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Dear Member,

Two of our members are in the news. Firstly Mr. R. Newns-Smith, of Sydney, Australia, was awarded the J. M. Burrows Trophy for his entry of BAHAMAS in the City of Parramatta Philatelic Society's annual competition. Secondly Mr. Fred Myers – our newly appointed committee member – has been presented with the Mary Greevz-Fisher Cup for his services to the Leeds Philatelic Society and for his work as Organising Secretary at the Harrogate Congress in 1957. To both these members we offer our hearty congratulations. Since the last issue of the Bulletin the following have enrolled to whom we extend a very warm welcome: G. C. Cowan, J. M. Letham, Marcus Samuel, Dr. R. Rubner, E.A.Shaw, E. W. Stokes and J. D Todd.

## Geographical distribution of membership.

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### PROVINCIAL (115)

Bedfordshire	2	Gloucestershire	4	Nottinghamshire	1
Buckinghamshire	1	Hampshire	3	Shropshire	2
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Cornwall	1	Kent	5	Staffordshire	1
Derbyshire	5	Lancashire	6	Surrey	16
Devonshire	7	Middlesex	4	Sussex	5
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Durham	1	Northamptonshire	1	Wiltshire	3
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Northern Ireland	1	Scotland	8	Wales	2

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Australia	4	B.W.I.	3	Canada	7
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## 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, London, W.1. The date is **Saturday, October 25th**, and the time **2.30 p.m.** As usual, members attending are requested to bring along a few sheets for display and a note of any problems for discussion.

### Fifth Anniversary Meeting.

Members are requested to make a note that this meeting will take place on Saturday, April 4th, 1959. A reminder will appear in the October Bulletin and full details will be given in the January 1959 issue.

## SALES CIRCUIT

It is with much pleasure I am able to announce that arrangements have been made whereby there will now be no need to send packets by **registered** post. This will, of course, necessitate an increase in the insurance premium and in future a deduction of 2d. in the £ on the total value of material sent in by members will be made. A number of packets in circulation are now half way round, and it is hoped to effect settlement in six to eight weeks. I take this opportunity to inform members that I have very little material in hand and, unless a substantial amount is forthcoming in the near future, it will be quite a time before any further packets can be made up for dispatch. Whilst I appreciate that the holiday season is now upon us, I do urgently enjoin members to send in some sheets as soon as possible. Incidentally I need hardly add that it is most important that members advise me immediately if they are going to be away from home during the next month or so.

W. H. H. CROW.

# DISPLAY

## To The Norwood Philatelic Society on April 15th, 1958

Our Committee member - Mr. G. W. Groves acted as leader and was accompanied by Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown and Dr. B de Burca. Mr. Groves showed a selection of **St. Vincent** including the fleurons with and without the final 'S'; a PAID AT ST. VINCENT cover and the range of Perkins Bacon issues from 1861 to 1881. Dr. de Burca displayed **St. Lucia** covers from 1803 to modern times showing various postage rates; French Paquebots; U.S.A. Forces in St. Lucia and the German Propaganda issue 'Dissolution of the Empire'. A **Bermuda** miscellany was chosen by Cdr. Bridgmore Brown which included impressions on early letters of the HAMILTON-BERMUDA datestamp used (without month and day plugs) by William B. Perot to make his Postmaster's stamp of 1848; the 1d. rose of 1865 imperforate; a letter of 1876 illustrating the 7d. rate to England via New York and U.S. packet; varieties of the 3d. on 1/- provisional of 1874: die proofs in black of the Dock type, 1902; the damaged Crown variety on the key plate of K.G.V. high values; maritime mails and concluded with the first air mails from Bermuda by airship (1925) and by aeroplane (1937).

## ERRATA

In the report of the display to The Herts Philatelic Society (Bulletin No. 17, p. 14) it was erroneously stated that Mr. Groves showed Antigua and Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown Bermuda. Mr. Groves in fact showed St. Vincent and Mrs. M. W. Taylor was the third member present (not Cdr. Bridgmore Brown) her subject being Grenada.

## 40th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain held at Folkestone, Kent, 27th-30th May, 1958

Over 200 members and delegates attended this event held under the auspices of the Cinque Ports Philatelic Society. The proceedings which followed the customary pattern were most ably conducted by the Chairman, Mr. W. E. Tinsley, and the Hon. Organising Secretary, Miss B. G. de la Mare, merits the highest praise for the immense amount of work she carried out resulting in everything possible being done for our comfort and enjoyment. Much also was done by 'back room boys' and mention must also be made of Mr. J. Fosbery for the splendid way he staged the exhibition which was very fine.

The usual meeting of our Circle was held on the Thursday evening which was attended by 13 members and 4 visitors. Our President was in the chair and in welcoming those present said how delighted he was to be able to preside. The following contributed to the display: Mr. B. B. Benwell (shown on his behalf by Mr. G. W. Groves): **Barbados**; an exceedingly fine group of very early pre-adhesives, the contents of which were almost as interesting as the covers themselves. A Macau reply paid postcard of 1892 bearing S.G.45 sent from Barbados to Macau, China; the Barbados c.d.s. appeared on the front and on the reverse the date stamps which were applied on the onward journey from Macau via France and New York; the card also

bore transit c.d.s. and the oval Barbados Ship Letter. Varieties on the 1906 Nelson centenary issue 1d. black and red and 2d. black and yellow. A cover dated in 1923 posted on board a Dutch liner bearing three G.B. ½d.'s (S.G.352) cancelled by Dutch c.d.s. the cover bearing the Barbados c.d.s. and framed 'POSTED ON BOARD' handstruck stamp. Mr. Groves also brought along a display on behalf of Mr. B. E. Johnson: **Grenada**; a pre-adhesive of 1820 with 'GRENADA' in serifed caps with month and day in one line below but no year. G.B. 6d. used in Grenada with 'A15' obliterator; 1861, plate proofs of the 6d. in issued colour; 1881, 1/- 'OSTAGE' error in pair with normal, S.G.21b (No. 100 on sheet); the 1886 1d. POSTAGE provisionals and the 1888, 1d. POSTAGE overprints with varieties, 1906, 1908 and 1908-11 'SPECIMEN' stamps. Mr. P. T. Saunders: **Cayman Islands**; Jamaica cover bearing pair of Q.V. ½d. cancelled with the first Georgetown oval obliteration dated 22 Dec. 1891; another cover with Q.V. ½d. and 1d. in singles and block of four addressed to London - a rare item - and another cover addressed to England bearing K.E. VII 1/- with the third 'GRAND CAYMAN' (Type B) cancellation (with thin inner line) which was only in use for a month. Mr. F. Myers: **Bahamas**, Landfall issue of 1942 first printing; Dominica, 1954, ½c, brown, Plate 1, a variety occurring on row 10, stamp 2 showing a V shaped coloured flaw on the 4th emblem of the tiara from the right and other constant varieties in Dominica and Leeward Islands. Mr. K. J. Manning: A selection of early pre-adhesives of **Antigua**, one of the most interesting being the straight-line 'ANTIGUA' on a letter from Barbados dated 1.4.1786, the only recorded example of

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the fifth type (38½mm x 3mm); covers from the well known Codrington correspondence including the 'ANTIGUA SHIP LE. R' dated in 1789 and another from Antigua to London, endorsed 'FALKNER PACKET' dated 1762. A letter from Willoughby Bay to Nevis, 17 July, 1861, the only known letter bearing the 'ENGLISH HARBOUR' Crowned Circle. G.B. adhesives used in Antigua with the 'A02' and 'A18' obliterations. Mr. E. H. Thompson showed an example of **Jamaica** 3d. perf 13 on a 1945 air letter produced specially for the Royal visit with special cancellation. Jamaica 1d. with first 'GRAND CAYMAN' cancellation and the 1d red (S.G. 31) with third 'GEORGETOWN' cancellation. An interesting cover was one showing the 'STREET LETTER BOX JAMAICA' in diamond cancellation and another with the very scarce 'TOO LATE' marking. A 1d. Soldier's letter of 1874; 1/- Postal Fiscal used on cover and used postal stationery. The very rare 'JAMAICA  
TRANSIT'

Turks Islands stamp used on piece. These two examples of this marking so far known dates the use of it between February, 1882, and May 1st, 1894. Mr. G. W. Groves: **St. Vincent**; a pre-adhesive with fleuron of 1808 (Feb. 7). 1830 cover with 'S' of 'ST. VINCENT (s)' removed (Dec. 3). Letters from St. Vincent without Colonial postal markings (1823 and 1824). A fine Crowned circle dated 1862 and G.B. adhesives used in St. Vincent. Mr. Groves followed these by a fine range of the adhesives of 1861 and 1862 and examples of the 1863/67 imperforate varieties. A small selection of the elusive village postmarks ended this most interesting display.

R. T.

## BAHAMAS

"The answer to a query frequently asked about two Bahamas cancellations has been given by our member - Mr. S. G. Hoey - and may be of interest to others who collect this colony. Mr. Hoey writes as follows :

**'The E.R.P. cancellation.** The initials are those of Mr. E. R. Pashley, a former Comptroller of Customs at Nassau. There is virtually no direct taxation in the Bahamas and a very large part of the revenue of the colony is derived from customs dues levied on imports. A copy of every invoice together with a cheque for the amount of duty payable is sent to the bank, who then issue a clearance for the goods. I believe that in the early days when the amounts were small this work was dealt with by the Customs office and that stamps so cancelled are receipt stamps for the invoices or clearances. The cancellation has been seen on 2/- and 5/- stamps and it would be of interest to know whether it has been recorded on other values.

**The J.H.P. cancellation :** These initials are those of Mr. J. H. Peet who succeeded Mr. Pashley combining his duties with that of Postmaster. It is found on the values already mentioned and the canceller is identical in type with the E.R.P. except for the change in initials.'

(Contributed by Mr. A. J. Branston)

# BAHAMAS

(Concluded from Bulletin No. 17. p. 17.)

- Type 11. I have a cover dated 6.9.1895.  
Type 12. SIMMS LONG ISLAND. My copy is dated ?.7.1910.  
Type 13. I have a cover dated 18.10.1930.  
Type 14. I agree that this type is 25mm in diameter. The handbook gives the diameter as 27mm. Is this an error or are there any with this larger measurement?  
INAGUA. I have a cover dated 5.8.1930.  
LONG CAY (with 'G' inverted) was using this type in 1930 and possibly still does.  
NASSAU. Used a variation of this type in 1933 with only two letters of month in date.  
PURE GOLD. Office now closed.  
SAVANNAH SOUND. Using this type in 1930 and possibly still does.  
THE BIGHT '. Still in use in 1947.
- Type 18. I have the following examples not listed in the Handbook or by Mr Ludington:  
FAIRFIELD  
ORANGE CREEK  
TRUE BLUE
- Type 19. KNOWLES. In use in 1947.  
RUM CAY. In use in 1930.  
SAN SALVADOR. In use between 1929 and 1942 at least.
- Type 21 and 22. These are really the same type with, in some cases, the abbreviated name of the island after the name of the Post Office. I have the following in addition to those recorded :  
COLONEL HILL      OLD BIGHT  
The following have also been reported :  
CAT CAY            GREEN CASTLE  
LONG BAY CAYS    LITTLE BAY (Current Island)
- Type 22. Some amendments and additions :  
GREEN TURTLE CAY. Still in use in 1947.  
LOWER BOGUE. Still in use in 1951 and presumably at present time.  
MANGROVE CAY. Still in use in 1947.  
ROCK SOUND (with circle). Still in use in 1947.  
SAVANNAH SOUND. I have a copy of S.G.78 with half a postmark dated August 1913. I am sure it is not type 11.  
ABRAHAM'S BAY, ALICE TOWN, BANNERMAN TOWN, BARRATERRE, BENNETTS HARBOUR, BLACK POINT, BLUFF, BURNT GROUND, CHEROKEE SOUND, CHESTER, CLARENCE TOWN, COLONEL HILL, COOPER'S TOWN, CROSSING ROCKS, DEEP CREEK, DEVILS POINT, EIGHT MILE ROCK, FARMERS CAY, FOX HILL, GAMBIER, GOVERNORS HARBOUR, GRANTS TOWN, GRAYS, GREEN CASTLE, HARBOUR ISLAND (this postmark is used at DUNMORE TOWN), HOPE TOWN, INDUSTRIOUS HILL, KEMPS BAY, LANDRAIL POINT, LITTLE BAY, LONG BAY CAYS, MAN-OF-WAR CAY, MARSH HARBOUR, MASTIC POINT, MORTIMERS, MOSS TOWN, MOUNT, THOMPSON, POMPEY BAY, PINE RIDGE, PORT HOWE, RAGGED ISLAND (circle apparently broken), ROLLE TOWN, ROLLEVILLE, ROSES, SALT POND, SAN SALVADOR, SIMMS, SNUG CORNER, SOUTH PALMETTO POINT, SPANISH TOWN, SPRING POINT, THE CURRENT, WEMYSS BAY, and WILLIAMS TOWN.  
NASSAU : Surely Mr Ludington does not mean this type since it went out of use in 1946 and it is now the current handstamp postmark. There does appear, however, to have been two types - the current one with letters 4mm high and an earlier one with letters 3.5mm high. Perhaps some other member can comment.
- Type 23. Also recorded :  
CORNWALL (now closed)    DUNDAS TOWN
- Type 24. I have a piece dated 14.7.1930 and the outside circle appears completely absent which Mr Ludington states is Type 22 with circle worn away. If this be the case are there any copies known with part of the circle remaining?

It would, one would assume, wear gradually and intermediate states from the perfect to the above state should exist. In any case a new and undamaged one was in use by 5.12.34 so the mystery one must have been replaced between 1930 and 1934. Some more information regarding this would be welcome.

T.R.D.'s not recorded in Gisburn's Handbook :

Double Circle (37mm).

ALICE TOWN, BARRATERRE, BLACK POINT, CEDAR HARBOUR, CROSSING ROCKS, FRESH CREEK, HIGH ROCKS, LOVELY BAY, LOWER DEADMANS CAY, MORTIMERS, PLEASANT BAY, POMPEY BAY, SALT POND, SANDY POINT, SNUG CORNER, SWEETINGS CAY, UPPER BOGUE and WALKERS CAY.

Double Oval. I have MAYAGUANA (ABRAHAM'S BAY) and WEST END.

Single line boxed rectangle (50mm x 27mm).

I have ANDROS and DEEP CREEK.

Double line boxed rectangle (50mm x 38mm).

I have MOORES ISLAND.

(There is also recorded UNITED ESTATES which is similar to MOORES ISLAND but not a rectangle (55mm x 44mm) )

Steel die handstamps not recorded in Gisburn's Handbook.

Registered NASSAU: c.d.s. 22mm in diameter, date in two lines under a code letter. My copy is dated 24.11.96.

Double Circle: On the style of types 12 & 13 but 27mm in diameter and space between two circles approx. 5.5mm against 4.5mm of the former ones. There is also two lines separating name of office from Bahamas and the date is in two lines under a star. I have WEST END dated 5.9.51. NASSAU also exists. Are there any others?

Official Paid: A c.d.s. 26mm in diameter. 'NASSAU BAHAMAS' around the top and OFFICIAL PAID at the bottom with date in one line across the centre. My copy is dated 1.4.1953.

Single Circle (30mm) letters approx. 5mm. I have — UNITED ESTATES—This postmark can only have come into use recently and is the first I have seen of this type. Single Circle (25mm). This has 'GENERAL POST OFFICE' around the top of the circle and 'NASSAU N.P.' at the foot, the date in two lines, the year in full and over it is either 'P.O.' or 'B.O.68'. I have the postmark? on two single Q.V. 1d. typographed stamps. It is almost certain that they have been used together, having the same date but they do not dovetail. The date of the pair is OC 12 1897. The cancellation is rather smudged but readable except for the 'P.O.' or 'B.O.'. Can any member supply an explanation?

Mystery Mark: I have a Q.V. 6d. line engraved with part of a crown and letters 'red' of a word in **red** together with normal A 05 postmark in black. Is this a registered mark? Any information about this will be welcome."

(Contributed by Mr. L. R. Coasby)

## BAHAMAS

"The following may be of interest in connection with my notes which appeared in Bulletin No. II, p 49, on the damaged 'Nassau' postmark. After a further examination of a number of entries for the period 1917 to 1920 it would appear that the canceller I mentioned was damaged in stages. Up to the beginning of October 1917 the canceller seems to have been in perfect condition, but some damage occurred during that month. Between October 31st 1917 and February 15th 1919 the following defects have been noted :

- a. There is a break in the circle below the letters 'AH' in 'BAHAMAS'.  
 b. The top of the first stroke of the 'H' in 'BAHAMAS' is missing.

By May 22nd 1919 another flaw occurred viz. The lower portion of the first stroke of the 'N' in 'NASSAU' is missing. The subsequent damage was referred to in my earlier notes. I shall be pleased to know if any member can add any further information."

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

## GRENADA

### Postal Stationery

#### 1881. POSTCARDS. Printed by Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co.,

ONE PENNY	Blue-Green - Thin Straw card. Size 4-13/16" X 3-7/16"
PENNY HALFPENNY	Reddish-Brown -Thin Straw card. Size 4-13/16" X 3-7/16"

#### December 1881. POSTCARDS—Printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co.

ONE PENNY	Blue - Medium Light Buff Card. Size 4-13/16" X 3-7/16"
PENNY HALFPENNY	Reddish Brown - Light Buff Card. Size 4-13/16" X 3-7/16"

#### 8th June 1886.

HALFPENNY	Green - Medium Light Buff Card. Size 4¾" X 2-15/16"
HALFPENNY	Green - REPLY CARD as above. Perf 4½.
ONE PENNY (a)	Red (Carmine) Medium Light Buff Card - Size 5½" X 3½". Letters of GRENADA 3 m/m deep. (Reply Card Not Known).
(b)	Ditto Letters of GRENADA 2½ m/m deep. Ditto - REPLY CARD. Perf 4½.
PENNY HALFPENNY	Brown - Medium Light Buff Card Size 5½" X 3½". Letters of GRENADA 3 m/m deep.
PENNY HALFPENNY	REPLY CARD - Ditto but letters of GRENADA 2½ m/m deep.

All Cards except the HALFPENNY Green bear the heading "Union Postale Universelle", and all issues of De La Rue & Co. are known overprinted 'SPECIMEN' in Black.

#### 8th June 1886. WRAPPERS - Printed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co.

HALFPENNY	Green - 'This Wrapper may only be used for Newspapers, etc.,' in colour of stamp.
ONE PENNY	Carmine Red - Ditto. 4-7/8" wide.
PENNY HALFPENNY	Reddish Brown - Ditto. Ditto.
TWO PENCE	Dark Blue - Ditto. 5" wide.

## REGISTERED ENVELOPES.

### 1886. Printed by Messrs. M'Corquodale & Co. Ltd.

TWO PENCE - GREY-BLUE	Size 'F'	5-3/16"	X	3-1/4"
	'G'	5-15/16"	X	3-7/8"
	'H'	8"	X	5"
	'H2'	9"	X	4"
	'T'	10"	X	7"
	'K'	11-1/2"	X	6"

All are believed to exist with overprint in Black 'SPECIMEN'.

### 1888. Printed by Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co.

TWO PENCE - GREY	Size 'F'	5-3/16"	X	3-1/4"
GREY/BLUE	'G'	5-15/16"	X	3-7/8"
GREEN/BLUE	'H'	8"	X	5"
	'H2'	9"	X	4"

All are believed to exist with overprint in Black 'SPECIMEN'. The Postal Stationery listed above of the Queen Victoria Reign is complete as far as is known, and all items exist with the exception of Registered Envelopes by De La Rue, Size H & H2. These are listed by Ascher but not known in any collection here.

I hope to complete the listing of Edward VII Postal Stationery very shortly, but would be glad of confirmation that the 2d. Blue Wrapper as listed by Charlton does exist. The 1d. Envelope also listed has not been seen and according to Ascher does not exist although it was mentioned in Philatelic papers of 1901/2. (It would appear that it was a 'Suggested' issue).

The assistance given by our member, Mrs. Winifred Taylor, in compiling this list is much appreciated.

(Contributed by Mr. B. E. Johnson)

## JAMAICA

"Can any member give a reason for a perforation by nine holes in diamond form - 13mm x 17mm - in the 1/-, 2/- and 10/- values of the Pictorial issue; S.G.99, 100 and 103. The stamps are without gum and have no cancellation."

(Contributed by Dr. R. H. Blackburn.)

## ST. CHRISTOPHER

### Early Postmarks

(Concluded from Bulletin No. 17. p.22)

"I have seen specimens of the large fleuron mark (diameter 33 - 34 mm.; letters 5 mm. high) ranging from 14 Sep. 1805 to 21 Oct. 1809. A peculiarity of this mark is the two concentric circles at the foot, the only fleuron in which I have been able to find this feature. (I wonder if the small arc in the circle at the base of the first Jamaica fleuron was intended to be a complete circle ?) In this type the month is abbreviated to three letters, and is followed by the day. e.g. NOV. 18. Specimens of PG 2, the medium fleuron (diameter 28 - 29 mm. with letters 3½ mm. high) which I have seen have ranged from 15 July 1810 to 27 Oct. 1818. The month is abbreviated to two letters, with the day on either side. e.g. 15 JY 15. There are two dots under the "T" in "ST." The only examples I have been able to record so far of PG 3, the small fleuron (diameter 25 mm., letters 3½ mm. high) are from 23 Mar. 1842 to 10 Feb. 1844, although Robson Lowe gives the date for this mark as from 1831 to 1842.



P. G. 1 .



P. G. 2 .



P. G. 3 .



P. H .

As far as I can ascertain there seems to be a great shortage of letters from St. Kitts in the 1820's and 1830's, and it would be most interesting to hear of any details of this period. In PG 3 the month is again abbreviated to two letters and is followed by the day, e.g. FE 10. Incidentally, in the examples I have seen only the last figure of the year appears, although this may be due to underinking. What experience have other members had on this point ? Whereas with the majority of the fleuron marks from the other colonies, errors of date such as inverted or misplaced figures, seem almost as common as the normals, with St. Kitts the reverse seems to be the case. In fact, among the many examples I have seen, there has been only one such error. The fleuron marks were replaced by the Type PL in 1844, and this type remained in use until the early 1860's. Robson Lowe gives the dates as 1844-61. It is 35 mm. in diameter, with sans-serifed capitals 3 mm. high.

In conclusion I must thank Dr. R. H. Urwick, F.R.P.S.L., and Miss Rose Titford for the valuable assistance and willing co-operation they afforded me in compiling these notes. I also wish to thank Mr. E. H. Warren, F.R.P.S.L. and Col. W. H. Skrine, one of our newer members, for the great help they gave in the preparation of the blocks."

(Contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor)

## ST. KITTS

"On pages 8 and 9 in Bulletin No. 16, Mr. Hosking asks about the St. Kitts abbreviated postmarks applied generally with the duplex obliterator, and the following notes may be of interest. I have examples of 'CA' with vertical 'A12' (killer) dated May 7. 24, 19mm which is 'CAYON', 'DB' also with vertical 'A12', same date and 19mm. being 'DIEPPE BAY' and 'SP' without killer dated May 14. 24, 25mm which refers to 'SANDY POINT'. I also have St. Kitts circled 'CAYON' dated 29 Dec. 28, 27mm. and 'DIEPPE BAY' dated 1928 day and month undecipherable, and St. Kitts 'A' (large A) April 22. 24, 25mm. which may be 'BASSETERRE.' 'ANGUILLA VALLEY' had its own postmark in 1927, and I have some half dozen instances of this St. Kitts 'A' postmark on the 1912-22 issue of Leeward Islands dated March and April 1924, 25mm. (not duplex). The letter 'A' generally appears with the duplex Nevis 'A09' postmark. In the Leeward Islands 1890 issue I have one duplex cancellation St. Kitts 'SP' but cannot decipher the date. Mr. Hosking's 'CA' postmark on Leeward Islands S.G.I must, I consider, refer to 'CAYON' and presumably has been applied by the duplex St. Kitts 'A12'.

(Contributed by Mr. G. L. Pilkington. F.R.P.S.L.)

## TURKS ISLANDS

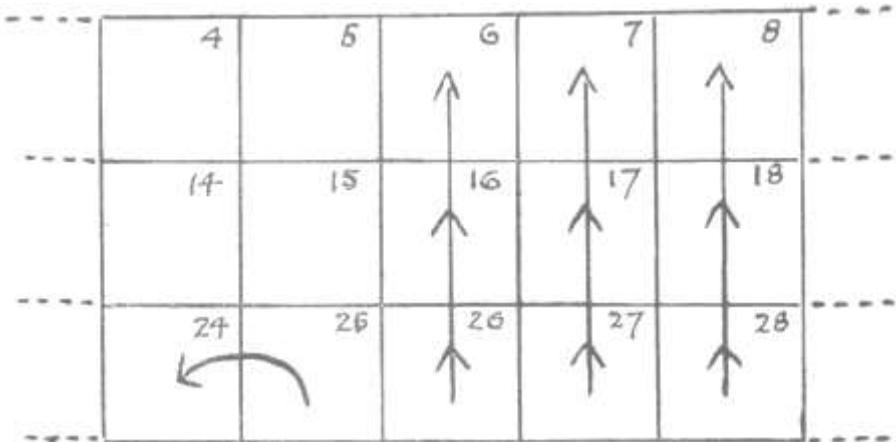
"On the early Turks Islands stamps there is a well known flaw which occurs on the One Penny value, showing as a prominent coloured mark on the Queen's neck. The stamps were printed in sheets of 30 (10 x 3) and the flaw on neck appears on the fourth stamp on the bottom row (No. 24). It occurs in all the printings from the first issue of 1867 to the last of 1889.



Now, how did it happen? An explanation may have been put forward, but so far as I can find out, no written theory on the subject has been published. Some three or four years ago I was fortunate enough to win the Greer Cup (competed for annually by the North of Ireland Philatelic Society) with an entry of Turks Islands stamps. In this entry was a complete sheet

of 30 of the One Penny value. Now the judges that year were Messrs. Robert Bailey and Kenneth Beales, who, I should add, are well known and very knowledgeable philatelists in Ireland. They became interested in my sheet of 30, and the neck flaw, and submitted the following notes to me for consideration:

'These stamps were produced by the recess or line-engraved method of printing, with a transfer roller of soft steel picking up one or more impressions from the hardened master die, and, when the roller was in turn hardened, transferring them to a plate of soft steel, which was then hardened. It is the opinion of the judges that a piece of metal came away from the impression which printed the 28th. stamp on the sheet. The piece of metal became lodged in the transfer roller, and with the rocking-in of each succeeding impression, it shifted slightly in a downwards direction on the roller. If one examines the shadow of relief at the foot of the Queen's neck, a small lump can be seen, and this appears to grow larger on the impressions which follow. The roller evidently travelled in an upwards direction for the three rows of the plate, and the sequence of stamps to show the progress of the flaw is indicated in the accompanying sketch.



We think that after laying down the impression for the 25th. stamp, the piece of metal fell from the roller on to the place where the impression for the 24th stamp was to be laid down. Evidently the piece was not noticed and the transfer roller rocked it into the impression on the plate. Perhaps it was then cleaned off, and the coloured mark on the stamp was caused by ink filling the small hollow on the plate.'

Now, as I have stated, this is not my theory, but having studied the sheet I must say that it is a very feasible one, and one in which I am in whole-hearted agreement. What do other members think?

(Contributed by Mr. Hooton Mitchell.)

(Miss Titford informs me that the late Mr. Percy de Worms, F.R.P.S.L., first noticed this "neck flaw" some 25 to 30 years ago and his comments were more or less the same as are noted above, except for the fact that he inclined to the view that damage may have been caused to the plate with, possibly, a burin or other tool accidentally dropped on to it. To the best of Miss Titford's recollection, she thinks that Mr. de Worms showed her the flaw **on a plate proof.** - Ed.)

## 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.

## AN INVITATION

Our Circle has been invited to collaborate with a Convention being organised by The British Philatelic Association which is to take place at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham on Saturday, **October 18th at 2.30 p.m.** Some interesting material will be on display and a warm welcome is extended to any members and their friends who are able to attend.

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## THE HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

As will have been observed in the report of the 40th Philatelic Congress on page 30 our President was able to take the chair at our meeting there, and I am sure all members will be pleased to learn that he has recovered from his long illness and wish him good health for many years to come. In general, I was of the opinion that the papers which always form a part of the proceedings were somewhat disappointing. An extract, however, from Mr. Douglas Armstrong's contribution entitled - "Is the One-Man Band Played Out ?" will be of particular interest. It reads : 'Associations of philatelic students concerned with the stamps of individual countries or groups are springing up in ever increasing numbers and play an important role in the scheme of modern philatelic progress . . .' There is no doubt that the success of our Circle in the 4½ years of its existence emphatically bears out this contention. Reverting to the theme of the Paper the 'One-Man Band' will necessarily always find a place in Society programmes. To be a success, nowadays, it should endeavour to cover the whole story from pre-adhesives (if they exist) down to the modern issues and include any unusual items not forgetting postal stationery. If this line is followed there is every likelihood of someone being interested even though the display is confined to one country. Unhappily a number of members have failed to renew their subscriptions, and few have shown the common courtesy of giving notice of their intention to resign. They are, indeed, 'dead wood' and their names have been deleted from the register. Once again, I find that my reserve of material for the bulletin is running low, and I shall be most grateful if members will let me have a contribution to 'Notes and Queries' be it short or long, advanced or elementary, as soon as possible.

P.T.S.

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