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Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow...

by David L. Herendeen

As noted in the last issue, a large part of this edition has been devoted to reports of the enlarged Annual General Meeting held at the Stamp Show 2000, held in London in May. Included are: the winners of the BCPSG awards including the *Cameron Award*, the *Durnin Award*, and the newly established *Cooley Award*; Exhibit awards and descriptions of the exhibits of BCPJ members, many of which focused on the Caribbean area; reports on the Annual General Meeting and the festivities, including photo coverage of attendees;

and the joint Auction Report which proved a very successful endeavor. This has resulted in a small number of research articles. This is only partially due to the London show coverage. It is also the result of simply too few contributions. More comments are found later in this editorial.

It Has Been a Joy

As many readers may know, my recent life change — unexpected retirement — has resulted in a significant amount of turmoil. I asked if someone else might step forward to assume the duties of your Editor. The BCPSG is extremely fortunate to have an eminently qualified volunteer step forward — *Everett Parker* of Maine (See article on Page 73). I feel that Mr. Parker has the complete skill set to carry on with the Journal, and to maintain, and hopefully improve, its quality over time.

It is indeed with sweet sorrow that my tenure ends. While I needed relief from the time required to produce the Journal each quarter, I have thoroughly enjoyed the job, especially working with — and hopefully helping — contributors with their articles. It is gratifying to start with a blank sheet of paper and then watch each issue develop.

I would like to thank all of those members that have contributed over the past two and three-quarters years. Special thanks to frequent contributors *Ed Barrow*, *Peter Elias*, *Charles Freeland*, *Ben Ramkissoon*, *Tim Tweddell*, *Ron Wike*, and *Rob Wynstra*. Also thanks to our international contributors *Michael Hamilton*, *Joseph Mahfood*, *Ian Matheson*, *Giorgio Migliavacca*, *Dingle Smith*, and *Jo Warner*. With the advent of the Internet, such contributions have been greatly facilitated.

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Finally a special word of thanks to those who overcame their innate fear of publishing an article for the first time. These include *Joe Mahfood* and *Rene Manes*. I hope that by working together each of them is now ready to make more contributions to the Journal. Please accept my apologies for omitting anyone, but I do not have space to thank everyone appropriately.

We Need More than 10%!

Yes, the broken record continues — your Journal needs your help with contributions of research articles. This is especially important with a new Editor coming online. After all, eventually Rob Wynstra will run out of villages, and Tim Tweddell will finish all of the colonies. And then what??

I know there are many senior members of the BCPSG out there who have much to contribute. After all, as we see in this issue, many of them are very important and successful international exhibitors. This means that they impress juries with their knowledge every time they show. Please support your group and step forward in the same spirit that Mr. Parker has.

Photos

In addition to the cover photo, other photos shown have been provided through the kindness of *Marge Doran*, *Ed Waterous*, *Chris Anstead*, *Dan Walker*, and Dave Herendeen.

The Last Word

I would like to close by again thanking the board and the membership for all of their help in making the BCPSG journal the fine publication that it is. It has been truly rewarding working with so many devoted collectors and scholars of British Caribbean philately.

President's Message

By Rob Wynstra

Iwould like to personally welcome *Everett* Parker as the new editor of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal, starting with the December 2000 issue. As most of you would agree, the Journal serves as the lifeblood of the group, and I am pleased to have it turned over to such capable hands. Having someone with his credentials at the helm insures that we will continue to

produce the type of high-quality publication that the membership deserves. The most gratifying part is that *Everett* stepped forward as an unsolicited volunteer after learning about our search for replacement editor in the last issue of the journal.

I would also like thank *Dave Herendeen* for his service in what is undoubtedly the most demanding position in the group. Like his successor, *Dave* stepped forward as a volunteer in a time of need. Without missing a beat, he jumped right into the job with the skill and commitment that has made him a joy to work with. While maintaining a busy work schedule, *Dave* continued to introduce innovations in the use of computers and set an unmatched standard for quality. During his tenure, the Journal has been receiving Vermeil awards at the national level and has garnered a Large Silver award at the international level. We can truly boast that no other group of our size can match the quality of our Journal.

Finding a qualified new editor, however, represents only the first step in insuring the future of the Journal. The next step involves every member of the group. Once again, we face a desperate shortage of articles. Without articles, even the best editor faces a nearly insurmountable problem. I would ask each of you to consider how you can contribute to filling that void. Articles of every length and topic are needed.

One simple way of helping is by contributing a short article on a single interesting stamp or cover. Such short pieces often spark lively comments from other members of the group, which enriches everyone involved. Articles are especially needed on some of the modern topics that are of interest to many of our newer members. If you have not seen an article on a topic of interest to you, consider writing one yourself.

Books reviews provide another way for members to add to the pages of the Journal. Those who are working on a monograph might also consider submitting a section as an article in the Journal. This not only helps the Journal but serves as a way to promote the future full-length monograph or book. By sharing your knowledge, each of you can contribute directly to the success of the entire group. Even those with no inclination toward writing will find that a good editor can make the process quite pleasant.

Please read about our new editor on Page 73, and see the important notice on Page 95. The best greeting you can give our new would be by letting him know that you have an article for publication in the next journal!

New Editor Appointed

Everett L. Parker of Greenville, Maine has been named Editor of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal. He replaces *Dave Herendeen*, who after recently retiring, has been forced to move on to a new phase of life. Mr. Parker's new duties will begin with the December 2000 issue.

Parker brings a lengthy philatelic resume to his new duties. This is the fifth philatelic journal he edits. He and his wife, Janet, also own a publishing and printing business which specializes in printing and distributing specialty journals (including philatelic journals). He is currently president of both the St. Helena, Ascension & Tristan da Cunha Philatelic Society and the Maine Philatelic Society. He also is an officer in several other philatelic societies.

A philatelist for more than 40 years, Parker's interests include Pitcairn Islands, St. Pierre & Miquelon, Canada and Newfoundland. His Caribbean interests are Cayman Islands and Bermuda. He is a prolific author, having written several books (one philatelic) and also writes the philatelic literature and philatelic journals columns for the monthly "Global Stamp News" and weekly "Mekeel's and Stamps" philatelic literature column.

Parker is a minister in the United Church of Christ and serves as pastor of the Moose River Congregational Church right on the Canadian border, and is Executive Director of the Moosehead Historical Society, a medium-sized museum in the North Woods of Maine (www.mooseheadhistory.org). He serves as Chair of a local library Board of Trustees and serves on numerous town boards.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Master of Science in Public Administration, Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and is currently completing the Ph.D. degree in Theology at Trinity Theological Seminary. Everett may be contacted at:

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Exhibits and Awards

by Paul Larsen

Show awards for our members are presented below. See the special sections for the results of The Stamp Show 2000.

Postage Stamp Mega Event 2000

April 6-9

New York, New York

H. L. Arnould: The Transition from Collecting Postage from Addressees to Payment by Sender, Vermeil.

C. and P. Fraser: British Central Africa 1891-1907, Grand Award, Gold.

C. and P. Fraser: Commemoration and Postal Markings for Selected Overseas Travels of the British Royal Family, Vermeil.

R. Ramkissoon: The Numeral Cancels of Trinidad 1851-1891 (one frame), Grand Award, Platinum.

Plymouth Show 2000

April 29-30

Plymouth, Michigan

G. Migliavacca: Italian Prisoners of War in the USA During World War II, Vermeil.

OKPEX 2000

May 5-7

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

G. Migliavacca: The Stamps of Somalia and Their Stories (Lit.), Vermeil.

ROMPEX 2000

May 19-21

Denver, Colorado

P. Larsen: Ubangi-Shari-Chad 1900-1938, Gold.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ON
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Preliminary Details Set For Annual Meeting in Dallas

Initial plans are in place for the next annual meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the Texas Philatelic Exhibition (TEXPEX) in Dallas, Texas during 6-8 April 2001. The exhibition will take place at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. This upscale venue is located northwest of Interstate 635 and Midway. Room reservations are available at a special TEXPEX rate of about \$80 for a single or double room by calling the hotel directly at (972)385-9000 or through national reservations at (800)228-9290.

The TEXPEX show is sponsored by the Texas Philatelic Association and is fully qualified as an APS World Series of Philately show. Two members of the BCPSG with expertise in British Caribbean philately will be included on the jury panel. Other major groups holding their meetings at the same time in Dallas are the Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania, the Tonga and Tin Can Mail Study Circle, and the Eire Philatelic Association.

The hotel will also serve as the site for the bourse, the exhibitions, and other show-related activities. Full details of the show are available on their website at <http://www.flash.net/~jstamp/stamp1.html>. This site also can be accessed by following the links on the American Philatelic Society homepage at <http://www.stamps.org>.

As usual, our group will have a hospitality suite open during the show. The room will be stocked with an assortment of drinks and snacks, making it an ideal place to meet and socialize with other members. The auction lots also will be on hand for viewing. Members are also encouraged to attend the TEXPEX Awards Banquet which will be held in the Palm Court at the main hotel at 7:00PM on Saturday, 7 April 2001.

To facilitate planning, group member *Peter Elias* from Plano, Texas has agreed to serve as the local organizer for this event. Peter can be contacted by e-mail at:

peter_elias@compuserve.com

Questions also can be directed to Rob Wynstra by e-mail at wynstra@uiuc.edu.

Group Dinner

Our traditional group dinner is scheduled to be held in a private banquet room at the hotel on Friday, 6 April. The

evening will feature a cocktail reception from 6:30PM to 7:30PM in the banquet room. Dinner will be served starting about 7:30PM. The dinner will feature a south-western-style menu served buffet style. The price will be about \$35 per person with tip and all taxes included. The price does not include alcoholic drinks, which must be paid for on an individual basis. A reservation form and additional details on the group dinner will be included in the December issue of the Journal.

Annual General Meeting

Again, the 2001 annual general meeting will take place at 11:00AM on Saturday, 7 April 2001 in Room A at the hotel site. We will try to keep as closely as possible to the following schedule:

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| 11:00AM-Noon: | Annual Business Meeting |
| Noon-12:45PM: | Philatelic Displays |
| 12:45PM-3:00PM: | Viewing of Lots and Group Auction |

The times have been set to avoid conflict with the meetings of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors at 3:00PM, and the judges' critique at 4:00PM. Full details on the meeting and displays will be available in the next issue of the Journal.

Exhibits

Members are especially encouraged to enter exhibits at the Dallas show. A limited number of frames will be held for the group through 8 December 2000. Applications received after that date will be accepted only on first-come, first-served basis. The full prospectus and exhibit information is available directly on the TEXPEX website or by mail from:

Larry D. Sall
 TEXPEX Exhibits Chairman
 Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library
 University of Texas at Dallas,
 POB 830643
 Richardson, TX 75083-0643.

Members are asked to send in their applications as early as possible. Because of the number of groups meeting at the show, organizers expect to be oversubscribed for frames. Delays in sending in the exhibit application could result in disappointment.

Annual General Meeting 2000

by Peter Kaulback

The 2000 Annual General Meeting was held in London, England, on Sunday, May 21st. at 10:00 am. at the Bonnington Hotel. The meeting was purposely kept to a duration of only 45 minutes as it was to be followed immediately by the British West Indies Study Circle Annual General meeting, in the same room.

The AGM commenced with the opening of the meeting by the President, **Rob Wynstra**, followed by self-introductions of those present. Rob then discussed the schedule for future meetings, noting that in 2001 we shall be meeting in Dallas, Texas, in April in conjunction with Texpex, and that in 2002 we shall again be returning to the Caribbean with the meeting to be held in Roadtown, Tortola.

Reports were provided by the Treasurer on the financial condition of the Group, which is in a good state; by the Secretary who advised specifically on the membership statistics, noting that in the past year we have added twenty-two new members, have had five resignations and two deaths; by the Editor, who spoke of the competitions that the Journal has been entered into, and advised of his intention to hand over the responsibilities to a new Editor as soon as one could be found, due to business decisions and an imminent relocation; by the International Director and by the Auction Manager.

Following the presentation of Reports we continued with the presentation of the Awards. **Peter Kaulback** as Chair of the Selection Committee, announced that the winner of the Robert J. Cooley Award was **Colonel Fred Seifert**. **Charles Freeland** awarded the Stanley C. Durnin Award, noting that there had been a very close race for this honour between **Richard Maisel** and **Ian Matheson**, with Ian Matheson eventually being chosen as the winner. It was noted by the President that we could obviously not award the Cameron Trophy at this time as the results of the judging at the show would not be available until the latter part of the next week.

Annual Dinner

The dinner was held on the Sunday evening (May 21st.) at Poon's Restaurant in Russell Square, and was attended by a large number of members, many of whom were accompanied by their spouses or guests.

Officers and Trustees Meeting

The Officers and Trustees meeting, which is open to all members, is a meeting generally held prior to the Annual General Meeting, where those present can discuss in some detail various aspects of the Group's business. This meeting was held over dinner on the Saturday prior to the Annual General Meeting due to the time constraints imposed by the heavy schedule of events resulting from our combined agenda with our friends and colleagues, the BWISC. It was acknowledged by many that a separate more formal meeting would be preferable when the situation so permits.

Those Present

It would have been a logistical nightmare to attempt to accurately identify all those members that were present for the Annual General Meeting, the Dinner or whose presence was noted at the Auction or the displays. However, we did attempt to document as many members as we could — I am sure some have been omitted, for which I apologize. The following, however, were recorded as present (Note that * indicates attendance at the Annual General meeting):

Joe Chin Aleong, Chris Anstead*, Bill Atmore, Edward Barrow, Cyril Bell, Federico Borromeo*, Peter Brooks*, Denis Charlesworth*, Marjorie Doran*, David Druett*, George Fabian*, Tony Farmer*, Peter Fernbank, Peter Ford, Charles Freeland*, Tom Giraldi, Mary Gleadall*, Simon Greenwood, Michael Hamilton, Del Harris*, Jack Harwood*, David Herendeen*, Henry Hespeneheide, Stewart Jessop*, Peter Kaulback*, Mary Kerr*, Duane Larsen*, Dave Mackman *, Richard Maisel*, Ian Matheson*, Kevin May, Peter McCann*, Hugh McMackin, Michael Meade, Chris Miller*, Dennis Milton*, Keith Moh, Ray Murphy, Don Napier*, Derek Nathan, Doug Nottingham, Michael Oliver*, Stella Pearse*, James Podger*, Ben Ramkissoon*, Charles Ricksecker*, Dingle Smith, Ann Triggle, Tim Tweddell*, Dave Uhlman, Dan Walker*, Ed Waterous*, Rob Wynstra*, Eric Yendall

Again, please accept my apologies if I have inadvertently omitted anyone from the above list, or made any other errors in this report.

Robert J. Cooley Award and the winner is

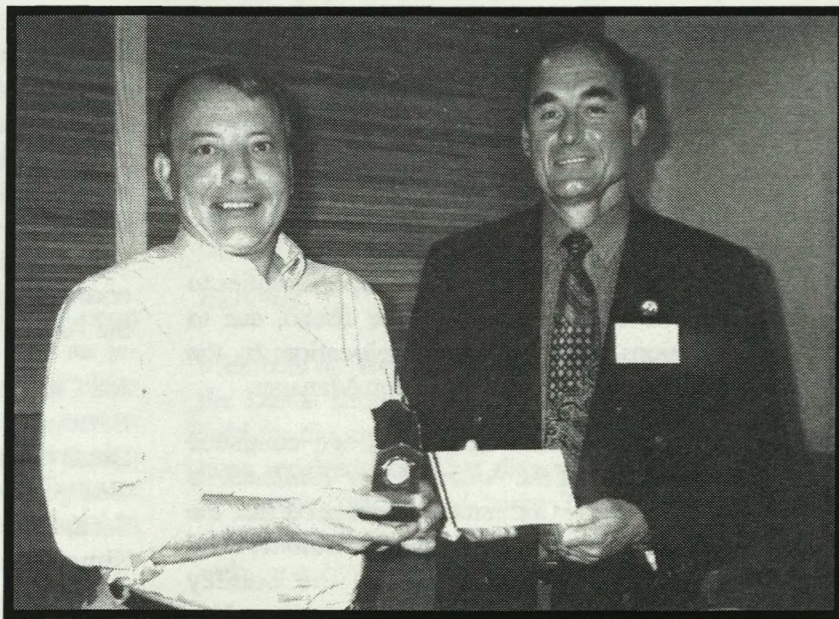
By Peter Kaulback

A generous gift from long-time member, and strong BCPSG supporter, **Bob Cooley**, has enabled the Group to add the **Robert J. Cooley Award** to the other two major awards — the Byron Cameron Trophy and the Stanley Durnin Award — given out on an annual basis.

The Robert J. Cooley Award is awarded for outstanding service to the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. While the Cameron Trophy is presented for excellence in philatelic exhibiting, and the Durnin Trophy for similar excellence in philatelic writing, it is acknowledged that there is a lot more than these two aspects of philately that are necessary for us to truly enjoy the hobby that we share. Specialist groups, such as the BCPSG, require vision and initiative in their formation, and dedication and commitment to ensure their ongoing survival. With all organizations such as ours, it is invariably a small number of individuals that are to be found at the helm, frequently from the onset until the organization is well matured. It is one such individual that the Selection Committee has chosen as the inaugural recipient of the Award; someone that has contributed vision, initiative, dedication and commitment to the Group over a period of many years.

The Committee, comprised of **Jay L. Fredrick**, **Barry Friedman** and **Peter Kaulback**, reviewed a number of nominations for the Award. Because this is the first time that outstanding contribution to the Group has been acknowledged in this manner, there are a large number of potential recipients, all of whom are well deserving of recognition for their contributions. The eventual unanimous decision was that **Col. Fred Seifert** was to be the first recipient of the Robert J. Cooley Award. Fred has been a major force in making the Group what it is today, and it is to Fred and others that were there at the time of formation of the Group, and held numerous executive positions that we owe our

thanks. Fred has held all of the major roles in the group, making especially significant contributions both as Editor and as President. Fred was unfortunately unable to be present at the Annual General meeting in London to personally receive his award. Despite being somewhat less active recently, and thus not well known to many more recent members, Fred is still among the most loyal supporters of the Group, and he remains available to provide sage advice to those that are following him in the leadership roles that he so aptly filled. I am sure that all those that know him, and are aware of his contributions to the Group, will acknowledge that Fred Seifert is a most worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations Fred.



President Rob Wynstra Accepts the Cooley Award from Peter Kaulback on Behalf of Col. Seifert.

Our collective thanks are due to Bob Cooley for making this award possible, and my thanks are extended to both Jay Fredrick and Barry Friedman for their assistance in selecting the winner. And a final note — this is an annual award, thus your nominations for the next winner are earnestly requested.

Secretary's Report

by Peter Kaulback

New Members

All new applicants listed in the last issue of the Journal have been accepted as members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. Congratulations and welcome to the Group.

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Treasurer **Tim Tweddell** reports that he will be sending out forms in late September to members who need to subscribe for the year 2001. Other members wishing to make a donation, may send their checks directly to him.

He notes Life Membership can be an attractive option. Details can be found inside the front cover of the Journal.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ON
PAGE 95**

Matheson Wins 1999 Durnin Award

by Michel Forand

South African **Ian Matheson** has won the 1999 **Stanley Durnin Award** for his article "The Development of the British Honduras Airmail Service," which appeared in the June issue of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal. The recently revived award, initiated in the late 1970s, is given annually to the BCPJ article that is judged to be the best on the basis of originality and presentation. (See the March 1999 issue of BCPJ for a description of the selection criteria.) Matheson is a long-time specialist in British Honduras philately.

The 1999 award jury consisted of **Michel Forand** (Ottawa, Canada), Chair, former BCPJ editor; **Charles "Chuck" Cwiakala** (Chicago, USA), former president of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group; and **Charles Freeland** (Basel, Switzerland), prominent collector of philatelic literature and specialist in the philately of the smaller territories of the Caribbean/West Indies area. The jury members conducted their deliberations by eMail.

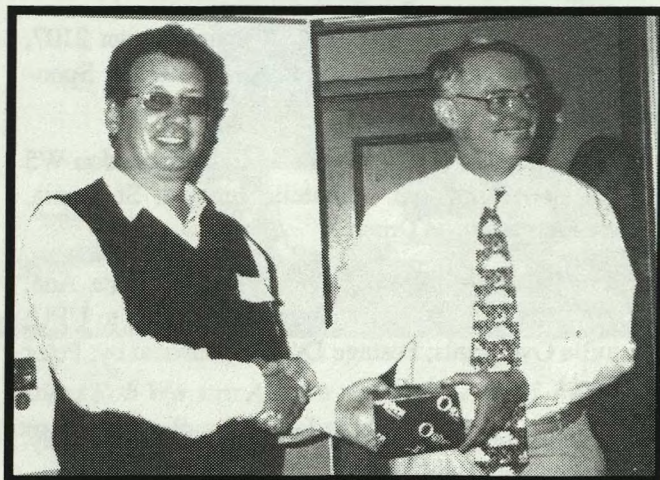
The judges agreed that the quality of the articles in the 1999 volume of the journal was very high, making their task that much more difficult. The jury commented that **Jo Warner's** article on the Badges and Emblems of the British West Indies (March) provided a nice overview of these popular issues of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. They added that two articles on Tobago — **Edward Barrow's** recent survey of Tobago post offices (March) and **Thomas Anderson's** study of a 19th century correspondence — were sure to be of great assistance to collectors of that island's postal history. Similarly, **Dingle Smith's** study of the KGVI postal cards of Jamaica was found to be a very useful contribution to the sparse literature on this subject.

Five other articles were on the short list of contenders for the award this year: **John Byl** and **Richard Maisel**, "The Cayman Islands Farthing Stamp of 1908" (September); **Michael Hamilton**, "Barbados

Parish Bootheels" (March); **Rene Manes**, "A Survey of British Caribbean Bisects" (September); **Henry A. Pattiz**, "Postage Due Varieties of Grenada" (December); and **Ben Ramkissoon**, "Trinidad FEE and FREE FEE Revenue Stamps" (December).

The jury weighed the relative merits of each of the six articles, giving particular emphasis to the originality and scope of the research. The Byl-Maisel article received high marks for the depth of its analysis of the Caymans farthing stamp. The Hamilton, Manes, Pattiz and Ramkissoon articles were also praised by the jury for their valuable contributions to knowledge about their respective areas. In selecting the finalist, all three judges felt that the Matheson article "created a good flow of fresh data with documentation on an area that has never been formally organized or presented in any other publication."

As seen in the photo, the award was presented to Ian Matheson by Charles Freeland at the BCPSG meeting held in late May at London's World Stamp 2000 exhibition.



Ian Matheson Accepts the Stanley Durnin Award from Award Jury Member Charles Freeland.

Incredible Show Results from London

In addition to having one member win the Grand Prix International, and a second be a candidate for the Grand Prix D'Honneur (see Page 83), many of other other members succeeded in winning significant awards at The Stamp Show 2000. This special section includes a list of our exhibiting members. In most cases, their exhibits of British Caribbean material, of most interest to our group, have been described by other members who graciously volunteered to do so. Congratulations to all for an exemplary job!

Trevor Davis (Great Britain)

**Australian Colonies - Overseas Mail pre-UPU
Large Gold Medal
Winner Grand Prix International**

Gerald Sattin (Great Britain)

**Soldiers' Privilege Rates of the British Empire to 1898
Championship Class
Candidate for Grand Prix D'Honneur**

Federico Borromeo (Switzerland)

**West Indies, A Postal History
Championship Class**

*Please see the special review of Sr. Borromeo's
Durnan Award winning exhibit on Page 89.*

W. Danforth Walker (USA)

**Grenada 1751-1911
Large Gold Medal**

This exhibit studies Grenada postage stamps from their introduction in June 1861 through the Badge of the Colony issues of 1906 to 1911. To introduce the subject, highlights of Grenada postal items from 1751 to 1861 are shown. All Grenada preadhesive postmarks are shown including two with only one recorded example. This introduction includes material used during the period of French control of Grenada to 1762 and British control of Grenada's post from 1762 to 1860, including British stamps used at the St. George's, Grenada post office. From the last issue studied up to 1949, Grenada postage stamp issues are almost exclusively British Commonwealth key plate and Omnibus issues.

Material is presented in approximate chronological order with sections devoted to each issued Grenada postage stamp from 1861 to the Badge of the Colony. In the exhibitor's opinion the most philatelically important material during the period of study are the numerous provisional postage issues from January 1883 to December 1891. These are studied in depth with the use of dated cancels to study how these provisionals were used. Included in this study are two previously unrecorded Grenada manuscript provisionals issued in June 1883 and September



*Dan Walker Receiving His Large Gold Medal from
John Levett RDP, President of the Jury.*

1886. This doubles the known Grenada manuscript provisionals from two to four (two red and two black) stamps.

In some instances the exhibitor's personal study has concluded that items listed in the catalog are in error; the write up explains the absence of such items and the catalog mistake.

Contributed by the Exhibitor

Peter Jaffe (Australia)

**Postal History of St. Vincent
Gold Medal**

My first encounter with Mr. Jaffe's St. Vincent was at Pacific 1997. His exhibit contained valuable clues to the philatelic puzzles of stamp production and shade subtleties. At London 2000 I was ready to elaborate on my 1997 notes.

To my surprise Mr. Jaffe had not followed the custom of adding recent acquisitions to his exhibit and refining the text. His exhibit was in a different class — Commonwealth Postal History.

Organizing the exhibit was expertly handled and the reviewer will adapt Mr. Jaffe's structure to his own studies. The following major sections with highlights the reviewer best remembers is the tip of a large iceberg.

Highlights of the stampless period, encompassing 31 pages, include: the second recorded letter from St. Vincent coming from the Barrie correspondence (1772); the earliest recorded packet letter from St. Vincent (1775); the detailed study of the three fleuron datestamps in various states of alteration and periods of use is a clear perspective on a complex topic. Covers illustrate from the earliest fleuron use (9 May 1806) to the latest (6 June 1842); and the earliest recorded St. Vincent double arc date-stamp (13 August 1842).

The development of rates during the adhesive period are then illustrated by: the one pence newspaper rate is boldly illustrated by one of three surviving intact newspapers (1879 St. Vincent Witness); the only recorded soldier's letter from St. Vincent with a St. Vincent 1d stamp (1872) shows well the Empire soldier's

rate; the earliest recorded use of the straight-line REGISTERED handstamp (9 August 1879); and the only recorded use of the parcel post datestamp on entire (1897).

Twelve pages are devoted to illustrating the postal markings of Kingstown. Of special interest is the Post Office fire of October 1866 which led to serified slugs being used until replacements arrived from London. Three covers show the earliest use of the serified date to its deteriorated condition in December, 1866.

The viewer is then taken on an alphabetic march through the villages of St. Vincent making up the inland post. An inventory of the postmarks on different issues accompanies rare covers (if they are known). The depth of the exhibitor's research is shown by the elusive Peruvian Vale including: five cancels on stamp and the only recorded cover (10 March 1893) illustrate the use of the St. Vincent code C datestamp at Peruvian Vale; the two recorded examples of manuscript Peruvian Vale (1894) jumped off the page at the reviewer; and the Peruvian Vale datestamp is shown on five stamps and one of two surviving covers.

The exhibit is gold-worthy and this was confirmed by the judges. My criticism of the exhibit comes from omission rather than faulting anything presented. The exhibit does not do justice to its chosen time period 1873-1936. The later years are poorly represented and a post office such as Bridgetown (which replaced Union Estate in 1905) received no coverage at all. The reviewer suspects that this is due simply due to the constraints of the allotted number of frames.

It would be an oversight to not mention Mr. Jaffe's **Canceled by Perkins Bacon** a delightful entry in the literature class. An early collector of stamps found that it was more difficult to obtain nicely canceled examples than mint. As the collector was related to Rowland Hill some favours were extended by Perkins Bacon. A CANCELLED obliterator was prepared and the collector was obliged with vertical blocks of six stamps canceled by three strikes of the obliterator. This practice was soon stopped by postal authorities and in time the original blocks were separated and dispersed. Mr. Jaffe has tracked these over many years and assembled colour illustrations of all known copies in their original settings. The cancellations are used to "plate" the position within the block. Besides two 1861 imperforate St. Vincent issues several other Caribbean islands are represented.

Contributed by Christopher Anstead

Richard Maisel (USA)

Cayman Islands Stamps and Postal History 1889-1910 Gold Medal and Special Prize

Five frames of magic! What a treat this exhibit was. Having watched one of my colleagues at the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg develop a Cayman Islands collection from grass roots to international glory, I have always had a soft spot for this small group of islands with such a short and sparse philatelic history. Richard's showing certainly did not disappoint. I even saw some of my colleague's former gems looking completely comfortable in their new home!

Highlights for me included the only recorded Jamaica 1d bisect on cover - the type 2 Georgetown datestamp on a cover of 7 July 1896. This was surrounded by a fine selection of other Jamaica used in Caymans, both in Georgetown and in Stake Bay.

We then saw one of the two recorded copies of the Jamaica one penny overprinted "CAYMAN ISLANDS" in the same type as the 1890 official stamps (on ½d). The true story of this mysterious overprint will probably never be known.

The 1907 third series issue was particularly well represented by archive material such as proofs and colour trials, and the fourth issue featured a beautiful hand-painted essay.

My favourite section was the KE VII provisionals. We saw blocks of four each of the 1d and 2½d and a block of six of the ½d. Double surcharges of the 2½d (two mint, one used), the 1d (in block of four and pair mint and also a used example) and the ½d (as co-incident and separate doubles, in a pair and on piece) were shown, as was the famous missing surcharge. There was also the only recorded inverted surcharge shown in a block of four. The section of large surcharges was rounded off with four lovely covers, only to be followed up by a fine selection of the small type fiscal 1d surcharge. We saw an invert, an invert in a pair, a block of four, and examples used on piece and used on cover (not accepted by Post Office!)



Examples of the scarce manuscript provisionals were shown, used in May 1908 and October 1908 — both in the correct periods.

A ½d stamp was issued in 1908 to frank local postage of both postcards and printed matter (up to 2 oz). It was originally (July 1908) intended that the stamps would not be sold for any other purpose. However, a shortage of ½d stamps necessitated the use of ½d stamps for foreign letters and a new notice was issued to this effect in October 1908, and further stamps were ordered. Richard showed examples of the stamps including an example from the one recorded sheet with the perforations missing between the right hand stamp and margin (one sheet existed from the fourth printing).

Finally we were treated to an excellent selection of rural post strikes used on the mail wagon that delivered the rural mails.

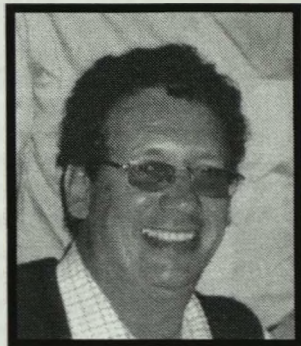
Contributed by Ian Matheson

Ian Matheson (South Africa)

British Honduras 1767-1936 Gold Medal

The display opened with the earliest reported letter in private hands from the area, 28 May 1767 from the territory to Newport, Rhode Island. A selection of ship letters followed including a 1789 EL (LIVERPOOL SHIP) to London, an 1813 EL (SHIP-LETTER FALMOUTH) with details of the plague following the recent hurricane. The Belize Packet Agency marks were shown in red and black; this section also featured a fine strike of the Belize crowned circle on cover to Jamaica. Other highlights of the pre-stamp period included two incoming entires (very rare prior to 1860), the ERD and LRD of the rare Belize Paid code C (five recorded) of 1860-61, and two of the four recorded copies of the 19½ mm type BSC-1 Belize datestamp, both used in 1862.

The adhesive section opened with GB adhesives used in Belize (A06) and was followed with an important series of progressive die proofs for a Queen's head design, similar but not identical to the final florin head design. Archive material for the three definitive series issued from 1865 to 1887 included die proofs, plate proofs, ink recipes, and CANCELLED and SPECIMEN overprints (including the rare type D8 on 1d, 3d and 4d).



Early Belize datestamps included types BSC-1, BSC-2 and BSC-3 and also the newly discovered 23½ mm type of 1874. To date three copies have been reported.

The surcharge period featured a detailed study of errors and positional varieties. One item of interest in this section was the inverted "2 CENTS" on 1d. Robson Lowe describes the error as "known both mint and used, but status doubtful". Beekton reports that it is a bona fide error but only seen unused. SG lists the error with a lower catalogue value used. This used copy was sent for certification by the BPA, who returned it after a year, unable to give an opinion!

On 13 January 1891 the Crown Agents ordered a consignment of "6 CENTS" on 3d ultramarine surcharges. It was a cheaper option to re-use the pre-decimal dies this way than to pay for preparation of new decimal dies. With this order however was a request for designs from the British Honduras keyplate (florin head) and the Universal Postage keyplate, and also a quotation for engraving a new die. The exhibit included a blue and gray hand-painted essay dated 19 Jan 1891 in a new keyplate design, produced in response the Crown Agents' request. The essay was rejected.

A short study of the REVENUE overprints included a genuine copy and an excellent forgery of the 50c BEVENUE error.

Many rare early postmarks were shown from QV, KE7 and KG5. A short section illustrated the mysterious oval of bars mark. Why is it so rare on commercial covers from the GPO? "Proper" village use on covers from Stann Creek and Monkey River were also included. The K65 killer was allocated to the Northern Mail Service TPO in 1906 and covers were shown with this mark carried on the Egerton Star (1906) and the City of Belize (1908), the latter with the "CITY OF BELIZE" handstamp, of which three are recorded. Postmark sub-types unrecorded by Proud included his type D7 used with no code letter or date (1908-09, always on 1c - two postcards shown) and type D19 with 5½ mm high date (normally 3½ mm - two copies of the larger type recorded to date). Another lovely cover featured the "O in oval of bars" used in 1907 from San Estevan to USA with a dispatch cds alongside. This village usage was first reported this year by Proud. Also shown were the only recorded examples of the Stann Creek Railway (1914), Caledonia (1919), Boom (1919) and Bomba, Northern River (1920) postmarks on cover.

Twentieth century archive material included the only KE7 British Honduras die proof (20c) that Ian has seen to date, essays for the DLR WAR overprints and for the 2c Peace stamp and the

rare Samuel type BH1 Specimen overprints on a selection of KG5 stamps.

Contributed by the Exhibitor

Reuben A. Ramkissoon (USA)
Tobago 1772-1905
Gold Medal

Ben's Tobago exhibit is organized very much like his Trinidad exhibit described earlier. This is a comprehensive presentation of the development of the post before the establishment of a branch of the London post office in Scarborough. Early ship and packet letters include the earliest known letter, soldier's concessionary rate letter, unique French TOBAGO straight-line handstamp, as well as the other one- and two-line TOBAGO handstamps. The use of all of the fleuron handstamps and the various hand and CDS cancellations are illustrated. All of the stamps of Tobago are shown with many of the scarce and major varieties, overprints, manuscript revaluations and bisects on and off cover. The exhibit covers the short-lived inland posts, and concludes with the transition of the post of Tobago to Trinidad and Tobago.

Contributed by David L. Herendeen

John O. Griffiths (Great Britain)
European Settlement of North America:
Aided by the Horse
Large Vermeil Medal

James L. Grimwood-Taylor (Great Britain)
GB Offshore Islands 1660-1890
Large Vermeil Medal

Derek Nathan (Great Britain)
British Guiana Postal History 1792-1899
Large Vermeil Medal

The exhibit earned a well-deserved Large Vermeil award in heavy high quality competition. The objective of the exhibit is to show the routes and rates between British Guiana and its trading partners together with postmarks essential to these postal services. It covers British Guiana trade with Great Britain, France, United States, Holland, Canada and the Caribbean.

The first frame begins with an extraordinary item, the earliest recorded letter from the area. This letter is datelined 23 August 1783 and was sent from the area during the period of French administration. The letter was intended for the packet calling at Essequibo for Liege, France. The exhibitor's personal study concluded that the letter was carried to Barbados where it received a two line BARBA/DOES handstamp and sent to Great Britain. When it arrived in Great Britain it received a LONDON/SHP LTR postmark and was forwarded to Liege, France by Wm. Mathison, merchant.

This is followed by the earliest known outward letter from British Guiana. It has the dateline 9 July 1789, and was sent from Demerary to Philadelphia, USA. It was posted during the period of Dutch administration of the territory. During this period

there was no organized postal service in operation. This item has an interesting story attached to it. It was carried privately and the cover has a note attached to it that during its passage from British Guiana while in the Caribbean the ship was chased "... for six hours by a schooner with ten guns."

This was followed by the earliest recorded inland letter. Dated 1 September 1791 the letter was privately carried from Mrs. Margaret McCalmont of Larne to Demerary. Also shown is an interesting inbound letter from Grenada to British Guiana concerning the slave trade. The write-up tells the viewer that during the period of Dutch control of the territory that became British Guiana there were no postal deliveries. Letters arriving in the territory were held at Stabroek, which was renamed Demerara and in 1812 renamed again Georgetown. When the letter was picked up at Stabroek there was a two bits manuscript charge noted on the letter, a charge of 12.5 cents (one bit) per sheet.

On page 11 of the first frame we see the fantastic earliest recorded handstamp of British Guiana. The strike is a one line "DEMERARY 1 JULY" postmark with the letter year dated 1799. This is one of two letters with this 1 July 1799 handstamp, both from Demerary to London.

Tucked away on the bottom row of frame two is the discovery copy of a two line datelined 15 December 1819 letter handstamped with "DEMERARY/18 Dec 19" sent to London. This is followed by a two line "DEMERARY/30 MAR 1820" handstamp only recorded on four letters between the years 1820 and 1821. The Derek's copy is the earliest recorded of the four copies known to Townsend & Howe.

Frame three begins with some scarce preadhesive marks including a two line handstamp dated 3 May 1820 with only six copies known in the 1820-1821 period, and a two line handstamp dated 20 June 1821 with only one other strike known. Another interesting letter is datelined 21 February 1822 and sent from Demerara to London as a shipletter that landed in Deal, Great Britain where it was struck with a Deal shipletter handstamp. It was then stuck with an approximately two inch in diameter forwarding agent cachet reading: "Forwarded by Y.O.H. Serv'ts Goodwin Curling & Co. Deal, Agents to the Committee of Lloyds, Ramsgate & Deal."

Frame four includes the first British Guiana adhesive stamp in the exhibit used on cover. It is franked with an 1853 first printing and apparently shows internal use. This frame also shows a strike of the rare "SHIP LETTER BERBICE" dated 5 December 1815. This is one of two examples of this postmark; Townsend & Howe had only recorded one strike of 6 December 1815 when their book was published in 1970.

On the last page of frame five is probably a unique franking, six Great Britain 1d. stamps cancelled with the New Amsterdam (Berbice) "A04" obliterator. The cover is dated 25 July 1858 and Townsend & Howe report that this obliterator was sent to British Guiana on 14 April 1858 to cancel British stamps sent to the colony to allow postage to be prepaid.

Frame six shows a very unusual destination from British Guiana, a cover posted 7 June 1867 to New Zealand. Franked 42 cents the cover went from British Guiana to Barbados, Barbados to St. Thomas, St. Thomas to Colon, by rail from Colon to Panama and from Panama to Wellington, New Zealand. Frame seven includes one of three recorded covers mainly carried by

the French packets from British Guiana to London. The cover was posted on 5 October 1879 and received both ligne "C" and ligne "A" French mail postmarks.

Frame eight includes a wonderful classical franking, four-cent royal blue ship type (extra rigging). This spectacular cover was noted as ex. Davy, Amundsen and Carter. Finally, the second to last page has a very fitting end to a delightful British Guiana exhibit. The top cover on the page shows a 23 January 1891 cover posted on board a ship in Georgetown harbor and franked one cent, the city prepaid rate. Since it was posted on board a ship it was deemed to be a shipletter and thus four cents was due to make up the five cents ship letter rate. The intriguing aspect of this cover is that the one-cent stamp was cancelled with the only recorded strike of the oval "DEMERARA SHIP LETTER" handstamp.

As you can see from the earliest recorded examples at the very beginning of the exhibit to only recorded examples at the end of the exhibit, a very high degree of difficult to acquire material from British Guiana was shown throughout the exhibit.

Contributed by W. Danforth Walker

Edward Proud (Great Britain)
Large Vermeil Medals (Literature) for
Postal History of Aden and States Up to Independence
Postal History of British Mediterranean
Postal History of West Africa
Postal History of the Rhodesians and Nyasaland

Stephen D. Schumann (USA)
New Zealand Postal Stationery 1876-1936
Large Vermeil Medal

Dingle Smith (Australia)
Postal Stationery of Jamaica
Large Vermeil Medal

This exhibit covered from 1877 up to the decimal issues of 1968. His display of early formula cards, including die proofs and a De La Rue & Co. letter was outstanding. The Victorian era was well represented with artist's essays and De La Rue archival material. He covered the George VI cards thoroughly, updating Higgins & Gage with his extensive research.

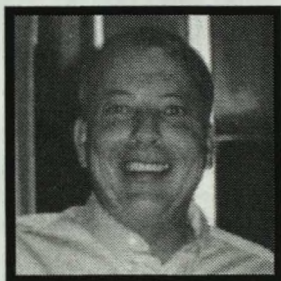
Wrappers included essays, proofs and specimens in all periods. Registered and Air Letters completed the 8 frames, highlighted by the unissued envelope and various printings of the air letters. All in all, a World Class exhibit.

Contributed by Duane Larson

Ann M. Trigg (USA)
Wales (Cymru)
Large Vermeil Medal

Rob Wynstra (USA)
Leeward Islands Village Mail: 1732-1932
Large Vermeil Medal

This exhibit, the winner of the 1999 BCPSG Cameron Award, has been under development for more than a decade. He is a frequent contributor to the BCPJ and is eager to share his knowledge of this complex area. (See Page 90 for his latest update) So scarce is this material, that Rob needs special permission to show less than eight frames even though he has won a previous International Large Vermeil award.



His exhibit traces the development of the rural mail system in the Leeward Islands. It begins with a rare early letter headed at English Harbor, Antigua in 1734, and continues through the major postal reorganization of 1931-1932. Because it is much more common and it has been more extensively studied, the mail from the general post offices on the six large islands is excluded. Special emphasis is placed on the wide variety of village postal markings.

Rates, markings, periods of use, and numbers of recorded examples presented in this exhibit are based on a search of literature and archival material and on extensive surveys of Caribbean specialists. The presentation includes a number of items with fewer than five known examples. A handful of items are believed to be unique, and, except for the most elusive markings, examples are shown on entire covers.

Contributed by David L. Herendeen

Chris Rainey (Great Britain)
Tristan da Cunha 1905-1946
Vermeil Medal

Roger Schnell (USA)
Postal History of the Isle of Man
Vermeil Medal

Michael N. Oliver (Great Britain)
Leeward Islands Notes for Philatelists
Vermeil Medal (Literature)

David L. Herendeen (USA)
British Caribbean Philatelic Journal
Large Silver Medal (Literature)

**THREE CHEERS FOR
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 BCPSG MEMBERS
 MEASURED BY ANY CRITERIA!!!!**

The Grands Prix Connection

by David L. Herendeen

I would be very surprised if many specialty societies with fewer than 500 members could claim such amazing results at a single international show. Two of our members, and the spouse of one member were all candidates for the Grands Prix at Stamp Show 2000. Interestingly, they were each nominated for a different award. Not surprisingly, each of these esteemed philatelists is also a member of the Royal Philatelic Society London.

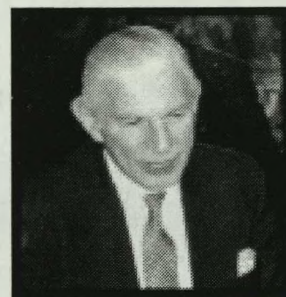
Long-time member, and well-known stamp dealer, **Trevor Davis** received Grand Prix International for his wonderful exhibit "Australian Colonies - Overseas Mail pre-UPU." Trevor's exhibit scored 96 points, and he received a special prize. He also had the distinction of being nominated for the same award last summer at PhilexFrance 99.



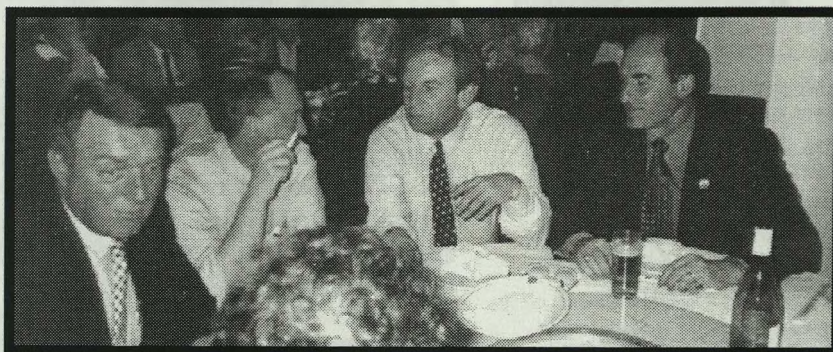
Dan and Pat Walker

And then, although not a member of our group, Patricia Stilwell-Walker, FRSP, spouse of Life Member and past BCPSG President **W. Danforth Walker** was awarded the Grand Prix National for her exhibit "Ireland: Postal History 1661 to the 1890s." Pat is well-known to our membership and attends all of our festivities when she and Dan can travel together. Pat also received 96 points and a special prize.

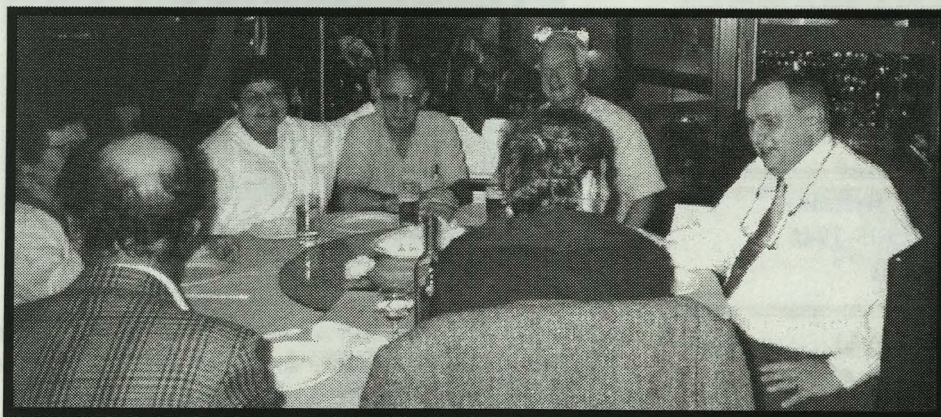
Finally, but by no means least, member **Gerald Sattin**, FRPSL, was a Candidate for the Grand Prix D'Honneur for his wonderful exhibit "Soldier's Privilege Rates of the British Empire to 1898."



Gerald Sattin



Turnout for all of the events held in conjunction with the BCPSG/BWISC joint meeting at The Stamp Show 2000 were wonderful.



The Group dinner, held at Poon's Chinese Restaurant only a few blocks north of the Bonnington hotel, attracted more than 60 guests.





**Picture Yourself Here in 2010!
It's Never Too Early to Start Planning!!**

As Ed Waterous reports on Page 87, the joint auction was an unqualified success.

The Annual General Meetings for both groups were also well attended and there was ample opportunity for members of both groups to meet one another and to exchange "war stories."



**Or, Perhaps
in Tortola
in 2002!!**



St. Vincent Forgery

by Peter Elias

The St. Vincent book by Pierce, Messenger, and Lowe lists one of the St. Vincent forgeries "D" as being known with as a "1d blue-green" stamp. I have recently obtained a copy of this forgery, but it is a "1d rose red!!" The stamp was being advertised on e-bay as a St. Vincent Sc. 5 shown in Fig. 1a, and I immediately spotted this as a forgery. The e-bay seller pulled this lot after I e-mailed her images of a real St. Vincent Sc. 2 and Sc. 5, as shown in Figs. 1b and 1c. I had offered to purchase this lot anyway as a forgery, but she was kind enough to send it to me free of charge!



a. FORGERY

b. SCOTT 2

c. SCOTT 5

Figure 1. Comparison of St. Vincent 1d Forgery and Genuine Stamps.

Comparing this subject to the write-ups of forgeries in the St. Vincent book, it could only be the one described as "Forgery D." No forger is attributed to this stamp. The characteristics of this stamp — as indicated in the St. Vincent book — are:

- typographed on thick hard wove paper
- perforated 11½
- portrait unlike the original
- stamp is too short (19.5 x 22.25 mm)
- lettering is crude and too thin
- corner squares and ornaments are crude

To the above, I'd like to add the following descriptions:

- frame lines are uneven (i.e., they are not straight)
- the postmark was never used in St. Vincent

Has anyone else previously run across this unlisted forgery in this shade? Anyone interested in scans of the various St. Vincent forgeries in my collection, please eMail me at:

peter_elias@compuserve.com

BCPJ Garners Large Silver

Your editor is pleased to report that the 1998 Volume of the *BCPJ* was awarded a Large Silver medal at the Stamp Show 2000 in London. While I consider this a "par" award, I was somewhat disappointed. We received 78 points, missing the Vermeil level by only two points. A major number of points were lost relative to Significance.

This primarily relates to the archival value of a Journal based on its research merits. I think we could have easily received the two additional points since we lost 12 in this category. All members are encouraged to help by contributing more high-quality research to your Journal. This is especially important now that we have a new incoming Editor. — DLH

Auction Manager's Report

By Ed Waterous

Congratulations to all contributors to the success of the Millennium Auction sale developed jointly with the BWISC. The auction was held in London at the Bonnington Hotel in conjunction with the first ever joint meeting between the British Caribbean Philatelic Society and the British West Indies Study Circle. The initial planning meeting for this auction was held at Pacific 97. My predecessor, **Bill Charles Gompel**, BWISC auction manager **Simon Goldblatt** and I discussed the initial details of the proposed sale in the BCPSG Hospitality Suite. From that beginning **Rob Wynstra** shepherded the proposal for the BCPSG.

Beginning in July 1999, lots for the sale were received from our consignors. In November 1999, in conjunction with the Spink sale of Morris Ludington's Bahamas, I visited London. The lots prepared for sale were delivered to **Simon Goldblatt**. Together Simon and I spent time reviewing the material, discussing evaluations and Simon's philosophy of describing all lots in a similar fashion. The BWISC auction team consisting of **Simon Goldblatt**, **Michael Hamilton**, **Stephen Sharp**. **Peter Ford** handled the assembly and production of the catalog. Copies of the catalog for the Western Hemisphere were drop shipped to me for mailing while the BWISC handled the others. I apologize to others who participated and were not mentioned by name.

At last the sale day arrived. The BWISC team handled arrangements for transporting the auction lots to be viewed on Saturday morning. **Peter Kaulback** and **Rob Wynstra** assisted in the viewing setup. **Derek Nathan** was on hand directing traffic and ensuring smooth operation on site. Viewing was well attended and **Simon Goldblatt** reported a healthy book of mail bids. The sale was called in its entirety by Goldblatt and lasted about three and one half hours with no breaks. Nearly one hundred bidders attended the sale and another eighty-four were absentee bidders. Since there was much desirable material in the sale, there were also people willing to part with their hard-earned money to acquire it. Many people met their overseas collecting mates and discovered who gives them the title "underbidder" on occasion.

Among the many exceptional realizations were the cancellations of St. Vincent where one Peruvian Vale shattered our records realizing \$2,550 and one with partial

strike realized \$480. Postmarks in several areas were hotly contested including several from BVI. The Anegada on a KE VII 2½d fetched \$315 after spirited bidding.

Lot 14, consisting of 1d QV reds from Antigua and Montserrat with re-entries, turned up missing and must have been distributed in error following the sale. Please check your purchases to see if this item was mistakenly placed in your bag. If so, please return to me so that the buyer may have the pleasure of this purchase.

The Millennium Auction sales exceeded \$50,000.00. While the auction is not finalized at this late date, we expect to realize a profit. Vendors were paid 60 days after the sale. One of our Southern California bidders who made substantial purchases has not yet paid and is delaying the close of the sale for both societies. More than 73% of the lots were sold, some the following day and several by private treaty. Suggestions to hold another auction in conjunction with the BWISC were heard with responses ranging from London 2010 to the next millennium. We think the sale was a roaring success for both the range of material and the active participation. I look forward to a reprise in the year 2010.

On to Dallas in Early April 2001!

Our next *BCPSG* auction will be held in conjunction with the Annual Group Meeting at TEXPEX. Yep, you're right! I need your auction consignments starting immediately. The final date for acceptance of consignments is 25 Jan 2001. Please consider sending any range of material from low to high end to make this sale successful for both buyers and sellers. We proved with the Millennium Sale that the specialists in our Group buy material ranging from tens of dollars to thousands of dollars. If you have any material worthy of sale, please send it to us. We need better material to support the sale. Consider us if you are disposing your collection. Phone me at (219) 769-2840 if you have any questions or require a direct-shipping address, or mail to:

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New Cayman Islands Postmarks

by Ivan Burges

In order to avoid any Y2K problems, the Cayman Islands Post Office introduced, unannounced, a new manual postmark (Type 16) for use in most of its offices.

Owing to the holidays, the first day of use should have been 4 January 2000. As shown in Fig. 1, the writer has a cover bearing the new George Town postmark on that date. However, examples from other offices showing this date have not been seen.

Copies of the new postmark have been obtained from the following offices: Airport, Bodden Town (See Fig. 2a), East End, George Town, Hell, Northside, Savannah, West Bay, Creek Spot Bay, Stake Bay, Watering Place, West End, and Little Cayman (See Fig. 2b).

The Breakers, Gun Bay and Old Man Bay sub-offices, plus the Seven Mile Beach Post Office were either not issued, or have not yet used the postmark as of 1 May 2000. Why this is the case is not known.

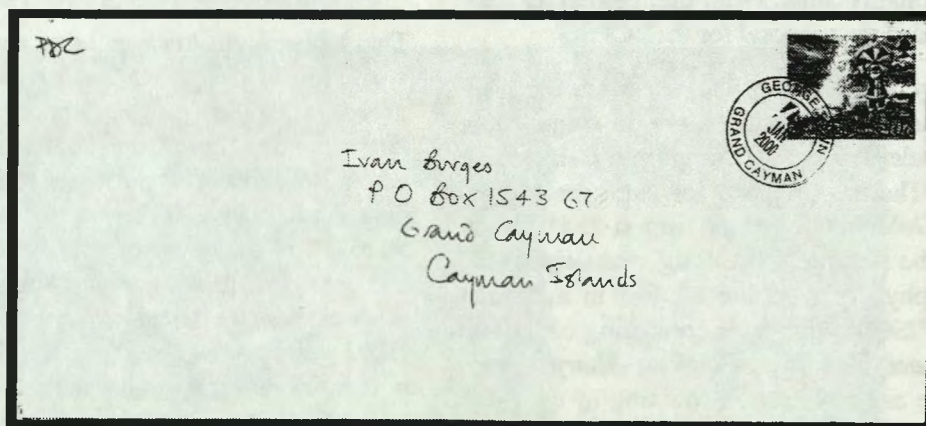
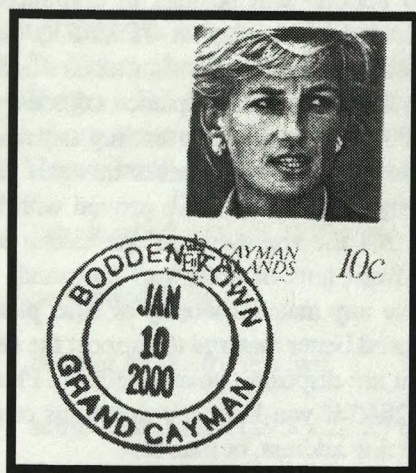
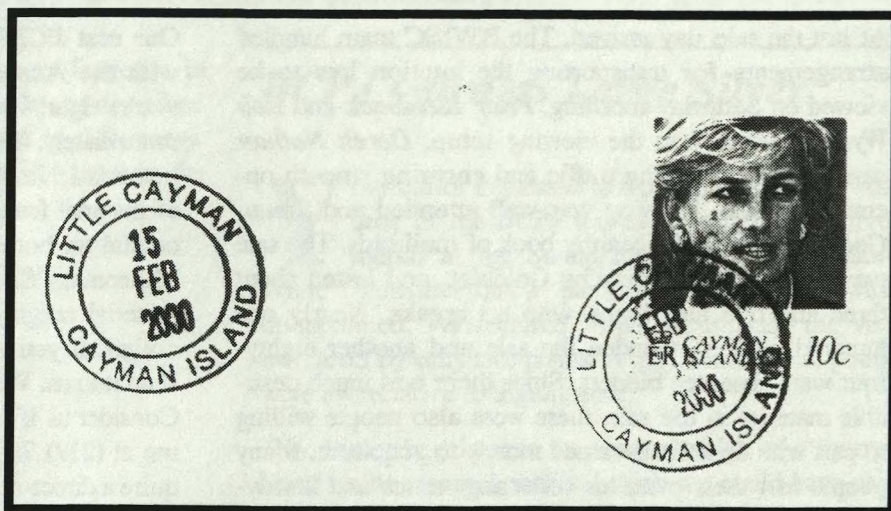


Figure 1. First Day of Use of the New Type 16 Postmark in George Town.



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Figure 2. Type 16 Postmarks from Other Offices.

Borromeo Wins Cameron Award at Stamp Show 2000

by Charles Freeland

This was the first opportunity for many Group members to view Federico Borromeo's marvelous display entitled "West Indies, A Postal History". It was entered in the Championship Class, having been awarded three Large Golds, most recently in Paris. Since then, the collection has been enhanced by the addition of several key items from the Morris Ludington collection, plus other recent acquisitions.

The display was set up in broadly chronological order, with separate sections for certain features such as provisionals, local mail and maritime usages. I will confine my descriptions to the BWI elements, which comprised just over half the display, though I would judge from my limited knowledge of the remaining islands that the non-British section is the more powerful. All Caribbean territories are covered but not Bermuda, Br Guiana, Br Honduras or Cayman Islands. No twentieth century material is included.

The breadth and range of the Borromeo collection is extremely wide and contains many of the great postal history rarities that have appeared on the open market over the past ten years. The display starts with an important Nevis cover of 1662 and includes early straight-line marks of Barbados (1762 and 1785), St Kitts (1794) and Montserrat (1796). The later pre-adhesives include a striking 1849 Barbados crowned circle to New York that came from the Ludington collection. The GB used abroad section is fairly small but is followed by a wealth of early stamped covers. I particularly admired the English Harbour 4d rate of 1886 to Bristol, Bahamas registered rates of 1/4d in 1877 to London (ex Sands) and 6d in 1884 to Russia, Barbados 1860 double rate to Demerara (ex-Hackmey), Dominica 6d on immaculate 1879 envelope to Bishop of Antigua (ex-Charlton-Henry) and a multi-franked St Vincent 1871 double rate to Polignac.

The 1/- rates include rare covers from Montserrat (1877) and Turks (1873 ex Snowden), each franked with two 6d values, and covers of 1879 and 1880 bearing the Tobago 1/-. This section also includes several rare Trinidad covers bearing lithographs. And to think that Federico showed us dozens of rare frankings, including three 1/- covers, in his Nevis display to the group the previous weekend!

In the frame on provisional usages occasioned by delays in the arrival of replacement stocks, one finds several bisects, Dominica and St Lucia commercial revenue usages and Turks provisionals. I was eager to view the section on local mail to see whether Federico had been able to assemble any unrecorded 1d rates, but like all of us he has been unable to locate any outside the larger islands, the most interesting being two Bahamas internal mail covers, a Jamaica 1784 cover by the hand of a slave and an 1856 Barbados envelope from St Lucy.

Finally, in the area of maritime mail the display is very strong, with Ship Letter markings from Antigua (the large straight-line used in 1789), Bahamas (the rare cds of 1864) and Trinidad (1863); Eden and Esk manuscripts of 1898 (ex Toeg) and 1897; a marvellous range of French mail, principally of non-British origin but including both red (1874) and black (1880) St Lucie marks on stamped covers; a spectacular 1867 cover to Bordeaux bearing a mixed French and Jamaican franking; Trinidad transits from Venezuela; 1870 RMSP and 1875 HAPAG locals; and, to cap all that, two fine Lady McLoeds of April and May 1847.

Plainly, this display will continue to mature over the next few years and should act as an inspiration (and conceivably frustration) to those who aspire to build a great BWI collection.

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More Updates on Leeward Islands Postal History

By Rob Wynstra

Despite all the recent research and publications on Leeward Islands postal history, new discoveries continue to be made nearly all the time. In particular, the recent offering of several large collections of postal history from Ted Proud has provided fertile ground for such discoveries. Other items of interest have also been unearthed by members of the BCPSG. The following is a brief report on some of the most significant of these recent findings.

British Virgin Islands

Among the items in the Proud collection from the British Virgin Islands is a previously unrecorded example of the West End, Tortola temporary rubber datestamp used entire. The TRD is dated 23 May 1909 and is struck on a 1d Virgin Island postal card addressed to St. Thomas as shown in Fig. 1. The card, however has no message on the back. Although of philatelic origin, this represents only the fourth recorded use of the West End TRD on entire.

Of even more interest are two new examples of the West End steel circular datestamp which replaced the TRD in

1910. The earliest of these is dated 31 Oct 1912 and is struck in black ink. Shown in Fig. 2, the datestamp appears on a ½d Virgin Islands postal card to an address in Brooklyn, New York. This datestamp has been recorded only twice before on entire. On one, it is used as canceler and on the other as a receiving marking.

The second new example appears on a large part of a commercial cover addressed to Montgomery Wards in Chicago. Most significantly, this cancellation, shown in Fig. 3, is dated 20 Feb 1914, which is more one and half years after the last known date of 30 Oct 1912 recorded by Michael Oliver in his newly published book. Until this item came to light, it had been assumed that the West End sub-post office was reduced to the status of a receiving station in 1912, with no datestamp in use there until about 1919. This discovery brings the probable date of its change to a receiving office closely into line with that of the East End, Tortola sub-post office where its canceler continued in use through at least March 30, 1914.

Another item recently listed for sale on an internet auction site has also provided a likely new date for the

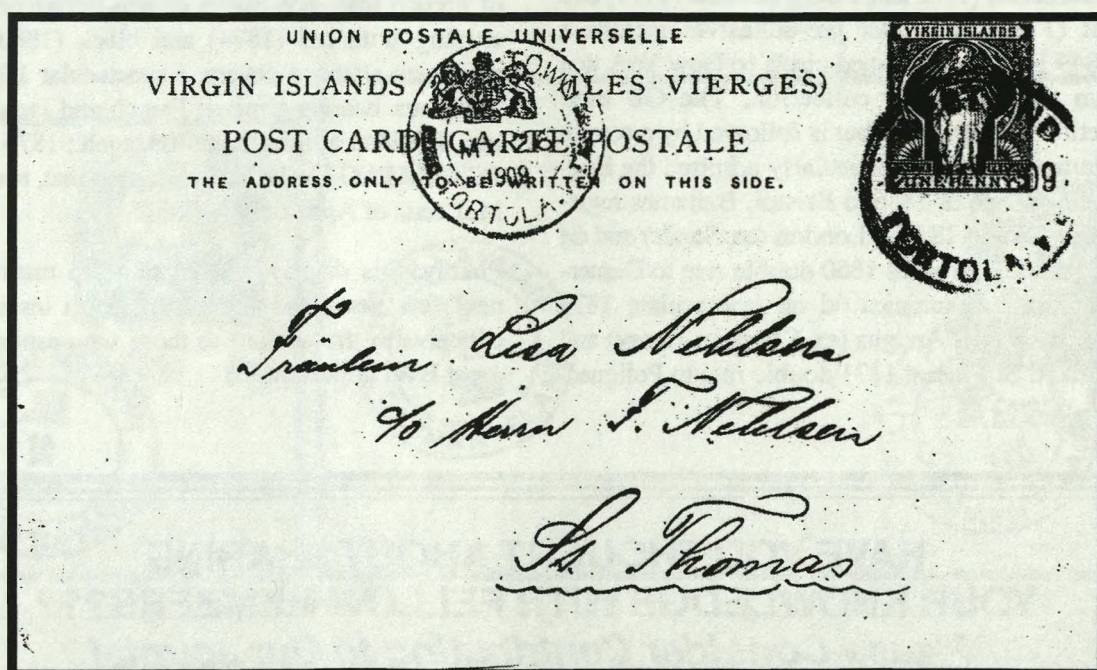


Figure 1. West End, Tortola TRD.

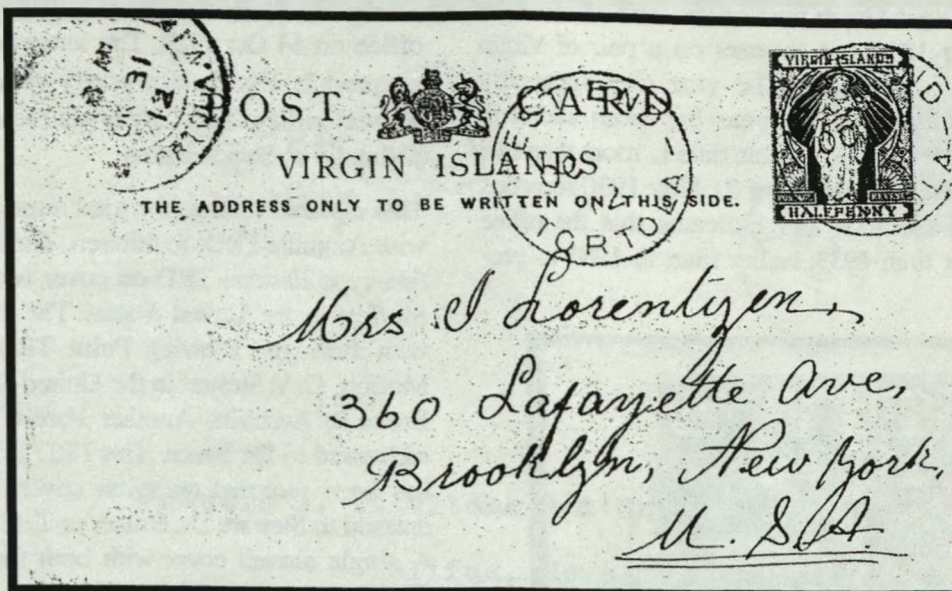


Figure 2. Newly Discovered West End, Tortola Steel Circular Datestamp Dated 31 Oct 1912.

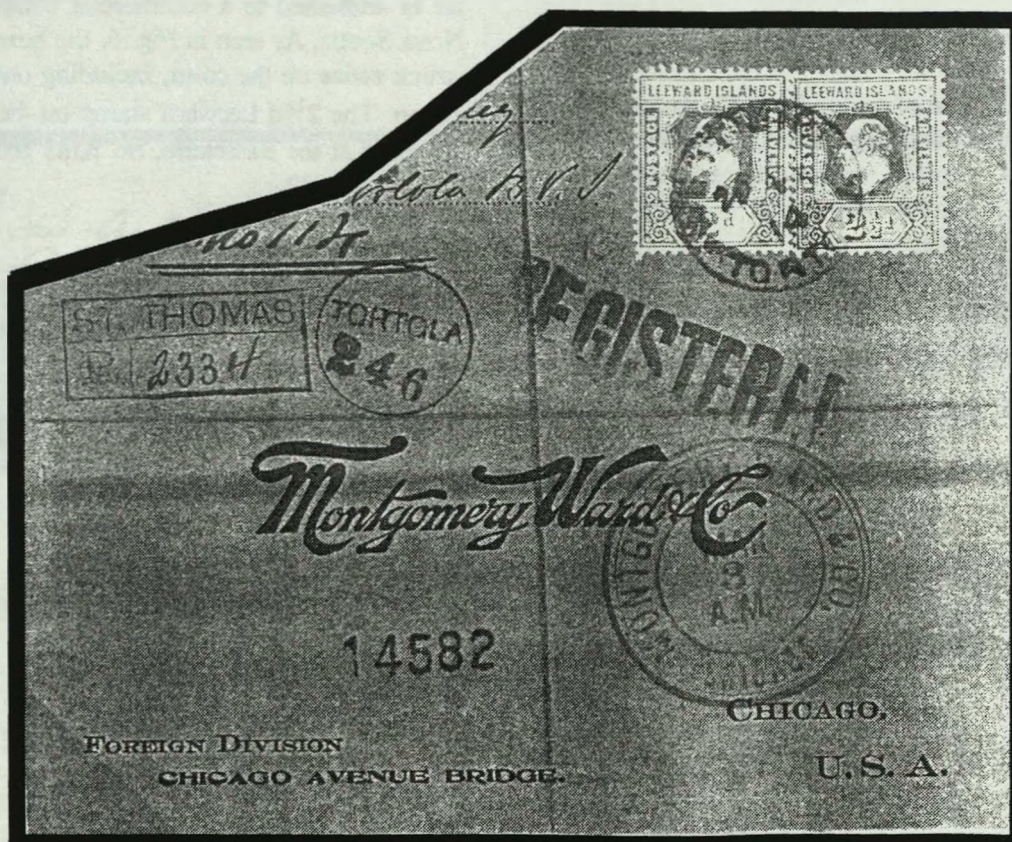


Figure 3. Newly Discovered Late Use of West End, Tortola Steel Circular Datestamp Dated 20 Feb 1914.

closing of the Virgin Gorda post office. The cancellation is dated 15 Mar 1933 and appears on a pair of Virgin Islands 2d stamps on piece. The year slug apparently was lost or damaged, as the year has been added in manuscript, as seen in Fig. 4. This date is more than two years after the last known date of 21 Nov 1930 recorded in Michael Oliver's book and indicates that the office closed no earlier than 1933, rather than in 1931 as previously thought.



Figure 4. Late Date Virgin Gorda Cancellation.

St. Kitts-Nevis and Anguilla

The Proud collection of covers from St. Kitts-Nevis also includes several interesting items that originated in the dependency of Anguilla. Among these is what appears to be the first recorded commercial use of an Anguilla

TRD. The cover was canceled at the Forest sub-post office on 14 Oct 1929. The letter to the United States, pictured in Fig. 5, is properly rated at 1½d, and the address in New York City is not recorded among known philatelic correspondences.

This discovery brings the total number of covers known with Anguilla TRDs to thirteen. The lone example of the first-type Eastend TRD on cover is addressed to Ralph Moffett in the United States. The three known covers with first-type Blowing Point TRD are addressed to Moffett, C. V. Stewart in the United States, and Dr. H. B. Bruce in Australia. Another Forest TRD cover is also addressed to Dr. Bruce. The TRD from the Road office has been recorded on seven covers. These are all addressed to Stewart, Dr. Bruce, or T. Marshall in England. A single airmail cover with both the Road and Forest TRDS comes from the well-known C. Edward Ceder philatelic correspondence.

Another item of interest from the same accumulation is a cover that shows a previously unrecorded "Official Anguilla" boxed handstamp used as a canceler. The letter is addressed to a commercial company in Halifax, Nova Scotia. As seen in Fig. 6, the boxed handstamp is struck twice on the cover, including once to cancel the stamp. The 2½d Leeward stamp on the letter was also canceled at the Basseterre, St. Kitts general post office on 16 Apr 1932.

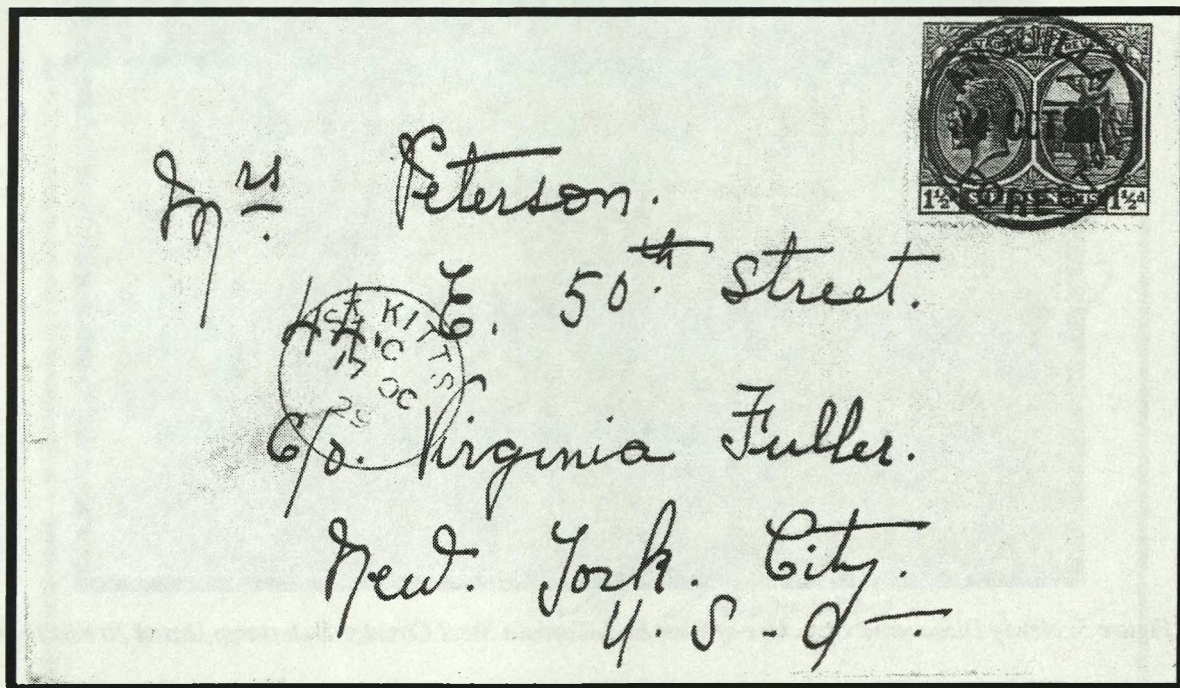


Figure 5. First Recorded Commercial Use of an Anguilla TRD, 14 Oct 1929.

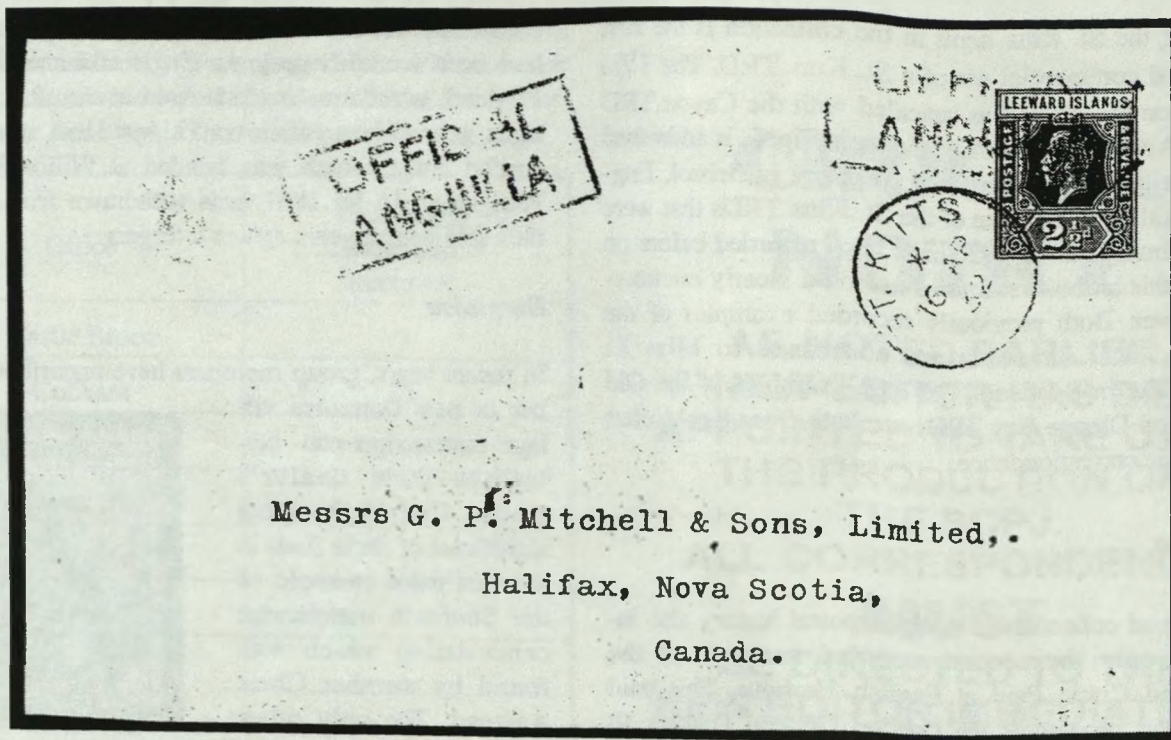


Figure 6. "Official Anguilla" Boxed Handstamp Used as a Canceler.

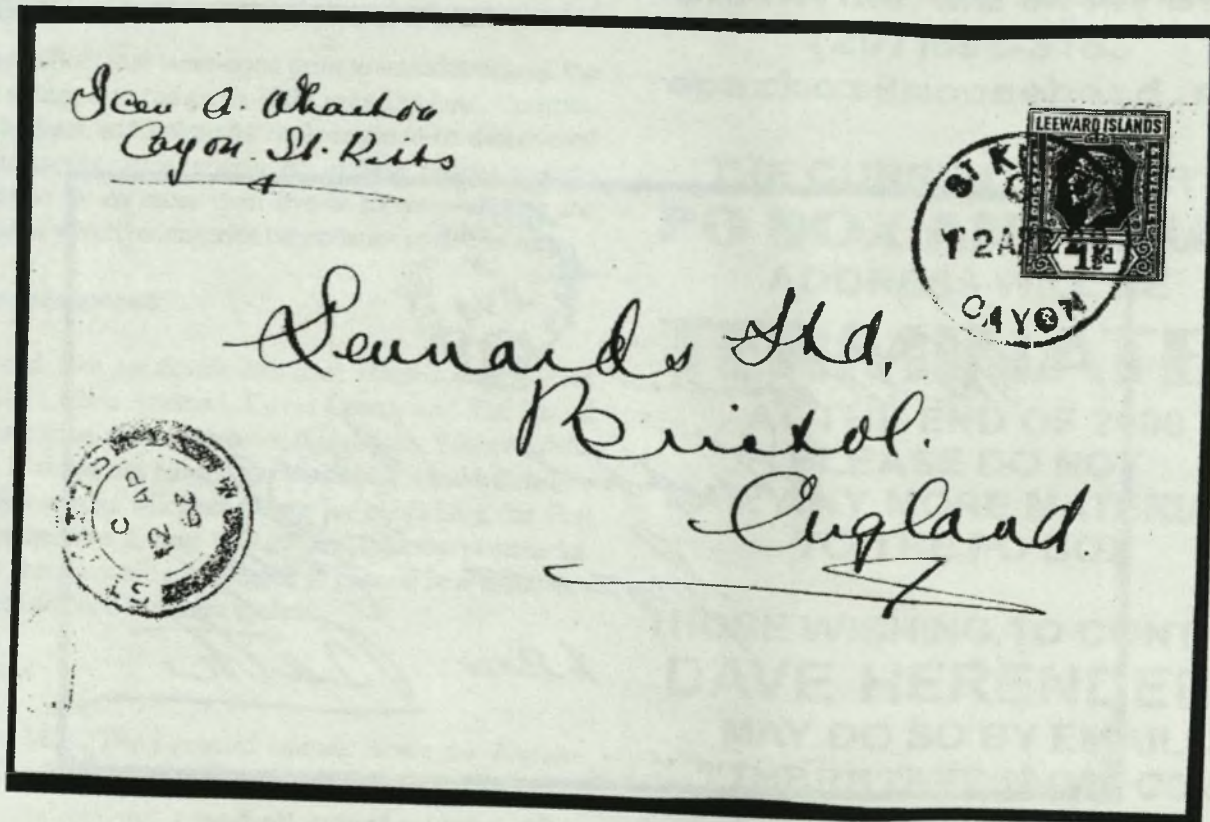


Figure 7. First Recorded Commercial Use of a St. Kitts TRD, 12 Apr 1929.

Among the St. Kitts items in the collection is the first recorded commercial use of a St. Kitts TRD. The 1½d stamp on the cover was canceled with the Cayon TRD on 12 Apr 1929. The letter, shown in Fig. 7, is addressed to a well-known commercial company in Bristol, England. Although all three of the St. Kitts TRDs that were in use from 1927 to 1930 have been recorded before on cover, this is the first known use on a clearly commercial cover. Both previously recorded examples of the Cayon TRD on cover are addressed to Miss L. McFarlane in Scotland. The lone examples of the Old Road and Dieppe Bay TRDs are both from the Moffett philatelic correspondence.

Antigua

The Proud collection of Antigua postal history also includes only the second recorded example of the Crowned Circle Paid at English Harbour. This paid mark was proofed at the London General Post on 10 Dec 1857 and dispatched to the island soon afterwards. This newly discovered example is addressed to England and rated in red at the standard packet rate of 6d (figure 8). A superb strike of the unframed English Harbor datestamp on the back is dated on 27 Mar 1860, which represents the earliest recorded use.

Previously, the Crowned Circle Paid at English Harbour had been recorded only on single cover addressed to England, which was backstamped at the St. Johns, Antigua general post office on 12 Apr 1858. Another recorded cover, which was headed at Willoughby Bay, Antigua on 16 Jul 1861, was withdrawn from a Christie's sale several years ago as a forgery.

Dominica

In recent years, group members have unearthed a number of new Dominica village manuscripts cancellations from dealer's stocks. One of the most significant of these finds is the first dated example of the Soufriere manuscript cancellation which was found by member Chris Anstead. The only other recorded example of a manuscript marking from this village consists of the partial town name with no added date. The new example, seen in Fig. 9, is dated 26 Feb 1889 and includes the full town name on a 1d Dominica rose-colored stamp.



Figure 9.
Dominica Manuscript.

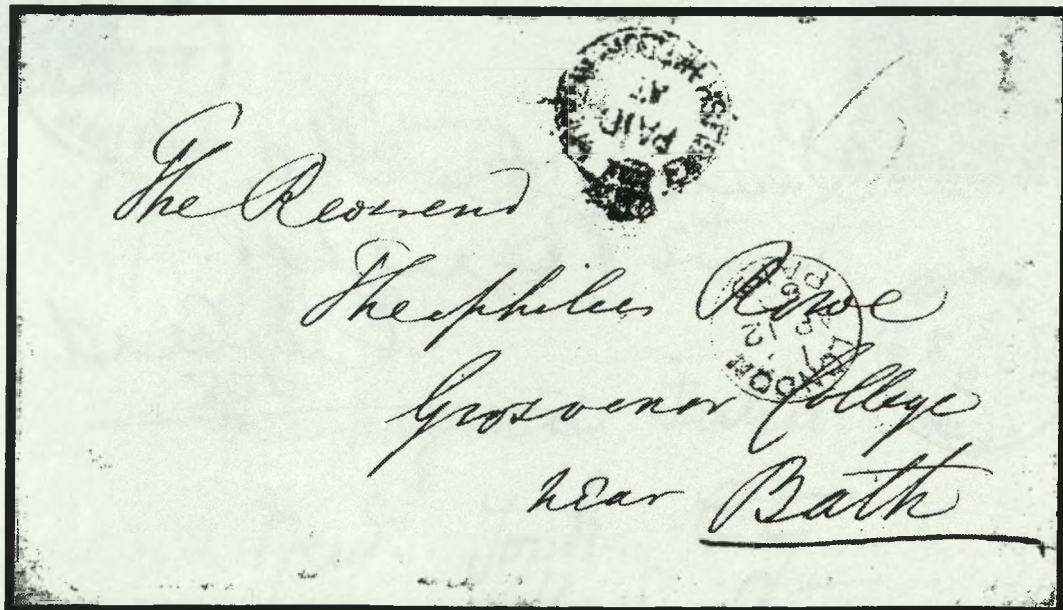


Figure 8. Newly Discovered Crowned Circle Paid at English Harbour.

To date, manuscript cancellations have been recorded from eleven different Dominica offices. With the new Soufriere item included, the total number of known examples are presented in the following table:

| Office | Manuscript Cancellations Recorded |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Castle Bruce | 3 |
| Colihaut | 10 |
| Felicite | 1 |
| Grand Bay | 1 |
| Laplaine | 1 |
| Portsmouth | 39 |
| Rosalie | 7 |
| St. Joseph | 13 |
| Soufriere | 2 |
| Vieille Case | 13 |
| Wesley | 72 |

Of the offices that were open prior to introduction of the steel village datestamps in 1900, only Dublanc, Coulbistrie, Mahaut, and Pointe Michel remain to be discovered as manuscript cancellations. All of these offices were in operation for no more than five or six years during the period in which manuscript cancellations were in use.

Acknowledgments

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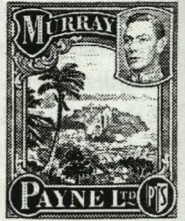
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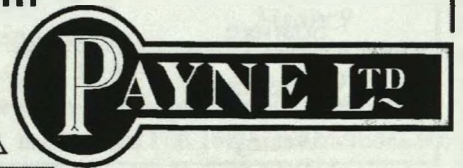
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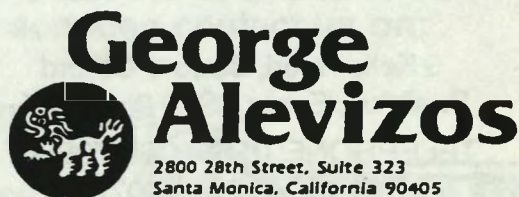
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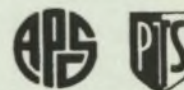
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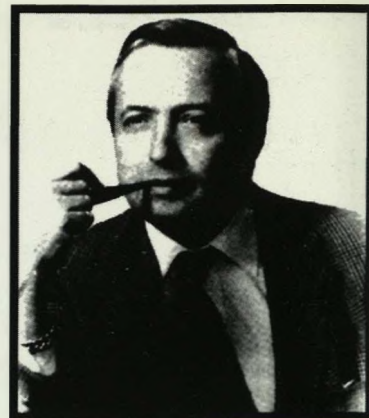
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