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BRITISH	MONTSERRAT	ISLANDS
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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.

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

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Dear Member,

By the time this bulletin reaches you we imagine you will have had your holiday and we hope that you were one of the few who succeeded in escaping some of the wretched weather that persisted for so long. Fortunately the weather does not play a major part in the pursuit of our hobby and with the coming of the dark evenings the time returns once more when attention can be given to your stamps. Notwithstanding the inevitable wastage through resignations, lapsed subscriptions etc. our total membership of 196 shows no change from a year ago. The following have enrolled since our last issue to whom we extend a warm

welcome: R. H. Austin, R. W. Metcalfe. F. D. Opie and F. S. Schuler (Trinidad). It is with regret that we learn that the home of one of our members in U.S.A. - Gale J. Raymond - was broken into while he and his family were on vacation and a valuable postal history collection was stolen. Space does not permit us to give details of the many missing items but should you ever see any covers addressed to him, excepting any that you purchased from him personally, you are enjoined to advise our Hon. Secretary immediately.

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LONDON (35)

PROVINCIAL (117)

Bedfordshire	2	Essex	5	Nottinghamshire	1
Buckinghamshire	1	Gloucestershire	4	Shropshire	2
Cambridgeshire	1	Hampshire	3	Somerset	2
Cheshire	2	Hertfordshire	4	Staffordshire	1
Cornwall	1	Kent	5	Surrey	16
Derbyshire	5	Lancashire	6	Sussex	5
Devonshire	6	Middlesex	4	Warwickshire	3
Dorset	1	Norfolk	2	Wiltshire	3
Co. Durham	1	Northamptonshire	1	Yorkshire	17
		Northumberland	2		
Northern Ireland	1	Scotland	8	Wales	2

OVERSEAS (44)

Australia	4	B.W.I.	5	Canada	7
Lebanon	1	New Guinea	1	South Africa	2
Tasmania	1			U.S.A.	23

AUTUMN MEETING

Just a reminder that this will take place in the meeting room of The Royal Philatelic Society, London (by courtesy of the Hon. Secretary), at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1 on the 25th October at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that many members (and their friends) will attend and afternoon tea (2/-) will be available to those who advise Mr. Saunders accordingly not later than the 20th instant. Finally do not forget to bring along a few sheets for display and a note of any queries to be discussed.

AN INVITATION

Our Circle has been invited to collaborate with a Convention being organised by the British Philatelic Association which is to take place at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Some interesting material will be displayed by six affiliated study circles and a brief comment will be made on the sheets comprising our contribution by our Committee member Miss Rose Titford.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Please make a note that this will take place on Saturday, April 4th, 1959, at the usual venue - Lords Tavern, St. John's Wood Road, N.W.8. Full details will appear in the January 1959 Bulletin.

SALES CIRCUIT

In my note in the July Bulletin I stated that I hoped to effect settlement in respect of the outstanding packets in six to eight weeks and I am glad to say that cheques were posted on September 1st. The total sales exceeded £100 which I regard as very satisfactory. I cannot, however, be at all enthusiastic at the result of my urgent plea for more material which, so far, has brought little response. Now that the holiday season is over I do urge all members to send along all the surplus material they can as soon as possible. For the benefit of members who have joined since the inauguration of the Sales Circuit in January 1957 please note the following requirements:

All stamps (or covers) should be mounted on loose sheets the same size as this Bulletin page.

Good quality mounts should be used to avoid the necessity for re-mounting.

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Details of each booklet reference from which purchases have been made and the number of items taken must be stated on the advice slip.

A member contributing material for the first time will be given a reference number and advised accordingly.

W. H. H. CROW.

DISPLAY

To The Kingston-on-Thames Philatelic Society on 11th July, 1958.

Our Committee member, Mr. G. W. Groves, acted as leader for this display and was accompanied by Messrs. A. E. Beach, E. Shields Forshaw and J. J. Turner. Mr. Beach showed a selection of **TOBAGO**, including pre-adhesive covers with the straight-line TOBAGO, examples of the 1880 bisects and the later provisionals with many of the varieties. Mr. Forshaw's display of **BRITISH GUIANA** included pre-adhesive covers, notably a two-lined DEMERARY and date 20 June 1821, with letters 6 mm high, which is thought to be the only recorded example, and an early New Amsterdam strike on cover; examples of the code cancellations and a complete pane of 12 of the 1882 1 cent local printing. Mr. Turner showed a number of very choice items of the Perkins Bacon issues of ST. VINCENT, including an outstanding mint copy of the 1880 five shillings; a defaced die proof in black of that stamp; a die proof and a plate proof of the 1881 halfpenny S.G.33 and the 1880-81 provisionals. Mr. Groves displayed **ANTIGUA**, including a number of examples of the handstamps used from 1790-1850; the range of adhesives from 1862-1903, with a complete sheet of the 1884 one penny showing the position of the re-entries and a block of 12 of the sixpenny value showing the position of the "Morton Evans" re-entry (No. 26); and a page of the A.18 (English Harbour) cancellations. The display was well received by a good attendance of members who showed their keen interest by the number of questions put to the team.

STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL 1959

This publication which is still the only one of its kind in the world includes a variety of interesting features including Cachets and Cancellations; Survey of the years designs; some early Postmarks explained; Market Notes and the usual Guide to the World Philatelic Press. Despite rising costs the price is being kept at 3/9 post free and orders can now be placed either with the publishers - Harris Publications Ltd., 27, Maiden Lane, Strand, London, W.C.2. - or with the Hon. Secretary accompanied by the appropriate remittance. If the latter course is taken a small discount will accrue to the Circle's funds.

NOTES & QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is **mainly** dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. **In this connection it is essential that all communications are addressed to the Hon. Secretary in order that publicity can be given in the Bulletin subject to the Editor's discretion.**

BAHAMAS

"I was most interested in Mr. Hoey's explanation of the 'E.R.P.' cancellation in Bulletin No. 18, p. 32. I would be glad to know if he, or any other members, can give any information in regard to this cancellation appearing on other values than the 2/- and 5/-. In my collection I have a copy of the 3d, black and brown War Tax (S.G.III) with this cancellation dated 11th August 1919, which may possibly have been removed from a covering of a parcel bearing higher values. These fiscals are of rather more interest to me than most and so far as my experience goes are not common."

(Contributed by Dr. N. Garrard, F.R.P.S.L.)

JAMAICA

"I was particularly interested in the reference in the report of the material shown at our Circle meeting at the 40th Philatelic Congress to the JAMAICA mark. This mark TRANSIT was in use until at least 1900. I have two examples on Virgin Islands covers addressed to Turks Island. One is dated July 1899 and the other June 1900."

(Contributed by Mr. H. B. Macmillan.)

(Mr V. N. F. Surtees reports that his latest copy bearing this mark is dated 7th December 1894 at Kingston. He also states that the mark exists in two types with letters 4½mm. and 5mm. high and that they were in use concurrently. Ed.)

JAMAICA

"I have a cover (the contents bear address - Morgan Valley, 16th April 1855) addressed to MAY HILL - see illustration on opposite page. It will be observed that in addition to the postmarks of CHAPELTON and MAY HILL there is also a single line circular CLARENDON mark, diameter 33½mm with the name in sans-serif capitals round the upper part of the circle and the year date 1855 across the centre. As I have not seen this recorded anywhere I would be interested to know whether it is an exceptional or normal cancellation for the period."

(Contributed by Col. A. Murray)

NOTE : This has been brought to the notice of our President - who as many members will be aware is one of the joint editors of the Jamaica Handbook published in 1928 - and he comments as follows:

'I know of nothing like it in the postmarks of Jamaica. I cannot think it is an official Post Office mark which surely should have the day and month mark and Jamaica at the bottom. With the exception of Kingston the first single circle postmarks were not sent out to Jamaica until 1858 and although they do vary in size none, I think, exceeded 26mm except Kingston. To the best of my knowledge all these early postmarks were made in and sent out from G.B. and surely just one of this exceptional size and type would not have been made specially for CLARENDON. Since it is a local letter I am of the opinion that the mark was made in the colony.'

(It is to be hoped that all those members who specialise in this colony and can offer some explanation of this unusual strike will drop a line to the Hon. Secretary without delay. Ed.)

TOBAGO

EARLY POSTMASTERS

"The following details concerning the early Postmasters of the Island of Tobago are taken from two volumes in the G.P.O. Records namely: (1) Commission Book 1759-1854 and (2) Appointments Book 1816 to end of 1850.

- 1772 23rd September. George KIRKUP, appointed deputy Postmaster Tobago. (Salary £50)
- 1793 1st November. Charles Alfred FRANCKLYN, appointed deputy Postmaster.
- 1803 16th September. Henry FRANCKLYN, appointed deputy Postmaster (Salary £20 per cent on net revenue to commence and take effect from the time of arrival of the first mail from Falmouth i.e. after the French left the Island on 23rd July 1803 presumably).
- 1808 5th January. George MACKINTOSH succeeded Henry FRANCKLYN who had resigned as Postmaster.
- 1810 7th March. John BUCHANAN appointed Postmaster when George MACKINTOSH died pending the approval of the Lords Postmasters General.
- 1816 25th June. Charles A. FRANCKLYN appointed formerly in the same office, i.e. 1793. Resigned 14th March 1827.
- 1827 25th March. Duncan McKELLAR appointed. Resigned 9th August 1834.
- 1834 10th November. Charles Isaac LE PLASTRIER appointed.

1860 1st May. Tobago took over her own Post Office from the Imperial Post Office. As he had for over 20 years efficiently conducted and transacted the postal business of the Island 'in a mild, effective, and successful manner' Charles Isaac LE PLASTRIER was appointed Colonial Postmaster."

See 'As it was in Tobago' by the late Rev. C. S. Morton (Gibbons Monthly Journal Nov. 1925 - July 1926).

(Contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott)



TURKS ISLANDS

"I was most interested to find in Bulletin No. 18 pp. 38 and 39 a reference to the stamps of Turks Islands. Regarding the flaw on the Queen's neck: Mr. Hooton Mitchell states that it occurs in all the printings of the 1d. value from the first issue

of 1867 to the last in 1889. In the **Supplement to the Postage Stamps of the Turks Islands*** this flaw was recorded as position No. 24 of the sheet and they stated 'that the flaw was due, probably, to some sharp instrument that was accidentally dropped on the plate at some time or other.' They go on to say: 'We have seen specimens of the stamp with flaw on all printings of the One Penny value of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. and Messrs. De la Rue & Co. with the **sole exception** (the italics are the contributor's) of the stamps of the first issue. Whether the flaw was on the plate when it was first used, or the accident occurred to it after the printing of the first stamps was completed, we cannot, at present, say,

In my own collection I have a full sheet of 30 of the 1873/79 issue (Perkins, Bacon); 1881, Setting 10, ½ on 1d. dull red S.G.17 (block of 20): S.G.18 (block of 10) with the flaw showing rather on the faint side for colour, also a block of 9 of S.G.49 (De la Rue) wmk. CC, a mint single S.G.62 and 64 also a sheet of 30 of both, and a sheet of 30 of S.G.63, also a single used on cover of S.G.64; a strip of 5 used on cover in 1899 with the flaw on the second stamp of the strip.

I do not know if Mr. Mitchell is aware of the other flaw on the 1/- lilac of the 1873/79 issue (Star wmk.) also recorded in the Supplement by Bacon and Charlton Henry* and mentioned by them as occurring on the ninth stamp of the first row on some sheets of this stamp which is found with a large, coloured blob on the Queen's neck. This flaw is rough oval in shape and, as it is not found on all sheets of the lilac stamps and not at all on sheets of any of the other printings of the One Shilling value, must be due to some foreign substance that adhered for a time to the plate during the printing of the lilac stamps and subsequently became detached. I have also a copy of this flaw on a ½ on 1/- lilac which is the only example I have ever seen."

(Contributed by Mr. G. R. Butler)

* **Supplement to the Postage Stamps of the Turks Islands**, by Sir Edward Denny Bacon, K.C.V.O. in collaboration with Major Thomas Charlton Henry, F.R.P.S.L. Stanley Gibbons, London, 1936 pp. 1 and 2.

BOOK REVIEW

During the past twelve months at least two books have been published with contents devoted to the British West Indies. Neither book has been published specifically for the stamp collector; but both contain a wealth of background material which cannot help but prove of interest to the postal historian and the collector who wishes for knowledge of the land and the peoples behind his stamps. **JAMAICA** by Peter Abrahams, published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London. Price 25s.

This book is the fifth in the Corona Library series - a series of illustrated volumes dealing with the United Kingdom's dependent territories, and prepared for the Colonial Office by the Central Office of Information (previous titles are Hong Kong, Sierra Leone, Nyasaland and British Guiana). The Central Office of Information shewed considerable enterprise in asking Peter Abrahams to write this "island mosaic". He is a distinguished

coloured writer, who was born in the slums of Johannesburg, served in the merchant navy during the last war and later settled in Great Britain. He flew to Jamaica to obtain his material, and so fell in love with the island that he has now returned to live there with his family. This is a 'happy' book - happy in the sense that the author felt so obviously at home in the multi-racial life of Jamaica well away from any colour bar. He vividly describes the rich hues of the scenery, and the equally rich local dialects. His book encompasses both past and present, from the Arawak Indians - a gentle Stone Age people, exterminated by the Spaniards in less than 150 years - the buccaneers, the years of slavery, the rise and fall of King Sugar, to the present day nationalism and political maturity. Some very good photographs are included in this book, whilst the line drawings by Rosemary Grimble, daughter of "Grimble of the Islands", are a delight. Thoroughly recommended for the postal historian.

(Reviewed by Mr. W. K. Watson.)

[Owing to lack of space the review of the second book is held over until the next issue. - Ed.]

THE HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

It is a well known fact that there are many lone collectors who possess interesting and, no doubt, in some cases outstanding collections but for reasons it is difficult to understand refrain from joining a philatelic society. It may well be that they are getting on in years or are of a shy disposition. Be that as it may it means that we are denied the pleasure of seeing their stamps and, what is possibly more important still, profiting by their knowledge. If any member is acquainted with such a collector why not bring our Circle to his (or her) notice. When it is emphasised that he need not leave his armchair and that we shall be glad if he will only contribute something to our bulletin it may well result in his deciding to join us. Our autumn meeting, as you will have already noted, takes place on the 25th October and I would like to take this opportunity of emphasising that friends of members are very welcome so do not hesitate to bring them along if you feel they will be interested in our activities.

P.T.S.

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S.G.66a, lightly postmarked, but centred to left, with R.P.S. certificate **£125**. 1875/78. 1/- aniline violet, S.G.82, unused, with R.P.S. certificate **£67.10/-**. 4d. red, var. perf. 14 x 12½, S.G.84, part o.g., well centred, with R.P.S. certificate **£65**, another well centred **£92. 10/-**. The only recorded used copy, a little thinned, with R.P.S. certificate **£130**. 1878. 1D. on half 5/-. Type A, S.G.86, right-hand half, reading down, var. no stop after "D", well tied to local envelope addressed to St. Johns, dated "BARBADOS AP 11 78", with R.P.S. certificate **£270**. 1D. on half 5/- brilliant unused unsevered pair. Types A and C, S.G.86, 88, reading up, with R.P.S. certificate **£240**. 1D. on half 5/-. Type A, part o.g. unsevered pair, reading down, S.G.86a, very slightly gum stained **£170**. 1D. on half 5/-. Type B, S.G.87 unused, right-hand half, reading down with R.P.S. certificate **£120**. 1D. on half 5/-. Type C, S.G.88, right-hand half, reading down, well tied to local enve., dated "BARBADOS AP 1 78." **£210**. **TRINIDAD**: 1847. 5c. "Lady McLeod", S.G.1, cancelled by pen cross, showing portions of adjoining stamp at right, used on complete double letter sheet (30th Aug 1847) from San Fernando to Port of Spain **£540**. Die proof of the Britannia type, in black on sunken card with bottom tablet blank **£42**. 1852, Litho., 1d. blue, S.G.12, unused, trifle thinned **£44**. 1d. blue, unused, brilliant **£115**. 1d. blue, used on complete double letter-sheet (dated Sept. 16 1852) to Philadelphia, tied with "NEW-YORK SHIP OCT 18 7" cancellation **£90**. 1d. deep blue, S.G.13, fine, early print **£60**. 1d. blue, S.G.14, very lightly pmkd. **£120**. 1d. blue well tied to single lettersheet to Grenada, stamp has tiny scissor cut lower-left corner **£185**. 1d. deep blue, S.G.15, showing portion of adjoining stamp at right, lightly pmkd. **£97.10/-**. 1d. deep blue, well tied to single-letter sheet to Grenada, dated "AP 25 1853." **£185**. 1855 1d. blue S.G.16, horiz. strip of 3 from bottom of sheet, right stamp slightly creased **£85**. 1d. deep blue, S.G.17, corner copy, used **£60**. 1d. greenish blue, S.G.18, horiz. Pair, with R.P.S. certificate **£77.10/-** 1856, 1d. deep blue, S.G.20, used on double letter-sheet to Port of Spain, dated 1858 **£57.10/-** 1860, 1d. grey-blue, S.G.21, used horiz. strip of 3 showing portion of adjoining stamp at right **£55**. A horiz. strip of 5, used **£85**. 1859. 6d. deep green, S.G.28, with special obliteration "CANCELLED". Only 6 exist **£40**. 1/- indigo, S.G.29 well tied to enve. with printed background "L.A.F. ANDRE & CO. PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD", addressed to London. The front showing crowned circle "PAID AT TRINIDAD" and "LONDON NO 16 60" canes, in red and on reverse Trinidad despatching obltn. **£42**. 1/- indigo, lightly pmkd. horiz. pair. With B.P.A. certificate **£50**. A horiz. strip of 3, light

cane. **£82.10/-**. 1859. 1/- purple-slate, pin-perf 12½, S.G.37, unused, a little thinned, with R.P.S. certificate **£55**. 4d. dull lilac. pin-perf. 13½-14, S.G.40, unused, with R.P.S. certificate **£50**. 6d. yellow-green, part o.g. vert. pair. variety imperf. between, S.G.42a, with R.P.S. certificate **£110**. 1862/63, thick paper, perf. 11½, 12, 1d., 4d., 6d. (3) and perf. 13 1/- bright mauve, S.G.60-62, 67, all used together on enve, to Pulo Penang, showing crowned circle "PAID AT TRINIDAD" and Trinidad and London pmks. of 1863. Probably unique **£50**. 1863. perf. 13, 1/- bright mauve, S.G.67, unused, with R.P.S. certificate **£120**. 1876, 6d. perf. 14 x 12½, S.G.97a, lightly cancelled "6" in bars, With R.P.S. certificate **£210**. Another with light c.d.s with R.P.S. certificate **£220**. 1882. 1d. in black ms. on 6d. a horiz. pair and a single bisected, tied to small piece; stated to be the only recorded pair and bisect, with R.P.S. certificate **£130**.

R. T.

(The above sales contained so many fine and unusual items that more space than usual has been devoted to price realisations as it was thought those members who did not obtain the catalogue would be interested. - Ed.)

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