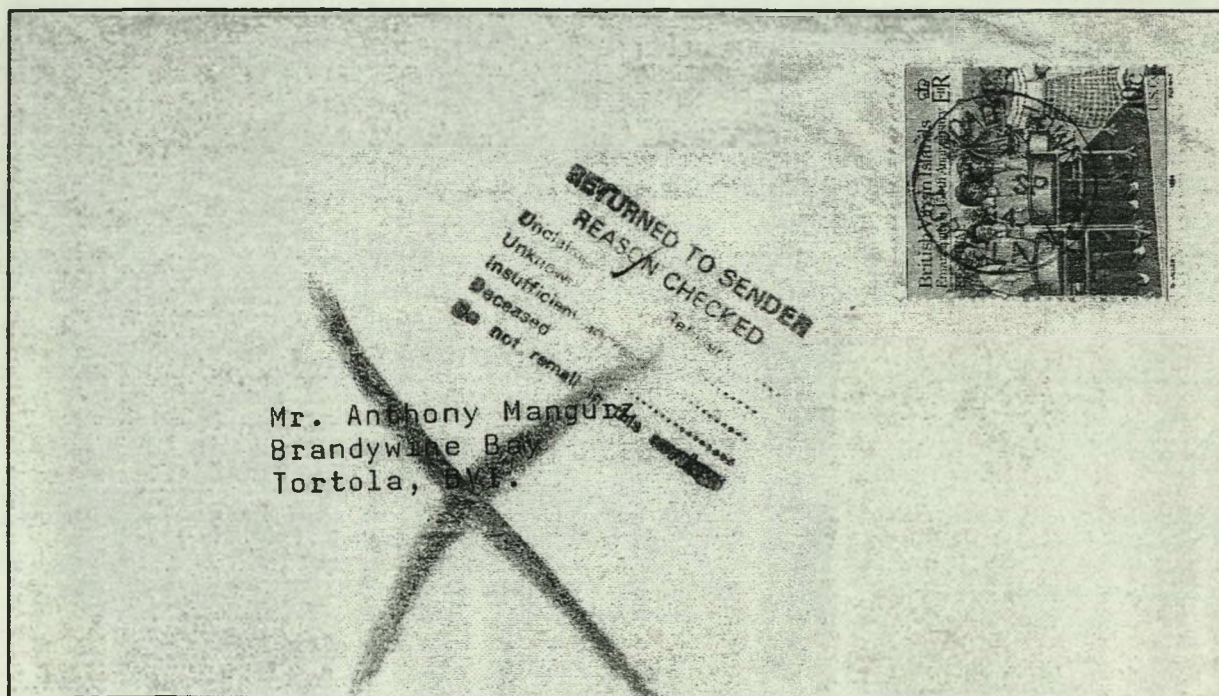


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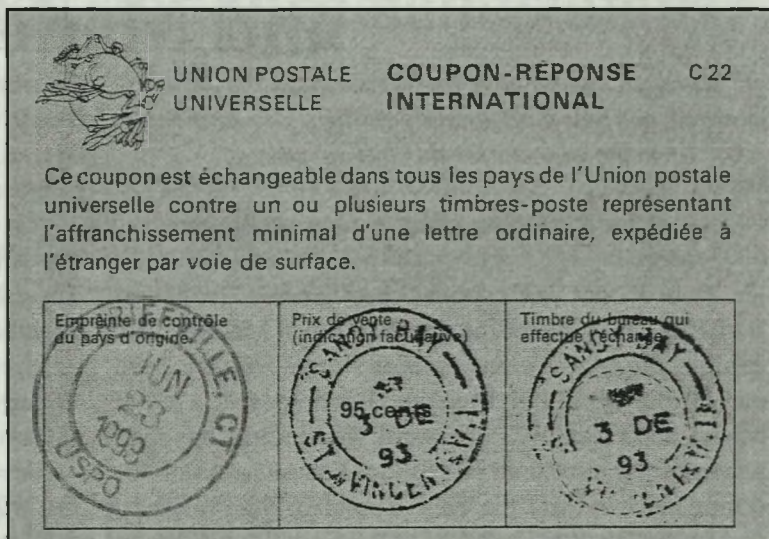
By Peter Elias

St. Vincent Study Group Leader

Collecting International Reply Coupons (IRC) is a fascinating sideline in philately. Unfortunately my favorite island St. Vincent does not participate in issuing IRCs (but according to UPU guidelines, they do have to honor any IRCs that are turned in for redemption).

I recently ran across this interesting IRC that was issued in Tariffville, Connecticut on June 23, 1993 and redeemed in Sandy Bay, St. Vincent on December 3, 1993. Redeemed IRCs are extremely difficult to obtain, as they are supposed to be turned in and later destroyed (although I do not personally know how the different postal administrations do the accounting amongst themselves for these items or whether the UPU handles this).

I am guessing that this IRC was not really redeemed, but rather "favor cancelled" and then returned to the original owner. There is NOT supposed to be a postmark in the middle box, which primarily shows the original purchase price of the IRC. The left box is for the postmark of the originating post office and the right box is kept blank until redeemed at which point it is postmarked. Despite being apparently philatelic in nature, it is nevertheless an interesting add-on to my St. Vincent collection. If you have any comments about this item or IRCs in general, please feel free to contact me at info@stvincentstamps.com.



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Major awards captured by McCann and Matheson

(This report should have been included in the January Journal, and was inadvertently omitted. Our apologies to the winners for this late summary.)

Dr. Peter P. McCann wins Cameron Trophy

Dr. Peter P. McCann captured the Cameron Trophy at BALPEX 2004, site of the group's Annual Meeting. His exhibit, *Turks & Caicos Islands Postal History*, also earned the BALPEX Reserve Grand Award, a Gold Medal, and a Gold BCPSG award. Dr. McCann has been a member for more than 30 years, and an active exhibitor during much of that time. He is a past BCPSG President, and Immediate Past President of the American Philatelic Society, among a long list of philatelic achievements. The Cameron Trophy is the oldest and perhaps most prestigious of the study group's awards, highly coveted by exhibitors. Congratulations for a spectacular exhibit and a deserving win.

Ian Matheson Wins 2003 Durnin Award

The Durnin Award, named after Stan Durnin, a former president of the BCPSG, was originally set up in 1979, two years after his death. The award is intended to encourage the writing of articles for the *Journal* based on original research. For a brief history of the award and a review of the selection criteria, see the March 1999 edition of the *Journal*. The winning article is selected each year by the members of the Durnin Award Committee, currently made up of Charles E. Cwiakala (also a former president), Michel Forand (a former editor of the *Journal*) and Charles Freeland (a BCPSG member whose collecting interests cover the Caribbean area and who was recently given the Addiss Award for philatelic writing).

The 2003 articles considered by the award committee were:

- "The Independent Anguilla overprints of 1967," by Dr. Reuben A. Ramkisson (April-June);
- "Cayman Islands: the 1909 provisionals," by C.G. Booth (April-June);
- "Registration labels, handstamps and manuscript endorsements of British Honduras," by Ian Matheson (October-December).

All three articles are substantial, as well as excellent sources of information on their respective subjects. Although it is inconclusive in the end, the article on the

Cayman Islands 1909 provisionals, written partly in response to a previous article on the same subject by John Byl, raises a number of interesting points; the committee members welcome this kind of dialogue between experts.

The Anguilla article provides a very detailed view of Anguilla's 1967 overprints, but a few more explanations might have been helpful to the casual reader. The irregular layout of the article was also a hindrance to an easy reading. The committee members are happy to see that modern issues are being studied carefully.

The article on British Honduras registration devices and markings is characterized by evidence of exhaustive research over many years and a clear presentation of the data.

While all three articles are eminent contributions to philatelic knowledge, the committee members decided on this last article as the winner of the 2003 Durnin Award. The results of their deliberations were announced at the group's meeting in Hunt Valley, Maryland, in early September.

The committee members found much to enjoy in the 2003 edition of the *Journal*. They point in particular to the late Peter Kaulback's vivid description of the events at the group's 2002 AGM, held in Tortola (January-March issue), as well as Mark Swetland's article on the Tudway correspondence of Antigua (same issue). It is also encouraging to see several new names in the *Journal*, in particular those of Graham Booth, Peter Elias, Steve Zirinsky, Fitz Roett, etc. This is a welcome development, and one looks forward to further valuable contributions by them and others.

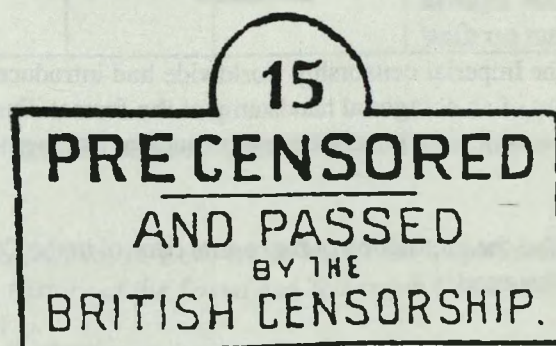
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World War II Civil Censorship: Where are the other standard handstamps?

By Chris Miller
Of the United Kingdom

As European Secretary of the Civil Censorship Study Group, I have been trying to compile the "Americas" volume of our World War II Civil Censorship Devices series for the last eight years. The first handstamp illustrated was known to have been issued to the Controller of Caribbean Terminal Censorships on June 30, 1944 but reports of the actual use of the handstamps are few.



Interestingly, the notification of enclosure of the handstamp was sent to Bermuda "for information" although, as can be seen from the list, the handstamp was issued.

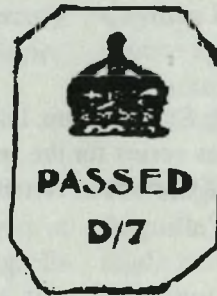
The table below shows the handstamps issued and shading indicates those for which a copy has been seen.

1	British Guiana	
2	Grenada	
3	St. Vincent	
4	St. Lucia	
5	Barbados	Three copies reported
6	Dominica	
7	Montserrat	
8	Antigua	
9	St. Kitts	
10	Anguilla	Station not operating
11	Bahamas	
12	British Honduras	
13	Trinidad	
14	Bermuda	
15	Jamaica	

From September 1, 1942 all terminal and transit censorship in the Caribbean, including that in British Honduras and British Guiana, was transferred from the local censorship to the control of the Imperial Censorship reporting to the Assistant Director (Western Area) in New York. Each station was supplied with a controller and an inspector as well as one shorthand typist.

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As this followed similar "unified" arrangements elsewhere in the Imperial Censorship world, it was not entirely because of the irregularities, which had been unearthed on inspection earlier in the year and which had resulted in a number of prosecutions.



It was in the spring of 1942 that the Imperial censorship worldwide had introduced a number of standard forms and procedures, which included the use of an octagonal handstamp of the format illustrated. It was only the Dominions and those territories which had special legislative arrangements, such as Southern Rhodesia, who had some freedom of action.

It should be supposed, therefore, that the imposition of the central control in the Caribbean would have resulted in all of the handstamps of this type being used.

The table below shows those that have been seen and there is no reason why the others should not be there to be reported. The writer would be very grateful to receive reports and, if possible, photocopies of any of the handstamps not listed by shading as having been seen.

It is no longer sufficient to explain the absence of some handstamps with the "I" prefix by explaining that the station did not handle transit mail. As mentioned above, the Imperial Censorship took over control of all mail censorship in September 1942.

It had also been reported that this type of handstamp, especially with an "I" prefix, was only used on postcards. Whereas a number of examples seen have been on postcards, this is by no means always the case.

The absence of the British Virgin Islands will be noted by censorship collectors. This is because no censorship

Station	Local Code	Imperial Code	Comments
Antigua	B	IB	
Bahamas	G	IG	IG number always manually added
Barbados	H	IH	HH is an error not an allocated code.
Bermuda	C	IC	
British Guiana	I	I	33 only number recorded and always in pencil.
British Honduras	J	I	8174 only number recorded always added in ink.
Dominica	RR	IRR	Only RR2 known.
Grenada	SS	ISS	SS known without frame and ISS with added numbers only.

Jamaica	D	ID	Includes sub-stations at Cayman Is and Turks and Caicos.
Montserrat	AA	IAA	83 only number recorded always added in ink.
St Kitts	BB	IBB	Number always added in ink on IBB and BB. Only number 435 recorded on BB. Only one copy known.
St Lucia	TT	ITT	
St Vincent	UU	IUU	3 only number known (one copy) added in red ink.
Trinidad	E	IE	8634 only number recorded always added in ink. One copy with no number added..

station was ever established there and the censorship marks known were effectively departmental ones applied by the postmaster.

I am indebted to the Public Record Office at Kew, which has given its permission for the Civil Censorship Study Group to quote from the official *History of the Postal and Telegraph Censorship Department*, which is held under reference DEFE 1/333 and 1/334.

Chris Miller would be grateful for any views or information to correct these pages. He can be reached at cpbmiller@aol.com or by snail mail at 161 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7JR, United Kingdom.

St. Vincent Study Group update

By Peter Elias

St. Vincent Study Group Leader

Upon becoming the St. Vincent Study Group Leader for the BCPSG about three years ago, I created a "Yahoo! Group." This is an online discussion group whose purpose is to allow each of its members to disseminate information quickly to all the other members of the group.

At this point there are about 30 members in the "St. Vincent stamps" Yahoo! Group, of which most are members of either the BCPSG or the BWISC.

The group site is at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stvincentstamps>.

You have to be a member to get into some of the specialized areas or to post messages (which can either be done at the web site or sending an email to the group email address). At the site there are also possibilities for creat-

ing surveys, storing images files, etc. Yahoo! makes all of this available free of charge. There are some minor ads that you have to look at, but it is manageable.

This is not a full-fledged web site though in the sense that you cannot create fancy webpages. It is primarily a shared storage area for files (if set up that way) and a medium for posting messages. You have to provide a valid email address when signing up. If needed, Yahoo! itself can provide you with a free email address that you can use for this purpose (just be sure to check your emails at least once every 30 days so that your account does not get deleted due to inactivity).

It is, however, a great way to communicate quickly with members. I would urge the other study group leaders to look into setting up similar groups (Microsoft has them as well -- "MSN Groups" -- but I found them to be more cumbersome, and Yahoo! definitely appears to be the better choice). If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at info@stvincentstamps.com.

A Note on the Philatelic Financing of the Cayman Islands during the Reign of King George V

By Richard Maisel
Member, Board of Trustees

It has long been known that the sale of philatelic items to collectors was a profitable source of income for British Colonies and that these sales were greatly increased by the issuing of new stamps. In all likelihood, the smaller the colony, the more important philatelic sales were in financing its municipal budget.

The Cayman Islands was one of the smallest colonies and Melville has noted that the sale of postage stamps provided one of its principal sources of revenue in the years before 1920. He reports that almost one half of the island's revenue in the period September 1916 through

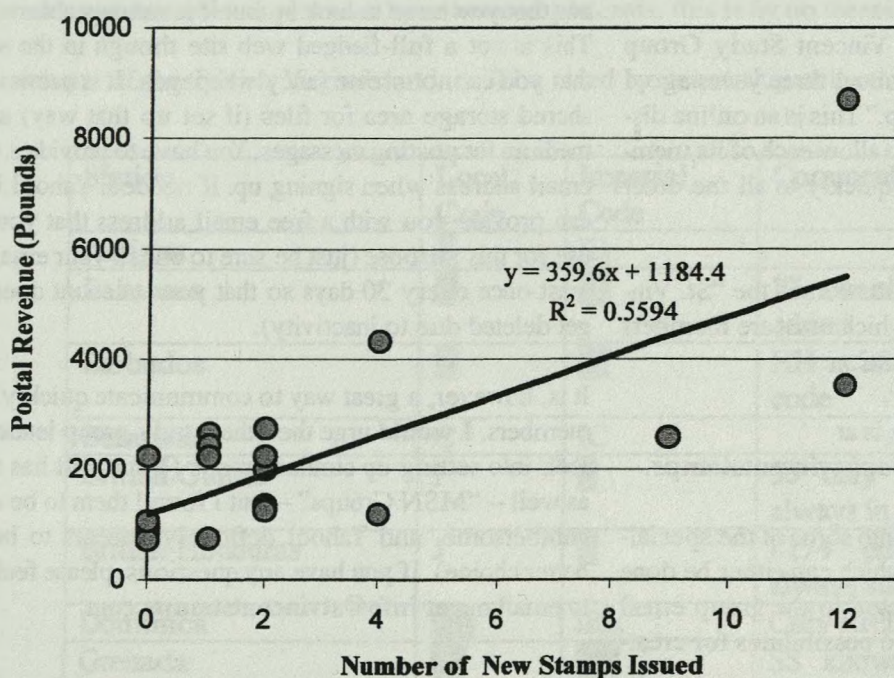
August 1917 came from the sale of postage stamps.¹ This note will document how profitable philatelic sales were for the Cayman Islands during the reign of King George V and how much a new stamp increased this revenue.

Table 1 contains data from the Cayman Islands Annual Reports on their Municipal Revenue and Expenditures for the years 1912-13 (the first year the Annual Reports were available) through 1935 (the last complete year of King George V's reign). An analysis of this data shows the total revenue collected by the Cayman Islands authorities from all sources, in the period September 1912 through December 1935, was £140,337, of which 34% was contributed by the Post Office. Further analysis of the data in Table I shows that 78.2% of postal revenue

for the period September 1918 through December 1935 was generated by sales to collectors. Taken together these two estimates mean approximately one quarter of the total revenue collected by the Cayman Islands Government, during the reign of King George V, consisted of sales of philatelic materials to collectors.

The importance of these philatelic sales to the Cayman's municipal financing comes into perspective by considering both revenue and expenditures. For the period September 1912 through December 1935, total revenue generated by the Cayman Islands postal system was £47,739, while postal expenditures were

Chart 1. Cayman Islands, Annual Postal Revenue by Number of New Stamps Issued, 1912-13 to 1935.



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Table 1. Cayman Islands Annual Revenue, Expenditures and Number of Stamps issued.¹

Year ²	Revenue (£)			Expenditures (£)		Number of Stamps Issued ³
	Total	Postal	Philatelic	Total	Postal	
1912-13	3900	1184	N.A. ⁴	3143	128	4
1913-14	5048	2750	N.A. ⁴	2840	259	2
1914-15	3347	1356	N.A. ⁴	3045	227	2
1915-16	2891	747	N.A. ⁴	3558	224	1
1916-17	3220	1291	N.A. ⁴	3553	261	2
1917-18	4423	2003	N.A. ⁴	5162	256	2
1918-19	5324	2650	2310	1269	331	1
1920	5915	2439	1938	5301	312	1
1921	5272	4318	3662	5311	492	4
1922	6996	2582	2196	7565	588	9
1923	6611	1257	828	6823	534	2
1924	6005	717	292	7013	459	0
1925	6970	2238	1842	6622	459	2
1926	7320	2232	1788	7437	463	1
1927	6148	1005	465	7651	702	0
1928	5909	919	340	7678	770	0
1929	6963	846	209	7023	799	0
1930	7299	956	293	6539	760	0
1931	6210	722	131	7290	798	0
1932	8141	3529	3095	6547	1182	12
1933	7298	2237	1782	6771	792	0
1934	5695	1067	698	6995	741	0
1935	13432	8694	8175	9212	2129	12

1. Cayman Islands Annual Reports, CO651/ 1- 23. National Archives, Public Record Office, Kew.
2. The 1912-13 through 1918-19 Reports cover the period September through August. 1920 and later Reports are for a calendar year, January through December.
3. The Number of stamps issued was estimated from the number of major varieties listed and the date of issue given in the *Stanley Gibbons Empire Stamp Catalogue 1840-1936* (London and Ringwood: Stanley Gibbons Ltd, 1999).
4. N.A. = not available prior to the 1918-19 Annual Report,

£13,666. Therefore, the rate of profit was 71.4%. Most of the £34,073 profit generated by the post office came from sales to collectors. This profit paid for 28% of all other (non-postal) Cayman Islands municipal expenditures, including salaries for policeman and other public officials, funds spent on Cayman Islands public schools, and money spent on maintenance of roads and other public facilities.

There was a great variation in the annual estimates of total postal revenue, with higher revenue reported for the years in which many new stamps were issued. For example, the highest annual postal revenue (£8674) was generated in 1935, the year in which the Cayman Islands issued 12 new stamps, including the very popular Silver Jubilee issue and the pictorial issue of 1935. The third highest annual postal revenue (£3528) was generated in 1932, a year in which the Cayman Islands issued 12 stamps of its Centenary series, the island's first commemoratives.

A trend line fitted to the data on the number of stamps issued in a year (X) and annual postal revenue (Y in £) by regressions analysis had the equation $Y = 359.6 X + 1184.4$ (Chart 1). This equation tells us the average postal revenue in years with no new stamps issued during this 23-year period, was £1184.4 and each new stamp issued during a year added £359.6 to this average. The cost of the new stamp, including plates, printing, etc., was much less than half the added revenue (£359.6) it generated in its year of issue.

Thus the total cost of issuing a new stamp, including the capital investment in plates, was repaid by the sales in its first year of issue. In addition to its cost, the new stamp would generate a profit in the year it was issued which would pay at least one quarter of the average annual expenditure (£594) of the Cayman Islands Post Office. Philatelic sales of the stamp in subsequent years would be lower but even more profitable since its capital expenses had already been paid.

Philatelic income was a more important source of revenue to the Cayman Islands than it was for most British Colonies as the island had a small population that generated a relatively low volume of mail. Therefore, it is likely that sales to collectors were a much lower proportion of total postal revenue for most British Colonies than the 78.2% reported above for the Cayman Islands and that postal income in most British Colonies was far less profitable than the 71.4% estimated for the Cayman Islands. Nonetheless, sales to collectors were always a useful addition to every Colony's income and were actively sought after by most British Colonies.

FOOTNOTE TO TEXT

¹ Melville, Fred J. *The Postage Stamps of the Cayman Islands*. Beverly, Massachusetts/ Portland, Maine: Severn-Wylie-Jewett Co., 1920, 5.

We are in serious need of research articles!

There is practically nothing in the way of articles
(especially research articles)
for the July issue of the *Journal*.

Now is the time for our learned
members to be preparing something for the
coming issues.

Please "go to work" on the problem as soon as possible -- without
input of lengthy articles,
we won't have a July issue!

If your editor can help in any way,
please let me know!

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Encountering those St. Vincent revenue stamps

By Peter Elias

St. Vincent Study Group Leader

The "St. Vincent" book published in 1971 by Pierce-Messenger-Lowe (PLM) is generally the primary reference for St. Vincent revenue stamp collectors since it has the most information about these issues all in one place. If you have to find a stamp quickly though, you may have to flip through a number of pages. Even then, the PLM numbering systems are not used by everyone. Morley and Forbin both published revenue stamp catalogues in 1910, but again, they are not widely used. Currently, the Barefoot & Hall *British Commonwealth Revenue Stamp Catalog* is considered the primary source for revenue stamps.

To make it easier to cross-reference the various catalogues, I have compiled a list of all St. Vincent revenue stamps along with any known catalogue numbers, such as the PLM book (primary source), Barefoot & Hall (2002), Morley (1910), and Forbin (1910). As stated, the primary source for the list was the Pierce-Messenger-Lowe book. In cases where regular stamps were overprinted, Scott and Stanley Gibbons catalogue numbers are shown as well.

The "earliest recorded dates" (ERD) and "last recorded dates" (LRD) are from the Pierce-Messenger-Lowe book, as are the quantities issued. I would invite any of the members to check their collections to see if they have either a new ERD or LRD date to report. I remember that I have one or two newer ERDs myself, earlier than reported in the PML book.

A copy of the list is available for download as a PDF at my St. Vincent Yahoo! Group site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stvincentstamps/>

in the FILES section under REVENUE STAMPS. Yahoo! membership is required, but it is available free of charge.

My own collection has over 700 St. Vincent Queen Victoria revenue stamps, all of which were on some kind of document at one time; unfortunately, I only have one

document from the Queen Victoria era, a "bill-of-lading," and I have seen scans of two or three other examples of "bill-of-lading." If any of our readers would like to provide a census (and scans!) of which documents have survived with revenue stamps (especially the more elusive 5/- or higher values), I would greatly appreciate it. Information and scans can be sent to:

info@stvincentstamps.com

If I get enough responses, I will follow up this article with another with the results, and hopefully, some new information!

On a general note, I am trying to create the most comprehensive reference library of St. Vincent literature and scans of stamps, postmarks, postal history, revenues, postal stationery, fakes and forgeries, SPECIMEN stamps, registration labels and anything/everything relating in one way or another to the philately of the island of St. Vincent. For example, if there is a lot on eBay, I'll save the image even if I am not personally interested in the lot, because for future philatelists and postal historians, this will provide a census of material which exists at this point in time.

Deadlines

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We've all got them, and this journal is no different! Deadlines for receiving material for publication (and that means in the editor's hands, not mailed) and the anticipated mailing date for each of the quarterly issues of this publication are now found at the bottom of page 3.

Please take note of these dates!

"Return to Sender" and "Postage Due"

Markings of the British Virgin Islands

By **Giorgio Migliavacca**
Member, Board of Trustees

When dealing with this type of instructional markings it is extremely important to establish where they were used. All the "Return to Sender" markings discussed in this article were used (some still are) by the Road Town General Post Office on Tortola.

The only one of these markings correctly worded "Return To Sender" measures 73 millimeters maximum width (Type 1) and consists of five lines: the first bilingual, the second explaining why the piece of mail was returned, the third and fourth lines giving the correct postage "Per

Return To Sender Retour
For Additional Postage
Air Mail To This Country Is
Per Half Ounce
Please Cross Out When Remailing.

Type 1

Half Ounce," and the fifth line asking the sender to cross out the marking after he has affixed the correct amount of postage. It was struck on air mail that did not pay the correct amount of postage. From all indications, this marking was in use during the 1970s and possibly the early 1980s.

All the other markings show the first line strangely worded as "RETURNED TO SENDER." At least two types of the seven-line, no box around marking exist. The first line of Type 2a measures about 34 millimeters, and the second line 26 millimeters. The first line of Type 2b measures about 37 millimeters, and there are other clues to differentiate the two types but simply look at the first two lines of Type 2a: the "D" in SENDER is almost perfectly aligned vertically with the "D" in CHECKED below. This is not the case in Type 2b. Type 2a was in use during the 1970s and Type 2b during the 1980s and pos-

sibly early 1990s. The reason for the scarcity of these markings is easily understood after reading the seventh line: "Do not remail in this envelope."

RETURNED TO SENDER
REASON CHECKED
Unclaimed..... Refused.....
Unknown.....
Insufficient address.....
Deceased.....
Do not remail in this envelope

Type 2a

By the late 1990s, Type 2b most likely had been replaced by the boxed type measuring 70 millimeters in width (Type 3) showing the last line in upper case letters. It is

RETURNED TO SENDER
REASON CHECKED
Unclaimed / Refused
Unknown /
Insufficient address
Deceased
DO NOT REMAIL IN THIS ENVELOPE

Type 3

usually found struck in red ink. The six line marking (Type 4) with the first line in upper case italics "RETURNED TO SENDER" is usually struck in red ink and was first recorded in 2001.

First impressions are not always correct and I say this in reference to postage due markings of the British Virgin Islands. Please correct

me if I am wrong, but I have never seen a postage due marking of the BVI or a letter "taxed" on arrival in the BVI for insufficient postage. Imagine what was my first

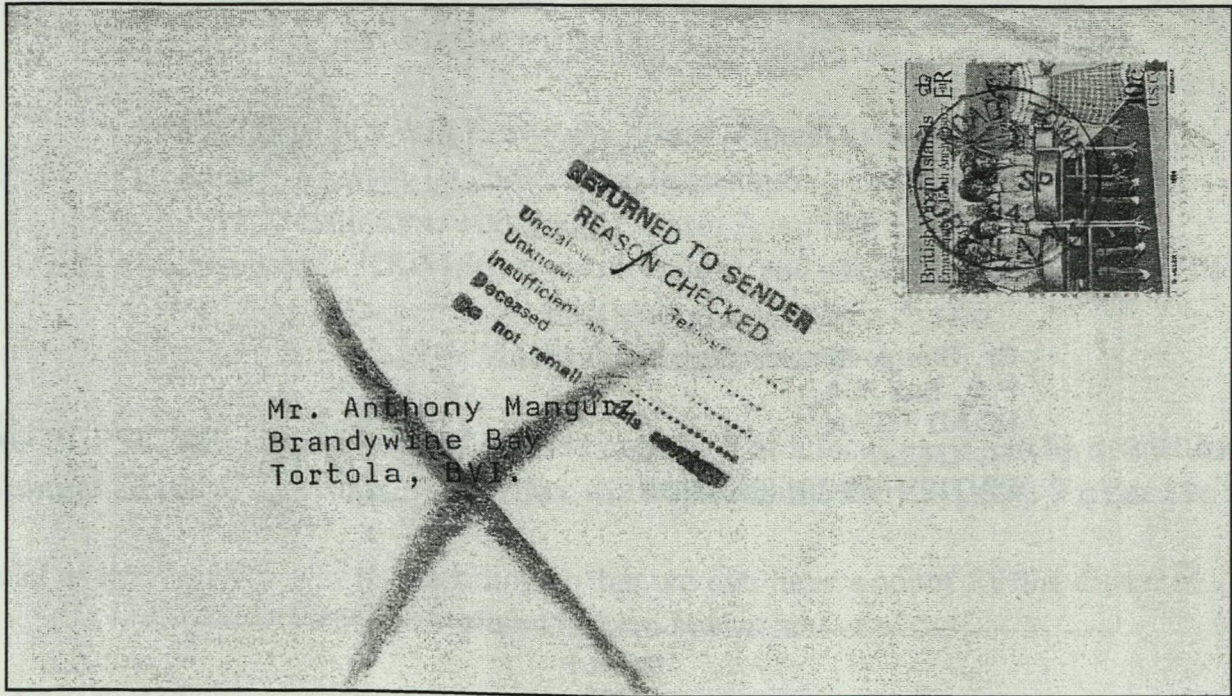
RETURNED TO SENDER
UNCLAIMED / REFUSED
UNKNOWN /
INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS
DECEASED
OTHER

Type 4

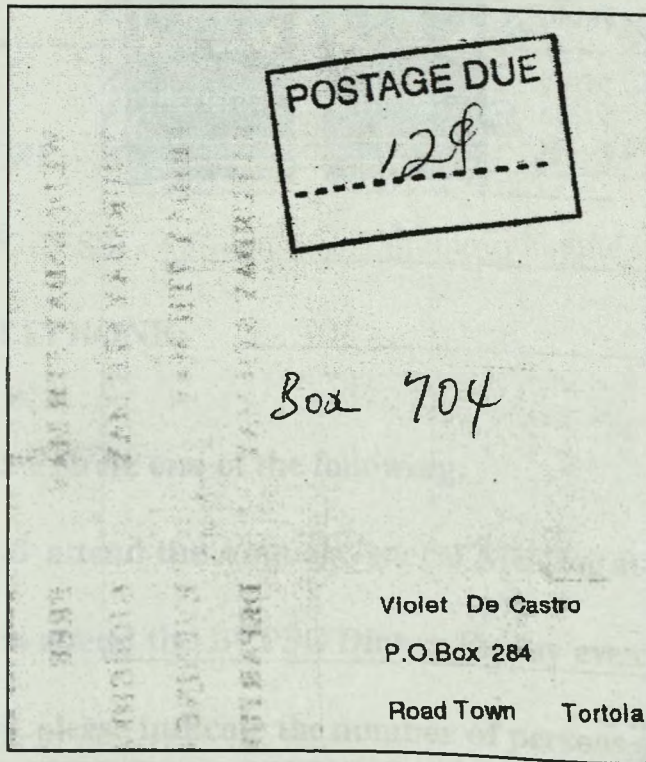
impression in 1999, when a piece of mail with a boxed marking (40 mm width, Type 5) in red "POSTAGE DUE" on the first line and a series of dots on the second with the handwritten amount of the correct postage was re-

turned to my mail box.

In reality one piece of printed matter had been mailed without affixing stamps and the post office returned it



Type 2b on cover



Type 5

hoping I would affix a 12¢ stamp and remail the item. Of course, I did not do that and every postal history collector can understand why. Nevertheless, this is not a "Postage Due" marking; it is actually a twin of Type 1 where the emphasis and main objective was to get the sender to pay the correct postal rate by affixing sufficient postage stamps and not to "tax" the addressee.

Figures 1 and 2 show two pieces of mail stamped with true postage due markings "T" duly delivered to my mail box without asking me to pay any "postage due." These markings were struck at departure point or somewhere in transit (most likely in the country of origin) but the Road Town Post Office never collected "postage due" from me. I am not aware of anyone who has ever received a "taxed" piece of mail in the BVI and paid postage due, but I suspect that exceptions may exist.

*Figures 1 and 2
are shown on overleaf*

British Virgin Islands markings

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Figure 1
2001

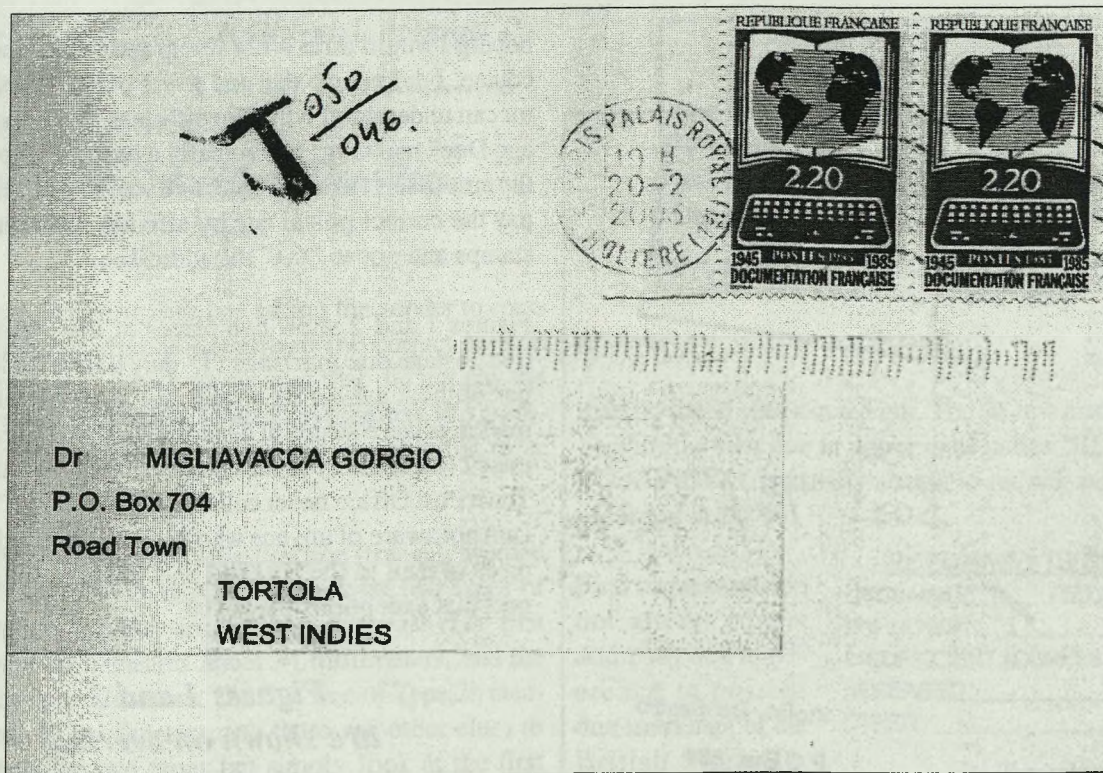


Figure 2
2003

Back issues of our *Journal* are available for sale

By David Wilson

Publication Orders

Members are advised that the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group's arrangements with Ian Potter to promote his book, *The Postal Markings of Jamaica* have now expired. In future, copies of the book may be purchased directly from Mr. Potter. He may be reached by electronic mail at ianapotter@msn.com or orders can be forwarded to him through the Publications Orders office.

David Druett has agreed to offer the BCPSG's monograph for sale on his web site at

www.pennymead.com

This service will be particularly helpful to those outside North America as they are likely to find that their delivery costs are reduced by shipping the publications from the United Kingdom. We encourage members to visit the Pennymead site.

Set out here is a listing of the current holdings of past issues of the *Journal*. These are available for sale from the Publications Orders office address on page 2 of the *Journal*. The price is \$3 for the first journal and \$2.50 for each thereafter. These prices are inclusive of shipping and handling in North America. Please note that all issues before Volume 15 have been previously sold.

Volume	Year	Issue No. 1	Issue No. 2	Issue No. 3	Issue No. 4	Issue No. 5	Issue No. 6
15	1975	0	0	0	0	1	1
16	1976	1	0	0	0	3	0
17	1977	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	1978	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	1979	20	50	50	38		
20	1980	0	0	15	25		
21	1981	10	19	26	31	34	
22	1982	10	18	25	20	27	
23	1983	7	9	14	16	25	
24	1984	19	24	21	32	33	
25	1985	15	30	28	28		
26	1986	50	50	32	35		
27	1987	8	14	20	50		
28	1988	1	28	31	47		
29	1989	18	43	31	50		
30	1990	45	17	12	16		
31	1991	3	2	1	10		
32	1992	0	0	5	13		
33	1993	2	0	31	4		
34	1994	17	15	20	25		
35	1995	26	23	21	12		
36	1996	21	24	15	15		
37	1997	17	50	25	31		
38	1998	2	19	7	44		
39	1999	12	49	40	45		
40	2000	39	43	26	0		
41	2001	50	50	50	50		
42	2002	50	21	10	23		
43	2003	21	13	32	18		
44	2004	19	11	14	35		

New millennium novelties: rubber circular datestamps of the BVI

By **Giorgio Migliavacca**
Member, Board of Trustees

Plus Ca Change, Plus C'est La Meme Chose
"The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same"

That's what went through my mind when I saw the first of these modern RCDSs (Rubber Circle Date Stamps) on my mail. What I did not know is that they would replace the metal CDS devices measuring 23 to 24 millimeters in diameter and characterized by an asterisk (*) under the name of the post office. The recently introduced RCDSs measure about 30 millimeters in diameter. They are all struck in black ink unless otherwise stated. The lettering is all in sans-serif, and show

some distinctive variations in the wording to make them quite interesting to the specialist.

The RCDSs of the post offices and sub-post offices on Tortola bear the inscription "TORTOLA B.V.Is." with all the letters in upper case except the last one ("Is."). The RCDS of the Terrence B. Lettsome (T.B.L.) Airport on Beef Island is struck in black but the date in the middle is often struck in blue ink. The location of the sub-post office is spelled out as "BEEF ISLAND B.V.I.s." (notice the four full stops in "B.V.I.s.").

There is no such thing as "BVIs, B.V.I.s.," or even worse "B.V.I.s." -- the conventional and internationally recognized abbreviation for the Territory is either BVI or B.V.I. The RCDSs of Jost Van Dyke, Anegada and Valley (Vir-



TYPE 1

TYPE 2

gin Gorda), all bear the additional inscription "BR. VIRGIN ISLANDS." The Dutch planter island, however, is strangely worded with hyphens "JOST-VAN-DYKE," something never seen anywhere before.

Lately the BVI has been described as an "U.K. Overseas Territory" (UKOT for short) or "Caribbean Overseas Territory" (COT) and I have already noticed in official papers and some of the local legalese the term "U.K. Virgin Islands"; others prefer to use "Virgin Islands." When asked about how to differentiate the British from the American islands, I am told that *these* are "the" Virgin Islands, and "those" were the Danish West Indies until they became an American Territory in 1917.

The North Sound RCDS is different from its "VALLEY, VIRGIN GORDA" brother in that the additional inscription reads "VIRGIN GORDA B.V.Is. "

It must also be observed that the Tortola North Shore Sub-Post Office at Carrot Bay has the name spelled as "CARROT" with one "T" instead of two as in the earlier cds and registration mark. Presently, you can receive a registered letter from Carrot Bay where the RCDS cancelling the stamps is worded "CARROT" and the registration mark reads "CARROTT." In all maps, local directories, and historic documents dating back over 200 years ago, the Bay's name is invariably given as "CARROT" and I

tend to believe that "CARROTT" was a misspelling that occurred when the cds and registration mark for the new post office were made in the early 1970s.

Some sharp-eye specialist may have noticed that there is a clear difference between the two Road Town RCDSs shown here. The first type (dated 8 Nov 2003) has "ROAD TOWN" in a smaller font than its twin. Type 2 is struck in black ink with the date in the middle in blue, and sometimes the whole RCDS is found struck in blue. Type 1 was the first to come on the scene in late autumn 2001. The other RCDSs followed suit during the months that followed.

So far there is some uniformity in the use of the date (Day-Month-Year or Month-Day-Year) as shown in the illustrations accompanying these notes, but I think we shall have surprises. The Road Town Type 1 and 2, and West End RCDS have already been seen with the variant Month-Day-Year with the "Month" or part of the date struck in blue ink.

These RCDS stampers are locally made, prone to deteriorate rapidly and I expect many variants and a checked and not too extended use, but I may be wrong because they are now in their third year of life. Who told you that collecting modern postal history is boring?

Why so much St. Vincent material in this issue?

One of the main things I strive for in each issue of the *Journal* is to have a good mix of articles by subject, and also a good mix of islands. So why is there so much about St. Vincent in this issue, you might ask. The answer is simple: there isn't much else in the file awaiting publication.

So it's time for you to finish off those articles you've been working on. I need articles right now in order to fill the July issue. And while I'm at it, let me cover a few pointers about submitting material for publication. These "rules" are really simple, but abiding by them will make it much easier to all concerned.

The best way to submit an article is by electronic mail. But please send by snail mail a "hard copy" of the article as well, especially if there are graphs, illustrations, tables, etc. Our computer systems are all Macs on this end, and while we do have translation software so your article created in PC can be "translated" and read, the

software does not successfully retain those charts and graphs. If you send a hard copy of that material, we can recreate it on this end. Hand in glove with that is the use of fractions in email. These do not translate, so a hard copy of the original will help us recreate it.

This is more of a "pet peeve" than anything, but often people will place two spaces between every sentence. Some computers do this automatically. I have to eliminate one of those spaces, so please send articles with single spaces only between sentences.

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A St. Vincent overprint discovery

By Peter Elias

St. Vincent Study Group Leader

I have discovered a previously unknown overprint. The stamp in question is the 2¢ Bird definitive from 1970 (Scott #281, Stanley Gibbons #287) and it has been overprinted with a black circle (over the 2¢ value) and "10¢" on the right side. This is most likely an overprint created for revenue usage (since 10¢ is a very common revenue stamp requirement), but as is often the case, these stamps many times do NOT indicate that they are for revenue usage.



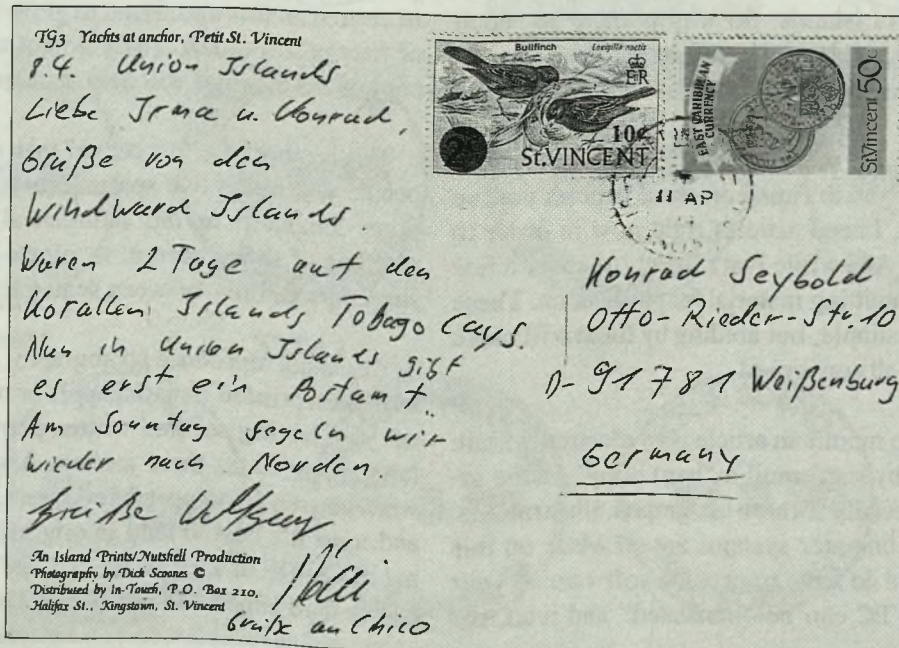
What is unusual is that this stamp was used to pay for part of the postage on a postcard mailed from Clifton (Union Island) to Germany, postmarked on April 11, 1994! To the best of my knowledge, the airmail postcard rate from St. Vincent to Europe (or the United Kingdom) was 60¢, and thus it would appear that the proper rate was paid.

The message on the postcard reads:

Also unusual is that this stamp was 24 years old at the time of the usage. It is unknown when or where it was overprinted (was it done in Kingstown or on Union Island?). I have not heard anything about this particular stamp ever being overprinted. The attached illustrations show both the postcard entire as well as a close-up of the stamp itself. It is amazing that enough of these stamps must have been on-hand to warrant creating overprints for them.

8.4. Union Islands -- Dear Irma and Konrad,
Greetings from the Windward Islands. Were 2 days on the coral islands, Tobago Cays. Only on Union Island is there a post office though. On Sunday we'll be sailing towards the north again. Greetings Wolfgang and xxx (unreadable). Greetings also to Chico.

The item was obtained as part of a small cover lot from a European seller on eBay; even though the illustration was kind of small, something didn't quite look right, I had a hunch, so I bid on it!



St. Vincent overprint study

Part II

By Steven Zirinsky
Of the USA

In the January 2005 issue of the *Journal*, I discussed the plethora of overprints on the newer issues of both St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This concluding segment of the two part series illustrates some of the varieties I have found on St. Vincent stamps.

And on the following four pages, are tables similar to the last article which cover both St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

I would be most pleased to hear from members who might have additional information on these issues, or differing dates, etc. of the overprints.



Additional Manual
Obliteration



Inverted with Manual
Value and Obliteration



Additional Manual
Obliteration



Manuscript Obliteration
No Value



Missing "c"



Manuscript Obliteration
Inverted Value



Double
Impression



Inverted and
Normal



Sloping
Value

St. Vincent overprint tables

St. Vincent Revalued to 10c

Value	Description	Label	Value	Description	Label
0.02	Bullfinch	8	0.60	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	14
0.06	East Carribean Currency	1	0.65	East Caribbean Currency	6
0.12	East Carribean Currency	2	0.70	Carib Artifacts 1976	15
0.15	East Caribbean Currency	3	0.75	East Caribbean Currency	7
0.25	Hooded Tanager (Prince)	9	1.25	Butterfly and Bougainvillea	16
0.25	East Caribbean Currency (green)	4	1.50	Sugar Industry/machinery	17
0.35	1984 Carnival	10	1.50	Craftwork 1983	18
0.45	East Caribbean Currency	5	2.00	Int.l Year of the Child	19
0.45	Locust	11	2.00	Sugar Industry	01-9.01
0.45	Diving- 1988	12	2.00	Commonwealth Day	01-9.02
0.60	1st Ann of Reintro of Sugar	03-4.01	2.50	Sport for All- Boxing Olympics	20
0.60	Commonwealth Day 1983	13			

St. Vincent Revalued to 20c

0.005	House Wren	03-3.01	1.25	Butterfly	36
0.01	Candlestick Cassia	03-6.01	1.25	Orville Wright & Flight	03-5.13
0.06	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	03-5.01	1.50	Arachnanthus nocturnus	03-3.03
0.06	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	03-5.02	1.50	R.Cato Commonwealth Day	03-5.14
0.25	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	03-5.03	1.50	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	03-6.03
0.25	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	03-5.04	1.50	Centenary of Boys Brigade	03-5.15
0.25	Musicians 1989: B. Goodman	03-5.05	1.50	Grenadiers 1768 (green frame)	03-2.03
0.30	Industry: Flour Mill	03-5.06	1.50	75 Ann GHS	03-5.16
0.30	Christmas 1989	03-5.07	1.50	Crayfishing	37
0.35	Slaves Tilling Field	21	1.50	Crayfish	38
0.35	Jazz Musicians -Django Reinhardt	03-4.02	2.00	Visit of Queen Elizabeth II 1977	39
0.45	Grenadier 70th Regiment	03-5.08	2.00	RMSP Dee	03-4.05
0.60	Sport for All-Cycling '80 Olympics	22	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)	03-5.17
0.60	HMS Ramillies	23	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)	03-5.18
0.60	Christmas 1981	24	2.00	Christmas 1981	03-4.06
0.60	Sugar Industry 1982	25	2.00	Crane Loading Sugar Cane	40
0.60	1982 Marine Life-A. elegans	26	2.00	50 Ann Airmail Service 1982	03-5.19
0.60	1983 Boys Brigade	27	2.00	Hippocampus reidi (sea horse)	03-4.07
0.60	Colville's Glory	28A-D	2.00	Ann of Treaty of Chaguaramas	03-6.04
0.60	Grenadier 1775 (yellow frame)	03-2.01	2.00	Boys Brigade Centennial	03-6.05
0.70	Carib Artifacts	03-3.02	2.00	Officer 1780 (blue frame)	03-2.04
0.75	Timber-White Cedar	03-5.09	2.00	Cadet Force	03-4.08A/B
0.75	Fishing For Tri Tri	29	2.50	Sport for All- Boxing	41
0.75	Tri Tri	30	2.50	Christmas 1985	03-5.20
0.75	Breast Feeding	03-6.02	3.00	Carib Hieroglyph 1984	03-5.21
0.75	East Caribbean Currency	31	3.00	Fort Duvernette	03-X1
1.00	Jaycees	03-2.02	3.00	Class 44 Germany	03-5.22
1.00	Cocoa Cultivation	32	3.00	Class 44 Germany	03-5.23
1.00	Cocoa Beans	33	3.00	Wilberforce	03-3.05
1.00	Christmas 1981	34	3.00	Orchids	03-4.09
1.00	Musical Instruments: Bamboo	35	3.00	Herbs & Spice (Ginger)	03-5.24
1.00	Child Health 87:Immunization	03-5.10	3.00	Industry 1985	03-5.25
1.00	Disney:Mickey Mouse 58th Reg	03-5.11	3.00	Timbers Andira inermis	03-5.26
1.25	Centenary of the Diocese	02-X1	3.70	Carnival 1987	03-5.27A/B
1.25	Yachting Marina	03-4.03	4.00	Musicians 1989: Duke Ellington	03-5.28
1.25	Christmas 76- St. Georges Church	03-4.04	4.00	Lions Intern'l. Drug Awareness	03-6.06
1.25	Christmas 1977	03-5.12			

St. Vincent overprint tables

Grenadines Revalued to 10c

Value	Description	Label	Value	Description	Label
0.45	Treaty of Versailles	G03-4.01	1.00	Grenadines	G01-9.04
0.60	Manned Flight	G01-9.01	1.00	Sport For All	G01-9.05
0.75	Old Coinage	G01-9.02	1.00	Canouan Island Post Office	G1
0.75	Night Flower	G01-9.03	2.00	Space Shuttle	G2
0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	G03-4.02	3.00	Old Coinage	G01-9.06

Grenadines Revalued to 20c

0.01	Grenadines of St.Vincent	G03-5.01	1.50	Trains '84:Talyilynn 1865 UK	G03-5.08
0.01	Tropical Mockingbird	G03-5.02	2.00	Royal Visit 1950-1977	G03-5.09
0.01	HMS Experiment- Union Is	G03-5.03	2.00	Christmas 1978	G03-5.10
0.20	Christmas 1984:Three Wise Men	G3	2.00	Whale: Blackfish	G03-5.11A/B
0.35	1985 Tourism: Windsurfing	G02-4.01	2.00	Christmas 1980	G03-5.12
0.45	British Man of War (green tablet)	G4	2.00	Prickly Pear Cactus	G8
0.45	Christmas 1984: Journey	G03-3.01	2.00	Space Shuttle	G9
0.45	Birds of Prey 1986	G03-4.03	2.00	Christmas 1986 (Santa)	G03-5.13
0.50	Catholic Church Bequia 1975	G02-4.02	2.00	Disney: Mickey driving Cart	G03-5.14
0.60	American Warship (blue tablet)	G5	2.50	Christmas 1982-Nativity	G10
0.60	Fungi 86: Leu. fragilissimus	G03-5.04	3.00	International Year of the Child	G03-4.07
0.75	The Cake Dance	G03-4.40A/B	3.00	R. Y. Britannia (Bequia)	G03-5.15
0.75	Bequia Regatta	G03-5.05	3.00	Canouan Island	G11
0.75	Mustique Airways	G03-6.01	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	G03-5.16
0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	G03-4.05	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	G03-5.17
1.00	Anglican Church Bequia	G03-6.02	3.00	West Indian Top Shell 1985	G02-5.01
1.25	Spiny Lobster	G03-5.06	3.00	Tourism 1985	G03-5.18
1.25	Loggerhead Turtle	G03-4.06	3.00	Fungi 86: X. hypoxathus	G03-5.19
1.25	Christmas 1986: Santa Skiing	G03-3.02	3.00	Disney: Goofy Driving	G03-5.20
1.50	Christmas 1982: Animals in Stable	G6	3.00	US Forces on Guam 1944	G03-5.21
1.50	Soldiers Carrying US Flags	G7	3.50	Bequia Regatta-Racing	G03-6.03
1.50	200 Years of Flight- Blimp	G03-2.01	4.00	Birds of Prey: Fish Hawk	G03-6.04
1.50	Trains '84:Talyilynn 1865 UK	G03-5.07	5.00	Disney: Minnie and Donald	G03-5.22

Unidentifiable from Requisition 5 of 2003 Revalued to 20c

	Kings & Queens	03-5.X1
0.30	Dutch East Indies	03-5.X2
1.00	The Biscuit	03-5.X3
3.00	Caribbean Sea	03-5.X4

St. Vincent overprint tables

Quantities St. Vincent Revalued to 10c

Value	Description	Qty	Value	Description	Qty
0.02	Bullfinch	??	0.60	10 Ann. Treaty of Chaguaramas	??
0.06	East Carribean Currency	??	0.65	East Caribbean Currency	??
0.12	East Caribbean Currency	??	0.70	Carib Artifacts 1976 (50+5000)	5,050
0.15	East Caribbean Currency	??	0.75	East Caribbean Currency	??
0.25	Hooded Tanagra: Prince	??	1.25	Butterfly and Bougainvillea	5,000
0.25	East Caribbean Currency (green)	??	1.50	Sugar Industry/machinery	??
0.35	1984 Carnival	??	1.50	Craftwork 1983	25,000
0.45	East Caribbean Currency	??	2.00	Int.l Year of the Child	8,000
0.45	Locust	??	2.00	Sugar Industry	25,000
0.45	Diving- 1988	12,200	2.00	CommonwealthDay a:25k b:5k	30,000
0.60	1st Ann of Reintro of Sugar	5,000	2.50	Sport for All- Boxing Olympics	??
0.60	Commonwealth Day 1983	5,000			

Quantities St. Vincent Revalued to 20c

0.005	House Wren 10k + 20k	30,000	1.25	Butterfly	2,945+	??
0.01	Candlestick Cassia	2,700	1.25	Orville Wright & Flight		50
0.06	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	4,200	1.50	Arach. noct. 4950+5000+25000		34,950
0.06	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	4,200	1.50	R.Cato Commonwealth Day		2,450
0.25	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	1,160	1.50	10 Ann of Treaty of Chaguaramas		4,000
0.25	Christmas 1987: C. Dickens	1,160	1.50	Centenary of Boys Brigade		5,000
0.25	Musicians 1989: B. Goodman	1,000	1.50	Grenadiers 1768 (green) 10.8+30k		40,800
0.30	Industry: Flour Mill	80	??			
0.30	Christmas 1989	1,950	1.50	75 Ann GHS		2,800
0.35	Slaves Tilling Field	??	1.50	Crayfishing	+ 40	??
0.35	Jazz Musicians -Django Reinhardt	950	1.50	Crayfish	+ 40	??
0.45	Grenadier 70th Regiment	800	2.00	Visit of Queen Elizabeth II 1977		650
0.60	Sport for All-Cycling '80 Olympics	25,000	2.00	RMSP Dee		4,950
0.60	HMS Ramillies	??	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)		475
0.60	Christmas 1981	5,000	2.00	UPU (1881-1981)		475
0.60	Sugar Industry 1982	100	2.00	Christmas 1981 4350+10k		14,350
0.60	1982 Marine Life-A. elegans	5,000	2.00	Crane Loading Sugar Cane		??
0.60	1983 Boys Brigade 3960+20k+10k	33,960	2.00	50 Ann Airmail Service 1932-82		900
0.60	Colville's Glory 19c 205,000	28A-D	2.00	Hippocampus reidi (sea horse)		3,950
0.60	Grenadier 1775 (yellow frame)est	30,000	2.00	Ann of Treaty of Chaguaramas		16,000
0.70	Carib Artifacts	4,900	2.00	Boys Brigade Centennial		25,000
0.75	Timber-White Cedar	224	2.00	Officer 1780 (blue frame)		15,000
0.75	Fishing For Tri Tri 180+ 1720	1,900	2.00	Cadet Force		4,640
0.75	Tri Tri 180+ 1720	1,900	2.50	Sport for All- Boxing 4640+10k		14,640
0.75	Breast Feeding	213 sheets	2.50	Christmas 1985		7,300
0.75	East Caribbean Currency	100,000	3.00	Fort Duvernette		??
1.00	Jaycees 15,000 + 5,000	20,000	3.00	Carib Hieroglyph 1984		4,000
1.00	Cocoa Cultivation	+50	??			
1.00	Cocoa Beans	+50	??	3.00	Class 44 Germany	975
1.00	Christmas 1981	5,000	??	3.00	Class 44 Germany	975
1.00	Musical Instruments: Bamboo Flute	??	??	3.00	Wilberforce	4200
1.00	Child Health 87: Immunization	990	??	3.00	Orchids	8,000
1.00	Disney:Mickey Mouse 58th Reg	75	??	3.00	Herbs & Spice: Ginger)	4,350
1.25	Centenary of the Diocese	??	??	3.00	Industry 1985 +80	??
1.25	Yachting Marina 2950+ 4950	7,900	??	3.00	Timbers Andira inermis	1,472
1.25	Christmas 76- 50+3950	4,000	??	3.70	Carnival 1987a:16,950 b:12.5k	29,450
1.25	Christmas 1977	200	??	4.00	Musicians 1989: Duke Ellington	1,000
			??	4.00	Lions Intern'l. Drug Awareness	10,000

St. Vincent overprint tables

Quantities Grenadines Revalued to 10c

0.45	Treaty of Versailles	4,950	1.00	Grenadines	500 sheets
0.60	Manned Flight a5k b:15k	20,000	1.00	Sport For All	25,000
0.75	Old Coinage	25,000	1.00	Canouan Island Post Office	??
0.75	Night Flower a500 + b500	1,000 sheets	2.00	Space Shuttle	15,000
0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin	10,000	3.00	Old Coinage	25,000

Quantities Grenadines Revalued to 20c

0.01	Grenadine Shells	50	1.50	Trains '84:Talyilynn 1865 UK	100
0.01	Tropical Mockingbird	360	2.00	Royal Visit 1950-1977	4,600
0.01	HMS Experiment- Union Is	850	2.00	Christmas 1978	720
0.20	Christmas 1984-Three Wise Men	??	2.00	Blackfish a:5k, b:5k	10,000
0.35	1985 Tourism (Windsurfing)5k+25k	30,000	2.00	Christmas 1980 a:5k, b5k	10,000
0.45	British Man of War (green tablet) 50	??	2.00	Prickly Pear Catcus	??
0.45	Christmas 1984: Journey	20,000	2.00	Space Shuttle	??
0.45	Birds of Prey 1986	1,200	2.00	Christmas 1986 (Santa)	600
0.50	Catholic Church Bequia 1975	20,000	2.00	Disney: Mickey driving Cart	30
0.60	American Warship (blue tablet) 750	??	2.50	Christmas 1982-Nativity	239
0.60	Fungi 86: Leu. fragilissimus	240	3.00	International Year of the Child	5720
0.75	The Cake Dance	14,600	3.00	R. Y. Britannia (Bequia)	1,000
0.75	Bequia Regatta	2,800	3.00	Canouan Island	??
0.75	Mustique Airways	8,960	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	50
0.90	Bottle-nosed Dolphin 4750+200	4,950	3.00	Trains 1984: Cardean 1906	50
1.00	Anglican Church Bequia	16,000	3.00	West Indian Top Shell 1985	??
1.25	Spiny Lobster	276	3.00	Tourism 1985	7,900
1.25	Loggerhead Turtle	1,680	3.00	Fungi 86: X. hypoxathus	500
1.25	Christmas 1986: Santa 10k+5440	15,440	3.00	Disney: Goofy Driving	1950
1.50	Christmas 1982- Animals in Stable	50	3.00	US Forces on Guam 1944	1,880
1.50	Soliders Carrying US Flags	??	3.50	Bequia Regatta-Racing	8,120
1.50	200 Years of Flight- Blimp	15,000	4.00	Birds of Prey: Fish Hawk	3,280
1.50	Trains '84:Talyilynn 1865 UK	100	5.00	Disney: Minnie and Donald	100

Printing Quantities

1999

1.	Nov	(10c)	??
2.	Dec	(10c)	??

2000

1.	Feb	(20c)	??
2.	May	(20c)	??
3.	Aug	(20c)	??
4.	Nov	(10c)	??
		(20c)	??

2001

1.	17 May	(20c)	95,000
2.	13 June	(10c)	40,000
		(20c)	215,000
3.	01 Aug	(10c)	100,000
4.	02 Aug	(10c)	100,000
5.	10 Aug	(10c)	70,000
6.	07 Sept	(10c)	130,000
		(20c)	265,000
7.	17 Oct	(10c)	104,000
8.	31 Oct	(20c)	205,000
9.	27 Nov	(10c)	300,200
10.	10 Dec	(10c)	325,000

2002

1.	21 Jan	(10c)	200,000
2.	23 Jan	(20c)	24,750
3.	19 July	(20c)	100,000
4.	30 Sept	(20c)	110,000
5.	27 Nov	(20c)	91,850

2003

1.	03 Feb	(20c)	79,860
2.	06 Feb	(20c)	120,000
3.	19 May	(20c)	78,060
4.	02 July	(10c)	20,000
		(20c)	94,540
5.	21 Aug	(20c)	129,560
6.	17 Nov	(20c)	182,650

BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By Paul Larsen
Awards Chairman

Following is a listing of recent British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) member exhibit participants and awards:

Exhibitors, exhibit titles and awards follow.
(SF) = Single frame

ARIPEX 2005, January 21-23,
Tucson, Arizona

Rueben Ramkissoon
First Man On the Moon

Vermeil

Forwarding Agents of Trinidad Mail: 1857-1897
(SF): Gold

George Bowman

Railroad Traveling Post Offices in Victoria
Gold, APS Research Medal, Postal History
Foundation Charles Towle Railroad Book,
Show Chairman Award Best Related Theme

SANDICAL 2005

January 28-30, San Diego, California

Jerome Kasper

United States Aerogrammes

Silver

Southern Rhodesia Military Air Letters

(SF): Gold

St. Louis Stamp Expo 2005

February 25-27, St. Louis, Missouri

Paul Larsen

Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands 1890-1911
Gold

New issue survey

Barbadian Coral on new issue from islands

There's little in the world that can compare to the underwater beauty of coral reefs. Barbados called attention to the three types of coral reef ecosystems found in its marine environment with a new issue which went on sale in Bridgetown on November 15, 2004.

The strip of five \$1 se-tenant stamps and \$3.50 souvenir sheet display a number of corals including the Grooved Brain Coral, the Pillar Coral, Deep Water Sea Fan, Yellow Pencil Coral and Maze Coral (souvenir sheet).

• Bank reefs -- found growing in open water at depths which can exceed 80 feet. Coral health and water quality associated with bank reefs are usually better than that associated with patch and fringing reefs due to reduced sedimentation from storm water runoff.

Collectively, the coral reefs of Barbados are populated by approximately 10 species of soft corals and about 31 species of hard corals. They form a unique habitat for a



low Pencil Coral and Maze Coral (souvenir sheet).

The three types of coral reef ecosystems which characterize Barbados' marine environment are as follows:

- Patch reefs -- relatively small and isolated reef ecosystems which can be found at variable depths from as shallow as six feet down to 30 feet.
- Fringing reefs -- generally found growing parallel to the coastline and can break or nearly break the surface of the water at their shallowest depths (0-20 feet).

wide diversity of fish species, which constitute a considerable portion of the seafood diet of Barbadians, and hence support numerous jobs within the local fisheries section. Coral reefs also support the thriving dive operator sector of the tourist industry, where the coral reef is the tourism product being offered to visitors. Six species of coral found on Barbados' reefs are found on the stamps as shown above.

President's Message

By Jack Harwood

Our Annual Meeting dates, July 8-10, are rapidly approaching. If you plan to join us in Indianapolis, please complete and return the attendance sheet included with this issue. With many group members in the Midwest, we expect a sizeable turnout for this gathering. This is your opportunity to meet members who share your collecting interests, so mark your calendar and make your reservations soon. If you plan to exhibit, the deadline for entries is May 1. A prospectus is available on the INDYPEX website.

Volunteer urgently needed!

Our membership database needs a permanent manager. We have had some recent problems keeping it up to date. The job entails maintaining 400+ member addresses, entering updates as received, printing a set of address labels quarterly for mailing the journal, and occasionally providing the list and/or labels for other mailings. The largest part of the job will be initial production of the list, as it is currently maintained in several places and needs to be consolidated. This is an opportunity for a computer literate member to be of great service to the group. If you can help, please contact me now. Many thanks in advance.

We are pleased to welcome two new Study Group Leaders. Rob Wynstra has accepted appointment as St. Christopher/St. Kitts leader, and Larry Goldberg has assumed the position of British Guiana/Guyana leader. Each has a lengthy philatelic background and extensive knowledge of these areas. Study Group Leaders are your resource for information and assistance. They can help with answers to your questions and guidance on anything related to their respective specialties. Please don't hesitate to contact any of our Study Group Leaders when the need arises.

Apologies to Dr. Peter P. McCann and Ian Matheson, winners of the Cameron Trophy and Durnin Award, respectively, at BALPEX last September. Through an oversight, the report of their awards was omitted from the January *Journal*. A full report on these two important awards can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Auction Manager Howard Austin is ready to receive your consignments. Since the auction needs to be in the mail by early June, your items need to be sent to him soon. You will find his address inside the front cover.

Your Editor is constantly in need of articles for this journal. This is the place to write about your area of interest. My experience tells me that an article will frequently ini-

tiate contact with other collectors who share your interests. More often than not, an article will bring new discoveries to light. You need not be a professional author to contribute. Your Study Group Leaders and/or Editor can assist you if needed. Please consider a contribution, no matter how modest. You can help the group and probably help your own collection at the same time. It's easier than you think!



Please remember to send your e-mail address to Webmaster Ed Barrow. He is compiling a database of member e-mail addresses, and needs yours. Send it to him at ebarrow@tradewinds-co.com.

Finally, your Board of Trustees conducted the biennial election of group officers in December. The officers listed inside the front cover were elected to two year terms (2005-2006). Each of the officers works for you. They are here to assist you, and help make your philatelic experience a positive one. They look forward to hearing from you on any society matter, and to meeting you at philatelic events. Please feel free to contact any of them at any time.

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Membership Director's Report — By Tom Girdi

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.

New Applicant

Tim Wolfe, P.O. Box 303, Newville, PA 17241 USA. Philatelic interests: St. Lucia. Sponsored by Thomas Girdi.

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Necrology

Michael Romano

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 email, at TEG43@aol.com Thank you.

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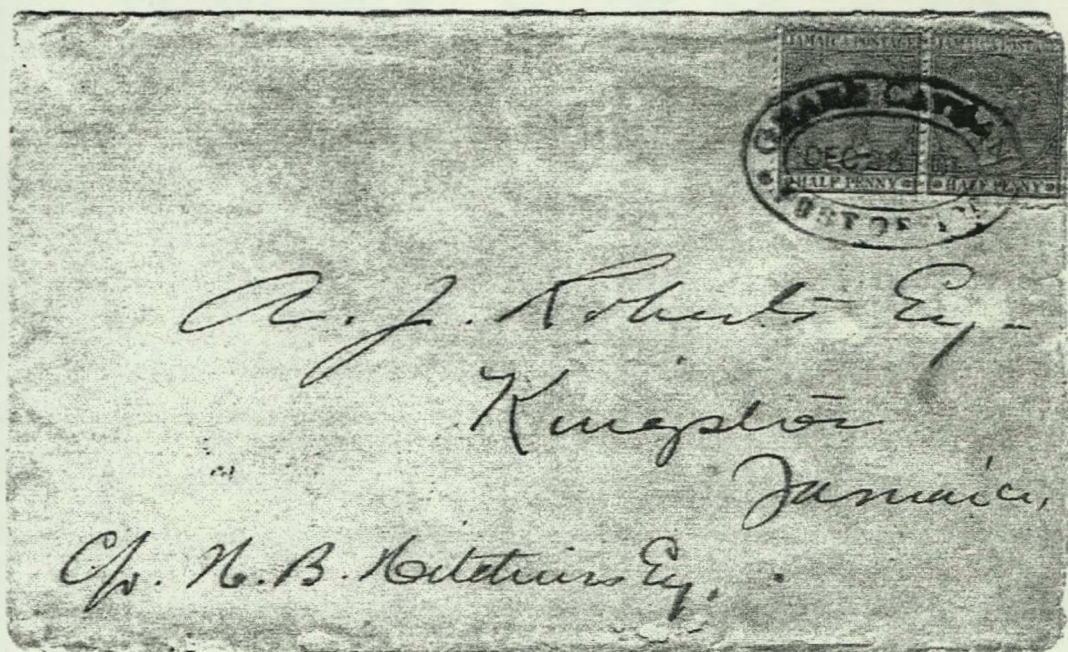
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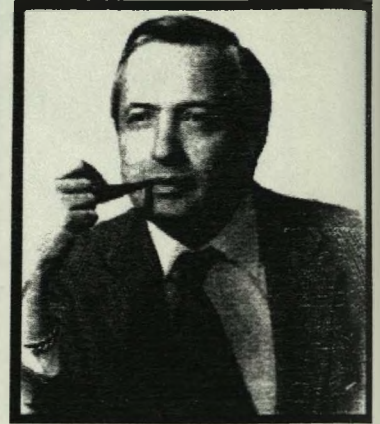
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