously given as East 4th Street and East 16th Street, Brooklyn, NY, have been returned to us as undeliverable. Can anyone help us find his correct address?

Please encourage our dealer members. They encourage us!

Trinidad & Tobago Post Offices

[The following is extracted from an article that appeared in *The Trinidad Guardian* on 19 December 1993. Thanks to Ben Ramkissoon for sending this item.]

46 of 76 post offices in TT need repairs by Yvonne Webb

Of the 76 post offices in Trinidad and Tobago, approximately 46 are in varying stages of disrepair. Some are condemned and recommendations have been made for the erection of new structures. [Public Utilities Minister Morris Marshall noted that] special efforts were being made to address the Couva and Tunapuna post offices, which have been plagued with numerous problems, causing staff to function in an unhealthy environment and under inhuman conditions. The Minister ... also revealed

that the government was exploring a suggestion by the Postmen's Union for the replacement of bicycles with motor scooters.

He also addressed the problems of security at the postal agencies ... He said: 'Security continues to be a perennial problem for the Post Office. I recently had the most unpleasant experience during my visit to the Tacarigua Post Office, when I saw the results of vandalism and banditry which took place there'.

Arising out of this, Marshall said he [asked] for security assistance to increase police patrols at nights, particularly in areas where post offices are deemed most vulnerable to banditry.

In this regard, he spelled out, special focus would be placed on post offices at Woodbrook, Newtown, Laventille, Lower Santa Cruz, Caroni, Carapichaima, Marabella, Oropouche, Palo Seco, Point Fortin and Tacarigua.

Recent Articles on B.W.I. Subjects¹

Compiled by M. FORAND

- Aggersberg, David. "Missing O.H.M.S." [on **Montserrat** SG O39a and O33] *GSM* (January 1994): 74.
- _____. "Hidden **St Lucia**" [overprint error on SG 232]; "British Honduras missing serif" [flaw on the 4c postage due, SG D3a]; "More missing O.H.M.S." [**Montserrat** SG O33a]. *GSM* (June 1994): 80.
- _____. "More on the missing serif" [**British Honduras**, SG D3a, flaw position revealed; also on SG D3]; "Guyana misplaced date" ['1966' misplaced on the Independence issue]. *GSM* (October 1994): 92.
- Arfken, George B. "Halifax packets to the Caribbean." *Maple Leaves* (June 1994): 259-65, 274.
- Borromeo, F. "Brief notes on certain aspects of the postal history of **Trinidad**." *GSM* (March 1994): 29-31.
- Byl, John. "The rural posts of the **Cayman Islands**." *GSM* (November 1994): 62-5.
- Challis, John. "**Turks Islands** to 1900." *GSM* (February 1994): 32-3, 35.
- Freeland, Charles. "Collecting **St Lucia** stamps and postal history." *GSM* (January 1994): 66-8.
- Goldblatt, Simon. "The first issues of the **Virgin Islands**." *Gibbons Stamp Monthly* (July 1994): 29-31.
- Jaffé, Peter, and Geoffrey Kellow. "**Barbados**: the 1d on half 5/- provisional of 1878." *The London Philatelist* (May 1995): 107-17.
- Lockyer, Richard. King George VI varieties, part 31: the 1947 **Barbados** Surchage." *GSM* (February 1994): 53-5.
- Lowe, Robson. "The House of Stamps." *Stamp Magazine* (January 1994): 65-9. [Records high-quality reproductions of rare stamps and covers, including several from **British Guiana** and **Bermuda**, by the House of Stamps, a German company.]
- Nicholson, Michael B. "**British Guiana**: The Diamond Jubilee issue of Queen Victoria." *GSM* (January 1994): 61-3.
- O'Keefe, Donna. "**Bermuda**: missing punctuation." *Linn's Stamp News* (21 June 1993): 37. [On the 1875 1d/2d provisional.]
- Pollard, Dickon. "King George VI: **Bahamas**." *GSN* (November 1993): 54. [Plate varieties]
- _____. "King George VI: **Barbados**." *GSN* (January, February, and March 1994).
- _____. "King George VI: **British Guiana**, **British Honduras**, **Solomons**." *GSN* (June 1994).

¹ *GSM* = *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*; *GSN* = *Global Stamp News*.

Powell, Larry. "Dominica: a collector's gold mine or a philatelic disaster?" *GSN* (December 1993).

_____. "George Washington in Barbados." *GSN* (June 1994).

Redgrave, Willia. "Britain's next-door colony." *GSN* (June 1994). [Deals with the Cayman Islands.]

Seidelman, Norman. "Further corrections, additions and other notes to the British Commonwealth Revenue Catalog." *The American Revenuer* (July-August 1994):

52-4. [Additional updates to the Barefoot & Hall catalogue entries for Barbados, Bermuda, British Guiana, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, and British Virgin Islands, among others.

Shepherd, Tony. "The Red Cross letter seals of Grenada, 1914-1918." *GSM* (May 1994): 58-9.

Smith, John M. "'Los Angeles', Bermuda." *GSM* (June 1994): 32-3.

Exhibits and Awards

Compiled by PAUL A. LARSEN

You may note that there are several award listings below for exhibits at PARFOREX 95. This happens to be my local stamp club's annual exhibit. I have been the exhibits chair (and chief arm-twister) for just about forever! I mention this because I think it is important to encourage exhibitors at every level and in any and all disciplines and interests. We were fortunate in having three very nice Caribbean-area exhibits at PARFOREX. The viewing public needs to see what is out there and how it can be "packaged" for an organized exhibit or display. The local level is the place to get your feet wet and get feedback without the intimidation sometimes experienced at larger shows. Modest-size displays of "mature" exhib-

its shown on a non-competitive basis are also a good way to let people sample your subject and perhaps even spark some interest.

The awards listing is useful for those of us who collect and/or exhibit areas other than the British Caribbean: it helps us to be recognized. One never knows when a shoebox, a "junk" lot or an old collection may surface, with a treasure or two that may interest a friend.

I hope you will note that *BCPJ* Editor Michel Forand has again achieved some substantial awards for the many hours of labor which he contributes for the benefit of our Group and for the good of philately. Congratulations, Michel!

AAPE American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
 APS American Philatelic Society
 PHS Postal History Society
 UPSS United Postal Stationery Society
 USCS U.S. Classics Society

GA = Grand Award
 RG = Reserve Grand Award
 P = platinum; G = gold
 LV = large vermeil; V = vermeil
 S = silver; SB = silver-bronze

AmeriStamp Expo (AMSX) & NOJEX 95, May 27-29, 1995, Secaucus, New Jersey
 COLOPEX 95, April 7-9, 1995, Columbus, Ohio
 FINLANDIA 95, May 10-15, 1995, Helsinki, Finland
 March Party 95, March 24-26, 1995, Cleveland, Ohio
 PARFOREX 95, April 1-2, 1995, Park Forest, Illinois
 Plymouth Show 95, April 29-30, 1995, Plymouth, Michigan

ROPEX 95, April 7-9, 1995, Rochester, New York
 Sarasota National 95, February 3-5, 1995, Sarasota, Florida
 STAMPSHOW 95, August 24-27, 1995, St Louis, Missouri
 Third National Philatelic Literature Exhibition (TNPLE), May 6-7, Ottawa, Canada
 WESTPEX 95, April 21-23, 1995, San Francisco, California

Arnould, H.L.

* Danish West Indies Postal History: Foreign Mails Before 1880 — NOJEX: GA, G, PHS medal, APS pre-1900 medal; ROPEX: G; STAMPSHOW: World Series of Philately, Champion of Champions award

Bowman, George

* The Rowe Aero-Achievements, from WIAE to Pan Am, 1927-1931 — Plymouth Show: S, AAPE award
 * To Paramaribo with Lindbergh — AMSX: S

Fabian, George

* Ireland, 1922-37 — PARFOREX: G

Fernando, Quintus

* The Classic Issues of Nicaragua, 1862-1899 — Sarasota National: GA, G

Forand, Michel (ed.)

* *The Congress Book 1994* — TNPLE: G; STAMPSHOW: G
 * *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal* — TNPLE: V; STAMPSHOW: V

Forand, Michel, and Charles Freeland

* *Bermuda Mails to 1865* — STAMPSHOW: V

Fuller, Darryl

* Leeward Islands Postal Stationery — FINLANDIA: LV

Ireson, Ray

- * The Panama Canal Story — Sarasota National: G
- * Search for El Dorado — AMSX: SB

Larsen, Paul

- * Federal Postal Stationery of the Leeward Islands — March Party: G, UPSS award
- * Leeward Islands Judicial FEES Revenue Stamps (one-frame exhibit) — Plymouth Show: G; AMSX: P
- * Ubangi-Shari, 1915–1933 — PARFOREX: G

McCann, Peter

- * British Virgin Islands Postal History — WESTPEX: G, PHS medal

Ramkisson, Ben

- * War Tax Issues of Trinidad and Tobago — PARFOREX, G

Schnell, Roger

- * Guadelupe Hidalgo to the Golden Spike: The Story of the U.S. Transcontinental Mail, 1849–1869 — Plymouth Show: RG, G, APS pre-1900 medal, USCS award

Schumann, Steve

- * Labuan Postal Cards — AMSX: V

Triggle, Ann

- * Ichthyology: A Treatise on Fishes — COLOPEX: G, ATA silver medal

- * Muscat: A Postal History — March Party: G

Walker, Dan

- * Grenada 1752–1911 — March Party: GA, G, Best Foreign Exhibit

Waterous, Ed

- * Bahamas, 1859–1966 — PARFOREX, G

Congratulations to all!

New Issues

Compiled by CLIFF ABRAM

This year being the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we have been deluged with stamp issues and souvenir sheets commemorating this event. A number of Commonwealth Caribbean countries have taken part in this philatelic celebration, having provided a number of their citizens to the Allies during the war. Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada and Grenadines, Guyana, Nevis, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent, and Turks and Caicos Islands are among those which issued commemorative stamps on this occasion. Quite an impressive lists! Some other issues of note:

Antigua and Barbuda. Dogs of the World. Here is an issue that is sure to please, consisting of two sheetlets of 12 stamps each – one for large breeds and the other for smaller ones. Each stamp has a face value of 75¢. Also included in this issue are two \$6 souvenir sheets, one depicting the Welsh corgi and the other, the Labrador retriever. Listing all the other dogs would be like copying a kennel club listing. I'll tell you this: I did not see a Mexican "hairless" variety.



Bermuda. Cultural Heritage, part II. Bermuda has a rich, diverse, and colourful popular culture, elements of which are depicted on a stamp issue released this year: 25¢, kite flying; 60¢, majorettes; 75¢, Portuguese folk dancing; \$2, Bermuda Day parade.

Montserrat. Flowers of the Sea. A set of four sets depicts the following "sea flowers": \$1, sea fan (*Gorgonia* species); \$1.15, sea lily (*Neocrinus Decorus*); \$1.50, sea pen (*Leioptilus Elegans*); and \$3.45, sea fern (*Pennatula Phosphorea*). A souvenir sheet valued at \$4.50 shows a sea rose (*Anemone Tealia*).

Nevis. Dogs of the World. More canines! This issue comprises a sheetlet of nine 80¢ stamps featuring the Irish setter, the Brittany spaniel, the Weimaraner, the Gordonsetter, the American and English cocker spaniels, as well as the golden, Labrador, and flat-coated retrievers. Four single stamps showed additional examples of the species: 25¢, pointer; 50¢, old Danish pointer; \$1, German short-haired pointer; and \$2, English setter.

Nevis. Cacti. Six stamps and two souvenir sheets depicting the thorny ones with tongue-twisting names: 40¢, *Schuhonbergera Truncata*; 50¢, *Echinocereus Pectinatus*; 80¢, *Mammillaria Zelmanianna Alba*; \$1.60, *Lobelia Hertrichiana*; \$2, *Hamotocactus Setispinus*; \$3, *Astrophytum Myriostigma*. The souvenir sheets, both valued at \$6, show *Opuntia Robusta* and *Rhipsalidopsis Gaertneru*.

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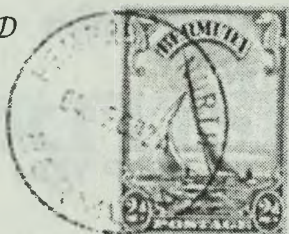
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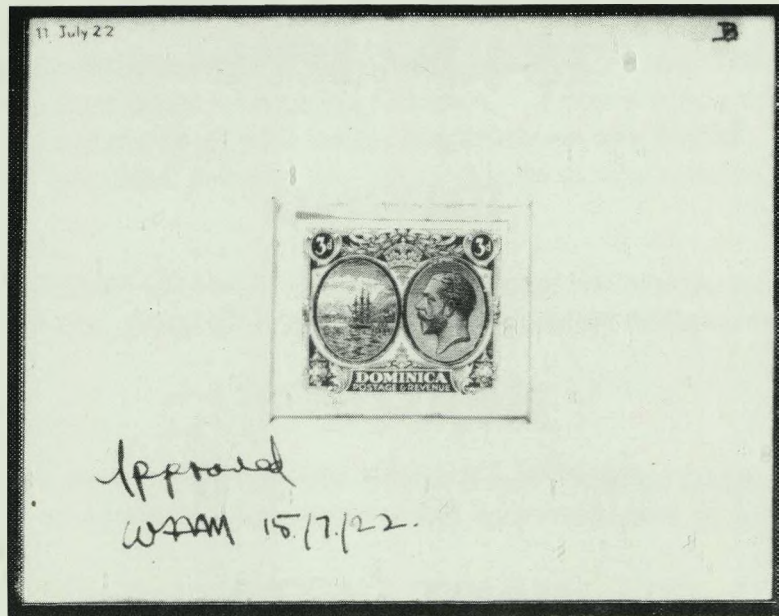


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