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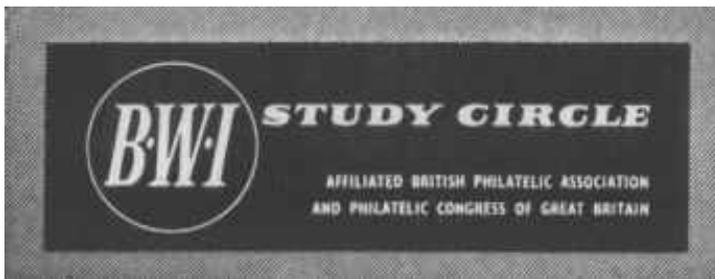
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AUTUMN MEETING

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 28th SEPTEMBER, 1968, AT 12 NOON.

The Publications Sub-Committee of the Study Circle met on Saturday the 28th September, 1968, at midday, in the Board Room of the British Philatelic Association.

The question of the missing Virgin Islands and Antigua Notebooks (see page 56 of the September 1968 Bulletin) was discussed. It was decided that the Virgin Islands Notebook had probably been lost and it was also decided to change the present system of sending Notebooks on a 'Circuit' to interested members to one where the notebook is sent direct to a member for return to the Study Leader. This will reduce the possibility of loss of Notebooks and it makes it possible for the Study Leader to copy notes into a master folder before sending the Notebook out again.

No one at the meeting had ever seen or heard of an Antigua Notebook and it seemed therefore unlikely that an Antigua Notebook had ever existed.

Mr. TOEG hoped to inspect a well known collection of Montserrat before any further information on this country is published.

Mr. TOEG informed the meeting that he had received from Mr. J.B. MARRIOTT some interesting, informative and well written material for Part 2 of the book on Trinidad. It was decided to have this book illustrated with photographs of interesting material if Mr. MARRIOTT desired this. Mr. TOEG mentioned that Mr. ADELSON would like to circulate a questionnaire to members asking for information on the Bahama Islands, as he may be contemplating writing a handbook on some philatelic aspects of this Colony: the Publications Subcommittee agreed to the questionnaire being circulated. Any information that members can give will be of invaluable assistance to Mr. ADELSON.

E. V. TOEG

The Autumn Meeting was held in the Board Room of the British Philatelic Association at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, September 28th at 3 p.m. and was attended by fifteen members. Our President was in the chair and extended a special welcome to Mr. C. Palmer and Mr. M. D. Watts who were

AUTUMN MEETING (Cont.)

making their first visit to one of our meetings. A display was then given of pages from the collection of JAMAICA, formed by our late member, Mr. Cecil Patrick, details of which are as follows:

(Tom Foster's Type Numbers)

Three early letters 1709 (2) and 1711. One of the 1709 items is a "Dummer" letter.

1758 E.L. with JAMAICA (J1).- "early date"

1771 E.L. with IAMAICA (J2) .-.

1776 E. with IAMAICA (J3) .-.

1799 E.L. with JAMAICA and Date (J4) .-.

1804 E.L. with JAMAICA and Date (J7) ,-.

1808

1810 } Various type of fleuron marks

1809 }

1810 }

1817 Large wrapper with small fleuron originally 12½ oz. and charged £5.8.4!!!

1794, 1798 and 1802. Showing SPANISH TOWN (TI)

1798 Showing MONTEGO BAY (TI)

1778 E.L. with LACOVIA.-. (T2) and JAMAICA (J1) 1803 E.L. with PORT MARA/JA.-.

1804 E.L. with LACOVIA/JA.-.

1808 E.L. with LUCEA/JA.-.

1821 E.L. with GREEN ISLAND/JA.-.

1790 E.L. with manuscript "Rio BUENO"

1829 E.L. with manuscript "Little River P.O."

1824 E.L. with MANCHIONEAL in red (T4)

1836 With two strikes of "MILE GULLY" (T4)

1837 E. with PORT ROYAL (T4)

1842 E.L. from DRY HARBOUR to London re-addressed by means of 1840 2d. blue. 1845 E.L. with PEAR TREE GROVE (P3) 1814 E.L. with ST ANNS JA (T3) also oval "Ship Letter crown Jamaica" (SLI) and Ship Letter crown Portsmouth.

1815 E. With FALMOUTH JA and manuscript Ship Letter/Jamaica

1833 and 1840 E.L.s showing KINGSTON SHIP LETTER. Dated and Undated markings. 1811 E. to London showing PAID/TO/ENGLAND and Jamaica fleuron.

1840 Front with red PAID/KINGSTON/JAMAICA 1954 E. with Montego Bay "PAID 8d." Three 1844 items showing large "4," "6," and "8 " markings.

1823 and 1834 showing Commercial Rooms markings.

Various AOI Kingston markings on G.B. adhesives.

1859 E.L. with strip of three G.B. 4d. with manuscript "P.O Lucea."

Various Essays, Proofs and Specimens from 1860 to 1821, with artists' drawings of 1889 2d. and 1905 arms stamps.

Cover showing 1d, bi-sect and whole 1d. used together - cancelled A77 Gordon Tour.

Block nine 1905-11 MCA 5d. with "SER . . ET" error.

1905-11 Q. Victoria 1s. brown block 4 and 1s. black on green block nine showing the \$ flow.

Various covers showing the postal fiscals used for postage.

1879 Artist's painted essay on card of the 3d. Telegraph Stamp.

1874 Soldier's letter with 1d. CC. and signed by C.O.

Some fine Jamaican stamps used in the Cayman Islands including a pair of ½d. green on cover with oval "GRAND CAYMAN" cancellation completed the display.

Following an expression of thanks by our President to Mr. A. H. Latham for undertaking the task of selecting the various pages and to Mr. L. E. Britnor for his explanatory remarks the meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

NOTES AND QUERIES

BAHAMAS

I have in my collection examples of Q.V. 2½d). blue (S.G. 51) and K.G.V 1d. carmine (S.G. 107) both with inverted watermarks. Neither of these are listed by Gisburn or Gibbons. I will be pleased to hear whether any other members have similar examples.

P. R. Skinner

BARBADOS

Regarding Mr. Coasby's queries (Bulletin No, 58) about the Barbados R.L.O. cancellation; I have two covers where it was clearly used as a registration mark.

1. Registered cover posted in Santos, Brazil, on 21.11.1916 received it as a transit mark on 15.12.16. It appeared as a backstamp, alongside the registration arrival mark in B. Guiana, dated 27.12.16.

BARBADOS (Cont.)

2. Registration cover from Barbados to Demerara, on which two strikes of Barbados R.L.O. cancelled three Barbados penny stamps. Sent, 28.4.1930. Backstamped with the B. Guiana registration mark on 3.5.30.

There must be plenty of examples about of this mark on cover, but I thought I would send these - in case you don't get others. If you have space, perhaps you would be kind enough to print a query for me?

F. G. Howe

Use of the Cancellor R.6* Barbados R.L.O.

Regarding Mr. L. R. Coasby's note in Bulletin No. 58 Page 44, I would suggest that far from the R.L.O. Stamp being used in error on Registered Mail, it was in fact used in error on the cover which he possesses. From the material in my own collection I have listed various items to prove the use of the R.L.O. Stamp on Registered Mail and also its use together with other Registration marks to prove the point.

USE ON OFFICIAL COVERS All Registered

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|------------|--|
| 13 Dec. 24 | O.H.M.S, cover (no stamps) to Banbury carries also manuscript G.P.O. Barbados. Banbury Registration Stamps on reverse. |
| 23 Mar. 45 | O.H.M.S, cover to Toronto. Used on face to cancel 6d. K.G.VI. and twice on reverse over flap. Carries Colonial Postmaster Handstamp and is initialled. |
| 14 July 11 | Cover to Vienna. Used on face to cancel 6d. purple. Queen in seahorse chariot. Has manuscript G.P.O. Barbados on face. |
| 7 Sep. 20 | Cover to Switzerland used on face to cancel 2 different 6d. K.G.V stamps. |
| 29 Jul. 21 | Cover to Switzerland used on face to cancel 6d. Victory Stamp. G.P.O. Bdos in manuscript. Part of official wax seal on reverse. |
| 19 Oct. 17 | Cover to London used to cancel 4d. K.G.V large seal and 1d. War Tax. |
| — Dec. 13 | Cover to Birmingham used to cancel 1d. and 3d. K.G.V (King's head with Queen in chariot). |

All covers carry REGISTRATION NUMBERED LABELS

I should hope that at all times the G.P.O. servants knew their business and used the canceller someone had specified.

It is very hard to assume that in all these cases the letters had been returned to be cancelled.

USE ON PRIVATE COVERS All Registered

- 13 Mar. 25 On cover to Birmingham used to cancel set of six stamps K.G.V small seal type. An obvious philatelic cover to W. T. Wilson.
- 21 JAN. 25 Cover to Glasgow to cancel 1/- K.G.V small seal.
- 30 MAY 46 Cover to Cardiff to cancel 7 off 2½d. K.G.VI seal also supplied as backstamp.
- 2 APR. 07 To cancel strip of three Penny Olive Blossom Commercial business cover to London.
- 20 DEC. 28 To cancel 6d. K.G.V. last seal issue to Switzerland.
- 24 JUL. 18 To cancel 2d. and 3d. K.G.V large seal to Switzerland.
- 31 AUG.25 Two strikes to cancel 4d. K.G.V large seal type to Prestbury.
- 3 JAN. 38 To cancel 1/- K.G.VI on F.D.C. to Selfridges of London.
- 10 JAN. 16 On Post Office Registered Envelope to cancel impressed stamp and three additional 1d. stamps.

COVERS FROM PARISH OFFICES

The stamp is used as an additional back stamp on registered covers coming from sub offices - i.e. As a transit mark as the letter passed through the G.P.O. i.e. 1. Registered in St. John manuscript R14

ST. JOHN

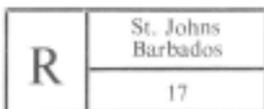
1. MR 56

BARBADOS

St. John Mark used to cancel stamps

R.L.O. mark 2 MR 56 on reverse.

2. ST. JOHN Handstamp registration



Normal St. John cancellor 27 AU 58

Backstamp RLO 28 AUG 58

3. ST. John An almost identical cover but R.18. 2 and 3 are G.P.O. Registered Envelopes.

E. Spencer

*See "The Postal Markings of Barbados" by Basil B. Benwell and L. E. Britnor, published by B.W.I. Studv Circle, 1961.

BERMUDA

I have acquired a Bermuda cover with a machine 'Slogan' cancellation which is not listed in Mr. LUDINGTON'S book or supplement on Bermuda. The cover bears a 3d. stamp. The datestamp would appear to be type 5(d) as described by Mr. LUDINGTON. The slogan reads: 30th Anniversary of Commercial Flights. USA-Bermuda-USA. 16th June, 1937. The slogan is enclosed in a straight line rectangle 48mm by 19mm. The cover was posted at Hamilton, Bermuda, on the 16th June, 1967, at 11.45a.m.

Readers of the Bulletin who have not read Mr. LUDINGTON'S book 'Supplement to Bermuda' may be interested to know that a new Sub Post Office at Pembroke North, Bermuda, was opened on the 3rd January, 1967. Only registered mail is dealt with at this office, regular mail is postmarked Hamilton. Bailey's Bay, sub Post Office, Bermuda was issued with a new handstamp on the 3rd January, 1967. Paget Post Office, Bermuda, has a cancelling machine. You may feel that this information is not of sufficient general interest to warrant publication.

Ian Chord

BRITISH GUIANA

Has any member seen an example of the lozenge shaped "G.B. 40c." mark (so common, for example on the stamps of St. Vincent) on a cover from B. Guiana, either cancelling the adhesives, or struck on the envelope? Details would be much appreciated.

F. G. Howe

BRITISH WEST INDIES

The following pages, continued from Bulletin No. 56, March, 1968, are reprinted from a book belonging to Mr. M. H. Ludington entitled GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO A POSTMASTER IN THE BRITISH WEST INDIES.

Further pages will be reprinted in future issues of the Bulletin.

Editor

68. - British or Colonial Prices Current and Commercial Lists may be forwarded by the Packet between any of Her Majesty's Colonies, if passing through the United Kingdom, at a Postage of 2d. each: if not passing through the United Kingdom, at 1d. each, which must be prepaid.

Between British Colonies by Packet

Such Prices Current and Commercial Lists if conveyed by Private Ships are liable to a Rate of 2d, each, which must be paid when they are posted.

By private Ship

69. - The same if sent by Packet or Private Ship from a British Colony or any Foreign Port, whether through the United Kingdom or not, are liable to a Postage of 2d. each, which must be paid in advance.

To Foreign Ports.

70. - A Gratuity of 1d. on each Price Current and Commercial List is payable to the Master, when conveyed by Private Ship.

Gratuity to Masters.

71. - Prices Current and Commercial Lists must contain merely the names and prices of Articles; if the names of the parties dealing in such Articles are given, the Lists are to be charged with full Letter Postage.

Regulations under which Prices current can be sent

72. - Prices Current and Commercial Lists to be sent by Post at the above Rates, must be conformable, in all respects, to the regulations specified in Instructions 60 and 61, page 22, with regard to Newspapers; and if not so, they are to be treated as Letters and charged with full Letter Rates of Postage.

PART X.

1. - MIS-SENT AND RE-DIRECTED LETTERS.

73. - When Letters or Papers are Mis-sent to an Office, the words "Mis-sent to" must be written, in *Red Ink*, on the front of each, and the dated stamp affixed immediately after.

Mis-sent Letters.

74. - Such Letters or Newspapers if for, or to pass through, the United Kingdom, must be enclosed in a *Printed "Mis-sent and Re-directed"* Cover accompanied by a *Form No. 2*, stating the Amount of Postage in the first Column which has been charged upon the Postmaster and to be claimed by him in his *Quarterly Dead Letter Account*.

For England

If to be forwarded to any of the Colonies, the Letters, &c., are to be enclosed in a *Form No. 2*, in which the claim for Postage charged upon the Postmaster is to be inserted in the *first*

For the Colonies.

Column, but these are to be sent without a cover, care being

taken, however, to secure the Letters in such a manner that they may not separate from the Form No. 2.

No additional Postage to be charged

No additional Postage is to be charged on forwarding *Mis-sent* Letters.

Re-directed Letters subject to additional charge

75. - Letters when Be-directed are liable to *additional* Postage for their further conveyance to the place to which they may be re-directed; this rate is to be added to the Charge already due, and the initials of the Postmaster placed against the advanced Rate.

The *Re-directed* Letters are then to be enclosed (according to their destination) with those which have been *Mis-sent*, should there be any.

76. - The whole of the Postage, (including the charge for re-direction,) marked upon such *Mis-sent* and Re-directed Letters as are *for the delivery of* the Office to which the Form No. 2, is sent, is to be inserted in the second Column, and charged against *that* Office in the Letter Bill included with the Postage on the Ordinary Unpaid Letters; but those which are sent to that Office in *transit* to their destination are to be merely noticed in the Letter Hill as "Sent as forward."

77. - All Claims made in Form No. 2, whether for *Mis-sent* or *Re-directed* Letters, are to be inserted, under the proper head on the "*Sent side*" in the *Quarterly Account of Mis-sent and Re-directed Letters*.

Forms No. 2 received from other Offices,

78. - The Forms No. 2, received from other Offices are to be examined with the Letters which accompany them, and if the amount claimed is correct, it is to be inserted in the proper place in the respective Forms, which are to be certified and signed.

If the Amount claimed does not agree with the Amount of the Letters received, that is to say, of the *original charges* on those Letters, the Postmaster is to insert the correct Sum in the proper place in the Form No. 2, which must be signed by himself and by one of his Clerks, or Assistants, if he have any. The real Amount of the claim due to the Dispatching Office is then to be transferred to the "*Received side*" of the *Quarterly Account of Mis-sent and Re-directed Letters*.

The Forms No. 2, received from each Office, arranged alphabetically, are to be tied up in a *flat parcel*, according to their dates, and transmitted to London, with the *Quarterly Account of Mis-sent and Re-directed Letters*.

MAIL BOAT SERVICE. (Continued from Bulletin No. 58, p.48)

Steamers were introduced for some of the Local Mail Boat Services in the mid 1830's. The first official reference to these appears in a Post Office Notice of the 18th December, 1834, illustrated previously. It should be remembered that sailing vessels continued to be used for the PACKET Service to the West Indies until the end of 1841, and also for several of the local routes. Incidentally sailing Packets operated between Falmouth and certain ports in South America until about 1850. The early steamers seem to have operated particularly between Jamaica and some of the foreign islands. The following references to these vessels have been traced in the Records:-

1. 23 Nov. 1836. "The Packet which conveys the Mails from England on the 1st of the month only, should await (at St. Thomas) the arrival of the Steam Boat from Jamaica."
2. 21 April 1838. "Plan ensuring fortnightly communication from Jamaica - relying that Steam Packets of sufficient power are employed between St. Thomas and Jamaica to prevent any delay to that important island. The arrangement has also the object of opening, for the first time, a communication direct with Porto Rico, arising rapidly in commercial importance, and giving two additional Mails to Cuba in each month."
3. 10 May 1838. "Mails between Jamaica and St. Jago de Cuba, once a month, at present by Ships of War. These will be superseded, if proposal is approved by the Board of Admiralty, by a regular communication between Jamaica and Cuba every fortnight by Steam Packet."
4. 15 May 1841. "Complaint from Carriacou - Steamers passing without stopping or calling for Mails."

As far as can be ascertained the steamers used on this Service were:-

"Echo" built at Woolwich in 1827, 295 tons, Commander, Lt. W. James;
"Flamer" built in Limehouse in 1831, 496 tons. Commander, Lt. I. M. Polbury;
"Spitfire" built at Woolwich in 1834, ? tons, Commander, Lt. A. Kennedy.

On 30th January 1841 the loss of the Mexican Packet "Spey" was reported, and temporary measures had to be made. In May a schooner was hired from Havana to replace the Packet.

At the end of 1841 the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co, took over the mail service to the West Indies, and they made their own arrangements for distributing the mail among the Islands.

BRITISH WEST INDIES (Cont.)

(The Post Office Notice illustrated on p. 47 Bulletin No. 58 is one of those dealing with the introduction of Steamers for the Local Mail Boat Service in the West Indies).

L. E. Britnor

DOMINICA

With the ever increasing interest in postal history there can be few of us, irrespective of what colony or colonies we collect, who do not eagerly acquire an interesting cover when it comes our way. Perhaps I have a particularly enquiring turn of mind - no doubt shared by others - and when occasion permits I decide to endeavour to obtain information about an addressee. Some time ago the cover illustrated came into my possession and I could not resist the temptation to ascertain if the recipient was still alive. My first enquiry was addressed to the Regimental Secretary of The London Scottish who informed me that 2nd Lt. R. O. Swanson survived World War I retiring with the rank of Captain and served in the Territorials in the early 20's. Furthermore that in civilian life he had been Deputy Town Clerk of a London Borough from which he had retired some years and had died on October 5th, 1966, aged 83. Further enquiries elicited the fact that the deceased was a bachelor and had passed away in a nursing home in Exmouth, Devon. I then contacted a former Circle member long resident in that town but following exhaustive enquiries he was unable to help beyond furnishing me with the name and address of the solicitors attending to the deceased's estate. I then inserted an advertisement in the principal newspaper published in Dominica but this brought no response. My quest was concluded when I received a letter from the Treasury Solicitor to the effect that all efforts to trace any relatives of the deceased had failed and that application had been made for Letters of Administration of the estate on behalf of the Crown. Despite the fact that my endeavours had proved abortive I was able to take some comfort in the knowledge that I had explored every possible avenue. Needless to say should any member possess a cover (or covers) similarly addressed full details will be greatly appreciated.

P. T. Saunders



JAMAICA

I have an example of K.G.VI 3d. ultramarine (S.G. 136) where the King's right eye, as one looks at his portrait, is much more heavily engraved and quite different from the other stamps of this issue. For the want of a better description I call it the 'False Eye' variety. I would be interested to know if any member has a similar stamp.

M. D. Watts

I recently acquired two pre-adhesives the first having the straight line Jamaica date 15th November 1798 and arrival date in U.K. 21st January 1799. Postage 7/9d. The second has the date 8th October 1799 underneath and arrival date in U.K. 4th December 1799. Postage 2/7d. On measuring the postmark I find the height is 4mm. and it would seem to be Mr. A. N. Johnson's SECOND type the earliest use of which he states to be 15th January 1803. Further comments from members interested in this colony will be appreciated.

Bruce Walker

I should like to know if the WAR STAMP overprint (S.G. 68-75) has been investigated with the same thoroughness as has the TWO PENCE HALFPENNY overprint (S.G.30) in an article by G. Pearson in Gibbons Stamp Monthly, Nov. 1932, pp. 24-28. Can any member supply this information?

R. Henriques

ST. KITTS-NEVIS

I do not know if I am being premature, but I am submitting two dates of what I believe is a new cancellation for St. Kitts.

I use the word "premature" because the name "Anguilla" is included. Is it, therefore, an old cancellation?



On the other hand, of course, the government may not wish to admit officially they have lost Anguilla. They may be a group of incurable optimists who feel they have some sure-fire method of inducing Anguilla to return to the fold!

Perhaps I should mention that I have another specimen of this cancellation on a block of four from the Old Road Post Office.

The name of the Post Office, Old Road, appears exactly where G.P.O. now is, and Registered is replaced by St. Kitts. Otherwise, the markings are identical.

The other cancellations:

- (1) Montreal, Air Mail Forwarding, Clerk No. 15:
- (2) Registration Section, Terminal (Station) "A," Toronto, Ont., are common enough, but I felt they might be of interest to someone when in combination with the St. Kitts mark.

William Butler

ST. VINCENT

I was most interested in Mr. Morey Stephenson's letter (Bulletin No. 58, pp. 50, 51) on the subject of the revised Code Letter "C" in the Georgetown Date stamp. Unfortunately I can provide no information to help Mr. Stephenson in his researches. I feel however that the following similar cases might be usefully recorded and enquired into:-

- (1) Moyreau - I have two examples of the Moyreau Datestamp (proofed in London 2 Nov. 1894) with the Code Letter sideways. In neither case is the Date clearly decipherable.
- (2) Leyou - The letter Datestamp (proofed in London 25 Jan. 1909) appears with the Code Letter sideways on 2 Feb. 1911 and 8 Nov. 1912.
- (3) Parcel Post - I have an example of the first Parcel Post Datestamp struck on a 2½d. blue (S.G. 56) with the Code Letter sideways but again the date is not clear.

Possibly some member can provide dates between which these misdemeanours were committed.

J. L. Messenger

TRINIDAD

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. S.G.295a.

I was very pleased to find among my copies of the 60 cents 1960-65 one good well centred copy - "1965," and as far as I can see, "December." I told Gibbons of this, and, for want of an earlier date, they have catalogued its first appearance as such.

Has any member further information about the date of this variety, the number issued and the circumstances which gave birth to it?

G. L. Pullar

In response to Dr. E. K. Doak's note in Bulletin No. 58 I have JORDAN HILL double circle type with the Code A dated 7th January 1964 and am led to believe that this Post Office is still operating.

Bruce Walker

OBITUARY

Dr. HENRY JONATHON HEATHCOTE

Dr. Henry Jonathon Heathcote who died in Bath on 9th June, 1968, aged 66. He was a pathologist at the Royal University Hospital in Bath and a keen collector of many of the colonies in B.W.I.

Dr. GRANT GLASSCO

J. Grant Glassco who died in Toronto, Canada, on September 20th, 1968. His main interest lay in G.B. used in the Commonwealth and elsewhere. The Circle extends its sincere sympathies to his widow Mrs. Willa Glassco.

REVIEW**THE POSTAL HISTORY OF JAMAICA 1662-1860***

Seldom does it happen that a book is reviewed from a copy purchased for a Library, but in the case of the Librarian of the British West Indies Study Circle this work had been ordered and was awaited with more than usual anticipation . . . the waiting has been more than rewarded by the author's major acknowledgement to the Circle's first President - the late Gilbert W. Collett to whose initial encouragement Mr. Thomas Foster directly attributes his source of inspiration.

To deal with the vast subject covering nearly 200 years within the space of a mere 192 pages is by itself an achievement, as no doubt with as keen a researcher as Mr. Foster it may at times have been tempting to enlarge on much of the interesting data at his disposal. The readability of this volume is enhanced by its having been divided into three parts. Part I comprises 8 chapters dealing with the history of the Jamaica Post Office 1662-1860 including the "Dummer Packet Service," "The Post Office Packet Service" and "The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company," with 9 important appendices including "The Postal Rates of Jamaica 1662-1860." Part II - the early handstamps, divided into 14 sections with a rarity guide to each type, this guide in itself being of great value not only to the specialist but also to the tyro. Part III comes up, more or less, to the end of the period under review covering British postage stamps used in Jamaica with four sections and again the useful system of rarity rating is employed.

The late L. C. C. Nicholson, one of the four authors of the first Jamaica Handbook and undoubtedly the greatest of the pioneers of work on the postal markings of Jamaica, had by his researches provided a solid basis for the many students of Jamaica since its publication in 1928 and there is no doubt at all that Mr. Foster is a worthy successor. His marshalling of the data and the various lists he has furnished show a systematic and practical approach enabling facile understanding by the reader. In his Preface the author states that his aim was not one of originality but to compile and collate all available information relevant to the subject under one cover and to present it in an easily digestible manner: this he has done. In admitting one fact in connection with his work, viz. that the task took longer than anticipated, Mr. Foster is to be

MISCELLANEA (Cont.)

warmly commended. The late Percy de Worms, a name always to be remembered as one who was the greatest research student of his time, wisely urged the need always to sift one's facts . . . not to rush into print . . . to take time - no matter how long, before putting pen to paper. How right he was.

The reviewer concludes that Mr. Foster had at his disposal more accurate and fuller information regarding the Postmasters of Jamaica from 1671 to 1860 than Mr. Nicholson had in 1928 and is somewhat intrigued by the apparent inconsistencies in the spelling of some of the names - a small point and not a criticism.

The production of the volume, as one would expect from Robson Lowe Ltd., is of the best and the illustrations are of a high standard. Finally the provision of a really good index is noteworthy since the importance of this feature is so often overlooked.

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1881, part o.g. unsevered pair ½d. on half 6d., left stamp var. fraction bar omitted S.G. 306, from bottom of sheet, centred sl. to top left £125
1881, 4d. on 1/-, S.G. 32, part o.g. £170

1883-89, perf. 12, 4d. dull blue, S.G. 52, unused, centred sl. to right	£150
Tobago: 1879, £1 mauve, S.G. 6, part o.g.	£625
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Sale of July 1, 2, 3, 1968

Bermuda: 1875. Cover to London, bearing One Penny on 2d., One Penny on 3d. (two singles + horiz. Pair - last has plain edge at r.). One Penny on 1/- together with 1865-1903, 1d. All cancelled with rather indistinct but light numeral in bars pmks. dated "BERMUDA/26 MY 75/PAID"; on reverse "LONDON S.W./JU 12/75," marked in ms. at left "VIA NEW YORK" (flap of cover has blue monogram of St. George and the Dragon inscribed "H.M.S. BELLEROPHON"). (Stamps and cover a little soiled). (Ex. J. C. Sidebottom colln.).

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HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

DEAR MEMBER,

I was a little disappointed at the attendance at our Autumn Meeting which I can only conclude was due to the fact that the display was confined to one colony. From the description of the display given earlier in this issue it will be appreciated that those of us who were present were privileged to see some material of a very high order. With the introduction of the 'Two Tie' Post our postage bill has been increased by 25% and in order to counteract this - albeit in only a small way - I shall be glad if you will kindly note that receipts for subscriptions and relevant membership cards will, in future, be included with the March (or June) Bulletins. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the British Philatelic Exhibition in October, but from the reports I received it was even better than last year so I am sure that those of our members who paid it a visit saw much to interest them. Whilst every endeavour is made to publish the bulletin on time the fact remains that unavoidable delays do occur. In case our March 1969 issue is a little late I deem it advisable to ask you to make a note now that our Fifteenth Anniversary Meeting is to take place on March 8th, 1969, at the usual venue - 446 Strand, London, W.C.2 - at 3 p.m. I was very interested in the reprint in 'Stamp Collecting Weekly' of an editorial appearing in 'The Philatelic Exporter' commenting on the tremendous increase of new issues which "is forcing the trade to cut orders to a minimum to protect itself from serious financial difficulties." It was a sad day indeed for those of us whose interests lie in the colonies which have decided not to renew their contracts for supplies of stamps from the Crown Agents. A significant if not revolutionary step is the decision of one colony to issue four values each having two designs. Just where will this end!!! On a happier note a new member has lost no time to express his appreciation of our bulletin. He writes: "I would like to say how much I enjoyed reading the September Bulletin. The standard it sets must be one of the highest if not the highest." Since our last issue I have been happy to enrol the following new members to whom I extend, on your behalf, a very warm welcome: P. A. Gale (Hants.), Foster A. McVicker (U.S.A.), P. Y. Mills (Hants.), P. R. Skinner (Sussex) and Professor H. A. Stepler (Canada).

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