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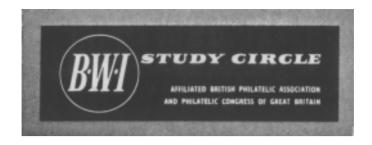
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JAMAICA
ST. VINCENT
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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
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2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features (including 'Opinions' Service and a 'Wants' Section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members.

MEMBERSHIP

TO operate a SALES CIRCUIT to enable members to dispose of their surplus material.

TO be WORLD-WIDE in scope and open to all interested in the stamps or postal history of the above mentioned colonies and dependencies whether they be advanced or new collectors. The ANNUAL subscription to be £1 (\$3.00 non-sterling countries) due 1st FEBRUARY. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to "B.W.I. STUDY CIRCLE".

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Total Membership 211

AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. on **Saturday, 3rd November at 2.30 p.m.**

Members are reminded that visitors are very welcome.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 8th Anniversary Meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1. on Saturday, 24th March, 1962, at 2.30 p.m. In the absence of the President, Mr. G. W. Collett, the Chair was taken by Commander G. Bridgmore Brown.

Apologies for absence were received from the President and several members which were read to the Meeting,

The Minutes of the 7th Anniversary Meeting, held on 25th March, 1961, were read by the Hon. Secretary and passed.

Mr. P. T. Saunders, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer began his report by saying that the total membership of the Circle was still over the 200 mark in spite of resignations. New members during the year totalled 21 and there were 23 members who still had to remit their subscriptions. A strong plea for members to pay their subscriptions on the due date was made by Mr. Saunders.

The audited accounts of the Circle were presented and showed a very healthy position. Mr. L. E. Britnor proposed and Mr. P. T. Sturridge seconded that £50 be transferred to the Publications Account and this was carried unanimously. Mr. Saunders reported that an increased amount of money had been well spent on some useful additions to the Library. The Report and Accounts were then adopted.

Mr. Basil B. Benwell, Hon. Editor again appealed for more articles for the Bulletin. He pointed out that it was essential that he received any items for inclusion in the next issue at least six weeks prior to publication. Research Leaders by now should be able to produce some useful information of interest to all members and they were urgently requested to send such notes to the Editor.

In the absence of Miss Rose Titford, the Hon. Librarian, Mr. P. T. Saunders told the Meeting that further additions had been made to the Library including Charltons "Grenada" and the Circle now subscribed to "The Philatelist". All books could be borrowed from the Library free of charge but postage each way must be paid by the borrower.

Commander G. Bridgmore Brown, Chairman of the Publications Sub-Committee reported that Mr. J. B. Marriott's manuscript on Trinidad up to 1862 was now in the revision stage and it was estimated that when published the book would contain about 50 pages. In answer to a question, Commander Bridgmore Brown replied that the binding we had adopted for the "Postal Marking of Barbados" had met with general approval and was the best we could do and was one which would allow for expansion. Regarding further works, Messrs. A. J. Branston, S. Graham Hoey and H. Moreton Black, had

discussed the prospects and were prepared to start a manuscript on the aspects not covered in the general work on Bahamas. Finally the First Supplement to the "Postal Markings of Barbados" was in the printers hands and would be published at the beginning of April.

Election of Officers and Committee

There being no nominations for any of the offices or for the Committee, and the present officers all being willing to continue, it was proposed and carried that they be re-elected en bloc.

Miss Rose Titford by reason of her office as Librarian is eligible to serve as an ex-officio member of the Committee. It was proposed by Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown, seconded by Mr. P. T. Saunders and carried unanimously that Mr. E. V. Toeg be elected to serve on the Committee.

In order to strengthen the London representation on the Committee it was proposed by Miss Rose Titford, seconded by Mr. P. T. Saunders and carried unanimously that Mr. R. H. Austin be elected to serve.

44th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. Worthing 12th-15th June, 1962

Mr. E. V. Toeg and Mr. G. W. Groves were nominated to represent the Circle.

London and Provincial Stamp Club

The Circle has been invited to give a display to the London & Provincial Stamp Club on Thursday, 5th April, 1962, at the Y.M.C.A., Gt. Russell St., London, W.C.1., at 6 p.m. The following members agreed to provide 20 sheets each:- Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown, Messrs. Basil B. Benwell, A. J. Branston, L. E. Britnor and E. Shields Forshaw.

The Autumn Meeting

The Autumn Meeting will be held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1962, at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.I., at 2.30 p.m.

Under "any other business" Mr. P. T. Saunders informed members that as the suggested date of the Anniversary Meeting in 1963 would clash with Stampex, Saturday, 9th March would be more suitable, to be followed by the usual Dinner.*

Mr. E. V. Toeg suggested that the Hon. Secretary should invite two members to display 40 sheets each at the Autumn Meeting.

There being no other items the formal business of the meeting closed.

After a break for tea several members brought some interesting sheets for display.

P. T. Saunders displayed a number of sheets of Registration Labels of the Cayman Islands from 1901 to date.

- **C. E. Roland Jones** showed a cover which bore the marking in red RELEASED BY/PRIZE COURT and asked members if they had any explanation to offer for this marking. Amongst other items was a registered air cover from Greenland to Denmark via New York and Bermuda and a MISSENT TO BERMUDA handstamp in red on a 12c. Air Letter from St. Kitts to Bolton, England.
- **E. Shields Forshaw** showed several sheets which included specimens of the early and rarer lc. values of British Guiana; varieties on S.G.83, 101 and 104 and some pre-adhesive covers.
- **L. E. Britnor** showed a cover with the 1876 1d. bisected and surcharged ½d. Mr. Britnor pointed out that Gibbons say this surcharge is bogus but queried whether this was so. Six copies were known postmarked Montserrat 1884, all were addressed to Dominica and have the Montserrat Paid stamp.
- **E. V. Toeg** displayed a collection of Cayon postmarks including the A.12 duplex and code CA for Cayon, Also Dieppe Bay postmarks.

The Chairman expressed the Meeting's thanks to those who had contributed displays and the meeting closed at 6 p.m.

* See Hon. Secretary's Paragraph, page 48.

DISPLAY

DISPLAY TO THE LONDON PROVINCIAL STAMP CLUB on 5th APRIL, 1962.

Four members of the B.W.I. Study Circle attended the meeting at the Y.M.C.A., Gt. Russell Street, London, W.C. on the 5th April, 1962 and gave displays on the various aspects of West Indies philately. The following members contributed to the evening's entertainment:—

- L. E. Britnor: Covers, entires, etc., relating to the early development of the post in the West Indies, including an interesting illustration of a typical Slave Bill.
- Basil B. Benwell: The early pre-adhesive markings of Barbados. A complete set of the "barred" and "bootheel" postmarks for each of the parishes including a sheet of bootheel postmarks used on the 1882 Queen Victoria issue. The use of the "Bootheel with number" is scarce on this issue.
- E. Shields Forshaw: A comprehensive collection of the early issues of British Guiana in fine used condition.

A. J. Branston: A miscellany from Bahamas which was enhanced by the use of a projector and colour slides. The display illustrated the effective use of colour slides to identify flaws varieties and forgeries.

The evenings entertainment was warmly received and during the vote of thanks to the Circle the display was referred to as a "specialist display arranged so that a general collector could not only understand but enjoy." The Circle was complimented on the presentation.

SCOTEX 1962

The Circle was well represented at Scotex 1962 Exhibition in Glasgow and was responsible for the complete display of the West Indies. An island unit of 8 frames was allotted to members and the following exhibited sheets

BAHAMAS - H. Morton Black and S. Graham Hoey.

BERMUDA - Dr. T. J. Mitchell.

JAMAICA - Col. G. Saville Smith and A. Soutter.

Both Col. G. Saville Smith, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Mr. S. Graham Hoey, who gave such valuable assistance behind the scenes, should be congratulated for their part in contributing to the success of the exhibition.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Supply of material for future issues of the Bulletin is very short and I am in urgent need of more articles I should also like to remind members again that I would appreciate receipt of copy not later than six weeks prior to publication. Members who require urgent replies to their queries should address their letters to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour to answer by return of post.

BAHAMAS

Postal History of New Providence

Further to my contribution in bulletin No. 29 I have decided to extend it to include all postal markings of New Providence. I have also included some additional information that has come my way, plus fresh details from Mr. Raymond on Nassau postmarks.

The Postmarks of Nassau. Steel Handstamps

6. Early date 4.11.03, on 5d. Orange Nassau Stairs.

BAHAMAS (contd.)

Machine Cancellations

15a. A new machine cancellation shown to me by Mr. Raymond. Similar to No. 15 except for the following:- (a) comma after Nassau; (b) letters 3mm. high against 2½mm. for No. 15; (c) date after month instead of before.

Seen cover dated 17th December, 1959.

(See Bulletin No. 32 (Mr. Hoey), I stick to my size lettering).

Ship Letter Cancellations

add following from Mr. Raymond.

26c. SHIP MAIL/NASSAU, BAHAMAS - handstamp - 25mm. - cover seen dated 30th October, 1958.

27a. SHIP MAIL/NASSAU - TRD as No. 27 except single line circle. Cover seen 30th January, 1961.

Airmail Cancellation

29. Nassau, Bahamas, Airmail - c.d.s. 30mm. - in purple - November, 1960.

New Providence Postal History

The following cancellations can be found on prestamp covers:-

- **A**. BAHAMAS in serif capitals in a straight line, two types reported (i) 35mm. long, (ii) 24mm. long. In use 1803-mid. 1830.
- **B.** Bahamas above two ¾ circles and date, year and code letter. In use 1840-65. Used occasionally on stamps. A canceller was sent out on 1st July, 1846, proof copy at G.P.O. is without code letter.
- C. BAHAMAS/SHIP LETTER in use 1841-?
- **D**. Paid at Bahamas general type sent to many colonies and used in lieu of stamps. Two types (i) Paid at Bahamas in a curve, (ii) Paid in straight line, canceller sent out 1st July, 1846. On the introduction of stamps used as an "Official Paid" stamp until 1952 at least. There are reports that a different canceller was used from 1940.

Killer Postmarks

- **E**. "A 05" in oval of bars. Sent out on 28th April, 1858, with British stamps, two types (i) toe of 5 level with vertical stroke, (ii) toe of 5 extends beyond the line of the upstroke.
- **F.** "B" in upright oval of bars. Canceller sent out about 1880 replacing the A 05. Two types (i) large serif B, (ii) small sans serif B. Still in use to postmark out-island mail arriving uncancelled at Nassau.
- **G**. "27" in oval of bars. Stated to have been used at out-island post offices before they had their own named cancellors. In my view it was used at Nassau to cancel out-island mail. In general use 1880-1890.

BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

LIST OF MEMBERS 1962

KEY. - Names of colonies are given in a three-letter code, consisting in most cases of the first three letters of the name. "All" means all the colonies within the Circle's field of study. Meaning of symbols:-

C Cancellations and postal markings; D deals in material specified; M Mint **only**; PH Postal history or pre-adhesive material: PS Postal stationery; U Used **only**; x Except. * Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties, † Overseas Member.

EXAMPLES.- "ANT, BAR & C" in col. 2 with "CAY" in col. 3 means the Member has straight collections of ANTIGUA and BARBADOS with the Cancellations of these colonies; as a secondary interest he also collects CAYMANS. "CAY: KGVI, M" would mean that his CAYMANS are limited to stamps of King George VI and only Mint.

"StL*, StV*, xPS" followed by "C of All xBrG, xBrH" means the Member has specialised collections (as defined above) of St. LUCIA and St. VINCENT but excluding Postal stationery; he also collects Cancellations of all colonies within the Circle's field except Br. Guiana and Br. Honduras.

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
†Adelson, E. M. Agabeg, R. C †Aguilar, E. F. Austin, R. H. †Ayre,	BAH St.", StV" to 1902 D all BAH* BAR* BER* JAM*	BAR, BER. GRE. JAM. StK, StL, TRL
J. F. Baker, A. H. Bampton, J. B. Barnard, C. R.	DOM* GRE* BAH, BAR	
Bartlett, C. D.	BER* xPH	
†Bartlett, Edmund	All &C	
†Bayley, Colin H.	BAR*	All xBrH
†Bayley, Herbert	BAR*	
Baynes, Eric	Most & C.	
Beach, A. E.	TOB*	ANT, BAR, BrG, DOM. LEE, StK, StL, TRI to 1902
Benwell, B. B.	BAR*	
Bessemer, H. D.	StV*. xPS	ANT, DOM, LEE, MON, NEV, StC, StK, StL. VIR.
Bishop, C. W.	JAM*.	
Black, H. Moreton	BAH*	BAR from 1892.
Blackburn, Dr. R. H.	JAM*	
Blease, H. F. H.	BAH*	
Boardman, J. H.	CAY, JAM, TUR.	
Bodily, R.	D all	
†Bowman, G. W. †Box, H. E.	ANT*, StV*, xPH	
Branston, A. J.	BAH*	

NAME MAIN INTEREST Other Interests

†Brassler, Norman All* xPH, xPS, on cover

BAR* xPS. PH & C of All xBrG, xBrH. Britnor, L. E.

Brown, G. Bridgmore BER* Brown, Dr. H. Vivian DOM*

†Bruce, Dr. H. B. IAM* Burdett, A. E.

Butler, G. R. TIIR* tButler, W. LEE

Butt, D. G. BER* xPH C of BAR, JAM, TRI.

Calnan, N. All & C. *

†Cameron, Byron R. JAM* CAY, TUR.

Challis, J. J. TUR*

†Chalmers, J. F.

Chorlton, J. D. CAY* JAM

†Churchill, Jordan C.

†Clapp, J. A. W., M.D.

Coasby, L. R. BAH Collett, G. W. IAM*

LEE & C. Colvin, J. H.

†Cornell, W. G. ANT RER Courtney, L. A. JAM*

†Creed, E. G. StV* Crow, W. H. H. * JAM*

†Daggett, H. M. Jr. Censored covers and Reply coupons of all

LEE* xPH Davis, F. L. de Burca, Dr. B. StL* StL* xPH, xC. †Devaux, Robert J.

†Dickason, L. T.

Dickson, lan W. D. StL, StV & C. Donne, C. E. VIR* xPS. †Dorn, P. A.

+Durnin, Stanley C LEE* C. +Eckhardt, H. T. GVI & QEII

Edmunds, G. A.

Elliott, A. T. JAM* from 1912 Ellis, Major W. F. CAY, StV. StL. TRI after 1913 †Elson, J. D. Jr. †Ericson, Edwin M. IAM*

Farr, E. D. BAH, BAR, GRE, TRI

Fielding, J. D. ANT, JAM Fordham, F. R. BAR*

BrG* xPS. Forshaw, E. Shields

VIR* to 1900 +Frederick, J. L. †Freeman, F. G. JAM* xPS.

Frost, T. W.

Garrard, Dr. N.

+Gavelek I S BAH, BAR, BER,

Gibson, A. WIN IS.* JAM* Giffin, W. L. All Gilbert, J. H. O. D (Auct) all

Gilbert-Lodge, L. J.

Green, Mrs. A. BER from 1937 & C.

+Griffith, Mrs. M. A. RAR*

†Grinevicius, K

†Griswold, Dr. Arthur S. BER* BER* Br.G. Br.H. C. †Group, Ralph E. Groves, G. W. ANT* StV*

†Hall, A. Ronald

†Harris, Dr. Forest BAR* D. Harris, Col. O. M. BAH, BAR, BER, JAM to 1952 & PH & C.

Heathcote. Dr. H. J.

BrG* xPH Heap, J. L. StV* xPS.

TRI* from 1913

Herbert, J. A. C. CAY* Hershman, A. A. JAM T.r.d.* Hershman, R. E. RAR*

Heseltine, V. BER, LEE, StL. TUR.

W. Hine, J. F. All Ć. All, C of BAR, StV

C of GRE. C & PS of ANT, StK, StL.

All xBER, xBrG, xBrH.

A11

PH & C of all BAR, BER.

C of all

LEE & VIR: U. C. of ANT. BAR, BrG. JAM

ANT, BAH, BER, CAY, JAM, TRI, TUR.

All xTOB, xTUR, xVIR.

All

All xBrG, xStV.

JAM from 1937 & C.

BAR, DOM, GRE, LEE, MON, StC, StK, StL,

DOM* TOB" xPS

NAME MAIN INTEREST Other Interests

All & C.

CAY, TUR.

StL*

A11

GRE*, LEE*, StV* xPS. BER.

All xStL, xTUR.

All from 1937.

Hoev, S. Graham BAH*.

Holmes, J. A. BAH. BAR. St.V.

Hosking, P. W. BrG* xPS.

Howe, F. G. PH. C & PS of BrG.

Huggins W.

†Hunt, E. H.

Irving, W. All.

+Jaffe, Peter StV*. GRE to 1901. PH of LEE StL. C of BAR, BrG.

BrH, DOM, GRE BER* xPS Jenman, S. V.

†Johnson, A. N. JAM*.

Johnson, Bryan E. GRE*. Johnson, F. M. All, particularly PH

†Johnstone, Gene N. Modern C of all. Jones, C. E. R.

BAH, BAR, BER, JAM (commemoratives) Jordan, F.

†Kantor, M. 1918 War Issues

Keast, G. F. BAR

Kimber, H.E. St.L, St.V.

†Kitchen, Dr. Paul F CAY from 1937. All

†Larkin, R. H. GRE & C †Larsen, P.A. LEE Latham, A.H. JAM. BAR. & C.

†Law. J.

Lee, W.E. All

Lee, R. A. G. CAY* BAH, BAR, Br.G, St.V, VIR Leverton, A. B.

Lickfold, E. K. BAR*St.V

Lisle, F. B. BAR, BER, BrG, TRI & C.

Loach, J. C. TRI* xPS. BAR, GRE, StV.

+Lockie, Dr. J. M. CAY & C LEE, StL & C. StK, TUR from 1900. Others from

1912.

BAH: Chalon Heads Lowe, Robson BER*. †Ludington, M. H.

PH & C of BAH. TUR & PH. TRI Lyons, Mrs. S. BAR. JAM.

Macmillan, H. B. JAM* xPS M'Caughey, D. CAY.

McFarlane, J. R. ANT

BER, Br.G, JAM, TUR †Malin, L. R.

Manners, G. S

Manning, K. J. A. O. ANT*, DOM*, MON*, StK*, VIR* xPS to 1935. All to 1936 xJAM, xStV.

Marriott, John B. TRI* to 1910. Marshall, L. M. W. ANT* xPS.

†Mertens, R. A. D all.

Messenger, J. L. GRE*. StV* A11. Metcalfe, R. W. JAM & C & PS

BAR*, TRI* xPS. †Mitchell, Hooton

Mitchell, Dr. T. J.

Montford, I. C. PH. C. etc., of all. Murray, Col. A.

Myers, F. BAR, CAY, St. V Nabarro, F. J. N. DOM* to 1935. Neale, H. A. KG.V only.

†Newns-Smith, R. All M & U Norris, Col. F. S. J. BER*

†O'Connor, Harvey JAM*. A11 BER to 1901. GRE* to 1901. Osborn, G. A.

Oxley, H. M. GRE.

D all, specially PH, C, Parker, C. Angus PS, Covers, Proofs, Specimens, etc.

Partridge, R. F. GRE & C. †Paton, C. D. LEE*

LEE from 1937. Paton, I. M. Patrick, C. JAM*, CAY

Payne, C. W. CAY*. C of JAM, TRI. †Pierce, A. D. StV* xPS. BER, CAY, GRE. Pilkington, G. L. GRE * to 1890 StC. C of LEE.

NAME MAIN INTEREST Other Interests

† Pilkington, G. M. GRE*. Pratt. R.G. St. V

Pritchett, G. C. All xBrG, xBrH

Proud, E. B. D all Pullar, G. L.

StL. M. ANT. BAR. MON: M

ANT, BAR, StV & C & PS Pywell, J. G.

†Raymond, G. J. C & Covers of BAH. C & Covers of all xBrG, xTRI

Richards, J. A. CAY

Riddell, Dr. J. D BAH*

†Ritchie.G.W.S. BER* from 1953 BAH, BrG, BrH, CAY, DOM, JAM, LEE, StL.

All & C & PS

BER, BrH.

BAR, BER.

All

StV, TUR from 1953.

Roberts, T. V. ANT, DOM, GRE. StK St.L, TRI & TOB

Robertson, K. J.

Samuel, Marcus Spec. & Rev. stps. of all.

Sanders, Miss G. M. ANT, BAR, DOM, GRE, JAM, MON, TRI.

CAY*

Saunders, P. T. CAV: IAM*

†Seifert, Lt-Col. F. F. †Shilstone, H. M. Jr. BAR*

+Simpkins, B. G.

Smith, C. Hardeman ANT, GRE, MON, StL., StV.

Smith, Lt-Col. G. Saville

Southwood, S. W. BrG, TRI to 1920

Soutter, A. JAM. Spencer, Eric BAR* Stapley, R. F. BAR*

Stephens, F. All Steward, M. LEE from 1912 & C & PS.

All from 1937 & C +Stitt. W. B. Δ11

BAH*, BER*, CAY*, JAM*. Stokes, E. W. CAY, GRE.

BER, JAM.

Sturridge; P. T. $I\Delta M$ Sullivan, D. G. BAH, BAR. Surtees.V.N.F. JAM* Sutton, Col. T. CAY

All xBrG xBrH. Swarbrick, R. V. JAM*

All: K.E. VII. U. Tansley, K.

All P.B. issues & Covers. Taylor, J.

Taylor, Mrs. M. W. GRE* to 1935 C of BrG

†Taylor, Mrs. P. K.

Swetland, M. W.

Terry, W. $C\Delta Y$

StK, LEE, VIR. †Thetford, Dr. N. D. D ANT, BAR. Thompson, E. K. Thompson, F. H. JAM*

Thompson, J. W. BAH: K.G. VI & C. Titford, Rose StC*

Todd, J. D. DOM*

TUR. Toeg, E. V. LEE* JAM* All †Topaz, R

†Towers, Dr. R. P. GRE*

Townsend, W. A. BrG* ANT, BAH, BAR, BER. ORE, StL, StV

BER* BrH* GRE, StV. †Tucker, Sir Henry J.

Tummey, A. J. StL

Urwick. Dr. R. H. StC*, TOB*. xPS to 1900. ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, DOM, GRE, MON, StL,

StV, VIR to 1900.

Vann, W. C. BAR & PH & C & PS C of all.

Ward, R. BrG from 1953.

Watson, W. K. JAM* NEV, StC, StK. Webb, E. L. All Wells, R. W. GRE* DOM, StL, StV

Wheeler, L. S. BAR. Wilde, P. M BrG †Winter, N. JAM.

†Zell L. E., Jr. TUR* from 1901 All from 1953

BAHAMAS (contd.)

Handstamps

H. Bahamas - c.d.s. 21mm. - Bahamas across the cancellor with a code letter above it. It was used a lot as a backstamp, but is known on stamps; also stated to have been used to cancel out-island mail arriving uncancelled at Nassau. A cancellor with code letter "A" was sent on 15th March, 1865, code letter "A" sent out 1865, first recorded 1878 (has any member an earlier date).

code letter "B" used around 1897.

- " "C" alleged to exist but have never seen or heard of a copy.
- **J.** Bahamas c.d.s. 22mm., differs from "H" in that Bahamas is in a curve round the top of the cancellor. In use 1892-93. Stated to exist with code letter "A", "B" and "C". I have only seen "C", suggest "A" and "B" do not exist. Two reasons given as to use:- (i) General Cancellor in New Providence, (ii) to cancel-out-island mail.

Brass Seal

For the record a brass seal was sent out on 27th June, 1893. It was an oval in the design of a pineapple with General Post Office round it.

Sub Post Offices of New Providence

Fox Hill:- Gisburn type 19 -1930

" " 22 (letters 4mm.) 1947 -

Gambier:- TRD (single circle 35mm.) 1947

Gisburn type 22 (letters 4mm.) 1953 -

Grants Town:- Gisburn type 19 - 1927-

" ,, 22 (letters 4mm.) - 1945

Mackay Street:- opened 1st April, 1958. c.d.s. 30mm. - 1.4.58

Shirley Street:- closed 31.3.58 Gisburn type 22 - 1942 - 31.3.58

Temporary Post Office

Sea Floor (near Nassau):- Trd double oval 1939 and 1940.

L. R. Coasby.

Mr. Philip Halward has recently shown a piece having both types of the A05 cancellation together. This is quite reasonable since both were sent out to the Colony within a week or so of each other. Have any other members examples of this dual strike? It would be most helpful to see these if possible.

Also seen was a forgery with the letters "Bahamas" facing outwards. Knowledge of further examples of this forgery would be most welcome.

A. J. Branston.

BAHAMAS (contd.)

Re the many 1-Pd. QV(SG 57) bearing elusive out-island postmarks, queried in the April Bulletin, I'm now reliably informed that these are all spurious markings on cleaned stamps (fiscally used). The forger apparently had a fantastic knowledge of genuine out-island date stamps, which have never been common certainly of that period.

The Centenary of Nassau issues have been appearing (at least the 8d.) on out-island non-philatelic mail from Marsh Harbour, Freeport, Tarpu Bay, and others. No new p.o.'s have yet opened or are planned, although an excellent suggestion has appeared in the Nassau DAILY TRIBUNE that philatelic window sub-p.o.'s be opened at the airfield and wharf. The present Bahamas definitive set has often been criticized and may well be replaced soon with an issue more prominently illustrative of the island attractions.

Mail from Bimini now bears solely the large single-circle TRD (Type C-5) issued in January, 1961, usually now in brilliant blue ink. At The Bight, Cat Island, the steeldie rusted tight beyond utility in December, 1961, and all mail since then, inter-island and foreign, has been cancelled with a large TRD inscribed "COMMISIONER'S OFFICE, THE BIGHT, CAT ISLAND," with one-line date. To my knowledge, no new TRD's have been issued in over a vear, for unknown reasons. New steeldies are in use at MORTIMER'S. McKENNONS. **FOX TOWN** 30mm.). MARSH (all HARBOUR. HOPETOWN, and RAGGED ISLAND. The latest cover from KEMPS BAY (bearing old TRD) is stampless, and delivered in Nassau without postage due charges.

G. J. Raymond

Bahamas Cancellations

Can any of our members help me in identifying the following cancellations on various Bahamas stamps:

- (a) On a $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Q.V. 3/16" high seriffed "2" contained in a neat circle of $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter.
- (b) On the Red Cross SG100, two cancellations which are similar to a rather smudgy St. Edward's Crown, approx. 3/8" wide x 5/16" deep.
- (c) On a 6d. Q.V. two concentric circles, the outer 11/16", and the inner 1/16" less, inside which are marks very similar to the St. Helena cancellations of this period.

Also, on a Jamaica 2d. CC Q.V. value:-

A large PD contained in a oval, which cancellation, I am informed, stands for "Payee Destination", and is usually on the envelope. Can anyone explain more fully when and how this was used.

Hooton Mitchell.

BRITISH HONDURAS

The British Honduras post office list in the January, 1962 BULLETIN, (more correctly to be credited to E. F. Aguilar, R. S. Gordon, Dr. H. K. Thompson, and G. J. Raymond) included several miss-spellings, which should be amended to read MASKALL, CASTILLE, and POMONA. Ralph Group has been officially informed that the following p.o.'s are now closed: STANN CREEK VALLEY - 22 miles, HOPKINS, and GUINEA GRASS (early 1961). SAND HILL now uses only a new steel-die datestamp, double-circle.

MULLINS RIVER p.o. did re-open after Hurricane "Hattie," cancelling the few letters by pen, "MULLINS RIVER P.O.", plus dates in January and early February, 1962. At last report the site was to be abandoned by mid-February. An inland camp for Belize refugees has been built, named HATTIESVILLE, and scheduled to have a p.o. It is hoped that a British Honduras handbook of TRDs will soon be in progress, along the same lines as the Handbook of Bahamas TRDs.

G. J. Raymond.

JAMAICA

Inland Postal Rates

I have read with interest the letters regarding the inland rates of Jamaica, and I should like to add my own views to those already expressed.

The 1/3d, rate seems to have been general practice in the island and most of the postmasters were aware of it as I have examples from the following places:-

> Falmouth. Gosen. Green Island. Lucea. May Hill, Monegue. Montego Bay, Savanna La Mar.

The endorsements read "Inland 1/3", "Paid 1/3" or "Inland postage paid 1/3".

I believe that the 7½d. is as Mr. Britnor suggests, half the 1/3d. but for what mileage I do not know. I have it on letters from:-

> Buff Bay, Green Pond. Manchioneal.

(The Buff Bay letter is endorsed "Reed. 7½d. B.B.P.O.).

In my collection there is a letter from Savanna La Mar endorsed "I.P.P. 2/6d." which must be a double charge for a heavier letter.

JAMAICA (contd)

The letters are dated between 1787 (Montego Bay) and 1839 (Savanna La Mar) and it may be that this rate started in 1765 for letters going out of the island.

Has anyone an internal letter with these rates? I should like to hear other members views on this question.

A. Latham.

ST. LUCIA

Mr. H. E. Kimber, on page 57 of Bulletin 30, reported the "fine lines across top of stamp". I have this on the first 1d. De la Rue (SG7) but have no idea of the cause. Since there has been no response to the note I am inclined to say it occurs only once in 240. Perhaps Mr. Homan, of New York, can help us, since he plated type 1, either completely or nearly so.

Peter Jaffe.

ST. VINCENT

A study of the De La Rue printings of the one penny indicates that considerable stocks were built up in the island for none were invoiced between July 1896 and August, 1898, when the key plate one penny was sent. This makes identification of printings by dated copies rather chancy, but I believe I have succeeded. The problem is the 50 sheets invoiced on September 16th, 1890. Provisionally I have identified this as in a peculiar deep colour, which could be "changed" but is not I think so treated. It is ill-centred. Can any member help. I do not agree with Mr. John Easton (L.P. page 231, December, 1960, No. 816) that there was a perforated 12 printing so late. I am fairly sure the 1d. penny colour trials perforated 12 date from 1883 as, I think, does the 5/- perforated 12 and the ½d. orange perforated 12.

Peter Jaffe.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

The copybook of Br. Virgin Is. data seems to have gone astray. Will the present holder please pass it along as rapidly as possible, in order that the data may be published for the use of all.

G. J. Raymond.

HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

In the July, 1961 bulletin I extended, on behalf of our Circle, congratulations to Master Andrew Gibson, our youngest member, on his being awarded a Second prize in the Melville Memorial Competition. It is evident that this achievement acted as an incentive to do even better since this year he has gained the First Prize in the Junior Section. Whilst our Dinner held on April 9th was again a success it has been decided to revert to the original arrangement whereby it follows our Anniversary Meeting. At the same time it is considered that it would be even better patronised if its venue was more conveniently situated. With this end in view preliminary enquiries are being made and details will be announced in the October bulletin. Meanwhile please make a note of the date which is March 9th, 1963. This date has been purposely chosen in order not to clash with STAMPEX which opens the following week. An up-to-date list of active members is included with this issue with their respective interests. If any members wish the details given against their names to be amended in any respect I shall be glad if they will advise me accordingly in due course. On Saturday, October 20th the British Philatelic Association are holding a Convention at CAMBRIDGE with the co-operation of the local Society. It is to take place at the University Arms Hotel and will be opened by the Mayor of Cambridge Councillor E. F. Hickson. Tickets which include a buffet tea, are 3/6d. and can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary, B.P.A., 3 Berners Street. London, W.1,, or the Secretary, Cambridge Philatelic Society - Mr. J, C. Simmonds - 77 Gilbert Road, Cambridge. All being well I hope to attend and will look forward to seeing many of our members there. In conclusion it is my pleasure to extend, on behalf of our Circle, a warm welcome to the following new members: A. Grinevicius (Canada) and Miss G. M. Sanders

P. T. S.

The following note, part of an article on Montserrat by Mr. Britnor, was erroneously omitted at tile top of page 29 Bulletin No. 33.

The following data, taken from the Colonial Office Reports, shows a striking contrast between the Postal business of Montserrat during the last century, as indicated in the extract overleaf and what it is today.

Advert
F. W. COLLINS
Advert
ROBSON LOWE LTD.

Advert
H.R.HARMER LTD.
Advert
G.S. MANNERS

	Advert
E	.F.AGUILAR

Advert
HARMER, ROOKE AND COMPANY LIMITED
Advert
HARRIS PUBLICATIONS LTD.

Advert
BRIDGER & KAY LTD

Advert	
STANLEY GIBBONS LTD.	

Advert
H.E. WINFIELD & CO.