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MISS WORLD

The Government of Jamaica made good use of commercializing MISS WORLD (Carol Joan Crawford) and certainly were fully rewarded from the sales of the First Day Covers alone. They also must be congratulated on preparing a special envelope for this issue, which was sold through all the Post Offices in Jamaica at 6d each.

It is indeed pleasing to see the Philatelic Department at the General Post Office being established and they handled First Day Covers at 3d each. On this occasion it was unfortunate that a special postmark for MISS WORLD was unavailable but this will be ready for later issues.

There have been many letters received enquiring the reason why has Jamaica openly advertised on the stamp. The readers must remember that MECCA which sponsored the MISS WORLD Competition gave permission for MISS WORLD to be reproduced on a stamp, thus their name must appear on the stamp and from this alone no less than 400,000 First Day Covers were done for London.

The total printing of the MISS WORLD stamps were not heavy but the souvenir sheets which will be issued in March will be only 60,000. Collectors are advised to purchase these. The Post Office will be charging a small premium over the face, but even so they will certainly be far better items and more attractive.

Now that Jamaica has established its Philatelic Department it is gratifying to see that they did not accept the Shakespearean horrors which will be coming out in London. Such islands as Cayman, Turks and the Virgin Islands, also other West Indian Islands have little say as to what they will have or not, and feel sure that these stamps will not be an asset.

It certainly has taken a very long time with English collectors to be aware of the value of First Day Covers, and also the preparation Philatelically of these covers through the General Post Office. I forecast before long England will be issuing as many stamps as the United States.

However, one will yet see Great Britain turning out Miniature sheets and large quantities of stamps per year, and one wonders if Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. will recognize these Miniature sheets. Up to the present time they do not hold any Cataloguing status. This is a matter of where genuine items are issued by different countries in the world and not recognized by a Catalogue firm certainly should be taken up very strongly with the Philatelic bodies in control.

NOTES HERE AND THERE

LONDON	We were very distressed to see Messrs. Bridger & Kay, one of the leading Stamp Firms of the Strand, having most of their classical material stolen early in February. One of the Classic items missing is a strip of 3 of the 1d. Caribbean Games for Jamaica showing only the outline of the design but without the impressions of the design. This strip of 3 was priced at £84. We sincerely trust that Messrs. Bridger & Kay will be able to trace a number of their items before long.

CAYMAN	The new Commissioner for Cayman Islands took up offices late in February.

JAMAICA	Air Service will shortly be introduced between Kingston, Port Antonio, Ocho Rios, Montego Bay which will be flown daily by AIR JAMAICA. The rate of postage has not been announced as yet.

JAMAICA	The new Air Service between Germany and Jamaica will be introduced twice weekly from October via New York.
U. S. A.	Delta Air Lines announced that they would be landing at Palisadoes Air Port, Kingston, from April, 1964.

JAMAICA	As the Editor of this Bulletin has been working on the Postmarks for this Island, the listing will not be published as it would be crossing with the very fine work which Mr. Robert Topaz is doing through his Publication. But additions and any corrections will be added from time to time in this Bulletin. One interesting item we have added is Adelphi which can be found on the 1d. Llandoverly Falls black with a TRD single and double ring all within a year. While Allman Town had two distinct sizes in their Type 32 TRD.

RAILWAY STATION POSTMARKS AND TRAVELLING POST OFFICE MARKINGS

By: T. Foster.

A Short History of the Jamaica Railway and the accompanying Mail Carrying Services.

There are many claims as to which was the first commercially-operated railway to be built in the Western Hemisphere. But there can be no denial of the fact that the first commercially-operated railway in the British Empire originated in the minds of a group of Jamaican Businessmen in 1843.

Work began shortly afterwards on the construction of the section running from Kingston to Spanish Town and thence on to Angels (a very small place situated on the other side of Spanish Town, and hard to find on many modern maps of the Island). The line was completed in 1845 and opened with great ceremony on 21st November of that year.

The Jamaica Post Office was immediately anxious to adapt this new institution for the conveyance of their mail and it became the usual procedure for the mails to be carried between these two centres of Jamaican commerce and officialdom by the "iron-road." Various reports of 1864 reveal that two trains a day puffed and steamed over the flat plains of St. Catherine and rattled and roared their way through the numerous sugar plantations and estates to the old capital. The service soon became a regular feature of the countryside, and ran normally, except perhaps when the line was out of action due to flooding from the nearby Rio Cobre, and this happened often as that river was and still is a valuable irrigator of the southern part of that ancient parish. Services seldom ran to any stipulated time-table, and it was not unusual for two locomotives to be used in moving the train, one, the "Emancipation" panting along in front and another, "The New Age," grunting and lending its weight behind.

The operators of the line, however, were evidently satisfied with the progress they had made, and it was not until 18th July, 1869 that the line was extended the further eleven miles from Spanish Town to the flourishing little town of Old Harbour in what was then the Parish of St. Dorothy.

It was evident, even at this early stage, that there would have to be some supervision over postal arrangements, and thus was created the office of Travelling Postal Surveyor in 1871, to be abolished due to lack of work in 1879, and belatedly re-instated in 1891.

Explosions, breakdown, accidents of one kind or another and the presence of livestock on the line contrived at this time to cause serious delays in this modern method of mail carriage, and in 1873 the Postmaster terminated the mail conveyance contract with the Jamaica Railway, and determined to spend the \$200 per annum that it had cost on the transportation of mail by road between the capital and Spanish Town.

The idea of a subsidised Mail Coach Company, with an initial capital of £6,000 had already been mooted some years earlier, but despite extensive advertising and the issuing of a lengthy prospectus, nothing came of the project, and after the cessation of the contract, the mails continued to be carried by the older methods in use before the arrival of the railway. It was not until the contract had been terminated that the public started complaining of the delays in mail between and from the northern parishes and towns, and His Excellency the Governor ordered two mail carts to be manufactured in England and sent out to the Colony to begin this service.

Only one mail coach arrived and a local journal, the "Morning Star" in its issue of 15th August, 1873, described it in very disparaging terms as a "Clumsy Noah's Ark on wheels, requiring two or three elephants to draw it, and best fitted as a Porter's Lodge."

The taxpayers of Spanish Town first saw it on 19th August, 1873 when it was brought in by Inspector Crosby with Mr. F. Allwood, the Post Office Inspector, on the box, it having taken one and a half hours to cover the distance of thirteen miles from Kingston to Spanish Town.

This severe criticism and its continuing failure and clumsiness caused mainly through its excessive weight, ensured its early demise, and it was retired to a humble shed in the Kingston Barracks where it remained for some years until finally scrapped.

By the end of 1878, complaints regarding the slowness of two mails had reached a new height, and the Government of the day ordered the subsidisation of a mail coach to run from Old Harbour to Mandeville, which was considered a good centre for the distribution of mail for certain parts of the northern and western parishes.

Shortly before this, however, recourse had once more been made to the conveyance of the mail by rail, as on 1st August, 1878 we find that Postmaster F. Sullivan notified the General Public in the following terms: "On and after August 5th Daily Mails will be carried by railway between Kingston and Spanish Town and Old Harbour. For the convenience of the public a Post Office Receiving Box will be placed at each Railway Station."

This was an entirely new innovation and one which helped ensure the speedy carriage of mail. The boxes were emptied shortly before the arrival of the train, the letters handstamped with the special handstamp provided, (although there is no direct proof, the writer considers it probable that Type S was issued to Spanish Town and possibly to Kingston and Old Harbour, to carry out this service.) and placed immediately on board for further transmission to their destinations.

Discontent in commercial circles finally led to the Jamaica Government taking over the Railway system in April, 1879 when they bought out the shareholders for a sum of £90,000.

Immediate improvements were at once taken in hand as a result of which the permanent way was completely re-ballasted, and an additional twenty eight bridges constructed in an attempt to overcome the flooding difficulties. In addition, work was put in hand for further extensions of the railway line to Porus and Ewarton and other minor improvements were projected at the same time. These new services gave general satisfaction, but the Governor, Sir Anthony Mulgrave, had to write in June, 1879 that "There is at present no public conveyance of any kind whatever about the Island except the distance from Spanish Town to Old Harbour of the railway, and a small mail coach which induced by guarantee from the Government has run with success for a few months from the Railway Terminus at Old Harbour to Mandeville."

Meanwhile, further attempts to speed up mail conveyance by road had resulted in successful mail coach service being started between St. Ann's Bay and Kingston on 31st October, 1881, and between Annotto Bay and Kingston on the 2nd October, 1884. These services were scheduled to run in concord with the railway arrivals.

On 29th April, 1884, a postage rate of One Penny per Half Ounce was introduced for letters carried between Kingston, Up Park Camp, Gordon Town, Cold Spring, Half Way Tree, Spanish Town, Old Harbour and Port Royal as all these places had a daily mail service and several of them were served by the Railway.

On 26th February, 1885, the railway extension of twenty four and a half miles from Old Harbour to Porus was finished, and on 13th August of the same year, the fourteen and a half miles extension from Angels to Ewarton was also completed, thus enabling a daily service to be made to many other places.

Subsequently, G.P.O. notices dated 16th April, 1884 and 19th January, 1886, revealed that from 1st February, 1886 all Post Offices situated on the new extensions would have the new penny rate. The normal inland postage rate at this time was Twopence per Half Ounce prepaid, and Penny postage was not introduced over the whole Island until 27th December, 1889 a somewhat belated Christmas Box.

On 1st January, 1890, probably after some pressure applied by commercial interests, the Jamaica Government sold the railway to the West India Improvement Company, an American syndicate who had great plans for this system of communication. They promptly caused the railway line to be extended from Porus to its present terminal at Montego Bay, a distance of sixty six miles which was completed by 1895, and also from the junction at Bog Walk to the other terminal at Port Antonio.

**MAIL AUCTION MATERIAL OF THE LATE E.C. TAYLOR SPECIALIZED
COLLECTION OF GEORGE VI & QUEEN ELIZABETH**

FIRST PART

LOT			
1	ANTIGUA	Collection of 44 mainly Mint with many shades in the '38 issue with a 2/6, 5/- & £ value used. face 67/-	£3.10/-
2		Q.E. Coronation '53 set with shades, Federal, New Constitution, Nelsons Dock, Centenary, R.C. and Freedom from Hunger. A fine lot of 46 stamps all mint except one. Face over £3.5/-.	£ 3.10/-
3	BAHAMAS	A fine collection of George VI mainly mint including 37 Coronation, Victory, SW, (used set) UPU, and '38 set with shades and early colours, including many shades in the lid., 1/- and 5/- values, including thin paper CW 15 and 16 as - a specialized lot of 73 stamps. E..	£10.10/-
4		Block of 6 with short T- on the 2d. carmine. E.	£ 3. 31-
5		Single copy of 1d. carmine with shaved "0" and short "P" very rare. E.	£ 2. 2/-
6		Landfall set with many shades including CW 13, 13a, and CW 16 5/- on thin paper 28 stamps all mint.	£ 5. 5/-
7		Tercentenary set with same shades in the 2½d. 3/-, 5/- and 10/- values 20 stamps all mint face 62/-.	£ 5. 5/-
8		Q.E. Collection mint with ,many shades Centenary R/C, City of Nassau, set of coils, Bahamas Talks, Freedom from Hunger, 64 stamps only 1 used Face 72/-.	£ 4. 0/-
9	BARBADOS	Collection with '37 Coronation, Victory set, SW 5/- used, UPU '39 Tercentenary, Mint and used, University, ONE PENNY on 2d. (both Perfs.) 27 stamps of which 8 are used - a fine lot of Commemoratives.	£ 2.10/-
10		'38 set with many shades an interesting lot of 55 stamps all Perf. 13½ x 13 including the 1d. scarlet Mint and used and many shades in all the other values. The 1/- value 9 shades 2/6 value 3 shades.	£10.10/-
11	BARBADOS	Block 6 of the 4d. value showing the scroll error. P. 13½ x 13. E.	£ 4. 4/-
12		Single copy of the scroll error 4d. value used slightly stained. P. 13½ x 13.	£ 1.10/-
13		Line perf. 14¾ x 14 Mint very fine.	£ 3. 3/-
14		Collection of George VI '38 set with Perf. 14 - 12 stamps all mint except one - ½d. value slightly off centre.	£ 3. 3/-

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15		Block including Imprint and plate No. of the "one penny on 2d." showing broken "e" in PENNY 20 stamps.	£ 3.10/-
16		Used copy. of scroll error on 4d. stamp. P. 14.	£ 2. 2/-
17		Used copy of scroll error on 4d. stamp. P. 14.	£ 2. 2/-
18		Used copy of the Flying Mane.	£ 2. 2/-
19		Coils P. 13½ bistre & id. Green 1950 set with some shades Centenary set and Postage due 29 stamps all mint.	£ 1.15/-
20		Q.E. a fine collection with many shades in the 1953 issue including Coronation Mint and used, Federal, Dock, B/S all mint except for one stamp - face over 33/-.	£ 1.10/-
21	BERMUDA	A good collection with Coronation, Victory, used S/W set UPU with many shades in the 1936 set to 1/6 value mainly mint a very useful lot of 57 stamps including 1d. scarlet - all used 2 mint copies of the 2d. and also 3d.	£ 5. 5/-
22		Collection of 10 - 2/- stamps in P. 14 - 2 used of all the main shades including analine ink - a special lot.	£ 5. 5/-
23		Collection of 6.- 2/6 stamps in P. 14 - 2 used - interesting shades.	£ 3. 3/-
24		A small collection of 4 - 5/- stamps P. 14. One used one on thin paper.	£ 4. 4/-
25		A very fine lot of 4 stamps in the 10/- value in the deep lake - all mint in P. 14.	£10.10/-
26	•	A collection of 12/6 value of 5 shades in P. 14 including a fine copy of the yellow.	£15.15/-
27		A small collection of 3 - £ stamps one used a very fine copy of the first copy in mint all P. 14.	£10.10/-
28		A collection mainly of 15 mint stamps - 2 used in P. 13 a fine lot face £5.13/-.	£ 6. 6/-
29		Set of 4 stamps in P. 14¼ all used 2/-, 2/6,,5/- and 10/-.	£ 8. 8/-
30		Collection includes HALFPENNY on 1d. (S) different settings - George VI 1d. to 1/- with shades Perf. 12 x 11¾ Perot set used -23 stamps - 3 used.	£ 1. 1/-
31		Q.E. Collection including Coronation Mint and Used Royal Visit, FDC Plate block mint and used block - 3 Power Talks mint blocks and a cover with block 3d. and single 1/3, 1938 set with many shades in most values - mainly mint 65 stamps including 3 covers.	£ 4. 4/-
32		Three Power Talks a specialized collection in block four with different broken letters - a most useful lot. Total 8 blocks - 4 of the 3d. and 4 of the 1/3d.	£ 5. 5/-
33		Collection of 6 blocks showing various flaws or broken letters in the Fiftieth Ocean Race - an interesting and useful lot.	£ 2.10/-
34		Q.E. new set to £1. with Freedom from Hunger and Red Cross.	£ 2. 0/-

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35	B.G.	Collection of George VI including Coronation, Victory, Used, Silver Wedding with University with coils 1c and 2c George VI collection includes many shades 24c mint and used upright and sideways wmk shades in the \$3.00 mint P. 12½, collection. P. 12¾ x 13¾ mainly mint, and without the \$1.00 value a fine lot of 78 stamps 18 being used.	£. 5/-
36		A very fine copy of the \$1.00 Mint P. 14 x 13.	£10. 0/-
37		Q.E. collection Coronation 1953 set with shades and 2 sets of coils R/C, Freedom, One people lot a bargain.	£ 2.10/-
38	B.H.	Collection including Coronation, Victory, Silver Wedding, UPU, University, St. George Cays, and '38 set with shades also 2c in P. 12 - 48 stamps - 3 used - a first class lot.	£ 6. 6/-
39	CAYMAN	Collection from 1939 including all the Commemoratives. The '38 set with large amount of shades, many most interesting with 3 - 2/- values and also shades in the 10/- values - 1952 set with a few shades - a specialized lot. 91 stamps 8 used.	£ 7. 0/-
40		Q.E. collection with many shades mainly in the 4d. and other Commemoratives also new set 49 stamps used only 2 stamps face value over £5.5/-.	£ 5.10/-

WHOLESALE

	JAMAICA	41 - 100 Miniature sheets of the Caribbean Games used on the First Day of issue. E.	£60. 0/-
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SPECIAL OFFERS

	ANTIGUA	Q.E. Block 4 Imp. Nelson & Block 4 New Constitution mint. \$2.00	14/-
		Pre stamp a fair copy dated 1841. \$6.00.	£.2 2/-
		A small collection of 22 stamps mainly George VI Mint & used. \$4.00	£ 1. 8/-
		1932 set mint id. to 5/- Scotts 67/76	£ 9. 9/-
	BAHAMAS	A small collection dint & used of 80 stamps with 6 covers - a most useful lot mainly George VI - a few blocks.	£ 6. -
	BARBADOS	A pre stamp cover with crown - Paid at BARBADOS - single ring Barbados Fe 24 93.	£ 6. 0/-
		A small collection of 54 stamps P/O mainly used George VI.	£ 2. 2/-
		Imp. blocks of the deep water Harbour Mint 6 blocks.	£ 2. 2/-
	BRITISH GUIANA.	Q.E. Plate blocks set of the "One Nation."	10/-
		A small collection mainly George V& VI - 50 stamps.	£ 3. 3/

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	BRITISH HONDURAS	A small lot of imprint blocks of N/C and Hurricane Hattie & Q.E. - 8 blocks face nearly 54.00 (B.H.) Mainly mint.	£ 1. 5/-
		A small collection with George V& VI Mint and used - 37 stamps.	£ 2. 2/-
	BERMUDA	A small collection of 41 stamps mainly George VI - with a few high values - odd values of George V - 2 covers mainly - Mint and used	£ 3. 3/-
	CAYMAN ISLANDS	Set Plate blocks of UPU with bottom stamp of WAR stamp 1½d. on 2½d. with imprint "5" on the margin.	£ 1. 8/-
		A very good collection of 38 stamps including many George V but mainly George VI with the higher values to 10/-.	£ 8. 8/-
	DOMINICA & GRENADA	A small collection of 32 stamps mainly George VI to the 5/- value.	£ 3. 3/-
	GRENADA	A fine block 3 & 4 of Q.V. WMK. large star Scotts 6.	£36. 0/-
	JAMAICA	A collection mainly used but very good from the CC issues with many high values & shades 120 stamps.	£ 8. 8/-
	LEEWARD ISLANDS	Q. E. Block 4 set Scotts 133/147 USED V. F. '	£10.10/-
		A collection of L.I. & Montserrat with many George V stamps mainly mint 43 stamps - a good collection.	£ 8. 8/-
	ST. LUCIA & ST. VINCENT	A small selection mint and used mainly George	£ 2. 2/-
	ST. LUCIA	Block 4 used VF Scotts 142a.	£105. 0/-
	ST. VINCENT	Block 4 of UPU'S Mint and used & mint block 3e & 60 (2).	£ 2. 2/-
	TURKS ISLAND	Q.V. set 1d. to 10/- plate blocks Scotts 121/34.	£ 5.10/-
	TRINIDAD	Selection of block including Boy Scout with Plate nos. and UPU.	£ 1.10/-
	GREAT BRITAIN	George VI block 4 Scotts 289 El. light red brown 1951 issue.	£ 4.10/-

JAMAICA OBLITERATORS & TEMPORARY RUBBER DATE MARKS

	Full cover	A 33 with Pine 2d., 3d., & 1/- addressed to Australia envelope showing rust and stain marks - a bargain at	£ 7. 0/-
	Cover	Pair 1d. Pines used to Browns Town -one of the stamps slightly damaged -cover	£ 5. 0/-
		A 42 a fine cover with 3d. pine and strip of 3 of the 6d. purple - envelope addressed to Bengal - India - slightly stained.	£10.10/-
		A 48 a superb cover with a strip of 3 redbrown 4d. Pines addressed to South Halton (England) S/R Kingston & London with steel pmk.	£35. 0/-
		A 57 a very neat cover with 2d. CA addressed to Kingston.	£ 1.15/-

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		A 50 Pair 6d. Lilac Pines on cover addressed to Liverpool, slightly stained.	£ 7. 7/-
	Post Cards	A collection of 10 picture post cards of Jamaica 1907 - 10 showing the earthquake damage.	£4.
	TRD'S	A collection of 50 of the more modern types.	£ 3.10/-
		A collection of 100 TRD's going back to 1940 types - a good selection.	£10.10/-
		A superb collection of 150 TRD's of the modern types 1939 onwards.	£21. 0/-
		BEESTON SPRING TD 23 a fine copy built up dated 29-12-	£ 4. 4/-
		BETHEL TOWN TD 25 on piece built up	£ 3.10/-
		BELFIELD TD 15 across a penny red Arms -the letters "D" from Field and "J" in Jamaica missing scarce.	£ 5. 5/-
		TITCHFIELD on 1d. Llandovery Falls block with a late date 3-3-03.	£ 7. 7/-
		CAVE TRD from back of envelope.	£ 2. 2/-
		CESSNOCK TD 25 built up - across a penny George V stamp - a scarce TRD	£ 3. 3/-
		CONSTANT SPRING HOTEL a very fine TRD	£10.10/-
		CONSTANT SPRING - full TRD on piece on id CA stamp.	£ 7. 7/-
		BLACKSTONEDGE a VF strike on piece dated AU 11 1927	£ 5. 0/-
		ALBERT TOWN on 1d. black Llandovery Falls	£ 3.10/-
		OLD ENGLAND 2nd type TRD across 3 Pictorial ½ stamps dated 19-1-21 the word Jamaica is not shown.	£ 8. 0/-
		BONNY GATE An excellent strike on piece dated 5.6.1912.	£10. 01-
		WOODFORD TRD on lid. Pictorial 1921/29 date and word Jamaica not shown, otherwise very fine.	£ 5. 0/-
		WAKEFIELD TRD from back of envelope dated 5.8.30.	£ 2. 2/-
		MORAVIA TRD strike second on cover.	£ 2. 2/-
		SOUTHFIELD on piece lid. Pictorial stamps 1921/29 not dated.	£ 4. 4/-
		LUCKY HILL across 3 Pictorial id. stamps 1919/21. The word Jamaica has been built up.	£ 4. 4/-
		A collection in an Imperial Album mainly BWI Bahamas 1929 Mint set with many Q/staircases. Cayman George V id. to 3/- Dominica 1922 set to 2/- Jamaica a few Pines otherwise remainder of George VI mainly used - also some Canada and Australia - Good.	£10.10/-