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ANTIGUA
BAHAMAS
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JAMAICA
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ST. LUCIA
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
VIRGIN ISLANDS

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. It is emphasised that EVERY member will always be in 'the picture' no matter where he (or she) resides.

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

MEMBERSHIP: 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 10/6d (\$1.50 non-sterling countries) payable 1st FEBRUARY. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to "B.W.I. STUDY CIRCLE" and it will be appreciated if remittances from non-sterling countries are made by sterling draft drawn on LONDON or International Money Order.

OUR PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH

Since writing my last paragraph we have held our Third Anniversary Meeting which took place on April 6th, a full report of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. The reports presented by our Hon. Secretary and Treasurer showed a continued increase in membership and a healthy balance sheet. The dinner at Lord's Tavern in the evening was well attended and, as on previous occasions, was very enjoyable. Once again the Circle had a remarkably good display of material at the Exhibition staged at the Harrogate Congress. One member of Congress remarked to me that he considered it to be the outstanding contribution to the exhibition. On May 29th I attended the sale at Robson Lowe's of Dr. Urwick's collection of Jamaica. The pre-adhesive covers comprised many unique items and the Mile Gully, type T3 (1839) sold for £10/10/-, and the very fine example of Morant Bay, type T1 (1773) and Salt Spring, type T1 (1790) realised £24 and £28 respectively. Ship Letters fetched good prices, up to £22 being paid for examples of the S1 type and the rare Morant Bay and St. Annes Bay went for £20 and £16 apiece. The so-called Postage Due 1844 entires with handstruck "4" & "8" realised the remarkable figure of £18. The G.B. used in Jamaica in almost every instance fetched more than the valuation. The 1/- "A45" off cover sold for £29, a fine example of the 4d. "A48", Hope Bay, on cover. £21 and the 6d. "A69", Ramble, also on entire, £15. In Lot 577 I noted the 1d. pine cancelled "201" which the late Mr. Nicholson stated in the Handbook was never found on this stamp. Needless to say this is the first copy I have ever seen. The lovely Llandovery Falls 1d. die proof in ultramarine and black realised more than double the valuation at £26 and the two unissued 6d. depicting the Proclamation of Abolition of Slavery overprinted 'SPECIMEN' reached the high figure of £44. This was in many instances a truly unique collection and attracted exceptional prices from beginning to end.

G. W. COLLETT.

DEAR MEMBER,

Notwithstanding the fact that a few members have not renewed their subscriptions others who have joined bring our total number up to 185. Once again we are happy to welcome the following new members from overseas: M. Marc Dhotel (France), Mr. A. C. Mullen (South Africa) and Mr. R. A. Mertens (Tasmania). We are also glad to include Oxfordshire for the first time in our table of distribution and Somerset appears once more.

It is with regret that we learn that our member - Mr W. Jones, President of the Woolwich & District Philatelic Society - has undergone a serious operation. Although he is making steady progress it is anticipated that he will be in hospital for some time. We know we are voicing the thoughts of all members in wishing him a complete recovery.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Committee member - Mr. J. J. Turner - on his exhibit of St. Vincent being awarded the prize donated by Mr. W. E. Lea to the Herts Philatelic Society for a Competition held on 21st May,

Geographical distribution of membership.

LONDON (33)

PROVINCIAL (103)

Cheshire	1	Kent	6	Staffordshire	1
Cornwall	1	Lancashire	5	Suffolk	2
Derbyshire	4	Middlesex	6	Surrey	14
Devon	4	Norfolk	2	Sussex	7
Essex	5	Northants	2	Warwickshire	4
Gloucestershire	5	Northumberland	2	Wiltshire	3
Hampshire	6	Nottinghamshire	1	Yorkshire	4
Hertfordshire	3	Oxfordshire	1		
		Shropshire	2		
Northern Ireland	1	Scotland	8	Wales	1

OVERSEAS (49)

Australia	6	B.W.I.	4	Canada	7
France	1	New Guinea	1	South Africa	5
Tasmania	1			U.S.A.	24

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the sudden passing of our member, Mr. Harry Lewis, the well-known stamp dealer of New Bond Street, on April 12th last at the early age of forty. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his widow and family in their sad bereavement.

SALES CIRCUIT

The various sections of the Sales Circuit have, on the whole, been well supported, but more material is needed to strengthen the C. and D. sections. The second Circuit started on its way in March with April and May seeing the continuation of the various sections. Members will, I am sure, readily appreciate that the sections cannot move with any great rapidity until sufficient material is received to make it worthwhile putting them into circulation. The group which receives by far the largest support in material is "F", which is always split into two Circuits. I have received requests from several new members for material in current Q.E.II, both stamps and cancellations and I hope that members will co-operate by sending me material of this reign covering all the B.W.I. colonies. I should like to express my appreciation to everyone contributing material, on the improved make-up of their sheets which assists my labours tremendously, but I must still make a plea for members to use good hinges as I have had to employ a lot of my time in remounting many stamps to obviate the possibility of them getting lost in transit. Now that the holiday season has commenced it is most important that members advise me without delay when they may be away from home.

ROSE TITFORD,

Hon. Secretary, Sales Circuit.

AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of The Royal Philatelic Society, London (by courtesy of the Hon. Secretary) at 41, Devonshire Place, W.1. The date is **October 26th** and the time **2.30 p.m.** Will those members who hope to attend please advise Mr. P. T. Saunders a few days beforehand. As usual, members are requested to bring along a few sheets for display and a note of any problems for discussion.

DISPLAYS

To The Dublin Stamp Society on March 27th, 1957

Our member Mr. A. J. Branston received an invitation to give a display of **Bahamas** to the above Society and it was a kindly thought on his part to suggest that pages of other colonies might be included and the display be given in the name of our Circle. In consequence, selected pages were taken by him of the following: **Cayman Islands** (loaned by Mr. P. T. Saunders), **Jamaica** (loaned by Mr. A. A. Hershman) and **St. Christopher** (loaned by Miss Rose Titford). The latter contribution, which included one of the earliest known pre-adhesives dated 8th January 1812 and a study of the 1d. values of 1870 and 1875, aroused great interest. Mr. Branston's high magnification photographs of various Bahamas K.G. VI varieties also evoked favourable comment. A report of the display and of our Circle's activities appeared in the 'Dublin Evening Mail' and we are most grateful for the publicity thus gained by Mr. Branston's unselfish action.

To the British Philatelic Association on May 7th, 1957

It is the usual practice at the Annual General Meeting of this Association for a display of material to be on view, and on this occasion our Circle had the honour of being invited to fill the frames. Selected pages of the following colonies were kindly loaned by members whose names are given in brackets: **Antigua** (Mr. G. W. Groves), **Bahamas** (Miss R. Titford), **Barbados** (Mr. L. E. Britnor), **Cayman Islands** (Mr. P. T. Saunders), **Jamaica** (Mr. A. A. Hershman) and **St. Vincent** (Mr. J. J. Turner). Mr. Groves' selection of Antigua included a number of interesting pre-adhesives and Miss Titford's first issues of Bahamas were much admired. The examples of some of the rare T.R.D.'s of Jamaica belonging to Mr. Hershman attracted close attention and the condition of the early issues of St. Vincent shown by Mr. Turner evoked much comment.

THIRD ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Twenty-five members and three visitors foregathered in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1. on 6th April last, our President taking the chair. Following a brief report of the events of the past year by our Hon. Secretary the accounts were presented and adopted. A number of matters were discussed including a proposal to initiate and publish handbooks on the various colonies and it was decided to appoint a sub-committee

to go into the matter and report their recommendations at the autumn meeting. A number of pages were passed round which led to some interesting discussions but space does not permit a full report being given. The following items taken at random will, however, give some idea of the variety of the material exhibited: **Mr. A. E. Beach** : Items of postal stationery including a Barbados ½d. surcharge on 1d. brown, not catalogued. (It was suggested this was a colour changing). **Mr. B. B. Benwell**: Re-entries and varieties on the Nelson Centenary issues of Barbados including a partly reconstructed sheet of the 1d. **Mr. A. J. Branston**: Two covers from Winnipeg, Canada, to Bahamas bearing Canadian stamps to both of which a Bahamas Special Delivery stamp cancelled by the Nassau c.d.s. had been added. (Doubts were expressed as to their genuineness - see note by Mr. Sternfels, Bulletin No. 13. p. 17). **Mr. W. H. H. Crow**: Two covers bearing G.B. stamps posted in Jamaica, one of which had been taxed and the other accepted; two covers showing Jamaica Registration labels printed for one office and altered in ms. for use in another. **Mr. J. L. Messenger**: St. Vincent, 1877, 1s (S.G.22) perforated 15 all round certified as genuine. (It was suggested that it might have come from a later printing and should be catalogued 23a). **Mr. P. T. Saunders**: Block of six Cayman Islands Centenary 1½d. with one stamp having the letter "A" missing from the watermark. (It was stated that the letter "A" had been broken off the Dandy Roll and that similar instances are known in other stamps of B.W.I.). Cover bearing Jamaica Red Cross label (but not cancelled) together with Cayman Islands stamps. (It was suggested that a small consignment of the labels had been sent to Georgetown and used there). **Mrs. M. W. Taylor**: A British Guiana cover with postmark containing "E.5.C.". (This was identified as "E(ast) 5.C(oast) Railway"). The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President who in turn expressed on behalf of us all appreciation to the Royal Philatelic Society for the use of the room. Some fifty-five members and guests attended the dinner held afterwards at Lord's Tavern, St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8. Following an excellent meal Mr. Cyril H. C. Harmer (Director H. R. Harmer Ltd) spoke eloquently of our Circle, to which the President responded. The toast to the guests was proposed by Miss Rose Titford, to which Mr. G. Leslie Newman (Company Archivist, Thomas De La Rue & Co, Ltd) replied, emphasizing that whilst he was always ready to help collectors he found that a great deal of his time was taken up in an endeavour to answer all the queries he received. Once again it proved to be a most enjoyable evening and all went home looking forward to the next occasion.

G. W. GROVES.

39th PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GT. BRITAIN HELD AT HARROGATE. 14th-17th MAY, 1957

Upwards of 150 members and delegates attended this event held under the auspices of the Leeds Philatelic Society which was founded as far back as 1890. It is noteworthy that it was at the 8th Philatelic Congress, also held at Harrogate in 1921, that the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists was inaugurated.

The proceedings were ably conducted by the Chairman - Mr. T. E. Field, F.R.P.S.L. - and full praise is due to the energetic Hon. Organising Secretary - Mr. Fred Myers - (who is incidentally a member of our Circle) and his team of helpers for the arrangements made for our comfort and enjoyment. The Business Sessions followed the traditional pattern and although the Papers presented were interesting they were, to some of us, somewhat disappointing in that they evoked little of the 'fireworks' to which we have become accustomed. Mention must also be made of the prominent part taken by Mr. W. Ewart Gerrish, O.B.E., President of The Royal Philatelic Society, London, who besides giving a Paper, sponsored Dr. Georg M. Menzinsky one of the new signatories to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists and concluded his active participation by proposing the toast to the Inviting Society at the banquet which brought yet another successful Congress to a close.

The Exhibition was one of the principal features and for the benefit of those of our members who were unable to be there the following is a resume of the material which comprised our Circle's contribution. The names of those members who kindly loaned pages from their respective collections are given in brackets:

Antigua : 1863-67, Examples showing 'A 18' cancellation at English Harbour; 1885, 6d. Crown CA with flaw across nose of Queen's head (No. 24, last stamp in row 2); Malburin flaw showing spot of colour on top margin over the 'N' (No. 87, second stamp in row 3) and Morton-Evans' re-entry (No. 26, second stamp in row 3). 1882 & 1884-86, examples of the slanting foot varieties of '2' in '2½'. Map of Antigua indicating positions of P.O.'s and a number of covers showing various cancellations. (C. W. Meredith, F.R.P.S.L.). **Bahamas:** First issue, plate proofs in black; 1859. S.G.1. 1d. on thick paper used; 1862, examples of the no wmk. P.11½, 12 and P.13; 1d. compound and S.G.19a 6d. lilac; 1863-80, CC. P. 12½ & 14 including S.G. 28a, 6d. lilac, and 4d. (P. 12½) on 'Advertised' cover. (Miss R. Titford). Bermuda: Examples of two types of early hand-stamp 'REGISTERED'. Handstamps used for early Parcel Post, and mailboat cancellations; Hamilton & St. Georges 'local' datestamps thought to have been used principally as backstamps on local mail as the word 'BERMUDA' is not included in the stamp. Examples of Duplex cancellations - First issue 1.6. 1879 - 31. 12. 1888 and Second issue 1. 1. 1891 - 31. 12. 1895. (Lt. Col. F. S. J. Norris). **Cayman Islands:** Examples of Jamaica S.G. 16a and 31 used in Cayman Islands. The rare Third Georgetown cancellation Type B on S.G. 12 - the only known example on cover. A franked cover with 'Postage Paid G.A.P.' in ms. addressed to U.S.A.; the postage rate was 2½d. and copies of this denomination were shown proving that these stamps were available. It must be assumed to have been franked in error and is the only example known. (P. T. Saunders). **Dominica:** One of the two known examples of the first handstruck stamp 'DOMINICO' on entire - Dominica to

London (via Falmouth) dated May 1778. An entire cancelled 'DOMINICA' (Type PC) 1795 and another cancelled 'DOMINICA' straight line (Type PA) 1797. Large Fleuron handstruck stamp on entires dated March 8th and August 5th 1856 respectively. Stamps of G.B. used on cover with local cancellation 'A07' including the only known cover bearing 4d. and two 1d. stamps. Manuscript cancellations applied to local letters principally from small villages. Examples of 'Crown Circle' stamps on adhesives only known to have been used in Dominica and Nevis. (F. J. N. Nabarro, F.R.P.S.L.). **Grenada:** 1861-62. No wmk. Rough perf. 14-16, S.G.2. mint block of 8 and single copies mint and used, also of 6d. S.G.3; 1863-71. wmk. Small Star, Rough perf. 14 to 16 S.G.7, 8 and 9 mint; 1881, wmk. Large Star, perf. 14-14½, S.G. 21, ½d. mauve with all varieties including S.G.21a imperf. mint strip of three, one with long hyphen and S.G.21d, surcharge double, S.G.22. 2½d rose-lake with all varieties including S.G.22a in mint block of four; S.G.23, mint marginal corner block of 18; 1881. wmk. Broad-pointed Star, S.G.25. mint block of 4 and examples of S.G.25 a & b. 1883, 'POSTAGE' overprints, S.G.28 & 29 including S.G.28 with inverted overprint, pairs of S.G.29a mint and used also used block of four; 1886, 1d. 'POSTAGE' overprint, S.G.37 including all varieties with S.G.37f used on small piece with whole stamp; 1891, 'POSTAGE AND REVENUE 1d.' overprint with examples of all varieties including mint block of 16 showing inverted 'S' in 'SHILLINGS'. (G. L. Pilkington, F.R.P.S.L.). **Jamaica:** 'SPECIMEN' Die proofs on thick glazed card, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., & 1/-. Die proofs of all Q.V. values; the die proof of the ½d. being from the same die as was used for the ½d. postcard. Two states of the die for the 1d. and 1/-: the two states were shown of the 2d, 3d. and 6d. Die proofs of the 1d.. and 3d. postcard which differ from the dies employed for the postage stamps. (G. W. Collett. R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L. - President). **St. Christopher:** Examples of G.B. stamps with 'A12' cancellation used at Basseterre including 6d. on cover; 'Specimens' of various values of 1870, 1879 and 1882-90 issues; 1870, S.G. 1, 2 & 3 mint and used including a mint copy of S.G.1. with wmk. sideways; cover with two copies of S.G.4., used to Holland (1/- rate) with year date inverted, 1875-6, cover to Nova Scotia (6d. rate) with handstruck '3' and another to British Guiana having in addition to S.G.8. a copy of S.G.6, cancelled '15/9/79' in ms. to prepay rate to Basseterre; two covers dated 25th and 27th February 1890 respectively bearing stamps of Antigua used in St. Christopher. (Dr. R. H. Urwick, F.R.P.S.L.). **St. Lucia;** 1860. S.G.1, 2, 3 & 4. mint. 1863, S.G.5, 6, 7 & 8, mint, S.G.8a & 8b which were prepared for use and not issued; 1864, mint copies of all values of both P.12½ & 14; 1882-84, mint copies of all values including S.G.30.; 1882-86, & 1886-87, Die I, mint copies of all values of both P.12½ & 14; 1882-84, mint copies of were allowed to be used for postage. (Col. H. C. Mason, F.R.P.S.L.). **Tobago:** Pre-adhesives bearing Large and Small Fleuron

handstruck stamps dated April 25th 1820 and 19th March 1839 respectively; example of Crowned Circle (RL type PL,) 'PAID AT TOBAGO' on entire dated October 9th. 1852; 1856-58, selection of G.B. used in Tobago with cancellation 'A14'; 1879, Plate proof, and examples of all values of Fiscal stamps which were valid for postage purposes until 31st December 1880; 1880, selection of the manuscript provisionals on bisects (S.G.7.), all values of first issue mint, with examples of plate proofs, specimens and bogus proofs signed by Jean de Sperati; 1881, examples of bisected provisionals to meet need of a 2½d rate; 1883, and 1886-9, selection of surcharged provisionals with examples of many varieties including S.G. 26b & S.G. 27b. (A. E. Beach). **Trinidad:** Pre-adhesive with earliest recorded date - May 30th 1806. Samples of Large and Small Fleuron handstruck stamps on pre-adhesives dated February 7th 1820 and October 8th 1826 respectively; 1851-53, selection of numeral cancellations (Type II); 1859, Die Proofs of all three values; cover bearing S.G. 11 and S.G. 25 addressed to Barbados dated 9th May 1859 with Crowned Circle 'PAID AT TRINIDAD' in red; examples of the 'D22' cancellation which was used at the British Postal Agency at CIUDAD BOLIVAR, Venezuela; 1883, Queen's head issue, approved artist's drawing and Die Proof 'after hardening'; 1891, one of the four existing sets of the current issue that were surcharged '9d.' to commemorate the visit to Trinidad of H.R.H. the Duke of York (afterwards H.M. K.G. V); selection of town date cancellations of Post Offices opened before 1913. (J. B. Marriott).

NOTES AND QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is mainly dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. ALL contributions should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

BAHAMAS

"With regard to Dr. Garrard's query in Bulletin No. 12 I have just received the following information from the Bahamas;"

'Spences Point was a Post Office especially established for the benefit of the community that grew up around the mills of the Bahamas Lumber Co. When the company had worked out the forest in its first location it moved elsewhere and the community ceased to exist. There being no further need for postal facilities the Post Office was closed. This took place some time during World War I. Similar postmarks of subsequent locations were Millville and Norman's Castle, both of which were also on Abaco Island.

In recent years the lumber company went to Grand Bahamas, the new settlement being known as Pine Ridge. Spencers Point is close to Wilson City.

(Contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor.)

BAHAMAS

"I was interested in Mr. Britnor's remarks on the modern postmarks of Bahamas in Bulletin No. 11, p. 49, but would like to take issue on one point. He refers to Berry Island in the singular whereas in fact it should be Berry Islands. They constitute a small group in the shape of an arc and the Bahamas Post Office states that a Post Office exists at Lignum Vitae Cay. I have a cover from this office dated 26th May 1947, so up to that time, at least, there must have been somebody able to act as Postmaster. I understand that the Post Office is situated in the north of the group and as the southernmost island is about 50 miles from Nassau it is possible that what mail there is from the group may be conveyed direct to Nassau. The total population is under 400, and even if the mail is sent direct as surmised I cannot understand how the letters to which Mr. Britnor refers missed being cancelled before they were dispatched. Perhaps some other member has a recent cover from Berry Islands and can state what postmark it bears."

(Contributed by Mr. L. R. Coasby.)

BERMUDA

Ireland Isle Datestamp of 1841 (Seriffed Letters)

"In a display to the Royal Philatelic Society on 17th February, 1955, our member, Major F. S. J. Norris, showed an entire dated July 19, 1845, bearing the 'Ireland Isle' datestamp in seriffed capitals which it is known was sent to the colony at the end of 1841 at the same time as the 'Hamilton' datestamp of similar type used by William B. Perot for making his famous handstruck adhesives (S.G.1). It was stated that one other example was known, also dated 1845. I have, however, an example dated FE 4 1842, over three years earlier which is an official letter, addressed to the Admiralty in London. These dates are peculiar because a Postmistress was not appointed to Ireland Island until October 1845 and the office does not seem to have been officially opened until 1st January 1846. The explanation is, I suggest, that the datestamp sent out in 1841 was used by the clerk in H.M. Dockyard who was responsible for despatching Dockyard (and probably Fleet) letters, which were sent by dockyard craft direct to the

mail steamer anchored a few cables away in Grassy Bay. There would be little point in sending the official bag across the bay to the G.P.O. at Hamilton only to be brought back again to the mail steamer. When the Postmistress was appointed to Ireland Island I surmise that she was supplied with a separate datestamp, but this one had the letters in sans-serif capitals. I possess an example of this dated MY 21 1846 on a private letter to London."

(Contributed by Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown, F.R.P.S.L.)

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Line and Comb Perforations

"Some time ago I received a most interesting letter from a member resident in South Africa who is a specialist of long standing in the stamps of Cayman Islands. One of his special interests is the question of the existence of examples of S.G.60 to 83 inclusive with line and comb perforations, and the following table shows the results of many years of research:

Wmk. Mult. Crown CA

Line perf : S.G. 62, 63 & 67

Comb perf: S.G. 60, 61, 64, 65 & 66

Wmk. Mult. Script. CA

Line perf: S.G. 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 & 83

Comb perf: S.G. 69, 70, 71, 72, 74, 75, 76, 79, 80, 81 & 82

From time to time both dealers and collectors have sent him copies of stamps known only with line perf. which they have claimed to have comb perf., but in every case, after careful examination, they have proved to be line perf., and the same has occurred in respect of comb perf. stamps. In an endeavour to clarify the position beyond all doubt it will be appreciated if all those members who collect these stamps will let me know, when an opportunity occurs, if they have examples of S.G. 62, 63 and 67 in comb perf. and S.G. 60, 61, 64, 65 and 66 in line perf. Similarly it will be of equal interest if any state whether they possess examples of S.G. 73, 77, 78 and 83 in comb perf. and S.G. 72 and 76 in line perf.

It is noteworthy that another collector has kindly sent some time in examining his own collection of these stamps, and where he has an example the result has been identical. He points out, however, that in the case of S.G. 69, 70, 74 and 75 he has noticed that the shade seems to vary according to whether the stamp has line or comb perf. Furthermore, he has found that the two perforations are also to be found in the issues of Bermuda (1922-35), St. Vincent (1912-32) and Turks & Caicos Islands (1922-26). He adds that while the comb perforation is 14 for all four colonies, the line perforation in the case of Bermuda is $13\frac{3}{4}$ and suggests that this latter perforation might conceivably be found in the other three colonies. Needless to say, I shall be very pleased to receive any information that will lead to a solution to this interesting problem."

(Contributed by Mr. P. T. Saunders).

GRENADA

"At the last meeting on 27th October, 1956, I shewed a circular letter from Grenada bearing a $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp, SG.48, from a Mr. A. O. SMITH of St. Georges, to Messrs. Burger & Co., Nassau St., Nr. Maiden Lane, NEW YORK. The text read as follows:-

'I am prepared to execute orders accompanied by remittances for unused Postage and Revenue Stamps, Postcards, Wrappers, etc., I will allow a discount of $\frac{1}{2}$ % on all orders, but the cost of sending the stamps must be borne by you.

I am able to supply stamps cheaper than you can obtain them from the Post Office here, for being a Licensed Stamp Vendor I am allowed a small discount in which I will allow you to participate. As to my standing and as a guarantee of good faith, you may refer to the Postmaster of this Colony.

If you will entrust me with your orders, which shall always receive prompt attention. I shall keep you informed of all Postal charges (changes?). A new Half-penny Postage and Revenue Stamp was issued on 1st August.'

I shall be very interested to hear if any other Colony in the B.W.I. had Licensed Stamp Vendors that offered stamps at a discount."

(Contributed by Mr. B. E. Johnson.)

JAMAICA

"The 2d. grey (S.G.57) is a dull stamp to look at, but the circumstances of its issue, and the issue of other denominations at about the same time, bear out the saying:- 'There's more behind the stamp than just the gum.' In fact this stamp is one of those which owes its existence to

philatelists. At a meeting of the Kingston, Jamaica Philatological Society on 10th June, 1910, Mr. Astley Clerk pointed out that, although the late King Edward VII had reigned for nine years, there were no Jamaica stamps bearing his portrait. The meeting decided to send a petition to the Government which was signed by their Committee members and those of the Jamaica Philatelic Association. It was addressed to Sir Sydney Oliver, the Governor of Jamaica, and drew attention to the following facts:-

- a. That Jamaica is without a King Edward VII stamp among her issues.
 - b. That her historical and philatelic succession is thereby destroyed.
 - c. That very shortly the present stamps of the island will have to be changed.
 - d. That it would be a delight not only to philatelists but all loyal inhabitants of Jamaica if the profile of our late beloved King Edward VII appeared as a lasting memorial on at least one denomination of the next issue . . ."
- etc.

The effort of the Jamaica philatelists was successful. On the 3rd February, 1911, the 1d. grey was issued and was the last stamp to be issued bearing the portrait of His Majesty. The stock - 242,880 stamps - was sold out in the same year. Now we have the unusual stamp issue position during the reigns of three sovereigns:-

22nd January, 1901. Queen Victoria died and King Edward VII acceded, yet from 1905-1910 the stamps of Queen Victoria continued to be issued.

6th May, 1910. King Edward VII died and King George V acceded, yet on 21st September, 1910, three more Queen Victoria stamps were issued.

22nd June, 1911. Coronation of King George V and on 3rd October, 1911, the last Queen Victoria stamp (4d. red/yellow, S.G.50) was issued.

Stamps bearing the profile of George V did not appear in Jamaica until 2nd August, 1912, when the 2d. grey, S.G.60, was placed on sale. Thus there were stamps bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria being issued for use more than ten years after her demise and a year and a half after the accession of her grandson."

(Contributed by Mr. L. P. Voller.)

JAMAICA

THE TEMPORARY RUBBER DATE STAMPS

"The listing and classification of these marks of the modern types have become more and more difficult, and one can only be guided by the actual foundation laid by the late L. C. C. Nicholson. In the earlier types such as TD 8 one finds a few varieties in the lettering such as Plantain Garden River which is outstanding, while in Type 20 and 25 these vary considerably, both in the size of lettering and in the style. Having discussed this matter very thoroughly some years ago with Mr. Nicholson, he definitely recommended to adhere, as much as possible to one type instead of breaking these down into small sub types. Although TD 37 covers a large group of marks, I am of the opinion that if broken down individually to the type of letters, whether block or serif and size, whether 46, 48 or 50 mm. x 30 or 32 mm., there would be an increase of no less than 10 new classes, and I personally feel the collector of these marks would not like anything so complicated. Thus these marks will not be changed.

With regard to ink, this is an extremely important item, and one has only to glance back to the Railway Postmarks of Jamaica to see that the red ink strikes are far scarcer and valuable than the blue/black varieties. In the obliterator numbers any strike in blue ink is certainly far rarer than those in black ink, and this is very important so far as Temporary Rubber Date Marks are concerned as some Post Offices have two varieties in the inks. The very latest is Galina, which is in blue and also purple, while Flamstead Garden first appeared in black and changed shortly afterwards to purple. No less than four new Postal Agencies appeared last April, making well over 200 Temporary Rubber Date issued marks since 1939.

As many readers know, a Handbook is being prepared for the Bahamas, British Honduras and Jamaica Temporary Rubber Date marks, but this has been held up due to the fact that there is a very large number of these marks, some of which have only recently appeared, but it is hoped to go to press within the next few months.

The Bahamas Temporary Rubber Date marks have just been listed in the latest issue of the British West Indian Philatelist with details as to both ink and definite type in the latest issue."

(Contributed by Mr. E. F. Aguilar).

ST. CHRISTOPHER. THE MOTHER COLONY.

Miss Titford's article has aroused much interest among members, and I understand that new information has come to light. Miss Titford hopes to contribute a postscript in our next issue when she has had the opportunity of examining further material which has been placed at her disposal. [Ed.]

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THE HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

I feel the time has come when I should bring to the notice of members a matter that has been troubling me for quite a while, and that is the extremely dilatory attention many give to the renewal of their subscriptions. Our 'shop window' which appears in every issue of our bulletin clearly states when the annual subscription is due and a separate reminder is included in the January issue. Notwithstanding this, however, no less than 85 individual reminders were sent out entailing quite unnecessary expense and the taking up of much of my leisure. To say that the matter was overlooked or forgotten I consider is no excuse, and as it is the Committee's decision not to carry any 'dead wood' the names of those whose subscriptions are not to hand within one month of their receiving this issue of the bulletin will be deleted from our register. It is appreciated that there may be some instances where members have disposed of their collections or turned their Attention to some other country, but that does not prevent them from showing the common courtesy of dropping a line to the effect that they do not wish to continue their membership. At the suggestion of the Committee a Bankers Order form will be distributed with the October issue of the bulletin and it is my earnest hope that many will avail themselves of this facility, and I would emphasise that Banks raise no objection to paying over small as well as large amounts. Elsewhere in this issue you will have read that our Circle's contribution to the exhibition staged at the 39th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at Harrogate in May was much admired, and I take this opportunity of thanking those members who so kindly loaned selected pages from their collections. Unhappily, the attendance at our usual meeting was disappointing due without doubt, to the fact that it was timed to commence one hour later than usual. Nevertheless the few that did turn up were well rewarded by seeing some most interesting material and taking part in a number of informative discussions until quite a late hour. It is always my wish, when attending Congress, to meet members who up to that time I know only by name, and it was a great pleasure to make the acquaintance of Mr. F. Myers and Mr. W. K. Watson, both of whom expressed the hope that they will be in the position to travel south and attend our meeting next October.

P.T.S.

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