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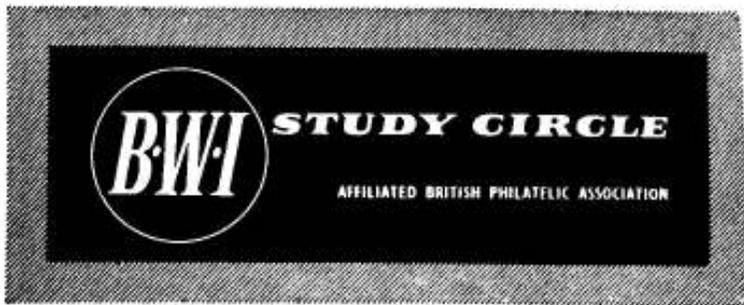
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OBJECTS

1. TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the islands that comprise the **British West Indies** and in addition **BERMUDA, BRITISH GUIANA (GUYANA) and BRITISH HONDURAS.**
2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features.
3. To loan books from Circle library (home members only). Borrowers bear post both ways. List supplied on application.
4. To publicise 'wants'.
5. To furnish opinions on stamp(s) and/or cover(s) for a nominal fee.

MEMBERSHIP

is WORLD-WIDE in scope and open to all whether they be advanced or new collectors. The ANNUAL subscription is **£2.50** or the equivalent in local currency, due **1st January**. If remitting in currency **please add 40c to cover collection charges**. An International Money Order or Draft drawn on London is acceptable. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to "B.W.I. Study Circle".

PROGRAMME 1975-76

1975

Sat., Sept. 27th, 3 p.m.

Mr. Richard Heap, Bermuda

Thurs., Dec. 4th, 6 p.m.

Nine pages from members

1976

Wed., Jan. 28th, 6 p.m.

Mr. Simon Goldblatt, Virgin Islands

Thurs., March 4th, 6 p.m.

Nine pages from members

Sat., April 17th, 3 p.m.

Annual General Meeting and Auction Sale

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout October, 1975. Display of B.W.I. generally at Romano House, 399 Strand, London. (Display will be changed halfway through the month)

Fri., Oct. 3rd. A special B.W.I. issue of Stamp Collecting Weekly

Sat., Oct. 4th, 12.30 p.m. 21st Anniversary Luncheon at the Strand Palace Hotel and a display in the Auction Room at Drury House, Russell Street, W.C.1, thereafter

Wed., Oct. 15th, 6-8 p.m. An "At Home" being an informal reception at Romano House

VISITS TO OTHER SOCIETIES

1975

Thurs., Sept. 25th. Shoeburyness and District P.S. A. J. Branston, Bahamas

Fri., Oct. 10th. Gravesend and District P.S. Messrs. M. Sheppard and A. H. Latham, Barbados and Jamaica

Wed., Nov. 5th. Winchester and District P.S. R. Austin, Bahamas

Thurs., Dec. 4th. Luton and District P.S. Messrs. E. V. Toeg and S. Goldblatt, Montserrat and B.W.I. postmarks

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Minutes of the 21st Anniversary Meeting of the British West Indies Study Circle held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 12th April, 1975, in the Large Oak Room at the National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, S.W.1.

Sixteen members were present.

The chair was taken by Mr. E. V. Toeg, the President, who extended a warm welcome to all.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. and Mrs. Philip Saunders, Miss B. J. Collinson, Mr. A. J. Branston and Mr. G. C. Bartlett.

The meeting instructed Mr. I. Chard to send greetings and best wishes for his rapid recovery to Mr. P. T. Saunders.

The minutes of the 20th Anniversary Meeting held on Saturday, 20th April, 1974, as published in Bulletin No. 81, pages 21 to 26, were taken as read and, with the approval of the meeting, were signed as correct by the Chairman.

Report of the Hon. Secretary

I report that, at the present time, membership stands at 286 persons. This represents a loss of three members. However, there are some membership enquiries outstanding and I have every confidence that the publicity associated with the 21st Anniversary celebrations will bring in some members.

The meetings that have been held throughout the year have been very successful. On the 19th September, 1974, thirteen members and one visitor were present for the popular nine-page display by members. On the 5th of October, 1974, Mr. J. L. Messenger gave a display of Windward Islands to twelve members and to bring the first half of the season to a close. Mr. A. H. Latham, on Thursday, December 12th, entertained twelve members and one visitor with a display of Jamaica. The first meeting of 1975, held on February 19th, was another nine-page evening and this was attended by thirteen members and one visitor. The last meeting, held on March 6th, 1975, was a display of Bermuda given by Mr. J. C. Loach to six members. The poor attendance at this meeting was due entirely to trouble on the railways and to bad weather.

Two items were submitted for expertising during the year.

Acceptance of the report was carried unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Treasurer

Read in his absence by Mr. Loach.

First of all I must apologise to you for not being present at this, the first A.G.M. since becoming your Treasurer. I thank Mr. Loach for reading this report for me as at the time of this meeting I shall be in Spain attending the International Stamp Exhibition in Madrid.

I hope that you have all had the opportunity of reading the statement of account in the March Bulletin.

This year has been a very expensive one, with high-rising costs all round. In particular you will see that postage and printing costs have risen a great deal, and on the other side our income from advertising has decreased. In fact were it not for the inception this last year of an annual auction, our cash balance would be almost nil. For these reasons we have had to increase the subscription for 1975 to £2.50 in the hope that this will cover costs, but with the recently imposed new postage rates this may have to be increased yet again.

Members will see that in the June Bulletin I have inserted a notice about subscription dues. It is more than ever essential for us to realise that the Circle can only flourish if members cooperate in paying promptly otherwise we will not be able to meet our costs.

There is a great deal of work involved in running such an organisation as ours and all the officers ask is a little understanding of the problems involved.

May I conclude by wishing you a successful meeting and for the sake of the bank balance hope that the auction goes well.

Acceptance of the report was carried unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Editor

Read by Mr. Chard.

Your support over the past year has enabled the Bulletin to contain a full complement of articles for 'Notes and Queries' and to appear on time, but it has not always been easy. On occasions an issue has not been filled until the last minute. Notes on modern issues and postal history in the making are particularly wanted and your queries are more than welcome. I'm sure that we all have something which we wish to know about or some item of information which we can impart to our colleagues so please, let those contributions come rolling in.

Acceptance of the report was carried unanimously.

Report of Hon. Librarian

Read in her absence by Mr. Chard.

It was sixteen years ago that I commenced to form a library for the Circle which in the main comprised B.W.I. material from my own, and few opportunities have been missed over the intervening years to acquire relevant works on any one of the colonies to help make the library truly representative, so that it is with some feelings of regret that, due to ill-health, I am relinquishing my stewardship of the library. This has not only involved the despatch of books to members, but wherever possible I have been happy to provide data on specific subjects, necessitating frequent research.

As members have already been advised in the March Bulletin that back issues of the Bulletin are being dealt with elsewhere so my successor will now only have to deal with the library, which should render the duties far less onerous.

During the past season the library has continued to be regularly used despite the increased postal charges. Notwithstanding my frequent references in past reports on the library I regret having to mention again that instances still occur where members have returned volumes far from being securely packed.

During the past year I have continued adding to the scrap books which now number nine, many sections of which are constantly being borrowed.

My thanks are expressed to Mr. G. Vance for a quantity of cardboard envelopes which have proved especially useful when sending away pamphlets or unbound books.

Acceptance of the report was carried unanimously.

Report of the Chairman of the Committee

This has been a very busy year, during which there were meetings on three occasions.

At the first meeting on 5th October, 1974, the unsatisfactory position regarding the judging of the Gilbert W. Collett Memorial Trophy disclosed in a letter from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. P. Chard, was discussed as well as some of the conditions governing the award of the trophy, and it was suggested that Mr. E. V. Toeg should draft a new set of conditions for consideration.

The Twenty-first Anniversary in 1975 was also discussed in general terms and a Sub-Committee was appointed with authority to make the necessary arrangements.

It was mentioned that the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. C. Bartlett, was unhappy about the Study Circle's financial position and Mr. Toeg had requested him to supply particulars of the balances in the Income and Expenditure Account and the Publications Account.

The next meeting on 25th January, 1975, was a very busy one and the agenda relating to it referred to the resignation of Mr. R. Radford as Hon. Public Relations Officer, due to pressure of work and the impending resignation of Mrs. Rose Saunders as Hon. Librarian on health grounds. The programme of dates and displays for 1975/76 was discussed and decided and the re-appointment made of the same members of last year's very successful Auctions Sub-Committee in connection with a proposed auction to be held immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 12th April, 1975. The Hon. Treasurer reported on the accounts generally and Mr. Toeg reported on the up-to-date position concerning the 21st anniversary celebrations. In addition the draft conditions prepared by Mr. Toeg governing the award of the Gilbert W. Collett Memorial Trophy were discussed in detail and some constructive amendments by Mr. J. C. Loach were incorporated therein.

The final meeting this year took place on 12th April, 1975, when the Committee gave final consideration to the draft conditions governing the award of the Gilbert W. Collett Memorial Trophy; thanked Mrs. R. Saunders for her many years as Hon. Librarian and also for expertising the majority of items sent in for this purpose and also discussed arrangements for removal of the library from Min-y-Nant. Finally there was a report on behalf of the Auctions Sub-Committee on the impending auction.

Many other matters were also dealt with during the year of less importance and are too numerous to list in the space available.

Acceptance of the report was carried unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Auditor

Read in his absence by Mr. Chard.

We should congratulate our current Hon. Treasurer on the way that he has picked up the reins so well from Philip Saunders and the accounts reflect this very satisfactory condition. It is desirable for the date of the A.G.M. to be fixed a little later in April so that a bit longer can be allowed to the Hon. Treasurer and myself for the work to be done immediately after the close of the financial year.

Acceptance of the report was carried unanimously.

Retirement of the Hon. Librarian

Mr. Toeg, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs. Rose Saunders, reminded the meeting that she had built the library up to the point where it was one of the finest assets of the Circle. Her devotion in running the library, building up the scrap books and in conducting research made it unlikely that her equal would ever be found. Her efforts would never be surpassed. Mr. Toeg also reminded the meeting that, over the years, Mrs. Saunders had done most of the expertising. Her deep knowledge of philately and the classic issues made her very well qualified for this particular task.

All the members wished to be associated with seconding this vote of thanks.

Autumn Meeting

The date for the Autumn Meeting has been set for Saturday, 27th September, 1975, when Mr. Richard Heap will display his collection of Bermuda.

21st Anniversary Celebrations

Mr. E. V. Toeg gave details of a number of events which have been arranged to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the Circle and these would be published in the June Bulletin.

Election of Officers and Committee

No nominations for the posts of President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Editor had been received. The post of Hon. Librarian remains unfilled. The present officers, with the exception of Mrs. Saunders who has resigned, are willing to remain in office. Mr. Hutson proposed that the officers be elected 'en bloc' and this proposal was seconded by Mr. Gunn. The motion was carried unanimously.

No nominations for membership of the Committee had been received. The present members of the Committee were willing to remain in office. Dr. Woolfson proposed that the committee be re-elected 'en bloc'. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Richard Heap. The motion was carried unanimously.

The present officers and Committee are, therefore: President, Mr. E. V. Toeg; Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. B. Marriott, Mr. W. A. Townsend; Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. P. Chard; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. C. Bartlett; Hon. Editor, Mr. M. Sheppard; Hon. Librarian, post at present unfilled; Committee, Messrs. B. B. Benwell, F. D. Fitzgerald, O.B.E., S. Goldblatt, A. H. Latham and J. C. Loach.

Election of the Hon. Auditor

Mr. A. J. Branston was willing to continue to act as Hon. Auditor. His re-election was proposed by Mr. Townsend and seconded by Mr. Ledger. His re-election was unanimous.

Any other business

Since there was no further business Mr. Chard proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman not only for conducting the meeting but for the enormous amount of work and time which he had devoted to the Circle throughout the year. All members present wished to be associated with this vote of thanks.

The meeting was concluded at 3.45 p.m.

After a break of 15 minutes the auction sale commenced.

21st ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY DISPLAY AT DRURY HOUSE, RUSSELL STREET, W.C.2

The luncheon will take place in the Burleigh Suite at the Strand Palace Hotel, Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, the 4th October, 1975, and I hope that many of you will come along and help to make the occasion a great success. Sherry will be served in the Burleigh Suite from 12.30 p.m. and the luncheon will commence at 1 p.m. After a minimum number of speeches we will be taking a short walk of 150 yards or so at about 3.30 p.m. to the Auction Room of Stanley Gibbons at Drury House, Russell Street, where there will be a display of up to 360 pages of British West Indies from the collections of members of the Study Circle.

It is hoped to organise a Brains Trust at Drury House as part of the afternoons entertainment and members will be invited to ask questions of the Brains Trust in connection with the material on display.

If members are unable to attend the luncheon they will be very welcome to come to Drury House in any event from about 3.30 p.m., where I am sure they will appreciate the general display, meet old friends and strike up new friendships.

Application

A separate application form for luncheon tickets is enclosed, which includes sherry beforehand. As the Strand Palace Hotel requires that the Burleigh Suite must be firmly reserved well in advance of the 4th October, 1975, it is essential that you complete the luncheon application form and send it with your remittance to reach Ian Chard at 48 The Shrublands, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire EN6 2BW, England, not later than 31st August, 1975. The Burleigh Suite will only accommodate 80, and seats at the luncheon will be allocated up to this limit in strict order of application: all applications must be accompanied by the appropriate remittance or indication on the application form that a sterling draft drawn on London is on its way. So, in order to avoid possible disappointment, please apply without delay.

The cost of the luncheon including service gratuity but excluding drinks will be £4.95 or U.S. \$12.00 per person to be paid in advance. If remitting in currency please add 40c. to cover collection charges. Alternatively a draft in sterling drawn on London will be accepted. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to "B.W.I. Study Circle".

Discount Scheme

Members are asked to preserve their personal luncheon tickets carefully (as distinct from their guests' tickets) as throughout the month of October, 1975, the tickets will entitle members to obtain a discount of up to 10% off marked or quoted prices on up to £50.00 worth of material purchased from any dealers specified on the backs of the tickets. At the time of writing, a dozen dealers have agreed to participate in this discount scheme but some of them have indicated certain limitations and these limitations will be shown on the backs of the tickets issued to members. This discount scheme may well be very useful as it extends to three out of the four days of the British Philatelic Exhibition which is being held from 29th October to 1st November (inclusive) and one prominent dealer has also included the last day (1st November) as well, and possibly others will follow suit.

Accommodation

For those of you who are coming to the luncheon from some distance and wish to stay overnight in London on either the 3rd or 4th October, arrangements have been made with the Strand Palace Hotel for a 20% discount on overnight accommodation. Please make the booking direct with the Strand Palace Hotel without delay, mentioning that you are attending the Study Circle luncheon on 4th October: this is essential otherwise you will not get the discount.

Further Arrangements

If you are coming to the luncheon and are planning to stay in London over the weekend, informal arrangements can be made for your further entertainment on Sunday at the homes of some of our London area members.

Ian Chard is in charge of these arrangements and you can either write to him beforehand or make sure you speak to him at the luncheon.

21st ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY AT ROMANO HOUSE, 399 STRAND, W.C.2

Stanley Gibbons have put their Gallery at Romano House at the disposal of the Study Circle for displays from the 1st to 31st October, 1975. The Gallery will be open from 9.45 am. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday to Friday each week during the month. There will be a special display at the Gallery on Wednesday, the 15th October, 1975, when there will be an At Home there between 6 and 8 p.m. at which drinks will be served. For this At Home which will be an informal reception additional frames will be made available as well as the ten frames which are always on the Gallery walls so that additional countries will be on display for the two hours of the At Home.

I hope you will support this At Home which will enable those of you who wish to do so to attend after the usual working hours and may I add that your guests will be very welcome as well. Please visit the Gallery on this special occasion to see the stamps and to meet your friends there at any time between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the 15th October - no tickets are necessary for this function.

On Thursday, the 16th October, 1975, the original ninety pages which will have been on display in the frames since the 1st October will be changed entirely and further countries will be put on display. During the month material from as many different islands in the British West Indies as possible will be on display. *E. V. Toeg*

DISPLAY

At 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th February, 1975, thirteen members and one visitor gathered together for a display not exceeding nine pages per person and a most varied and interesting meeting it turned out to be. A summary of the exhibits now follows:-

Mr. S. A. Baker. Exhibited Jamaica restricting his display to the 1912-20 definitive set. The 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d. and 6d. values were shown in blocks and included differing shades or colours in most values.

Mr. A. J. Branston. Showed forgeries of Grenada by Jefferies and the London Gang. First, there were three proof copies of the 1883 orange Revenue, one with vertical perfs only, and all showing false margins of the adjacent stamps. Secondly, completed forgeries for a large B in circle dated 27 NO 1888, small A for AU 29 1888 on Two Pounds and a large A on Five Pounds dated JU 28 1888. Two points were noted, viz, that on all examples the third and fourth figures 8 show a progressive breakage in the lower half and also there is the incorrect placing of the year across the cancel and not below. Thirdly, examples of the 4d. Postage on Two Shillings all dated MR 22 1888 and cancelled with the Jefferies large A type, also 13th June, 19th June, AU 22 and AU 26 for the year 1888. Fourthly, examples were shown of the Jefferies forged cancellation for MR 22 1888 on genuine fiscal stamps.

Miss H. Broderick. Exhibited some pages of Virgin Islands commencing with a map and then an entire with straight line Tortola and date 8th January 1830. She followed with several examples used and mint of the 1867-70 1/- black and rose-carmine with crimson frames superimposed with bands extending through the margins and also the 1887-89 DeLa Rue 4d. and two blocks of four mint and a used example of the 1/- value. Two pages were devoted to examples mint and used of the 1880 Crown CC 1d. and 2½d. values and the 1883-84 Crown CA Set. Finally a block of six of the 1899 ½d. yellow-green, having the two well-known examples of the errors in spelling of the word 'HALFPENNY'.

Miss B. J. Collinson. A selection of entires and covers from Barbados commencing with a 1693 entire to London showing a small Bishop Mark - 1d. Captain's gratuity and 2d. inland postage. Then another ship letter in 1766 to London "Per Capt. Creighton Q.D.C." with manuscript '10': this was a triple letter and 1d. Master's Gratuity was paid; it has a straight line 'BARBADOES' in black (large type) 59mm. long with letters 6½mm. high and took 86 days in transit. Miss Collinson then displayed two entires in 1844 and 1845 to Grenada both travelling by packet and having a manuscript '4' in black and 'BARBADOES' c.d.s. in black. Following these, an 1852 cover to Philadelphia per New York Steam Ship Mail with manuscript prepaid 1/- in red and Crowned Circle in red. An 1853 cover followed from England to Doctor Hyde 69th Regt. Barbados which was redirected back to London, the outward journey taking 23 days and the return journey 35 days. Finally an 1896 local wrapper with a Crowned Circle Paid at Barbadoes in black used as a provisional farthing stamp for newspapers not exceeding 2 ounces.

Mr. J. A. C. Farmer. Displayed numerous pages of Leeward Islands and consequently only a fraction of the material shown can be mentioned. As an introduction he began with an example of the Falmouth Leeward Island Packet mark with date in centre in green. All values of the 1890 set followed in blocks of four mint from plate 1. Also shown was an example of the rare 1890 1d. with misplaced name and value tablet. In the 1897 Sexagenary issue Mr. Farmer displayed the 1d. with triple overprint in pair with normal and examples of double overprints on several values. The whole set was shown used and he also displayed a number of forgeries of the Sexagenary overprint. There was a selected display of postmarks (including village marks) and cancels from the islands in the group and two covers with the very rare manuscript Eden and Esk in red respectively written over the stamps. Pairs of the SPECIMEN 10/- and £1 King George V stamps with the scroll flaw were shown and a selection of plate flaws on the King George VI stamps were exhibited and included the DI flaw on the 1d., the LEE flaw on the 6d. and the defective E in FIVE of the 5/- value. Of the King George VI £1 value, examples of the 1951 £1 were shown with albino print, with inserted watermark and with sideways watermark.

Mr. S. Goldblatt. Gave a 'progress report' on Bahamas postmarks showing nine pages of type 1, 3, 3A and 7 covering stamps from Queen Victoria's reign to King George V's reign. After seven years of gleaning, Mr. Goldblatt stated that he still needed about 30% for completion of the period, including so-called common strikes like Fresh Creek and Lignum Vitae Cay. Among the rarer strikes shown were

WATLINGS (type 1), PORT HOWE (types 3 and 7), OLD PLACE (both type 7) and very early examples of their type from Acklins Island, Behring Point, Kemps Bay, Simms and Steventon.

Mr. B. E. Johnson. Displayed a number of items from Grenada as follows. March 1915 Belgian Relief Fund label, value ONE FRACTION rough perf. 11½ (very few examples are known). September 1914 RED CROSS label ONE FRACTION used on piece with 1d. King George V stamp from Grenville dated March 6, 1915, also a RED CROSS LABEL dated 1914-1915 ONE FARTHING. Then three pages with a selection of RED CROSS LABELS between 1916-18. He exhibited also the 1908 Revenue stamp One pound value, a colour trial on gummed paper overprinted SPECIMEN, in red and black, similar to SG.77. The One pound value in a block of four in the issued green colour with red centre was also shown pen cancelled. Mr. Johnson then concluded with a display of Queen Victoria postal stationery commencing with the only recorded example of the 1½d. card overprinted SPECIMEN in small type similar to the 1938 1d. and 1½d. SPECIMEN envelopes; 1d. cards showing the two sizes of GRENADA letters 2½mm. and 3mm. high respectively and he followed these with a further card as above but overprinted SPECIMEN in letters 2½mm. high (so far not found with letters 3mm. high).



ANTIGUA

ST. PETERS ST. MARYS CDS's

Thanks to Michael Medlicott for his interesting St. Peter's and St. Mary's CDS comments in the December, 1974, *Bulletin*. His article served as a stimulus for me to quit procrastinating and submit certain updated information which I have learned on this subject.

For quite some time I have realised that my original St. Marys LDK of 2 April, 1931, has gone by the boards. Mark Swetland's Antigua exhibit shown at the Rochester Philatelic Exhibition (ROPEX) in June, 1973, displayed a St. Marys strike dated 26 October, 1932, considerably later than Medlicott's 2 June, 1932, example. I would be extremely interested to learn if anyone can prove the existence of a St. Mary's postmark later than Swetland's. The EDK, so far as I know, is still 24 July, 1905, based on data previously supplied by Simon Goldblatt.

However, I was completely unaware of a St. Peters strike as late as early 1932, let alone Medlicott's 24 November cover. Goldblatt's comments on Page 57 of the September, 1973, *Bulletin* tend to confirm the existence, although *philatelic*, of a St. Peters mark (and other village marks) on Herman Focke covers posted in the latter part of 1932. It would seem, though, from Medlicott's description of his cover, that it is not of philatelic origin.

Regarding Medlicott's query concerning registration labels from these two offices: I know of no printed labels inscribed ST. PETERS or ST. MARYS, although labels exist

reading PARHAM and OLD ROAD, the later names of St. Peters and St. Marys, respectively. Swetland has noted an interesting usage of a St. Peters CDS on cover with a PARHAM registration label, but I do not know the date of the item.

I have seen numerous examples of Antigua postmarks, obviously struck in the early 1930's having the year slug missing. I have been unable to determine, however, if a pattern of omission exists.

The *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal* of December, 1973, carries a chapter of the proposed Antigua Monograph being put together by Mr. William G. Cornell. This article, titled "Antigua Sub-Post Offices and Village Postmarks," was jointly drafted by Cornell and myself and reflects the latest data known to us at the time concerning EDK's and LDK's of all Antigua village postmarks. Data such as that offered by Medlicott will assist greatly in enabling the Monograph to be accurately updated.

George W. Bowman

Further with respect to ANTIGUA handstamps (Alex Thomson in the December issue and Peter Brooks in March current):

The 37mm. x 3mm. straight line ANTIGUA handstamp also appears on a 1798 Packet letter from Samuel Eliot to Clement Tudway. Esq., dated in September.

All of the letters in ANTIGUA are uniform, well spaced, and in a perfect horizontal line with the exception of the letter "I" which drops ½mm. from the level of the others. There is nothing in the Codrington Correspondence to compare with it. It is definitely a variety in its own right.

The Tudway Correspondence contains 16 letters with straight line ANTIGUA handstamps, and I now have them under study by comparison with the Codrington examples.

Mr. Thomson is not the first to believe the 1798 handstamp to be PD5, of which only one example is known in the Codrington Correspondence. Oddly in PD5 the "I" of ANTIGUA is also out of line, but *up* instead of *down*!

I invite further comment on the 1798 variety particularly mention of distinguishing features such as the dropped "I".

John Willem

HON. LIBRARIAN

Unfortunately our appeal for a new Librarian, published in the last Bulletin, has fallen on stony ground. It is a job that is not too onerous and it should certainly have its rewards. If there is any one amongst our ranks who would like to serve their fellow members as Hon. Librarian would they please get in touch with Mr. E. V. Toeg, c/o Messrs. J. Tickle & Co., Victoria House, Vernon Place, London, WC1B 4DP. Until this post is filled we regret that the library service must remain suspended.

ANTIGUA SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

The slogan cancellations of Antigua have always aroused my interest and recently a rather unusual registered cover to the U.S.A. has come into my possession. It is franked with a block of 4 x 3d. stamps and cancelled by a single ring St. John's c.d.s. dated AP 30. 28, measuring 25mm. in diameter. The cover also bears a slogan YOU SHOULD VISIT ANTIGUA THE IDEAL SUMMER RESORT contained in a rectangular box measuring 63mm. x 25mm. The unusual feature of the slogan is that it is in violet and not black ink. On the reverse of the cover there is a double concentric ellipse, again in violet ink, and with major and minor axes of 50mm. x 34mm. and 37mm. x 21mm. In the centre of ellipse is a crown while in the space between the ellipses are the words POST OFFICE at the top and ANTIGUA at the bottom separated by two asterisks.

It seems to me that the slogan cancellation may be akin to the temporary rubber stamps sometimes used in Jamaica when new sub post offices were opened. I would appreciate the views of members on this slogan, when it was first used, etc., and also any information they may have on the elliptical handstamp on the cover reverse.

Alec Thomson

UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS BOOKLETS

I was interested to read in Bulletin No. 83, December, 1974, Mr. Louis Zell's description of his 1947 Universal Postal Congress presentation book containing various Turks and Caicos Islands stamps. A few years ago I acquired a similar book for Antigua, in which were mounted mint Antigua stamps S.G. 98-107 and the Peace Issue S.G. 110-111.

Except for two minor variations specified in the next-to-last paragraph here, the words on the white paper insert described by Mr. Zell are identical to the words in my book. The paper itself measures 127mm. by 100mm. On the front cover of my item is inscribed gilt lettering as follows:

CONGRES POSTAL UNIVERSEL
PARIS 1947
(CROWN
G R T)
TIMBRES - POSTE
ANTIGOA

I have seen no data on objects such as these other than that described in the J. A. L. Franks Company advertisement appearing in *Bulletin* No. 14, July, 1957. This advertisement offered such items (calling them "booklets") for ten B.W.I. Colonies Antigua, Bahamas, Dominica, Leeward Islands, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and the Virgin Islands at prices ranging from 17/6 to 35/-. Since the ad. appeared more than seventeen years ago, the value of these things may have appreciated considerably, particularly to a specialist. Interestingly, a Turks and Caicos booklet was not included in the Franks offering: perhaps Mr. Zell's example is the rare one of the lot.

For the benefit of members whose file of *Bulletins* does not extend back to 1957, the Franks explanation of the booklets reads that they were "... presented to the

delegates at the 1947 Congress held in Paris. Contents are those stamps current in 1947 and are mounted directly in thick booklets ...”

My knowledge of the French language borders on zero, but I have noticed that in Mr. Zell’s description of his white paper appear the words “D’Etat” and “Congress”. My Antigua booklet spells these words as “D’Etat” and Congres “. An insignificant point, I admit, but interesting - at least to me.

Mr. Zell’s comments have re-aroused my curiosity in these books (or booklets, or folders, or whatever you prefer). Does any member have more information on them, such as quantities prepared for each Colony’s delegates, etc.? *George W. Bowman*

“COCK OF THE WALK”

Apparently the 10 cent value of the 1974 “Uniform” set has been found with an error of watermark. A few sheets were printed on paper with the Malawi Cockerel watermark rather than the usual “CA”. Sounds incredible doesn’t it. One wonders how tight the checks are in high security printing firms! Are there any Malawi stamps with a corresponding error? *Mike Wilson*

BARBADOS

Frank Deakin is currently collecting early West Indian newspapers and documents and hopes that the following items may be of interest to members.

From an early newspaper. The Barbados Mercury and Bridgetown Gazette. 6 dollars per annum. Payable in advance. Saturday, January 21st, 1823.

Absconded from my service a Negro man named Orlando formerly the property of Wm. Carter Thomas Esq., deceased, and late of Mr. George Huson. A reward of 4 dollars will be given for apprehending the said Man & him-lodging in the Cage or delivering him to me; & all persons are fobid harbouring or employing him, as the Law will be rigidly enforced against any so offending. (Not much description of this slave).

Runaway - from the Subscriber - a Female Slave named Mary Jane, formerly the property of John C. Thorne. This girl is between 12 & 13 years old, tawney complexion & on her left cheek is a dark circular mark, so perceptible as to be discovered at first sight. Her mother belongs to Wm J. Franklin Esq. & her grandmother (by name Prudence) lives in a house on the beach, adjoining the gate door of Capt. Merchant’s house, at which place it is most likely she is harboured. She also has family in Polgreen’s Bottom, & aback of Pinfold-street above the place lately the property of Mr. Isaac Agard.

A Reward of 6 dollars will be given for apprehending her & delivering her to the Subscriber & all persons are strictly forbid harbouring or in any way concealing this slave & Captains are cautioned not to take her from the Island, as the Law will be rigidly enforced against any person offending in either case.

John Wrong

In 1817 an Act was passed through Parliament prohibiting the Slave Trade & in 1833 another act was brought in to wipe out the practice of slavery & on August 1st

1834 it was enacted that slavery should be abolished & declared unlawful throughout the colonies.

An 18th Century Naval Warrant

By Hugh Pigot Esq Admiral of the Blue Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships & Vessels employ'd & to be employ'd at Barbadoes & the Leeward Islands & the Seas Adjacent.

By Virtue of the Power & Authority to me given, I do hereby appoint you Surgeons Second Mate of His Majesty's Ship the Formidable in the room of (name crossed out) requiring & directing you forthwith to Repair on Board the said ship, & take upon you the employ of Surgeons Second Mate in her accordingly, & to be obedient to such Commands as you shall from Time To Time receive from the Captain of the said Ship, or any other your Superior Officers, to hold the same Employment till further Orders, together with such an Allowance of Wages & Victuals, for your Self (& Servant crossed out), as is usual for the Surgeons Second Mate of the said Ship, & for so doing this shall be your Warrant. Dated on Brard (peculiar spelling mistake) His Majesty's Ship the Formidable in Carlisle Bay Barbadoes 29th November, 1782

Hugh Pigot

To Mr. Alexander Whitson

hereby appointed Surgeons Second Mate
of His Majesty's Ship the Formidable

By Command of the Admiral

J. O. Green.

Secretary.

This original warrant came into my possession at the B.P.E. last year and is fortunately in quite a readable condition. Also earlier in the year I found an early print of Carlisle Bay with a Frigate at anchor in the foreground which ties up nicely with the above warrant.

Frank Deakin

BERMUDA

I am conducting research into the Post Offices of Bermuda as they are at present. If you have any information about the facilities offered by the offices, times of opening, postal routes, collections, deliveries, photographs and postal markings please communicate them to me. The information gathered will be collated and published with acknowledgements, in the *Bulletin*. Items sent on loan will be returned promptly.

Ian Chard

BRITISH WEST INDIES

A MYSTERY ISLAND

How well do we really know our British West Indies?

A recently acquired map of "The British Islands in the West Indies" includes an island shaped like a caterpillar, about 30 miles long and 3 miles wide. Off the eastern tip is a tiny island called Barhurata I." and a pin-point "Helena I." The main island displays as local names: "Coxens Hole, Dixons Cove, Black Pt., Red Bluff, Mural and

P. Royal.” The map was published in about 1848, and tells us that this mystery island was settled in 1742. The name assigned to it is ROATAN.

Does the island exist? Can it be identified by a modern name? Or have we unearthed the MORENET of the West Indies?

Simon Goldblatt

In answer to the above query by Mr. Goldblatt re ROATAN I can give the following information. Off the North Coast of Honduras there is a small group of islands. One of the islands is ROATAN. Its position is 16-20¹ N. and 86 -30¹ W.

W.A. Townsend

New member George Snelling gives further information although he refers to the island as RATTAN ISLAND. George says that it is the island to which most of the Caribs in St. Vincent were deported in 1797 after their insurrection with the French against the British.

Another island that also proved a mystery to our members, at the recent A.G.M., was NAVY ISLAND. Richard Heap writes that NAVY ISLAND is in the harbour of Port Antonio, Jamaica (page 280 is his edition of Aspinall's guide).

B.W.I. CENSOR MARKS

Having read the article on Grenada Censorship Marks by Tony Shepherd in the June, 1974, edition of the *Bulletin* and a further article, by the same author entitled “Censor Marks of Dominica, Montserrat,” which appeared in the February, 1975, issue of the B.C.P.S.G. Journal I can offer further information that will help in the compilation of the listings of these islands.

1. **Grenada type 5.** A cover from Trinidad to Grenada dated March 26, 1943, shows a manuscript “2” censor's number. See fig. 1. (Until now the only recorded number was “3”).

2. **Grenada type 6.** Here again another new number may be added to the list “SS/9”. (The only recorded numbers were 1 to 8). The cover, sent by air mail to New York, is dated 19 SP 4 (?). As the unit digit of the year is not discernable it cannot be established whether this is a new E.K.D. or L.K.D.

3. **Grenada type 8.** Two covers to New York of 10JA and FE 44 show U.S. censor numbers 8139 and 6167 respectively.

4. **Dominica.** Tony Shepherd records two examples of straight-line handstamps 54mm. long and 4mm. high reading “PASSED BY CENSOR.” One example on cover to London dated 7 April, 1942, is struck in purple and the second one, also to London dated 9 May 1943 is struck in black. My example is struck in purple on cover to Orange N.J. and moves the E.K.D. back to 17 FE 41.

5. Tony states that the only censorship, label that he has seen for Dominica is of the P.C.90 format and reads “OPENED BY EXAMINER” in black letters 75mm. long and

7mm. high with the censor's number "RR/55" in manuscript underneath. The letters "RR" being the generally agreed identification for Dominica. My cover of 17 JA 44 shows a slightly different format. The dimensions being 72½mm. x 6¼mm. and with "RR/5" underneath in manuscript. See fig. 2.

P.C. 90

OPENED BY EXAMINER

Fig.1. I.S.S./ 2

P.C. 90

OPENED BY EXAMINER

Fig.2. RR | 5

Fig.3.



6. Montserrat . In his article in the Journal Tony shows a large portion of a similar OPENED BY EXAMINER label to that of Dominica, but with the code "AA 190" underneath in blue crayon. Here again it is agreed that the code letters "AA" was the identification for Montserrat. My cover from Plymouth to New York with a similar label of the P.C.90 type shows the code "AA 91", also in blue crayon.

In conclusion it would appear, to me at least, that censored covers from these three islands are relatively scarce.

Edward Addis

The Grenada censor mark on a cover dated 12 AP 44 was sent in by Tony Shepherd (Fig. 3).

CAYMAN ISLANDS

SOME TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS (continued)

Looking for further support for my previous suggestion that the issued quantities of S.G. 7, 11 and 12 were larger than at present recorded, the following points may be noted:

(1) In 1908 Nankivell reported that over a two-year period between 1904 and 1906 stamp sales amounted 'only' to £540.

(2) The Ed. VII issues from S.G. 3 to S.G. 12 inclusive had a life span of over five years.

(3) If one takes the five values in each watermark, the quantities listed by Aguilar Saunders have a face value of under £900. Allowing for the unlisted ½d. and 1d. CA, face value would still be well under £1,000.

The inference from the above figures is that additional stamps to a face value of not less than £300 were issued in the islands. When one remembers that the 2½d. value accounts for a substantial slice (nearly £400) of the face value considered above, and that these stamps (unlike the 6d. and 1/- ones) were not replaced until March, 1908 that is, after a life span of more than six years it is perfectly possible that records have not been kept of stamps to a face value of as much as £500. In other words, there is plenty of room, statistically, for a further, say, 4,000 each of 6d. and 1/- values to have been issued, while the likelihood diminishes that the quantities at present in general acceptance can be accurate.

Simon Goldblatt

GRENADA

Following an account of my Grenada display given on page 47, Bulletin No. 82, John Cronin queried, on page 76, Bulletin No. 83, the opening date of BELMONT. Mr. Cronin is quite correct about his date - 1946. An error of transcription. Mea culpa.

David Woolfson

JAMAICA

The notes on Jamaica contributed by Thomas Foster which appeared in the last Bulletin have aroused some activity in this area. David Woolfson is seeking and giving information on a number of items whilst Kenneth Sargeant offers a solution to a request for information on the "AO" mark.

1. A cover to Cornwall bears a Kingston c.d.s. of 10th Dec., 1951, and is backstamped with an oval strike of "Military Hospital, Up Park Camp, Jamaica." Can any member give details of this hospital?

2. A cover with a Newcastle, Jamaica, double ring c.d.s. of Nov. 28th, 1921, to Pendleton, Manchester, bears an oval strike, in blue ink, of "Orderly Room, No 28 Nov. 1921, 1st Bn. East Lancashire Regt." I should be glad to hear of any details concerning the Battalion's stay in Jamaica.

3. A World War I cover addressed to Port Maria bears an oval censor mark with a crown and 2865 in the centre and "passed field censor" round the edge. There is also an Army Post Office S4 c.d.s. Was this A.P.O. that of the West Indies Regiment?

4. Further to Mr. Foster's article in *Bulletin* No. 84. I have a F.F.C. Jamaica to the U.K. with a strike of the large "Ail Mail/First Flight/Jamaica in map." to Miami and franked with stamps to the value of 1/2½. The purple barred handstamp has certainly been applied, but not to the stamps. It falls across the rectangular "By Air Mail" sticker. Is this unusual as I have not seen it applied in this position before?

5. A manuscript mark which may be of interest to members appears on the back of a cover dated Oct. 29th, 1941, sent from Kingston to the Admiralty, Whitehall. It reads "Fleet Mail Office 902 Jamaica."

David Woolfson

THE "AO" MARK

Your request in the B.W.I. Study Circle *Bulletin* No. 84, March, 1975, page 14, for information concerning "AO" markings has not fallen on deaf ears. My only problem is how to condense it for publication.

These markings are connected with others, "O.A.T." and "A V 2" in various colours, with and without frames, squares rectangles, circles and ovals.

The best coverage so far is in *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, Nov., 1959, Vol. 38, No. 6. and *The American Philatelist*, Sept 1962, Vol. 75, No. 12. In the latter on page 904, appears:

"Mail matter carried by air is divided into three classes.

LC (letter class) consists of letters, postcards, and insured matter.

AO (other objects) consists of books, newspapers, small packages weighing not more than one kilogram, and certain other items.

Transportation charges for LC are higher than those for AO.

CP (parcels post) is the third class."

Some collectors believe "AO" stands for Avion Ordinaire or second class airmail, as opposed to "Autre Objets". The article refers to the "U.P.U. Convention," obtainable from the U.S. Postmaster General in Washington, D.C. In an earlier article Dr. Gordon Ward had referred to the "Universal Postal Convention, Paris, 1947", price "2/6" only.

The A.P. article goes on to discuss the Convention regulations and more precise reasons for the appearance of these markings on our covers.

I lack the time to make a precis for the *Bulletin* I regret, but those who have access to the publications mentioned will find them a most useful source of information.

Kenneth S. Sargeant

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Unanswered queries are unfinished business: there is much to be said for combing through old *Bulletins* every now and again to see whether new information can be given in respect of long-standing enquiries.

In *Bulletin* No. 40 Peter Jaffe suggested that the Antigua 1d. provisional “cannot exist as genuine with A 12 vertical with widely spaced bars before and after number”.

The answer appears to be that the provisional can and does exist as genuine in this state. Reference can be made here to a pair of the Antigua 1d. on piece together with a St. Christopher ½d. (S.G.11) making the 2½d. rate. Both the pair and the St. Christopher stamp are independently tied to the piece by the duplex killer with widely spaced bars, and the ½d. stamp is additionally overstruck with part of a London arrival marking in violet.

While the circular date stamp has largely been cut away, so that month and year cannot be seen, there is no obvious reason why this piece should not be an authentic example of the provisional, used at the proper date. *Simon Goldblatt*

THE “AWJY” CANCEL

To revert to an old controversy: the “AWJY” cancel. This obliterator was extensively discussed by Rose Saunders in early issues of the *Bulletin*, where she exploded the view that the letters had any significance, and lent support to the explanation that they were the back face of worn-out letters of type. It may be asked, why should these be worn at the back?

If one considers the earlier dumb cancellations of the colony, it will be seen that a substantial number of the first issues were cancelled with a single circle enclosing a central single bar. In clear early impressions the bar may be almost a thin line: in slightly later impressions the bar tends to spread and become somewhat blurred. Is there any compelling reason why this single-bar dumb cancel should not in fact be the “AWJY” cancel? It is suggested for consideration that the device did indeed consist of four letters set up side by side, face inwards: that each had a thin bar placed centrally behind the letter; that the bar progressively wore down in the course of repeated use of the device as an obliterator (for postal traffic out of St. Kitts was comparatively heavy) leaving increasingly discernible impressions of the letters behind; and that the time when the lettering becomes most nearly legible is at the end of this improvised obliterator’s life. *Simon Goldblatt*

ST. LUCIA

ST. LUCIA AIRMAILS

In Mr. Hutson’s note in the December *Bulletin* he rightly pointed out that the true 1st Air Mail from Castries was Col. Lindbergh’s flight *outwards* to Trinidad, British Guiana and Dutch Guiana, and not the better-known return flight along the same route to the U.S.A. These flights were on behalf of Pan-Am. Although the same single-ring

cancellation reading CASTRIES ST. LUCIA, with 1st AIR MAIL in the position normally occupied by the date, was used for both, the flight to the U.S.A. was in fact the second direct air dispatch from the island. The dates of departure from St. Lucia of these two flights were the 22nd and the 26th (postmarked 25th) September respectively. What, however, was the date of the third air dispatch from Castries, and what subsequent flights were there'?

The confused position known to the writer is as follows:

5.10.29 – “The same stamp, but with 1st omitted, was used for the Second Air Mail on October 5, 1929.” So wrote Col. Reid in the St. Lucia Philatelist, No. 4, 1952. (Here ‘Second’ really refers to the true 3rd dispatch). It is not clear whether Col. Reid meant that the modified postmark was used for cancellation. Unfortunately, no flight of 5th October is known to me, nor to those collectors in the U.K. and St. Lucia whom I have so far contacted.

9.10.29 - an envelope franked by 7 x 2d. dull blue KGV, which are cancelled with a current Castries date stamp of 9th October. This item is inscribed in ink ‘By Air Mail’, and bears on the front of the envelope a single strike of the stamp referred to by Col. Reid; the cover is backstamped FOREIGN SECTION BRITISH GUIANA 2 p.m. 14 OC 29.

2.11.29 - A similar cover dated Castries 2nd Nov. 29 and backstamped on arrival 4th Nov. 1929. This, however, is franked, with 4d. + 1/- stamps, the same rate as the Lindbergh covers of the 1st and 2nd flights.

8.4.30 - Flight from Barbados by the seaplane Cuba of the NYRBA line to St. Lucia, Antigua and St. Thomas.

August, 1930 - NYRBA absorbed by Pan-Am.

11.11.30 - Extension of Pan-Am route via Paramaribo (Dutch Guiana) to Santos (Brazil). Flight from Castries to Cayenne, French Guiana.

16.12.30 - A registered cover franked with 3d. + 6d. + 1/- adhesives addressed to Cayenne, French Guiana, and inscribed in ink by the sender “First Air Mail St. Lucia Fr. Guiana”. This has the arrival stamp of Cayenne dated 18 DE 30. This does not tally with the preceding item.

Can any member provide any additional information, for example, the existence with dates, of other covers with the modified air mail postmark of Castries, or any cover on which this postmark has been used as a cancellation? In particular, can anyone confirm or disprove a flight on 5.10.29?

Dr. Geoffrey Ritchie

TWO MAJOR RE-ENTRIES OF EARLY ISSUES

Those who appreciate re-entries can hardly improve, anywhere in the Commonwealth, upon the two major re-entries of the early issues of St. Lucia.

Each is caused by the first impression having been entered on to the plate out of horizontal alignment with its actual or intended neighbours, and having been imperfectly erased before the second impression was entered in its correct position. No. 1 shows substantial traces of the original impression about 1mm. directly above the second and correct entry, whilst No. 2, by contrast, shows traces of the original a little less than 1 mm. below the second entry. In each case the first impression is more

readily seen in the letters of the colony name and postage than in other parts of the stamp.

The plate in which these re-entries appear is a full-size plate of 240 impressions, in 20 rows of 12 and each, of course, turns up once in each printed sheet. What has consistently puzzled myself, at any rate, is the difficulty, one might almost say, the impossibility, of finding either of these re-entries on any stamp other than the 1d. black, despite the fact that this original plate with its two re-entries was used for the printing of all values of the early type in all its colours. Frequency seems to be very, very much less than one chance in 120 of finding one re-entry or the other: can they all have been absorbed into the few big St. Lucia Collections?

The simple answer may be that we just do not look hard enough. One did come into my hands the other day, an example of the No. 1 entry on a 6d. lilac stamp, and the surprising thing was how faintly the traces of the original entry emerge in this shade. Where the original duplicate lettering is strong and striking, if printed in black, it is weak to imperceptible in lilac, and perhaps absent altogether in certain places.

From recollection - though I would not swear to it - I have seen a 1/- orange in which the characteristics of the re-entry came out comparatively clearly. It would be of great interest to hear the views of others with experience of these stamps, so as to find out the shades in which the characteristics may or may not be expected to show up. Can anybody cite an example of either re-entry in a yellow shade or cite, on the other hand, an instance where a stamp known to be left of line three rows above the bottom (the position of the No. 1 re-entry) does not apparently display any of the well-known characteristics?

There are a number of other stamps from different positions in the plate which reveal what perhaps are signs of re-entry, for example, vertical or horizontal lines within the design, which might be traces of a misplaced original frame line. Is it known to anybody exactly how many re-entries are to be found in the plate, and in what sheet positions they occur? Has the full information been published anywhere?

Simon Goldblatt

Addendum. It pays to have one's eye in, evidently. Since these notes were written, another example has come into my hands, this time the No. 2 re-entry on a green De La Rue halfpenny stamp, which basically leaves examples in blue, red, orange and, of course, yellow still to find. Printed in green, the characteristics of the re-entry are much less distinct than in black, while still clear enough to be unmistakable.

Perhaps I should come clean, in case someone is keeping a scorecard of the values on which re-entries have been noted. The latest find is not on the ordinary postage stamp, but on a postal fiscal, the one overprinted 'Stamp' in lower case type-setting. And a little more than that, on a copy with double overprint, the spare 'Stamp' being impaled fair and square upon the surcharge. (Condition, incidentally, is mediocre, and pen-cancelled: one can't have everything). If it is doubtful at present what the setting of this particular overprint was, and to what part of the sheet (if not the whole) the double overprint extended, the finding of this re-entry should cast some fresh light.

Simon Goldblatt

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

I have two copies of the 2d. value of the "Victory" issue, each from the bottom left-hand corner with the number 57 inserted in the lower margin. What is the significance of this number? Hardly a sheet number, rather high and in the wrong place for a plate number. Perhaps a similar number occurs on sheets of the 3d. value, but I'm afraid that I don't know.

Mike Wilson


A cover from Stephen Cave's exhibit at the B.P.E. last October aroused the interest of Richard Heap for it was addressed to Adswood Lodge, Stockport, Richard's home town.

A little research showed that although the house had long since been demolished, it was owned during the 19th century by the founder of Belle Vue Zoo, who started his collection of animals there before it moved to Belle Vue. A local railway bridge is still known as Monkey Bridge.

George Bowman has built up an exhibit entitled "A Philatelic Summary of Antigua to 1920," which has met with some success in recent months. George's exhibit received a gold award and a B.C.P.S.G. bronze medal at SESCAL '74, held in Los Angeles last October; the Grand Award at ORCOEXPO, Anaheim, California, in January and the Grand Award at Filatelic Fiesta, San Jose, California last February. George says, with a typical philatelist's modesty, "Seems that I hit a lucky streak."

News from 50 Pall Mall tells us that John Forrest is back in the Robson Lowe team, as the North of England representative, whilst across the Atlantic, in the Sunshine State of Florida, Herman Herst Jr. of P.O. Box 1583, Boca Raton, Florida 33432, is also joining the team, as the R.L. Agent. Finally, in answer to a cri de coeur from No. 50, John Herbert of Christies has generously agreed that John Van Haefen, who already has connections with Robson Lowe's, should join the group as the personal assistant to the chairman and deputy chairman.

The saying "It's a small world" never ceases to amaze. Bert Latham, a Jamaica specialist of no small repute was, at this year's STAMPEX, standing next to a collector browsing through a dealer's stock. A casual conversation developed and "our collector turned out to be none other than fellow member Howard J. Gaston from the U.S.A. Howard, also a Jamaica specialist, is Secretary of the Jamaica Study Group, based in the U.S.

Stirling Baker recently won, for the second year in succession, the shield of the Ilford and District P.S. with a display of the Jamaica War Tax over prints on the 3d. value.

Another keen collector of the War Tax issues of Jamaica is Tony Reesby who is having a busy season. Tony was awarded a B.C.P.S.G. parchment at the East Midlands Federation last October and has since given displays to the Wolverhampton, Hinkley and Aldridge Philatelic Societies.

Two members giving displays to the Chelmsford P.S. in recent months were David Woolfson, with a selection of postal history for Barbados, Dominica and Jamaica and Al Branston with his well-known "Tale of Two Forgers."

I did not get to this year's STAMPEX until Saturday, the closing day. The crowd was reminiscent of a Wembley cup final, with progress along the aisles sometimes measured in inches per minute. However, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and much to my surprise met up with Tony Shepherd, David Woolfson, Richard Heap, Charles Freeland, Frank Deakin, Derek Sutcliffe, Bert Latham and a host of 'dealer' friends. A few of us managed to escape from the crush and retire to the bar for some liquid refreshment and to examine purchases.

When you received the auction catalogue with the last Bulletin I should have given mention, in News Roundup, to the help and generosity of Reynold Radford and Basil Benwell who enabled us to reduce the cost of the catalogue to unpaid labour and postage.

In conclusion may we offer our congratulations to the following members for their STAMPEX awards.

Miss Bunny Collinson received the B.C.P.S.G. award and a silver-gilt medal for her entry of Barbados; Perkins Bacon and De La Rue printings of Britannia issues 1852-1878.

Silver medals were awarded to Mr. B. E. Johnson for Grenada 1774-1898 and to Michael Sheppard for his display of Barbados postal history.

Bronze-silver medals went to Raymond Austin for Bahamas postal history up to 1900 including the out-islands and to Ken Watson for his entry of Jamaica Packet Letters.

Bronze medals were awarded to Tony Reesby and Mr. B. E. Thompson for their displays of Jamaica War Tax stamps and varieties.

To complete the record we also note that Mr. B. E. Johnson was also awarded a silver-gilt medal for Afghanistan 1870-1876. If memory serves us correctly Mr. Johnson calls these issues "the uglies". *Michael Sheppard*

Since these notes were written several items of news have come to hand that are worthy of mention.

Congratulations are again the order of the day; this time to Frank Deakin for his gold medal award at the Recent International Exhibition held in Madrid. Frank's exhibit was, of course, Barbados.

David Woolfson who was in Madrid for the exhibition was full of praise for the organisers and enjoyed every minute of his stay.

Two most welcome members at this year's A.G.M. and Auction were Mr. K. H. Bayley of Barbados and Peter Jaffe from Australia. To say that they came specially for the auction would indeed be wishful thinking, but it was, however, a pleasure to meet them both.

Tony Shepherd writes that the Roses meeting in Carlisle was most successful with some 22 people attending, although only 3 were able to make the journey from Scotland.

Nearly all Saturday was spent with displays, some 800 sheets being exhibited. Amongst those showing were Graham Hoey with Bahamas, Frank Deakin his Madrid Gold Medal entry and Moreton Black with some of his designs which were accepted for the Centenary of Bahamas stamps issue.

The auction in the evening gave a welcome boost to Roses funds with most of the interest being shown for postal history items.

With the conclusion of events on Sunday morning everyone agreed that they had been well looked after by the hotel.

I have just seen the latest edition of "Caribbeana," the journal of the Roses C.P.S., which was published to coincide with the Carlisle meeting and what an interesting and informative magazine it is. For those of you who are interested, a line to Tony Shepherd or Dr. Geoffrey Ritchie will bring further details.

SECOND AUCTION REPORT

The following prices were realised at the Circle's second auction, held on 12th April, 1975, at 4 p.m.:

Lot 1	£4.50	Lot 2	£1.50	Lot 3	£7.00	Lot 4	£8.50	Lot 5	£8.00	Lot 8	£9.50
9	10.00	10	4.00	12	3.25	13	6.00	14	8.50	15	8.00
17	7.00	18	9.00	19	5.50	20	7.00	21	6.00	22	2.50
23	3.50	24	2.50	25	8.00	27	5.00	30	7.50	31	2.00
34	3.75	35	6.50	36	3.00	37	1.50	40	7.50	41	4.50
42	2.75	43	8.00	44	9.50	45	3.50	46	7.00	49	4.00
53	4.25	55	1.50	56	3.00	57	5.50	58	2.75	60	11.00
61	8.00	62	4.00	63	5.25	64	1.50	66	9.50	68	3.75
71	3.00	72	6.00	73	16.00	74	4.50	76	4.00	77	2.50
78	12.50	79	4.25	80	2.50	82	18.00	83	3.50	84	4.50
85	5.50	87	6.00	88	3.75	90	14.00	91	1.25	94	1.50
95	2.00	96	6.00	97	3.00	98	6.00	100	4.50	101	4.00
101a	11.00	102	5.00	103	1.75	104	7.50	105	22.00	106	27.00
107	16.00	109	4.00	110	5.50	111	5.50	112	12.00	113	6.00
115	8.50	116	4.50	117	4.25	118	5.75	119	3.50	120	2.25
122	5.00	123	1.00	124	10.50	125	8.50	126	5.00	127	0.60
125	9.00	129	4.50	130	5.25	131	4.50	132	5.00	133	11.00
134	5.50	135	5.25	139	14.00	141	22.00	142	8.00	143	14.00
144	11.00	145	5.00	147	19.00	149	7.00	150	17.00	151	6.50
152	1.00	154	4.50	155	8.00	156	7.00	157	2.00	158	5.50
159	8.50	160	3.25	161	5.50	162	5.50	163	7.00	164	4.50
165	15.00	166	5.50	167	4.50	168	2.75	169	2.50	170	10.00
171	15.00	172	5.00	173	9.00	174	3.00	175	4.50	176	1.25
181	16.00	182	2.50	183	3.00	184	16.50	185	8.50	186	3.00
189	2.50	190	5.50	191	1.50	192	2.00	193	12.50	194	2.00
195	5.75	196	9.00	197	2.50	195	10.50	199	5.50	200	7.00
201	7.50	203	50.00	205	2.00	206	3.00	207	7.00	208	6.00
209	8.00	210	1.50	211	4.25	212	4.75	213	3.00	214	2.25
215	5.25	216	4.75	217	4.50	218	9.00	219	3.50	220	1.75
221	1.00	222	4.50								

Reserve lot 101a was similar to lot 101, but in strips of live. Lot 32 was withdrawn and the remaining 46 lots were unsold.

Although the proportion of unsold lots was substantially higher than last year, this was in the context of a far bigger sale, and the grand total of £1,183.10 will disappoint neither buyers nor sellers, as well as providing a much-needed boost to Circle funds.

There were 65 postal bidders who obtained, between them, 116 lots, the other 60 lots being purchased by buyers attending the sale. Amongst lots keenly contested, one

item of philatelic literature attracted no less than ten book bids; whilst, predictably, the 'star' (paper) item attracted fierce competition from all sides, with an eager room buyer pipped at the post by a £50 winning bid from the mysterious Mr. "A22". One statistic disclosed by the auctioneer was that, of the lots going to postal buyers, only about a quarter reached their maximum 'book' price: indeed one lucky bidder, having lodged a bid of £20, secured his prize for less than one third of that sum. Still the fact that the bidding on one item opened (and closed) at "three even bids of £1.50" shows the importance of getting in early with your postal bids, or going one extra, if you leave it late.

Demand was well maintained for items on cover, from pre-stamp to quite modern examples, and coil-join hunters showed strong support for their enthusiasm. On the minus side there was some hesitancy amongst the Barbados collectors (embarras de richesse?) and reluctance amongst members generally to acquire good but plain single stamps at fair prices. We obviously prefer to patronise our favourite dealers, and pay more. On one thing we are unanimous: 1974 was not a good year for St. Vincent SPECIMENS - or maybe the vintage is raw, and needs a few years to mature.

Once again the Circle's thanks go to the organisers and participators, and above all to the Editor, whose administrative talents make the whole thing possible.

In view of Simon Goldblatt's closing remarks I think the following addendum is appropriate. I just happen to be the man in the 'front office' and therefore collect the praise and, alas, the occasional brick-bat. This is a joint effort and Simon is indeed the power behind the scene. Editor.

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Ian Chard, Hon. Secretary, wants Bermuda postal markings, including commercial 'machine stamps' for his project (see Notes and Queries). Small budget, therefore, only postage refund can be positively assured until response to advert. is known.

BULLETINS AND STUDY PAPERS

Because of increasing costs it has become necessary to increase the price of current Circle publications. New prices will apply after 31st August, 1975, but orders received with remittance before that date will be fulfilled at the old price:

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CHANGE OF INTEREST

LOCKIE, Dr. John M. Now specialises in all aspects of St. Lucia.

PETERKIN, E., No longer collects Barbados and has changed interest to St. Vincent.

CORRECTION

EDMONSON should read EDMONDSON, R. J.

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DEAR MEMBER,

As you will know from reading the minutes of the 21st Anniversary Meeting and other items in this edition of the *Bulletin*, there are a number of events planned to celebrate this auspicious occasion. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the luncheon and displays. The Committee, and in particular those members of the Sub-Committee responsible for planning, have put a lot of effort into making the programme of events as attractive as possible with benefits in the way of discount offers from dealers. However, without your support success is not possible.

We should not let the occasion of the 21st Anniversary of the Circle pass without remembering our founder, Mr. Philip Saunders, whose assiduous efforts in forming and sustaining the Circle have made it the thriving concern that it is today. Our thanks go also to his wife, Mrs. Rose Saunders, who as well as giving her husband support in the formation of the Circle, also took an active part in it by acting as the Hon. Librarian until very recently when ill health and domestic duties obliged her to relinquish the librarianship.

There is evidence that the 'List of Members' issued last year and amended by entries in the *Bulletin* has proved successful in linking members and enabling them to communicate with one another. Matters of a philatelic nature such as the swapping of stamps and information can now take place over a wider area than ever before. However, I would like to remind members that, whereas there are great advantages in immediate communication between one another, the *Bulletin* offers advantages which

correspondence does not. The small advertisement column for example enables members to make an appeal to all the membership.

Members who do correspond with one another on matters of philatelic research are reminded that the information they have elicited may be of interest to others. The correspondence, or an account of it, can be published at no charge. Items in this section need not be erudite. What about news of the opening of new post offices, changes of venue, changes in postal rates, changes in postal markings, etc. The running of post offices today is the postal history of tomorrow.

Ian Chard

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