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JAMAICA'S POST OFFICE

Mr. F.O. Rousseau, the present Post Master General of Jamaica, must find his job extremely difficult and hard, with the ever expanding Postal. Service throughout the Island, plus the hazards of labour today. The present site for, the Post Office is located on King Street, and was built just after the 1907 Earthquake, so that today this building is more than fully occupied every inch of space being utilized, plus the fact that it is not very modern.

One of the first jobs, which the Post Office will have to do, is to establish a Philatelic Agency in Jamaica. This Philatelic Agency would distribute all their issues throughout the world to collectors and dealers alike and also handle First Day Covers at a nominal percentage and used stamps (Cancelled to Order). All this is revenue, which is something the Post Office better learn that it is far wiser to earn revenue than to be tied up with Red Tape, and not earn it, for at present. the Post Office in Jamaica is showing a shocking loss for the past year. Unless very drastic steps are taken, they will more than likely show an even greater loss this coming year. One which might creep into seven figures.

The handling of First Day Covers is an extremely easy matter and can earn for the Post Office some very fine revenue, whether an envelope is addressed or not, makes no difference. They are making the percentage on doing the postmarking plus the 'revenue of the stamps. What more do they want.

May I bring to the notice of the Post Master General that in the issue of the IX Central American and Caribbean Games a very large batch of First Day Covers which were handed in and also mailed on the first day, were all incorrectly postmarked. Whether the Post Master General likes it or not, the fact is that the Post Office is liable for these First Day Covers, and all of these should have been replaced. The result was that a large portion of these Miniature sheets and First Day Covers cannot be sold as First Day Covers, but merely as used items.

In Jamaica, when a new Postal Agency is opened, it is given a Temporary Rubber Date stamp, better known as TRD. We have previously brought out two publications listing in detail all Jamaica Post Offices and Postal Agencies, and for a number of years the BWI Philatelist -- giving all the latest news of the British West Indian Islands. The. TRD'S have become extremely popular with collectors, so much so that we have been handling a New Issue Service for these. For all new Postal Agencies opened, we would handle at least 60 or more covers, and whatever way one looks at it, the result is Revenue to the Post Office.

From early this year, we have been having no end of trouble with a number of new Postal Agencies, and in one case we asked the Post Master General of Jamaica to be kind enough and have the envelopes postmarked for us, to which his reply was as follows:

"As you are aware it is not permitted for letters to be date stamped and returned to the sender."

With the Post Master General giving these red tape instructions, only means that we will be giving up all New Issues. Considering that it is the collector who buys and makes an issue a success, if the collector does not buy an issue, the normal sales in Jamaica will not be that large. There is also another point, the Postal Agency which receives envelopes for mailing, many of them never return these envelopes - This is open theft; e.g. Bohemia.

Postmarking to order is the way to make extra "REVENUE" on their stamps. The very large orders from London and New York would make the Department well worthwhile. One of these days our present Post Master General might awaken to the fact that the Cayman Islands, Turks and Virgin Islands just to name a few, have £ value stamps merely for Philatelic purposes. The General Post Office would not assist the collector in any way to obtain the material he requires; e.g. First Day Covers, used or Imprint blocks. If 'they did; RULES would be broken:

Postmarking to order is absolutely straight forward and Philatelic Agencies throughout the world are doing more and more of it. If Jamaica feels that they cannot undertake to set up a Philatelic Agency, they must then hang on to the Crown Agents - NOT go hunting or inviting trouble in Agencies.

STAMPS are very large revenue to a Post Office. This does not hold with out present Post Master General, and I know my many friends will be sorry to learn that all New Issues - USED - FIRST DAY COVERS - TRD'S etc. have all been discontinued.

The Postal Service could not be much worse, In the year 1860 it took three days from Montego Bay to Kingston. One is lucky today if he receives his letter in five days, The stamps of Jamaica particularly the Commemoratives, are extremely popular with collectors. These stamps are booked by all the large firms in the United States of America, and England, but should the distribution of stamps not be to the liking of the world then the sales would drop.

The Post Office should take a good look around and remember Red Tape does not earn Revenue, also consider very seriously the position before they jump into the fire.

THE BAHAMAS "STAR POSTMARKS

by G.J. Raymond

Collectors showing an exhibit of Bahamas Postal markings are ever delighted to see the intelligent interest and enthusiasm which most viewers invariably display. Many confess that they thought Nassau the only Bahamas Post Office, and are amazed to learn there are now 111 scattered throughout these Tropical Islands just off the Florida coast. A part of the attraction must surely be the inexplicable universal appeal which "islands" have (for people who don't live on them!) and to the interesting, often quaint names of the villages, many a heritage from the days



of pirates and sailing-ships. Even a small collection of their postmarks can lead to a wider knowledge of the Colony, its history and geography, its friendly people. To find a "new" postmark among used Bahamas stamps can be a delightful experience.

Although perhaps not as spectacular as the unusual temporary Rubber Date stamps (TRD's) the steel-die datestamps of the Bahamas, are equally fascinating, and will make up the major portion of any Bahamas postmark collection. Among these metal datestamps, one interesting type made its appearance about 1927; a small steel-die single circle date stamp (C.D.S.). 24-25 mm in size, which incorporated a small "star" or asterisk above the date in the center. This is "Type 19" in the late H.G.D. Gisburn's book, "THE POSTAGE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY OF, THE BAHAMAS" (1950). Since his book was written, with some 6 postmarks listed in this type, there have been additional discoveries and reports, and are tentatively described here, certainly subject to additional new listings and recorded dates. Strikes seen are usually in black ink, although some can be found in blue.

P.O. & ISLAND DISTRICT	KNOWN YEARS USED
COOPERS TOWN (Abaco)	1930-39
EIGHT-MILE-ROCK (Gr. Bahama)	1930-38
FOX HILL (N.P.)	1929-40
GOVERNORS HARBOUR (Eleu.)	1930-35
GRANTS TOWN (N.P.)	1934-44
HOPE TOWN (Abaco)	1930-32
KNOWLE'S (Cat I.) _	1932-47
LOWER BOGUE (Eleu.).	1935-41

P.O. & ISLAND DISTRICT	KNOWN YEARS USED
MARSH HARBOUR (Abaco)	1927-41
MAYAGUANA (Island)	1930-35
NASSAU (N.P.)	1927-34
NICOLLS TOWN (Andros)	1930-42
PARCEL POST, NASSAU	1929
RAGGED ISLAND (Island)	1927-42
ROLLEVILLE (Exuma)	1930-47
ROSE'S (long I.)	1947
RUM CAY (Island)	1930-42
SAN SALVADOR (Island)	1929-42
WEST END (Gr. Bahama)	1927

Surprisingly, the Lower Bogue "star" postmark appeared quite recently, in a temporary situation, with date (1/8/60) written in by hand, on a nonphilatelic cover to a Nassau church; their standard current datestamp is now back in use. Arthurs Town too, is believed to have had a datestamp of the "star" type.

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LIST OF POST OFFICES IN THE BAHAMAS (1960)

LIST OF TOST OFFICES IN THE DAHAMAS (1900)		
ABACO: Cedar Harbour Cherokee Sound Coopers Town Crossing Rocks Dundas Town Fox Town Great Guana Cay Hope Town Man O'War Cay Marsh Harbour Moores Island Sandy Point Walkers Cay	Bullocks Harbour BIMINI: Alice Town Cat Cay CAT ISLAND: Arthurs Town Bennetts Harbour Devils Point Industrious Hill Knowles Old Bight Orange Creek Port Howe The Bight	
ACKLINS:	CROOKED IŠLAND:	
Chester Lovely Bay Pompey Bay Snug Corner Spring Point	Colonel Hill Fairfield Landrail Point True Blue INAGUA:	
ANDROS:	* Mathew Town	
Behring Point Deep Creek Driggs Hill Fresh Creek Kemps Bay Long Bay Cays Lowe Sound Mangrove Cay Mastic Point Nicolls Town Pleasant Bay Staniard Creek	LONG CAY: * Albert Town ELEUTHERA: Alice Town Bannerman Town Deep Creek Governors Harbour Green Castle Gregory Town Hatchet Bay James Cistern Palmetto Point (North)	
BERRY ISLANDS:	Palmetto Point (South)	

Rock Sound Savannah Sound Tarpum Bay Wemyss Bight

EXUMA:

Barraterre
Black Point
Farmers Cay
Forbes Hill
George Town
Moss Town
Mount Thompson
Rolle Town
Rolleville
Steventon
The Ferry

Will Town GRAND BAHAMA: Eight-Mile Rock

Freeport
High Rock
Smith Point
Sweeting's Cay
West End
OUR ISLAND

HARBOUR ISLAND: Dunmore Town Little Bay, Current I.

Lower Bogue
Spanish Wells
The Bluff
The Current
Upper Bogue
LONG ISLAND:

Burnt Ground Clarence Town Deadman's Cay

Grays

Lower Deadman's Cay

McKennons Mortimers Roses Salt Pond Scrub Hill Seymours Simms MAYAGUANA: Abrahams Bay

NEW PROVIDENCE: Fox Hill Gambier Grants Town

Pirates Well

Mackey Street Nassau (G,P.O.)

RAGGED ISLAND:

* Duncan Town RUM CAY:
* Port Nelson SAN SALVADOR:
* Cockburn Town United Estates

(* means postmark bears name of Island only at this time.)

POST OFFICES NOW CLOSED:

Pine Ridge (Gr. Bahama)

Cornwall (Abaco) Millville (Abaco)

Normal Castle (Abaco)
Old Place (Abaco)
Spencer's Point (Abaco)

Filson City (Abaco)

Lignum Vitae Cay (Berry Island)

Whale Cay (Berry Island)

Pure Gold (Andros) Sea Floor (N.P.) Shirley Street (N.P.)

NEWS HERE AND THERE

NORTH AMERICAN Philatelic Magazines as well as the English had lot to write re the Dag Hammarskjold error.

Readers must remember that this is by no means ti first occasion on which a Government has decided to stop speculation on an error.

In 1907 the City of Kingston, Jamaica, was nearly destroyed by an Earthquake. Barbados issued an overprint to raise funds for Jamaica. One of the leading collectors for Jamaica purchased about 100 sheets of these stamps to discover that one sheet had the inverted overprint, and immediately started offering these stamps at a very high price to dealers and collectors. The news quickly spread, and got back to Barbados where they were preparing for a reprint. The Government there decided that instead of doing the reprints in the normal way, this would be inverted similar to the error. Thus today the errors are almost easier to find than the normal printing.

Had the collector not said a word and kept the sheet quietly in his collection until years had passed, these items of the inverted overprint would have been worth quite a handsome amount.

These are only a few instances where Governments have had to step in to create stabilization on stamps.

TRINIDAD

There has been quite a commotion over the Independence stamp illustrating the "Undersea Garden," depicting Tobago Buccoo Reef on the 50 stamp. This particular picture was a Mural behind the bar at the Normandy Hotel in Port of Spain. Trinidad feels that it has one of the biggest frauds in Philatelic history, but they are quite wrong, for this is done in every country today.

As Trinidad was hard pushed for a design they had to make shift an use what available means they had in preparing the stamps.

BRITISH WEST A complete issue of British Red Cross stamps will be issued throughout the West Indies this year.

INDIES

Trinidad will have three values while all the other islands, will be having two low value stamps.

JAMAICA

Press reports state that the National Air Lines of Jamaica, will commence operations towards the end of this year. More details will appear in the next edition of this publication.

JAMAICA

Local Internal Air Service between Montego Bay Kingston via Ocho Rios and Port Antonio, will commence on June 2st No covers – likewise no mail will be carried.

UNITED STATES OF Lt. Col. F.F. Seiffert U.S.A.F. has sent a AMERICA very interesting copy of a Jamaican cover with "RAILWAY LETTER BOX" - SPANISH TOWN." The letter is addressed to J.H. Johnson, Esq., Kingston with "unclaimed" stamp and "Returned Letter" stamp. Postmarked 21. Dec. 1880 written from King's House - SPANISH TOWN, while the cover bears the Rubber Stamp - semi-oval RECORD OFFICE - 21 Dec. '80 - *JAMAICA* - also report ST. MARGARETS BAY 1889 - in a new semi oval type and CALDER WOOD dated 12th September, 1927 - TD 25.

JAMAICA

T.P.O. marking - Travelling Post Office - These TRD's are hard to find.

CAYMAN

Mr. John P. Leonard of the USA, has recently found a Postmark for "STAKE BAY" Type 111 dated January 13, 1939 - which is a very late date.

WEST INDIES

"The Freedom from Hunger" issue appears on June 3rd. and 4th. in the Pest Indies and the values are as follows: Antigua 12e - Bahamas 8d. - Bermuda 1/3 - British Guiana 20e - British Honduras 22e - Cayman 1/9 - Dominica 15e - Grenada 8e - Jamaica 1d, and 8d. - Montserrat 12e - St. Lucia 25e - St. Vincent 3e Trinidad 25e - Turks Island 8d. - Virgin Island 25o (US).

TEMPORARY RUBBER DATE MARKS OF JAMAICA 1958 - 1962.

In the past five years, Jamaica has had a number of Postal Agencies, and these are listed alphabetically below and where types are known, these have been listed up to April, 1963.

· ·		nown, these have been listed up to April, 1905.
ST. C.	ALLMAN HILL	Opened early 1963.
ST. H.	ALBION	37d opened 1956 closed - re-opened July, 1959.
ST. ANN	ALDERTON	Have not seen a TRD.
H.		
П. ОТ О	BAULK	Opened 11.2.63.
ST. C.	BANBURY	37G in purple opened August, 1961
S1. J.	BICKERSMITH	Opened December, 1962.
ST. A.	BIG PEAR TREE	Have not seen a TRD.
K.	BOULEVARD	Opened late December, 1962.
	BOIS CONTENT	37F in black and purple opened 1959
	BEACHERTOWN	Opened early 1962,
	BRAE HEAD	Poor copy in black.
	BOHEMIA	Opened October 12, 1962.
	BOG HOLE	37F in purple opened July, 1961.
ST. H.	BUNKA TREE	37G in purple opened 1961.
P.	BYBROOK	35 opened March, 1959 in purple.
	BYNDLOSS	37F opened January, 1959 in purple
W.	CALEDONIA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		37G opened July, 1961 in purple.
P.	CHATSWORTH	Opened Dec. 21. 1962.
H.	CHAMBERS PEN	37F opened Dec. 23, 1958 in purp
ST. M.	CHARLES TOWN	37D opened 1960 in purple.
ST. E.	CHELTENHAM	Written in by hand over CONTENT GAP opened April,
		1960.
P.	CLAVERTY COTTAGE	37F opened Nay, 1961 in purple.
'C.		
	CLIFFORDS	In purple opened 1961.
ST. A.	CONSTITUTION HILL	37d opened early 1958.
ST. T.	CROTON	37G Opened August, 1960 in purple
	COFFEE PIECE	Opened December 20th, 1962,
M.	CHUDLEIGH	In purple opened January, 1962.
ST. E.	COKER	Opened early 1963.
P.	DRAPERS	45b in purple opened October, 19
T.	DANIEL TOWN	In use 1960 type 37D.
г. Р.		
	DURHAM GAP	37G in purple opened early 1960.
W.	DARLISTON	37G opened late 1960 still in use
ST. C.	DIGNUM	Opened 1963 No. W.I. in TRD.
C.	DENBEIGH	Opened early 1963 No. W.I. in TRD
7:.	DUNDEE	Type 45 in use late 1960.
C.	ELGIN	37G in black and purple opened July22, 1960.
ST. A.	ELLICRESS	Opened February 18th, 1963 - No. W.I. in TRD.
ST. E.	FLAGMAN	37G in purple opened April 22, 1960
K.	FRANKLIN TOWN	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		Opened late 1959 has had 3 types TRD.
C.	FREE TOWN	45a in use late 1958.
W.	GEORGES PLAIN	
ST. C.	GARDEN HILL	37G opened November 16th, 1962.
ST. A.	GARRISON - POST OFFICE	(46 X 30 MM.) in use 1957.
ST. A.	A.P.O.	Type 37 with heavy block letters1958
N.	GREEN POND	37G opened 11.3.63.
ST. A.	GOLDEN SPRING	37G (re-opened) December 23, 1958.
M.		37G opened early 1962.
	GOOD INTENT	·
ST. E.	GORDON'S CROSSING	37F in purple opened April, 1959.
T.	GLASTONBURY	Opened late 1962 - No. W.I. on TRD.
ST. E.	GOSHEN	37F in purple and black opened May, 1960.
ST. T.	HAYFIELD	Opened early 1963.
ST. ANN	HARMONY VALE	In black 1960.
ST. A.	HARBOUR VIEW	Opened 1960 Type 37G,
ST. M.	HAMILTON MTN.	37G in purple opened November 26th1959.
ST. M.	HAYWOOD HALL	37G opened early 1962.
H.	HUNTLEY HOPEWELL PEN	37F in purple opened January 3th1959.
		CHOSED IVDE AZITIN USE ISTE TUSAS

HOPEWELL PEN

Closed type 37D in use late 1953.

ST. J.	HUTCHINS HILL	37F in purple and black opened October, 1959.	
ST. J. ST. E. ST. T.	HOUNSLOW	Opened 8.2.63.	
		Opened March 22, 1963.	
K. ST. J.	ISSAS	TRD now using single ring.	
ST ANN	IRONS MOUNTAIN	Opened early 1963. 37G in purple opened May, 1961.	
T.	JOE HUT	37G in purple opened April, 1961.	
ST. C.		Opened February15th, 1963.	
P.	KEMNAY	37G in purple opened February 4 th 1961.	
M.	KIRK VINE	37G opened late 1959.	
ST. J.	LATIUM	37G in purple and black opened February, 1961.	
M	LEWISBURGH LITCHFIFLD	Opened October 19th, 1962 type 37G. 37G in purple opened September, 1960.	
ST. ANN.	LUMSDEN	45 in use early 1958.	
ST. ANN	LEWISBURGH LITCHFIELD LUMSDEN LOWER BUXTON	37F in purple and blue opened October, 1959.	
ST. T.	LYSSONS	45 in purple opened March, 1959.	
ST. M.	MASON HALL	45 in use early 1958.	
ST. M. ST. E.	MARLBOROUGH	37E formerly Hopewell opened 1960. 37G opened 1962 early.	
	MANGO VALLEY	37G opened 1902 early. 37G in blue black opened December, 1958.	
	MALCOLM SQUARE	37G opened early 1962.	
W.	MEYLERSFIELD (MT)	37G opened late 1961 in purple.	
K	MERCURY HOUSE	37G opened late 1961.	
ST. E	MIDDLESEX	37G in purple opened July 29, 1960.	
ST. A.	MILITARY POST OFFICE - UP PARK CAMP	1941.	
N.	MIKE TOWN	Opened late 1959.	
C.	MITCHELL TOWN	37G in purple opened December 15, 1960.	
ST. J.	MONTEGO BAY ND, 2	in use late 1960 37G.	
ST. ANN ST. ANN		37G in purple opened May 6, 1960.	
ST. ANN H.	MOUNT FADDY MOUNT PEACE	37G in use early 1958. 37G in purple opened early 1961.	
C.	MOORES	37G in purple opened early 1901.	
ST. C.		Opened 1960.	
ST. J.	MOUNT SALEM	Opened 1961.	
C.	HURRAYS PIECE	Opened 1959.	
C. ST T	HURRAYS PIECE NEWTON NORRIS	37G in use early 1961.	
C.	NEW LONGVILLE	37F in purple opened November 14, 1958. 37G in purple opened November 8, 1960.	
ST. M.	NUTFIEL D	370 in purple opened late 1961.	
W.	OLD HOPE	Opened late 1959.	
K.	OXFORD ST.	37G in purple opened November 15, 1960.	
ST. E.	OLD BOTTOM	37G opened early 1961.	
K. ST. A.	PARCEL POST KINGSTON PROGRESSIVE	37G in purple. 37G opened early 1962.	
W.	PETERSVILLE	37G in purple opened February 13th1960.	
ST. E.	RED BANK	37G opened February 13, 1960.	
ST. C.	RED GROUND	37G in purple opened middle of 1961.	
P.	REACH	Opened March 16, 1963.	
K.	ROSE TOWN	Opened in 1961.	
C. ST. E.	ROSEWELL RUSSELS	37G in purple, opened December 23, 1958.	
Ы. Е. Н.	SALMON TOWN	Late 1960, Type 37G.	
ST. ANN	ST. D'ACRE	45a in use late 1959.	
H.	SANTOY	37G in blue, purple and black opened January 1961.	
ST. E.	SCHOOLFIELD	37G opened early 1961.	
ST. ANN	SCARBOROUGH	37G in purple opened August 9, 1960.	
C. ST. AN.	SUMMERFIELD SHORTWOOD	Opened 1963. 37G in blue, opened July 22, 1959.	
T.	SPICY HILL	37G opened November, 16, 1962,	
ST. C.	SPRING VALE	Opened late 1959.	
ST. A.	TORRINGTON	Late 1962 without W. I. on TRD,	
	TPO	37G in use early 1961.	

SUB POSTAL AGENCIES

T. ST. M. T. ST. C. H. ST. C. M. ST. T. ST. N. M. ST. ANN H. ST. J. ST. C. W. ST. ANN C. ST. ANN P. ST. J. ST. J.	BELFIELD WORKS BOUNTY HALL CHURCH PEN CHIGWELL CORLETTS ROAD EGLINGTON GRANTS PEN HARMONY VALE HERMITAGE LIBERTY VALLEY LOWER CASH HILL 7T. SALEM NAGGO HEAD NEW ROADS PRIORY SEDGE POND STEER TOWN SNOW HILL	ST. C. ST. J. ST. H. ST. H. ST. H. ST. G. ST. G. ST. C. ST. J. ST. C. Pi. M. ST. J. ST. Y. ST. N. C. ST. C. K.	BOTTOM JACKSON CASH HILL COX PIECE CROMWELL LANDS FUSTIC GREENWOOD HUDDERSFIELD KNOLLIS LAWSON MONGRA VE MOUNT EDGECOMBE NEWLEIGH NORTH GULLY ROSEND
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