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Jamaican Obliterators As I Have Found Them (BWIP Vol 3 #2 1951 Dec)

By R. A. Gibson

For the past 12 or 15 years I have collected nothing but the stamps of Jamaica. My decision to specialize in the stamps of this country was brought about by my fascination for the many different obliterations used in this small island. These obliterations were used on the stamps of Great Britain for 15 months in 1859 and 1860 and from 1860 to as late as 1901 for a varying length of time at the different offices on the stamps of Jamaica. My remarks will deal with the use of these obliterations on Jamaican stamps only: as good copies of all numbers have become scarce used on British stamps. Fortunately I have had a composite check list of several of the finest collections of these stamps and cancellations in the world today. I have some 1400 different and over 2000 duplicates in my own collection and have examined innumerable copies in acquiring this collection.

Many of my conclusions regarding the various' obliterations coincide with the notations concerning same in the handbook; while in other cases my observations are at variance with those reached by Mr. Nicholson and I have found a few items not covered in the handbook. If any of the information I pass along to you aids collectors of Jamaican obliterations in any way, I shall be very glad, for to acquire a truly representative collection of this material requires a great amount of time and endless patience. For a number that was in use during the entire life of the Pine, A 27 is one of the scarcest: but good clear copies of the CC's CA's, and key plates are not too hard to find.

A 28 on both types and A 29 are obtainable on practically everything during their period of usage except that I have no record of A 29 on the 1/- CC.

A 30 which went out of use about 1882 is known on all Pines and CC's.

The same applies to A 31 but good clear cancellations of this obliteration are scarce indeed.

A 32 is a very clear cancellation and a common number. However, I have never seen or have no record of this number on the 3d CC.

A 33 is another common number and was usually clear on Pines and CC's, but became badly blotched on the CA's. Here again I have no record of this obliteration on the 1/- CC.

A 34 is also a common cancellation, but it has never shown up in the collections of which I have a record on the 4d Pine and 1/ CC.

A 35 is one of the easiest obtainable obliterations.

A 36 in manuscript is a very scarce cancellation and was used on the Pine only. A 36: type L, a small neat cancellation is known used on all Pines and CC's; and most of the CA's, and I have found it clear and distinct on the Pines and CC's, but some of the CA's become rather blotched.

A 37, out of use in 1880 was used only on Pines and CC's and we have no record of this on ½d CC.

A 38 - type H - very common and used on all Pines and CC's.

A 38 - type N - only in use from 1880 to 1885 can be found on all CC's with the exception of 3d which so far we have been unable to locate. Mr. Collett has this on the 2d red CA, but I have never obtained this cancellation on any CA.

A 39 is a very scarce cancellation on any stamp and good clear ' copies are indeed a rarity.

A 40, considered very scarce on Pine and CC's. However, we have record of use on all pines with exception of the 1/ and I have this on 5 Pines, two of the cancellations being with a bluish ink; and have many copies on the CC's and CA's, but it has never shown up on the ½d and 3d CC.

A 41 is one of the rarer cancellations on the Pines, but it can be found on all values. One of my highly prized pieces is a strip of 5 of the 1d Pine, each one cancelled A 41. The CC's and CA's have never been too different although I have never seen it on the 1/ CC. I have 11 CC's including 4d on dated piece used at Gayle April 24, 1880.

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By R. A. Gibson

I mentioned in my first article on the above subject, which appeared in the December 1951 B.W.I. Philatelist that I had no record of A 29, on the 1/- CC. I now have this stamp in my collection.

A 42 is a very clear and common cancellation. I have it on all Pines and all CC's, except the 1/-, and this stamp does not show up in any of the collections on which I have a check. This cancellation shows up on all the usual CA's and I have it also on the 2½d on 4d overprint and two of the officials. I also have from the Turner collection a cover mailed to Major Kent in India from Gordon Town on March, 24, 1866, bearing two 1d. Pine, one 3d Pine, and a pair of 6d Pine; each stamp is clearly cancelled A 42.

A 43 is a common cancellation, and is known on all Pines, CC's, CA's, and shows up on officials and revenues. This cancellation is clear on most Pines but becomes badly blotched on CC's, and is worse on CA's. The best items I have are a pair of 6d. Pine with clear A 43 cancellation on each stamp, and a post card mailed at Goshen, Aug 29 1877, with a perfect A43 obliteration.

A44 is rather a scarce cancellation. There is no record of it on 4d. Pine nor on 3d, 6d, or 1/- CC and on 4d. CA.

A 45 is not known by me on 4d pine nor on 3d and 4d CC. It is more common on the CA's, and key plates. I have it on the 2½d on 4d overprint and a couple of officials. My nicest piece is a beautiful strip of 3 of the 2d Pine clearly cancelled A 45.

A 46 on Pine is a rarity. Mr. Collett's list shows he has it on 1d and 1/- values, and I have two copies of 6d Pine. If any of my readers have it on any other Pine, I would be glad indeed to hear from them. On CC's, I have all values except 3d and 1/-, and none of my correspondents have either of these values. It is a common cancellation on CA's, and key plates, and is known on revenues and officials. This cancellation remained clear during its entire life.

A 47 is possessed by me on 2 copies of 1d plus singles of the 3d and 4d Pine. No one else on my check list has this cancellation on any Pine whatever; although Nicholson had it on 1d. and 4d Pines. It is known on all values of CC's, CA's, and key plates; I also have it on 2½d on 4d overprint, having it on 20 different values in all.

A 48 is known on all values of Pines and all CC's, except 3d. However, it is much scarcer on CC's, than on Pines as it presumably went out of use in Lilliput in 1874.

A 49 is a very common cancellation and can be found on all Pines and CC's; the usual CA's; the 1d and 2d key plates and revenues; and I have them all that I can find any record of except the 1d key plate. I have a very nice pair of 1d Pine so cancelled, and a pair of 2d gray CA tied on cover from Lucea to Hamburg, Germany, in 1888.

A 50 is known on all pines and all CC's, except the 1/- although I have never obtained it on 6d. CC. It is common on CA's.

A 51 is in my collection on all Pines and all CC's, except 2d Pine; no one on my check list has this value. However, catalogues of Nicholson's sales indicate he had a full set of Pines bearing this obliterator. I do have a very nice pair of 4d Pines with this cancellation. It seems to be scarcer on CA's, than on the CC's; although it can be obtained on all usual values of CA's.

A52 is very clear and a common cancellation. Known on all Pines and CC's; and on the 1d blue, 1d red, 2d red, and 4d CA as it is shown out of use at Mandeville in 1885. I have it on 4 pairs-the 1d Pine, the 1d and 2d CC, and the 1d blue CA.

A 53 is known on all Pines and CC's; although I am short a 2d Pine. It can be found on all CA's, and key plates.

A 54 Type H is only known on 1d, 4d and 6d Pine. I have a pair and 2 singles of 1d., one copy of 4d, and two copies of 6d value off cover; also a 6d In cover used at May Hill in 1862. Mr. Collett has a 4d and 6d, and Nicholson had a 1d and two 6d plus a pair of 4d on cover.

A 54 Type J is known on 1d, 2d and 6d Pines, all values of CC's, and the 2d gray CA; although it should be found on at least a couple of other CA's. I have 3 Pines; a beautiful collection of 15 copies of all CC's, including 2 pairs of 1d value and the single CA.

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A 55 is known on all Pines. I have them complete including a pair of 1d value. It is known on all CC's, except 1/- and is common on CA's; I have a pair of 1d red CA and also a pair of ½d official, Scotts 01.

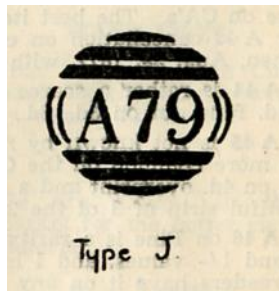
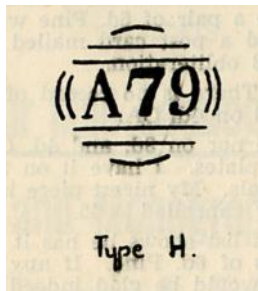
A 56 Type H is known on all Pines and CC's; although scarcer on CC's than on Pines. I do have a pair of 1d Pines, a cover to London with five 1d Pines on face and three 1d Pines on back and another to London bearing 1/- Pine.

A 56 Type K shows up on all CC's and CA's. I have several pairs showing the complete cancellation as well as a very nice cover to North Carolina from Montego Bay, June 23, 1882, bearing a pair of 2d CC beautifully tied with complete obliterator.

A 57 can be found on all Pines and CC's. However, after 20 years, I have never found it on 6d CC-and this is rather a common cancellation. I do have a strip of 4 of ½d CC, each cancellation A 57. This cancellation remained clear as long as used, and shows up on all usual values of CA's.

A 58 Type J on Pine is a rarity, and I have never seen a copy; although I understand Mr. Nicholson had two. It is known on ½d, 1d, 2d, and 6d CC; I also have a pair of 1d value. It is much more common on CA's, and can be found on all usual values. I have a pair of ½d CA and a strip of 3 of 1d key plate as well as 2 officials, 3 copies of red Llandoverly, and one copy of red and black Llandoverly. According to the handbook this obliteration was used at Bluefields until 1901.

A 59 according to the handbook is scarce on Pines, and CC's, but it can be found on all values of both issues, and all of the usual CA's including 2½d on 4d overprint.



If the readers of the B.W.I. Philatelist are interested in this discussion of the obliterators, I would be very glad to hear from them; particularly if they can throw any light on any of the missing numbers; and if they are interested, I will be glad to continue this article, and give my impression of the scarcity of the balance; of the obliterators.

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NOTE: Reported from Mr. Buckner has A 58 in Type J on pine- apple of the 3d. value. While A50 in the 1/- CC is in the editor's collection in Jamaica.

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Many readers have read with interest Mr. R. A. Gibson's article on Jamaica Obliterators, and all are hoping that he will continue this series.

Mr. V. N. F. Surtees can add to the list the following items which he has in his collection.

- A 28 – 1/- CC
- A 32 – 3d CC
- A 33 – 1/- CC
- A 38N – 1d, blue, 2d slate, 4d red brown CA.
- A 40 – 1/- pine dull brown.
- A 42 – 1/- CC
- A 44 – 4d pine, 3d CC
- A 47 – 1d pine.
- A 48 – 3d CC.
- A 49 – 1d Keyplate.
- A 50 – 1/- CC.
- A 54J – 1/- pine dull brown.
- A 57 – 6d CC pair and single.
- A 58J – 3d pine, 4d CC both shades.

Forgeries Of Jamaica: Oblit A01 (BWIP Vol 6 #3 1955 Mar)

From time to time important items can be seen in different collections, and many collectors often have forgeries unknown to them. It is the intention of this magazine to run a number of the most dangerous forgeries on British West Indian Stamps, and it is only natural that the first series will be on Jamaica 1890 provisional issue Two Pence Half Penny. These forgeries were very kindly lent for photographing by Mr. G. W. Collett, collector of Jamaican stamps in England, which was originally compiled by Mr. L. C. C. Nicholson, in his collection which Mr. Collett got when it came up for auction.

BLOCK 2. The obliterations of A 01 can be picked up from the letter "A" and the thin "O" and the side bars. Obliterator collectors of Jamaica with the early G.B. stamps will quickly recognise the forgery, as the genuine postmark is usually quite sharp.



Jamaican Obliterators As I Have Found Them Part Three (BWIP Vol 6 #3 1955 Mar)

By R. A. Gibson

Since my second article on the above subject, which was carried in the June 1954 B.W.I. Philatelist, I have had the pleasure of a visit from John Bucknor of Coral Gables, Fla. I obtained

- A 27 on the 3d Pine which was an addition to the composite check list,
- A 44 on the 2d Pine. A 45 on the 2d red CA,
- A 49 on a strip of four 1d Pines replacing a pair,
- A58, Type J on 3d Pine, which was the first Pine I had ever seen with this cancellation; all of which can be added to the obliterators I mentioned in the first two articles.
- A 60, Type H was used at Ocho Rios from 1859 to about 1876 and is not common on the Pines and is very scarce on the CC's. It is known on all of the Pines and the 1d, 2d and 1/- CC, but I am short the 2d and 1/- Pine.
- A60, Type M is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC, but is known on all of the usual values of the CA's. However, none of my correspondents have it on any of the Key Plates.
- A61, which was out of use about 1872, is in my collection on all Pines. I also have a beautiful pair of 6d Pines on, cover to York, England, mailed at Old Harbour on May 9, 1867: each cancelled with a clear A61. This number is unknown on the 4d and 1/- CC and I have never obtained it on the 6d although Mr. Collett has it in his collection.
- A62 is a common cancellation and I have it on all Pines and CC's, all of the usual CA's, all Key Plate's; 2½d overprint and two Postal Fiscals. However, it does not show up on any of the Official's.
- A63 is a fine, clear number and is very scarce on the Pines and CC's. I have it on the 1d and 3d Pine which are the only values, on which this number is known used on the Pines. It is known on the 1d, 2d, and 4d CC's. This number is not too difficult to obtain on the CA's, and I have all of the usual values, including a pair of the ½d Also on my collection are the 1d and 2d Key Plates, two of the Official's, and a clear strike on the red Llandoverly.
- A64 is a common obliterator on all issues, and I have it on all Pines including a strip of 3 of the 1d This number is not known on the 1/- CC, but I do have it on all the other values cancelled in black, and in addition have ten CC's cancelled in blue. However I have never seen the blue cancellation on the 4d and 1/- CC. My collection includes all of the usual CA's, and the scarcer 3d, Key Plates, Official's and Postal Fiscal's, and a cover bearing a 2d CA used at Port Antonio May 19, 1884.
- A65 is another clear number and is known on all Pines and CC's but I am still searching for the 4d CC, It shows up on all of the usual CA's, with the exception of the 2d red and the 2½d Key Plate, and can be found on Postal Fiscal's, but we have no record of this obliterator on the Official's. I have a Post Card mailed at Port Morant on Sept. 22, 1886 so cancelled.
- A66 is known on all Pines except the 4d although I am still searching for the 3d I do have this obliteration on all CC's, and all CA's, including the 2½d overprint with the exception of the 2½d and 2½d Key Plate. I have the 2d CC on cover used at Port Maria, March 30, 1883, a block of four of the 1d Official and other Official's, and Postal Fiscals.
- A67 does not show up on the check list on the 4d Pine and I have all of the other values in my collection. I also have it on all CC's, all the usual CA's, including the 2½d overprint and the 3d It is known on all Key Plate's, but I am short the 2d, and 2½d I do have this number on one Postal Fiscal and on a Post Card to Holland used at Port Royal on April 6, 1889, but there is no record of it on the Official's.
- A68 is in my collection on all Pines except the 4d but as Mr. Nicholson had this stamp in his collection, I still hope to obtain it some fine day. I have it on all CC's, except the 1/-, this including

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- a pair of the 1d In addition I have this number on five CC's, cancelled in blue, all of the usual CA's, including the 3d and one Postal Fiscal.
- A69 is known on all Pines and I have them all but the 4d, including a strip of four of the 6d, each with a clear A69 strike. The ½d CC does not show up on the check list although I have numerous copies of all of the other values. Good clear cancellations of this number on the CA's and Key Plate's are much harder to obtain than on the Pine's and CC's.
- A70 is one of the rarest of the obliterations on the Pines and is very scarce on the CC's. It is known only on the 1d Pine and I have two fine copies. It is known on all the CC's, except the 4d and 1/-, and in twenty years I have obtained two copies of the ½d and one each of the 2d and 6d In addition I have 11; CA's, including a pair of the ½d and all three values of the Key Plate's. It is not known on the Official's and Postal Fiscal's.
- A71 is one of the easiest obliterations to obtain and I have all Pines, all CC's, including a pair of the 2d, all of the usual CA's including a strip of 3 of the 1d Key Plate, one Postal Fiscal and all four of the Official's and two covers. This obliteration became very badly worn with use during the last few years.
- A72 is one of the more difficult numbers to obtain, and while it is known on all Pines, I am still short the 3d and 4d values. No one on my check list shows the 6d and 1/- CC's, and in addition I am still looking for the 3d CC. This number shows up on all the usual CA's, but it is not known on the 2½d Key Plate, and as it is presumed out of use in 1890 it probably was never used on this value. Mr. Collett has it on one official but I do not.
- A73 is a very common number on all issued, and I have them all including a couple of early Postal Fiscal's, as well as the latter ones. Two of my nicest items are blocks of four of the 1d and 2d CC., and I also have two Official's and one cover. I am unable to say why but the 2½d Key Plate has never shown up on the check list.
- A74 is only known on the 1d and 4d Pine and I have two copies of the 1d and a beautiful 4d It is known on all of the CC's, with the exception of the 3d and 1/-, and although I do have eight CC's including a pair of the 1d, I am still short the 3d On the CA's it shows up on all of the usual values, and while Mr. Collett and myself do not have the 1d blue, Mr. Aguilar has this stamp in his collection. This is another number that fails to show up on the 22d Key Plate. This cancellation is rather fine lined, and often faint.
- A75, Type H was only in use for a short time in 1859 and 1860, and although this discussion is on the use of the obliterations on Jamaican stamps only; in this particular case I will deviate from the usual pattern and state that I have this on British 4d and also the 4d Pine.
- A75, Type L, shows in use in the latter part of 1862, and I have a 6d Pine with a Savannah-la-mar single ring town cancellation dated Aug. 7, 1862. In my collection are all of the Pines and also a cover mailed at Savannah-la-Mar, Oct. 5, 1865, bearing 1d and 2d Pines. I have all the CC's, and usual CA's, including a vertical strip of 3 of the 1d blue CA from the Col. Green collection. I have one Postal Fiscal, but the 2½d overprint, the 2½d Key Plate and none of the official's can be found on the composite check list.
- A76, Type H is known on all of the Pines, and all of the CC.'s with the exception of the 4d and 1/-. This cancellation became thick and heavy from use on the CC's.
- A76, Type O was in use about 1874 and is a common cancellation on the CC's, and CA's, and is also in my collection on several Postal Fiscal's, the 2½d overprint and all four Officials. It is not known on the 2½d Key Plate. I have several covers but my choice piece is a strip of 6 of the 1d red CA.
- A77 is not known on the 4d and 6d Pine, but I have the other values. This number on the Pines is harder to find than Mr. Nicholson ever intimated as he only had four in his collection, and Mr. Collett had three at last report. On the CC's. it is known on all values, although, I must confess that it is not in my collection on the 6d and 1/-. It is common on the CA's, and is known on the 1d and 2d Key Plate. Unfortunately I have two copies of the 2d and none of the

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I have this cancellation on two different Postal Fiscal's, but it is not known on any of the Official's.

- A78 is a very common number, and is known on all Pines, CC's, CA's, Key Plate's, 2½d Overprint, Official's and several Postal Fiscal's, and I have them all in my collection, including a 1/- Pine on cover to England posted at Vere on Aug. 7, 1865.

This concludes all of the obliterations that were sent out in 1859 with the exception of the various AO1's. In my next article I will continue with the later obliterations, in which all sequence of numbers is lost and the types are varied, and to me they are very interesting.

I do appreciate the letters I have received from several of my readers, and will be glad to hear from you at any time with information regarding missing items. I hope to be able to turn over to Mr. Aguilar within a year or two for the benefit of the British Philatelic Society and all readers of British West Indian Philatelist a check list showing all obliteration numbers, and types that were used in Jamaica and every Jamaican stamp on which each can be found. You may be able to aid in making this list as nearly 100% correct as I hope it will be.

Jamaican Obliterators As I Have Found Them - Part Four (BWIP Vol 7 #1 1955 Sept)

By R. A. GIBSON

I have had several inquiries as to what I mean by "all of the usual CA's." To clarify this, I wish to advise that I mean all CA's with the exception of the 3d, 6d, and 2½d overprint; and, of course, the shilling values. The 3d and 2½d overprints are scarce, and the 6d is a rarity indeed with any obliterator cancellation. I have never seen any of the shilling values so cancelled. Also when I say "known on all CC's", I mean all CC's from the ½d to the 1/- inclusive.

- A79, Type VI is indeed a rarity. Mr. Collett has a 6d Pine which is the only known copy of this complete cancellation, and which came out of the Nicholson collection. He also has a 3d and 6d CC cancelled A 9, presumed to be this obliterator used after the figure 7 was broken out.
- A79. Type J, which replaced the broken 'Type H at Richmond about 1865 is very scarce on the Pines. I have this on the 6d and 1/- Pine, but none of the other Jamaican specialists on the check list have this on any Pine. On the CC's, it is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d and 6d I. am short the 3d but have the balance including two copies of the 2d and 6d; and also a pair of 1d tied on a dated piece used at Richmond May 31, 1880.
- A79, Type K was sent to Balaclava in 1876 and is a common cancellation. It is known on all CC's, and while I am still short of the 1/- value, I do have all other values including 6 pairs showing the full cancellation. This shows up on all of the usual CA's, the 1d and 2d Key Plate, the 2½d Overprint, official's and Postal Fiscal's, of which I am short a couple.
- A80 is a rarity on any stamp. Mr. Collett has this on the 1/- Pine, which I believe is out of the Nicholson collection; and inasmuch as this obliterator was not in use until 1876 it can easily be understood why this is rare on the Pines. This number is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d, and 6d, CC's, and on the 1d blue and 2d red CA's. I am short the 6d: CC and the 1d blue CA.
- A81 is a very scarce number. It is not known on the ½d and 1d CC's, but shows up on the other values on rare occasions. It is found on the ½d, both colours of the 1d, 2d grey and 4d CA's: the 1d and 2½d Key Plate's and one Official. My choice item is a 4d CA, tied on cover with this obliteration and backstamped Pedro Dec. 17, '89, and which was received in Peacedale, R. I., on Dec. 26.
- A82, Type M, which has a dot after both the A and the 2 can be found on all CC's with the exception of the 1/-. This number is common and shows up on all of the usual CA's, all three Key Plate's, and also on the 3d and 2½d overprint and one official.
- A.83 with period after the A only, is in my opinion a very scarce number and hard to obtain on any stamp. It is only known on the 1d and 2d CC's, and I have both. While Mr. Nicholson stated this was a fairly common, I cannot agree, as on the CA's I only have it on the 1d Ted, 2d grey and all three Key Plate's. It is also known on the the. and 4d CA's, but no one on the check list has many copies of this number. Mr. Brassler has this on the 1d Official, but we have no record of this obliterator on any Postal Fiscal.
- E06, Type K, in use at Newmarket in 1869 is known on the 1d, 2d, 3d, and 1 /- Pines, of which I am short the 2d It is found on all CC's, except the 1/- but I am short the ½d and 3d this number shows up on all of the usual CA's with the exception of the 4d and 2½d Key Plate. It is found on the 2½d overprint and I have all of these known values. We have no record of this cancellation on the Official's or Postal Fiscal's.
- E30 was also in use in 1869, and shows up on the 1d and 1/- Pines, and I have two superb copies of the 1d and one of the 1/-. This number has not shown up on the 4d and 6d CC's, but is known on all of the other values, and while I have some 15 copies including two pairs I. am short the 1/-. On the CA's it can be found on all of the usual values, but is only known on the 1d key Plate. It is not known on the 2t/2d overprint or the Official's, but Mr. Collett has this on a Postal Fiscal. I have this number on a Post.Card used at Lacovia on Jan. 5, 1891.
- E58 is known on the 1d Pine but is a rarity. It can be found on all CCs, with the exception of the 1/-, and is occasionally cancelled in blue. On the CA's it shows up on all of the usual values, all

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Key Plate's. and 2½d overprint; but is not known on the Official's or Postal Fiscal's. I am short a couple of the known values, but I do have a strip of three of the 3d CC showing the full cancellation, and the 1d and 6d CC's cancelled in blue. I also have a Post Card used at little River Jan. 23, 1885 so cancelled.

- F80, Type O was in use in 1872, and can be found but is rare on the 1d Pine. It is known on all CC's, and all of the usual CA's, but the 1d blue; but as far as I am personally concerned it is much scarcer on the CA's than on the CC's. This can be found on all Key Plates, 2½d overprint and official's, but I have no record of this number on the Postal Fiscal's.
- F81 according to Mr. Nicholson is a very scarce number on the Pines, which may be an understatement as he did not have a Pine in his collection and no one on my composite check list has this number on any Pine. It is known on all CC's, and I have these complete including pairs, of the 1d and 2d It shows up on all of the usual CA's, with the exception of the 2½d Key Plate, and in addition can be found on the Postal Fiscal's but so far it has never come to light on the overprint or the Official's.
- F95 is known on the 1d Pine but is a rarity on this issue. Otherwise it is one of the most common of the obliterations and is known on all CC's, all of the usual CA's, and also on the 3d the 2½d overprint, Official's. Postal Fiscal's. and both Llandoveries. I have all of these except the Official and the red and black Fall's stamp, and do have several pairs, strips and covers.
- F96 was in the Nicholson collection on one of the Pines, but no one on the check list has this on any Pine. However, I have never found this number as scarce on the CC's as Nicholson always maintained it was, and it is known on all values, except the ½d. On the CA's it shows up on all of the usual values except the 4d and is known on all three Key Plate's. We have no record of this obliterator on the 2½d overprint or Postal Fiscal's. but I am very proud of a block of 9 of the 1d Official cancelled F96 on each stamp.
- F97 shows up on all CC's, except the ½d and in my collection are a dozen copies including all known values. However I will agree with Mr. Nicholson who had 4 CC's and 4 CA's in his collection that this is really scarce on the CA's. Known only on the ½d both 1d values, 2d red, 4d and 1d Key Plate, I consider myself fortunate in having all known values.
- F98 has not shown up on the 6d CC, but can be found on all of the other values. It is known on all of the usual CA's except the 2d red and the 2½d Key Plate. In addition Mr. Surtees has this on the 3d and I have it on the 2½d overprint and two Official's, but it is unknown on any Postal Fiscal.
- G13 is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, but is quite common on the CA's, and can be found on all of the usual values except the 2½d Key Plate. I also have this on the 2½d overprint and an Official, and Mr. Surtees has it on a Postal Fiscal.
- G14 is not known on the 3d and 6d CC's, and so far I have failed to obtain the 1/-. It is found on all of the usual CA's, and I also have it on the 2½d overprint, both Llandoveries, a cover and a Post Card. It is known on the Official's, but not on the Postal Fiscal's.
- G15 is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, but only the 1d is common. I have a cover to England bearing a 6d CC, posted at Blue Mountain Valley, Dec. 10, 1877. This number shows up on all of the usual CA's except the 2½d Key Plate, but none of my correspondents have this on the overprint, Official's or Postal Fiscal's. Mr. Collett alone has this number on both Llandoveries.
- G16 is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, and although I have several copies including three pairs, I am short the ½d This is found on all of the usual CA's except the 2½d Key Plate. I have this on the 2½d overprint and Mr. Collett has it on a Postal Fiscal, but I have no record of this number or any Official.
- 193 is quite a common number and is found on all CC's, and all of the usual CA's with the exception of the 2d red. In addition I have this on the 2½d overprint, a Postal Fiscal on piece and the 6d which is the only 6d CA in my collection with an obliterator cancellation. I have this on an Official but am short the 3d which both Mr. Collett and Mr. Surtees have, which is the

only one of the twenty known values I do not have. I also have the 1/- CC on cover, to Dublin posted at Cold Spring on June 9, 1876.

- 196 according to Mr. Nicholson is fairly common, but I cannot agree with this. It is only known on the 1d, 2d and 4d CC's and I have seven copies of this issue including the only known 4d It is also very scarce on the CA's, being known only on the ½d, both colours of the 1d and 2d and the 1d and 2d Key Plate's. I am short the 2d red and the 1d Key Plate, both of which are in Mr. Collett's collection, but have the other values including a pair of the 2d grey and the only listed copy of the 2d Key Plate. Mr. Surtees who has two CC's, and one CA wrote me on February 14th, 1955 that he cannot find more copies of 196 on any stamps, and agrees with me that it is one of the scarcer numbers.
- 199 is not a common number, but in my opinion is not as scarce as 196. It is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, and with seven copies I am still short the 4d It is known on all of the usual values of the CA's with the exception of the 2d red, and on all Key Plate's. In addition Mr. Surtees has this on the 2½d overprint and Mr. Collett on an Official, but I have no record of it on any Postal Fiscal.
- 201 is a very common number, although it has never shown up on the 3d and 1/- CC's in any of the collections on which I have a check. It is known on all of the usual values of the CA's, and in addition I have this number on the 2½d overprint, three different Official's, a Postal Fiscal and the red and black Llandovery clearly cancelled 201. Evidently the Postmaster used his obliterator much later than 1895.
- 598 is very scarce on any stamp, and the cancellation is not too clear on the CC's, and usually very faint on the CA's. It is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d and 6d CC's, the latter of which was in the Nicholson collection. It has been found on the x½d both colours of the 1d, 2d, Grey and 4d CA's, and only on the 1d Key Plate. While I have six CC's and seven CA's. I have never obtained the 6d CC and the 1d blue CA, but do not feel too bad as Mr. Nicholson only had nine copies in his collection. You can see that this obliterator has only been found on ten different stamps.
- 615 is a very scarce number, particularly on the CC's; and I have the poorest showing of this obliterator of any in my collection. It is known only on the 1d and 2d CC's, and on all usual values of the CA's, with the exception of both colours of the 1d Mr. Collett also has all Key Plate's, an Official and both Llandovery's. If any of my readers have any copies of this number for sale or trade I would be very glad to hear from them.
- 617 is a common obliterator, and the cancellations are a thing of beauty to a collector of this material. This is found on all CC's, all of the usual CA's, and all Key Plate's, and has also shown up on the 2½ d overprint and the Postal Fiscal's but we have no record of this on any Official. In my collection I have five pairs and a Post Card used at Hayes in 1889, but am short the 3d CC, 4d CA and the overprint.
- 622 is a rather scarce number, and is only known on the ½d, 1d, 2d, and 4d CC's. This has been found on all of the usual CA's with the exception of the 2½d Key Plate, and I also have it on the 2r/d overprint and the Local overprint ½d Official. Mr. Surtees has this on a Postal Fiscal which I am short, but I seem to have been much more fortunate in obtaining this number than any of my friends on the check list.
- 631 is one of the scarcer obliterations, and is not known on the 1/- CC. It is only known on the ½d, 1d blue and 2d red CA's; the 1d Key Plate and 2d Official. If you have this cancellation on any other stamps I would be glad to hear from you.
- 640 is a common number but has not shown up on the 1/- CC. This is found on all of the usual CA's, including all Key Plate's, all Officials and the Postal Fiscal's, but is not known on the 2½d overprint. I am short the 4d CC and the 2½d Key Plate, but have numerous copies of the other values, including several pairs.
- 642 is another scarce cancellation, particularly on the CC's where it fails to show up on the 3d and 1/-. Mr. Collett reports it only on the 4d CC, Mr. Surtees only on the 6d and Mr. Aguilar

only on the ½d, while I have been fortunate enough to obtain this on the ½d, 1d two copies of the 2d and the 4d and 6d respectively. It shows up on all of the usual values of the CA's, but only on the 1d Key Plate. I have all of these except the Key Plate, and in addition have this on the 2½d overprint, and 1d Official, but have no record of it on any Postal Fiscal. I am particularly anxious to obtain any Key Plate with a clear 631 and 642 cancellation.

- 647 is not known on the 3d CC but shows up on all other values. It is found on all of the usual CA's, but only on the 1d and 2d Key Plate's. Mr. Collett has this on the 2½d overprint and I have it on one Official, but it has never been found on the Postal Fiscal's.
- A01 comes in seven different types, all of which were used at Kingston at various times. All of the different types are common on stamps in use during their different lives, with the exception of Type C; the double obliterator, which is a rarity indeed.
- A is known on the 1d Pine, and on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d and 6d CC's, and the ½d CA but is a rarity on any stamp.
- B is the most common of the five letters and shows up on all CC's with the exception of the 3d all of the usual CA's, including all Key Plate's, the 2½ d overprint, Official's and Postal Fiscal's. I have this on a Post Card used at Duncans July 23, 1880.
- C is a scarce cancellation, but is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d and 4d CC's; all of the usual CA's, and the 1d Key Plate. I found this much scarcer on the CA's than on the CC's.
- D is probably the rarest of the Jamaican obliterator cancellations. Mr. Nicholson had this on the 2d and 4d CC's, which were the only known copies, and the 4d is now in Mr. Collett's collection. This I have never seen.
- E is also a scarce cancellation which shows up only on the CC's, and is not known on the 3d and 1/- values of that issue. I do have eight copies including a beautiful pair of the 1d.

If any of you are interested in obtaining a copy of the new composite check list, which should be invaluable to any collector of Jamaican obliterations, I suggest you write John M. Buckner, 2030 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida, USA. We have discovered numerous additions to this list, since I started writing these articles on the obliterations for this magazine.

It is my intention to write one more article on this subject for Mr. Aguilar, showing the newly found items and the total number of different Jamaican stamps on which each obliterator can be found. If you have any questions I will be glad to hear from you at any time. Address me at 642 North Market St., Galion, Ohio, USA.

Jamaica – Obliterator 'C' Discovered on Laughlands PPC (BWIP Vol 7 #3 1956 Mar)

New find by Mr. Harvey O'Connor has been obliterator Letter "C". The late Mr. L. C. C. Nicholson did a tremendous amount of work on the obliterator numbers of Jamaica, but was unable to trace all the letters.

The three letters so far known is the letter "A" used for Milk River, and can be found in all Pines and CC stamps while the letter "B" is fairly common, and was used for DUNCANS. The letter "C" was not known until Mr. O'Connor recently purchased a bundle of post cards, one of these had a very fine strike of the letter "C" tied with a T.R.D. of Laughlands TD 3, dated Feb. 25, '84. Now only letter D and E remain to be established. The letter "D" only two copies are so far known, while the letter "E" can be found mainly on the CC's.

Jamaica – Obliterators (BWIP Vol 9 #1 1957 Sept)

Some very interesting obliterator numbers have been seen recently, among these have been A 70 type H on the 2d, 3d and 4d Pine, also the 4d CC. A 74 on 2d pine and 1/- CC A 66 on the 4d pine, A 80 on the 4d CA, A 83 on the 4d and 6d CC and F 3.