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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 (BELIZE).**
2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features.
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4. TO publicise 'wants' and furnish opinions on stamp(s) and/or cover(s) for a nominal fee.
5. TO encourage, assist or sponsor the authorship and publication of definitive handbooks, monographs or other works of reference appropriate to the aim in para 1 above.

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PROGRAMME

1993

Sat.	6 March 2-15pm	At STAMPEX. M. Rego - "Maritime Mail Markings" T.S. Pearce - "Grenada"
Sat.	24 April 2-15pm	Bonnington Hotel, London. AGM followed by annual Auction.

Material is urgently required for the June and future bulletins.

LATE NEWS

It is with sorrow that we have just heard the sad news that one of our Vice-Presidents W.A. (Bill) Townsend has passed away. We will all miss him.

1992 ACCOUNTS

THE BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

Income and Expenditure Statements for the year ended 31 December 1992

1991	INCOME	1992
£		£.p
2028	Subscriptions	2101.00
231	Publications - net surplus less postages	317.89
897	Auction and Miscellaneous donations	1096.92
12	Opinion Fees	22.50
285	Convention - net surplus	-
<u>546</u>	Interest received, less tax reserve	<u>516.54</u>
<u>£ 3999</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>£4054.85</u>
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
1129	Bulletins : costs less advertising	925.46
513	: distribution & editorial costs	<u>657.76</u>
112	Library : acquisitions	183.66
40	: insurance	45.00
108	: Librarian's expenses less recoveries	<u>50.47</u>
105	Meeting room hire less collections	95.00
78	BPF - Affiliation Fee and Donation	65.00
355	Officers' Administration : stationery, postages, telephone photocopying etc., less recoveries	313.15
-	Publicity and Public Relations	16.76
-	Engraving Collett Trophy	21.15
-	Honorarium	<u>50.00</u>
<u>£2440</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>£2423.41</u>
<u>1559</u>	SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE for the year	<u>1631.44</u>
<u>£3999</u>		<u>£4054.85</u>

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 DECEMBER 1992

<u>ACCUMULATED FUND</u>		
8067	Balance at 1.1.92	9626.15
1559	<u>Add</u> surplus for the year	1631.44
-	Dollar conversion surplus	<u>118.50</u>
9626		11376.09
<u>(3512)</u>	<u>Less</u> Stocks of Publications at cost	<u>(3244.21)</u>
<u>£ 6114</u>		<u>£8131.88</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
9268	Cash at banks, building society and in hand	10267.82
<u>161</u>	Sundry Debtors	<u>202.50</u>
9429		10882.32
(430)	<u>Less</u> Sundry Creditors	425.74
(110)	Taxation Reserve	134.30
<u>(2775)</u>	Subscriptions received in advance	<u>2190.40</u>
<u>£6114</u>		<u>£8131.88</u>

AUDITORS REPORT

I hereby certify that the Income and Expenditure Statements for the year ended 31 December 1992 are in accordance with the books, vouchers and explanations given to me, and that the Balance Sheet shows the financial state of the British West Indies Study Circle at that date, save that the Stocks of Publications, whilst valued at cost as consistent with previous accounts, may

not have a market value of the sum stated on that date and in the Balance Sheet have been treated as having a nil value.

For a period the Study Circle adopted a subscription policy that by paying for five years in advance the sixth year was given free; and it is therefore under an obligation to provide a service to those members, the cost of which liability cannot be quantified accurately but at current subscription rates is £856. There are six honorary life members.

In all other respects the finances of the Study Circle appear to be sound.

Signed: J.A.C. Farmer, FCA, FRPSL. Dated: 25th January 1993.

LEAMINGTON CONVENTION 1993

The Convention has been fixed to take place on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th October, 1993 at The Regent Hotel, Royal Leamington Spa where previous Conventions have proved to be highly successful. This year our Convention will end just before Stampex commences thus enabling overseas visitors to attend both events if they wish to do so.

Instead of a sherry party there will be a wine and cheese party to send off the Convention to a really good start: the party will commence at 18.30 hours on Friday 8th October.

The Convention Day will be Saturday 9th October commencing at 10.15 hours in the Chandos Room. During the course of the morning the Bourse comprising several dealers tables and also the Members Approval table will be available for you to browse at and to buy. In addition there will be Informal Displays of up to 30 pages by anyone wishing to show during the course of the morning and thus to take an active part in making the Convention successful. At the end of the morning there will be a Formal Display of a high standard with accompanying comments. This will be followed by the Luncheon which has always been well supported. During the morning raffle tickets will be sold on behalf of the Study Circle and the prizes will be presented for the winning tickets at the end of the Luncheon.

Immediately after the Luncheon there will be another Formal display of a fine collection with accompanying comments. The Dealers Bourse will re-open and there will be further Informal displays around the Chandos Room. The Convention will close at 17.15 hours.

I hope that as many of you who can do so will be attending with your partners if possible and so make our weekend function highly successful again from both the philatelic and social point of view. If in doubt about coming along just ask someone who has been previously. This will be a busy and interesting weekend with the opportunity to meet others with similar interests.

I look forward to seeing you all at Leamington.

Victor Toeg

OBITUARY - EDWARD ADDISS

I was saddened to receive a letter recently from Lee, Ed. Addiss's wife, telling me of Ed's passing at the end of September. Ed was last in this country for the B.W.I.S.C. convention at Leamington Spa in 1991, and between that and Stampex he stayed with me. His doctors had advised him against travelling to Europe, but he already knew the worst, and was determined to see his friends over here for what was to be the last time. Of course such a journey would have been totally out of the question without the help and support he received from Lee, his wife of only a few short years. Many of us will remember LONDON 1990, when the Addiss family took an apartment, and threw a great party for many of the people Ed had met. Lee and Ed. were, in fact, newly weds! and this was Lee's baptism of fire in meeting the Philatelic world. Ed was at that time basking in the success of his highly acclaimed book, the result of years of research and collecting his great love, British Honduras. It is for this that he will always be remembered, he is a lucky man to have been able to have written such an enduring obituary to his lifetime's work. My memories will be more personal, of a good man who bravely bore such pain for so long without complaining, and for the loving support he received in the latter part of his life from Lee, and from his family. Lee tells me that the balance of Ed's collection will probably be sold by Colin Fraser in New York, through Christies as Ed wished.

Ed. also has left a very tangeable memento of his all too brief time on this earth in that he has willed to the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, a magnificent bequest of \$15,000, to be used as the Trustees think fit. It is to be hoped that this wonderful gesture will result in even greater opportunities for original research, and the spread of knowledge which was so dear to Ed's heart.

At a recent Convention in Loughborough in November, the members who attended, were able to raise, very quickly, enough money to purchase two beautiful Trophies (to be known as the Addiss Memorial Trophies), to be competed for at future similar events for both Postal History and Traditional displays.

It was the members ardent wish that Lee would, at some future date come over to the United Kingdom to make the presentation herself.

Robert V. Swarbrick

THE NORTH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STUDY CIRCLE

As members will know our North American Representative is Mark W. Swetland. Mark has indicated to me that for health reasons it might be desirable to replace him although he would be very willing to continue. Mark leads a busy life with many interests and is at present engaged in the lengthy and exacting task of writing a handbook on Antigua which takes up a great deal of his time.

In the circumstances if any member of the Study Circle residing in the U.S.A. or in Canada would like to volunteer to take on Mark's job of receiving subscriptions (dues) which are not paid in Sterling will he or she please write to the Hon. Treasurer Chris May so that details of an operating procedure can be agreed.

I refer any applicant to the Notice on pages 41 and 42 of Bulletin No.130 September 1986 which sets out the reason for the need of a North American Representative but of course the figures mentioned in the Notice are now out of date.

Victor Toeg - President

DOMINICA

With reference to the query concerning handstamp registration marks of Dominica on page 77 of Bulletin No.155 December 1992, Charles Freeland and Michael Medicott have both replied. They both think that D/CA and its variations are abbreviated forms of DOMINICA. I feel sure that their views are correct.

Victor Toeg

STAMPEX October 1992 Display

As mentioned in the December bulletin, the October Stampex meeting was treated to two very fine displays. The first display to the gathered members and friends was given by Peter Jaffé R.D.P. The display was entitled "Pages from my collections."

Starting with St. Vincent, Peter showed two pages of Peruvian Vale cancels, including 1894(?) manuscript and a 1893 "St. Vincent C" cover.

This was followed by another page showing 1d and 2d rate journal wrappers. Apart from these items, no other St. Vincent material was displayed.

St. Lucia was shown in strength, amongst items shown were die proofs, plate studies, including 1881(?) six pence on (4d) blue as well as SEX error, blocks and multiples and French mail items on and off entires.

Tobago included early soldier's letter (so endorsed) and previously unrecorded 1799 type Crown ship letter. Trinidad followed and included 1891 joined pair of 9d on 2d postcard, two copies of 6d perf 14 x 12.5 issued in 1880 and black 1d surcharge.

Turks Islands was represented by early letters, 5 die proofs, 5 copies of 1/- puce and a showing of the 2½d on 6d including first trial Charlton Henry strip of 5 (ex Moens (?)) and Burrus imperforate between pair (ex Ferrary).

An assortment of varied items then followed for the remaining colonies and included Antigua which was devoted to the 6d, including perforation trials and fresh entries. Cayman Islands which included an unlikely inverted 1d on 4d K.E.VII. British Guiana included an Arabian Coast cover with 1856 local issue as well as trisected 12c for local rate. Barbados which had a Charlton Henry pair of perf. 14 x 12½ 4d. the 1/- blue as well as large 5/- and 1878 1d surcharges. These were followed by Dominica Crowned Circles including 2½d and by Grenada including Crown Ship letter, Governor's dispatch to London, fresh entries and 1861-62 local post items.

The display concluded with Rowland Hill 1861 cancelled items, the Trinidad included 6d rejoined pair and the Bahamas had faked vertical perforation. The blue St. Lucia was imperforate vertically.

A vote of thanks for this magnificent display was given by Simon Goldblatt who commented on the items displayed and of the fine quality of so many pieces from so many different territories of the Caribbean. The members present showed their approval in the usual manner for what had been a most enjoyable display.

The second display by Bob Swarbrick will be detailed in the next issue of the Bulletin.



Peter Jaffé and Bob Swarbrick



Victor Toeg being presented with his 'Award of Merit' by Mrs. Lesley Hampton

REFLECTIONS ON COLLECTING BWI PROOF MATERIAL

Having collected BWI proofs and colour trials for a number of years, I am beginning to get a “feel” for the challenge. It would be wonderful to be able to afford some of the beautiful artwork now happily available to collectors on release from the De La Rue archives or the lovely Perkins Bacons die proofs, but these usually cost four figures and upwards. Nonetheless, there are among the less ritzy material, some very rare and desirable items.

1 BLACK PRINTS (Fig.1)



I am always on the lookout for the stamp-size prints occasionally seen for the complete designs of certain De La Rue products of the early 1920's. The normal die proofs at this period consist of two separate impressions, one usually being the head and surround and the other the value tablet (plus the country name if a colonial keyplate). The advantage of this two-stage process was that not only was it cheaper to engrave a single master plate but also that it allowed the frame and duty tablets to be printed in different colours.

For at least those stamps listed below, stamp-size prints for the full design exist in black. In most cases, I believe only one of each is in collectors' hands. I have heard an explanation that the purpose of these products was to test the correct registration of frame and value tablet. If so, they are not strictly die proofs but rather test prints. I would welcome comments from others. In any event, these should not be confused with De La Rue's die proofs on glazed card (92 x 61mm) for such unicoloured designs as the Q.V. issues of Bermuda and Jamaica, or for postal stationery.

The black prints I am aware of are listed as follows. I would welcome additions.

Antigua	1921-9	½d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 3/-, 5/-.
Bermuda	1920-21 Tercentenary	¼d, 2½d, 4d, 6d.
Br. Honduras	1922-33	2c, 10c, 25c.
Dominica	1923-33	½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, £1.
Grenada	1921-32	5d, 9d, 3/-.

Leewards Is.	1921-32	¼d, ½d, 1d, 1½d, 3d.
Montserrat	1922-9	¼d, 1½d, 4d, 5d, 3/-, 4/-.
St. Kitts	1920-2	½d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 1/-, 2/-, £1.

2 DIE PROOFS IN COLOUR



There is nothing particularly significant in the colour of a die proof but black tends to show up the design more vividly and was therefore the most efficient colour to test the quality of the engraving. However, a number of coloured die proofs were struck by De La Rue and a very attractive display they make, as those who have seen Joan Harpers Br. Honduras and Brian Brookes' St. Christopher will appreciate. If you are looking for an affordable sideline, I would suggest you try the series of coloured proofs produced by Nissen and Parker for the early Virgin Is. issues. These can be found in a wide range of colours, are quite legitimate proofs and can, with persistence, be tracked down in a remarkable range of shades.

3 PERFORATED COLOUR TRIALS (Fig.2)



As a normal rule, colour trials were not perforated. However, there is a very attractive series of colour trials for the Barbados 1905 Nelson set and a similar series for the Dominica 1923-33 issues, both on perforated and watermarked paper. De La Rue also prepared perforated trials for the Barbados 1925-35, Grenada Caravels, St. Vincent Arms, Tobago Queen Victoria and Turks Salt sets. The Q.V. key type trials with blank tablets are others which come to mind. These are known both perf.12 and 14. They make an attractive display if you can find examples without damaged perfs (many look as if they have been scissor-cut).

Although not in the same category as far as philatelic significance is concerned, printers samples can also occasionally be found perforated. These are usually far rarer than the imperfs (take the Bermuda indigo 1d ship or the Cayman Is. scarlet 2d G.V. samples, for example).

I recently acquired two St. Lucia items which are particularly intriguing. They are two G.V. keyplates which would be taken as perfectly normal stamps except that the colours are “wrong”. They are the 2½d and 3d of the 1921-28 set, the 2½d in violet and the 3d in orange-yellow. These cannot be standard trials as they are “one-offs” of which only one of each value (to my knowledge) survives. Yet they are clearly professional products. Does any member know their origin and purpose? Were they some kind of trial print as in Section 1 ?

4 PLATE PROOFS FROM SHEETLETS OF SIX (Fig.3)

Most of the plate proofs encountered are struck from the full printing forme, normally 60 subjects depending on the sheet size. Their purpose was to test that all the subjects printed satisfactorily. While by definition the individual units are not great rarities, the existence of constant plate flaws can add greatly to their interest and value.

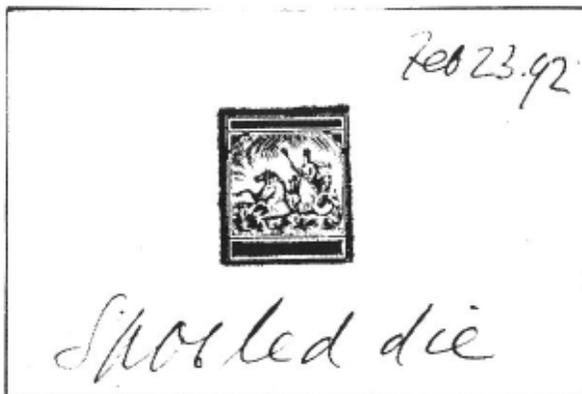


Some plate proofs, however, were made from sheetlets of six and identifying these is important because they are obviously far scarcer. Compare, for example, the Barbados 1925-35 3d blue or the St. Lucia Pitons blue and carmine often seem in blocks, with, for example, the St. Lucia G.V. 2/6 in black and orange-vermilion or the Grenada G.V. 3/- in green and violet. These last two, I feel sure, were produced in units of six only. The 1937 Coronation imperforate specimens which were released from the De La Rue Archives are a documented example of items from such sheetlets. The Barbados 1892 ½d and the Jamaica Arms ½d survive

in marginal multiples with margins at top and bottom which establish a single row of six subjects. Other items may have a different configuration since vertical pairs survive (including the Coronation specimens already mentioned).

Any information on items in this category would be welcome, particularly from those who can quote from official records.

5 UNCLEARED DIE PROOFS (Figs.4 and 5)



I have a weakness for die proofs with uncleared surrounds, especially on the full design rather than the vignette alone. In the Edwardian period, De La Rue struck numerous examples in this state and those for Antigua, Bermuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat and St. Kitts-Nevis, among others, have survived in sufficient numbers to enable the collectors of those countries to obtain them if they are prepared to pay the going price. In the Queen Victoria era, however, things were rather different with the exception of the 1892 Barbados and 1876 Br. Guiana sets (for which, as Derek Nathan has shown us, many different states of the vignette exist). To the best of my recollection, only one ½d of Bermuda survives (in the Ludington collection), similar for Bahamas and Br. Honduras, plus a limited number of Jamaica.

All I have seen have been struck on pieces of card not much larger than stamp size.

The pattern for the G.V. period is very similar as for QV - a few scattered single examples. The Toeg collection contained a proof for Antigua 1921-9 with uncleared value tablet and uncleared proofs have survived for Br. Guiana, Montserrat and Virgin Is. All, however, I would judge to be rare.

6) DIE PROOFS AND ESSAYS SHOWING VALUE TABLETS ALONGSIDE THE MASTER DIE (Fig.6)



Such items are rare and few are known for B.W.I. countries. A couple of Grenada essays for the Caravel set exist showing the ½d and 1d tablets hand-painted alongside. Those who have seen Tony Farmers' Leeward Is. exhibit will have been impressed by the beautiful artist's drawing for the QV Fees stamp, with the value tablets alongside, and a similar essay exists for the Trinidad Fees stamp. Maybe there's something similar in Jamaica but I can't offhand think of other BWI examples except for the superb Waterlow die proof for Br. Guiana illustrated.

Charles Freeland

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AN UNEXPLORED ISLAND

At the next AGM, our members will be asked to consider a proposal to expand the objects of the Circle, so as to embrace further territories which have enjoyed links with the British Post Office at one time or another.

Whatever view is taken generally, there is one island with an unarguable claim to be considered part of the British West Indies - yet few of our members are likely to have heard of it. If you look at a map of the British West Indies dating from the 1850s, the island will be included, and probably with some prominence.

I refer (of course) to ROATAN, which for about a decade formed part of the British Empire, during the second half of the 19th century. It perhaps came most into prominence due to the activities of an American adventurer of the period, named Walker. A film was made about him some two years ago.

Less attractive to the British Government of the period than, say, the Falkland Islands, Roatan was handed over to Honduras in the early 1860's, as far as I recollect; and it now forms one of the marine outposts of that country, liable to be encountered by the lone yachtsman heading for the Spanish Main. Whether Roatan ever had some kind of independent postal system associated with the British is a subject that I have not tackled; and I have no idea whether any letters from here, dating from the 1850's survive. It seems to me time for a little philatelic exploration by the more recondite amongst us, to compensate for almost a century and a half of neglect.

Simon Goldblatt

GRENADA - King Edward VII

1907 - Badge of the Colony Die Proof dated 26 NOV.07.
BEFORE HARDENING.

A number of these have appeared on the market recently.
Can anyone tell me the numbers printed, values offered 3d THREE PENCE
to TEN SHILLINGS.

Bryan E. Johnson

GRENADA

Postmarks - Queen Victoria - 2nd Type Parish letter (Charlton Type 13)



Type 13.

Bryan Johnson's query (Bulletin No.155 P.78) coincided with a reappraisal of my own collection. Abnormalities of parts of these handstamps are relatively common. They can be divided into three parts.

1) GRENADA

In my experience 'GRENADA' always appears at the top and I have not seen it Inverted or Reversed.

INVERTED

NORMAL

2) THE PARISH LETTER (illustrated)

I have the following:

A (1st Type) Inverted on SG.42



B Inverted on SG.34



E Inverted on SG.31

E Could be simply Reversed to achieve the same effect



3) THE DATE

This is commonly inverted and reversed, with up to 50% of all strikes in some parishes. (This may explain BJ's observations) There is an impression, not yet checked, that the problem improves with the passage of time but dates are indiscriminate. In only one parish 'F' (the island of Carriacou) is this abnormality uncommon with circa 1 in 10 strikes. The difficulty I think lies with the mirror image required to position the slugs correctly, compared with the frequency with which the date slugs have to be changed in contrast to the more permanent parts of the handstamp. Perhaps the postal clerks in Carriacou were left handed.

David Ball

GRENADA

Re the December Bulletin (No.155) page 78 - Grenada postmarks 2nd type code letters. The 'B' inverted listed by Bryan Johnson is seen relatively frequently. I have half a dozen examples on different stamps. One can also find 'D' inverted, also 'A' and 'E'. I have only one of each and guess these are rare. It is quite easy to find cancels where the date has inverted letters or numbers.

Charles Freeland

JAMAICA

A registered cover

This is a brief description of a Jamaican cover which has come into my possession.

It began life in Colon in Panama on 14th January 1905. It has two Panamanian stamps: a 5c blue 'Acknowledgment of Receipt' of August 1904 and a 10c green Registration stamp No.322 (inverted) also of August 1904. They are tied (to the reverse) by two circular Colon postmarks '14 ENE 1905', with Panamanian flags, and a boxed 'A.R COLON' cancel. All these marks are in purple. Also, on the reverse is a circular double ring 'New Port Jamaica 23 JA 05', Nicholson Type K4 (no code letter); and in manuscript "From Samuel Chandler".

The obverse has two registered marks of Jamaica Nicholson Type R4 dated 'JA 18 05' and 'JA 20 05', the latter being rather faint.

The addressee is as follows:-

“To In care of Major Hassard
Mrs Harriett Chandler
Up Park Camp
St.Andrews.”

All this manuscript is in black. “Major Hassard” and “Up Park Camp St Andrews” have been deleted in red manuscript and written in are “Mrs. Elizabeth McPherson” and “Patrick Folder(?) New Port”.

One can speculate about this cover. How did it get to Jamaica when there is no indication of Jamaica in the address? Perhaps the post office in Colon was very efficient in those days. Four days transit from Colon to the island also seems very efficient. I wonder if it was posted deliberately to catch 1 direct boat? What was so important that it had to be registered or was that just a normal precaution for that era and that place? The cover is not large 13½cm by 7½cm and there is no evidence of anything bulky being put inside. Finally, was it a case of a man writing to his wife? Was she on holiday in Jamaica and were further letters exchanged? Or was he working abroad?

Was 15 centivos the correct postage for such a cover? Was it normal not to have an ordinary stamp, and was it usual to affix adhesives to the back of the covers?

Malcolm Mattick

JAMAICA

I have a query which I hope some of the Jamaican experts of the Study Circle may be able to shed some light on. I have a 1959 cover to Iceland with 3/5d in GVIR stamps on it (purely philatelic), the senders name and address on the reverse is J.W. Hope, Kingston.

The 1/- and 2/- (SG.130 and 131) stamps are perforated with nine holes in a diamond form, which I have never seen before.

Looking back through the Index of previous issues of the B.W.I.S.C. Bulletin, I find the late Dr.R.H. Blackburn had a note about similar perforated stamps from the 1921 issue (SG.99, 100 and 103) but there does not seem to have been any response to this, which was in the July 1958 issue. If any member can help I should be most grateful.

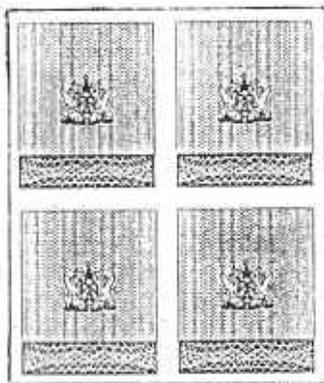
Bruce Walker

WANTED AND OFFERS

Charles Freeland has accumulated too many Barbados WWII censor labels and is keen to swap/trade with others interested in this area. He also needs BWI Philatelist (Ed. Aguilar) Vol 1/4, 2/1 and 2/2, Ericson (Jamaica) catalogue and Caribbeana # 1-5 and 7. Other early Auction catalogues of BWI material eagerly wanted. He has numerous duplicates of bulletins and BCPSG journals (especially 1975-85 period), as well as a good range of BWI specialised auction catalogues. If you can help with the above please contact Charles at Box.2258, 4002 Basle, Switzerland.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

The Bradbury, Wilkinson archives have been occupying me for some weeks. The following notes on National Insurance stamps might be of interest to members.



National Insurance stamps were issued about 1960 and in the archives are blocks of four of the engraved backgrounds, (50c.) blue, (90c.) red, (1.95) green, (5.55) purple and sage; the latter was either not used or was used for an unlisted value.

These items along with others will be in my next auction on the 21st of April.

Robson Lowe

CONGRATULATIONS

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