

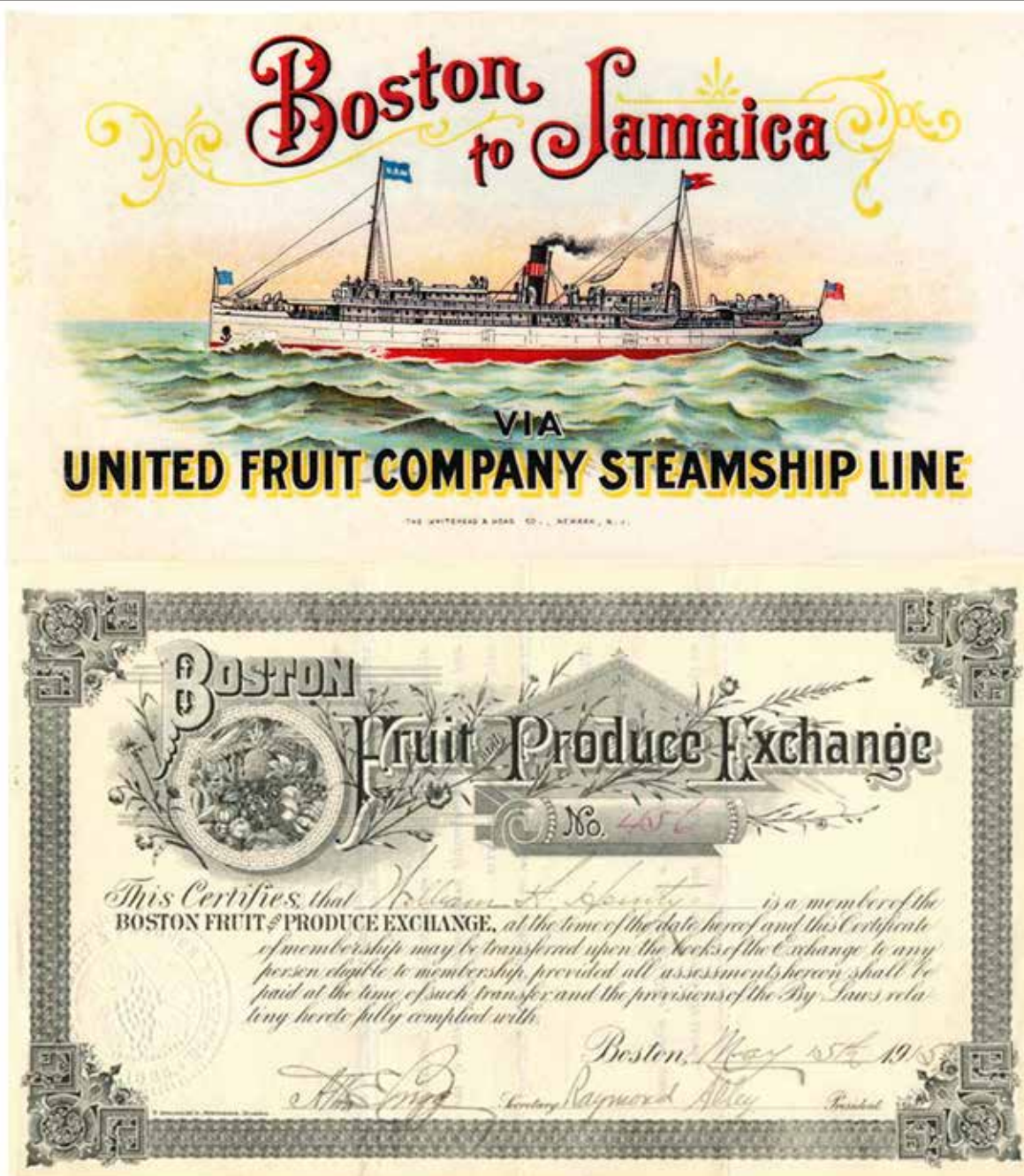
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Part I: The Birth of the Banana Republic (1875-1898)

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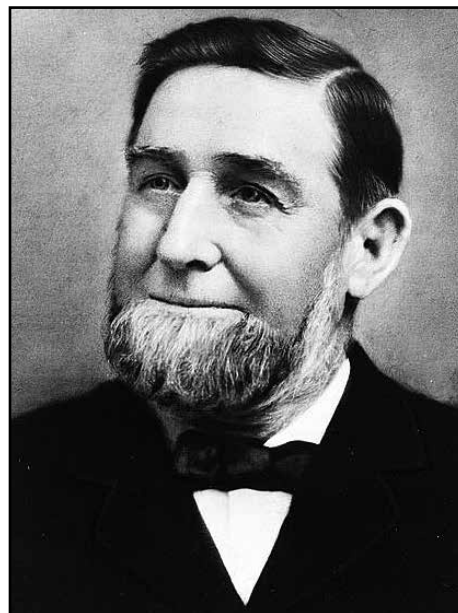
In 1889 a collision of key events occurred that changed the Western World. Firstly, the French abandoned the Panama Canal, which they had started in 1881. It was proving costly in both funds and lives. The mosquitos were killing the workers in droves: malaria was rampant; as was yellow fever and dysentery. French investors had finally pulled out. This withdrawal pleased the Americans no end: rich city boys dreamed of owning an Isthmian canal and getting even richer; American presidents dreamed of hegemony over the Western Hemisphere. The Monroe Doctrine of 1823 was their charter.



Figure 2
Saint Margaret's Bay TRD 1889.
(Courtesy of Keith Moh)

Back in 1875, the Boston Fruit Company started in Jamaica by American Sea Captain Lorenzo Baker (**Figure 1**) up at Port Antonio. It quickly developed

Figure 1
Captain
Lorenzo Dow
Baker.



as the company started to buy up land in Jamaica for banana plantations. Bananas were difficult to manage and bring to market in good condition. A railway was essential, as it guaranteed a smooth ride to the docks at Port Antonio and Kingston: bananas were far too easily damaged on Jamaica's shambolic roads. Timing was essential to get the crops to markets in Boston and New York -- later Philadelphia and Baltimore.

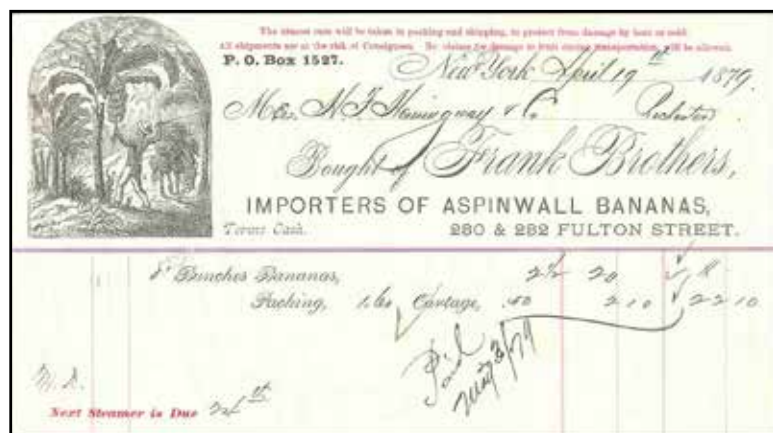


Figure 3
Eight Bunches of Bananas at just \$22.10 from Frank
Brothers of New York 1879.

An effective crop-reporting system depended on efficient mails, even from remotest areas of the island, so with the compliance of the Crown Agents, the Boston Fruit Company opened offices, armed with their own postmarks -- known in the trade as TRDs (Temporary Rubber Datestamps) -- which began to use a distinguishing purple ink (**Figure 2**). They opened their offices in remote parts of the island, so that the banana crop could enjoy up to date monitoring. As this nascent postal system began working smoothly, fresh bananas became a major hit in the American cities, where the



Figure 4

Peak Brand Blue Mountain Coffee, Hagley Gap.

price of a banana was considerably less than that of a local apple. Some achievement (*Figure 3*)! At that time Jamaica was the nearest location to the U.S. that commercial quantities of bananas could be grown. Experiments in Florida had repeatedly failed due to winter frosts.

If these endeavors were deemed to be successful, then GPO Kingston would follow up and supply a steel canceller and the Boston Fruit

Company "Post Office" would be facilitated into a proper Crown post office, maintained by Kingston. The TRDs were originally developed around 1884 by the Vendryes family, as a security mark for the Blue Mountain Coffee trade, in and around Hagley-Gap (*Figure 4*). And for the military at Up-Park Camp -- all of the known 1884-5 Hagley-Gap TRDs on cover are addressed to members of the Vendryes family. They were all solicitors (*Figure 5*).



Figure 5

Hagley-Gap sTRB 1884. (Shown as "Hagly-Gap"). (Courtesy of Michael Hamilton)

The Great Exhibition of 1891 was the idea of a native-born Jamaican, Mr. A.C. Sinclair, who ran the Government Printing Office. He was widely ridiculed for his ambitious plan. In 1889 it became a reality with the arrival of Sir Henry Blake, who became governor of Jamaica. He had plenty of American experience, having been governor of the Bahamas (1884-1887) and a year in Newfoundland. In order to pay for the Exhibition, Blake sold the Jamaica Railway Company to an American consortium, its chairman being one Minor Keith. In return, "Uncle Sam" demanded the British Empire 4d letter rate be reduced to par with U.S. five-cent rate.



Figure 6

The Titchfield Hotel under construction, 1890.

Sir Henry enthusiastically developed the idea and, apart from the potential for Jamaica's exports of the day, saw it as an early catalyst for tourism. Five hotels were hastily built: The Constant Spring which was finished in 1890, the Manor House and the Queen's Hotel. The Myrtle Bank and Titchfield were built by Lorenzo Baker and the Boston Fruit Company (*Figure 6*).

Governor Henry Blake (*Figure 7*) wanted to show the world, and particularly the Americans, Jamaica's trading potential. It was the scheme of A.C. Sinclair, and would now come to fruition with the windfall from the railway. He would stage his Exhibition in Kingston in October 1890. With the help of Welshman Alfred Lewis Jones, he would get Prince George (later King George V) to open the show. This was indeed an exciting prospect for Jamaican philatelists: a "philatelic frenzy" was developing.

Legislation to drop the letter rate to 2½d

(par with America's five cents) was rushed through The Assembly and was ready on June 1, 1890 (*Figure 8*). The Jamaican Government Printers were supposedly "too busy," even though Sinclair ran it himself, and so the Vendryes boys provided overprinted 2½d on 4d stamps by June 4 as Thomas De La Rue were caught unawares. They required six month's notice to produce a new stamp. Pierre Camille Vendryes, who had been manufacturing the Jamaican TRDs, printed up the overprints on a Boston-made "Golding Jobber" at his printing shop at 107 Water Lane. Coincidentally, at the same time, Thomas Newton Aguilar had premises at 103 and 108 Water



Figure 8
Vendryes' overprint 2½d on 4d, with Jamaica Exhibition Post Office SqC postmark of April 4, 1891.

Lane. Vendryes also printed the halfpenny overprint "OFFICIAL" which was not supplied initially by De La Rue, and was used almost exclusively for Exhibition business (*Figure 9*).



Figure 9
Vendryes' "OFFICIAL" overprint on 1d, for Exhibition, 1890.

It is notable that all the other colonies waited until January 1, 1891 to proceed with the 2½d rate. In fact, the Tax Law in Jamaica was not properly enacted until mid-December 1890, as per Astley Clerk. Lords Ripon and Crewe pointed out later in their reports of 1893 and 1910, the Vendryes overprints weren't technically legal until January 1, 1891, although "not noticed by authori-

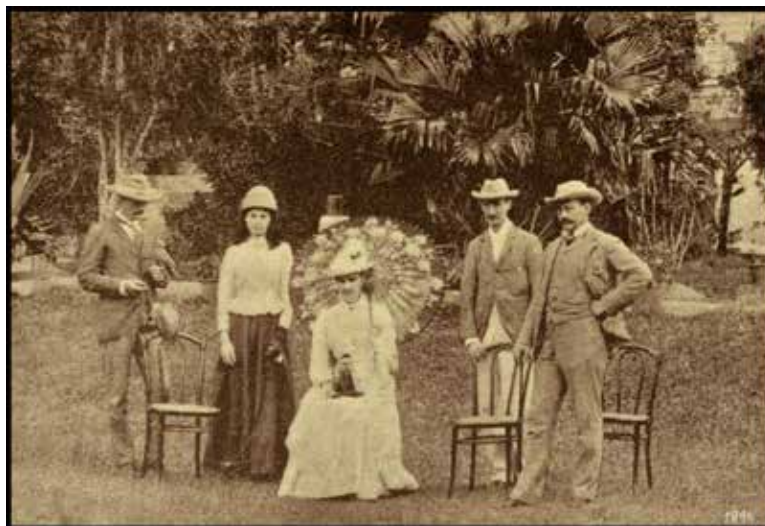


Figure 7
Governor Sir Henry Blake and family at their summer retreat, Craigton, 1894.

ties." According to Philip Beale and Ted Proud, when PMG J. Hastings-Spaine tried the "Vendryes' method" at Freetown, Sierra Leone, he was given seven years hard labor in 1898, after three trials and public protest!

Ironically, Mr. Sinclair died on January 27, on the threshold of the Exhibition being opened, and thus just missed the realization of his great dream. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, Blake was having further trouble with the Exhibition. The Americans had showed little interest in the Blake/Sinclair Project as they had decided to have an Exposition of their own, "The Chicago World's Fair" in 1893. It was to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus discovering the New World.



Figure 10
Ticket of Entry to World Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893.

Cue music: Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95, B. 178 better known as the “New World Symphony,” was composed by Czech composer Antonín Dvořák in 1893 while he was the director of the National Conservatory of Music of America (1892-1895) [*Figure 10*].



Figure 11
Kingston Exhibition halfpenny, Waterlow.

The opening date in Kingston had to be postponed from October to November. But there was trouble across the island as many white voters were afraid that the extra costs involved would require extra taxes. There were rumors that Blake had left Jamaica, and there was indeed a run on the banks! All fears were dispelled by the recruitment of guarantors, including Henry Vendryes and Thomas Aguilar. The idea of a stamp to celebrate the Exhibition was a further casualty and had to wait until 1921 to be finally issued (*Figure 11*). The Americans published the magnificent Columbian stamp issue for their exhibition, engraved by Englishman Alfred Jones (born in Liverpool, 1809) [*Figure 12*].

The Exhibition finally got underway on January 21, 1891, Prince George and all (*Figure 13*). Even though the De La Rue 2½d Key Plate turned up on February 25, the Vendryes 2½d overprint appears to have been used throughout the Exhibition until

Figure 12
*The U.S. 1893
Columbus
issue, the first
American
pictorial
definitives.*



Figure 13
*Prince George, 1891, by
“Livernois, Quebec.”*

May 16, 1891. So far the earliest I can find on a Key Plate is June 1, 1891 (*Figure 14*). The Jamaica Exhibition was a moderate success with an average 3,000 visitors per day. However, finally the guarantors were called upon to make good the losses. Some were taken to court and finally forced to pay up.



Figure 14
*2½d Key Plate,
De La Rue,
June 1, 1891.*

In 1895 the “Venezuela Crisis” blew up. The new republic was claiming the western gold fields of British Guiana. The Americans stepped in and under President Grover Cleveland “twisted the Lion’s Tail.” If the British did not stop acting like Colonial overlords then they faced war with America (*Figure 15*).

At this time America was becoming more belligerent. With one eye on Kaiser Bill who was looking for German coaling stations and islands in the Caribbean, and the other on Britain, who had an awful lot of lands in America’s back yard.

On April 21, 1898 all hell broke loose when the USS *Maine* was blown up in Havana Harbor, and the Spanish-American War began. On July 1, Teddy Roosevelt and his "Rough Riders" planted The Stars and Stripes on San Juan Hill. This lasted just three months and in the final settlement, America gained Cuba, Puerto Rico, The Philippines and Guam for a mere \$25 million!

In September Arthur Vendryes, the sitting judge of the Cayman Islands and nominally the head of the George Town Post Office, was replaced by Commissioner Freddie Sanguinetti. Vendryes had overseen quite a lot of his half-brother Pierre Camille's overprinting and postmark work for the islands (*Figure 16*). In November 1898, when the coast was a bit clearer, Governor Henry Blake departed for Hong Kong.



Figure 15

"Give it another twist, Grover - we're all with you!"

J.S. Pughe, Puck magazine (Library of Congress).

To be continued

*My thanks to Keith Moh, Steve Jarvis,
Michael Hamilton, Ray Stanton and Paul Wright.*



Figure 16

***Vendryes' Cayman Brac TRD on cover, 1899.
(Maisel, Spink Shreve)***

Postmarks of Belize: An Open Forum

By Dr. Ian Matheson, RDPSA FRPSL

Preamble

In October 1954, the British West Indies Study Circle announced in their journal that a study was commencing to document the postmarks of British Honduras. Numerous contributors helped with the study.

I met Ed Addiss in 1980 and told him I had been keeping a card index (no computer spreadsheets in those days!) of all items I possessed or had seen in collections or auction catalogues since the 1960s. He in turn told me he had been collating data with Bob Topaz, and suggested we combine the databases. He had not moved to Naples at that stage and was conveniently living in Manhattan. I visited New York fairly frequently, so we liaised from then whenever we got the opportunity, both in person and by mail. We identified a number of topics: Belize postmarks, village postmarks, registration, maritime, air mail, military, censorship, cachets (e.g., postage due, undeliverable, etc.). Ed took ownership of the first two. He published his monograph^{1, 2, 3} on village marks in 1990 and also published the section on Belize postmarks⁴ in BCPJ. I published the sections on cachets,^{5, 6, 7} registration^{8, 9} and airmail markings.¹⁰ Ed liaised with Brian Rogers, who published the section on civil censorship.¹¹ We hoped Gale Raymond would present the section on military markings. It was not to be, alas, as both Ed and Gale passed away before the exercise could be completed. It was a lot of work and took decades of effort. Some is not published yet.

I now believe it is time to add another category – postmarks of Belize. British Honduras became Belize over 45 years ago, yet nothing has yet been formally documented. I have been collecting British Honduras for over 50 years; I very much doubt if I have another 50 for this work! I am therefore going to conduct the study in Open Forum and hope that modern technology – emails, scanners and even color photocopies will ease the burden and shorten

the lead-time. I recognize that it is an open-ended challenge and hope somebody will pick up the baton when I try to pass it on.

The Plan

I intend to list a number of post offices in each edition of the *Journal*. I will use my own collection as a starting point and would like all readers with something to add to contact me by email (<mailto:ian@cdi.biz>).

I would like to receive:

- New dates of early and late usage
- New types
- Better illustrations
- New colors
- Anything else of interest to the student

I want everything to go via myself as Study Group Leader. I fear we will lose control if we allow participants to update the record themselves (as per Wikipedia). I will maintain an electronic record of everything published and updated. I will supply an updated version as we go along to anybody who requests it. When we have covered all the offices, I plan to allow three to six months and will then collate into a monograph, which will be available for free download from the society website. Only at this stage will I attempt to classify different types and will use a logical extension of the Addiss typography, rather than the Proud system. We will also illustrate each of the key types.

One of the books I published last year is available in this form from the Revenue Society website and the plan has worked perfectly.

Other Pertinent Information

- I am only including postmarks and cachets such as “We Unite to Build A Nation” or independence

cachets. I am not including "AIR MAIL", "EX-PRESS", "AR", etc. If anybody has such items of interest, please publish as separate insertions in the *Journal*.

- I have assumed that all the double ring steel date-stamps used before June 1, 1973 and inscribed "BRITISH HONDURAS" (Addiss Type DC-3, DC-3a, DC-4, DC-4a) were in use after the name change. I will later delete any that we can demonstrate were not used.

- Nine double ring rubber cancellers were privately supplied to the Belize Post Office¹² to be used from December 1, 1986. I am assuming that each was placed in service at some stage until we can prove otherwise. Unfortunately, at the time of publishing the Addiss monograph, a large number of "BRITISH HONDURAS" postmarks were only known used on philatelic covers; many have been discovered on other mail after publication of the monograph. We cannot ignore the double ring types yet.

- It is recognized that there were extensive periods where no postmark was available at village post offices. I would like to capture these periods if information is available.

- As postmarks age, their appearance changes. I have numerous examples where I suspect that a new instrument was supplied but cannot be sure whether the minor differences are simply age-related factors. If anybody can offer evidence of sub-types, I want to hear about the evidence and will list them. For example, the small font steel cancellers issued about 1981 proved very unreliable and several had to be replaced after only a short period of service. I am not sure if the entire canceller was replaced or simply the date plugs. Please assist.

- I will tackle the challenge in this order (a) Western offices, (b) Northern offices, (c) Southern offices, (d) Cayes, (e) Belize and Belmopan (f) machine cancellations and slogan cachets.

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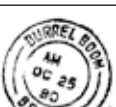
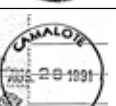
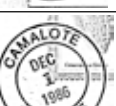
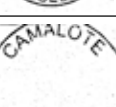
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Belize postmarks: Western






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POST OFFICE	ILLUSTRATION	Diameter	Colour	ERD	LRD	Notes
BAKING POT		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	xxx	No evidence (yet) that this mark was used on/after 1 June 1973.
BAKING POT		27.5mm / 16mm	Black, Purple	2 Dec 1975	30 Aug 1983	Smaller font in LRD
BENQUE VIEJO		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	xxx	No evidence (yet) that this mark was used on/after 1 June 1973.
BENQUE VIEJO		27.5mm / 16mm	Black, Purple	24 May 1975	5 Feb 2012	
BLACKMAN EDDY		27mm	Blue	26 May 2010		Undated





BULLET TREE FALLS		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	14 Jun 1978	3 Sep 1983	Small font date on later dates.
BURREL BOOM		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	xxx	No evidence (yet) that this mark was used on/after 1 June 1973.
BURREL BOOM		26.5mm / 16mm	Black	26 Aug 1975	9 Feb 1982	
CAMALOTE		27.5mm	Violet, Purple	31 Aug 1984	28 Aug 1991	
CAMALOTE		29mm / 19.5mm	Black	1 Dec 1986		No evidence (yet) that this canceller was ever put into service
CAMALOTE		39mm	Blue	6 Feb 2012		Undated







CENTRAL FARM		28.5mm / 19mm	Black	1 Dec 1986		No evidence (yet) that this canceller was ever put into service
CENTRAL FARM		27mm	Black	28 Aug 2002		Date struck separately
CENTRAL FARM		37.5mm / 23.5mm	Blue	2 Feb 2012		Date struck separately
COTTON TREE VILLAGE		50mm X 34mm 46.5mm X 31.5mm 36.5mm X 20.5mm	Black	Jun 1980		
COTTON TREE VILLAGE		26.5mm / 16mm	Black	17 Nov 1980	14 Apr 1983	Small font









COTTON TREE VILLAGE	No canceller in the PO			6 Feb 2012		
DOUBLE HEAD CABBAGE		27mm / 16.5mm	Purple	26 Jan 1979		
DOUBLE HEAD CABBAGE		26.5mm / 16.5mm	Black	28 Aug 1980	2 Nov 1985	Small font
ESPERANZA		26mm / 16mm	Black, Violet	10 Aug 1978	7 Jul 1995	Later dates in smaller font
ESPERANZA		26mm / 16.5mm	Blue-black, Black	20 Oct 1999	2 Feb 2012	Date struck separately
FLOWERS BANK		26mm / 16mm	Black	4 Jan 1988		

GEORGEVILLE		27mm / 16mm	Black	11 Mar 1981	28 Oct 1985	Small font date
GEORGEVILLE		25.5mm / 16mm	Black	26 May 2010	6 Feb 2012	Date struck separately
HATTIEVILLE		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	6 Feb 1974	
HATTIEVILLE		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	17 Dec 1975	27 Jun 1986	
HATTIEVILLE	No canceller in the PO			6 Feb 2012		
LA DEMOCRACIA		26.5mm / 16mm	Black	8 Jan 1985		Small font

LA DEMOCRACIA	No canceller in the PO			6 Feb 2012		
ONTARIO		27mm / 16.5mm	Black	25 Mar 1975	16 Apr 1982	
ONTARIO		32mm / 22mm	Blue	26 May 2010	5 Feb 2012	
RANCHO DOLORES		27mm / 16.5mm	Black	9 Apr 1982		
ROARING CREEK		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	11 Jun 1973	
ROARING CREEK		26.5mm / 16mm	Black	20 Aug 1975	16 Feb 1979	

ROARING CREEK		28.5mm / 19mm	Black	1 Dec 1986		No evidence (yet) that this canceller was ever put into service
ROARING CREEK		28.5mm	Black	30 Jul 1990	25 Aug 1993	
ROARING CREEK	No canceller in the PO			6 Feb 2012		
SAN ANTONIO, CAYO		48mm / 36mm	Blue, Purple	1988	21 Apr 1999	
SAN ANTONIO, CAYO		29mm	Black, Purple	7 May 1991	5 Jun 1991	

SAN IGNACIO		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	Feb 1974	
SAN IGNACIO		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	20 Mar 1975	1 Feb 2002	
SAN IGNACIO		27mm / 17mm	Black	22 May 2010	27 Oct 2017	Small font
SANTA ELENA		51mm X 35mm	Red	Feb 2012		
SANTA ELENA		26.5mm / 17mm	Black	2 Feb 2012		Small font. Inscribed "Santa Elena, Cayo Post Office"
SANTA ELENA		26.5mm / 17mm	Blue	3 Nov 2017		Small font. Inscribed "Santa Elena Post Office, Cayo"

SUCCOTZ		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	xxx	No evidence (yet) that this mark was used on/after 1 June 1973.
SUCCOTZ		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	24 Mar 1975	22 Apr 1990	Manuscript time / day / month on ERD
SUCCOTZ		50mm / 34mm	Blue	3 Feb 2012		Date struck separately
TEAKETTLE		26.5mm	Black, Purple	1 Oct 1984	30 May 1985	Date struck separately
TEAKETTLE		29mm / 19.5mm	Purple-Black	1 Dec 1986	13 Aug 1990	
TEAKETTLE		26,5mm	Blue	4 Sep 1991	5 Feb 1999	Inscribed "TEAKETTLE P.O." Date in three lines. Manuscript date on LRD.
TEAKETTLE	No canceller in the PO			6 Feb 2012		
UNITEDVILLE		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	N/A	xxx	United Ville in two words. No evidence (yet) that this mark was used on/after 1 June 1973.
UNITEDVILLE		27.5mm / 16mm	Black	30 May 1979	2 Sep 1983	Unitedville in one word
UNITEDVILLE	No canceller in the PO			6 Feb 2012		

Note new address for editor

Hopefully by the time this edition of the *Journal* reaches readers, your editor and wife will be safely ensconced in their new house, located once again north of the 45th Parallel! The new location is in the town of Hudson, about 25 miles north of Bangor, Maine. Located in a town of maybe 200 people (on a good day), the new house sits on 14 remote acres of pastureland far from the maddening crowd (read "civilization"). No more two story houses with basement! Being a 5,000 square foot ranch-style on one floor with 1,000 square foot office, the new house should be ready for occupancy in early April. That is, if the builder finishes the nearly 700 feet of bookshelves required!

New address:

207 Corinth Road, Hudson, ME 04449

Trinidad & Tobago finds overprinting stamps an economical way to use up supplies

By Steve Zirinsky

Overprinting? Stamps? Why?

Overprinting stamps is a cheaper way of getting stamps ... and it is a waste not to use up old stock. It takes up real estate and has a security issue.

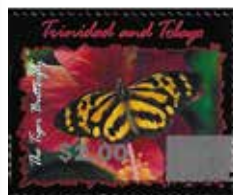
In Trinidad & Tobago, mail moves at a rate of a million pieces a month. That is a lot of stamps. When you look at the quantities printed -- often 100,000 to 250,000 -- you can see that the usage is for only a short duration. In addition to stamps, the post office uses meters and permit envelopes to the tune of 11 million a year. So there is a robust need for local postage.

The definitives have a larger printing run so these numbers will be higher, as one might expect, but there is a significant run of commemoratives from which to choose from as well. Following is an analysis of some Trinidad & Tobago stamp overprints with as much information as can be gathered.

Trinidad and Tobago Overprints										
Mark	Date	Ed Burrows date	Value	Description	Old Scott	Old Gibbons	New Scott	New Gibbons	Qty issued	Printer
1		5/24/99	\$ 0.75	\$0.40 Fork-tailed Flycatcher	511	789 838	597A	882 883		Government Printery
2		1/26/01	\$ 0.75	\$2.25 Channel-billed Toucan	515	793	609	894		Government Printery
3		2012.07.12	\$ 1.00	\$2.25 Channel-billed Toucan with Serifs	515	793	889			Cariflex
4		june.2012	\$ 1.00	\$2.25 Channel-billed Toucan no decimal	515	793	889b		1,000	D S Printers
5		june.2012	\$ 1.00	\$2.25 Channel-billed Toucan decimal added	515	793				D S Printers
6		2013- 07/04 and mid octobe	\$ 1.00	\$2.25 Channel-billed Toucan- smaller letters	515	793			100K plus 500K	Benji's Printers
6A		2013- 07/04 and mid octobe	\$ 1.00	\$2.25 Channel-billed Toucan- smaller letters inverted	515	793	889a			Benji's Printers
7	7/3/13	2013.07.04	\$ 1.00	\$5.00 Toco, North Coast	604	887	890		275,000	D S Printers
8	7/3/13	2013.07.04	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 Solomon Hochoy	765	1072	891		13,000	D S Printers
9	7/3/13	2013.07.04	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 60th Anniversary of the UWI	838	1148	892		15,000	D S Printers
10	7/3/13	2013.07.04	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 CHOGM	845	1154	893		13,000	D S Printers
11	7/2/2013	2013.12.03	\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Bay-headed Tanager	516	794 843	897		725,000	Benji's Printers
12	11/8/13	2014.07.07	\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Bay-headed Tanager- with double block	516	794 843			1000000 total run	Benji's Printers
13	11/8/13	2014.07.07	\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Bay-headed Tanager- with single block	516	794 843	899			Benji's Printers
14		2014.12.07	\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Bay-headed Tanager- with long block	516	794 843	898 898a		1,000,000	T&T Printing Works
15	2015.09.01	2015.08.10	\$ 3.25	\$0.95 Flowers 1987 imprint	401	645A			150,000 total run	T&T Printing Works
16	2015.09.01	2015.08.10	\$ 3.25	\$0.95 Flowers 1988 imprint	401	645A				T&T Printing Works
17	2015.11.03		\$ 2.00	\$0.25 Local Herbal Medicine	750	1058			300,000	T&T Printing Works
18	2016.01.06	2016.01.07	\$ 1.00	\$0.01 Cocoa Industry	144	339 339c			400,000	T&T Printing Works
19	2016.02.25	2016.02.25	\$ 1.00	\$0.03 Sugar Industry	145	10 340b428 maybe			1,000,000	T&T Printing Works
20	2016.10.11	2016.10.10	\$ 1.00	\$3.75 Summit of Defense Ministers of Americas	647	933				D S Printers
21	2016.10.11	2016.10.10	\$ 1.00	\$4.50 Summit of Defense Ministers of Americas	648	934				D S Printers
22	2016.10.11	2016.10.10	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 Summit of Defense Ministers of Americas	649	935				D S Printers
23	2016.10.11	2016.10.10	\$15.00	Souvenir Sheet now with FDC imprint	649a	1155				D S Printers
24	2016.12.01	2017.01.16	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 Christmas 2000: Angels with Steel Pans	608	891			100,000	D S Printers
25	2016.12.01	2016.12.01	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 Christmas 2001	637	922			150,000	T&T Printing Works
26	2016.12.01	2016.12.01	\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Christmas 2002	656	943			75,000	T&T Printing Works
27	2016.12.01	2016.12.01	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 Christmas 2002	658	945			125,000	T&T Printing Works
28	2017.05.04	2017.05.04	\$ 1.00	\$5.25 89 Butterfly	641	931			275,000	T&T Printing Works
29	2017.05.25	2017.05.25	\$ 1.00	\$2.50 black throated mango	643	925			225,000	T&T Printing Works
30	2017.05.15	2017.05.15	\$ 1.00	\$0.75 Salvation Army	622	906			225,000	T&T Printing Works
31	2017.05.25	2017.04.25	\$ 1.00	\$0.75 Libraries	624	905			275,000	T&T Printing Works
32	2017.07.28	2017.07.28	\$ 2.00	\$3.75 Tiger Butterfly	639	929			175,000	T&T Printing Works
33	2017.07.28	2017.07.28	\$ 1.00	\$4.50 Four Continent Butterfly	640	930			275,000	T&T Printing Works
34	2017.07.28	2017.07.28	\$ 1.00	\$3.75 White Chested Emerald	645	927			275,000	T&T Printing Works
35	2017.07.26	2017.11.16	\$ 3.00	\$2.50 Bay-headed Tanager	516	794			100,000	T&T Printing Works
36	2018.06.08		\$ 1.00	\$3.75 Fly costume	669	966				T&T Printing Works
37	2018.06.08		\$ 1.00	\$3.75 CHOGM	843	1152				T&T Printing Works
38	2018.06.08		\$ 3.25	\$5.00 Green Honeycreeper	517 517a	795 844				T&T Printing Works
39	2018.08.17		\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Sweet Memories (dirt oven)	683	987			100,000	Clip Art Caribbean Co. Ltd
40	2018.08.17		\$ 1.00	\$0.75 Iguana	614	897			200,000	Clip Art Caribbean Co. Ltd
41	2018.08.17		\$ 1.00	\$5.25 FIFA under 17	629	913			175,000	Clip Art Caribbean Co. Ltd
42	2018.08.17		\$ 1.00	\$2.50 Cricket 2003	664	951			50,000	Clip Art Caribbean Co. Ltd
43	2018.08.17		\$ 2.00	\$0.25 Local Herbal Medicine	750	1058			100,000	Clip Art Caribbean Co. Ltd

Examples of Trinidad & Tobago overprints

July 28, 2017



August 17, 2018



October 11, 2016



December 1, 2016



May 4, 2017

May 5, 2017

May 15, 2017

May 25, 2017

July 26, 2017

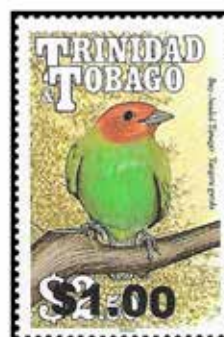


More Trinidad & Tobago overprints

September 1, 2015 November 3, 2015



December 12, 2013



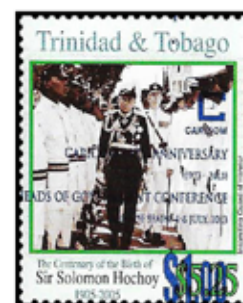
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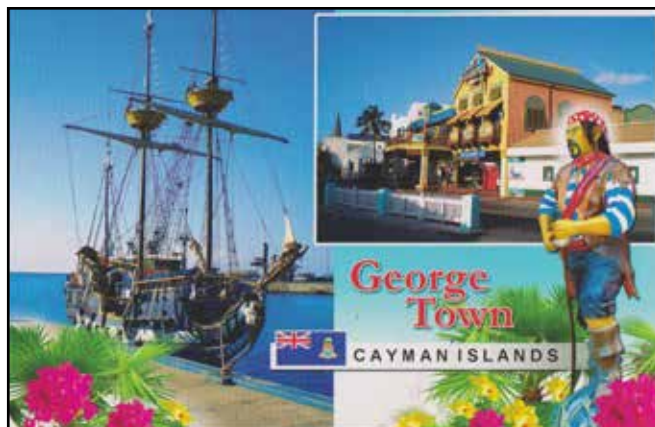
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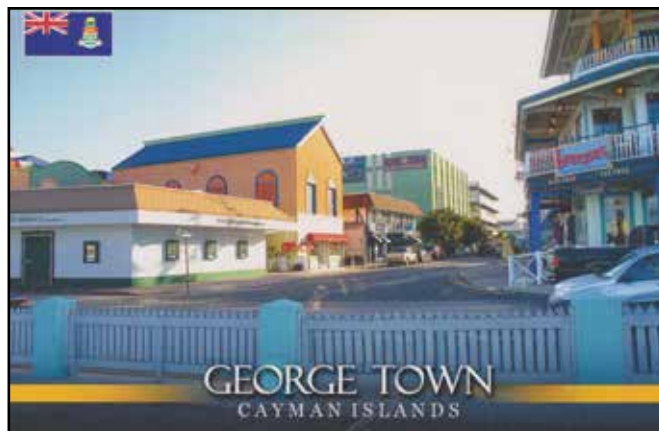
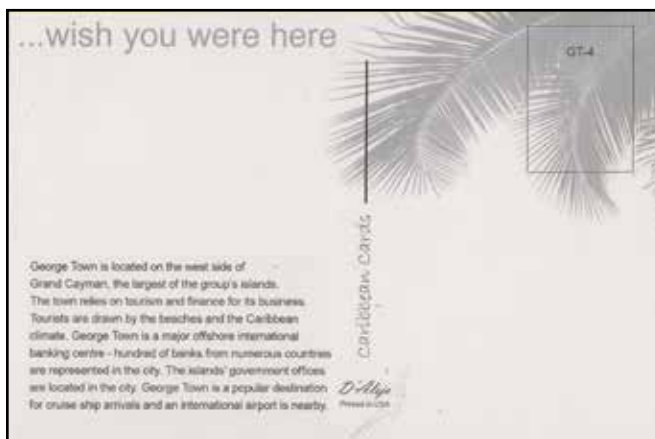
New Cayman Island postcards

By Tom Giraldi

Several new Cayman Picture postcards have been discovered on eBay since the publishing of our catalogue, *The Postcards of the Cayman Islands*, in 2015. We have listed and illustrated these below.



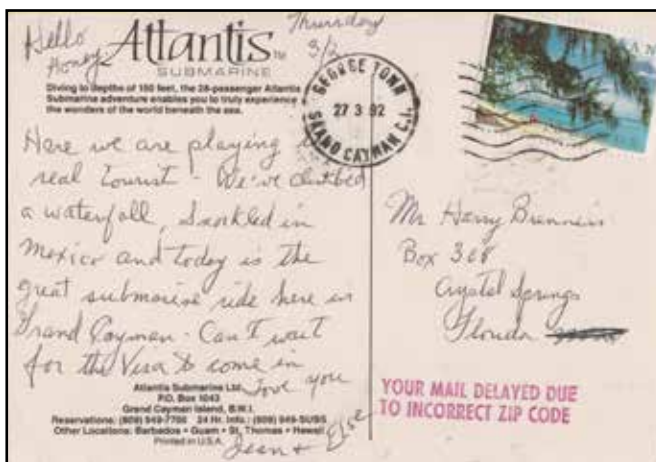
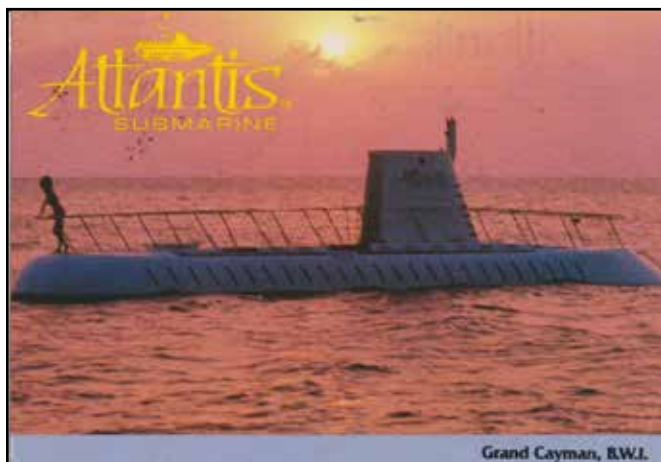
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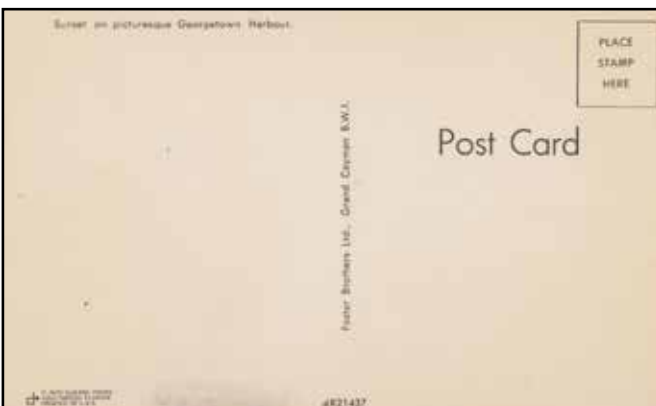
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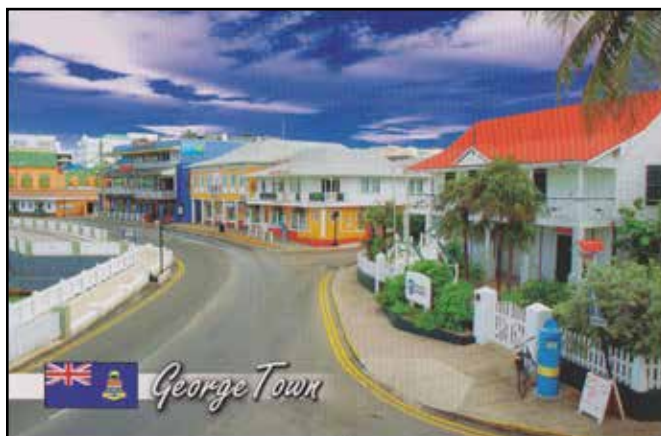
"Hell" AST-3F



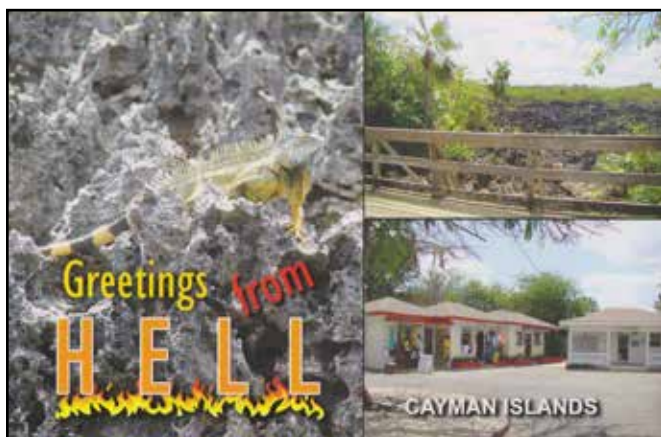
“Atlantis Submarine” ASL-3

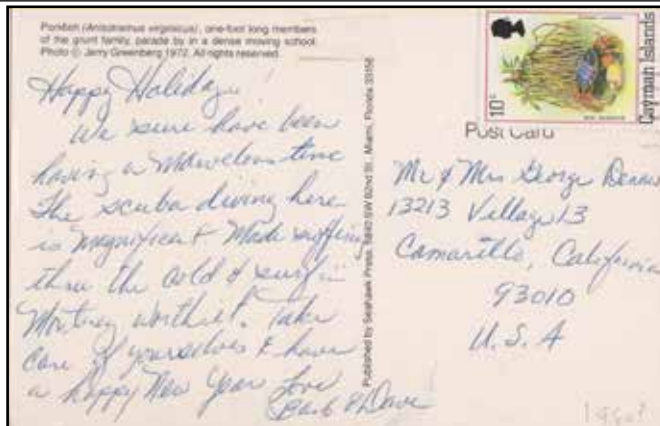


“Sunset at picturesque Georgetown Harbour” FBR-1



“George Town” DALES0-1B (above); “Hell” DALEJO-1A (below)






A CARIBBEAN EXPERIENCE

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The collage consists of eight square photographs arranged in a 2x4 grid. The top row shows a sea turtle, a coastal road, and a group of people on a path. The bottom row shows a stingray, a beach, and a volcanic vent.

TURTLE TALK

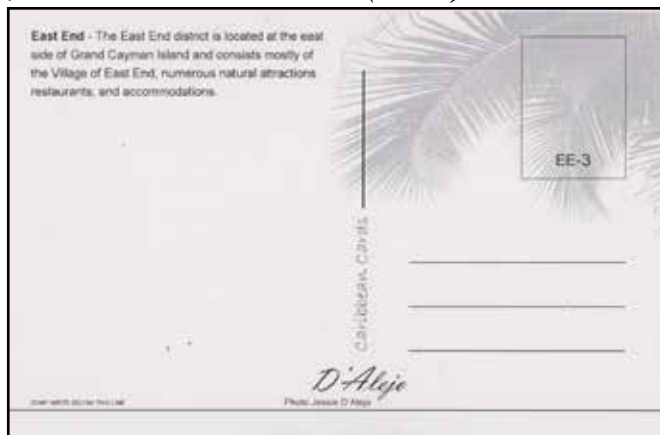
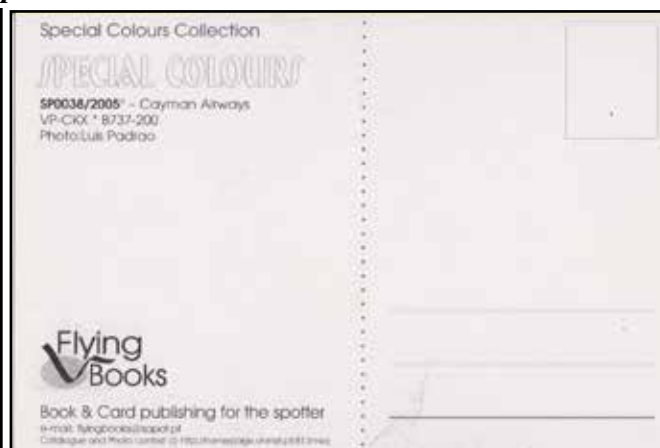
GEORGETOWN

WELL

STINGRAY CAT

SEVEN MILE BEACH

BURN HOLE



Interesting slogan cancel on Barbados item

By Jonathan Guy

I recently acquired at auction the uprated Barbados aerogramme shown here, principally as I could see that it had received a slogan cancel “BARBADOS – IN THE 8TH CONTINENT OF THE WORLD” but also as I could see the name “Bayley” on the cover. With such a well-known name, the item could have been philatelic, but it turned out to be anything but.

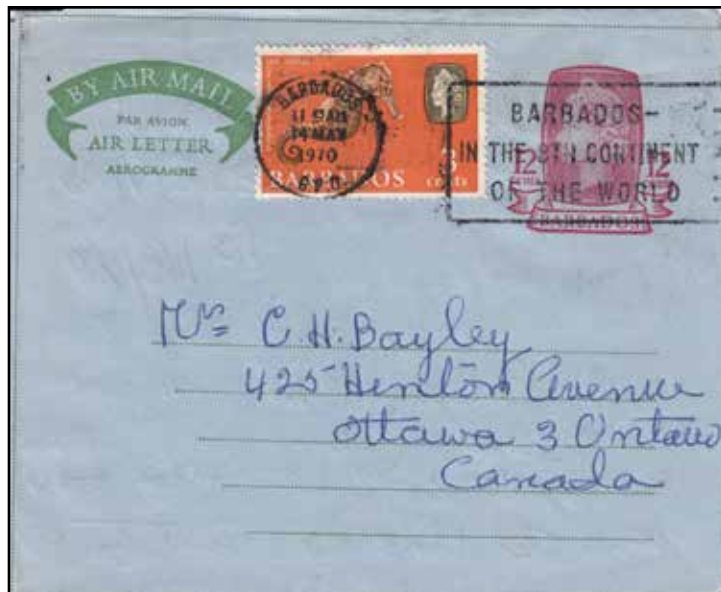
Sent from one Mrs. Bayley, in Barbados, to another Mrs. Bayley, in Canada, it appears to be correspondence between the wives of two philatelists but with no mention of stamps anywhere!

It appears, therefore, to be a genuine piece of postal history and as this was the first time I had seen this particular slogan cancel, I reasoned it made a nice addition to my collection.

When checking *Barbados Post Office Markings to 1981* by Clarke, Radford and Cave, I noticed that the earliest known date of this particular cancel was listed as May 22, 1970 but a closer inspection of the postmark reveals that this one was posted and cancelled on May 14,

1970, a fact confirmed by the date written inside the air letter.

I was wondering if firstly, anyone has an earlier date for this particular slogan cancel and secondly, is there any work ongoing anywhere in the world to provide an update to *Barbados Post Office Markings to 1981*, as 38 years seems a long time to wait for a new edition!



Early use of Barbados slogan cancel.

New Cayman Islands Postcards ————— Continued from page 21



Our look at new Cayman Islands postcards concludes with “Visit Caymanian Souvenirs”

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Forthcoming postal auction of LEEWARD ISLANDS Queen Victoria to King George VI

De Montfort Stamp Company would like to announce that the third part of the “Northcott” collection of stamps of the Leeward Islands, Queen Victoria to King George VI, will take place in a postal auction closing at 5 p.m. U.K. time on 17 May 2019.

There is no buyer’s premium charged on the selling prices in this or any De Montfort Stamp Co. auctions.

The collection is very comprehensive in all reigns, especially KGVII with many 10/- and £1 values from all printings. There are many plate blocks and varieties with a substantial amount of listed and unlisted flaws all identified for all reigns including many scarce and some possibly unique items.

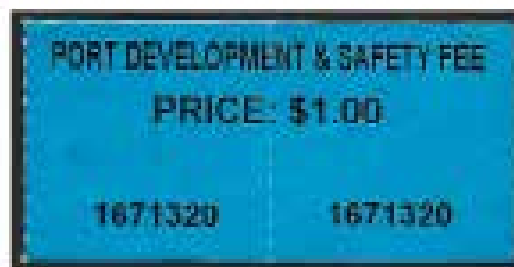
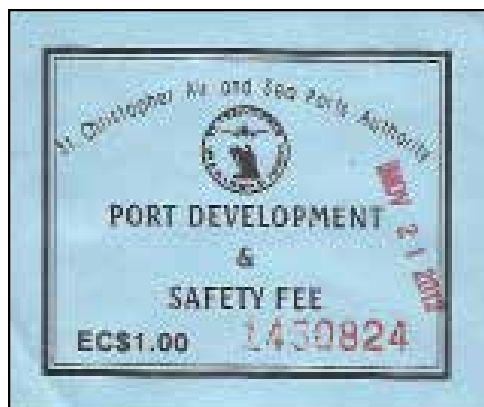
Colour illustrated paper catalogues will be available on request during early April 2019 when the catalogue will also be available for viewing or downloading as a pdf file from www.demontfortstamps.co.uk

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Nevis Improvement Fees

By Steve Zirinsky

Shown below are labels in use in St. Kitts and Nevis. The larger one was in use in St. Kitts in 2012, and is titled "Port Development & Safety Fee." The two smaller items on bottom are also titled "Port Development & Safety Fee" and were in use in 2018. The smaller labels were believed issued in rolls of 2,500 with alternating roll colors.



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BCPSG meeting in Bermuda November 7-10

The 2019 BCPSG meeting will take place in Bermuda from November 7 through 9. That is Thursday through Sunday, with the actual meeting happening on Saturday, November 9. I suggest traveling to Bermuda on November 6, to be there for the start of activities the next day.

We chose the first week of November because that was when the off-season rates kick in at some hotels. The weather is usually good then, with the ocean temperatures starting to cool down, but being tolerable, especially for Canadians.

We are currently working on philatelic activities for Thursday and Friday, and plan to hold the meeting on Saturday morning in order for the Bermudian members who work to be able to attend. With that thought in mind, it is suggested that members plan to arrive in Bermuda on Wednesday, November 6 so they can participate in the Thursday activities.

Our Meeting hotel is the Grotto Bay Hotel, 11 Blue Hole Hill, Hamilton Parish, Bermuda.

- The hotel is full-service, offering breakfast (full buffet & continental), lunch, and dinner on site.
- Each room has a safe and refrigerator.
- Located on the water, with beautiful views, and a heated pool, it is also not far from beautiful Clearwater Beach at the old U.S. Navy Base.
- On the major bus route, with a stop directly across from the entrance.
- Less than a \$10 cab ride from the airport.
- A relatively short distance to St. George's, a World Heritage site.
- It is also a short distance to the Crystal Caves attraction. However, Prospero's Cave is on the hotel property and open to guests at no additional charge.
- It has an Oleander Cycle livery on site, and by 2019 will be offering electric vehicles for rent.
- Immediately next to the famous Swizzle Inn, serving lunch, dinner, and of course Rum Swizzle.
- There is another fine dining option, Tom Moore's Tavern, which is a short cab ride away.

COST: \$200/room/night, plus Government Tax (11.75%) \$23.50/room and Service Charge of \$12.50/person/day. So, a single room with all fees is \$236.00 per night, and a double is \$248.50. For members not familiar with Bermuda's hotel pricing, that is a very good price. The hotel has agreed to offer the same rates for a few days either before or after our official schedule so you may extend your "vacation."

RESERVATIONS: Hotel rooms **MUST BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL**. The rates we are given do NOT include any agent commission, so you need to book yourself. Our rooms will be "run-of-the-house," so you can request whichever location and/or level you wish.

HOTEL CONTACT INFO:

Phone: 1-441-293-8383 or toll free from the U.S. at 1-855-447-6886.

WEBSITE: <https://www.grottobay.com>

TRANSFERS: Do NOT bother! Just take a cab from the airport to Grotto Bay.

I can answer questions and/or provide some photos for anyone interested. I would also appreciate knowing if you are attending so I can adjust the number(s) for our blocked rooms. So please let me know if you book at Grotto Bay. Thanks in advance.

John Puzine

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NEVIS



'NEVIS – THE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY (1661–1890)' by Federico Borromeo, FRPSL and Charles Freeland, FRPSL. This is the first definitive handbook on Nevis to be published since the slim booklet by Fred Melville in 1910. Despite its small size, this island has attracted collectors from the earliest days. The book traces the pre-stamp history and examines the early Nissen & Parker issues in great detail and goes on to describe the evolution of the De La Rue printings. It also includes chapters on postal stationery, revenue issues and forgeries. This book is a must for all BWI collectors.

A4 size, hardbacked with dust jacket, (viii) + 208 pages. ISBN: 978-1-907481-19-2

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The Riddle of the 'Registered' Ovals of
Jamaica and Trinidad 1949 - 1962



David Horry FRPSL

The Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2019.
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Membership Director's Report

By John Seidl

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 Applicants

Gary Loew, P.O. Box 468101, Atlanta, GA 31146-8101. Philatelic interests: BWI postal history, ship mail.

By the next issue we will have a new Membership Director in place – thank you!

As of February 23, 2019 our membership consists of 236 members including:

- 19 Complimentary Society Library Memberships
- 55 Life Members
- 162 Regular Members

Of the 162 Regular Members, 46 receive the journal electronically and 116 receive printed copies.

There are 39 Regular members who have not paid their dues for 2020 and will be dropped after this issue if their dues are not received.

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President's Message

By John Seidl

I'd like to start by thanking our members around several topics:

- Auction Sellers – we had some great items in the auction this time and the 15 percent commission collected by the BCPSG really helps us out.
- Auction Bidders – we had 19 bidders in the auction with some lots getting several competitive bids. Enjoy the great items you've added to your collection.
- Volunteers – we've had three people step forward and offer to help with membership and other areas – THANK YOU! By the time you receive this issue we should have a new Membership Director in place. There is still a need for more help – in particular let me know if you'd like to run our 2020 auction.



In further good news we're continuing to add to the guest list for the meeting in Bermuda this November. Let John Puzine (puzine@comcast.net) know if you can join us or if you have any questions about the event. My wife, Lauren, and I hope to see many of you there! I'll also be at the American Philatelic Society Summer Seminar in June. I hope to see you at this awesome annual event.

I have another philatelic related passion that I'd like to share. I teach the Boy Scout Stamp Collecting merit badge in the Southeast about 4 times a year. I have actually done it twice already in 2019 with 15 new stamp collectors introduced to our hobby. I encourage you to look for ways to give back to our hobby – and working with kids is an amazing source of energy as you see their excitement in getting exposed to stamps. If you ever have some extra duplicates you'd like to donate to the program let me know. We have a 501(c) for Friends of Scouting and will provide a tax receipt. Enjoy the hobby and remember to take advantage of all the BCPSG has to offer our members! Do our group a favor and tell the advertisers you saw their advertisement in our journal. We need some new members – please help to spread the word. I'm sure Everett would be REALLY happy if you could submit an article, too!

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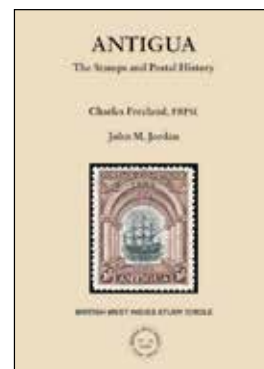
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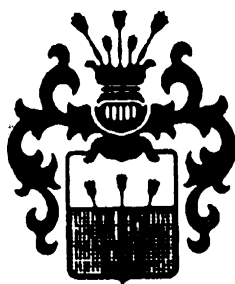
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