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# Cayman Islands:

## The 1908 manuscript provisionals

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Of the United Kingdom

At the beginning of May 1908, the stock of 1/2d and 1d adhesives at Georgetown Post Office ran out. This was not the first time such a circumstance had arisen at Georgetown and the usual method of dealing with the situation was by surcharging stamps of other denominations. This led to much criticism of the postal authorities by the philatelic press. It is not relevant to this article to rehearse the ensuing "scandal" as it was called at the time. Suffice to say that the authorities, and in particular the Postmistress, Miss G.A. Parsons, were reluctant to produce yet another surcharge to deal with the latest shortage, and she had strict instructions not to use the just produced 1d on 4d revenue for postal purposes.

Pending the expected arrival of the mail steamer, the S.S. *Oteri* on 1 June bearing a fresh consignment of low value stamps, it was decided to accept payment over the post office counter and endorse the envelope to the effect

that postage had been paid. The envelope was then post-marked with the normal Georgetown (Type IV) obliterator (*figure 1*) alongside the endorsement. Thus another type of provisional -- the Manuscript Provisional -- was produced. This is listed in Gibbons as MP1 and a variety as MP1a.

**MP1** The endorsement reads "Postage Paid/G.A.P." in brackets. It was written in red ink in two lines (*figure 2*). One example is known in three lines (*figure 3*). The initials are those of Miss Parsons. Although the post office had a supply of 21/2d stamps in stock to prepay the foreign rate, one cover was to the U.S.A. (*figure 4*), and it is assumed that the Postmistress endorsed this one by oversight. At least six MP1's are known. One, possibly two more examples may exist, but if they do, they have not been seen for many years. Dr. Lockie, writing in the September 1969 issue of the *B.W.I.*



Figure 1

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*Study Circle Bulletin*, mentioned an advertisement he had seen for one dated May 3, but queried the date. He was right to do so.

MP1a is the same as MP1 but with either "1/2" or "1" written outside the brackets to denote the amount of post-

his own account -- he is believed to be the "American inhabitant" who requested a sheet of 1d stamps for receipt purposes when none were available (see Aguilar & Saunders, page 71), thus causing the production of the 1D on 4d surcharge from which he obtained his sheet. It seems he may have gone on to manufacture a number of

the May manuscript provisional covers, numbering them and sending them to his wife in Jamaica to await collection by a Mr. John Newleigh for disposal. It would be interesting to see if covers with other numbers survive. The earliest known date for the above provisionals is 13 May 1908 (discounting the "Lockie" one mentioned above) and the last is 1 June.

With the arrival of the *Oteri* it is probable that Miss Parsons looked forward to a more tranquil period in her duties and one in which provisionals of

any kind did not feature. However, any such hopes were dashed within a few months, due, it must be said, to a degree of incompetence and lack of foresight on her part. That summer, the Commissioner, Mr. S.S. Hirst, intro-

age paid (figure 5). Five examples are known. May 23 was the change-over day from MP1 to MP1a when Miss Parsons began to add the amount paid to the endorsement. So few of these provisionals are known that it is sometimes assumed that they are all commercial. Perhaps this was too much to expect in view of the amount of philatelic activity generated by the surcharge provisionals produced only a few months previously. Four of the MP1 and MP1a covers are to Mrs. F.N. Lambert at Mandeville, Jamaica. All are endorsed "Newleigh" or "John Newleigh" next to the address. Two of them have a number at the top left of the envelope, "9" (see figure 2) in one case and "11" in the other. Mr. F.N. Lambert was a law agent at Georgetown and was responsible for much commercial mail, especially to his parent company in Chicago. However, he was known to dabble in philatelic matters on

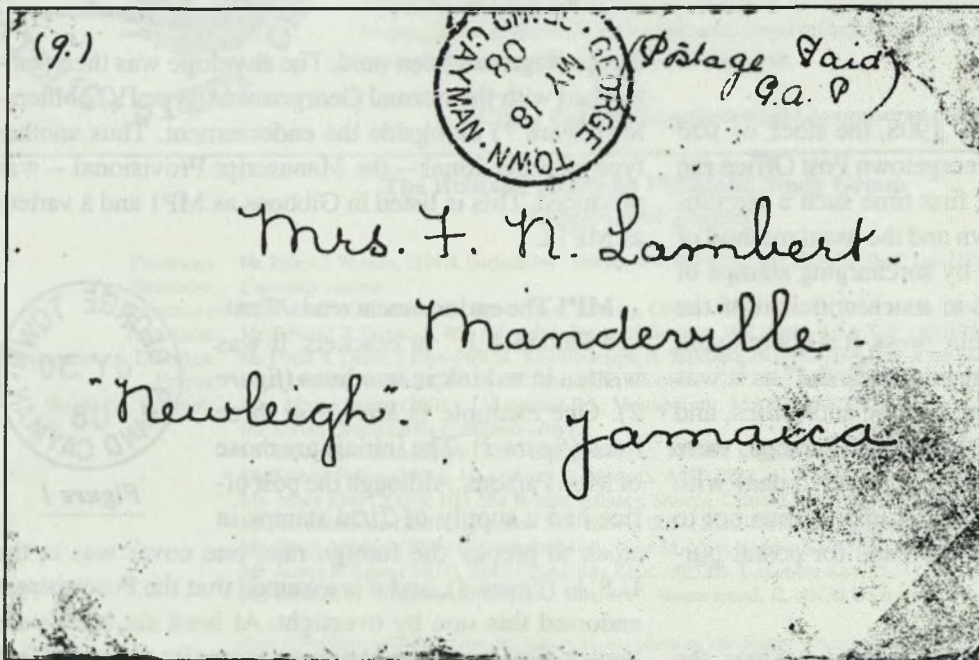


Figure 2

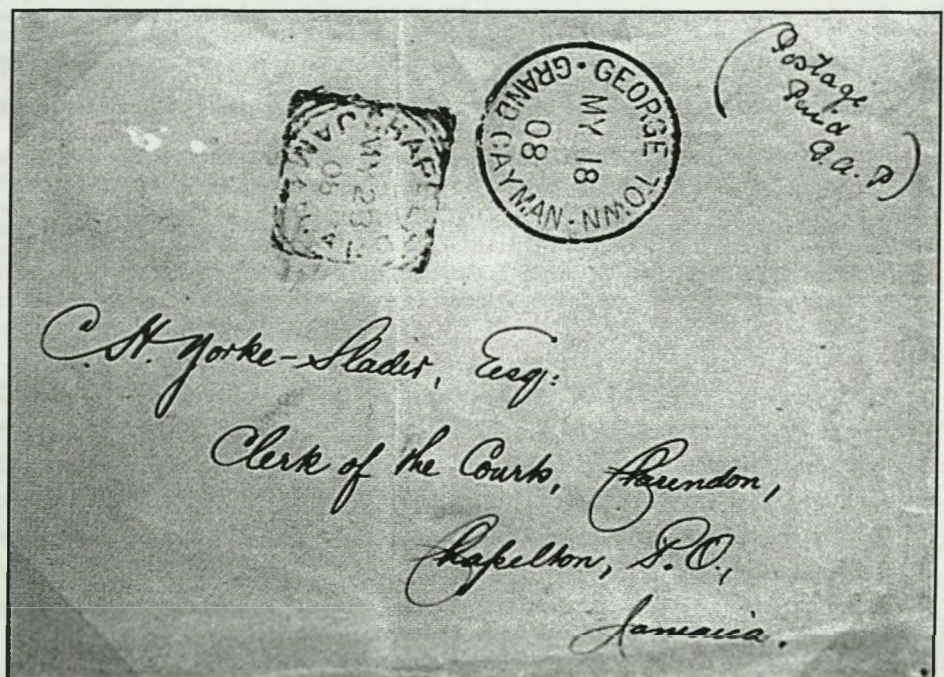


Figure 3

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GEORGETOWN,  
GRAND CAYMAN, B.W.I  
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(Postage Paid)  
G.A.P.

Mr Alfred C. ...  
400 St Joseph St  
Mobile Ala;  
U.S.A.



Figure 4

duced a new local rate of 1/4d for postcards and each two ounces of printed matter. For the printed matter he no doubt had in mind the newly produced first Cayman Islands newspaper, *The Caymanian*, the first edition of which appeared on Monday, 2 March 1908. Despite a notice date 10 July 1908 stating that the 1/4d stamp, "... being provided solely for internal postage in the Cayman Islands Dependency, will be only sold across the counter at a Post Office in the Cayman Islands," large numbers were sent to dealers abroad. This drain on the 1/4d stamps was compounded when, a month later, the supply of 1/2d stamps was again exhausted and permission was granted for the 1/4d

stamp to be used on overseas mail. Moreover, in practice it did not just replace the 1/2d stamp, but other denominations as well, so that covers were sent bearing large numbers of 1/4d stamps to account for the total postage payable. Not surprisingly, the result of all this was a shortage of 1/4d stamps.

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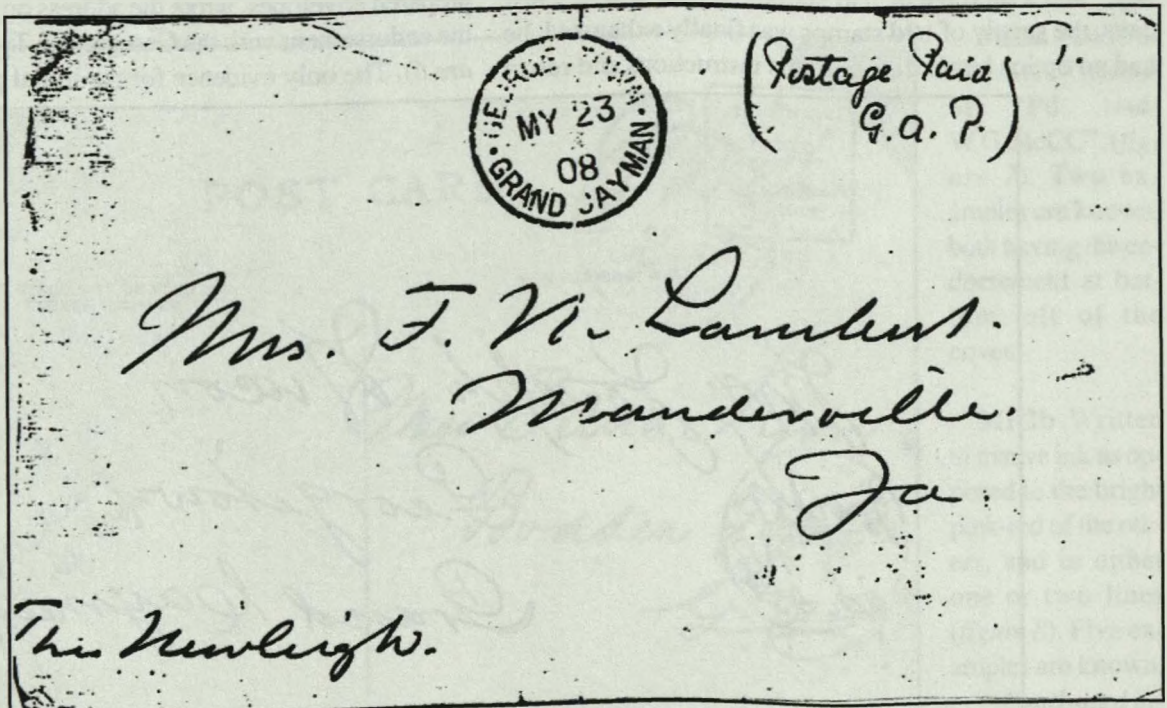


Figure 5

Miss Parsons resigned her post on 1 October, perhaps because she no longer wished to cope with the situation at the Post Office, perhaps because she had been given a hint that it would be better for someone else to take over. That someone else was Mr. W.G. McCausland, an Englishman. His start at Georgetown Post Office was not

to manuscript franking. This resulted in the production of MP2 and eventually to MP3, 4, and 5.

MP2 It has been suggested that he prepared a stock of envelopes with the endorsement "Pd 1/4d/WGMcC" in two lines and in red ink (it should be noted that often the "c"

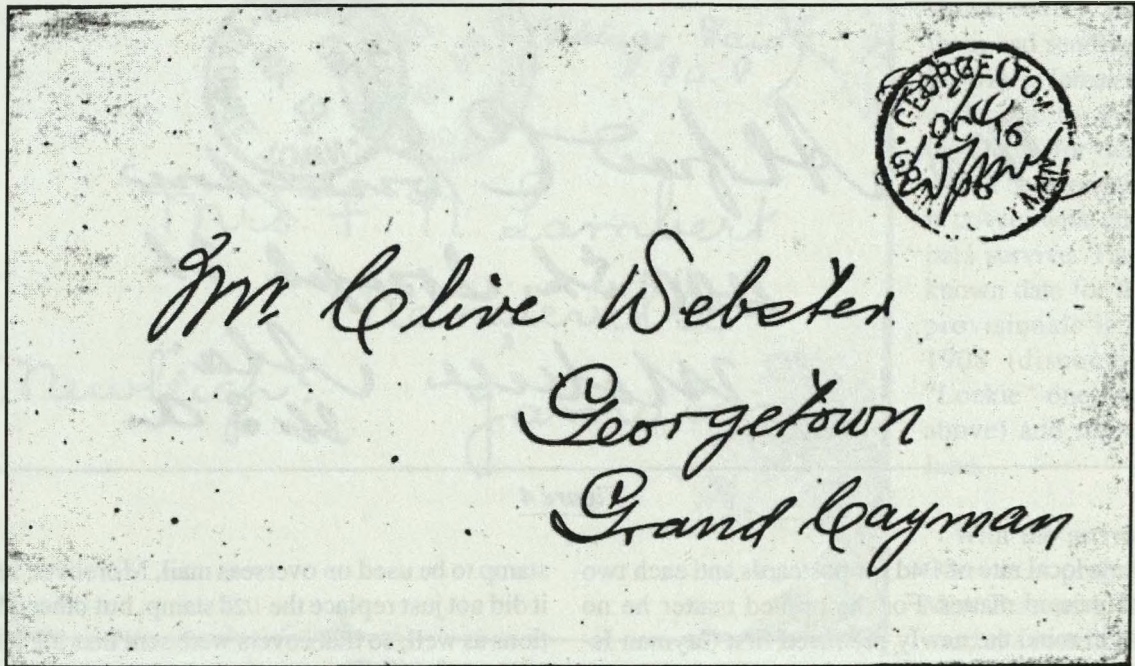


Figure 6

auspicious for he inherited Miss Parsons as his assistant, explicit instructions "to refrain from provisionals generally," and a shortage of 1/4d stamps. When, within a few days, the supply of 1/4d stamps was finally exhausted, he had no option but to disregard his instructions and resort

is vanishingly small). When a postcard was handed in together with payment, he put the card into one of the prepared envelopes, wrote the address on it and cancelled the endorsement with the Georgetown Type IV CDS (figure 6). The only evidence for the initial preparation of a

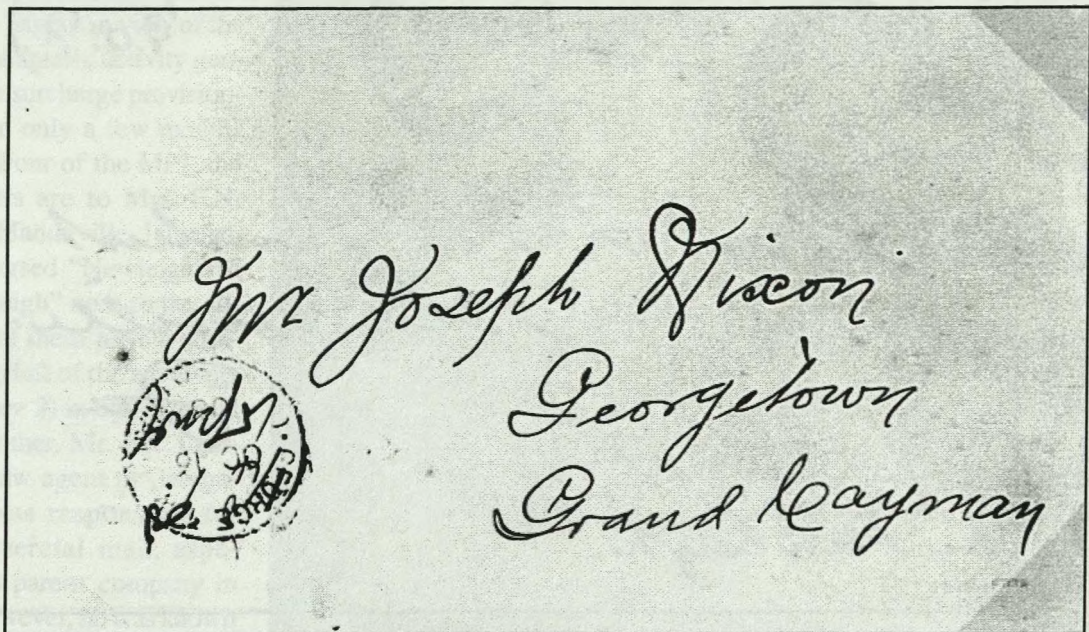


Figure 7

stock of prepared envelopes is shown in figure 7. During the middle of the month, especially on the 14th and 16th, a large number of cards were handed in to be dealt with. He was kept so busy that on two occasions his concentrations faltered and, taking an envelope from the pile, wrote the address

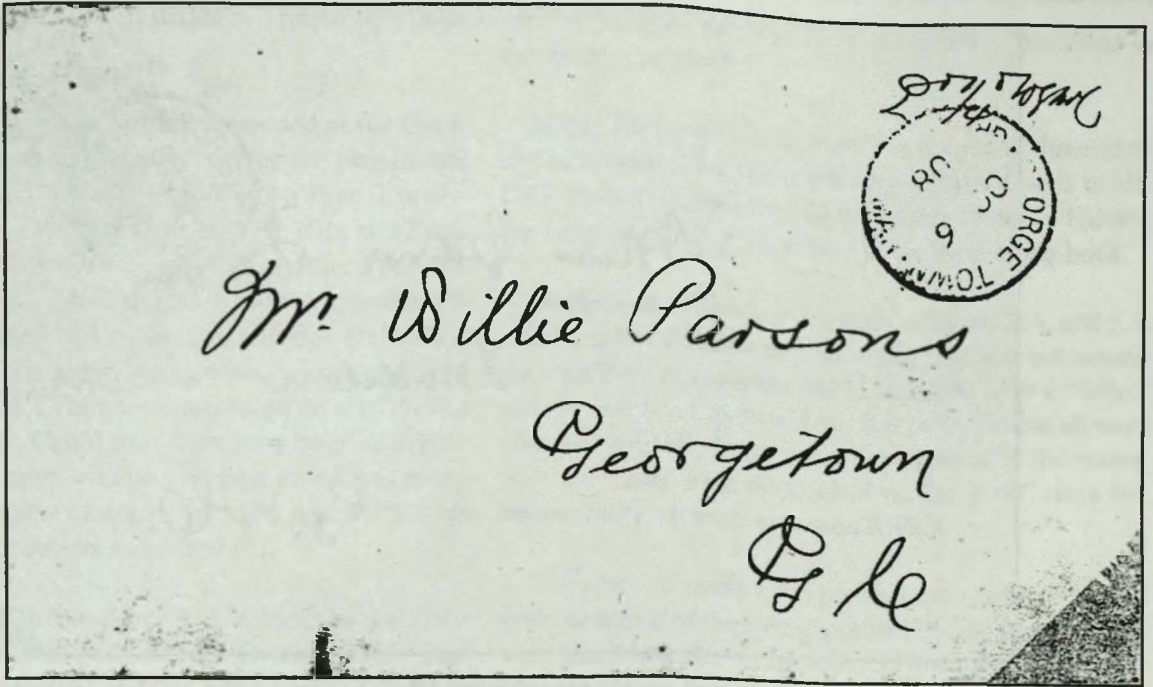


Figure 8

with the envelope upside down so that the endorsement appears at bottom left instead of top right. I have details of 60 examples of MP2 including varieties, of which 42 are postmarked either on the 14th or 16th of October (it is interesting to note that none are dated the 15th, a Thursday). It is highly unlikely that so many of the inhabitants of the small town of Georgetown took to sending each other postcards over the same two days.

The motive for producing almost all these examples was philatelic, a presumption backed by the fact that most are in fine condition, having been well looked after by their original and subsequent owners. Of the known examples of MP2, about a dozen were addressed by the sender and it is among these that such commercial covers as exist are to be found. Two varieties exist, one listed as MP2a but the other only hinted at by Gibbons and which is given as MP2b (see next page).

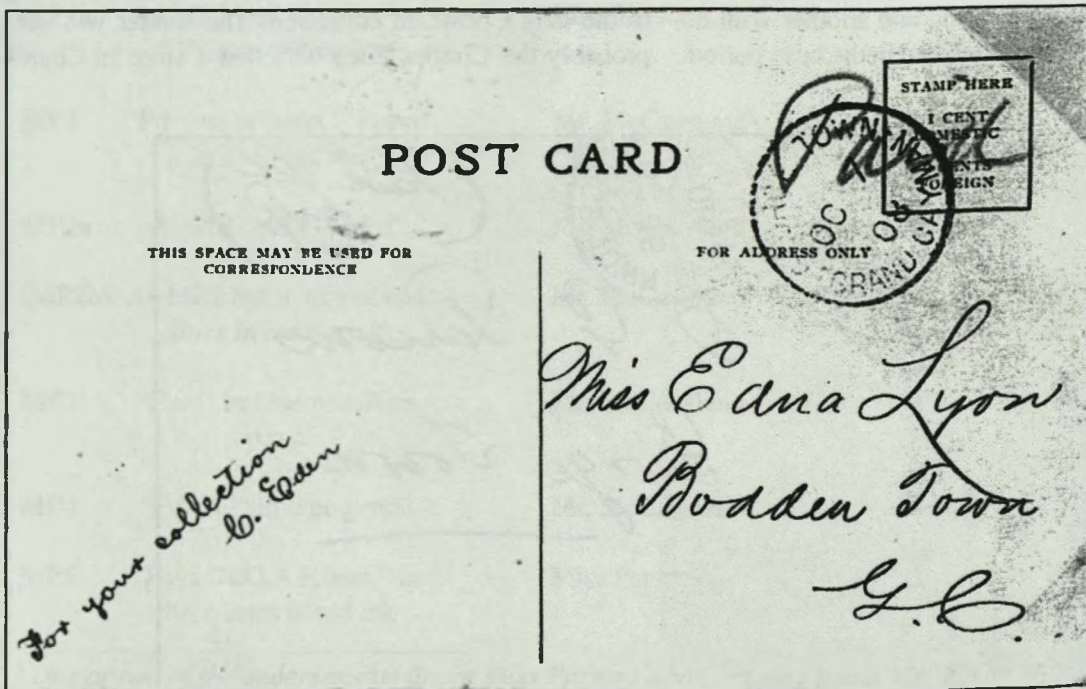


Figure 9

MP2a "1/4d Pd/W.G.McC" instead of "Pd 1/4d/W.G.McCC" (figure 7). Two examples are known, both having the endorsement at bottom left of the cover.

MP2b Written in mauve ink as opposed to the bright pink-red of the others, and in either one or two lines (figure 8). Five examples are known,

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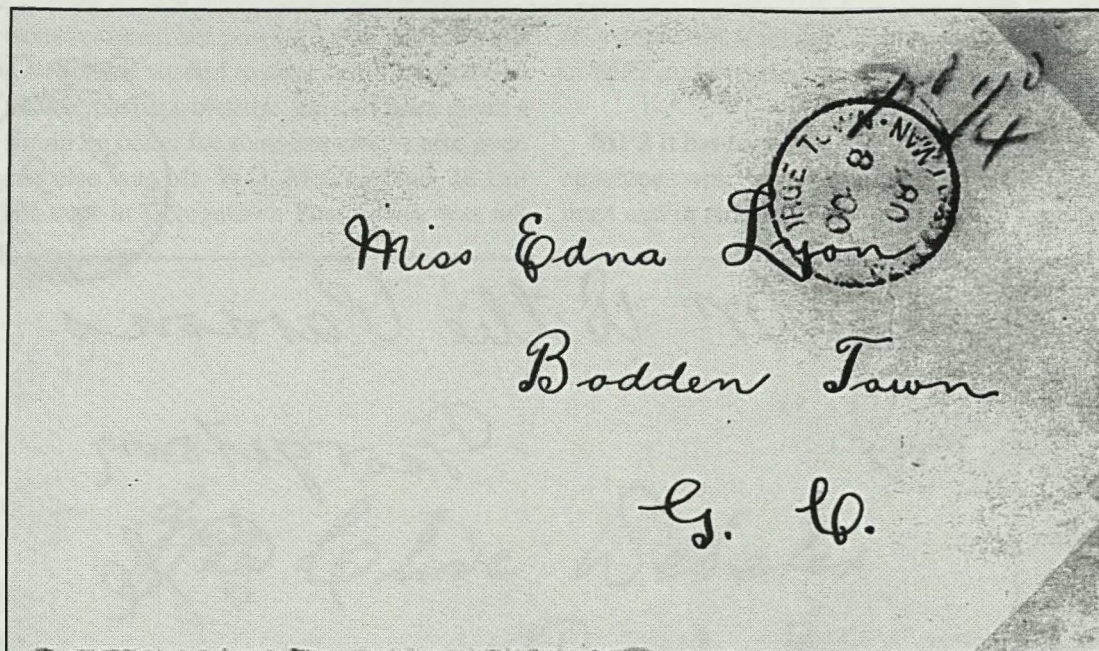


Figure 10

all with early dates, the 4th or 6th October. The 4th was a Sunday, so it seems Mr. McCausland was eager to make a start. The endorsement is in either one or two lines and in smaller and neater writing than on subsequent examples produced when the Postmaster had settled into what was to become his regular format and script.

A careful study of the endorsements indicates that a few are by Miss Parsons although she used Mr. McCausland's initials. As would be expected with a manuscript provisional, other minor varieties occur such as "Pd" in red with the rest in black, and another with no "d" after the "1/4" with both produced in the busy period.

The earliest known date for MP2 is 4 October 1908 and the last is 27 October.

MP3 "Paid" in blue pencil by Mr. McCausland. One example is known (figure 9). It is also the only known surviving example of the endorsement applied to the card. The address is written by the sender and dated 7 October 1908, still in the "experimental" early days and is, in fact, the only provisional of that date. It is a colored PPC to a Miss Edna Lyon at Bodden Town with "For your collection/ C.Eden" written on the front; "collection" referring to the lady's postcard collection. The sender was very probably the Charles Eden who had a store in Church

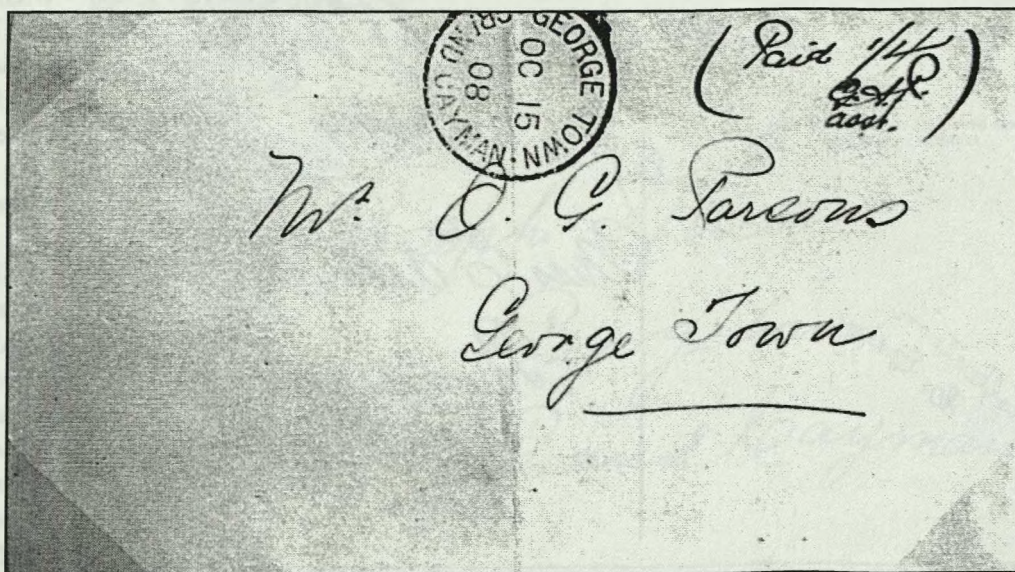


Figure 11



Street. This provisional is illustrated in Armstrong's book published in 1910.

Something odd seems to have happened at the Georgetown Post Office on Thursdays during the provisional period in October. None of the ordinary Type 2 provisionals bears dates on these days, the 8th, 15th, and 22nd. On two of them, however, the officials produced two different provisionals, MP4 and MP5, which number, together with the MP3, among the great rarities of the Cayman Islands. MP4 was Mr. McCausland's work and MP5 was Miss Parsons'. They were produced on the 8th and 15th respectively. Could the office have been officially closed on these days with no prepared envelopes ready so that the very few examples of MP4 and MP5 were done by favor for callers and friends?

**MP4** "Pd 1/4d" in blue pencil by Mr. McCausland. Two examples are known, both dated 8 October 1908. One (*figure 10*) is addressed to Miss Edna Lyon of Bodden Town, as is the MP3, and the handwriting is probably that of her sister, Belle. The other example is to Belle, the

address being in the same hand. This one is illustrated in the Armstrong book.

**MP5** "Paid 1/4/ G.A.P./ Asst." in red ink in three lines and in brackets. Two examples are known. One is to Mr. O.G. Parsons (*figure 11*) and the other to Miss E. Hunter, the latter also being illustrated in the Armstrong book.

Of the total of five provisionals of Types 3, 4, and 5, it will be noted that four are to (young?) ladies, but among the much more common MP2, only one is to a "Miss" and she lived on Cayman Brac. It is probable that all were postcard collections but we can only guess at the reason why the cards were dispatched on the "odd" days between the much more common MP2's.

The spate of manuscript provisionals came to an end with the arrival of the second printing of 1/4d stamps which were placed on sale on Tuesday, 3 November. This printing was almost five times larger than the first; someone had realized that 1/4d stamps were not used in the Cay-

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### SUMMARY

SG #	DESCRIPTION	ENDORSED BY	NUMBER KNOWN	KNOWN DATES
<b>MP1</b>	"(Postage Paid/G.A.P.)" in two lines in red ink	Miss Parsons	5	13 to 23 May
--	As above but in three lines	Miss Parsons	1	18 May
<b>MP1a</b>	As MP1 but with "1/2" or "1" outside brackets	Miss Parsons	5	23 May to 1 June
<b>MP2</b>	"Pd 1/4d/WGMcC" in two lines in red ink	Mr. McCausland <sup>1</sup>	52 <sup>2</sup>	10 to 27 October
<b>MP2a</b>	As MP2 but "1/4d Pd"	Mr. McCausland	2	16 October
<b>(MP2b)</b>	As MP2 but in one or two lines in mauve ink	Mr. McCausland	5	4 and 6 October
<b>MP3</b>	"Paid" in blue pencil on p.p.c.	Mr. McCausland	1	7 October
<b>MP4</b>	"Pd 1/4d" in blue pencil	Mr. McCausland	2	8 October
<b>MP5</b>	"Paid 1/4/G.A.P./asst." in three lines in red ink	Miss Parsons	2	15 October

<sup>1</sup> One or two of the endorsements are in Miss Parsons's handwriting but in Mr. McCausland's initials.

<sup>2</sup> A larger number certainly exists but all examples have not yet been recorded.

mans solely for franking postcards! No more provisionals were to appear in the Dependency until 1932 when the cause was a hurricane rather than the artifice of man.

My thanks go to Charles Freeland for kindly sending me copies of illustrations from his extensive files. Also I should be glad to hear from any reader who has seen evi-

dence of the existence of a third MP5, apart from references in some auction catalogues and in *The Postal History of the Cayman Islands* by Giraldi and McCann -- where MP5 is divided into two types. I would also welcome comments on any aspect of this article. ☒

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## United Kingdom BCPSG members view censored mail

By David Druett  
*Of the United Kingdom*

In January, the BCPSG held a meeting at York racecourse in conjunction with the annual stamp show. Members were entertained by a fine display of Caribbean censored mail, given by Tony Shepherd. Tony showed a broad range of material. The covers had been collected for their unusual or scarce destinations, thus there were many inter-island items and a fabulous variety of covers to or from odd corners of the world. Michael Hamilton proposed the vote of thanks.



*Tony Shepherd and Mike Hamilton examine frames*

Due to a lack of interest, there was no competition this year. Next year's meeting will again be held at the same venue on the Friday, commencing at 4:30 p.m. Hopefully there will be entries for the two 16 sheet competitions completing for the Ed Addiss bowls.

The two classes are Traditional and Postal History. The meeting room was kindly provided free of charge by members Chris Rainey and Trevor Davis, the organizers of the show. ☒

# A philatelic adventure in St. Kitts and Nevis

By Peter C. Elias  
Of the USA

A recent trip (aka: honeymoon) took me to the islands of St. Kitts and Nevis, a two-island "Federation" in the Leeward Islands portion of the Caribbean. St. Kitts (also known in the past as St. Christopher) and Nevis were former British colonies and were discovered by Christopher Columbus. St. Kitts was fought over several times between the British and French (the capital city is still named Basseterre). St. Kitts is a small island of only about 68 square miles. The road that leads

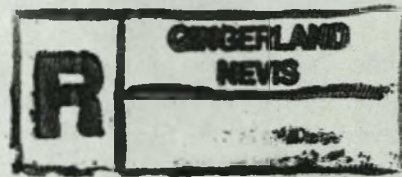


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CDS*

around the circumference is less than 30 miles, but it takes a while to drive it, since speeds rarely ever exceed 40 miles per hour. The roads on St. Kitts are actually in very good repair, unlike those on neighboring Nevis, which are, quite frankly, horrible. Driving on the left side is of course a lot of fun! The weather during the entire

trip was excellent (except for two brief, five-minute long rain showers), mostly mid-70's and a bit windy. Despite the honeymoon, I did manage to sneak in some philatelic activities whenever I could.

During a short one-day side trip to Nevis (reached from St. Kitts via a 45 minute ferry ride) we landed in Charlestown, the main town. An agent associated via Avis handed us our rental car keys, a Suzuki Samurai and my wife and I proceeded to bounce along the roads. Things are not marked well, and finding the Horatio Nelson museum turned out to be quite a task. Nevis is also the birthplace of the famous American Alexander Hamilton (for a picture, check out a \$10 bill ...). We also ended up visiting the Botanical Gardens (privately run).

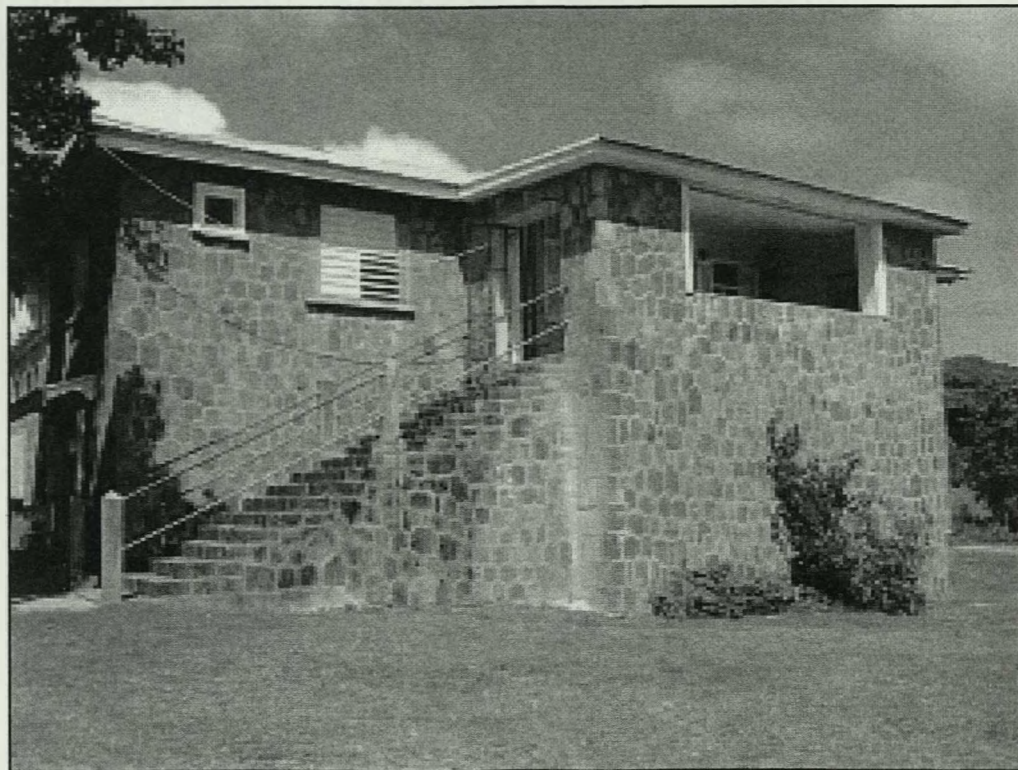


*Gingerland Registry mark*

On the southeast end of the island, there is a small town called Gingerland, and the map said there was a post office on the right side of the road. I stopped and asked, but it turned out the post office was across the street, sharing space with the local library in an upstairs office (see photo). The local postmaster, Wilroy Liburd, was very accommodating when I asked him if I could get some impressions of the current postal markings, which consisted of a round datestamp (see illustration). There are

registration services available, but unlike most post offices, a rubber stamp with an "R" on the left side is used (see photo) unlike the labels that most post offices seem to use. The registration number is tracked manually and written in a book. He said that Nevis does not have any postal stationery, such as aerogrammes. I asked him about Nevis postage rates, and he was kind enough to run off a copy of the current rates, which appear to be similar to current US rates, in that most places are placed into "Zones" (see chart on page 14). We then continued our drive

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*Gingerland, Nevis Post Office, shared with the local library*

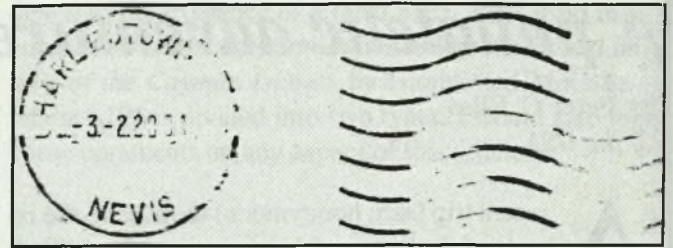
and eventually ended up back in Charlestown. I managed to sneak into the main post (see photo) just before they closed (apparently they keep bankers' hours). The personnel was nice enough to get me an impression of the two postal markings which they have, a circular date stamp (see illustration) and a machine canceller (see illustration). I did not get a chance to get a copy of their registration stamp (since they were already officially closed at that point in time (see interior photo). I noticed that half a block away, closer to the ferry docks, was the "Nevis Philatelic Bureau" (see photo); unfortunately I did not have the time to stop in.

Back on St. Kitts as part of a drive around the island, I took a picture of a post office (see photo) several miles north of Basseterre; unfortunately

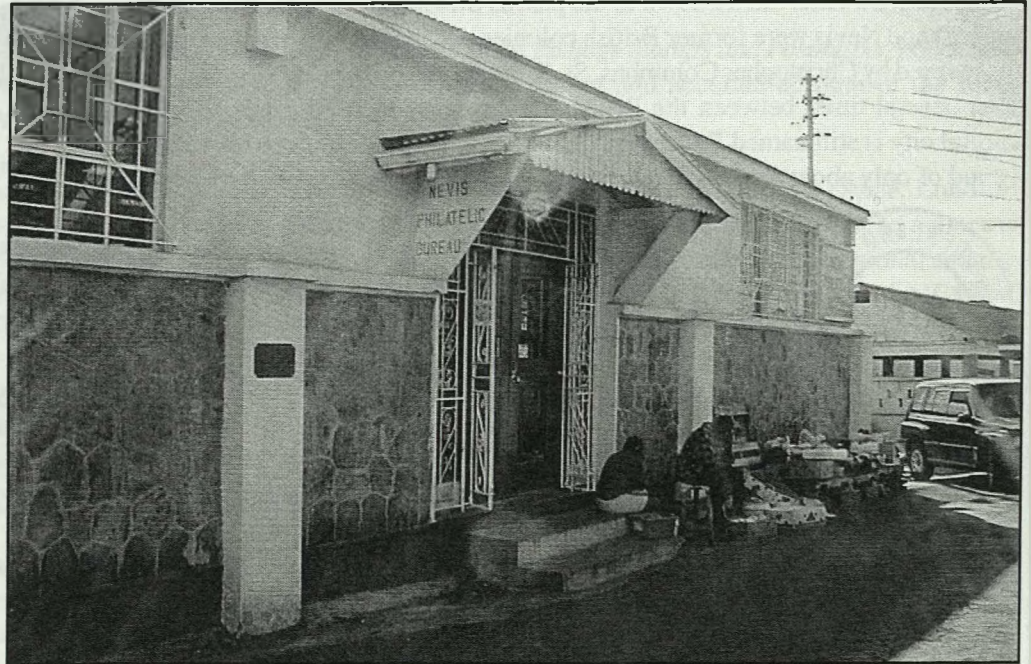


*Charlestown,  
Nevis CDS*

I do not remember the name of the village. Another post office "photo opportunity" occurred in Dieppe Bay (see photo), a village on the very northern tip of St. Kitts. In front of the main post office in downtown Basseterre, they have mail drop boxes (see photo) similar to ours, except that they are painted bright red. Right next to the main post office (see photo), is the "St. Kitts Philatelic Bureau" (see photo).



*Charlestown, Nevis machine cancel*



*Nevis Philatelic Bureau in Charlestown*



*Interior of main post office in Charlestown, Nevis*

Before I left for St. Kitts, I scoured my duplicates and found several older (1980's) St. Kitts stamps that I figured I could use as postage for mailing items. Sadly enough, I found that this was not possible. After a lengthy chat with Deputy Assistant Postmaster Jennifer Morton, I was told that St. Kitts invalidates stamps approximately five years after issuance (what a nice way to ensure revenue protection -- absolutely no way of using older mint stamps), all according to the Post Office Act & Stamp Act 257. The way it works is like this: the St. Kitts Post Office sends a request for invalidation of certain issues to the Ministry, which then approves the request and it is officially published in the government *Gazette* (similar to our Federal Register). I did not ask, but I presume that St. Kitts postage rates are the same as Nevis (since they are part of the same federation).

On a side note, Ms. Morton tried to convince me that even the USA invalidates postage stamps. I told her that the only stamps invalid for postage are from prior to the Civil War, that practically all stamps after that are valid for postage, and that although stamps are removed from sale after a certain period, they are still valid indefinitely. I told her that I routinely use stamps all the way back to the 1930's for postage! She mentioned that the local US post office clerks should not be allowing this. Despite trying to convince her otherwise, she still firmly believes that only very recent U.S. stamps are allowed as postage and that she would make a call to Washington, D.C. to verify this. I mentioned to her that although it was common many years ago that certain countries' stamps had

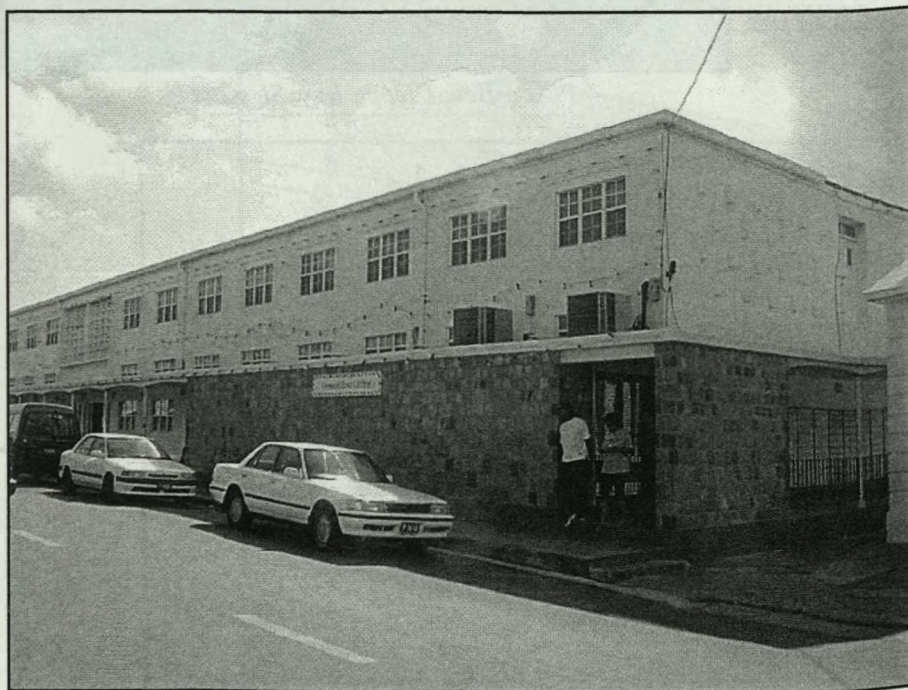
validity dates (such as Switzerland) that most nations these days do not place restrictions on the use of currently issued stamps.



*Mail collection boxes in downtown Basseterre, St. Kitts*

Unlike Nevis, St. Kitts does issue postal stationery. Two types of aerogrammes (see scans) were available (at 50 and 80 cents). Both have a similar postage design (cargo ships) and feature the same picture on the back (see scan). Registration services were handled similar to Nevis in that a rubber stamp was used (see illustration) and the number recorded manually. I mailed some registered letters back to myself and managed to get a copy of the registration receipt (see illustration); the letters arrived here about 16 days later (unlike regular mail which only took 7 days).

For revenue stamp collectors there is a treat: it appears that a duty is payable on receipts or items that are purchased. Most stores simply gave me a regular cash register receipt with no indication of revenue



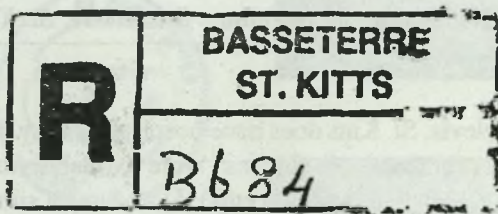
*St. Kitts main Post Office, downtown Basseterre*

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taxes being paid, but at one store (Island Hopper), they hand-wrote all the receipts (see illustration) and each one had a 10 cent stamp (equivalent to four cents U.S.) of the current definitive series on them! The entire booklet of receipt had stamps already pasted on them.

Also nice for revenue collectors is that St. Kitts, like most Caribbean islands, imposes a “see ya” tax, otherwise known as an “airport service charge” (see scan); I guess they get you when you’re going. Technically this is a tax, and a receipt is issued (some islands, such as Turks & Caicos actually have a revenue stamp, but most places simply issue a receipt). The current charge is EC\$ 41 (U.S. \$15); additionally there is a “poop tax,” *i.e.*, an “environment levy” (see scan) by the Solid Waste Management Corporation of EC\$4 (U.S. \$1.50).

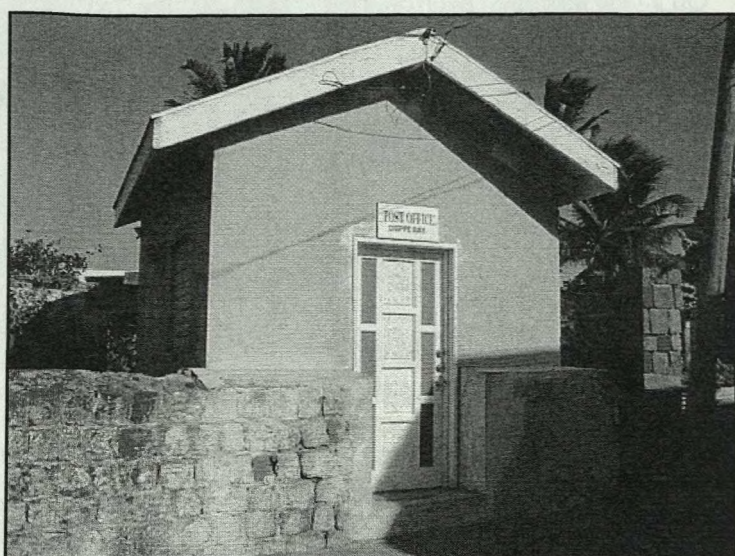
Even though I only had a short amount of time to spend on my “philatelic activities” on St. Kitts and Nevis, it was definitely interesting and eye-opening! ☒



*Basseterre Registry label*

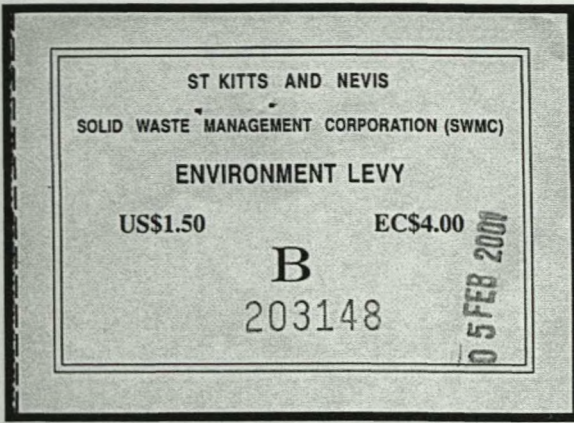


*St. Kitts Philatelic Bureau, also in downtown Basseterre*



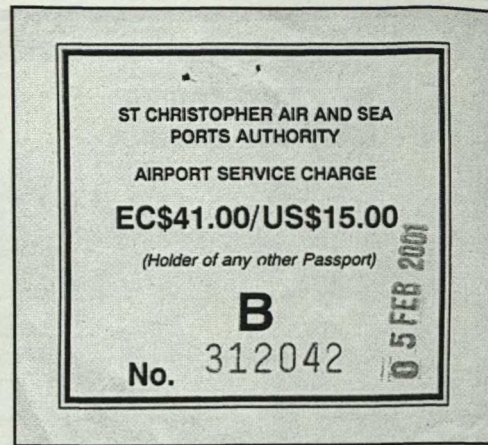
*Post office, Dieppe Bay, St. Kitts*

Airmail Rates (Other than parcels, per zone, to:) Priority of Non-Priority				
Area (Zone)	Letters/10g	Second class/10g	Aerogrammes	Postcards
Carib	0.60	0.50	0.60	0.50 (Zone A)
US & Can.	0.90	0.60	0.90	0.80 (Zone B)
Europe	1.20	0.90	1.00	1.00 (Zone C)
Asia/Africa Australia & some Europe	1.60	0.90	1.20	1.20 (Zone D)
Non-priority = greeting cards, small packets <2000g, printed matter <5000g, commercial papers <5000g				



*Environment levy*

*St. Kitts and Nevis Solid Waste Management Corp.*



*St. Kitts airport service charge receipt*

**Certificate of Posting  
for a Registered letter**

FEDERATION OF  
ST. KITTS & NEVIS

Name Peter C. Elias Priority

Address P.O. Box 940427

Plano TX

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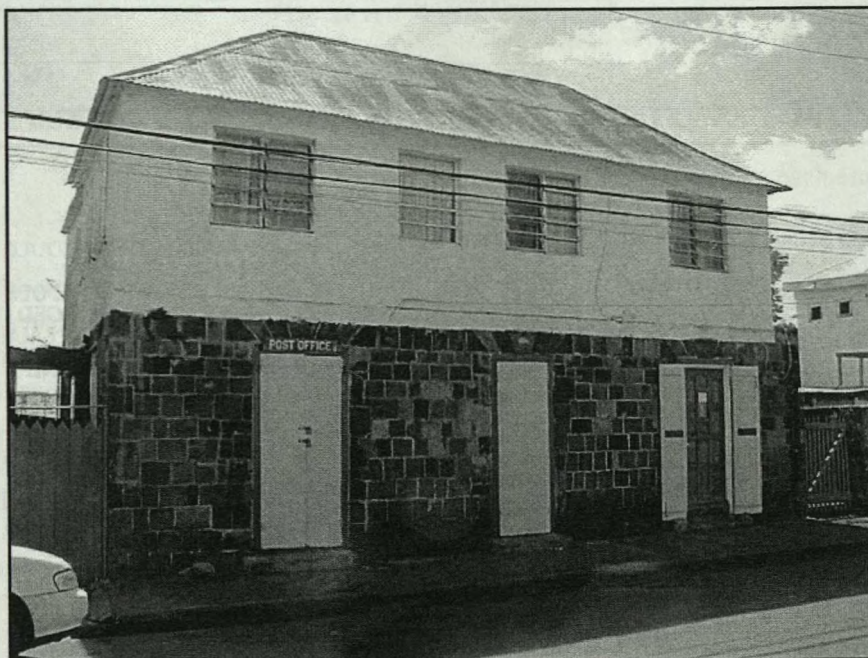
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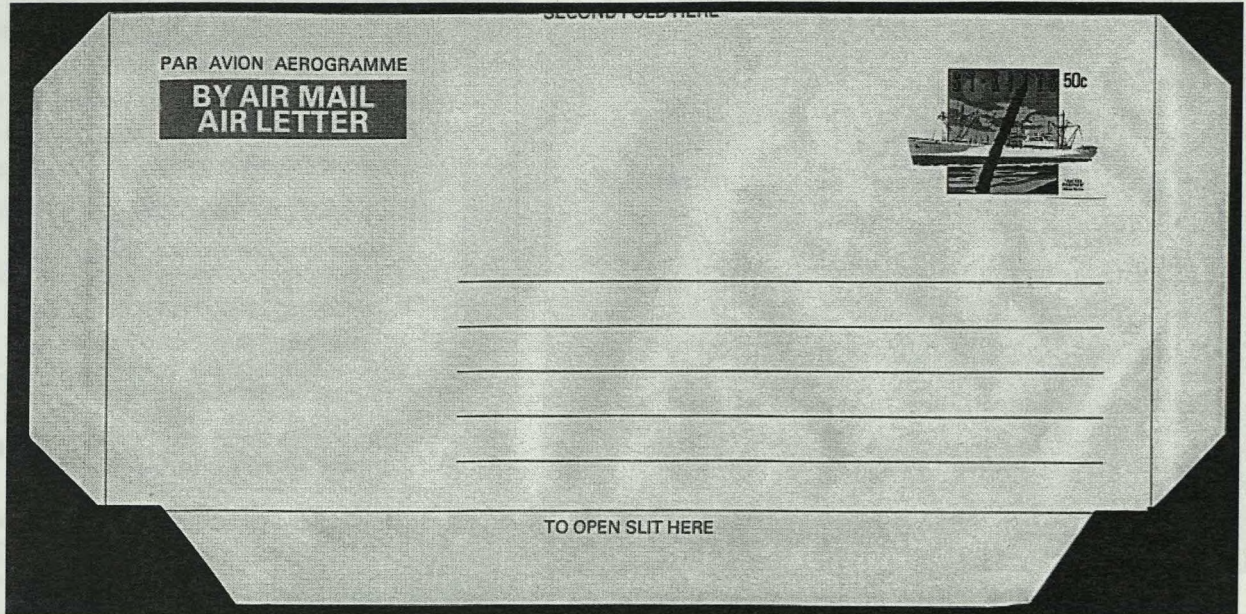
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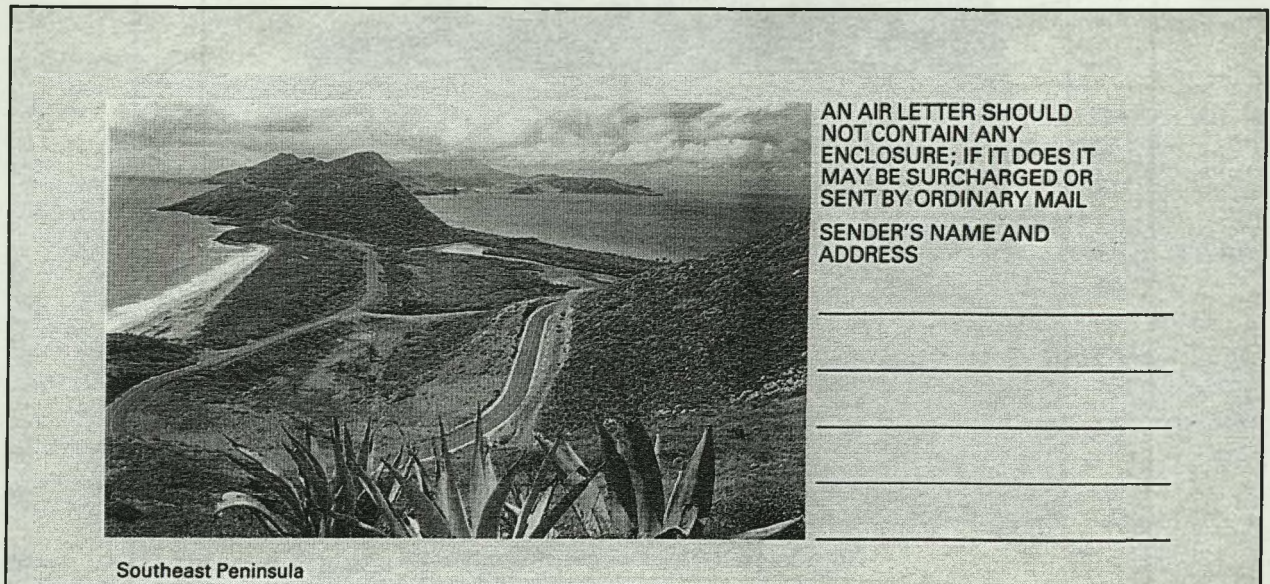
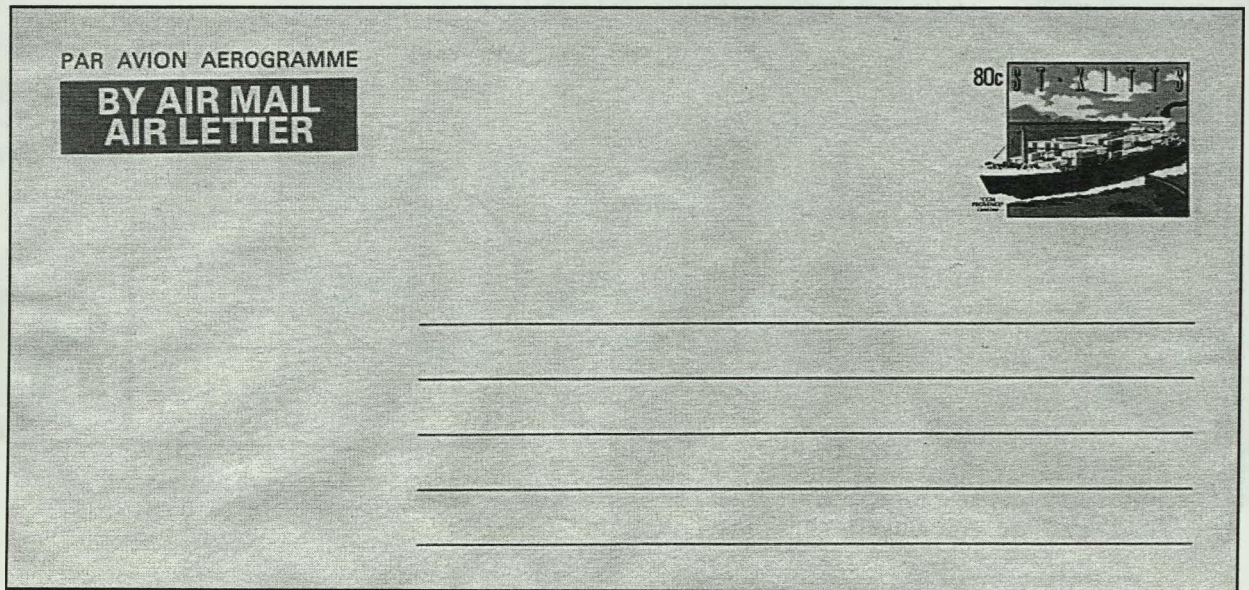
*Certificate of posting of registered letter*



*St. Kitts post office north of Basseterre*

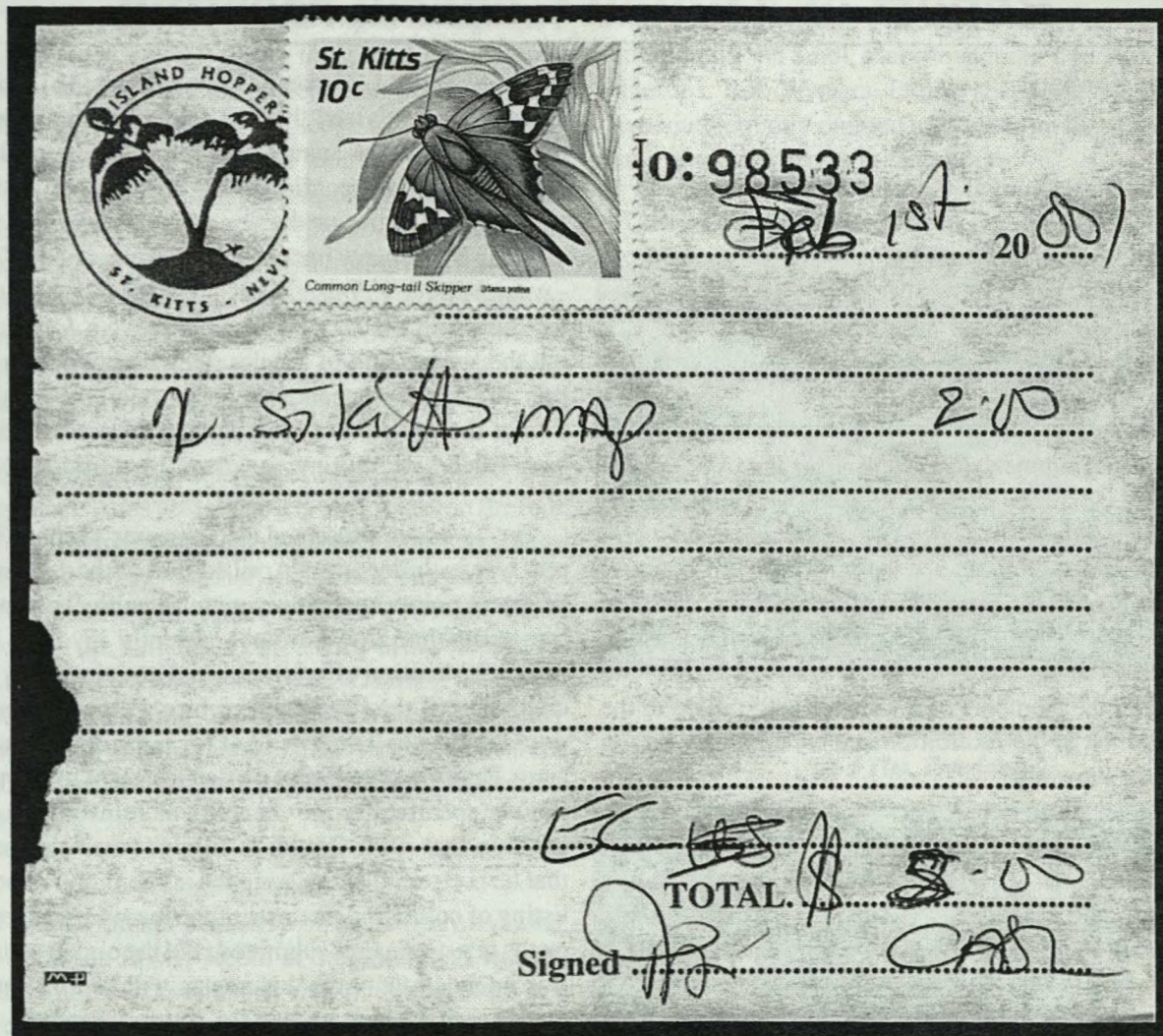


*St. Kitts 50¢ (above) and 80¢ (below) aerogrammes share common reverse (far below)*



Southeast Peninsula





This cash register receipt is handwritten and had a 10¢ stamp from the current definitive series on it to denote revenue tax paid.

## E-mail addresses, updated collecting interests focus of inserts

By Peter Kaulback  
Secretary

Along with this issue of the *Journal* you will have received two inserts. These are a listing of the collecting interests of the members, and a list of member e-mail addresses. The information on both of these lists has been obtained, for the most part, from the questionnaire that was distributed and returned by many of the members. Some of the data is from application forms. I have done my best to collate and present this material, but there will undoubtedly be some errors: there were some addresses that were difficult (perhaps impossible!) to read, for example. Some members made specific notes related to their collecting interests, and as you will see from the format in which this data is presented, it

is not possible to customize each entry.

Please contact me with any errors related to either the collecting interests, or the e-mail addresses, and I will make the corrections. We will then either present the updated information in the *Journal*, or redistribute the lists at some appropriate time in the future. It is our intention to keep these two lists continuously updated, and thus avoid the necessity of starting to collect the data from scratch every five years or so. Your assistance in providing updated information would thus be greatly appreciated. I do hope that the information in the two lists will be useful to the members. Please accept my apologies for any errors or omissions, and provide me with the correct data so that I can make the changes. ☒

# Report of Annual General Meeting

By Peter Kaulback  
Secretary

The 2001 Annual General Meeting was held in Dallas, Texas, at 1100 hrs. on Saturday, April 7th at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, the location of TEXPEX 2001. The business meeting was kept appropriately short as there was a presentation scheduled to immediately follow the meeting, to be subsequently followed by the Auction.

The AGM commenced with the opening of the meeting by the President, Rob Wynstra, followed by self-introductions of those present. Rob noted that we had members present from Barbados and Canada as well as representatives from many parts of the United States. Rob then specifically thanked Peter Elias for his assistance as the local "man on the spot" to liaise with the hotel, and thanked all the members of the Group who rallied to the call to exhibit at the Exhibition and create a very strong Caribbean showing.

The President noted the death during the past year of Russ Skavaril, our Vice-President and Webmaster. It was noted that the position of Vice-President would remain vacant until the end of this year, when we have Trustee elections and the term of the current President expires. Rob then discussed the schedule for future meetings, noting that our meeting next year will be in Tortola, British Virgin Islands. We expect to have a good attendance at this meeting for a number of reasons: the lovely location and the hospitality of the host club will be supplemented by the anticipated attendance of the Keeper of the Royal Collection, along with a number of Caribbean rarities from the collection. That, in itself, should be sufficient reason to attend the meeting! Both Giorgio Migliavacca and Roger Downing are helping organize the show, and have advised that there will be exhibits and a certain number of frames will be allocated to the Group for scaled down exhibits. The show will be at the end of October/beginning of November.

The 2003 meeting will be held in conjunction with CHICAGOPEX in the first week of November, to be followed by Baltimore (BALPEX) in September 2004. The location of the 2005 meeting is not yet confirmed. The 2006 meeting will be in conjunction with the international show in Washington, DC.

The President discussed the changes regarding our *Journal*, and advised those present of the recent appoint-

ment of Everett L. Parker as Editor, replacing David Herendeen. Rob advised that the Executive had approved the payment of an annual honorarium to be paid to the Editor and we are confident that this will assist with the stabilization of the production of the *Journal*. The *Journal* is an immensely important component of the Group - we now have a *Journal* and an experienced Editor, but we should all realize that we won't have a *Journal* without the submission of articles: they do not appear out of thin air! Another recent change has been the reintroduction of the position of Membership Director, which has been filled by long-time member Tom Giraldi.

Tim Tweddell presented the Treasurer's report. The report was included in the April edition of the *Journal*. The pertinent points are that we are in a healthy solvent position and although we are not currently involved in any major publication efforts we do not anticipate any financial issues in the foreseeable future. Peter McCann proposed thanks to Tim Tweddell for his work as our Treasurer. Peter Kaulback gave a brief Secretary's report, mentioning specifically the benefits of reinstatement of the position that Tom Giraldi is filling. Peter also advised that he is close to completing the compilation of both the listing of collecting interests of the members, as reported on the questionnaires submitted, and the e-mail addresses. It is intended that both documents will be distributed as inserts with the next issue of the *Journal*. Peter also noted that there had been an Officers' meeting the previous afternoon and gave a summary of the discussions.

Rob asked those present if they had any comments or questions. One of the questions asked was by Gale Raymond. Does anyone know the current whereabouts of a US Navy cancel for 1917 that was disposed of at the auction of the Morris Ludington collection. If anyone has any knowledge of this item, please contact either the Secretary, or Gale Raymond.

The last formal part of the meeting was the presentation of two of the Group's three principal awards, the Robert J. Cooley Award for Outstanding Service to the Group, and the Stanley Durnin Award for the best contribution to the *Journal*. (See separate reports on these awards.) Following the offering of congratulations to the two winners, both of whom were present, the meeting was adjourned.

## Presentation

Following the meeting the members present were treated to a presentation by Richard (Dick) Maisel, on

"Cayman Islands Stamps and Postal History: The Early Years." Dick is an acknowledged expert (though he, I am sure, would deny it!) on the topic, and hence could have been forgiven had the presentation been of an advanced nature, and beyond the scope of total comprehension of many members less familiar with the subject. To the contrary, Dick's presentation had all members totally enthralled from the moment he handed out the comprehensive synopsis, to the moment the lights came on after the last slide. This was not purely a philatelic presentation, as Dick laid the groundwork with a discussion of both the geography and the history of the area as a precursor to the philatelic history.

Dick discussed the three stages in the development of the Cayman Islands postal service, elaborated on the four periods of Cayman Islands stamp design (showing many examples of lovely material), and made simple a complicated area, the mail routes from the Caymans while serviced by the Jamaican Post office (1889 to 1901), and those subsequently added by the Cayman postal authorities after that time. The presentation was extremely well received by all the members, and many thanks were offered to Dick for such an enlightening and interesting presentation.

### Annual Dinner

The annual dinner was held on the Friday evening (April 6) in the Ebony Room at the hotel, and was attended by some 20 members, five of whom were accompanied by their spouses. It was an enjoyable buffet style meal, following which many people adjourned to the Hospitality Suite to view the auction lots.

### Officers and Trustees Meeting

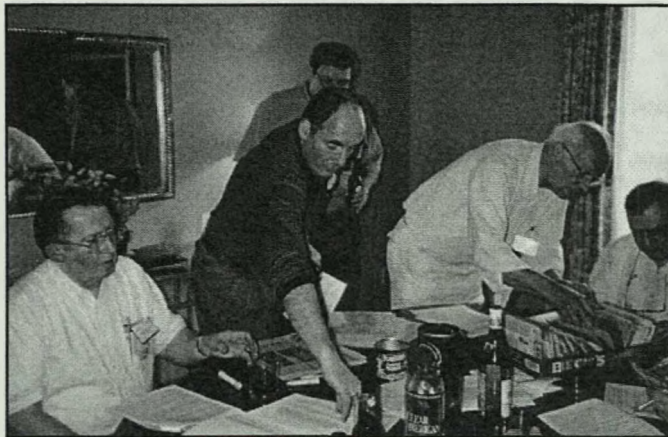
The Officers and Trustees meeting, which is open to all members, is a meeting generally held prior to the Annual General Meeting, where those present can discuss in some detail various aspects of the Group's business. This meeting was held the afternoon prior to the Annual General Meeting. The meeting was attended by Rob Wynstra (President); Peter Kaulback (Secretary); Tim Tweddell (Treasurer); Ed Waterous (Auction Manager); Cyril Bell (Publication Orders); and Paul Larsen (Awards Chairman). A number of administrative issues were discussed, as it is only at these infrequent meetings that the Officers and Trustees have an opportunity to discuss issues amongst themselves.

### Those Present

The following members were present at the Annual General Meeting, or the Dinner: Cyril Bell, Peter Elias, Peter Flynn, Mary Gleadall, Del Harris, Peter Kaulback, Mary Kerr, Henry Kroger, Duane Larson, Paul Larsen,

Robert Lebow, Richard Little, Richard Maisel, Peter McCann, Gale Raymond, Fitz Roett, Roger Schnell, Steve Schumann, John Seidl, Mark Swetland, Tim Tweddell, Ed Waterous, Rob Wynstra. Please accept my apologies if I have inadvertently omitted anyone from the above list, or made any other errors in this report.

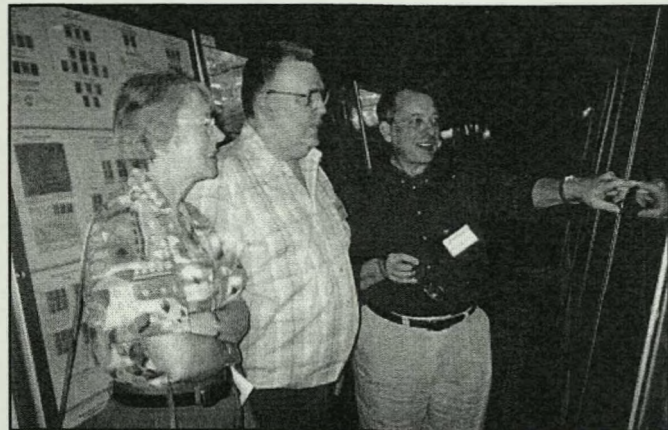
## Convention Photo Gallery



*Reviewing auction lots. From left, Duane Larson, Peter Kaulback, Ed Waterous (partial), Peter Flynn and Tim Tweddell.*



*BCPSG Exhibitors: from left, Paul Larsen, Tim Tweddell, Steve Schumann, Peter Flynn, Peter McCann, Rob Wynstra, Roger Schnell (Jury Chair), Peter Elias, Fitz Roett. Reuben Ramkisson was not at show.*

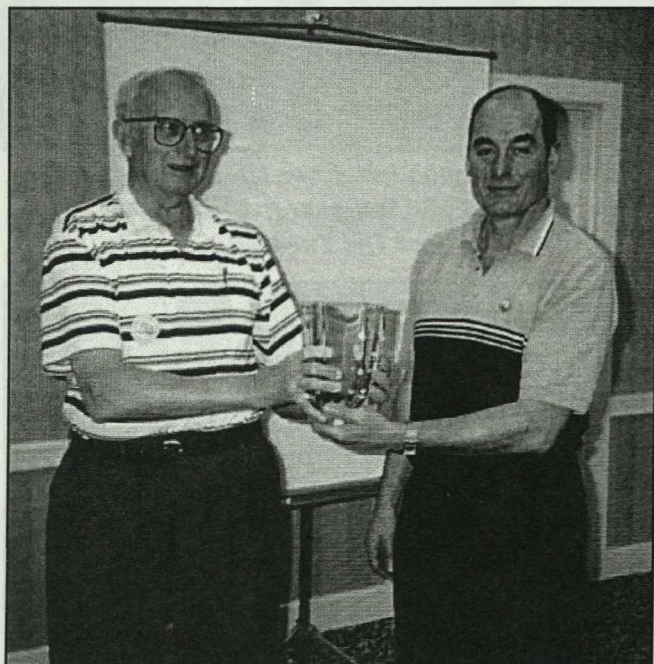


*At the exhibits: Liz and Fitz Roett with President Rob Wynstra, right.*

# Mark W. Swetland named Robert J. Cooley Award winner

By Peter Kaulback  
Secretary

As part of the recent Annual General Meeting in Dallas, former President and Editor Mark Swetland was honored as the recipient of the second annual Robert J. Cooley Award for outstanding contributions to the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. At the request of the President, Secretary Peter Kaulback made the presentation as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Other members of the committee were Trustee Barry Friedman, and Awards Chairman Paul Larsen.



*Mark W. Swetland, left, accepts the Cooley Award from Secretary Peter Kaulback.*

Mark Swetland was one of the founding members of the Group (of whom some 16 are still members) and has served in many capacities including that of President and, subsequently for many years, as Editor. Mark has given most generously of his skills and time to the Group over an extended period, and it is through his efforts and those like him, that all current members are able to benefit from being part of a robust and vibrant Group. Peter presented the award, an impressive crystal vase carefully selected by the Awards Chairman (with, as he so readily admits, great assistance from his wife). There is also a cash portion of this award which will be forwarded separately.

This major award was established through a generous

donation from longtime member Robert J. Cooley as a way of recognizing outstanding service to the Group. As such, it superbly complements the Group's other two major annual awards, the Byron Cameron Trophy for the best British Caribbean exhibit at the annual meeting and the Stanley Durmin Award for the best article published in the *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal*.

The Cooley Award is presented each year at the Annual General Meeting and serves to honor those members whose dedication to the BCPSG have contributed so much to its success. All members of the Group are eligible to win the award but may be selected only once, based on the deliberations of the three-member Selection Committee.

## An Appreciation By Mark W. Swetland

My thanks go to Robert J. Cooley for creating the award in his name for service to the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group and to the award committee, Barry Friedman, Paul Larsen, and Peter Kaulback, who chose me for this award in 2001. When Peter presented me the award at the Dallas 2001 annual meeting, it was a shock, a total surprise. I deeply appreciate the award. It is now sitting in our dining room where all who come will see it.

While the award is for service to the BCPSG and I have served as Treasurer, President and Editor, this was a service of love to all members, deceased and living, to all the many who supported my efforts and helped me in every aspect of the work. Now is an opportunity to pay recognition to three deceased members, Reg Lant, Al Branston, and Morris Ludington. Other deceased and living members deserve recognition, but if I list them, I will omit some who merit equal recognition. After all, I will turn 80 in August this year. My wife, Jean, consoles me for not remembering everything, but it still frustrates me.

Reg Lant served as Secretary-Treasurer for seven years until the growth of membership took too much time from his beloved Jamaica interests. Reg was the principal officer who instilled in the BCPSG the feeling of friendship with all members, charter members and newly joined members, world famous collectors and beginning BWI collectors. He set the style I followed as Treasurer. Memory says we had 167 members when Reg asked for help and over 400 when I needed relief in 1972.

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## Cameron Trophy awarded to Dr. Peter Flynn at TEXPEX

**D**r. Peter Flynn is the most recent winner of the BCPSG's Byron Cameron trophy for his exhibit "Imperial Censorship in Bermuda -- A Study Examination of Transit Mails During World War II." The Cameron Trophy is awarded each year for the best British Caribbean exhibit shown during the annual group meeting. The award was presented as part of the awards ceremony at TEXPEX 2001 in Dallas, Texas.

The exhibit covers all aspects of official censorship on mail transiting through Bermuda during the World War II period. It has recently been expanded to a full 10 frames and displays an usually high degree of philatelic knowledge and original research on a difficult area of World War II censored mail. The exhibit previously received the Grand Award at the INDYPEX show in Indianapolis and was shown in the court of honor at STAMPSHOW 2000 as part of the Champion of Champions competition sponsored by the American Philatelic Society. Dr. Flynn also received a BCPSG Gold medal and the Postal History Medal at the TEXPEX awards ceremony.

BCPSG members overall made an excellent showing in the TEXPEX 2001 exhibition. In addition to the awards to Dr. Flynn, Fitz Roett of Canada was honored with the APS Medal of Excellence for his exhibit, "Barbados 1765-1882." Besides some great Caribbean area material, there were some fine exhibits from the islands in the Pacific Ocean provided by members of the SAS/O. BCPSG group member Steve Schumann received the show Grand Award for his New Zealand postal stationery exhibit.

### Awards -- TEXPEX 2001, April 6-8, Dallas, Texas

Peter Elias, "Usage of British Empire War Tax Stamps," Show Silver, BCPSG Silver. Peter Elias, "St. Vincent: A Philatelic Sampler" (one-frame), Silver-Bronze.

Peter Flynn, "Imperial Censorship in Bermuda -- A Study Examination of Transit Mails During World War II," Gold, BCPSG Cameron Award and Gold, Postal History Society Award.

Paul Larsen, "Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands 1890-1911," Gold and Felicitations of the Jury, BCPSG Gold.

Peter McCann, "Turks and Caicos Islands Postal History," Honorary Gold, Honorary BCPSG Medal (not in competition).

Peter McCann, "British Virgin Islands Postal History," Honorary Gold, Honorary BCPSG Medal (not in competition).

Reuben Ramkissoon, "Postal Stationery of Trinidad

& Tobago," Honorary Gold, Honorary BCPSG Medal (not in competition; Grand Award winner at COLOPEX 01).

Fitz Roett, "Barbados 1765-1882," Gold, BCPSG Gold, APS Pre-1900 Medal.



*Dr. Peter Flynn, left, accepts the Cameron Award from President Rob Wynstra.*

Steve Schumann, "New Zealand Postal Stationery 1876-1936," Grand Award, Gold, Society of Australasia Specialist/Oceania Gold, United Postal Stationery Society Award.

Tim Tweddell, "World War II Censorship in the Leeward Islands," Vermeil, BCPSG Vermeil.

Rob Wynstra, "Leeward Islands Village Mail 1734-1932," Gold, BCPSG Gold.

*Paul Larsen and Rob Wynstra provided the information for this article.*



# Tim Tweddell honored with Durnin Award for writing

By Michel Forand

The Stanley Durnin Award, created in 1979 as a memorial to the late Stan Durnin, a past President of the BCPSG, is intended to honor the best article in the *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal* during the past year. After having lapsed for several years, the award was revived in 1998.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Articles must be original and focus on original research. This category includes articles that expand significantly on already available information.
- Articles should be written clearly and coherently, and they should be developed logically.
- Articles should be syntactically and grammatically correct.
- The article as published must be substantially as originally written by the author. In other words, if the editor had to rewrite the article, it will not be eligible for the award.
- The style and presentation criteria are secondary to that of originality and other substantive aspects, but they are important nonetheless: this is both a research and a writing award.

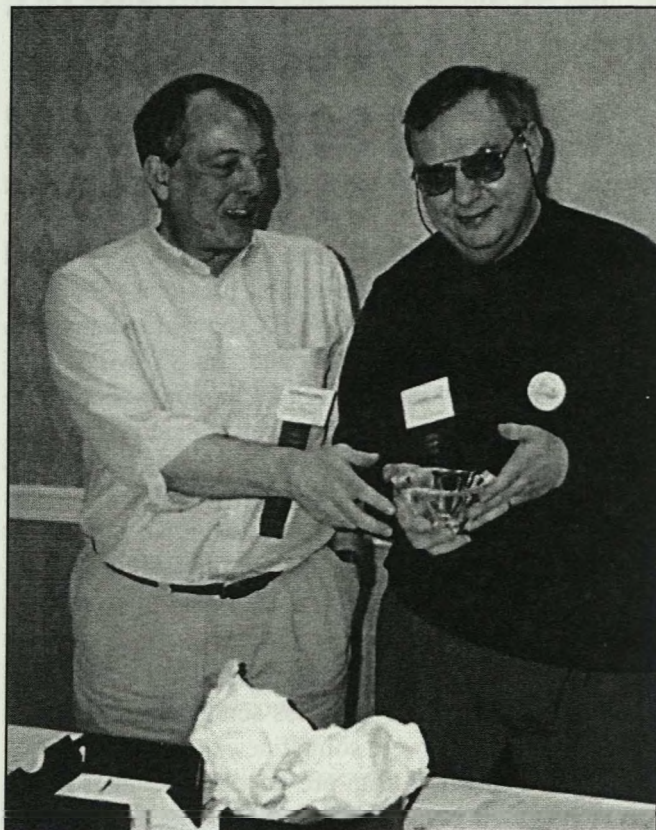
## The 2000 Award

Because only three issues of the *Journal* were published in 2000, and because much space in those three issues was devoted to the London meeting and other Group activities, the number of articles meeting the eligibility criteria for the award was rather limited. The articles on the short list were: Rob Wynstra, "Early Postal History of Anguilla" (March); Dingle Smith, "Formula Jamaican Air Letters" (June); Edward T. Tweddell, "World War II Civil Censorship in St Lucia" (June).

Although small in number, these articles are of very high level, and the jury again this year faced a difficult choice. In the end, the article on St. Lucia censorship was selected as the first among equals in 2000 because it probably provides as nearly comprehensive a treatment of its subject as we are likely to see. We congratulate Tim Tweddell for the continuing high standards he applies in his research. The excellent quality of the articles by Rob

Wynstra and Dingle Smith deserves special mention and one can only hope that the *Journal* will continue to receive and publish articles of that caliber.

We encourage BCPSG members to write more substantive articles for the *Journal*. We note that in recent



*Presentation of Durnin Award to Tim Tweddell (right) by President Rob Wynstra.*

years there have been relatively few articles about stamps, as opposed to postal history. This is an area that perhaps could be studied more extensively.

The Durnin Award Committee is composed of Charles E Cwiakala of Chicago; Michel Forand of Ottawa, Ontario (Chair); and Charles A. Freeland of Basel, Switzerland. ☉



# It's time to begin making plans for our meeting in BVI

By Rob Wynstra

President

The confirmed dates for the 2002 annual meeting to be held in Road Town, British Virgin Islands, are Thursday, October 31 through Monday, November 4. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2002 Tortola Stamp Exhibition, which is scheduled at the Barclay's Bank in Road Town on November 2-3, 2002.

The exhibition will feature displays and a dealer bourse, as well as numerous other philatelic activities. A special show program with in-depth articles on British Caribbean stamps and postal history is also in the works. The show is actively supported by local officials and annually draws several hundred attendees.

The exhibition will be highlighted by displays of major British Caribbean rarities from the Queen's Collection in London. The Keeper of the Queen's Collection will also be on hand for the festivities. Our host for the event is the British Virgin Islands Philatelic Society.

Established 13 years ago, the British Virgin Islands Philatelic Society is recognized as one of the best organized clubs in the region. The Society caters to the general needs of collectors in general, be it stamps, coils or phone cards, and has consistently promoted the cultural aspects of the hobby. Several displays from Society members were prominently featured during our BCPSG meeting in Boxborough, Massachusetts. The Society is currently working on a specialized catalogue of BVI stamps from 1866 to date.

Details for the group meeting are still in the early stages

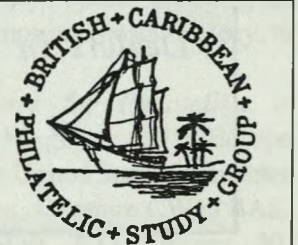
of planning, but will include philatelic and sightseeing excursions around Tortola, social gatherings at the Botanical Gardens and homes of the BVI Philatelic Society, and probably a boat trip to the nearby island of Virgin Gorda.

Our annual general meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, November 1. It will include our business meeting, presentation of the Durnin and Cooley awards, and several philatelic presentations by group members. We also will hold our traditional group dinner and reception, which has proved to be an extremely popular way for members to meet in a relaxed and congenial environment.

Accommodations are being arranged in a convenient hotel location at very favorable rates. Roger Downing and Giorgio Migliavacca from the BVI Philatelic Society are assisting with the details and are preparing a full agenda of activities for members in attendance. We expect a large turnout and would especially encourage our overseas members to join us for the festivities in the BVI.

Further details on all the planned activities in Tortola, along with full information on accommodations, will be available in upcoming issues of the *Journal*. Those planning to attend are especially encouraged to arrive early or extend their stay past the meeting dates so as to further enjoy the hospitality of our friends in the BVI. ☐

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## Mark W. Swetland offers an appreciation on receiving the Cooley Award

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Al Branston stepped forward during this period and became our International Director who eased the matters of collecting United Kingdom and other overseas dues. I first met Al in 1970 and saw him on many future business and philatelic trips to England. How different he was in person from his letters! He was truly a humorous man to know and could keep me laughing at his stories for hours. He could also write a humorous letter when he knew you.

As Editor, I had the happy and perhaps unique experience of never running low on articles for the journal. En-

velopes from Morris Ludington were welcome sights. I am sure he produced more articles for the *Journal* while I was editor than any other member. It was rare that I offered Morris any editorial comment.

My thanks and appreciation go to every member who helped with each of the positions I filled. The return from this service was help, friendship, and information, contributed freely by so many people. Receiving the Robert J. Cooley Award is deeply appreciated and strengthens my appreciation for the efforts of the many people who worked with me. ☐

## Interesting story behind Barbados coronation cover

By Brian R. Bates

Of the USA

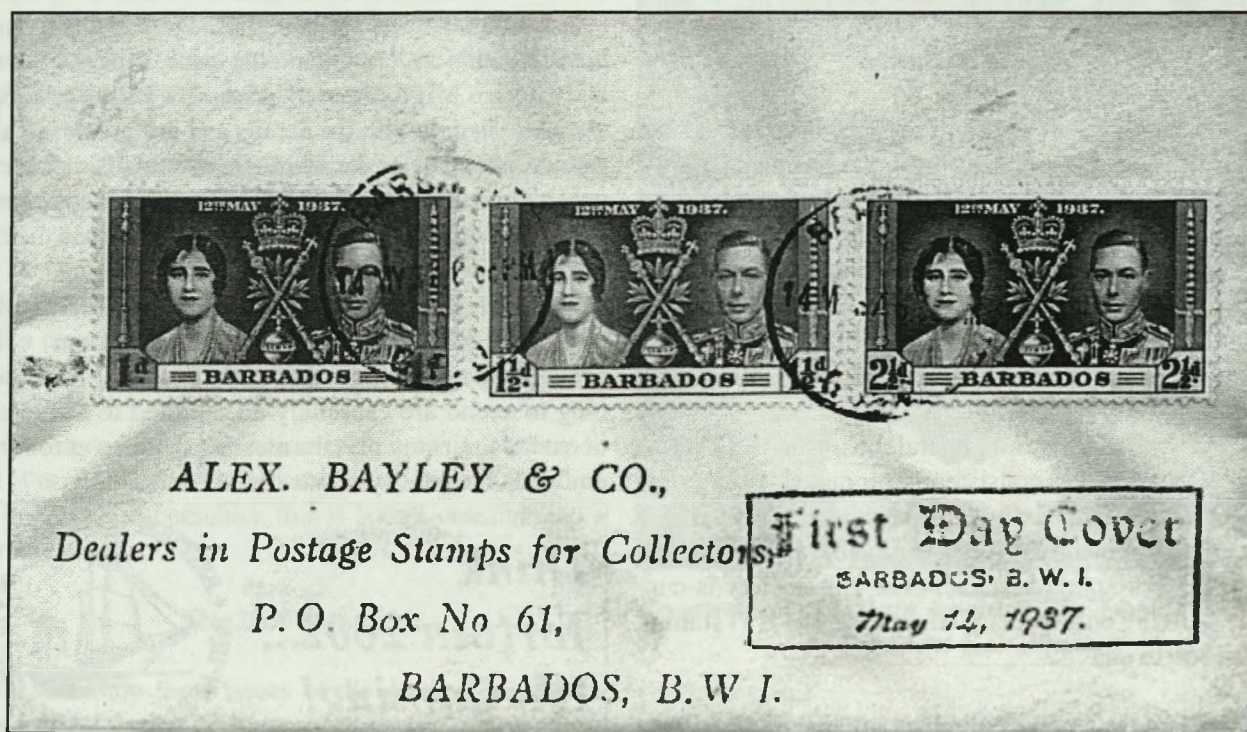
I visited a stamp show in Maitland, Florida in February, and searching through dealer stocks, I found a few Barbados town cancels. Having time to spare, I decided to go through a few cover dealers' boxes. Paging through quickly, I spotted the name "Bayley" on the cover shown here. Having a few covers addressed to Bayley in my collection, and since Barbados is one of my interests, I could not resist purchasing it.

As many of our members will know, Edmund Bayley is a member of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, and our editor contacted him seeking information about the cover. Here is his reply:

"The envelope that you mention with the coronation cachet was probably prepared by my dad, Herbert Bayley, who was quite a knowledgeable collector in his day. Unfortunately, he died in 1963. He used to use this same Post Office Box 61 (it remains in the family to this day). It originally belonged to my grandfather, who was Alexander Bayley, and who owned and operated a jewelry store in Broad Street, Bridgetown, Barbados under the name of 'Alex. Bayley & Co.'

"I seem to recall as a youngster that these coronation covers were quite common at the time. I would hardly think that this cover would be worth more than \$2 or \$3."

Not worth a lot of money, granted, but worth a great deal in the information it provided. ☒



*This 1937 Barbados coronation cover was purchased at a Florida stamp show. While not worth a lot of money, there's an interesting history behind it.*

### Publishing Schedule for BCPSG Journal

Following is a listing of important yearly dates for publishing of the *Journal*. The dates should remain the same year to year. While the deadline date is firm, date to printer and actual mailing date may fluctuate.

ISSUE COVER DATE	DEADLINE TO RECEIVE MATERIAL	JOURNAL TO PRINTER	ANTICIPATED MAILING DATE
January	November 15	November 30	December 30
April	February 15	February 28	March 30
July	May 15	May 30	June 30
October	August 15	August 30	September 30



## New Leeward Islands book is a "must-have" publication

Michael N. Oliver. *The Leeward Islands: Notes for Philatelists* (London: British West Indies Study Circle, 2000).

A review by Rob Wynstra

This recent book by Michael Oliver ranks as a "must-have" publication for anyone interested in the Leeward Islands Federal stamps and postal stationery in use from 1890 to 1956 or in the postal history of the islands of Antigua, Dominica (to 1940), St. Kitts, Nevis, British Virgin Islands, and Montserrat from 1840 to 1956. As such, it far surpasses the previous *Leeward Islands Encyclopaedia* by Robson Lowe as a handbook covering major aspects of Leeward Islands' philately. Most importantly, it avoids the numerous errors that so severely limited the usefulness of the Robson Lowe book.

This new publication devotes more than 20 pages to a useful discussion of the historical background and the postal arrangements in the islands from 1840. Another major section provides a wealth of information on Thomas De La Rue & Co. and the development of the colonial key plate types that are so closely linked to the Federal issues of the Leeward Islands. It includes a definitive listing of the proofs, essays and color trials of these issues. Especially helpful is a color chart that can be used to differentiate the colors and shades of the fugitive inks used by De La Rue in surface printing.

One of the most important aspects of this publication is its detailed analysis of the Federal postage stamps and postal stationery items. This section includes records extracted from the De La Rue archive for every requisition of postage stamps and stationery items and the quantities printed for each issue. It further provides detailed information on the specimen issues and the various duty plate flaws that are of such interest to many collectors. The listings for the stationery items represents the first definitive catalogue for this popular issues. All this work is based on long research in the De La Rue Archives and provides a major contribution to our knowledge of the Leeward Islands Federal issues.

The remainder of the book focuses on the large number of postmarks in use on the islands from 1840 to 1956. This represents the first comprehensive listing of these markings. Of special interest is the detailed listing of village postmarks. Most items are well illustrated and have added information about the post offices and the relative rarity of many of the markings. The listing of the

post marks alone would make this an essential book for anyone interested in Leeward Islands postal history. Another section covers the various postage rates, including airmail rates, used in the islands through 1956. Additional pages are devoted to the history and postal markings of the various maritime mail services active in the Leeward Islands.

The material is generally well presented, with numerous useful illustrations. Like so many other books, however, the notations used as a key to each of the listed postmarks is rather confusing to use, even for someone who is familiar with the postmark being described. Also, I would have preferred to have every postmark illustrated, rather than representative examples of the various types. Nevertheless, none of that distracts in any major way from the overall usefulness of this publication.

Buyers of this book, however, should be aware that several areas are not covered in this publication. The sections on the stamps and postal stationery are limited to the Leeward Islands issues and do not cover the issues from the individual islands that made up the Federation. The book also does not cover postmarks in use on the islands prior to 1840. The various manuscript markings used at various village post offices and registration markings in general also are not included. With that said, this still represents an important first step toward developing a comprehensive encyclopedia covering all aspects of Leeward Islands stamps and postal history. ☒

*The Leeward Islands: Notes for Philatelists* is available for £56 in the United Kingdom; £59 in Europe and overseas; and \$100.00 in the United States from Peter Ford, 22 Tudor Way, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 4AS, United Kingdom or Cary Holt, P.O. Drawer 59, Burlington, NC 27216, USA. E-mail inquiries can be directed to pccford@hotmail.com.

### Leeward Islands help needed

I have some covers, including one from the Dominica branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, addressed to:  
Messrs. Middleton & Co., Ltd.

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\*Nos. 66 - 68 in 1922, No. 80 in 1932-39, and also 44, Whitehall Street in 1936. This company obviously provided goods or services to the islands and I shall be most grateful if any member can tell me what those were, or perhaps still are. Michael Oliver (Group Leader address on inside front cover).

# President's Message

By Rob Wynstra

Our Annual General Meeting at TEXPEX 2001 in Dallas once again proved to be an outstanding three days filled with philatelic friendship. I would like to thank the show organizers, Jeff Erichson and Larry Saul, for their assistance in making this such a successful event. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the members and officers of the Texas Philatelic Association for being such great hosts.

Recognition is further due to Peter Elias, who served as the local coordinator for the BCPSG and took care of many of the many details that are so difficult to handle from a long distance. One particular highlight of the meeting was the philatelic presentation by Richard Maisel on the stamps and postal history of the Cayman Islands. Thanks also go to group member Roger Schnell, who served as chief judge on the APS panel for the show.

As is the case for all our meetings, success is only possible with assistance from the officers and members in the group. Paul Larsen, Edward T. "Tim" Tweddell, Duane Larson, and Peter Kaulback provided especially valuable help throughout all the activities in Dallas. Special thanks are due to Ed Waterous, who once again conducted an outstanding group auction.

Our large cadre of exhibitors again showed why we have become one of the most sought-after groups for national philatelic exhibitions. Although several of our usual exhibitors had conflicts with the dates for this show, eight of our members provided 74 frames of British Caribbean exhibits for display.

This outstanding group of exhibitors won numerous special awards. Among these were Peter Flynn, who won the Cameron Trophy and the Postal History Medal, and Fitz Roett, who won the American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence. Congratulations also go to group member Steve Schumann who received the Grand Award for his magnificent exhibit of New Zealand postal stationery. Other members with exhibits on display included Peter McCann, Peter Elias, Edward T. "Tim" Tweddell, Paul Larsen, Rob Wynstra, and Ben Ramkissoon.

I would also like to thank Michel Forand for serving as chairman of the Durnin Award committee. The award for the best article in the BCPJ during 2000 went to Edward T. "Tim" Tweddell, who won for the second time in the last three years. This award provides well-deserved

recognition for the outstanding contributions that Tim has made to the journal.

Another highlight was the presentation of the Robert J. Cooley Award for service to the BCPSG. Thanks are due to Peter Kaulback for chairing the Cooley award committee. The committee once again did an outstanding job in selecting former editor and group president Mark Swetland as the latest winner.

In a recent letter of thanks to Bob Cooley, Mark wonderfully expressed the feeling that many of us have about our service to the BCPSG. "The work I did for the BCPSG has already rewarded me more than I deserve for the help and friendship which all have extended," he wrote. "I found that working with so many members returned so much help and information that it made the work easy." Mark further noted that the award "was the high spot of our trip to Dallas and the last thing I would have imagined when I came to Dallas."

With that said, it is now time to mark your calendars for the next annual meeting, to be held in the British Virgin Islands from October 31 to November 4, 2002. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. ☒

## Letter to the editor

### Caymans Update

#### Editor:

I want to thank you for the excellent job you did on presenting my article on Cayman Islands. It is always a thrill when you see something you have labored on for several months become a reality and one which is so beautifully presented. Unfortunately, I have a bad habit of making mistakes and I have identified two in the article. The 1921-26 series had 15 denominations and not 14 as I reported. Also, three values of the 1921-26 values were not replaced by the centenary series, not just two as I wrote. The one I omitted which was not replaced was the 3/-.

I have also received an e-mail from Peter Fernbank, who was able to shed some light on the problem of estimating quantities for the shades of the 1921-26 series, and I found a very interesting passage in Easton's *British Postage Stamp Design*, page 264 and some additional information about this design in a 1998 article in the *Philatelist* and PJGB.

Richard Maisel  
New York City

# Membership Director's Report — By Tom Girdi

## New Members

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

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## New Applicants

Roy BOND, 29 Childrey Way, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks, RG31 5EA UNITED KINGDOM. Philatelic interest: Montserrat and St. Vincent postal history and adhesives up to 1980. Sponsored by: Charles Freeland.

Leslie SACKSTEIN, P.O. Box 256, Bloemfontein, SOUTH AFRICA. Philatelic interest: BVI and BWI, used KVI. Sponsored by Charles Freeland.

Robert SHOEMAKER, 2313 Eastridge Rd., Timonium, MD 21093 USA. Philatelic interest: Tobago. Sponsored by Thomas Girdi.

Robert J. STEWART, 7 West Dune Lane, Beach Haven, NJ 08008 USA. Philatelic interest: Antigua, Bermuda, Cayman Islands and Montserrat. Sponsored by Thomas Girdi.

I inadvertently omitted our two newest members' collecting interests and sponsors in the last *Journal* as Peter Kaulback pointed out to me:

Scott Hansen, Philatelic interests: BWI Postal History. Sponsored by Thomas Girdi.

Bruce Walker, Philatelic interests: Trinidad, Tobago, and Trinidad & Tobago. Sponsored by Rob Wynstra.

## Change of Address

Thomas A. Anderson, P.O. Box 3103, Gaithersburg, MD 20885-3103 USA

John D. Blouch, 167 Linden Ln., Princeton, NJ 08536 USA

Rev. Peter Brooks, 71 Waterloo Rd., Wellington, TA21 8JF UNITED KINGDOM

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R. Alan Ferrington, 805 Robert St., Ruston, LA 71270 USA

Richard C. Mounsey, 1220 Tiffany Cr. N., Palm Springs, CA 92262-7700 USA

Frank Nelson, 2655 Albemarle Church Rd., Columbia, NC 27925-9706 USA (not SC)

David E. Nye, 2160 66th St., Fennville, MI 49408-9790 USA

Dr. Norman D. Thetford, 935 Baker St., Mount Dora, FL

32757 USA is Norm's winter address, not a change of address! His correct and current address is still 68 South St., Eatontown, NJ 07724-3406 USA

James E. Watson, 3530 Pine Fern Lane, Bonita Springs, FL 34134-1918 USA

Chris Rainey, P.O. Box 1060, Swindon SN3 1J1 U.K.

## Resignations

Daniel L. Galloway

## Deaths

Ed Druce

Lloyd Romero

If any member has information, such as a change of address, to be included in the Membership Director's Report, please contact me, either by mail (see inside front cover of the *Journal*) or by e-mail at TEG43@aol.com.

## New Webmaster Appointed

As part of the recent officer's meeting at Dallas, Ed Barrow of Seattle, Washington has been appointed to fill the vacant position of webmaster. Ed is an avid collector of Trinidad and Tobago, with a special interest in postal history and "anything that I find relevant and interesting."

Besides the BCPSG, he holds memberships in the American Philatelic Society and the Trinidad and Tobago Philatelic Society. Ed works as a freelance photojournalist and is a part-time stamp and postal history dealer. The website for his business, the West India Co.: British Caribbean Stamps and Postal History, can be accessed at <http://www.tradewinds-co.com/stamps>. He also runs the Trinidad & Tobago Philatelic page at <http://www.tradewinds-co.com/ttpp>. This site seeks to encourage collectors of Trinidad and Tobago stamps and postal history, primarily as a means of learning about the history and culture of the islands.

Ed already has revised and updated the website and plans are under way to add additional features to better serve our members. The BCPSG website contains a wide array of information on group activities and philately of the British Caribbean. The site also has a printable membership application. The site can be accessed at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/BCPSG>.

Our new webmaster can be contacted at:

Ed Barrow

524 Federal Ave. East #203, Seattle, WA 98102

or by e-mail at [e.barrow@prodigy.net](mailto:e.barrow@prodigy.net)

## 'THE UNISSUED STAMPS OF KING GEORGE VI' BY DAVID HORRY

It must have been over 10 years ago when Horry, younger and slimmer than now, first showed us some of his ideas at Stampex. Mild hysteria gripped us immediately, and spread rapidly to fascinated customers. It has yet to abate.

Philatelic books can, on occasion, be a bit on the dull side. This lavishly-illustrated casebound publication is certainly never dull and is replete with inspired absurdity, usually (apparently) justified by the text. There appears to be one 'main' creation per colony, with lots more in the surrounds. Exceptions include the Fiji 1½d: the exclusive story of the many dies is now revealed.

Horry's enjoyment of his own jokes is extremely infectious. It's backed up by his wonderful full-colour illustrations, making this a book which surely has appeal beyond the philatelic market and has a place on every coffee table. If you as a stamp collector have ever been shy about admitting to your hobby, this book justifies stamp collecting - its author's humour and creativity communicate enjoyment of the hobby in a universal fashion.

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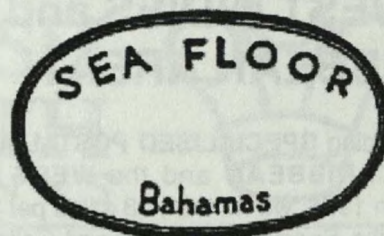
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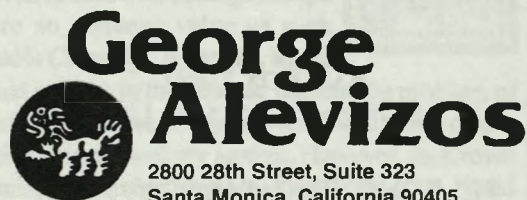
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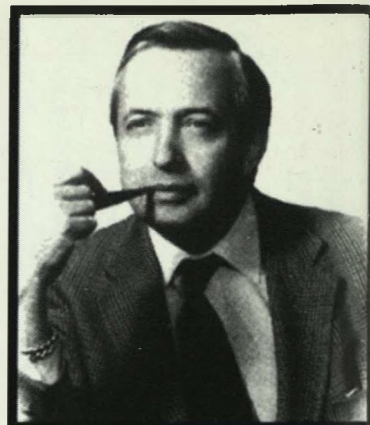
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