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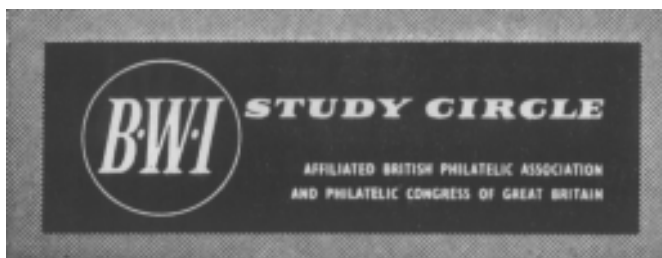
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1. TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps of the British West Indies comprising the following colonies and dependencies:

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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Dorset	2	Somersetshire	1
Co. Durham	1	Staffordshire	4
Essex	6	Suffolk	1
Gloucestershire	3	Surrey	15
Hampshire	6	Sussex	6
Hertfordshire	3	Warwickshire	4
Isle of Wight	1	Wiltshire	3
Kent	2	Yorkshire	10
Isle of Man	1	Scotland	7
Northern Ireland	1	Wales	3

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Australia	5	Kenya Colony	1
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Total Membership 211

AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. on Saturday, 23rd October at 2.30 p.m. Please do your best to attend and do not forget to bring along a few pages for display and a note of any points it is desired to be discussed. Members are reminded that visitors are very welcome.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 7th Anniversary Meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1., on Saturday, 25th March, 1961, at 2.30 p.m. In the absence through ill-health of the President, Mr. G. W. Collett, the chair was taken by Commander G. Bridgmore Brown, who extended a welcome to those present.

Apologies for absence were received from the President, Miss Rose Titford and Mr. A. J. Branston.

The minutes of the 6th Anniversary Meeting, held on 9th April, 1960, were read by the Hon. Secretary and approved.

Arising from the minutes, the Chairman said he very much regretted that because so little support had been forthcoming from members outside the Northern Group for the proposed convention at Leeds from 21-23 April, 1961, it had been decided to cancel the meeting.

Mr. P. T. Saunders, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, in submitting his report, said that the total membership, after allowing for two deaths and 14 resignations during the past year, was still about the 200 mark, though there were still a number of subscriptions for 1961 outstanding. He reported the receipt of a letter from Robson Lowe, Ltd., about the publication of the handbook on Jamaica, which had been revised and brought up-to-date by a Circle member, Mr. T. Foster. The letter stated that one member of the Circle had offered to guarantee £50 of the expenses of production if 19 other Circle members would do the same. The meeting felt considerable doubt whether such support could be found, but agreed that a suitable notice might be given in the July Bulletin. It was pointed out that publication under the auspices of the Circle, on the same lines and in the same format as the recent Paper No. 2 on Barbados Postal Markings, would obviate the need for any guarantees.

As regards the Accounts, Mr. Saunders said the balance in hand was a little less, at £101, than the previous year, but was still substantial and the general financial position was satisfactory. Paper No. 2 already showed a small profit on the advance sales. Mr. L. E. Britnor proposed and Mr. G. W. Groves seconded that £25 of the balance in hand should be transferred to the Publications Account and this was carried unanimously. The Report and Accounts were then adopted.

Mr. W. H. H. Crow, Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit, reported that the position of the Sales Circuit had been getting steadily worse. Four packets were sent

out in 1960, but the standard was very poor and the Sales amounted to only £68. A few months ago there was a slight improvement in the flow of material, but nothing had been received since, and a number of members had asked for their names to be removed from the circulation list. There was little to be gained from the Sales Circuit and complaints from members were numerous. He considered it was now doing a disservice to the Circle and the question he said, was whether to let it die or stop it. After some discussion, it was agreed that as there were a few sheets in hand waiting to be circulated, a notice be printed in the July 1961 Bulletin, stating that a final Packet would be issued on 31st July, after which the Sales Circuit would be discontinued. It was agreed that after settlement of the final packet, the Sales Circuit Account be closed and any balance transferred to the main banking account.

Mr. B. B. Benwell, Hon. Editor, appealed for more articles for the Bulletin. Mr. E. V. Toeg thought that many members seemed to think they should only write to the Bulletin if they wished to know something, or had something new to report. He did not think that matter for the Bulletin should be so restricted. Mr. Saunders agreed that articles containing information already published were of interest, especially to the younger members, who wanted information which might be elementary to the older and more experienced members.

Mr. Saunders, on behalf of the Hon. Librarian (Miss Titford) reported that there had been further additions to the Library, details of which would appear in the April Bulletin.

Commander G. Bridgmore Brown, as Chairman of the Publications Sub-Committee, reported that of the 20 Colonies covered by the Circle's activities, there was someone now working on 16 of them. During the past twelve months, the Sub-Committee had concentrated on the Barbados book.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS and COMMITTEE.

There being no nominations for any of the offices or for the Committee, and the present holders being all willing to continue, Mr. R. H. Austin proposed and Mr. E. V. Toeg seconded that they be re-elected en bloc, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. J. Branston was re-elected Auditor on the proposition of Mr. E. V. Toeg, seconded by Mr. E. Shields Forshaw.

It was agreed that Messrs. G. W. Groves and E. V. Toeg should act as delegates for the Circle to the 43rd Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, to be held at Blackpool, and Mr. G. W. Groves to be leader for the Circle's Meetings at Congress.

It was also agreed to accept the invitation of the London & Provincial Philatelic Society to give them a display in April, 1962.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the Autumn meeting would be held on Saturday, 21st October, 1961, at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1., at the customary time of 2.30 p.m.

Under "Other Business," the question of displays at the Circle's meetings was discussed and it was agreed that at the Autumn meetings there should be a display by one member before tea and one by another member afterwards.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the formal business of the meeting.

After a break for tea, a number of items of interest were passed round, including the following:- BAHAMAS, a selection of the Island Postmarks (Mr. R. H. Austin). TOBAGO, a registered letter of 1850, thus supporting one of 1852 shown at a previous Circle meeting. Also, blocks of the ½d on 6d. stone and 1d. on 2½d. blue, with variations in the setting of the surcharges (Mr. A. E. Beach). Photostat copies of a paper in the G.P.O. records giving the salaries and percentages allowed to various Postmasters in the West Indies (Mr. L. E. Britnor). BERMUDA, the Air Mail cover bearing the handstamp O.A.T. in red in a large oval, shown at the last meeting, was re-circulated as it had now been confirmed that the mark meant "ONWARD AIR TRANSMISSION" and was used when a later part of the journey only was by air (Commander G. Bridgmore Brown). BRITISH GUIANA, a selection of the adhesive stamps. Also an early entire with "BERBICE - NOV. 18 1817" in two lines and another with "BERBICE MAR 23 1841" in one line, both being included in single handstamps (Mr. E. S. Forshaw). TRINIDAD, a Lady McLeod cover with the corner removed from the stamp as a means of cancelling it. Reported the discovery of a minute in the G.P.O. Records of the appointment of Joseph Galway as Postmaster of Trinidad on 5th July, 1800, and of Elizabeth Galway in the place of her husband, 4th May, 1816. (Mr. J. B. Marriott). JAMAICA, two fronts bearing marks of the Army Signals Service in Up Park, Jamaica. Also what is possibly the earliest date of use of the boxed "PAQUEBOT" mark of Kingston on FE. II 1898. (Mr. K. J. Robertson). CAYMAN IS., the Jamaica 3d. used in Cayman Islands, with the Grand Cayman postmark in a single circle, the only example recorded (Mr. P. T. Saunders). DOMINICA, a selection of the village postmarks (Mr. E. V. Toeg).

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

Some 40 members and their guests attended the dinner in the evening at the Lords' Tavern, St. John's Wood. Mr. J. B. Marriott, Vice-President, was in the

Chair. The toast to the Circle was proposed by Major K. M. Beaumont, C.B.E., D.S.O., to which, the Chairman replied. The toast to the Visitors was proposed by Commander G. Bridgmore Brown, M.B.E., R.N.R., to which the response was given by Sir Edward Beetham, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., O.B.E., Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Trinidad, 1955-60.

G. W.G.

SALES CIRCUIT

At last I am able to write a paragraph without appealing for material, but this is due to the fact that at the April meeting it was decided in view of the steady decline of the Packet generally, to discontinue this service to members.

There will be one final Packet to be sent out at the end of July. If you have any material to dispose of, please let me have it immediately, as if it is received too late for inclusion in this Packet it will be returned without being circulated.

It was with regret this decision was reached, but as those who have received the Packet know, the standard of material has dropped considerably lately, in addition, only six or seven members a year have contributed material despite all appeals. Thus it has taken longer to collect enough to make up even a small mediocre Packet. This in turn, meant a longer interval before members saw a second packet, and sales dropped, until the stage has been reached where, despite all efforts, the Circle gained no financial profit, and a spate of letters from disgruntled members led us to believe the Packets were no longer providing a service. Despite long consideration, no way to improve this position could be found, hence the obvious solution was to discontinue the Packets, and as previously stated, this was agreed.

W. H. Crow.

NOTES AND QUERIES

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

Editor.

BAHAMAS

Post Office lists should be amended to delete "WALKERS CAY," in the Abaco district. Information has just come to light that when the crawfish station and a tourist resort closed, the sole Bahamas government official there (Collector of Customs, and Postmaster) departed permanently on 31 Dec. 1958, thereby closing the post office. The resort, "Walkers Cay Club" (now reopened) enjoyed almost daily air service from West Palm Beach, Florida. Residents and guests found it more convenient and swift to have their letters posted by and received through the Club's agent in Florida, consequently the Bahamas p.o. was little utilized save for governmental letters to Nassau. Established 10 March 1953, the Walkers Cay p.o. used a double-circle TRD (Type 2C-2), usually in red ink, during its period of existence. Covers are quite scarce. A non-philatelic cover to Nassau has been reported postally cancelled "Collector of Revenue, Walkers Cay" (TRD). During the second world war, a small detachment, U.S. NAVY 513, was stationed on the island, its P.O. using only a stock "U.S. NAVY" datestamp. My sole cover, postmarked Jan 8, 1944, is identifiable only by the Navy 513 return address.

The "High Rocks" TRD (Type C-5) was used only a few weeks, now replaced by a HIGH ROCK 30 mm steel die. The new Port Howe steel die proved defective and until repaired and returned, the P.O. cancelled mail in manuscript. The new BIMINI TRD was type C-5 (single-circle). A steel die SAVANNAH SOUND datestamp replaced their latest TRD in March.

After some two years, specific work on a Directory of Bahamas Post Offices, I expect to be able to complete it in the next month or so, listing all past and present P.O.'s, dates of establishment, present population, frequency of mail arrivals by sea and air, name of mailboat, name of last or current Postmaster, and detailed maps. There is a possibility that it may be officially printed in Nassau for the GPO as a BAHAMAS POSTAL GUIDE, in which event it will include current postal rates.

G. J. Raymond.

Bahamas Post Offices

Driggs Hill - Now using 30 c.d.s. steel Handstamp.

Port Howe - By the courtesy of G. J. Raymond, I received a cover from Port Howe with a manuscript cancellation as follows:

Port Howe
Cat Isld.
14 Mar 61

An attempt to impress the steel handstamp has been made, but it appears to be defective and is almost indecipherable. Partial backstamp on the back is 16 March 1961.

Grand Bahama - double circle c.d.s., Gisburn's No. 13. I have a cover from Eight Mile Rock with this cancellation. Date 16 June 1915.

Deadmans Cay - Gisburn's type 22, two variations. (A) with letter narrow and close together and an appreciable gap between name and Bahamas, (b) letters wider and very small gap between name and Bahamas.

Mangrove Cay - same remarks as Deadmans Cay.

Nassau/Tourist Season/Dec to Apl-1 now have a cover dated 15 November 1917.

Postal Stationery

I have the following additional item not recorded in Gisburn's handbook :-

Registered Envelope - K.E.VII - 2d. red - Letterpress in blue - new size 152mm x 75mm.

L. R. Coasby.

BARBADOS

Field Post Office H.22

I have a cover which I am trying to trace and I am hoping that one of the members of the study group will be able to help me. The envelope is addressed to London and bears a ¼d. Diamond Jubilee of Barbados tied with an oblong mark 18mm x 36mm. Inside the frame there is a large crown and the words "Passed by censor No. 4267." Next to the stamp there is a c.d.s. Field Post Office H.22 dated 9 July 1918. It seems to be a made to order item, but so far I have been unable to trace even the F.P.O.

A. Latham.

BERMUDA

Check List of Specimen Stamps and Printers' Samples

Overprints or punctures consist of the word SPECIMEN applied horizontally and overprints are in Black, except where otherwise specified. References to type of overprint or puncture are to the classification devised by Marcus Samuel in "British Colonial Specimen Stamps," Appendix to Robson Lowe's "Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, Volume II," 1949.

The help given in compiling this list by Members of the B.W.I. Study Circle, especially Marcus Samuel, Col. F. S. J. Norris and Geoffrey A. Osborn, is gratefully acknowledged.

BERMUDA (contd.)

PART I : SPECIMEN STAMPS

1865-73 ISSUE. QV. CROWN CC. 14.

- (i) Handstamped in Small Block letters, 1½ x 1½ mm. Type SD 3:
(1) 2d. Blue (in blue)
(ii) Handstamped in Block letters, 14½ x 2½ mm. Type SD 5:
(2) 1d. Rose red
(3) 2d. Blue
(4) 3d. Yellow buff, Imperforate
(5) 6d. Dull purple, Imperforate
(6) 1/- Green, Imperforate
(iii) Handstamped CANCELLED in Block letters, 13¾ x 2½mm. Type SD 2 :
(7) 2d. Blue
(8) 6d. Dull purple
(9) 1/- Green
(iv) Handstamped in Serifed letters, 15 x 2½ mm. Type SO 2:
(10) 1d. Rose red
(11) 2d. Blue
(12) 3d. Yellow buff, Imperforate

1880 ISSUE. QV. CROWN CC. 14.

- (i) Handstamped in Block letters, 14½ x 2½ mm. Type SD 5:
(13.14) ½d. Stone 4d. Orange red
(ii) Handstamped in Serifed letters, 15 x 2½ mm. Type SO 2:
(15.16) ½d. Stone 4d. Orange red

1883-96 ISSUE. QV. CROWN CA. 14.

- (i) Handstamped in Block letters 14½ x 2½ mm. Type SD 5:
(17.18) 2½d. Ultramarine 3d. Grey
(ii) Machine overprinted in Block letters 14½ x 2½ mm. Type SD 7:
(19.20.21) ½d. Green 2d. Purple 1/- Yellow brown

1901 ISSUE. QV. CROWN CA. 14.

- Machine overprinted as before:
(22) ¼d. on 1/-Grey

1902-03 ISSUE. DOCK TYPE. CROWN CA. 14.

- Machine overprinted as before:
(23.24) ½d. Black & green 1d. Brown & carmine
(25) 3d. Magenta & sage green

1909-09 ISSUE. DOCK TYPE. MULT. CROWN CA. 14.

- Machine overprinted as before:
(26.27) ½d. Brown & violet 2d. Grey & orange
(28.29) 2½d. Brown & ultramarine 4d. Blue & chocolate

1908-10 ISSUE. DOCK TYPE. MULT. CROWN CA. 14.

- Machine overprinted as before:
(30.31.32) ½d. Green 1d. Red 2½d. Blue

1910-19 ISSUE. SHIP TYPE. MULT. CROWN CA. 14.

- Machine overprinted as before:
(33.34) ¼d. Brown ½d. Green
(35.36) 1d. Red* 2d. Grey
(37.38) 2½d. Blue 3d. Purple on Yellow
(39.40) 4d. Red on Yellow 6d. Purple
(41) 1/- Black on Green

1918-21 ISSUE. KGV HIGH VALUES. MULT. CROWN CA. 14.

Machine overprinted in Block letters 13½ x 2½ mm Type SD 7a:

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|---------|---------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| (42.43) | 2/- Purple & blue on Blue | 2/6 | Black & red on Blue |
| (44.45) | 4/- Black & carmine | 5/- | Green & red on Yellow |
| (46.47) | 10/- Green & red on Green | £1 | Purple & black on Red |

*No SPECIMEN copies of the 1d. overprinted "WAR TAX" in 1918 are recorded; examples sent to U.P.U. were probably without SPECIMEN overprint.

1920-21 ISSUE. TERCENTENARY (TYPOGRAPHED). MULT. CROWN or SCRIPT CA. 14.

Machine overprinted in Block letters 13½ x 2½ mm. vertically reading upwards.

Type SD 7a :

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|---------|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| (48.49) | ¼d. Brown | ½d. | Green |
| (50.51) | 1d. Carmine | 2d. | Grey |
| (52.53) | 2½d. Bright blue | 3d. | Dull & deep purple on Pale yellow |
| (54.55) | 4d. Blk & red on Pale yellow | 6d. | Dull & bright purple (in Red) |
| (56) | 1/- Black on Blue green (in Red) | | |

1921 ISSUE. TERCENTENARY (RECESS). MULT. CROWN or SCRIPT CA. 14.

(i) Machine overprinted as before:

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|---------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| (57.58) | ¼d. Brown | ½d. | Green |
| (59.60) | 1d. Deep carmine | 2d. | Slate grey |
| (61.62) | 2½d. Bright ultramarine | 3d. | Purple on Pale yellow |
| (63.64) | 4d. Red on Pale yellow | 6d. | Purple |
| (65) | 1/- Black on Green (in Red) | | |

(ii) Handstamped (?) in Block letters 15 x 2 mm. Type SD 10:

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| (66.67) | ¼d. Brown | 6d. | Purple |
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1922-35 ISSUE. SHIP AND KGV TYPES. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 14.

(i) Machine overprinted in Block letters 14½ x 2½ mm. Type SD 7:

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|---------|-----------|------|------------|
| (68.69) | ½d. Green | 1d. | Scarlet |
| (70.71) | 2d. Grey | 2½d. | Sage green |

(ii) Machine overprinted in Small Block letters 15½ x 1¾ mm. Type SD 9:

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|---------|----------------------------------|------|------------------|
| (72.73) | ¼d. Brown | 2½d. | Ultramarine |
| (74.75) | 3d. Ultramarine | 3d. | Purple on Yellow |
| (76.77) | 4d. Red on Yellow | 6d. | Purple |
| (78) | 1/- Black on Emerald (in Red) | | |
| (79) | 2/- Purple & bright blue on Blue | | |
| (80) | 2/6 Black & red on Blue (in Red) | | |
| (81) | 10/- Green & red on Emerald | | |

(iii) Punctured *en arc*, 65 holes, 20 x 10½ x 4 mm. Type PD 1:

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| (82) | 1½d. Red brown |
| (83) | 12/6 Grey & orange |

1935 ISSUE. SILVER JUBILEE. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 11x12.

Punctured diagonally, 70 holes, 22 x 3½ mm. Type PW 2 :

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|---------|-------------------------|------|--------------------|
| (84.85) | 1d. Deep blue & scarlet | 1½d. | Ultramarine & grey |
| (86.87) | 2½d. Brown & deep blue | 1/- | Slate & purple |

1936 ISSUE. KGV PICTORIAL. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 12.

Punctured in arch, 67 holes, 16½ x 13 x 3½ mm. Type PB 2 :

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|---------|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| (88.89) | ½d. Bright green | 1d. | Black & scarlet |
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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (90.91) 1½d. Black & chocolate | 2d. Black & pale blue |
| (92.93) 2½d. Light & deep blue | 3d. Black & scarlet |
| (94.95) 6d. Carmine rose & violet | 1/- Green |
| (96) 1/6 Brown | |

1937 ISSUE. KGV CORONATION. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 14.

Punctured *en arc*, 65 holes, 17½ x 10 x 4 mm. Type PD 2 :

- (97) 1d. Scarlet
 (98) 1½d. Yellow brown
 (99) 2½d. Bright blue

1938-52 ISSUE. KGV PICTORIAL. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 12.

Punctured in arch, 67 holes, 16 x 13 x 3½ mm. Type PB 2 :

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| (100.101) 1d. Black & rose red* | 1½d. Blue & chocolate |
| (102.103) 2d. Light blue & sepia | 2d. Ultramarine & scarlet |
| (104.105) 2½d. Light & deep blue | 2½d. Light blue & sepia |
| (106.107) 3d. Black & rose red | 3d. Black & deep blue |
| (108.109) 7½d. Blk. blue & yellow, green | 1/- Green |

1938-53 ISSUE. KGV HIGH VALUES. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 14.

Punctured *en arc*, 65 holes, 17½ x 10 x 4 mm. Type PD 2 :

- (110) 2/- Deep blue & ultramarine on Grey blue
 (111) 2/6 Black & red on Grey blue
 (112) 5/- Green & red on Yellow
 (113) 10/- Green & deep lake on Green
 (114) 1 2/6 Grey & brownish orange
 (115) £1 Purple A black on Red (Wmk. Mult. Crown CA)

1946 ISSUE. VICTORY. MULT. SCRIPT CA. 13½ x 14.

Punctured *en arc*, 65 holes, 17½ x 10 x 4 mm. Type PD 2 :

- (116) 1½d. Brown
 (117) 3d. Blue

The overprinting or puncturing of new issues with the word "SPECIMEN" ceased in 1946.

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*No specimen copies of the 1d. overprinted "PENNY" in 1940 are recorded; examples sent to U.P.U. were probably without SPECIMEN overprint or puncture.

PART II : PRINTERS' SAMPLES

1865-73 ISSUE. QV. ON SLIGHTLY SURFACED PAPER. NO WMK.

Handstamped CANCELLED in Block letters 13¾ x 2½ mm. Type CD 2:

- (118) 1d. Bright rose red, Imperforate
 (119) 3d. Orange, Imperforate

1910-19 ISSUE. SHIP TYPE. ON THIN CARD.

- (a) Without overprint:
 (b) Lightly handstamped in Block letters 15 x 1½ mm., similar to Type SD 6 :
 (c) Lightly handstamped in Block letters 14 x 2 mm., similar to Type SD 7 :
 (d) Machine overprinted in Heavy Block letters 15½ x 1¾ mm., Type SD 9 :
 (120) 1d. Deep blue, Imperforate
 (121) 1d. Deep blue, perf. 14

1921 ISSUE. TRICENTENARY (RECESS). ON THICK SMOOTH PAPER. NO WMK.

- (a) Without overprint
 (b) Lightly handstamped or (?) overprinted in Block letters 15 x 1½ mm. similar to Type SD 6 :
 (c) Lightly handstamped in Block letters 14 x 2 mm., similar to Type SD 7 :
 (122) 1/-Purple (colour of issued 6d.), Imperforate

G. Bridgmore Brown.

BRITISH GUIANA

Pre-adhesive marks

In response to F. G. Howes' queries in Bulletin 29 April, 1961, I have looked through my British Guiana pre-adhesive covers.

I have not seen Robson Lowe's type P.1.

Regarding Britnor's Type 5, all my Berbice measure 27 mm and all my Demerara measure 30 mm. My dates are - Berbice, July 1, 1842; Jan. 20, 1842, Dec. 3, 1845; Demerara dates are: Aug. 5, 1840; Aug. 19, 1844.

In the Fleuron type, I have the larger size. Mar. 11, Aug. 8, 1815 and the smaller type Nov. 11, 1825 : Dec. 1834, April 1835.

For Berbice I have the "Two-liner" type with sloping capital letters for June 29, 1837, and upright lower case, Jan. 22, 1840, Dec. 27, 1838.

The one line type in capitals I have Oct. 4, 1840, ; July 30, 1841.

In the Circular Handstamp without serif, my earliest date for Demerara is Oct. 30, 1845.

W. A. Townsend.

I am very grateful to Mr. Howe for the further information he gives in the April Bulletin on the early postal markings of British Guiana. Regarding the article in "Stamp Collecting" to which he refers, may I draw attention to the following points.

(a) Its aim was to give a broad outline of the general trend of postal markings in the British West Indies, showing the similarities between those of the various Colonies. Obviously, within the limits imposed by an article of a general nature, it was impossible to deal fully with any one Colony.

(b) It attempted to collate, in one article, the known information, as briefly as possible (and within the above-mentioned limits), which had been published from time to time, much of it as short notes in various magazines. A reference was given at the end to the more important works which had been consulted.

For these reasons, several pieces of data quoted were taken from already published works. (In case Mr. Howe, or any other member, is under the impression that my own collection includes specimens of all the marks mentioned, and with those date spans, may I hasten to assure them that it does not). The Demerara and Berbice marks Type 5 which I have examined are 30 and 27 mm respectively; but, noting that R.L. quoted the reverse as well, I assumed (possibly incorrectly) that they existed. Similar use was made of the dates quoted.

This would account for the fact that "both R.L. and Mr. Britnor say the seriffed types were in use up to 1855."

L. E. Britnor.

BRITISH WEST INDIES

Crowned Circle Marks

Regarding Mr. Meyerson's query in the April Bulletin, in R.L.s "Handstruck Stamps of the Empire," it is stated, under Nevis : "The Crowned Circle stamp was surcharged on the 1d. rose during 1885 and 1886 during a shortage of 6d. stamps; the face value was thus raised to 6d." Under Dominica: "Certain adhesives are known struck with the Crowned Circle. The explanation is probably similar to that of Nevis."

Besides the two stamps mentioned by Mr. Meyerson I have also a copy of Dominica 1d. olive yellow (S.G.I 5) similarly surcharged. It would certainly be interesting to have a complete list of all stamps which are known bearing this mark; perhaps some other members can help.

L. E. Britnor.

In going through a number of Auction Catalogues I recently acquired, I noted the following items of possible interest to collectors of the BWI.

Sale held by W. T. Pollitz, Boston, Mass., on March 8, 1958. Presentation Books for the 12th UPU Congress at Paris, 1947. Individual books from Barbados, British Honduras, Falkland Islands, Grenada and St. Lucia.

Sale held by H. R. Harmer, Inc., New York, on March 16-18, 1959. Presentation envelopes for the 13th UPU Congress at Brussels, 1952. A large presentation envelope containing sets of postage stamps from 51 British Colonies in individual glassine envelopes. The issues were of the reign of King George VI.

Have there been other issues of this type of material ? Can any of the members of the Circle report on the existence of additional items, or provide details of the items listed above ?

H. M. Daggett.

I have several letters written in 1864 - five from the Confederate States of America to England, and carried by blockade-runners to either Nassau or St. Georges, Bermuda. All the letters were sent unpaid and were charged 2/- on arrival in London (handstamped 2/- in black). However, this 2/- did not represent double the normal paid letter rate, for all the letters sent via Nassau are also marked with the amount due in blue pencil, apparently at Nassau :

$$\begin{array}{r} 1/7 \\ \underline{\quad 5} \\ 2/- \end{array}$$

It is this division which is not clear to me. As we know, the normal ship letter rate at this time was 4d. and the packet letter rate to England was 1/-,

incoming letters to the Confederate States (all of them naturally considered ship letters), were charged, I believe, 12 cents, plus 10 cents inland postage, the equivalent of 6d. plus 5d. so this does not help to explain the charges in the reverse direction.

If the blockade-runner captains received an extra 1d., which is not unlikely, this would explain the 5d. as a special ship letter rate, but it still does not explain the curious 1/7d. rate, presumably representing the packet rate.

I would be very much obliged if members could help to clear up this puzzling problem.

M. H. Ludington.

My only answer to Ludington's query is "I don't know" and can only hazard a guess.

He is correct that the Packet Rate in 1864 between G.B. and the U.S.A. was 1/- per ½ oz., but by that date the carriage of letters by private ship between the two countries had virtually ceased. I think, however, that the Ship Letter rate remained 8d. (6d. plus 2d. for the Captain) until 1868, when the rates were reduced to 6d. per 3 oz., whether the letter was carried by Packet or Private Ship (G.P.O. Notice No. 43, December 1867).

I am not sure when the compulsory prepayment of postage came into operation for mails between the U.S.A. and G.B., but I believe it was in the late 1850s. Therefore, the 2/- rate could be double (as a fine) the prepaid rate, rather than a letter weighing more than ½ oz.

But my theory is that the blue pencil marking, which Ludington says was apparently put on at Nassau, is an Accountancy Mark; that it represents the rate when conveyed to this country by French ship and is a combined British and French rate (first instituted in 1847) of which 5d. is the British portion and 1s. 7d. was due to the French authorities.

As you probably know, special Currency Stamps (as they are called) were issued to many British Colonies in the early 1860s to account for these divisions of rates - the "G.B./40c" of St. Vincent is a very common one - but I do not remember ever having seen one for Nassau and possibly none was issued to Bahamas.

G. W. Groves.

The theory that the letter was carried across the Atlantic in a French ship is most ingenious and would be more possible if only one letter were involved, for I do not believe French ships called very frequently, even during the Civil War, at Nassau. Their interests in the confederacy were with Louisiana, and blockade running to New Orleans was carried on from further south. Normal French shipping routes across the Atlantic were to Martinique and Guadeloupe,

BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)

and occasionally to Haiti, and did not go near Nassau. Furthermore, I now have acquired two more letters from the same correspondence of different dates, but with the same 1/7d.+5d. rate charges:

Nassau d's	London arrival d/s
Apr 8, 1864	May 2, 1864 (3½ weeks)
June 7, 1864	July 14, 1864 (5 weeks+)
Dec 9, 1864	Jan 9, 1865 (4 weeks+)

According to a Bermuda Government notice, (No. 7, 1863), postage rates between the B.W.I., including Bermuda and England, were charged on April 1st, 1863, as follows:-

Packet letters per ½ oz., increased from 6d. to 1/-.

Ship letters per ½ oz. reduced from 6d. to 3d.

This does not help at all, which is why I did not mention it before. I only mention it now because Mr. Groves mentions the Ship letter rate between the U.S.A. and England, which actually does not apply to these letters.

M. H. Ludington.

GRENADA

G.B. Used in GRENADA

S.G. Z614 - The Six Penny Lilac stamp of 1856, S.G.70 appears to be the most common value found with the A. 15 cancellation, and covers bearing one or more copies are known.

S.G. Z613 - The Four Pence Rose of 1857, S.G.67 or S.G.68 are seldom seen and rarely on cover, but can be obtained although not priced by Stanley Gibbons.

S.G. Z615 - The One Shilling Green stamp of 1856, S.G.71 or 72 is very scarce, seldom offered on cover but is known to exist.

S.G. Z611 - The One Penny value. Red, of 1857, SG. ? is known used on wrapper, but on covers of any kind is extremely rare.

S.G. Z612 - The Two Pence value. Blue, of 1858, SG.45 Plate 7 is probably the rarest of all G.B. used in GRENADA.

The quantities originally sent to Grenada of the 6d., 4d. and 1d. are quoted in the work by Alfred Chariton, F.R.P.S.L., but no quantities are available for the 2d. blue and One Shilling green.

I am anxious to ascertain for the Grenada Records information regarding the Two Pence Blue of 1858. Is this stamp known used on cover or piece, does it genuinely exist? A single copy with an almost perfect A15 cancellation was recently offered, but subsequently withdrawn as being of doubtful status.

Information regarding this stamp and/or any other G.B. stamps used in Grenada would be appreciated.

Bryan E. Johnson.

JAMAICA

Concluding Mr. Robert Topaz's list of known Jamaican Obliterators on Jamaican Stamps

OBlit	Pines	CC	CA	K.P.	Falls	Other	Total
A62 H	1-6	7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26		01-4, F3, F6	29
A63 H	1, 3, 4, 6	7, 8, 10	16-22	24, 25	31	02-4, F3	21
A64 H	1-6	7-11, 13	16-22	24-26		01, 03, F3, F10	26
A64 H	(In blue)	7, 11, 13					6
A65 H	1-6	7-13	16-22	24, 25		F3	23
A66 H	1-6	7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24, 25		01, 03, 04, F3, F6	27
A67 H	1-6	7-13	16-22, 27	24-26		F3, F4	26
A68 H	1-6	7-13	16-20, 22, 27, 21	24-26		01, 04, F3	27
A69 H	1-6	7-13	16-20, 22	24-26			22
A70 H	1-6	7-11, 13	16-20, 22	24-26		02	22
A71 H	1-6	7-13	16-22, 27	24-26		01-4, F3	29
A72 H	1-6	7-13	16-20, 22	24, 25		03	22
A73 H	1-6	7-14	16-22	24, 25		01, 3, 4, F2, 3, 6	29
A74 H	1, 2, 4, 5	7-13	16-20, 22	24, 25			19
A75 H	2, 4, 5						3
A75 L	1-6	7-13	16 22	24, 25		04, F3, 6	25
A76 H	1-6	7-9, 11-13				F1	14
A76 O		7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26		01-4, F3, 6	23
A77 H	1-6	7-13	16-20, 22	24, 25		F3, 6, 11	24
A78 H	1-6	7-13	16 22, 27	24 26		01, 03, F3	27
A79 H	2, 3, 5						3
A79 J	1, 3, 5, 6	7-9, 11, 13	16-20, 27	24, 26			17
A79 K		7-13	16-22, 27	24, 25		01, 03, F3	20
A80 K	6	7-13	17, 19				10
A81 K		8-13	16, 18, 20, 22, 27	24-26		02, 3	16
A82 M		7-11, 13	16-22, 27	24-26		01, F3	19
A83 M		7, 8, 10, 11	16-20, 22	24-26		03, F3	15
E06 K	1-3, 5, 6	7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26		04	23
E30 K	1-3, 5, 6	7-9, 11-13	16-20, 22	24		F3	18
E58 K	1, 5, 6	7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26			20
E58 K	(In Blue)	7, 8, 11					3
F80 O	1	7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26		03, 4	20
F81 O	1	7-13	16-20, 22, 27				
F81 O	1	7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24, 25		F3	18
F95 O	1	7-13	16-22, 27	24-26	31, 32	01, 03, F3	24
F96 O	1	7-13	16-20, 22	24-26		03, F3	19
F97 O	1	7-13	16-20, 22	24			15
F98 O		7-13	16-22, 27	24, 25		04	18
G13 O	1	7, 8, 10, 11, 13	16-22, 27	24, 25		01, 3, 4, F3	20
G14 O		7, 8, 10-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26	31, 32	02, 3	20
G15 O		7-13	16-20, 22	24, 25		03, 34	17
G16 O		7-11, 13	16-20, 22, 27	24, 25		F3	16
193 O		7-14	16-23, 27	24-26		01, 4, F3, 4, 10	25
196 O		7, 8, 10, 13	16-20, 22	24, 25		F3	13
199 O		7, 8, 10, 11, 13	16-22, 27	24-26		02-4, F3	20
201 O	1	7, 8, 10, 11, 13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26	32	01-4, F3, 34	23
598 O		7, 8, 10-13	16-20, 22	24, 26	31	02	16
615 O		7, 8	16, 18-20, 22		31, 32	02, 3	14
617 O		7-13	16-22, 27	24-26		03, F3	20
622 O		7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24, 25		01, F3	18
631 O		7-11, 13	16, 19	24, 26		04	11
640 O		7-11, 13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26		01-4, F3, F5	22
642 O		7, 8, 10, 11, 13	16-20, 22, 27	24, 25		01, 3, 4	17
647 O		7, 8, 10-13	16-22, 27	24-26		02, F3	19
"A" P	1	7, 8, 10, 11, 13					6
"B" P		7-13	16-20, 22, 27	24-26		04, F3, F6	20
"C" P		7-10, 12, 13	16, 18-20, 22	24			12
"D" P		8, 10					2
"E" P		7, 8, 10, 11, 13					5

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TOTAL 1,937
Robert Topaz.

MONTSERRAT

BETHEL post office is located about mid-way on the east coast of the island. Opened in December, 1957 (Miss Anne J. Markham, Postmistress), mail arrives three times weekly from GPO Plymouth by bicycle-postman. A single-circle 24mm steel-die datestamp inscribed "BETHEL, MONTSERRAT" with star above date, has been in use since the opening date.

G. J. Raymond.

ST. CHRISTOPHER

With regard to Jaffe's query in the latest Bulletin re Antigua used in ST. CHRISTOPHER, I can answer at least part of it.

On February 15th, 1890, eight sheets of the 1d. carmine-red were sent to St. Christopher.

On March 11th, 1890, a further eight sheets were sent, this time of the 1d. rose.

This makes a grand total of 1,920 stamps available in St. Christopher.

G. S. Manners

ST. LUCIA

On examining my collection closely, I find there are certain markings for which I can find no explanation. The first is a series of fine lines running horizontally across the top of the stamp (SG. Nos. 2, 7, 9 and 17); the lines, which are quite apparent across the word Lucia, actually continue right across the stamp. Has any member found the same and what is the explanation ?

In the 1881 issue overprinted ½d. (S.G. 23) there is a re-entry on the right side between the ornament and the outer margin; a line through the neck from the collar running to beneath the letter P. and also a full stop between the letter "L" and "U".

In the 1864 issue (S.G. 9 and 16) there is a line through the letter "O", and there are several commas instead of full points under the "T" of Saint.

H. E. Kimber.

ST. VINCENT

V. N. F. Surtees enquires for St. Vincent abbreviated cancellations on cover. I have a Post Card sent from Trinidad and addressed to Chateau Bellair, St. Vincent. The stamp on the obverse is cancelled Trinidad Mar 27 83. There is also on the obverse (but not on the stamp) a postmark - CH in red. Mar 29 83. On the reverse of the card there is a postmark - St. Vincent. A, in red. Mar 29 83.

W. A. Townsend.

The abbreviated cancellations

In connection with Mr. V. N. F. Surtees' enquiry as to St. Vincent abbreviated cancellations on cover, I would like to report an example which came to me from a private source, which may not be known to him.

The cover, which is supported by a "Royal" certificate, is dated 9 Jan 1884 and franked by a 4d. light blue (S.G.51) and cancelled by the oval "A.10" obliterator. It bears *inter alia*, a "G" struck in red on the front and is addressed to Mr. James Henry, No. 16 Longford St., Kilmamock, Ayrshire.

It may be of interest to note that the date is much later than any other "G" cover I have seen and the only one franked by a stamp printed by De La Rue.

As regards your correspondent's other notes, I think it probable that the practice as to the method of cancelling letters adopted by the various village post offices was not consistent, as some code letters seem to be of great rarity or perhaps non-existent overstruck with an "A.10" or "GB 40c" whereas others, e.g. "CA" are frequently so found.

J. L. Messenger.

TRINIDAD

Booklets—1935-37 issue of Trinidad

This booklet contains 2 blocks of four at 1 c., 2 c. and 3 c., which was sold for 48 cents, and the colour is pink. This booklet was issued in 1936 and the outside front cover reads "Trinidad Book of Stamps. 8 @ 1c. 8 @ 2c. 8 @ 3c, please post early in the day. 1. Register all mail articles of value. 2. Support Local Industries. 3. Buy Trinidad Sugar," The front inside cover has inland postal rates and the back inside cover has Imperial and Foreign postal rates.

TRINIDAD (contd.)

The back outside cover is marked "Air Mail Rates, Apply at any Money Order Office in the Colony," Please note the wrong Country name "Trinidad" instead of "Trinidad and Tobago," no further advertisement is in the booklet.

T. W. Frost.

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have received enquiries from several members as to its locality.

Rose Titford, Hon. Librarian

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HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

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By way of contrast to my remarks in our April bulletin it gives me great pleasure to extend, on behalf of our Circle, hearty congratulations to Master Andrew Gibson, our youngest member, in being awarded the second prize in Class C of the 1961 Melville Memorial Competition. I know that, apart from every encouragement from his father, his entry was entirely unaided and I am sure his success will increase his interest in his stamps. This prompts me to say how important it is that members should take every opportunity to foster and encourage an interest in stamps by the younger generation. For one reason or another, a few members have not renewed their subscriptions for the current year and in accordance with the Circle's policy of not carrying any "dead wood" their names have been deleted from the roll. The following have joined us during the last few weeks, to whom a very hearty welcome is extended: A. E. Burdett, H. T. Eckhardt (U.S.A.), N. A. Keen, P. A. Larsen (U.S.A.), W. E. Lea, J. R. McFarlane (Antigua), M. W. Swetland and J. Taylor.

P.T.S.

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