

## Alfred Henry Miles

PMG from 13 Oct 1903 to 15 Jan 1905

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The appointment of Mr. A. H. Miles in succession to Mr. H. Pearce, as Postmaster-General, has been received with general satisfaction. Mr. Miles is known to be a plodding, hard working, painstaking official, with plenty of organising ability, and who will not fail to do all he can to make the postal service what it ought to be.

– Cornwall Herald.

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NEW COLLECTOR GENERAL NAMED

Appointment Given to Mr. A.H. Miles

JAMAICA'S POSTMASTER

Position he Filled Now Goes to Mr. Lucie Smith.

In Saturday's GLEANER it was stated that the appointment of a Collector-General in succession to the Hon. James Allwood C.M.G., had been made, although we were not in a position to give our readers the name of the new holder of the office, that day.

Through the courtesy of the Colonial Secretary we are able this morning to state that the gentleman who has been appointed by His Excellency the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, is Mr. Alfred Henry Miles, the Postmaster for Jamaica.

The office of Collector General has been vacant for about three or four months, and since the resignation of Mr. Allwood, as well as during the time he was on leave, prior to his retirement, the duties of the office were satisfactorily performed by Mr. W. Cork, the Supervisor of Revenue.

Mr. Miles will take up his new duties today. We understand that the salary of the new Collector General has been fixed at £900 per annum and that the duties of the office will include without extra remuneration, those of the Controller of the Civil Servants Widow and Orphan's Fund, for which £100 is paid at present to Mr. Miles. The salary of Mr. Allwood, the late Collector General was £900 per annum. Mr. Miles having been appointed to the office at a salary of £800 a year and the £110 which he now receives as Controller of the Widows and Orphans Fund, having been decided to be dispensed with, the Government will, therefore effect a saving of £210 per annum by the appointment of Mr. Miles. The selection of this gentleman to fill the office will, no doubt, be a popular one among the officers of the Revenue Department for it must be admitted that Mr. Miles possesses a thorough knowledge of the working of the Collector General's Department, having been so closely connected with it. At the time when he was appointed to succeed Mr. George Pearce as Postmaster for Jamaica — in October 1903— he was then the supervisor of Revenue and Valuation Commissioner, the duties of which Offices he had been performing with conspicuous ability and intelligence.

As Valuation Commissioner Mr. Miles performed a great deal of very valuable work in connection with the new system of taxation, for which he received the warm commendation of the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. Sydney Olivier, and in fact, of the Government in general.

Mr. Miles entered the public service as a third class clerk in the Collector General's office on 5th February, 1874. On the 19th January 1877, he was promoted a second class clerk, and in March, 1879, he became a first-class clerk. For some time Mr. Miles acted as Secretary to the Jamaica Civil Service Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Jamaica Civil Service Mutual Guarantee Association.

Whilst holding the office of Revenue Commissioner, he was appointed Postmaster for Jamaica about the 26th of October, 1903, at a salary of £600 per annum, rising to £700. He has only held this office for fifteen months, but during that time he carried out many useful and important

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improvements in the postal service of the colony. Amongst them the recent establishment of a daily post all over the Island, stands out most prominently. He also gave considerable attention to the closing of unnecessary post and telegraph offices and the re-opening of several of those, the closing of which experience showed to be undesirable.

As Collector-General, Mr. Miles holds an ex Officio seat in the Legislative Council, next to the Director of Public Works.

We congratulate him on his well deserved and rapid promotion in the public service of the colony.