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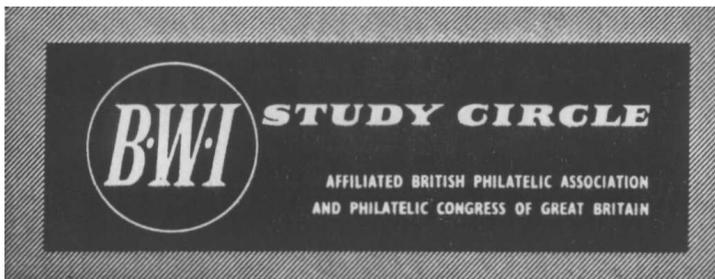
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Buckinghamshire	3	Leicestershire	2
Cambridgeshire	1	Lincolnshire	1
Cornwall	1	Middlesex	6
Derbyshire	3	Northamptonshire	2
Devonshire	5	Northumberland	3
Co. Durham	2	Nottinghamshire	2
Essex	7	Oxfordshire	1
Gloucestershire	4	Shropshire	1
Hampshire	7	Staffordshire	2
Herefordshire	3	Suffolk	1
Hertfordshire	3	Surrey	20
Huntingdonshire	2	Sussex	14
Isle of Wight	1	Warwickshire	8
Kent	3	Wiltshire	3
Lancashire	6	Worcestershire	1
		Yorkshire	4
Eire	1	Scotland	11
Northern Ireland	3		

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Australia	6	Netherlands	1
B.W.I.	10	New Zealand	2
Canada	13	Nigeria	1
Columbia	1	South Africa	2
Hong Kong	2	U.S.A.	63
Italy	1	Venezuela	1
Japan	1	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	2

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The Fifteenth Anniversary Meeting was held in the Board Room of the British Philatelic Association at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, March 8th, 1969, at 3 p.m. and was attended by thirteen members. The chair was taken by the President who extended a warm welcome to those present. Apologies for absence were received from Philip Saunders, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, R. J. S. Scott and Rose Titford.

The Minutes of the Fourteenth Anniversary Meeting held on March 23rd, 1968, as published in Bulletin No. 57, pp. 24-26 were taken as read and with the approval of the meeting were signed as correct by the Chairman.

Report of the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer:

In the absence through illness of Mr. Saunders this was read by Mr. Chard, Assistant Hon. Secretary:-

"This is the first anniversary I have been unable to attend which is a matter of great personal regret. After allowing for normal wastage due to deaths, resignations and lapsed subscriptions the present membership totals 266 which is the highest figure we have ever attained. In addition to those members whose sad passing has already been recorded no doubt some members will have learned of the death of Albert A. Hershman which took place on February 20th and a tribute will be included in the June Bulletin. In the event of the March issue of the Bulletin not having been seen by those present I attach a copy of the audited Accounts for 1968. It will be noted that a larger sum than usual has been expended on additions to the library. Advantage has been taken to acquire some scarce works that came on offer and having regard to their importance I trust that it will be considered that the outlay was fully justified."

The Statement of Accounts was passed round and there being no points arising their adoption was moved from the chair and passed unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Editor:

Mr. Benwell stated that he would like to receive much more 'copy' and was of the opinion that articles on some of the smaller islands would be most welcome. He also announced that he wished to relinquish the Editorship and felt that 'new blood' might benefit the Circle. Mr. Benwell added that, if necessary, he would be very happy to train a successor. Report accepted.

Report of the Hon. Librarian:

In the absence of Rose Titford this was read by Mr. Chard :-

"Whilst there have been fewer items borrowed from the library, there have been letters of enquiry on certain problems connected with the current

interests of several members which I have done my best to answer. The 'scrap book' continues to grow and many members have taken advantage of borrowing sections from the four volumes which comprise the 'scrap book' to date. I still have quite a number of articles to include following a purchase of a substantial number of cuttings. Quite an amount of work is involved in collating these items preparatory to their being placed in chronological order but, all being well, I hope to complete this by the autumn. It is also my desire to have an up-to-date list included in the December Bulletin.

Many paper-back philatelic handbooks - some of which were received in a somewhat tattered state due to their age or former ill-use - have been suitably bound. I am also pleased to report that the two GRENADA Handbooks which were lost in transit to a would-be borrower have been replaced and the library has been further strengthened by the addition of many useful and important works. Finally I would like to remind members that any unwanted literature on our special subjects that they may have will always find a welcome home in the Circle's library." Report accepted.

Report of the Chairman - Publications Sub-Committee:

Mr. Toeg, who was elected Chairman following the demise of Mr. G. W. Groves, mentioned that the Antigua and Virgin Islands Notebooks had not been recovered notwithstanding the notice that had been inserted in Bulletin No. 58. He went on to say that there were a number of entries in the Bahamas Notebook which would form a basis for some articles for inclusion in the Bulletin at a later date. Attention was also drawn to the fact that Mr. E. M. Adelson - one of our overseas members - may be circulating a questionnaire on Bahamas to members. Mr. Toeg stated that he hoped to inspect in the near future a collection of Montserrat and make notes of its outstanding items. Subsequently he intended to write an article which he felt might supplement the information given in the excellent book on this colony written by Mr. L. E. Britnor. Mr. Toeg concluded by mentioning that Mr. J. B. Marriott was still engaged on writing his second book on Trinidad some parts of which had already been submitted in draft form.

The Royal Philatelic Society, London

The attention of the meeting was drawn to the Exhibition being held to commemorate the centenary of the Society from April 11th-20th, at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1. It was pointed out that any member who wished to attend on any day - 11th and 12th excepted - should contact the Hon. Secretary who would be pleased to arrange for an invitation to be sent direct.

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Displays:

Invitations had been received from the following:-

From the Wallington and Carshalton Philatelic Society for June 10th, 1969.

The following members agreed to give a combined display: Messrs. B. B. Benwell, A. J. Branston and E. Shields Forshaw.

From the Southall Philatelic Society for October 7th, 1969.

The following members agreed to give a combined display: Messrs. B. B. Benwell, L. E. Britnor, I. P. Chard and E. V. Toeg.

51st Philatelic Congress of Great Britain

This is being held at Bristol from 24th-27th June, and the following have agreed to act as the Circle's Delegates:

Messrs. A. J. Branston, J. D. Todd and W. A. Townsend. Mr. Townsend also consented to take the chair at a meeting to be held for the benefit of those interested in British West Indies.

Philympia 1970

With reference to the Circle's contribution of £31 5s. already made towards the expenses, the President proposed at the suggestion of the Hon. Treasurer Mr. P. T. Saunders, that a further £3 15s. be sent to round off the sum to £30 which was agreed to unanimously. Mr. Toeg raised the question of the Circle advertising in the Philympia literature and proposed this be confined to the Catalogue. This was seconded by Mr. Austin with the provision that the space be limited to a half page at a cost of £35. Mr. Benwell proposed that the Hon. Secretary compile the advertisement and that it be submitted to the Committee for approval, and, if considered necessary, sent to an artist for suggestions as to a design. This was seconded by Mr. Austin to which all agreed.

British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group

The President informed the meeting that the Hon. Secretary had received a letter from the President of the BCPSG enquiring whether a joint meeting with our Circle might be arranged to take place during Philympia, 1970. A lengthy discussion took place during which Mr. Benwell suggested that if our usual Autumn Meeting took place during the period of Philympia invitations could be sent to those of their members who had come over here to join us. Later Mr. Toeg suggested that a lunch be held at the Bonnington Hotel followed by a meeting and tea. This idea met with unanimous approval but it was considered advisable that such a function should not be held on the first or last day of Philympia. It was agreed that the Committee (or a Sub-Committee) should deal with the matter in more detail in due course.

Autumn Meeting

This will be held in the B.P.A. Board Room at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, September 27th, 1969, at 3 p.m. when our President will give a display of material from the Leeward Islands.

Sixteenth Anniversary Meeting

It was agreed that this should be held on Saturday, April 11th, 1970.

Election of Officers and Committee

There being no nominations and the present holders being eligible and willing to continue it was proposed by the President that they be re-elected en bloc which was carried unanimously. Mr. Toeg also proposed that Mr. A. J. Branston be re-appointed Hon. Auditor which was seconded by Mr. R. H. Austin.

This concluded the official business and there followed some short displays of stamps and philatelic material the details of which are as follows:

Mr. R. Ward displayed 25 pages which included Proof Book pages connected with the first type SHIP LETTER handstamps and CURRENCY charge stamps for the whole Caribbean area. NELSON'S DOCKYARD - cover from Antigua, 1965; ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA and PAQUEBOT on U.S.A. cover. F.D.C. with the SEA FLOOR Bahamas handstamp 1939 and registered from MARSH HARBOUR 1965. PEROT POST OFFICE, BERMUDA, covers with c.d.s. in red and black. MISSENT TO DOMINICA, on cover from Jamaica to Grenada 1957; MIS-SENT to JAMAICA, W.I. boxed, on U.S.A. entire to St. Vincent 1959; TORTOLA dated entire of 20th January 1806; MISSENT TO TORTOLA on entire from Birmingham, England to St. Thomas 1965. GIBRALTAR CAMP cachets and c.d.s. 1941-44 of JAMAICA and STREET LETTER BOX c.d.s. of KINGSTON and MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA in 1911 and 1916.

Mr. Chard followed with a display of 12 pages of Bermuda, the first sheets depicted the commemorative and definitive stamps which had as their design, or part of their design, the 'Perot Stamp.' The remainder of the sheets were devoted to displaying the Post Offices of Hamilton on photographs and on stamps and some of the Postal Markings.

Mr. E. V. Toeg then exhibited some pages of Antigua proofs after 1900. The chief items were imperforate plate proofs mostly in pairs of the 1908-12 set. Die proofs BEFORE HARDENING and AFTER HARDENING of the oval vignette of the Head of King Edward VII dated 11 FEB 03 and 13 FEB 03 and a composite plate proof of the 1903 Five Shillings. These were followed by imperforate plate proofs of the three War stamps and die proofs of the frame and value tablets respectively from the 1921-29 definitive set. Die proofs in

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unissued colours of the four different designs adopted for the 1932 Tercentenary set came next and finally die proofs in black of the frame and King's Head of each of the four values of the 1935 Silver Jubilee set.

NOTES AND QUERIES

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Committee of the Study Circle have decided that it would be an excellent idea for various members of the Study Circle to write articles on the group of countries which we are interested in for publication in the Bulletin. If you will turn to the beginning of each Bulletin you will see the various countries mentioned and I hope that articles will be written about many of these countries in the course of the next two or three years.

I am very much looking forward to several overseas members contributing some of the articles and they will be asked to do this whenever it can be suitably arranged.

The article on a country will not be confined to any particular length as this must depend on the size and importance of the country from the philatelic point of view. The aim of an article will be to give an intermediate level of knowledge, i.e. the author will not be too elementary in his other approach but the information imparted also will not be specialised. The object will be to give sufficient knowledge and information about a country so as to be of interest to those of you who are looking at any time for another country to collect. These articles are therefore intended as an introduction to you of the various countries in the British West Indies so that should you desire to collect a fresh country you merely have to refer to the articles to help you to make up your mind which country it is to be.

The success of this series will depend very much on how the contributors write their articles. If these articles are too elementary they will not serve their purpose and if on the other hand they are too detailed and specialised this might also put off would be collectors as well. Consequently it will be very important that contributors shall strike the right note and present something interesting to those of you who may be looking out for a new country to collect.

I am hoping that the articles shall prove a great help to many members as I must admit that when I branched out after my first country I did so very

tentatively without realising that I had taken a major step forward and consequently some time passed before I began to collect my new country in a positive manner.

I am proposing in the first place that Mr. L. E. Britnor, whose idea this originally was, will commence the series with an article on Postal History and then the articles which will follow will as near as possible be about countries from the beginning of the alphabet and the end of the alphabet in alternate order until they meet in the middle. This means that after the Postal History article already referred to, I will be contributing an article on Antigua which I hope will be followed by an article on Virgin Islands and the next article will probably be on Bahamas to be followed by Turks Islands and so on.

I hope that members will enjoy the series as it unfolds and if the articles induce any of you to collect a country or countries which you would not have done otherwise then the series will have achieved its purpose.

E. V. Toeg

BAHAMAS

I have heard from Dr. J. M. Lockie, of Brandon, Manitoba, in reply to my query in Bulletin 59, p. 60, re the Bahamas SG 107 inverted watermark. He has a copy from the top left hand corner, with plate No. 1.

He also mentions that he has Jamaica SG 71 with inverted watermark, not in Gibbons but, he believes, in Aguilar's Handbook. *Peter Skinner*

BRITISH HONDURAS

I have to report "All Pines" in manuscript on 3c Q.V. brown key type, overstamped at Belize C killer. We already knew office was opened before the supply of the date stamp from London on September 5, 1901. The year date may be 00 after 5.7.—. *Peter Jaffé*

JAMAICA

The FALMOUTH Straight-line Handstamp

As with several of the Straight-line Town Stamps, there are still some outstanding questions re the Falmouth mark. Some time ago I suggested that there were two types of the FALMOUTH/JA marking.

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Although there were doubts about such a theory then, a recent addition to my collection seems to add weight to the original suggestion.

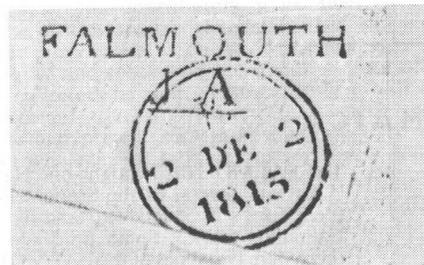
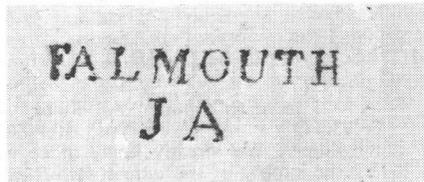
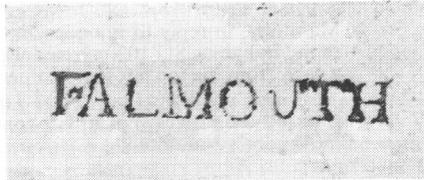
This latest addition is a cover dated 14 June 1808, and shows the first types of the FALMOUTH mark. (a). I believe this type was brought back into use owing to the FALMOUTH/JA handstamp having been lost or damaged.

The first FALMOUTH/JA (b) is known used as early as 1802: the latest date I have is May 1805.

The second FALMOUTH/JA (c) was evidently sent out as a replacement, and all the covers I have showing this handstamp are dated after 1808. It has been suggested that the line below JA in this last handstamp is part of the frame line. It is so clear, however, particularly in the early strikes, and is always exactly below the JA, that it would seem more likely to be an integral part of the handstamp.

I would appreciate details of dates, etc., of these marks which other members have in their collections, together with any comments on the above.

A. Latham



LEEWARD ISLANDS

Manuscript Markings of Royal Mail Steam Packets "Eden" "Esk" and "Solent."



The writer of this article some years ago was fortunate enough to be able to read two books which have been written about the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company now known under the name of Royal Mail Lines Limited, the Company being incorporated as a limited liability Company on the 4th August, 1932.

One book was entitled "A link of Empire" or "70 Years of British Shipping" and was a souvenir of the 70th Year of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. This book, put together and published at the end of the Edwardian era, is purely a factual account of the growth of the Company from the wooden ships which were used to commence with in December 1841 and then the steam ships which first came into use after the middle of the 19th century. As it is merely a factual story without embellishments of any kind, this book which deals with the first 70 years of the Company's existence is not as interesting as a later book published in February, 1939 written by T. A. Bushell entitled "Royal Mail" 1839-1939 and published by Trade and Travel Publications Limited. It is because it is unlikely that many members will have had access to the two works referred to that the writer considers that this article is justified. The attractive photograph of R.M.S.P. "Eden," "Esk" and "Solent" forming part of this article is taken from "A link of Empire" or "70 Years of British Shipping" and is included as these three steamers are referred to many times in the course of this article. Likewise the factual details relating to the three steamers mentioned later on are also taken from the same book. Returning now to the second book entitled "Royal Mail" 1839-1939, this is written in pleasant style, is very readable and contains a number of anecdotes and considerable background information about the shipping Company as well as the Islands in the Caribbean visited by the ships of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

The writer is greatly indebted to Mr. T. A. Bushell and to his publishers Trade and Travel Publications Limited for being able to quote extensively from and

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to use the information contained in this book in writing much of this article.

The writer's main object is to inform members in due course about certain manuscript markings which were applied on R.M.S.P. "Eden," "Esk" and "Solent," but before doing so the writer thinks that it would be particularly interesting to link up the story about these three steamers with the events with which they were connected and then to deal with the manuscript markings.

To commence with it is proposed to mention the transfer stations when the service was opened. These transfer stations were an essential part of the routing arrangements throughout the first 75 years of the existence of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. The routes travelled by the Company's ships were substantially the same as those laid down in the original mail contract, but some minor alterations had been dictated by the necessity of more frequent coaling and the refusal of permission to use Samana Bay (now part of the Dominican Republic) as the northern transfer station. After leaving Falmouth (which closed as a packet station in 1851 resulting in mail thereafter being loaded solely at Southampton) the steamers called at La Coruna, Spain, and then at the Portuguese island of Madeira for coal and homeward bound, a call was made at Bermuda for the same purpose. The anchorage in the Caribbean was to start with off Turks Island (about 100 miles north of the large island now comprising the Republic of Haiti and the Dominican Republic), whose geographical position in relation to the routes in the northern Caribbean was all that could be desired, but Turks Island lacked the natural features of Samana Bay, already referred to, which had been first suggested as the northern transfer station, but was not in fact so used. Within a few months of the opening of the service, Turks Island proved unsuitable for transfer operations and was abandoned in favour of the Danish Island of St. Thomas.

The Atlantic crossing took, on an average, 19 days between Falmouth and Barbados. To commence with, the transatlantic steamers did not immediately return to the United Kingdom, but were employed on the local routes in a regular rotation, eventually returning to Falmouth and Southampton after an absence of from four to six months. This system was necessary in the early days owing to the complete lack of repair facilities for ships in the West Indies. In later years, when the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company had established a depot at St. Thomas, with stocks of coal and stores and its own engineering works, it became possible to maintain a local fleet of smaller vessels, leaving the larger ships for the transatlantic service.

When the island of St. Thomas became the transfer station in place of the anchorage off Turks Island, the local fleet of smaller ships above referred to

BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

LIST OF MEMBERS 1969

KEY. – Names of colonies are given in a three-letter code, consisting in most cases of the first three letters of the name. "All" means all the colonies within the Circle's field of study. Meaning of symbols:-

C – Cancellations and postal markings; D – deals in material specified; M – Mint **only**; PH – Postal history or pre-adhesive material; PS – Postal stationery; U – Used **only**; x – Except.

* - Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties, † Overseas Member.

EXAMPLES.- "ANT, BAR & C" in col. 2 with "CAY" in col. 3 means the Member has straight collections of ANTIGUA and BARBADOS with the Cancellations of these colonies; as a secondary interest he also collects CAYMANS. "CAY: KGVI, M" would mean that his CAYMANS are limited to stamps of King George VI and only Mint.

"StL*, StV*, xPS" followed by "C of All xBrG, xBrH" means the Member has specialised collections (as defined above) of St. LUCIA and St. VINCENT but excluding Postal stationery; he also collects Cancellations of all colonies within the Circle's field except Br. Guiana and Br. Honduras.

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†Adams, J.M.G.	BAR*	
†Adelson, E. M.	BAH	
†Aleong, J.C.	StV*	
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†Aman, Dr. P. M.	JAM*	
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Ash, S	JAM*	
Astridge, G. W.	LEE* BrG*	
Austin, R. H., M.B.E.	BAH*	BAR, BER, GRE, JAM, StK, StL, TRI
Bailey, J. M.	BAH*	
Baker, J. W.	St.L*	
Barnard, C. R.	All	
†Barrow, T.D.	LEE* WIN*	
†Bartlett, Edmund		All & C
Bartlett, G. C.	StL*	
†Bayley, C. H.	BAR*	All xBrH
Baynes, E.	BAR* BER*	Most & C
Beardwood, Dr. H. K.	GUY*	
Beauchamp, A. R.		All
Benwell, B. B.	BAR*	
Berridge, J. M.	All	
†Betts, E. C., Jr.		All & C
Bishop, C. W.	JAM*	
Black, H. Moreton	BAH*	BAR from 1892
Blackburn, Dr. R. H.	JAM*	
Bodily, R.		D all
†Bogg, W. G.		D. All PH
†Bolling, R	BAR*	DOM
Bolton, K.	JAM*	
†Box, H. E.		All
Branston, A. J.	BAH*	
†Brassler, Norman	All* xPH, xPS, on cover	All xPH, xPS
Britnor, L. E.	BAR* xPS	PH & C of All xBrG, xBrH
Brooks, B.A.	St.K*	
Brown, G. Bridgmore, M.B.E.	BER*	All C of BAR, StV
Brown, Dr. H. V.	DOM*	GRE (C), ANT, StK, StL (C & PS)
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Day, S. J.	GRE*	ANT, BAH, MONT, StV
Deakin, H. F.	BAH* BAR* CAY* StV*	
†De Freitas, R. A.	BAR*, BrG*, GUY*	
†De Lise, M. B.		All M & U & Varieties
Delingpole, M. H.		All also Ascension, Falkland Islands
Demster, J.	GRE*	
†Devaux, R. J.	StL*	All
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Dickson, I. W. D.	StL, StB & C	
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DODwell, O. J.		All
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†Douglass, Capt. N.		
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Elliott, A. T.	JAM* from 1912	CAY, TUR
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Evans, J.F.	BrH* StL* TUR & CAI*	All others
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†Fashingbauer, R	BAH*	
Fawcett, V.	ANT* DOM*	
Fitz-Gerald, F. D. , O.B.E.		All xBER, BrG, BrH, JAM, & TUR
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†Fredrick, J. L.	VIR* to 1900	
†Freeman, F. G.	JAM* xPS	
Gale, P. A.	BAH*	
Garrard, Dr. N.	BAH*	All xBrG, xStV
Garrat-Adams, H.		Philatelic Literature
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Giffin, W. L.		All
Giraldi, T. E.	BAH* CAY*	Ant, StL, Guyana
Giraud-Saunders, N.C.	ANT* BAR*	BER, DOM, GRE, StL & StV,
Goldblatt, S.	VIR*	
†Gregson, J. M. A.	BAR* TRI*	
Grimble, R.W.	ANT* GRE* JAM*	
†Grinevicius, A.		
†Griswold, Dr. A. S.	BAH* BER*	
†Group, R. E.	C of BrG & BrH,	
†Guymer, Miss P. E.	BAR (Badge Issues)	
Haig, R.F.	BAH* JAM*	
Hall, W. ff. D.		All including PH & C
†Halliday, R. W.		D
†Hamilton, R. W.	MONT* VIR*	
†Harris, M. A.		D Pre-adhesives up to 1935
Heap, J. L.	BrG	
Henriques, R	JAM*	
Herbert, J. A. C.	CAY*	
Hershman, R. E.	BAR*	
†Hicks, Dr. H. D.	BER*	
Higgins, A. H.		All
†Higgins, R. D.	ANT* BAH* BAR* BER*	
Hill, Dr. A. E.	TRI & TOB*	
Hoey, S. Graham	BAH*	
Horton, A. G.		
Irving, W.	Classics of All	
†Ishibara, M.	StV* (&PH)	

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
†Jaffe, Peter	StV*	GRE to 1901, PH of LEE, StL, C of BAR, BrG BrH, DOM, GRE All M & U
Jaillet, Mrs. C.	JAM*	
James, H. A. H.	ANT* BAR* BrG* GRE* StL StV VIR	
Jex Long, I.D.	JAM*	CAY, TUR
†Johnson, A. N.	GRE*	All, particularly PH
Johnson, B. E.	BER	
Johnson, F. M.	GRE*	
Jones, C. E. R.	StL, StV	
†Jones, R.	CAY JAM (New issues and C)	
Kimber, H. E.	CAY from 1937, JAM	All
†Kirkland, I.R., Jr.	TOB* TRI*	BAR, BER
†Kitchen, Dr. P. F.	GRE (PH) BAR* LEE*	
†Kopf, Dr. K	LEE	
†Larkin, R. H.	JAM, BAR ©	
†Larsen, P. A.		D all
Latham, A. H.	CAY*	StL
Lea, W. E.		D All
Lee, R. A. G.		All
Leverton, A. M.	StV	QEII & postmarks
Lewis, V		
Lickfold, E. K.	BAR, BER, BrG, TRI & C	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, GRE, StV VIR
Limrick, B	BAR* (& PH) StK* (& PH) TRI* (& PH)	KG V onwards (BAH, BAR, BrG, JAM, StK, TRI & TOB, TUR & CAI)
Lisle, F. B.	CAY* StL*	
Loach, J. C.	BAH: Chalou Heads	
†Lockie, Dr. J. M.	BER*	PH & C of BAH, TUR & PH
Lowe, Robson	TRI*	D All (Classics)
†Ludington, M. H.	CAY*	BAR, JAM
†Lyman, R. W.	JAM*	
Lyons, Mrs. S.	BER, BrG, JAM, TUR & CAI	All
M ^c Caughey, D.	ANT* DOM* MON* StK* VIR* xPS to 1935	All to 1936 x JAM, StV
Macmillan, H. B.	TRI* to 1910	
†Malin, L. R.	ANT* xPS	GRE LEE StV xPS BER
Manning, K. J. A. O.	JAM*	All others
Marriott, John B.	TRI TOB* TRI & TOB*	
Marshall, L. M. W.	TRI* & First Flights	All others & Venezuela
Mason, Dr. S.A.	ANT, StK, StL, StV, VIR	
†Mata, J. F.	GRE* StV*	All others
Matthews, W. H.	NEV*	
Meitinger, J.A.	TRI & TOB*	
Messenger, J. L.	BAR* TRI* xPS	All, others except StL & TUR
†Michael, J.M.	JAM*	All, particularly C & PH
Mills, P. Y.	BAR* BrG*	
Mitchell, Hooton		
Mitchell, Dr. T. J.		
†Mosely, T.E.		
†Mounsey, R. C., Jr.		
Muatinga, J. H.		
Murray, Col. A.		
Nabarro, F. J. N.	DOM* to 1935	D PH & C of all
Neale, H. A.		All (KGV only)
†News-Smith, R.		All M & U
Nissen, H.		D all
Norris, Lt. Col. F. S. J.	DOM*	
†O'Connor, Harvey	JAM*	All
†Osborn, G. A.	BER* to 1901	GRE to 1901
Oxley, H. M.	GRE	
Palmer, C	StL*	
Parker, C. Angus		D all, specially PH, C, Ps, Covers, Proofs, etc.,
Partridge, R. F.	GRE & C	
†Paton, C. D.	LEE*	
Paton, I. M.	LEE from 1937	All others from 1937
Payne, C.M.	GRE*	
Peart, Brigadier A.G.	LEE*	
Pilkington, G. L.	GRE* to 1890	StC. LEE ©
†Plass, Gilbert.N..	VIR*	LEE
Pratt, R. G.	StV	
Pritchett, G. C.	BAH, BAR, GRE, StL, STV, TRI	All from 1953 M xANT BrG & BrH
Proffitt, B.	JAM*, LEE*	
Proud, E. B.		D all & PH
Pullar, G. L.	StL (M)	ANT, BAR, MON, (M)
Pywell, J. G.	ANT, BAR, StV, C & PS	
Radford, R.	BAR*	
Ransom, Mrs H. S.	TRI* TOB*	
Ransome, R.	TRI* TOB*	
†Raymond, Gale J.	BAH (PH) LEE (PH)	ANT, BrH, Anguilla, Barbuda (PH)
Reilly, M. P.	BrG*	

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Richards, J. A. †Ritchie, G. W. S.	CAY BER* from 1953	BAH, BrG, BrH, CAY, DOM, JAM, LEE, StL, StV, TUR From 1953 All (QEII)
Ritchie, J.M. Roberts, J. Roberts, T. V. Robertson, K. J. †Robinson, A. G. Rockett, R. C.	JAM, LEE ANT, DOM, GRE, StK, JAM* BER* JAM* LEE* CAY*	StL, TRI & TOB
Samuel, M. F.-J. †Sancho, G. E. Sargeant, K. S. Saunders, P. T. Scott, R.J. †Seifert, Col. Fred F. Shaxted, J. †Shepard, J.H. †Shilstone, H. M. Jr. Skinner, P. R. Sibley, R. A. Slingsby, P. J. Smith, C Hardeman Smith, Lt.-Col. G. Saville Smith, J. W. †Spelman, H.M. III Spencer, E. Spreckley, A. E. Stephenson, G. M. Steppler, Prof. H. A. †Stitt, W. B. Stokes, E. W. †Stone, R. G. †Strachan, T. J. Surtees, V. N. F. Sutton, Col. T., O.B.E. Swarbrick, R. V. Swetland, M. W.	TRI (PH) DOM* JAM* StL* BAR* BAH* BAH* MONT* StK* VIR* ANT, GRE, MONT, StL, StV JAM* VIR* BAR* BAR*, StV StV* TRI* & TOB* BAH*, BER*, CAY*, JAM* CAY, GRE LEE & WIN, BAH LEE* JAM* JAM* ANT*, BER*, JAM*	All others (KG VI & QEII) All (specimens & Revenue) D PH of all PH of Herefordshire All C & PS of all TRI & TOB All All others All D all ©
Taylor, J. Taylor, Mrs. M. W. †Taylor, Mrs. P. K. †Tennison, P. J. Terry, W. †Theftford, Dr. N. D. Thompson, Major A. H. Thompson, E. K. Titford, Rose Todd, J. D. Toeg, E.V. †Topaz, R †Towers, Dr. R. P. Townsend, W. A. †Tse, T.H. †Tucker, Sir H. J. †Vooyo, D. W.	JAM* TRI & TOB* BrG from 1953 TRI & TOB* JAM* ANT*, BARBUDA*, JAM* BAR* BER* BrG* GRE* JAM* StV* TRI* TRI & TOB* GRE* TRI* BAR* ANT* MONT* StL* ANT* BER*, GRE*, JAM*, StL* JAM* JAM* DOM*	All also Denmark & Japan All others xBrC, xBrH D All P.B. issues & covers BAH (PH) BrG (PH) BER D all Canada (PH) TUR All All others ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, GRE, StL, StV D Registered covers BrH* GRE, StV Philatelic Literature BAH, BAR, BER, StV C of all
Walker, B. Ward, R. Warren, Capt. D.C. Watkinson, R.J. Watson, W. K. Watts, M.D. †Weeks, C. A.	JAM* TRI & TOB* BrG from 1953 TRI & TOB* JAM* ANT*, BARBUDA*, JAM* BAR* BER* BrG* GRE* JAM* StV* TRI* TRI & TOB* GRE* TRI* BAR* ANT* MONT* StL* ANT* BER*, GRE*, JAM*, StL* JAM* JAM* DOM*	DOM, StL, StV
Wells, R. W. Wellum, F.E. Wheeler, L. S. Willem, J. M. Winters, F. A. Wood, Dr. P.J. Woodhead, L.A. Woodward, I. R. Woodward, R. G. Woolfson, Dr. D. Worthington, H. B.	JAM* TRI & TOB* BrG from 1953 TRI & TOB* JAM* ANT*, BARBUDA*, JAM* BAR* BER* BrG* GRE* JAM* StV* TRI* TRI & TOB* GRE* TRI* BAR* ANT* MONT* StL* ANT* BER*, GRE*, JAM*, StL* JAM* JAM* DOM*	BAR, DOM, GRE, StV, Anguilla All M & on cover
†Yary, Dr. I. M. †Zambrini, V. †Zelt, L. E. Jr.	BAH, BAR, BER, TRI TUR from 1901	All PH & C of all xBrG * BrH All from 1953

LEEWARD ISLANDS (Cont.)

would gather there to meet the arrival of the larger ships of the transatlantic service and there would then be a transfer of passengers, cargo and mail from one to another.

The long association between the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and the Danish Island of St. Thomas began in 1841 when James MacQueen, the founder of the Shipping Line, established a coaling station there for the new steamers and within a few months of the opening of this coaling station the picturesque land-locked harbour of Charlotte Amalie, unexcelled in the West Indies, became the principal transfer station for the northern routes. Ten years later in 1851, the remaining West Indian routes were centred on St. Thomas, which having proved itself extremely suitable and satisfactory as a transfer station thereafter became the "hub" of the Spanish Main.

The network of Royal Mail services which spread out fanwise from the little Danish island brought passengers and cargoes from the greater part of the western world, particularly after the opening of the overland route across the Isthmus of Panama in 1846. Twenty years later the cosmopolitan character of St. Thomas was further increased when the Panama shipping route to New Zealand and Australia came into operation. Thereafter, twice during each calendar month the arrival and departure of the transatlantic steamers brought scenes of great activity at St. Thomas, since at those times the whole of the connecting steamers were in port together.

To maintain all these ships in commission, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company built its own repair shops, coaling berths and wharves, keeping also a number of hulks and small craft for use in the harbour. The whole organisation was controlled by a General Superintendent, with an office in Charlotte Amalie. The constant stream of passengers and the large sums of money spent by the Shipping Company in the payment of wages to its many employees brought a prosperity to St. Thomas, which this island had never previously enjoyed. As a result, agricultural pursuits were gradually abandoned and the island in course of time became entirely dependent upon the commercial activities arising from its new-found position as an important shipping centre. The long association with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company left so deep an impression that, when the ownership of the Danish Virgin Islands was acquired by the United States of America in 1917, visitors from the United States were surprised to find that English was the common language of an island which had been continuously under the Danish flag for upwards of 250 years.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (Cont.)

Despite St. Thomas's excellent harbour and ideal geographical situation, the island had certain serious disadvantages attaching to it as a shipping centre. One of these was that St. Thomas was situated geographically in the heart of the hurricane region and this, of course, it still is. Another reason was that in the middle part of the 19th century medical science had not discovered how to contain and cure the deadly scourge of yellow fever. In the forties and fifties of the last century the fever would rage unchecked and it took great toll of ships' passengers, crews and inhabitants of St. Thomas. Sanitary arrangements, like those of many other West Indian towns, left much to be desired and the waters of the harbour at Charlotte Amalie were forever fouled by the garbage thrown from the shore and from the great number of ships constantly at anchor. Following representations by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, supported by the British Government, in 1860 the Danish authorities cut a channel through a rocky ledge in the inner part of the harbour, thereby producing a tidal flow in the harbour which greatly improved the condition of the anchorage. But of course this improvement had no direct effect upon the incidence of yellow fever which was mistakenly attributed at that time to stagnant foul water. Many years later the United States Medical Corps in Cuba discovered that yellow fever infection is carried by mosquitoes and not by bad water or contact with a victim, as was previously supposed. *E. V. Toeg*

(To be continued)

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Is it possible to differentiate the two printings of the 6d. olive? In which printing (of three) of the 1s. violet does the inverted watermark occur. Is there any evidence that fiscal stamps were used at villages where manuscript cancellations, "in defiance" of note in S.G. after R 6. *Peter Jaffé*

NEVIS

I should value information on the 6d. value. The printing figures are not included in the Melville Handbook, though no doubt in the Royal Philatelic Society's "West Indies." The only 6d. mentioned is 1,200 on Feb. 15 1878 - surely a lithograph. I have used copies of the lithograph in black and in grey -

are these both from one printing? In De La Rue 6d. brown is the first printing deeper and duller.

Peter Jaffé

ST. VINCENT

I have a halfpenny green S.G.40 with what is apparently a circular mark the only parts of which being legible are "WE (I?) possibly two blanks then possibly "N". Has any member seen a similar example, *Iain D. Jex Long*

It was indeed interesting to read Mr. J. L. Messenger's letter in Bulletin No. 60, pages 9 and 12, in regard to the Code Letter "C" being sideways under three separate headings.

The following information may be usefully recorded, and possibly be the subject of further research:-

(1) **Mayreau**

In my collection also is an example of the code letter sideways, with the open end above, dated May 25th, 1898.

(2) **Layou**

Mr. Messenger records the code letter sideways on

2nd February 1911

8th November 1912

In my collection, with the "C" open end downwards, are examples dated:

9th March 1910

2nd April 1910

20th July 1910

4th March 1912

In addition I have a stamp dated 3rd January 1910, with the "C" in the correct position: and another dated 20th December 0(?), presumably "9," which I find difficult to explain, as this has the sideways "C" open end downwards.

Any comments would be greatly appreciated in view of the correct one dated 3rd January 1910.

(3) **Parcel Post**

So far as this is concerned, I do not appear to have any with the code letter sideways - and would be interested to hear of other examples under this heading. *G. Moray Stephenson*

ST. VINCENT (Cont.)

I have *Canouan* with Code C "on its back" on the key and duty Queen and "on its front" on a Crown CA. King Edward. *Mayreau* code C on its back in dated JL) 25 95. *Union Island* code C on its front on key and duty Queen. It would be interesting to know when Union Island started to use A – noted on KG V. *Layou* second mark comes C on back at least as early as OC 1210.

I should be interested to know if any collector has evidence that De La Rue perforated the one penny engraved (Type 1) on the comb machine in red as well as in drab and, if so, when were the adhesives used.

Peter Jaffé

VIRGIN ISLANDS

I have V.I. p.c. with violet A91 and Tortola "C" My 9 88 and piece with two ½d. Leeward with black A 91 and Tortola "C" DE 28 91. I note from loose adhesives that the violet pad sometimes looks mauve and that the A91 in black comes at least to 1913 (½d. green KG V M.C.A.).

I suggest that the framework of the study, which must cover mail boats, Virgins and Southsea, should discover how many A 91 types exist. (Two different A13 were supplied on April 14 1858 and on April 28 1858 and nobody seems to have the least idea of the final location of these, one of which lasted into Edward VII period. I would add, as reported in L.P., that two sizes of B 03 were in use at about the same time, seemingly one PCO and another in the Atlantic). Once some facts are established, such as the date on which killers were withdrawn from the Leeward Islands, it will be time to guess the reasons for "survivals" in the "Lost World." Re-allocation of numeral killers took place in Bermuda, Tasmania and Ceylon, among others so it would be a pity if a theory gained acceptance before evidence was studied.

Peter Jaffé

Judging by the infrequency with which Virgin Islands covers appear on the market, the information to be gleaned from them about cancellations in use will be very incomplete.

I can call to mind only three auction sales which included in recent years early issues on 19th century covers, although presumably there were several more. One was a postal history sale in about late 1951 where, as far as I recollect, S.G.19 and 29 were used together on cover, but I made no note of the date or markings. Then, in the first Charlton Henry sale, Lot 1882 was a 4d. brown-red or chestnut, cancelled in violet with A.91 ; but the date is not given in the description nor shown in the illustration. Finally a sale of covers by

Harmer Rooke Ltd. in October, 1965 included a batch of Virgin Islands covers sent registered to Germany - I infer for philatelic purposes. Among the latter, one is illustrated: described as S.G. 14a, it is cancelled A 91 and bears a date in February 1891, which is at least within the period about which Mr. Coasby enquires.

My own covers, I regret, do not assist; with one exception, they begin in 1897. The odd man out is a postal stationery card (the second 1½d. issue) sent by the Postmaster to a correspondent in London, and bearing at the back a Tortola c.d.s. 11 AP 88. Unhappily the Postmaster was not as punctilious as he would have required his assistants to be, if he had acquired any at all by that time. The card was cancelled, by all things, in manuscript!

Covers apart, however, can there be any room for doubt that the A 91 "killer" was used continuously from the time of its introduction to the islands? If members care to do a census of their earlier issues, it will probably entirely bear out what my own collection indicates:

	S.G.1 to 21a	22-25,32-42	26-31
A 91	20	21	6
A 13	6	1	-
c.d.s.	3	3	-
C.A.			
(probably			
bogus)	-	1	-
unreadable	-	2	1

The unreadable cancellations are all probably A 91, while I omit from the list one A 91 cancellation which is almost certainly bogus. The strikes listed range from the downright careless - an over-inked half impression, or an enthusiastic double obliteration - which are by inference early and commercial, to the delicate precise and loving hand of the philatelic official! A supply of the latter burgeoned, so contemporary publications suggest, from about 1902 onwards, originating no doubt from the large supply of remainders offered for sale in August 1891; and the practice probably persisted for at least the rest of the time that the A 91 "killer" was in use, because one quite often meets the 1d. green perf. 12, for instance, with dates up to World War I.

Is not the clear conclusion from my figures that A 91 was used consistently, and the other cancels only for part of the pre-1890 period? In fact I am tempted to think that A 13 may have gone into disuse upon the introduction of A91, to be brought back towards the end of the 19th century.

This is speculation, of course, and we shall all welcome the collation of information from existing covers. While members are engaged on this task, it may be that two other questions can be answered:

VIRGIN ISLANDS (Cont.)

(1) Where and when and why was the A 91 cancellation in violet used? I have met this from time to time on S.G. 27-29, 31, 37 and once on S.G. 18, so that it perhaps belongs to the middle 1880's.

(2) What was the actual date of issue of the '1899' set? 1st January 1899 is ordinarily accepted, but I have an acknowledgement from the assistant Postmaster of an order given in February 1898, and it is indicated that the new stamps were expected to be available in April. A little more research may reveal the answer to the fascinating mystery of how Virgin Islands - surely the most philatelically independent of all the British West Indies - came to 'secede' from the Leewards group.

Simon Goldblatt

OBITUARY

ALBERT A. HERSHMAN

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Albert Hershman on February 20th. Mr. Hershman was a founder member of the Circle, his special interests being Bermuda and Jamaica and of the latter he had at one time the finest collection of Temporary Rubber Datestamps. Of recent years he turned his attention to Cyprus and Rhodesia but no matter what country he took up he did so with great enthusiasm. Albert Hershman was a man of great charm who enjoyed his stamps and meeting fellow collectors. Our deep sympathies are extended to his wife Pearl and son Jeremy.

P. T. Saunders

MISCELLANEA

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1850 "Cottonreels"

- The famous "Miss Rose of Blankenburg cover, bearing a vert. pair of the
2c. **black on rose**, initialled "E.T.E.D." cut accurately to shape,
showing the circular frame-lines practically all round; tied by two
Demerara canc. of AU 5 57. S.G.1 34,000
- 4c. black on orange**, initialled "E.D.W.," cut square. Cut into a little at
right, close to clear margins other sides. Neat Demerara OC 19 51
and Berbice canc. S.G.2 1,600

4c. black on pelure yellowish paper , initialled "W.H.L." Cut approximately square, with huge margins, on piece. S.G.8. (A few light wrinkles and a variation in the paper colour). Demerara MR 21 51 pmk., which is repeated on the piece	6,000
8c. black on green , initialled "E.D.W." Cut square. Three large margins and frame-line brushed at left. Small thin top right, light Demerara pmk. S.G.4 .	2,800
12c. black on blue , initialled "E.T.E.D." Cut square. Very large margins, light Demerara and Berbice canc. S.G.5.	2,300
12c. black on pale blue , initialled "E.D.W." Cut square. Margins all round, light Berbice canc. S.G.7	1,200

1852 Lithographed

1c. black on magenta , part o.g., off-centre to r., faint vert. crease outside design at l. Paper colour perfect. S.G.9	1,800
4c. black on blue , unused, large margins. (Two creases and some very slight colour loss, partly touched up). S.G.10	1,200
4c. black on blue , large margins, clear SP 5 1853 pmk. (Some colour touching up around the letter "H.") S.G.10	1,400

1853 S.G.11

1c. vermilion , small part o.g.	550
1c. " light centred Berbice pmk.	400
1c. " horizontal pair, hinged to piece (light crease along top)	300

1858/59. Fresh Transfers

1c. brownish red , type A, lightly cancelled. S.G.13	425
1c. pale dull red , type A, horiz. pair, centred canc., with last digit of year date in ms. S.G.12	300
1c. brownish red , type B, lightly cancelled. S.G.15	400
1c. dull red , vert, strip of three, types D, C, C, neatly cancelled. (<i>This is the only example of type D in existence. Auctioneer's note</i>). S.G.17 and 16 (2)	5,000
1c. dull red , type B. horiz. strip of four (touched at right, small to large margins elsewhere), neatly tied by one of four Demerara JA 6 60 pmks. to env., to New Amsterdam. S.G.14	2,200

1853-59

4c. pale blue , unused horiz. pair with left sheet margin and extra large margins other sides (creases and a tiny thin in top margin). S.G.20	1,100
4c. milky blue , large margins, fine used	100
4c. pale blue , light canc. S.G.20	115
4c. dark blue , horiz. se-tenant pair, left stamp with line above value, right stamp with line removed by retouching, left stamp very fine, right stamp thinned and with extensive scissor cut. S.G.18 and 18a	300
4c. dark blue , retouched, horiz. pair, o.g., left stamp vert. crease. S.G.18a	750

4c. dark blue , tied to neat folded cover to Georgetown by Demerara Oc 13 1854 pmk. S.G.18a	380
1860 Figures in corners framed. S.G.21	
4c. blue , o.g. (negligible gum wrinkles). Very fine. S.G.21	650
4c. blue , used on mourning env., Demerara to Berbice, MY 22 60. Stamp not tied but pmk. repeated on reverse. S.G.21	320
1856. Type-set	
4c. black on carmine , cut octagonally. Tied to a cover originating in London, June 16 (6d. British postage), arriving in Demerara July 9; sent forward to Mahaicong (Essequibo) on July 11 after addition of the 4c. for inland postage. (<i>Year date not given in Catalogue but this appears to be 1856.</i> R.T.)	2,600
4c. black on rose-carmine , initialled "E.D.W." Cut square. Large margined: light Demerara Nov. 13 56 canc. S.G.25	2,900
4c. black on blue , initialled "E.D.W.," cut square, light Demerara pmk. SP 27 1856; paper colouring very slightly affected but not touched up. S.G.26	8,500
1860/61 . Thick paper, perf.12, 24c. green , o.g. S.G.39	190
1862. Type-set Provisional Issue	
1c. black on rose , S.G. type 10, pos. 12 (top right ornament wrongly set), signed, o.g., full roulettes	400
1c. black on rose , S.G. type 11, pos. 19, large example, full roulettes, tied to small piece	190
2c. black on yellow , S.G. type 10, vert. pair, pos. 6 & 12, var., imperforate between, full remaining roulettes. Unlisted	500
4c. black on blue , S.G. type 14, pos. 16, unused, signed, full roulettes	525
4c. black on blue , S.G. type 14, pos. 16, used, full roulettes, large example	105
1875 , perf. 15, 12c. lilac, part o.g. Centred. S.G.113	105
1875 , Perf. 15, 24c. yellow-green , o.g. S.G.114	105
1876 , Crown CC, perf. 14, 96c. bistre , block of four, part o.g., well centred. (There is the slightest rubbing at top left of upper left stamp)	400
1881 , Surcharged Provl. on OFFICIAL, 2 on 12c. lilac, double surcharge, o.g., centred. S.G.158a	135
1889 , O'ptd. INLAND REVENUE, 4 DOLLARS green, o.g. S.G.188a	145
1898, Victoria Jubilee issue . Two photographic mockup essays on card of the 15c. in brown & dp. brown & blue with hand touching-up of palms, sky, etc. Former dated Oct. 20th 97	145
2c. blue & brown , marginal horiz. pair, imperf. between and at left, l.h. horiz. crease. S.G. 217a	420
1934/51 , Script CA, perf. 12:, 4c. violet-black , block of four, imperf. horizontally from top left of sheet., o.g.	775

- 1877, OFFICIAL, S.G. type 02, **1c slate**, var. Imperf. between, 775
 contained in an irregular block of five, lightly cancelled. (*Stated to be*
the only block known. Auctioneer's note).
- 1877, OFFICIAL, **6c. brown**, o.g. S.G.09 280

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Rose Titford, Hon. Librarian

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HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Dear Member,

As you will have read elsewhere illness prevented my journeying to London to attend our Fifteenth Anniversary Meeting and I am grateful to Mr. Chard for deputising for me in my enforced absence. This also meant that I missed STAMPEX so it was a sad day for me not being able to meet some of my friends. I understand that the extra space available in the new venue of STAMPEX was much appreciated by both visitors and the trade. The announcement made by our Hon. Editor that he wished to relinquish the post is sad news indeed. Mr. Benwell took over from me in July, 1959, and has given unstinted service to us for these past ten years. Whilst he is prepared to carry on until we find a successor we naturally hope that this will not be prolonged. If there is any member, preferably residing in London or the Home Counties, who would like to undertake the editorship I will be grateful if he (or she) will drop me a line. In this connection I would emphasise that Mr. Benwell will be only too happy to give any training necessary to anyone who has no experience of this type of work. There can be very few, if any, of us who do not have some blank spaces in our collections; this being so it has always been a mystery to me why so little use is made of the free publicity afforded in the Bulletin for members 'wants.' Perhaps you can suggest a reason? Shortly after you receive this issue the 51st Philatelic Congress of Great Britain will be taking place at Bristol. As mentioned earlier in this issue three delegates of our Circle will be there and any other members who can attend may be sure of a very enjoyable time. In accordance with custom it gives me great pleasure to welcome the following new members: D. J. Allan (London), J. Dempster (Lancashire), V. Faweett (Wiltshire), T. E. Giraldi (U.S.A.), S. Goldblatt (London), Mrs. C. Jaillet (U.S.A.), H. A. H. James (London), B. Limrick (Scotland), A. Shepherd (Yorkshire), J. W. Smith (Hertfordshire) and F. A. Winters (U.S.A.).

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