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- 1 TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the English-speaking islands that comprise the West Indies. Also included are Bermuda, the Guyanas and Belize, together with other adjacent countries that have a strong historical or geographical connection.
- 2 TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features of BWI interest. The BWISC BULLETIN was presented with the ABPS Specialist Society journal Award in 2004.
- 3 TO encourage, assist or sponsor the authorship and publication of definitive handbooks, monographs or other works of reference appropriate to the aims of the Circle. The BWISC has published over 20 books or Study Papers over the last 12 years, some of which have received prestigious awards.
- 4 TO hold an annual auction for the sale of members' material.
Normally, prior to the auction, the BWISC holds its Annual General Meeting.
- 5 TO organise occasional display meetings including a biennial weekend Convention and bourse.
This offers further opportunities for members to buy and sell material.
- 6 TO maintain an internet website where information about Circle activities is publicised and where much other relevant information is posted.
- 7 TO maintain a specialised library from which home members can borrow books.

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SOCIETY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS & INFORMATION

MEETINGS & EVENTS

STAMPEX SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER

2023 CONVENTION (EARLY TO MID-OCTOBER) VENUE STILL TO BE DECIDED.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Further to my note in the June Issue regarding Organisational Issues for the BWISC and the potential merger with the BCPSPG, the following information was sent to John Seidl and is being circulated to the members of the BCPSPG.

OVERALL POSITION

- We can see advantages in combining our Societies, particularly producing a single journal, but a single journal cannot be done in isolation, as it impinges on membership records and subscription collection.
- The BWISC has a strong and active Committee, whereas the BCPSPG seems to lack volunteers to take on roles. Therefore, we would want to largely retain our existing organisational structure but supplement it with an Americas chapter, with representation on the Committee. If other America-based volunteers want to join the Committee, they would be eligible for election by the membership in the same way as anyone else.
- In order for this to be acceptable to BCPSPG members, we would make certain changes to our existing modus operandi – see later.
- We have formed a BWISC Sub-Committee to progress details, consisting of: Steve Jarvis, Simon Richards, Darryl Fuller, John Jordan and either Ray Stanton or Geoff Richards.

KEY POINTS

- 1) The Society would be renamed, suggested title *West Indies Philatelic Study Group* (WIPSG). This combines name elements of both societies but drops the word "British", as the connotations are no longer helpful. WIPSG.org is available as a domain name.
- 2) There would be one combined membership list.

- 3) One journal would be produced in US letter size. It would be printed and distributed from two locations, in North America for Americas members, and in the UK for the Rest of the World. That should enable us to have a consistent membership subscription. (I assume you have existing arrangements for printing and despatch).
- 4) The Society would be UK based as far as accounting and governance / law is concerned.
- 5) The WIPSG would have bank account(s) in the UK and possibly in the USA (we would need arrangements for: collecting subscriptions paid in US\$; auction purchasers and vendors; meeting income and expenditure; etc. What money resides where would need to be defined by the WIPSG Treasurer / Auction Manager and endorsed by the Committee. All funds held in the UK and US would be included in the WIPSG balance sheet.
- 6) All BCPSG funds would be transferred to the WIPSG and treated as a gift. The transfer of funds would be at least sufficient to cover any existing BCPSG life memberships, which would be provided for ten years.
- 7) The Society would need to be active in both the UK and the Americas and we would need volunteers from the Americas to organise activities on that side of the Atlantic (i.e. for an Americas chapter). We should introduce regular Zoom sessions as these are / can be worldwide events (subject to time-zone constraints).
- 8) Scope and Constitution:
 - As already discussed, we are more than willing to incorporate articles on more modern material
 - We do not want to extend our scope to the stamps of other Caribbean / West Indies countries but recognise that the ex-British islands do not exist in isolation, particularly for postal history subjects. We are changing our objectives to: *We promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the English-speaking islands that comprise the West Indies. Also included are Bermuda, the Guyanas and Belize, together with other adjacent countries that have a strong historical or geographical connection.*
 - BWISC have agreed we should have a Constitution, wording to be agreed.

Steve Jarvis

EDITORIAL

This issue represents the start of my second year as editor and I hope that I am maintaining the high standard of the journal. If the content is not to your liking, then of course you need to start writing as the number of articles coming in is not high. The ideal situation for an editor is a mix of long and short articles but I must work with what I have on hand. I recently wrote an article on philately post-QEII. In it, I noted that with 70+ years, the reign of Her Majesty will be the longest in philately. For virtually all of us 70 years prior to our birth was Queen Victoria. QEII philately will grow in popularity and it would be great if the philatelists who were alive in that time recorded, studied and published that research. The next issue will have an article on the Guyana overprints which I hope you find interesting. Please keep the articles (for all reigns) coming in.

References – I would greatly appreciate it if authors would include references in their articles as it makes life easier for future researchers or interested readers. It is very important that when you reference a book or journal article that you give the actual reference as follows:

(Authors Name/s), "Article Title", Volume No., Month and Year, page numbers (if known)

(Authors Name/s), "Book Title", Year Published, Publisher, Where Published (if known)

Web References – Even if you get a Journal reference from the web please put in its actual physical reference as above. Web resources have a habit of disappearing so it is important a reference can be found. If the reference only exists on the Web then it is important to include the date referenced as web sources change e.g. https://bwisc.org/wp-content/uploads/BWISC_BulletinHistory/b088_197603.pdf (date accessed)

Footnotes – I don't mind footnotes, and most authors don't use them, but they should be for comments / clarifications not references.

New stock added to the website most days. Large stock of Caribbean postcards including scarce cards from the smaller islands



Barbuda - only known early card



Early Barbados chromo litho



Boer War prisoners in Bermuda



Cayo, British Honduras



W.W.I. German P.O.W.'s in St Lucia



Cable Hut, Turks Island

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BRITISH WEST INDIES OFFERS FROM STOCK

ANTIGUA. 1966 ½c Churchill. Top left corner example with value omitted. Unmounted mint. SG 170a. **£550**

BAHAMAS. 1920 ½d Peace imperforate colour trial in green on MCA sideways watermarked paper. **£300**

B. HONDURAS. 1865 1/- 'SPECIMEN' (Type D5) in black. Very fine mint and rare in this quality. BPA Cert. SG 4sp. **£275**

CAYMANS. 1922 ¼d yellow-brown watermark inverted and reversed. Very fine mint. SG 69y. **£200**

GRENADA. 1875 1/- showing additional row of perfs through 'GRENADA' at foot. Very fine mint. SG 13var. **£475**

GRENADA. 1892 1d on 6d 'SURCHARGE POSTAGE' in strip of three. Unmounted mint. Exceptional. SG D4. **£300**

JAMAICA. 1916 3d 'WAR STAMP' block of four with 'S' in stamp omitted (R.6/6). Very fine mint. SG 72b. **£475**

LEEWARDS. 1926 2/- with watermark inverted. Very fine used with part ST JOHNS c.d.s. SG 74aw. **£300**

ST LUCIA. 1905 6d dull purple and violet with damaged frame and crown. Very fine mint. SG 72a. **£250**

ST VINCENT. 1883 1/- watermark reversed corner block of four. Very fine mint. Exceptional multiple. SG 45x. **£1700**

TOBAGO. 1896 1/- orange-brown block of four with 'slash' flaw. Unmounted mint. SG 24cb. **£350**

TRINIDAD. 1862 6d deep green on thick paper. Very fine mint with rich colour. BPA Cert. SG 62. **£900**

TRINIDAD. 1883/94 'SPECIMEN' set of six. Fine mint. A rare set. Just 100 distributed by UPU. SG 106s/112s. **£40**

VIRGINS. 1952 Pictorial set of twelve imperforate plate proofs in issued colours on Script CA paper. **£450**

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MINUTES OF THE 67TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BWISC
HELD AT 12:30PM SATURDAY 7 MAY 2022

Minutes Prepared by Susan Taylor

1. Acting Chairman's Welcome and Opening Remarks (Steve Jarvis)

Due to Covid restrictions, the past year was challenging but we continued to tick over and even managed to hold our Convention in Basingstoke. Understandably, the number of attendees was lower than usual but nevertheless it was a worthwhile turnout and the displays were excellent. However, in the last quarter of the year, we lost individuals who had made significant contributions to the Society. I am particularly referring to Graham Booth, Simon Goldblatt and Bill Gibb but we have lost others such as Dennis Mitton who was a regular contributor at events.

We should pause for a moment to remember all our friends and loved ones who have been taken from us.

These losses mean we have needed to make changes to the organising committee and our proposals are itemised in the agenda. I would like to thank retiring members Paul Hancock and Nigel Chandler for their past work.

If there anyone else who would like to put their names forward to volunteer, then please let me know. In particular Darryl Fuller, our Bulletin Editor, is looking for someone to do auction reports and Peter Ford Publications Officer is looking for an apprentice – someone to work with him on publications at this stage and who could take the roll over at a future date.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that it might be worth contacting the main auction houses for brief 'highlights and upcoming' reports, instead of looking for someone to write an auction report. Darryl would be consulted about this suggestion.

Although we do not currently have a written Constitution, Committee members are elected for the following durations: President for life or until resignation; Chairman for three years (maximum two terms); all other Committee members one year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Ray Murphy, Mike Kentzer, Dave Tetley, Mike Rego, Paul Hancock, Kevin Darcy, Tim Pearce and Terry Harrison all sent their apologies.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising and the record was accepted as written.

4. Report by the General Secretary (Richard Stupples)

Following my appointment last year, I managed to attend the AGM and haven't been active since – my apologies. There have been five enquiries through the website for several types of request and one of condolence I regret to say I didn't get a chance to attend the Conference, due to the fact I had just moved to Devon and was trying to get organised. Otherwise there has been a zoom committee meeting principally to discuss the changes caused by both the sad loss of both Graham Booth and Simon Goldblatt principally but also Bill Gibb who were all serving committee members. I step down at present as secretary as the joint role didn't allow any of us to focus on the required tasks and I have to say for the foreseeable future I have work commitments that I will need to fulfil.

5. Report of the Meetings Secretary (Steve Jarvis reporting)

Unfortunately, our Meetings Secretary, Bill Gibb passed away suddenly towards the end of 2021. He had been an enthusiastic volunteer for our Society, working in difficult times as a result of covid restrictions. In May, he organised our AGM and Auction at the RPSL and in October, our Convention at the Red Lion Hotel in Basingstoke. Both meetings ran smoothly and many of us appreciated being able to meet each other again face-to-face.

6. Report by the Membership Secretary (Steve Jarvis)

BWISC Membership Statistics as at December 2021

As at end	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Members	301	310	309	339	339	340	312	304
Online	91	83	77	84	85	83	63	48
UK	183	192	194	218	207	208	200	193
EUR	28	27	28	24	24	25	19	20
Rest of World	90	91	87	97	108	107	93	91
New/Rejoined	20							
Deceased	7							
Resigned/Lapsed	22							
Change	-9	+1	-30	0	-1	+28	+8	

2021 Detail

	Printed	Online	Total
UK	136	47	183
EUR	19	9	28
Rest of World	55	35	90
Grand Total	210	91	301

Steve Jarvis, 7 April 2022

7. Report by the Editor (Darryl Fuller)

I took over as editor of the British West Indies Study Circle Bulletin in the middle of 2021 and to date the process has been relatively smooth, with only a few small hiccups. The first was my computer failing in the middle of preparing the March Bulletin and the other was overlooking the submission of two articles back in mid-2021 during the handover. These will be published in the June 2022 issue. I would like to thank Terry Harrison, Peter Ford, Steve Jarvis and the late Graham Booth for assisting with the transition. I believe that having completed three issues and, as I write, preparing a fourth, have now moved into a rhythm that will ensure the Bulletin is on time and that the majority of articles are published in a timely manner. I would note that the number of articles remains a concern in that I rarely have much of a backlog of articles. Smaller articles seem to flow at a reasonable rate but longer articles, that I make up the backbone of an issue remain scarcer. If you have some research you have been working on, now is the time to put pen to paper (or more aptly fingers to the keyboard). I am very much of the opinion that there are only enough articles being produced for one high quality journal for the British Caribbean/West Indies area of philately. This is an issue that needs to be addressed by members of both the BWISC and BCPSG. One final area I would like to address is the loss of Graham Booth and the excellent Auction Report he produced for each quarter, as did the late Charles Freeland. If any member feels they can contribute an auction report four times a year, please contact me.

8. Report by the Treasurer (Ray Stanton)

The accounts for the year to the 31st December 2021 show a surplus of £822 compared to the deficit of £433 in 2020. The sales of publications of £5,049 after commission paid was exceptional in 2021 and exceeded the cost of new books printed. As in previous years, book stocks are written off each year but are expected to produce a steady stream of future income to be used for new publications in subsequent years. Subscriptions and

advertising income once again covered the Bulletin costs including distribution, although the donation from the auction team was less than previous years. The main area of expense was in relation to the convention in Autumn 2021 for which a deficit of £786 was recorded. However, the accounts still show a surplus overall and leaves the Study Circle in a healthy financial position with the Accumulated fund having increased to £19,238. I would like to thank John Davis once again for being our auditor and for the advice and help he has given. There were no issues raised. (The accounts are attached at the end of the minutes.)

9. Report by the Librarian (Ian Jakes)

Last year I reported that many members were now obtaining philatelic information via the internet rather than through the BWISC library. This trend continues. I have provided one member with some information which he could not find on the internet relating to the Barbados Kingston Relief Fund Overprint. A second member has requested a copy of information relating to Cyril Bell's Grenada Postal Stationery which is contained in a Phillips of London Auction Catalogue published "sometime in the early 1990s". I cannot find any reference to this in the Phillips Auction catalogues which are in the Library. If any member has this information, I shall be very pleased to receive a scan. Two non-members have requested information from me relating to BWISC publications. Information regarding purchase of books, and, in one case, the name of the book to be purchased, and members discounted purchase price was given. One member was provided with a library list. The library list will be updated. I have arranged to send details of items added to the library to Steve Jarvis for him to add to the library list (my computer is too old to add directly to the library list in a modern manner as an attempt to do so has already proved). The list will be fully updated by instalments during the next few months as time permits. Two members have borrowed books from the library which I was expecting to be returned by now. If they have already been posted to me and I have not acknowledged receipt, or if they wish to retain for a further short period, please contact me.

10. Report by the Publications Officer (Peter Ford)

In 2021 we published just the one book; this was the long-awaited Grenada written by Tim Pearce. Tim was encouraged to start writing this book by the late lamented Charles Freeland. However, it had not really been long in train when Charles died and this left Tim in the position of finishing the book by himself. This he did with great skill and was helped along the way by several of our members, to whom we are thankful. Work went on with a couple of other books which were published early in the New Year; these were the Lady McLeod Study Paper by Susan Taylor and others and the Barbados Early Covers book. In 2020 our sales were very good but, in 2021 they were fantastic! Gross sales amounted to £5,179 with the net takings of £4,800. It would seem that, while being locked down, members wanted to fill their time reading up on different aspects of their hobby. Let us hope that sales for 2022 will match those figures. The stars of the show were Peter Fernbank's and the Blinco brothers' KEVII Keyplates book with 36 sold and next was the Farthing Study Paper with 31 copies sold and then the Grenada with 29. Sales via the American Philatelic Society trickled along with 15 books sold. The King Edward Keyplates book was awarded a Gold Medal at SWANPEX 2021, a well-deserved accolade. Future publications include one on the Social and Postal History of Grenada and another on Early Dominica Postal History. It is obvious that I will not be able to continue publishing books forever and to this end it would help if we could recruit one of our members to start by assisting me, with the eventual object of taking over the publication's empire in toto. It is very satisfying to produce books; since taking over the publications we have published 45 books of great variety. I am sure no other specialist society has published as many and it would be satisfying if I could hand over to someone else in an orderly fashion.

11. Report by the Auction Team

After having to abandon a room auction for 2020 due to the pandemic, it was good to welcome live bidders back for the 2021 Auction. The catalogue contained 603 lots, including a section of 83 lots from the late Charles Freeland, there were some 25 late lots, including some bulky postal history from the parishes of Jamaica, won by

an American bidder and the parcel weighed 8 kg to send airmail! Competition for some lots was keen, we had 13 room bidders and 63 postal bidders who spent £17,700 between them - £5,200 to the room and £12,500 to the postal bidders, all bar ten postal bidders won at least one lot. Antigua and Bahamas continued to be in the doldrums and got the auction off to an uneventful start but Barbados (47 out of 70 sold) and British Guiana (25 out of 39 sold) were once again strong. In the Charles Freeland section only 16 of the 83 were unsold. Jamaica too was restored to favour with all bar seven of the 56 lots finding new homes. St Lucia repeated the success of 2020, but it is probably the case that 61 lots of St Vincent were too many. For Trinidad 25 out of 38 lots sold as did all bar one of the 14 lots of Turks Islands. One thing that has become apparent in the last couple of years is that lots either sell on the day or in the week or so after the realisation appear on the website. There has been almost no response to promotions of the unsolds subsequently – most recently manifested at the Basingstoke convention when the unsold Freeland lots were offered at 40% below estimate to find only two takers. So ‘Specials’ are not something we will be repeating in the future.

Auction 2022 This year is the first year we have had to operate entirely without Simon Goldblatt, though he did not leave us until November, pandemic caution meant that we were not able to hold any physical team meetings. Simon Richards did the lotting and describing, John Jordan the condition inspection and Charles Kennard the scanning. Steve Jarvis typeset the catalogue for us. In the past Simon Goldblatt provided some 40% of the lots and this year we are able only to offer literature due to continuing uncertainty over his estate. So, the team are particularly grateful to members for stepping up and providing some excellent material, which we hope sells well later on today. We are able to offer some 588 lots this year. Thanks too to James Podger for offering to step in as our auctioneer and to the usual team who help out on the day with the distribution of lots and the accounting. We have been asked to sell the ‘unsolds’ from three major auction houses and hope we have been able to break these lots down in a way that appeals to members. The number of postal bidders has declined to 46 but I hope this means there will be more activity in the room this year. Judging by the level of book bids we ought to reach a similar total to 2021. **Auction 2023** For next year’s auction we have a substantial amount of material from Graham Booth’s estate, this is largely postal history and much of it reflects his interests in the non-British islands in the Caribbean. We will have to consider how best to market this. Whilst we are hopeful that we may see Simon Goldblatt’s estate clarified in the coming months, it is entirely possible that much of this will have to wait until 2024, so if you do have stamps that would interest the membership that you would like to consign, we would be very glad to hear from you. (*Ed: see separate report on the 2022 auction.*)

12. Report by BWISC Webmaster (Steve Jarvis)

Content has ticked over throughout the year. In April I decided that the site needed some improvement, particularly the home page. I have therefore commenced work on it which will probably take me 3 months to complete. Last year I stated I had implemented Google Analytics on the website. On average we get about 100 different users per month viewing the site, but it peaks in Apr/May (for the auction) at about 800. In April 2022 the user profiles were:

		787
		% of Total: 100.00% (787)
1.	 United States	137 (17.39%)
2.	 United Kingdom	128 (15.24%)
3.	 China	70 (8.88%)
4.	 Germany	36 (4.57%)
5.	 Canada	35 (4.44%)
6.	 Japan	21 (2.66%)
7.	 Australia	17 (2.16%)
8.	 Spain	17 (2.16%)
9.	 India	15 (1.90%)
10.	 Russia	13 (1.65%)

13. Election of Officers

Steve Jarvis explained that a Committee Meeting had taken place in February at which pro tem actions were decided because of the loss of three committee members. Those changes and further appointments now needed to be approved by the attendees:

President – Simon Richards Proposed Richard Stupples, unanimously agreed

Chairman – Steve Jarvis Proposed James Podger, seconded Richard Stupples

Secretary – Susan Taylor Proposed Steve Jarvis, seconded Peter Fernbank

All other appointments, as listed below were unanimously agreed

Treasurer – Ray Stanton

Auction Manager – Simon Richards, supported by John Jordan, Charles Kennard and James Podger

Publications and Book Sales – Peter Ford and David Druett

Journal Editor – Darryl Fuller supported by Terry Harrison for Advertising

Webmaster – Steve Jarvis

Social Media Officer – Charles Kennard (it was explained that Charles would explore options such as Twitter and Facebook to publicise the BWISC to a wider audience and might establish a WhatsApp Group for interested members.

Peter Fernbank and Richard Stupples would additionally remain committee members.

It was also unanimously agreed that John Davis should remain the Honorary Auditor.

14. Organisational Matters**Merger with BCPSG**

The BWISC Committee have discussed and agreed the basis on which we would merge with the BCPSG, with governance remaining UK based. Discussions with the BCPSG are in progress. Any proposal to merge will be put to BWISC members for endorsement, probably in 2023.

Constitution

The BWISC Committee have agreed that we should have a Constitution. The wording is under discussion and it is the intention to present to BWISC members for endorsement, probably in 2023. Peter Ford's daughter Antonia Ford has kindly offered to provide legal advice to the Society in such matters.

Renaming of the Society

The Committee believe we should drop "British" from the name of the Society as nearly all the West Indies countries are independent and the use of "British" is now outdated and is deemed a deterrent to attracting members with BWI roots. Naming is likely to be dependent on whether we merge with the BCPSG – we have a couple of options in mind and again, it is the intention to present them to BWISC members for endorsement, probably in 2023.

Objectives

It is proposed that we adjust our objectives now to:

We promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the English-speaking islands that comprise the West Indies. Also included are Bermuda, the Guyanas and Belize, together with other adjacent countries that have a strong historical or geographical connection.

This substitutes "English speaking" for "British"; the last part allows for the inclusion of aspects (mainly postal history) of other countries that impinge on our studies, particularly Danish, French and Dutch West Indies. This change was agreed by twelve members with 3 abstaining.

Meetings

- We have decided to try to introduce regular on-line Zoom meetings. The intention is to hold them twice a year mid-way between the physical meetings that we currently run. Susan Taylor has agreed to organise, and she will be touting for people to make presentations. Please support the activity as it will help include non-UK members in our activities.
- Susan will also organise a physical meeting for us at Autumn Stampex on Saturday 1 October
- The BWISC has been offered a session at the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain on Friday 9th September, in Birmingham. We have accepted as it will be a good opportunity to advertise ourselves. Susan, Simon and I (Steve) will organise the presentation and we can display 150 sheets of material. If anyone wishes to attend / provide sheets, please let Susan know.
- Finally, we need to start thinking about our 2023 Convention. Can you give your opinions to Susan about a suitable venue, e.g. should we return to the Red Lion in Basingstoke?

15. Other Business

Bulletin paper size.

We intend to change the Bulletin paper size to US Letter, probably for March 2023

There were no other matters arising Steve closed the meeting and handed over to James Podger who commenced the 2022 Auction.

Signed Copy of the Auditor's Report

BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE			
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 st DECEMBER 2021			
	£'s	2021	2020
INCOME :			
Subscriptions		4,262	4,302
Publications - Sales less commissions		5,048	2,274
Auction donation (net of costs)		917	1,225
Other donations		26	-
TOTAL INCOME		10,254	7,801
EXPENDITURE :			
Bulletin - Printing & distribution costs	4,486		4,300
Less : Advertising	(1,631)	2,855	(1,788)
Publications : Preparation, Printing & Distribution costs		4,705	5,084
Convention costs net of recovery		788	-
Other room hire & meeting costs		440	-
ABPS affiliation fee		288	288
Officers administration - Stationery, postage, telephone etc		62	72
Bank charges		7	-
Website		269	258
		9,432	8,234
SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR YEAR	£'s	822	£'s (433)
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021			
ACCUMULATED FUND :			
Balance at 1 st January 2021		18,341	18,953
Add : Surplus (Deficit) for the year		822	(433)
Exchange conversion profit (loss)		78	(176)
	£'s	19,238	£'s 18,341
REPRESENTED BY :			
Cash at banks		15,415	16,312
Debtors - amounts due to us		5,402	4,897
Prepaid expenses		225	225
		22,042	21,434
Less : Subscriptions received in advance	(1,729)		(1,918)
Other creditors - Amounts due by us	(1,075)	(2,804)	(1,175)
	£'s	19,238	£'s 18,341
AUDITORS REPORT			
I hereby certify that the income statement for the year ended 31 st December 2021 is in accordance with the books, vouchers and explanations given to me; and that the Balance Sheet at the 31 st December 2021 shows the financial state of the British West Indies Study Circle as at that date.			
J G M Davis FCA	<i>Jim Davis 2nd April 2022.</i>		

Report on the 2022 Annual Auction

Simon Richards

After two years of pandemic induced disruption it was encouraging to return to something like normal when the annual auction was held on 7 May 2022 at the Royal Philatelic Society's premises at 15 Abchurch Lane.

This was the first year of carrying out the auction without the assistance of Simon Goldblatt who passed away last November. In recent years, Simon had provided some 40% of the lots for sale and so find 588 lot to offer from 20 consignors. was very gratifying for your auction team, and our sincere thanks to them.

There was also concern that we may not get through the auction in time without Simon G's well-honed auctioneering style, but we needn't have worried as James Podger stepped in to the breach and got through the sale in a tad over two hours; I think he may have got himself a permanent position here, and apparently it is all in the genes, as he watched his father act as auctioneer for other study circles.

Some 56 members had bid on the book and only four went away with nothing. 16 members in the room competed with them and in the end some 352 lots sold, almost exactly 60%, for total realisations of £19,620.

The top price achieved was £680 for Lot 331, a Montserrat fleuron, illustrated on the front cover and ex-Freeland. The average price achieved was £55 and that is in-line with our aim of having lots average £50 each at estimate.

As usual there were 'strong' countries and 'weak' one – there was little appetite for Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras, Caymans or St Christopher and most surprisingly British Guiana, usually a stalwart. By contrast Barbados and Jamaica were as much in demand as ever. Grenada and Montserrat did pretty well, possibly because of the rather higher quality than usual on offer there, but there were less expected successes such as Turks Islands where a long run of the Victorian overprints was fought over by three bidders and found new homes.

The auction couldn't work without the team effort and my thanks to Charles Kennard for doing the scanning, to John Jordan for checking the condition, to James Podger for conducting the auction and to Steve Jarvis for turning my descriptions and Charles scans into a printable catalogue.

The work begins in August for the 2023 auction and we have a good supply of postal history from our past President Graham Booth, with particular strength in the non-British islands, but we are on the lookout for other consignments. The material is needed really by mid-December and earlier is better, in order for us to adequately describe, scan and check to get the catalogue to the printers with the March Bulletin. The vendor commission rate is 10% and there is no buyer's premium. Please do send a list with your lots and it is a good idea to e-mail me in advance.

Full results are available on the website and the unsolds will remain available until the end of August (*Ed: check with Simon as the bulletin comes out close to the end of August*).

Bermuda Collectors' Society

We have received an email from the new President of the Bermuda Collectors' Society (BCS) (and new BWISC member) Nigel Shanks. He is keen to work with BWISC to seek out collectors who are not members. They have recently launched a much-needed updated web site and are also on Facebook with a desire to promote the society though digital means as well as at shows and exhibitions.

The BCS has over 100 members and while membership has dropped from a high of around 175, 30 years ago, it is still an active 'one country society'. They would like to have joint tables at shows and exhibitions and sharing advertising costs. This is an excellent idea and one that can, perhaps, be more easily achieved if the BCPG and BWISC merge. If you are not a member of the BCS and collect Bermuda it would be good to support this one country society.

see <https://bermudacollectorsociety.com/>

AROUND THE CARIBBEAN 10

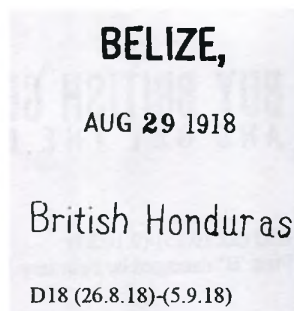
BY MICHAEL HAMILTON



BARBADOS: The oval BARBADOS SHIP LETTER datestamp was proofed in London on 14 December 1878 and listed in the Basil Benwell handbook as Type D3 with ERD of 29 JU 1886 and LRD of 30 OC 1903. It is normally seen as a backstamp cancelling incoming cards or letters. Strikes 'killing' Britannia adhesives are rarely found with no later examples currently recorded on 'loose' 1882 Queen's head design adhesives. My earliest record of use is 1 JA 80 on a defective Britannia 1d dull blue (SG.73) and my second sighting is seemingly dated 2 FE 82 on a Britannia 4d red (SG.76). Barbados joined the UPU on 1 September 1881 and the half ounce rate for letters carried by packet or private ship was set at 4d (previously 1s by packet and 3d by private ship). The illustrated UPU Post Card is marked 'per Zoe' and postmarked FE 1 82 showing a red ink SHIP-LETTER, LONDON FE 20 82 arrival. This is currently the only known entire by private ship for the post-UPU Britannia period. The illustrated 4d red is fascinating in that it shows outgoing adhesive entires were cancelled by the SHIP LETTER oval, a fact not previously known. (The writer mentions that the 'Orchid' arrived that morning).



BRITISH GUIANA: This BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION label has a distinctive broken top to 'H' in BRITISH and is tied to the reverse of cover franked KGV 1c x 2, 2c x 2, 2c War Tax, 5c postmarked Registration */14 JY 25 to Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope. A full enclosure written on Victory Philatelic Society, Georgetown, Demerara letterhead (founded 1924) is written by the Hon. Secretary W.A. Husbands.



BRITISH HONDURAS: The illustrated cancellations show the date portion as AUG 19 19(18) with letters 5½mm high (year confirmed by a part strike second example ex Ed Addiss) and AUG 26 1918 with letters 3½mm high (Proud Type D18). Both are currently earliest recorded dates. The former is the rarer of the two with only two examples recorded (the base portion not yet seen) and possibly had a very short life. These

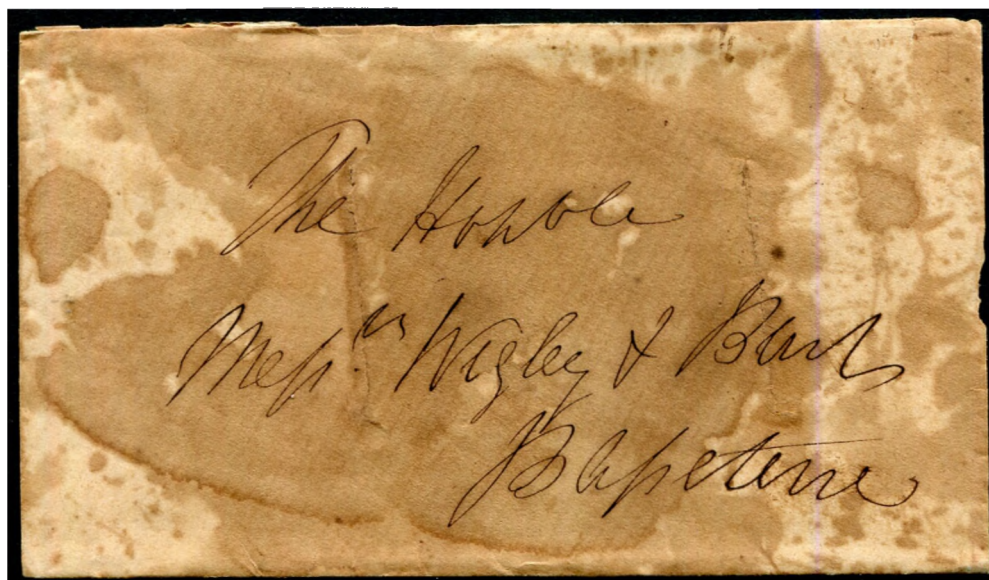
temporary 3-line rubber handstamps were pressed into service as a consequence of the Post Office fire of 17 August 1918.



LEEWARD ISLANDS: Smeets' forgery of the 1890 QV 5/- green & blue (SG.8), CA watermark perforated 14 with indelible ink RUANWELLA (Ceylon) MR 11 96 postmark. (refer St Kitts below.)



MONTSEERRAT: It is easy, for auction describers and collectors alike, to fall into the same trap when confronted by a seemingly commercial cover with bisected QV 6d green tied 'A08' with clear C/DE 15 83 arrival to W.P. Pearce, Saint Kitts, and to attribute every known provenance. In this instance there are currently three similar covers changing what was thought to be genuine commercial into less desirable philatelically inspired collectables. There was a genuine shortage of 2½d adhesives for the inter-island UPU rate on this date as witnessed by the correct use of the PAID AT MONTSEERRAT Crowned Circle to The Manager, Colonial Bank, St Kitts with the rate shown in blue ink. Both Montserrat and St Christopher joined the UPU on 1st July 1879 and rates were immediately effective. Only 780 stamps of the Montserrat QV 2½d red-brown perforated 14 Crown CC watermark (SG.4) were invoiced for the inter-island rate on 7 November 1879, with a second delivery of 3,000 stamps invoiced on 11 July 1880. The shortage was addressed when a single printing of 8,040 stamps in the same colour but with Crown CA watermark (SG.9) was invoiced on 15 December 1883. (Should a 4th cover exist the addressing might have the combination of no W P P stops, abbreviated St., and no underlining!!)



NEVIS: The 1854 cholera accounted for 550 deaths in Nevis out of a population of 5,000 with further losses of 3,920 persons on St. Christopher. Illustrated is the only recorded mid-1854 British West Indies inter-island cholera epidemic cover treated by both prescribed 1¼ inch (31mm) chisel slits (applied from reverse) coupled with vinegar splashing from Charles Kenney, Nevis to Wigley & Burt in Basseterre.

Arroyo P.R. July 11th 1874.



PORTO RICO: Entires from the British Postal Agency at Arroyo, opened on 24 October 1872, are seldom encountered with the Great Britain adhesives postmarked 'F83'. The few surviving covers are divided into two groups, those initially cancelled by round top '3' in the 'F83' and those with a replacement flat top '3' sent out 31 August 1876 due a fire. This entire, written at Arroyo on 11 July 1874 and ex the Don Gaspar Roca collection (2006), has the correct 4d rate adhesive for mail to the British Postal Agency at St. Thomas, but was carried as a 'loose' letter (outside the mailbag). It was postmarked 'C51' on arrival – no datestamp was applied, probably due the letter originating elsewhere. The letter was then carried from St Thomas to New York by the US and Brazil Mail Steamship Company, the only line serving New York and Brazil during this period. The line was viewed by the British Government as an intruder on the British monopoly over mail

service to and from Brazil, and was consequently driven out of business by heavy British government subsidies to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

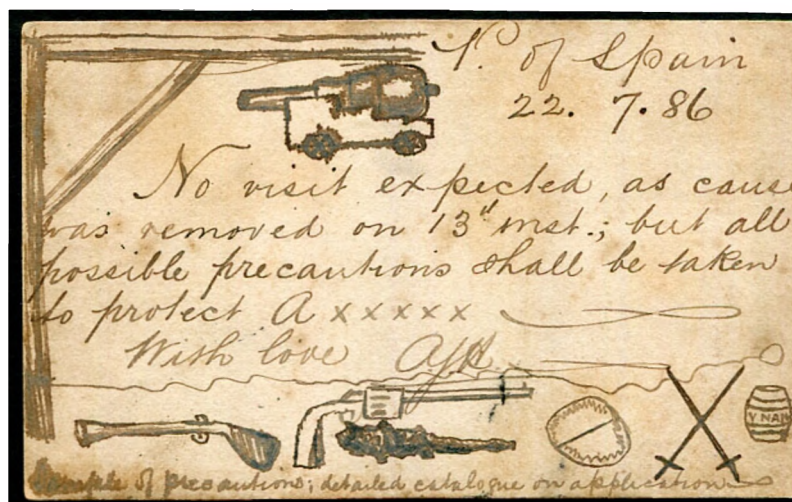


ST. KITTS-NEVIS: The Robson Lowe Leeward Islands encyclopaedia, Page 142, suggests that the illustrated 1903 5s Medicinal Spring issue (SG.10) cancelled HATTON may be a forgery or a cancellation applied on arrival in England. This is actually a clever forgery attributed to the Belgian Dr Julian Smeets who had a penchant for bleached out copies of the Ceylon 1886 QV 5c dull purple (SG.195) leaving a blank Perf.14 Crown CA stamp for him to work from. The giveaway is the HATTON FE 20 01 postmark as the indelible ink could not be removed. A second example postmarked BALANGODA JY 15 00 shows another Ceylon town cancel, and a third with a partial TRINCOMALEE circular date stamp. The proof that this particular stamp was selected for bleaching was first identified by a similarly treated St Vincent 1899 QV 5s Keyplate (SG.75) which showed partial outline of the original design inside the value tablet.



SURINAME: Getting the news that some Chinese prospectors had found gold in Dutch Guiana, an industrialist named Faulkner created the Marowynne Gold Mining Company. In 1899, Dr William Henry Bradley was engaged as a physician to this mining company which was constructing a 5-mile railroad through the jungle to a larger placer mining operation that they were attempting to construct. They did end up building the railroad and begin mining operations, but the venture fizzled out several years later and was finally liquidated in 1907. In the interim, the owner had spent over 2 million US dollars and expended the lives of over 1,000 native workers and another dozen or more Euro-Americans to accidents and jungle sickness, cholera, and malaria. Dr. Bradley and a half a dozen or less men were the only ones to survive the venture. Despite floods which damaged equipment, the tropical illnesses, the huge human cost (most workers having been imported from the Caribbean), and having been several times close to death himself, Pedrick, the man running affairs, was not convinced to quit until an excavator, whilst working on an old mining shaft, found the remains of the Chinese gold prospectors.

The illustrated Suriname 12½c rate cover postmarked at PARAMARIBO 17 8 1903 was written by W.H. Bradley M.D. to a Luestra M. Walsh in Roseau, Dominica and marked "Via Demerara" and forwarded to St. Kitts, the face shows a disinfection chisel slit 102mm in length, and reverse GEORGETOWN AU 19 transit, and DOMINICA */AU 28 03 and ST. KITTS C/AU 31 03 arrivals.



TRINIDAD: Our Bletchley Park active in Shanghai hasn't found an answer, so now it is time to call on all current BWISC and any ex CIA membership to explode the "Y NAM" coding on this keg of gunpowder! The reverse is the standard QV ½d red-brown Inland Post Card addressed to Miss Palmer, Palm Grove, Princetown postmarked with a Trinidad A/JY 23 86 circular date stamp. The other illustrations include a cudgel and man trap. The text may only be cryptic humour and may have nothing to do with the Ordinance of 1879 whereby a Volunteer Corps was raised – with one Company under Captain Wilson permitted to use the Police headquarters for parades. In 1885, the year before this card was written, the Volunteers' own headquarters at the Drill Hall in Tragarete Road, was opened by Governor Havelock.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

GRAHAM BOOTH AUCTION REPORT

KEVIN DARCY

June saw the sale of the Graham Booth collection of Cayman Islands Postal History. It was the most comprehensive auction of the postal history of the colony since the Richard Maisel sale in 2007. It was disappointing that there were only two bidders in the room, but a number were following on the Internet.

The first three lots of pre stamp mail did not sell. Jamaica in Caymans did better in that four of the eight covers on offer sold. Of the type 1 covers, the 1d with postmark in the centre sold for £2.4K (£4.2K in Byl in 2012). The Lord Fitzgerald with 2 x ½d made £2.6K (£6K at Spink in 2016). Two of the boxed Cayman Brac covers sold for £4.5K and £4.2K having both made £7K when last sold.

In the surcharge provisionals all ½d on 1d covers sold – the choice cover with nine adhesives for £2K (£2.8K in Byl in 2012). The five surcharges on 5/- all sold three in the £2-2.8K range. The lovely example with six surcharges adorning the front of Graham's book made £6K, under half the remarkable £14K in Byl 2012. The 1d on 4d Kalz cover did well at £2K, however, the 2½d on 4d cover did not attract a bid at a lower estimate of £7K. Most of the manuscript provisionals sold.

The MP1a made £2K, the MP5 (one of two recorded) made £4.5K, above the estimate of £3-4K. The MP4, five known, sold at a lower estimate of £1.2K, a similar example in James Podger's sale last year made £1.8K.

The West Bay rural posts did well. The unique registered item to Huber making £2.1K, the other two £800 and £950. However, the rest of the extensive rural post lots did poorly with many selling for under £400. In all there were 21 lots of rural post – the most in any auction.

The scarce war stamp on front did not sell nor the 1932 hurricane cover ex Edmondson, Byl etc. The tatty hurricane cover made mid estimate at £1.1K.

What did well? High values on cover – the 1909 EVII 5/- £290, the scarce KGV 1914 5/- £400 and the 1914 KGV 10/- £300 (which Graham bought for £100 a few years ago) – were three examples.

Handstamp and manuscript 'posted out of course' each made £290 and 'mailed out of course' estimate £60-80 achieved £380. The two parcel post labels for sending tortoise shells made £420 and £350, well above previous realisations. Over half the extensive collection of censor mail sold. The star item being the handstamp CH2 to an interned seaman POW with Geneva Red Cross handstamp at £420. The PASSED D/40 (2 recorded) slipped under the radar at lower estimate of £160. Graham paid £650 for it.

All the postcard lots sold at twice or more estimate.

In addition to the two room bidders there were over thirty bidding on the book or Internet who were successful. Two bidders accounted for some eighty lot. Eight other bidders secured seven or more. In all 77% sold. I gather a number of bidders secured unsolds after the sale.

Maybe there is life in the Caymans yet!

BAHAMAS

'ALLEGHANY' OVERPRINT ON QV STAMPS

PETER FERNBANK

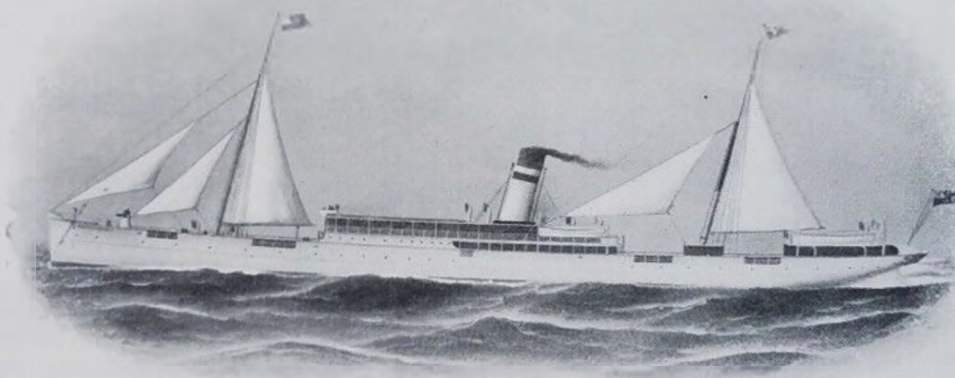
In Bulletin 273 I asked for information on the 'ALLEGHANY' overprint (it's actually a handstamp) on three QV stamps of the Bahamas 1884 issue. Steve Jarvis has since kindly proffered the suggestion that these handstamps were actually a ship's name, the SS Alleghany in this case, which, on reflection, I should have thought of. I contacted Mike Rego for more information on this vessel and he supplied the following information:

There have been a number of vessels by the name 'SS Alleghany', the first going back to mid-19th century. Since these QV stamps were current between 1890 (for the 6d) and 1901, or thereabouts, the most likely candidate must have been a vessel of that name in use during that period. A new SS Alleghany was built in 1895 by Robert Napier & Sons, Glasgow, for the Atlas Steamship Co. of Liverpool. She operated between New York and a number of the Caribbean islands before she was sold to the Hamburg Amerika Line in 1901 and subsequently sunk after a collision in 1912.

The period during which she was operated by the Atlas Steamship Co. would seem the best fit to the date range of the stamps. A clipping from the Nassau Guardian of 16 November 1895 details a list of the various ships run by the Atlas Line of Mail Steamers calling at Long Cay, F. I. (Fortune Island), Bahamas, and which includes the Alleghany.

state-rooms being particularly large and airy and the saloons commodious and well appointed. This steamer affords most attractive trips to tourists and give the opportunity of visiting some thirteen ports, each one surpassing the one preceding it in loveliness and beauty of situation; in fact, no more delightful voyage could possibly be suggested than this around the Island of Jamaica. It occupies but four days, through waters always smooth; and every few hours a fresh port is made where passengers may land, returning to the steamer, or, if they prefer it, journeying overland to meet her at another port. Frequent opportunities are also afforded in the same manner for the return overland to Kingston on horseback, or by conveyances which are always to be hired at reasonable prices at the various ports of call.

S.S. Alleghany



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Mail for posting on board would be handed to the purser who would affix a postage stamp and apply the 'ALLEGHANY' cancel, used as an early paquebot handstamp. However, it would appear that the purser had pre-handstamped some of the Bahamas QV stamps since my copies still have their original gum. It would be interesting to know of any cover featuring a QV Bahamas stamp struck by the 'ALLEGHANY' handstamp exists.

BARBADOS

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND LABELS – A REVIEW

JONATHAN GUY & LAWRENCE GRECH

Information regarding the Barbados Belgian Relief Fund labels of 1914/15 is relatively scarce in existing literature. Precious little, it seems, has been written about these 'cinderella' stamps and the authors' research has, to date, uncovered just seven instances where the labels and their use on covers has been published in philatelic literature. The aim of this article is, therefore, to draw together the known research on these labels and to attempt to ascertain survival rates of covers and postcards where the label has been affixed.

Background

The fund was originally created to help Belgians who, following atrocities committed by the German Army, had become refugees in their own country. The fund was created in London and the Minister for Belgium, in England, issued an appeal to the British people to help. Along with other parts of the British Empire, Barbados also decided to raise funds and a committee was formed comprising nine prominent local businessmen. Funds for the Belgians were raised worldwide, and Figure 1 shows a copy of a Canadian poster designed to support fundraising efforts.



Fig. 1

this label", and attribute this to a lack of interest to that point, in Cinderella material. They speculate that the 'one fraction' denomination on the label referred to a price of either a farthing ($\frac{1}{4}$ d) or ha'penny ($\frac{1}{2}$ d), and they appeal to readers for further information on this label.

The following year, in 1975, an article (2) by Charles Cwiakala appeared in British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) about British Caribbean charity stamps. He references the earlier appearance in 'The Stamp Magazine', February 1974 and concludes that *"very little is known about this issue other than it is probably of 1915/1916 vintage."*

There was a short note in BWISC Vol 88, 1976 (3) by Brian S Johnson where he states that he has obtained copies of the label in both mint and used condition but appeals for further information about their production and sales. None appeared to be forthcoming in later editions of the Journal.

The labels were printed locally, though no record appears to exist as to who precisely was responsible for the printing. None of the articles that have subsequently appeared have been able to establish who designed them, where they were printed, or by whom, nor have they identified how they were perforated. The Barbados labels had a central image of the Arms of Belgium, with a scroll underneath containing the words "Union Fait La Force" (Union makes for strength) and around the four sides were the words 'Belgian', 'Barbados', 'Relief' and 'One Fraction'. It is also unclear from any of the existing work, exactly how much 'one fraction' represented, nor how much supporters paid for these labels.

References in the Literature

Following the literature back as far as possible, these labels first appear in 1974 in 'Cinderella Corner', in Stamp Magazine (1) where the authors, L.N. & M Williams state *"little or nothing seems to have been published in the philatelic press about*

W.I. Postal History

All aspects of the postal history of the Caribbean territories are to be presented in the new newsletter edited by J. Chin Aleong, PO Box 128, San Fernando, Trinidad.

Titled *W.I. Postal History Review*, the first two numbers include such items as the village datestamps of Trinidad to 1973, a chronological historical outline of Tobago, and some details of the Barbados Belgian relief fund label issued in 1915 to raise funds for the tragic people of Belgium fleeing from the German Army and finding refuge in Great Britain. A relief fund was started in London and among the many Colonies that supported this the Barbados appeal raised contributions by means of the label shown here. It sold well and brought in money for the desperate cause, yet today it is quite a difficult item to find.



STAMP MONTHLY

Fig. 2

Subsequent to that they appear in Gibbons Stamp Monthly, in December 1980 (4) in a short article entitled "W.I. Postal History" where it mentions that a new newsletter edited by J. Chin Aleong entitled "W.I. Postal History Review" would include 'some details of the Barbados Belgian relief fund label issued in 1915' (Fig. 2). The article did appear, though it was quite brief, to speculate that the label was issued in 1915 (no citation for this was provided) but it did include a typed copy of the original circular, sent out by the Committee of the Belgian Relief Fund on Barbados, a copy of which appears in the BBI collection¹.(5)

Bayley devotes a section to these labels in his book "The Stamps of Barbados" (6), published in 1989, where he covers the issue in the most detail, but from that point onwards, no articles appear to have been published until one by Dr Eric M. Bateson, in the BCPSG Journal (Sept 2007) (7) where he writes "They are less common used and are particularly rare on covers. Apart from mine, I have only been able to find three more.... Others probably exist, but to my knowledge, have not appeared in the philatelic market".

The authors would welcome details of any other instances where these labels have appeared in philatelic literature.

Printing

According to Bayley, the labels were printed locally on Barbados and paid for by a committee under the Chairmanship of Mr E.T. Racker and comprising eight other businessmen, namely A.S. Bryden, W. Bowring, R.G.Cave, D.G.Leacock, J.O. Wright, C.H. Wright, W.L.C. Phillips and C.S.Pitcher. Bayley does not reference where he sourced this information, though a copy of the letter from the Committee appears in a BWISC flip book of the BBI Collection on p217 (5).

There is no reference to how the labels (Fig. 3) were printed, with Bayley simply stating that they were "printed locally in blue on creamy paper", however, Dr Bateson writes that "sheets of the Belgian Relief Fund labels of Barbados and Grenada do not appear to have survived.....it can be inferred that they were also printed in sheets of 10 in a similar arrangement". Grenada Belgian Relief Labels appear to share a similar, though different design, and were printed in red (Fig. 4)². (8)

**Fig. 4**

The Barbados labels appear to have been arranged horizontally, suggesting that there were two rows of four or five stamps making up a sheet, all of which were upright.

**Fig. 3**

The sheets were apparently printed without margins, and perforations were only provided between labels to facilitate separation. Consequently, the outer edges of the sheet were not perforated, and it is therefore possible to determine, to some extent the position from which an individual label originated. This is inferred from the two multiples identified by the authors.

¹ BBI was clarified as referring to Barclays Bank International by Charles Freeland in BWISC No. 241, 2007, p3

² Thanks to Ian Jakes for providing information and images of these labels

Firstly, the pair of stamps illustrated in the BBI collection referred to earlier, on p218, (Fig. 5) which appears to be imperforate on three sides; at the top, the bottom, and the left-hand edge.



Fig. 5

Secondly, the image shown in Figure 6, kindly supplied by Steve Drewett³, from a recent sale which shows a strip of three labels. Whilst in fairly poor condition, it appears that that they are from the bottom of the sheet, as evidenced by the imperforate lower edge. Whilst the right-hand edge (as you look at the strip) is also clearly imperforate, the left-hand edge does give the appearance of being perforated. From the available evidence, we are unable to state with certainty what size the sheets were, however, using these remaining multiples as a guide, it would suggest that they were at least 2x4 or possibly 2x5 giving sheets of eight or ten.



Fig. 6

This is further evidenced by the fact that all the surviving labels identified thus far appear to have at least one edge imperforate and labels with perforations all round do not appear anywhere in the available images, on cover or as singles. The absence of a fully perforated single reinforces the assertion that sheet sizes were no more than two rows deep, comprising at least eight or possibly ten labels. A larger strip or block might help prove or disprove this theory and the authors would welcome further data from anyone who may have such information. Bayley states that these labels were perf 12, and examination of singles in the authors' possession confirms this.

Use of the Labels on Covers and Postcards

In Dr Bateson's 2007 article, he refers to the cover he owned, (Fig. 7) as being included within his "back of the book" material, and that someone had annotated the cover as 'scarce'. His cover was sent from Barbados to Georgetown, Demerara on 2 Nov 1914.

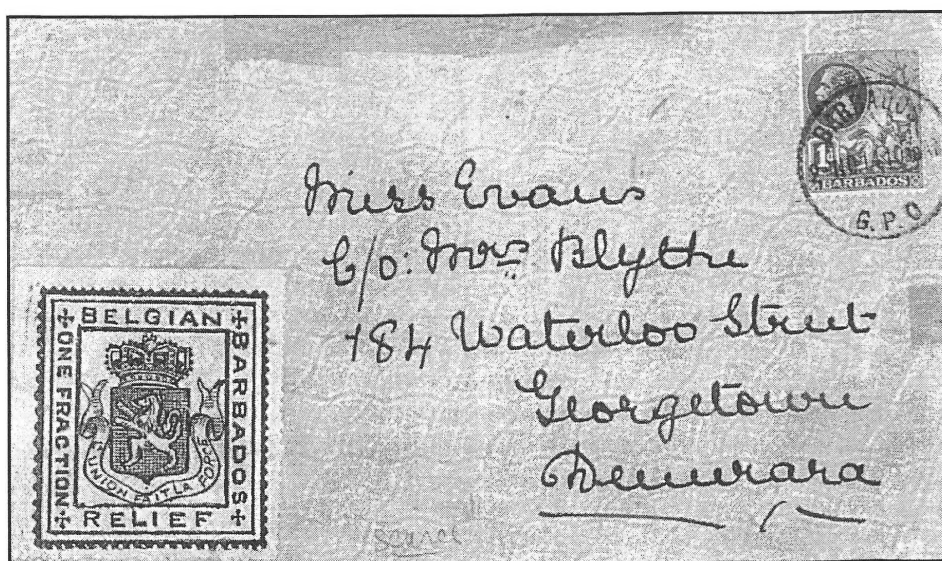


Fig. 7

³ Drewett, S - Personal Correspondence (June 2022)

He also lists three other known covers, though no images are provided for any of them. These were:

- Pennymead Auction Sale No. 58, United Kingdom (Feb 1995)
- Bayley, E.A., *The Stamps of Barbados*, (1989)
- Jakes, I, 'BBI' Collection (May 2006)

Whilst Bayley writes about these labels on page 269 of his book, there is no image of a cover illustrated in that volume, merely a mention on page 270 of a '*...cover to Port of Spain, Trinidad...dated DE 14 17*'. Further, in conversation with Ian Jakes, he informs me that he does not own one of these covers, nor is one evident in his 2014 RPSL presentation of Caribbean Charity Labels. The BBI Collection reference is likely to be the postcard shown in Figure 11. David Druett at Pennymead confirms that he did sell a cover in 1995, however, he did not retain a copy of the image for reference.

Currently, the authors own two covers bearing these charity labels. The first (Fig. 8) being affixed to the rear of an envelope addressed to the Ursuline Convent, Upton, Essex, UK and dated 25 OC 14 and in correspondence with David Druett, we have established that this is not the one he has previously seen and sold⁴.



Fig. 8

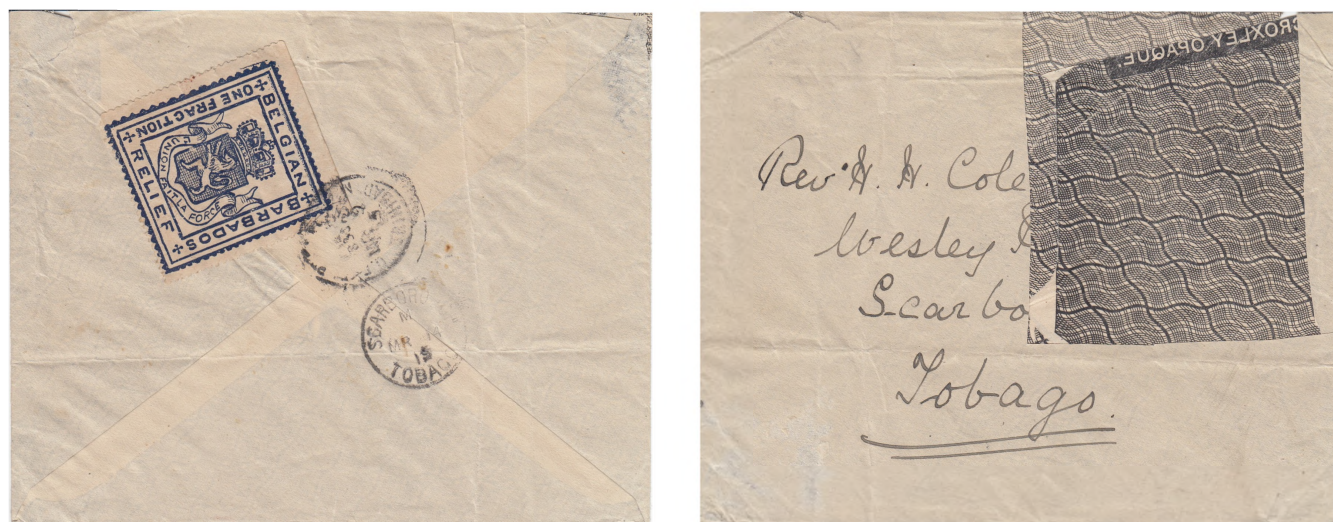


Fig. 9

Our second cover (Fig. 9) is one which was listed on eBay in 2022 but had been vandalised. The cover is addressed to Tobago and carries the Belgian Relief Fund label on the rear where it is helpfully tied by a Trinidad receiving CDS dated MR 9 15, next to a Tobago CDS dated MR 16 15.

⁴ David Druett - Private Correspondence, February 2022

Unfortunately, the front of the cover has had the stamps removed and given the size of the clipping, one could speculate that a block of perhaps four farthing stamps were previously affixed? Of all the covers we have seen, this is the only one that appears to have the Charity label tied to the cover.

It is also interesting to note that both the vandalised cover (Fig. 9) and the cover in Figure 8, despite having different handwriting (so from different senders), are both addressed to members of the clergy.

In a recent Victoria Stamp Co. sale (No. 38) (9), another cover appeared with the description "1914 KGV 1d carmine Seal of the Colony on cover to London cancelled BARBADOS 11 NO 14 and with Belgian Relief Fund label affixed at LL (a few perfs toned). No backflap. Fine+. Ex-Harris." (Fig. 10)



Fig. 10

Finally, we have a postcard (Fig. 11) bearing the label that was featured in the Frank Deakin sale (and in his collection flipbook (10)), however, this card was also previously listed in the Basil B Benwell catalogue of 25 April 1985, Lot 2304 (and also in the BWISC flip book of the BBI collection as mentioned earlier).



Fig. 11

A further cover, though not illustrated, was described as follows in the Shreves Philatelic Galleries, Inc. Sale No. 58 – The October 2003 Collector's Series Sale – October 17-18, 2003, lot 2020: '...there are also first flight covers, we note some scarce items such as WWI German prisoner of war cover from Barbados, a cover with scarce Belgian Relief label issued by Barbados for aid to the Belgians in WWI, also some attractive telegraph covers...'

Further research established that Dr Bateson's collection was sold posthumously by Grosvenor Auctions in London in November 2013 (Sale 86) (11) however the cover is not individually listed, and no illustration is provided.

There are images of five covers or cards bearing these labels currently available, though it seems clear that more must exist. Where, for example, is the cover described by Bayley in his book as the latest recorded use on cover, dated December 1917? Further, what is the earliest known date for these labels appearing on cover? In his collection Frank Deakin had a note against an example of a label, tied on piece with a green George V ½d stamp, saying '29.11.'14 E.K.D. 25.11.14.' though he does not state from where this date derives. Clearly, this has now been superseded by three of the covers illustrated here, with the earliest identified use being 28 October 1914, but is there an earlier cover in a collection somewhere?

The RPSL Experts committee⁵ have confirmed that only two covers have ever been issued a certificate and these are the one submitted by Dr Bateson (Fig. 7) and the one submitted by Jonathan Guy (Fig. 8).

If there are any readers out there who either own, or have access to images, of any covers, or strips and blocks of the labels, we would be grateful if they could contact the authors to help us update the available information?

List of Illustrated Covers

Figure Ref	Type	Date	Addressee	Stamps	Label	Provenance
7	Envelope	28 October 1914	La Reverend Frere Ambroisine, Ursuline Convent, Upton, Essex, England	2 x ½d KGV SG171	Imperforate on top and left-hand side	
6	Envelope	9 November 1914	Miss Evans, % Miss Blythe 184 Waterloo Street, Georgetown, Demerara	1d KGV SG172	Imperforate on top and left-hand side	Bateson
9	Envelope	11 November 1914	Messrs W.H & F.J Horniman & Co Ltd, 27-33 Wormwood St., London E.C., England	1d KGV SG172	Imperforate on top and left-hand side	Harris
10	Postcard	8 December 2014	Miss M.E. Jones, Elen Dean, St Mark's Hill, Surbiton, Surrey, England	2 x ½d KGV SG171	Imperforate on bottom edge	Benwell Deakin
8	Envelope	9 March 1915	Rev H.H. Cole, Wesley xxx, Scarborough, Tobago	None remain	Imperforate on top edge	
	Envelope	14 December 1917	Port of Spain Trinidad	?	?	Mentioned by Bayley

⁵ Caulfield, L - Secretary, Expert Committee RPSL - Personal Correspondence (June 2022)

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EXCLUSIONS IN THE 1951 INAUGURATION OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE WEST INDIES OMNIBUS

SUSAN TAYLOR

Some years ago, whilst putting together a presentation, I noticed something unusual about an Omnibus issue. In 1951 (some 51 years after Trinidad and Tobago had become one country, and some 39 years after the islands began to produce 'Trinidad and Tobago' stamps) the country's stamps in the University of the West Indies Omnibus were labelled Trinidad only. A recent share by the Trinidad and Tobago Philatelic Society has cast some light on this omission.

'Fram', F.R.A.Montes De Oca (the Society's Hon Sec 1951, Treasurer 1957 and Librarian for many years) wrote an article in the Trinidad Philatelic Review 1951 (Fig. 1) recounting what had happened.

On 16 February 1951 the Crown Agents released an omnibus set of two stamps to mark the inauguration of the University College of the West Indies. The stamps were released in the following 14 countries – Antigua, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, The British Virgin Isles, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Montserrat, St Kitts Nevis and Anguilla, St Lucia, St Vincent, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Most of the stamps were valued at 3 cents and 12 cents (Jamaica still used pounds shillings and pence) The 3-cent stamp featured the university's new coat of arms, atop of which stood a pelican (since this bird was found all over the Caribbean and symbolised piety). The 12-cent stamp featured HRH Princess Alice, the University Chancellor. Today the university boasts a medical school of world renown and is attended by persons from across the 17 English speaking territories of the Caribbean.

In July 1950 Mr Wm. Boyd, the then President of Trinidad's Philatelic Society, announced plans for the omnibus. In December the Crown Agents Bulletin stated that 'Trinidad' would be one of the countries involved and some collectors began to wonder whether Trinidad's partner island Tobago would be excluded. When it became evident that this would be the case many philatelists assumed that the missing 'and Tobago' would be overprinted. The press became aware and the Hon. Member of Tobago's Island Ward argued that the

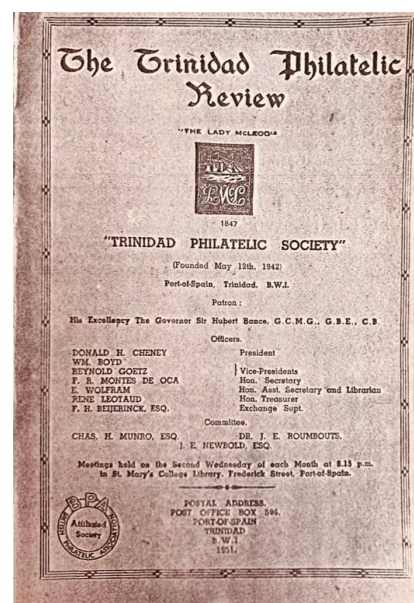


Fig. 1

island should have had its name included on the stamp. It was explained that the mistake was on the part of the Colonial Office, and whilst no offence was intended to Tobago, the stamp could not be changed at that stage. The Hon. Minister of Communications and Works wrote apologising to the people of Tobago. It was decided that there was not sufficient space on the stamps to allow for overprinting.

On the day of the release savvy collectors ensured that they obtained First Day Covers from Tobago (Fig. 2), ideally with the Tobago postmark above the Trinidad title. There are not many of them around.



Fig. 2

However, another island was also excluded in the 1951 University Omnibus. In 1825 Anguilla had been put under the control of St Christopher/Kitts, and in 1882 St Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla were made a joint constituent part of the Leeward Island Federation. By 1903 the 'joint body' of St Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla had stamps, but they were only labelled 'St Kitts Nevis'. Anguilla finally made an appearance on a postage stamp when an overprint marked its Tercentenary, however, it was excluded from the 1951 the University of the West Indies Omnibus, only properly being acknowledged on stamps in 1952 definitives. I cannot find a record of

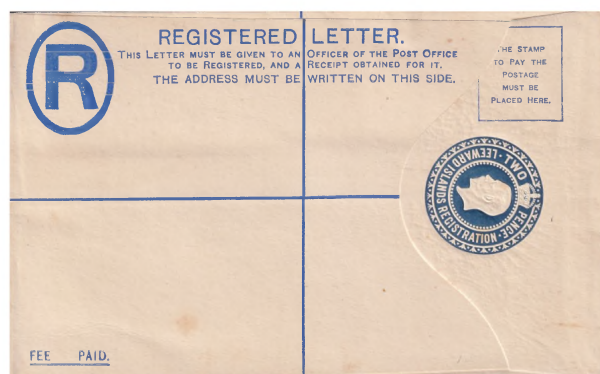
apologies being made to the Anguillans for the Omnibus omission, but clearly it grated and was another factor in the islands eventual decision to declare independence on 4 September 1967.

LEEWARD ISLANDS

WHY IS THE KGV 2D REGISTERED ENVELOPE – SIZE G – SO RARE MINT?

DARRYL FULLER

Postal stationery for the new King was not always a high priority with the Leeward Islands only issuing a ½d wrapper and two 2d registered envelopes (sizes G & H2) in 1913, no postcard until 1915 and no envelopes until 1927. If you saw an unused copy of the registered envelope in a dealer's box, shown at right, you probably wouldn't think much of it. It exists overprinted specimen and is not hard to find this way. Used it is (relatively) common and is about the third most commonly seen Leeward Islands registered envelope. Its 'little brother', the size F, issued in 1922, and only sent to the Virgin Islands is a known rarity with only 307 issued. Strangely enough, despite the higher prices it achieves used, its survival rate is relatively high, and I have seen about 10 different copies used. Mint is another story as I have only recorded two mint copies, one in my collection and another in Wayne Menuz's collection.



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The size G and H2 envelopes had five printings between 1913 and 1925 with 3,497 and 3,460 printed, respectively. It should be easy to find mint and indeed, the H2, while not common can be found mint if you search. The size G is a whole other story. Until about a month ago, in my 45+ years of collecting Leeward Island stationery I had only ever seen two mint copies, again in my and Wayne's collections. I have purchased material from all of the main Leeward Island collectors over the years, including Michael Oliver and Paul Larsen, the latter of which had a specialised KGV Leeward Islands registered envelope exhibit. None of these collections had a copy of the size G mint. Then another copy turned up on eBay recently, which I purchased as I knew how rare it seems to be.

My theory as to why it is so rare is because it slipped through the cracks. The early 1910s was the at the end of the German postal stationery dealer Kiderlen, so there is a chance he missed it. The two later stationery dealers, Schoeller and Beckhaus, didn't really start until the 1920s so may have missed it as well. What I would like to know is whether any other collector out there has a copy, or whether it is as rare as it seems.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

THE FIRST 30 POSTAL SLOGANS

SUSAN TAYLOR

Joe Chin Aleong and Edward B. Proud wrote about Slogans in 'The Postal History of Trinidad and Tobago', which included a chapter on 'Post Offices and Postmarks of Trinidad and Tobago, covering a period up until 1962. Then Reuben A. Ramkissoon authored an article in *Compex*'94 – 'Slogan Cancellations of Trinidad and Tobago 1923-1993'.

In 1997, having gathered 2,000 covers and 16lbs of stamps dating between 1923 and 1997, Jazad N. Ali and Ronald G. Wike published 'Machine Cancellations of Trinidad and Tobago 1923-1997'. The book won numerous awards at philatelic events in the following years.

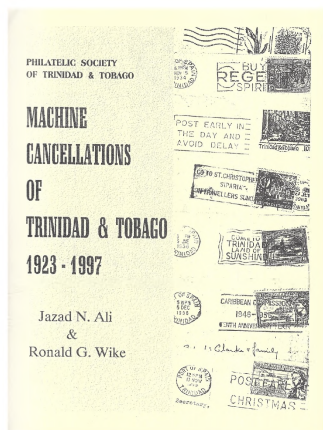


Fig. 1

Jazad Ali is currently updating the 1923-1997 document – a real labour of love. He is sifting through the 2000 original, plus 10,000 subsequent covers (Fig. 2). We all look forward to the updated book's publication.

This article relates to only one part of the story – it is an account of the first thirty postal slogans used in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) between 1923 and 1960 and takes a closer look at what they tell us about the social history of that era. What is written here, for example about rarity, may change as a result of Jazad's continuing research – but I hope it will rekindle your interest in Slogans and encourage you to purchase Jazad's book when it is published.

After purchasing the late Ronald Wike's Slogan Collection I was struck by how much Slogans reflect the events of the time. A perfect modern example is the British Post Office's current use of a Slogan that reads 'Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Donate now at Dec.Org.UK' (Fig. 3).



Fig. 2

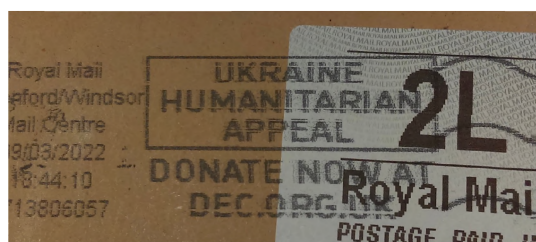


Fig. 3

Slogans always appear alongside the relevant Post Office's circular date stamp (CDS). So, it can be interesting to look at where and when exactly a particular Slogan appears. Sometimes die inserts to the CDSs were placed out of order or accidentally excluded. Whilst not of great philatelic note, these do provide some interest. Sometimes the Slogan Obliterators became damaged, creating varieties.

So, what do the first thirty slogans of Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) tell us, and what is the story behind each of them? The period 1923 to 1960 takes the country from being a part of the faltering British Empire to the approach of its Independence in 1962. The Ali/Wike numbering system and rarity scale for Slogans remains valid today. The extremely rare Slogans have a 4* rating, whereas common Slogans get a 1*. A table is provided at the end of this article summarising the salient points for the first 30 Slogans ('S').

S1 British Empire Exhibition 1924

(The slogan first appears on 10.6.23 and is last recorded on 4.12.24.) uncommon

The British Empire Exhibition opened for 6 months, in Wembley, on St George's Day, 23 April 1924. It was described as a 'lavish exercise in indoctrination' (Morris 1978:132). The event was a publicity exercise aimed to promote Britain's position on the World stage.



The Post Office issued the first ever commemorative postage stamps to mark the occasion, inscribed 'British Empire Exhibition 1924' and T&T's Slogan used the same words. In the West Indies Pavilion the country featured models of its Pitch Lake, key buildings, and War Memorial. The display also promoted cacao, sugar products and Angostura Bitters.

S2 Buy British Empire Goods

(15.10.26-9.5.30) *uncommon*

The Empire Exhibition was followed by an effort to promote British Empire Goods (Fig. 6), as competition from other nations accelerated.

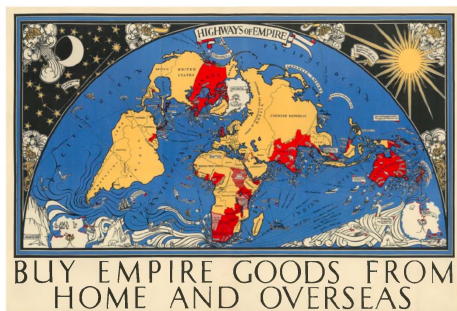


Fig. 6



S3 Buy Trinidad Sugar

(9.5.30-19.1.40) *uncommon*

Slave labour in the 1700s had led to the establishment of 150 sugar estates, and an associated rum industry. In the early 20th century sugar was the backbone of the country's economy. Today Angostura is the only operational distillery in T&T, and it imports molasses for its rum production, largely from Guyana.



S4 Buy Trinidad Grapefruit Golden Ray & Blue Ray

(6.12.33-3.5.38) *uncommon*

'Golden Ray' and 'Blue Ray' were quality brands of the grapefruit exported by Trinidad at the time. Much of the grapefruit went to the USA. The Slogan was an effort to promote sales in the World market. The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture has more recently promoted the revitalisation of T&T's citrus industry through the Caribbean Regional Tropical Fruits Project.



S5 Buy Regent Spirit

(15.11.34-15.11.34) *extremely rare*

I spent some time unsuccessfully searching for a rum called 'Regent' before realising that 'Regent Spirit' was a fuel. This Slogan only seems to appear on covers dated 15 November 1934. In 1930 Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd, a British Company with

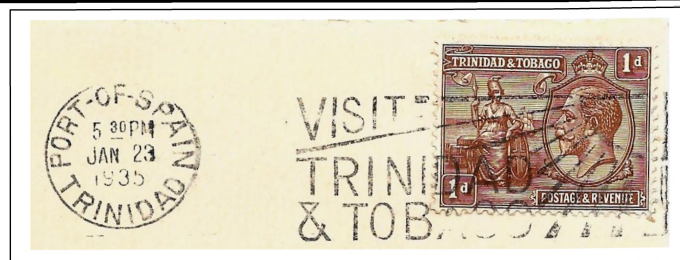
crude oil concessions in the Caribbean and with its own refinery capacity entered the UK market with the Regent Brand of petrol (Fig. 7).



Fig. 7

S6 Visit Trinidad & Tobago(25.10.34-7.4.87) *common*

This 'sun ray' Slogan ran, on and off, for more than 50 years as tourists were encouraged to visit the islands.

**S7 Buy Trinidad Chocolate**(8.3.35-20.12.35) *uncommon*

Trinidad's chocolate industry (Fig. 8) has faced many challenges over the years. In 1830 it was the World's leading producer. The industry today has become focussed on high quality specialist crops. If you get a chance to buy T&T's chocolate, do so, it is the finest you will have ever tasted.

**Fig. 8****S8 Buy Trinidad Petrol**(22.2.35-21.2.81) *common*

The postcard illustrates what the oilfields in Trinidad were like in the 1930/40s. Today Trinidad is the largest producer of oil/gas products in the Caribbean. However, Trinidad's refinery at Pointe-a-Pierre (as featured on many of the country's earlier stamps) closed in 2018, and now it stands derelict. Gas processing and petrochemical industries continue to thrive giving the country a GDP of \$43 billion. A new liquid gas plant opened in March 2021.

**S9 Come to Trinidad Land of Sunshine**(13.2.36-28.3.40) *uncommon*

It's worth considering how the arrival of WW2 would have affected T&T's Tourist Industry. This may account for why usage of this slogan ceased in 1940.

S10 Help the Red Cross (small cross)(14.5.40-9.4.56) *uncommon*

The islands have a long history of supporting the Red Cross.

In T&T a Red Cross label was approved for use as a postage stamp on 18 September 1914 and stamps were overprinted with a Red Cross symbol during WW1. It would seem that the Red Cross Slogans replaced those fundraising efforts during WW2.



S11 Grow more Food and Dig for Victory (17.7.40-26.10.41) *uncommon*

Britain led a campaign at home and in its territories abroad during WW2 to 'Grow your own Food' (Fig. 9). There were food shortages of imported staples such as rice and flour on the islands, and rationing was introduced. However local fruit and vegetables remained plentiful.

**Fig. 9****S12 Post Early for Christmas (unboxed)**(30.11.40-11.12.83) *common*

Whether there was a war or not, posting your Christmas cards in time, was an important consideration. This Slogan was used up until 1983.

**S13 Help the Red Cross (large cross)**(24.1.42-7.1.47) *extremely rare*

This Slogan ran from 1942 through to 1947. The printing plate used became worn and damaged over time, and its right boundary disappeared from 9.10.46.

S14 San Fernando Centenary(14.2.46-27.2.46) *extremely rare*

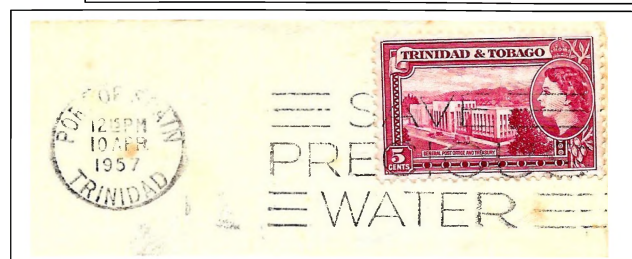
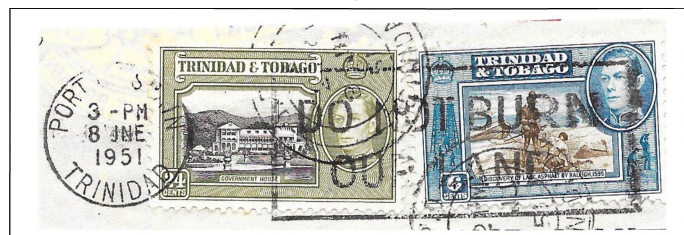
San Fernando was officially formed on 31 March 1846 when the village of Naparima gained a town council and established itself as San Fernando, although this name for the coastal settlement had existed since Chacon had called it thus in 1792.

**S15 Obey the Highway Code**(31.1.49-29.2.56) *rare*

T&T sent representatives to the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic on 19 September 1949. Today there are over a million cars in Trinidad and Tobago and the figure is increasing.

**S16 Save Precious Water (unboxed)**(18.5.51-14.1.81) *common*

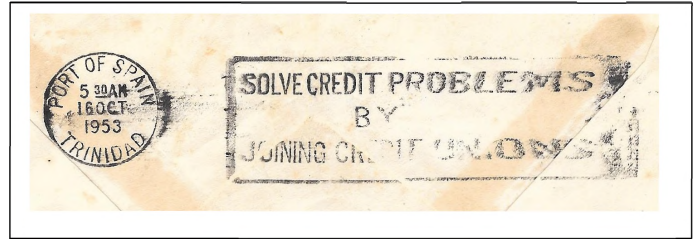
Clean water is a precious commodity and in the 1950s the country made considerable efforts to ensure that clean water was available in all villages. At the same time people were encouraged to avoid wasting water.

**S17 Do Not Burn Our Land**(26.4.51-22.7.91) *common*

Since the 1950s the government has led a campaign to educate the population about the folly of indiscriminate burning, which causes environmental damage. This Slogan is an early example of this effort.

S18 Solve Credit Problems by Joining Credit Unions*(14.2.53-26.10.53) rare*

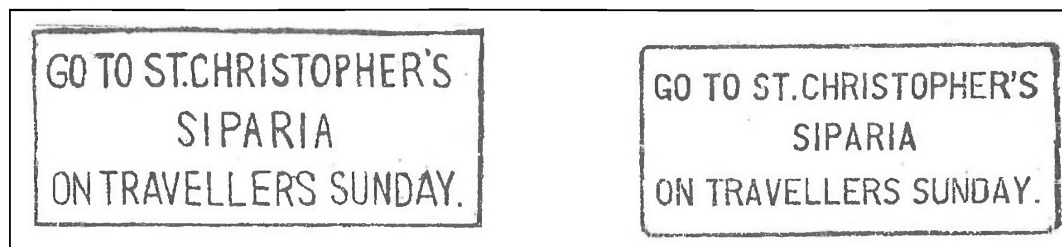
A Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative, controlled by its members and operated on a non-profit basis. Credit Unions see themselves as different from Banks and other financial institutions, particularly because they serve their members and their communities rather than profits or the earnings of shareholders. In Trinidad & Tobago 68% of the economically active population use a Credit Union.

**S19 Your Safest Investment an Account at the Post Office Savings Bank***(2.7.53-16.10.68) uncommon*

Given the widespread membership of Credit Unions, the Post Office Savings Bank would have faced an uphill battle. T&T's Post Office Savings Bank existed from 1861 to 30 September 2001. See also S21.

S20 Go to St. Christopher's Siparia on Travellers Sunday (large letters)*(20.7.53-25.7.53) extremely rare***S20a Go to St Christopher's Siparia on Travellers Sunday (small letters)***(29.5.55-29.7.75) uncommon***Fig. 10**

Both S20 and S20a were Slogans aimed at raising funds for building extensions to the St. Christopher Anglican Church in Siparia (Fig. 10). The then priest, Reverend Father Frank Cooper came up with idea for a 'Travellers Rally' geared to attract the travelling public to visit, donate and be blessed.

**S21 Save for Security with the Post Office Savings Account***(20.7.53-27.9.65) uncommon***S22 Fight to Support your T.B. Association***(20.7.53-2.1.59) rare*

The Tuberculosis Association of Trinidad and Tobago was established in 1913 to foster relationships among tuberculosis experts, to generate information and strengthen the ability to confront a major cause of death on the islands. There are still about 200 cases of TB every year in T&T.

S23 Be Generous and Support Princess Alice Appeal*(16.3.55-16.3.55) extremely rare*

This is the rarest of the early cancellations. If you have one for sale, please contact me! From what we can tell the only Princess Alice Slogans were printed on Port of Spain mail at 3pm on 16.3.55. Figure 24 is a created attempt at what such a cover might look like. Similar slogans were used on other islands. Barbados's slogan read 'Princess Alice Appeal Help West Indian University'. Jamaica produced two slogans. It is thought that slogans also appeared in British Honduras, Grenada, Montserrat and St Kitts. Jazad Ali would be delighted to hear from you if you have any of these.

**S24 St John's Flag Day Saturday 28th June Please give generously***(21.6.55-24.6.58) extremely rare*

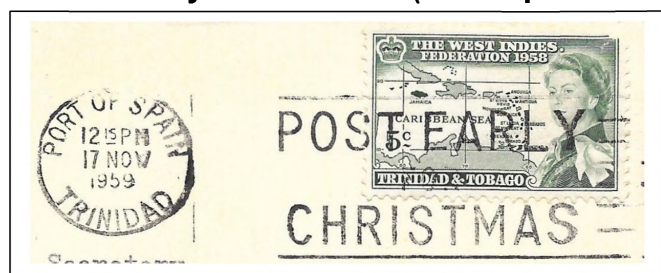
The St John Ambulance Brigade was introduced to T&T in the early 1950s by Major Ronald Cox, Chief of the local Fire Brigade. First Aid training commenced in 1954. St John's Ambulance Brigade is still going strong in the islands today.

**S25 Caribbean Commission 1946-1956 Tenth****Anniversary Year***(2.12.56-12.12.56) common*

The Caribbean Commission (originally the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission) was established in 1942 to address social and economic issues the region faced, emerging from WW2. It provided an avenue for the growth and expression of nationalism, a factor that led to its own demise in 1957.

**S26 Post Early for Christmas (lines top and bottom)***(27.11.58-28.12.79) common*

This popular slogan was used seasonally in Port of Spain and San Fernando Post Offices on many occasions between 1958 and 1979.

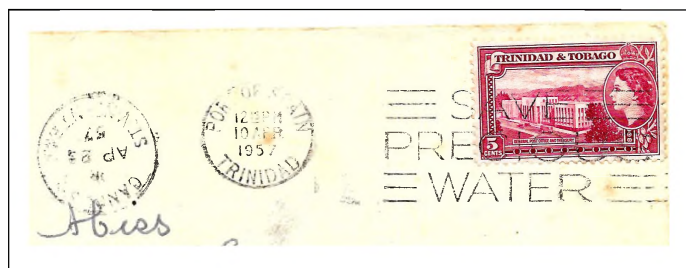
**S27 Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents***(25.2.59-12.6.89) common*

This eye-catching slogan appeared shortly after Trinidad and Tobago had introduced legislation whereby drivers were suspended from driving if found to have been driving carelessly.



S28 Census Day is April 7th Everyone Counts*(26.3.60-5.4.70) uncommon*

The British Caribbean Census of 1960 was organised into two zones, with Trinidad & Tobago being the centre for methodology, planning and the processing of data for T&T, Barbados, British Guiana, and the Windward Islands.

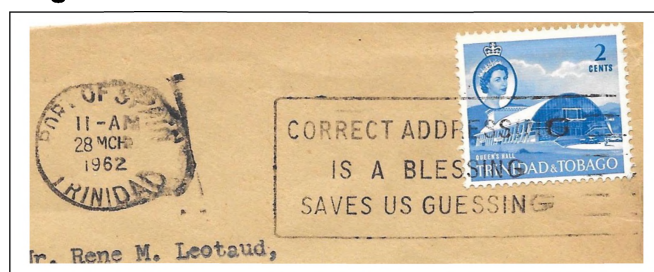
**S 29 Save Precious Water (boxed)***(13.7.60-4.3.88) common*

In 1960, and many subsequent years up until 1988 both Port of Spain and San Fernando Post Offices were repeatedly encouraging the population to 'Save Precious Water'.

S 30 Correct Addressing is a Blessing Saves us Guessing*(6.12.60-10.4.62) uncommon*

This may not be the rarest slogan...but it is my favourite. Think of the Postal Workers endeavouring to understand and deliver to the correct addresses. The slogan is charming.

The following table shows a summary chart of all 30 slogans.



Finally, I should thank the members of the Trinidad & Tobago Philatelic Society for their help in putting this article together, especially Jazad Ali. Any collector of T&T stamps is highly recommended to join this august body!

The First 30 Trinidad & Tobago Slogan Postmarks

	Common (more than 100) 1*
	Uncommon (20 to 100 seen) 2*
	Rare (10 to 20 seen) 3*
	Extremely rare (10 or less) 4*

Slogan Number	Caption	First recorded use	Last recorded use
S1	British Empire Exhibition 1924	10.06.23	04.12.24
S2	Buy British Empire Goods	15.10.26	09.05.30
S3	Buy Trinidad Sugar	09.05.30	19.01.40
S4	Buy Trinidad Grapefruit Golden Ray & Blue Ray	06.12.33	30.05.38
S5	Buy Regent Spirit	15.11.34	15.11.34
S6	Visit Trinidad & Tobago	25.10.34	07.04.87
S7	Buy Trinidad Chocolate	08.03.35	20.12.35
S8	Buy Trinidad Petrol	22.02.35	21.02.81
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S13	Help the Red Cross (large cross)	24.01.42	07.01.47
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S17	Do Not Burn Our Land	26.04.51	22.07.91
S18	Solve Credit Problems by Joining Credit Unions	14.02.53	16.10.53
S19	Your Safest Investment An Account At The Post Office Savings Bank	02.07.53	16.10.68
S20	Go to St. Christophers Sipara On Travellers Sunday (Large Letters)	20.07.53	25.07.53
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S21	Save for Security With the Post Office Savings Bank	20.07.53	27.09.65
S22	Fight To Support Your T.B. Association	20.07.53	02.01.59
S23	Be Generous and Support Princess Alice Appeal	16.03.55	16.03.55
S24	St. John's Flag Day Saturday 28th June Please Give Generously	21.06.58	24.06.58
S25	Caribbean Commission 1946-1956 Tenth Anniversary Year	02.12.56	12.12.56
S26	Post Early For Christmas (lines top and bottom)	27.11.58	28.12.79
S27	Back the attack on Traffic Accidents	25.02.59	12.04.87
S28	Census Day is April 7th Everyone Counts	26.03.60	05.04.70
S29	Save Precious Water (Boxed)	13.07.60	04.03.88
S30	Correct Addressing is a Blessing Saves us Guessing	06.12.60	10.04.62

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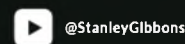
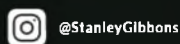
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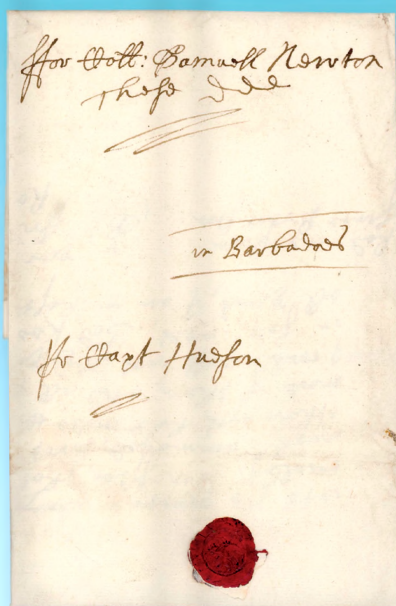
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