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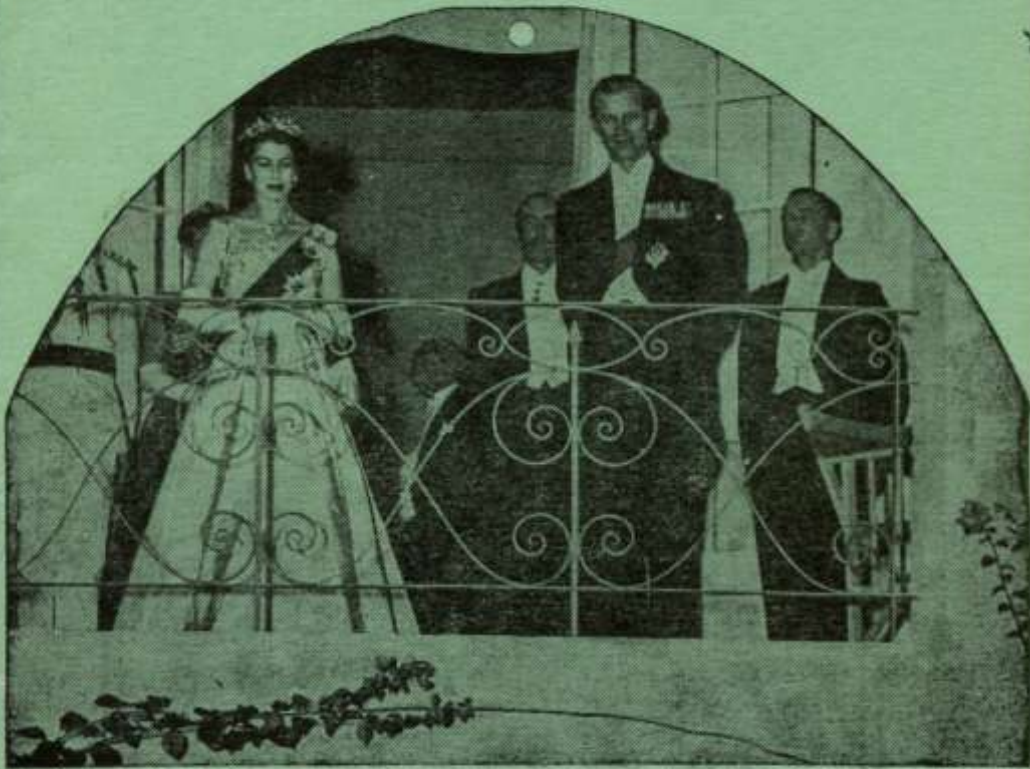
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Sweet Lady Sweet Queen"

Those four words in their very simplicity, stand for a wealth of love and devotion that could only be found in an expression of spontaneous and joyous sincerity. The 25th of November, 1953, will surely mark the commencement of a new era in this Colony, it was the day Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, landed in Montego Bay to spend three short days in our lovely Island.

As the Stratocruiser circled the Airport ahead of schedule, there was an air of tenseness and expectation over everyone that has never been felt here before. A feeling that is impossible to describe adequately, and useless to try to, but a feeling that was in no way shattered by disappointment. In this small Island, Guards Honour, Brass bands, and Military display are not seen frequently, but they can always create in the hearts of most people an atmosphere of excitement, but what a combination of all these on a day of glorious clear sunshine.

It was almost symbolic that the source of this excitement should soon be appearing out of this sky of Heavenly blue. And there it was, a glittering Giant of the skies, but so small and frail to hold such a precious cargo. There could not have been a soul present that was not holding his breath till a perfect landing was made, from the humble peasant who had walked many miles from the hills, who may well never have seen a plain land on the ground before, the crowds who waited for hours for such a brief glimpse of the Queen, to the Representatives of the less fortunate West Indian Islands who were invited up to Jamaica to be presented and to offer their Country's loyal Greetings.

To those not able to be present and sitting with an ear close to their wireless, Radio, or rediffusion sets, as you would wish to call them, it was an equally tense moment, even the commentator, in a moment of whimsy remarked it was good to see the Royal Standard flying from the plane, for although we all knew that Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh were on board, it was nice to be reassured. The doors were opened and they were here at last!

This lovely little lady, with her tall blond husband, so graceful and charmingly composed, immaculate and fresh, not showing the slightest trace of the long flights they had made, flights that tire most people without the strain of public engagements as well. The evening before in Bermuda they had attended a reception that had lasted till midnight after a full day's programme, then had had to board their plane before dawn. So youthful like characters from a fairy tale, and now they were really here, in Jamaica!

All along the Royal route the roads had been closed long before dawn, but all along the way people had gathered to see the open car with the Royal Couple pass if even for the merest glimpse so they may be able to say that they had seen the Queen, There were many halts at various towns and villages on the way, with short ceremonies, that gave the greatest number of people an opportunity of seeing their Queen to the best advantage. No one was disappointed. These brief halts have created a sense of good-will here, that endless Constitutions could never have done.

It has left its mark in many ways: the Queen Elizabeth highway, a new stretch of road along the North Coast, opened by the Queen, in a monument that all may see, but it is in the hearts of these simple country folk, these folk so unlike their brothers and sisters from the towns and commercial areas, are a fine people in their own way. It is among these that you find the old timers still remembering Queen Victoria as our Missis Queen, and where time and relations are no object, this might well be considered to be Missis Queen's daughter, such a Sweet Lady, Sweet Queen. This sweet Queen will never be forgotten to them. She with her husband, smiling and waving so happily to everyone as they went on their way.

This drive across the country to Kingston, usually taking some four hours, took the Royal procession some seven to eight hours through the middle of the day with the sun at its hottest. Lunch was a brief halt at a seaside resort owned and run by a Trinidadian family, a lovely place with a beautiful beach. Then on to Kingston, through and over some of the loveliest places, Ocho Rios, Fern Gully, through the Garden Parish of St. Ann, and over Mount Diablo, a steep Mountain Road the name of which obviously originated during Spanish occupation. Down in to the plain of St. Thomas in the Vale, almost completely surrounded by hills from which you pass into the narrow Bog Walk gorge with the Rio Cobre flowing through, and into Spanish Town, the old Capital. So ugly and shabby now, but with so much history attached to it.

In the square crowds gathered from early morning although the Royal Party were not due to pass through till five o'clock, waiting through the heat of the middle of the day, a thing never before to have happened here. It is the same square that Philatelists should recognise instantly as three sides are how represented on various stamps of this Colony. Thence the party left for another easily recognized landmark, the Cathedral, where they were greeted by the Church. And so on to Kingston.

Here the crowds were less lucky as by this time it was dark, out the Royal car was lighted and they were heartily cheered as they drove up to King's Douse. There was one misfortune: it had been carefully planned to light huge bon fires on the peaks of the high mountains behind Kingston, not spectacular but a pleasing gesture, and these should have been seen to the very best advantage on approaching the town at dusk. This night the mountains were shrouded with heavy cloud. They did lift soon after and were seen by many others, and it is to be hoped that Her Majesty was able to see a few of them from King's House.

From then on it was a tight programme. The Military Parade at Camp at eight o'clock the next morning, was attended by some ten thousand people; you could have heard a pin drop when

"The Queen" was played. And there was Billy the goat, the mascot of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, probably the most unconcerned of those present, even if the Goat Major had fainted during the rehearsal. Following immediately, Her Majesty greeted over 20,000 school children at Sabina Park, where she was presented with gifts of linen beautifully embroidered with Jamaican flowers, birds and leaves. The Parade through the city with the crowds so unusually well behaved and orderly. The Civic Reception at the opening of the new George VI Memorial Park, where the Cenotaph has recently been removed to a most fitting setting.

A visit to Headquarter's House, the home of the Legislature. Here Her Majesty made a speech and signed the Visitors' Book, together with the Duke. And so through a busy day, from planting trees, to being entertained by the Military, to a Banquet and Reception at night.

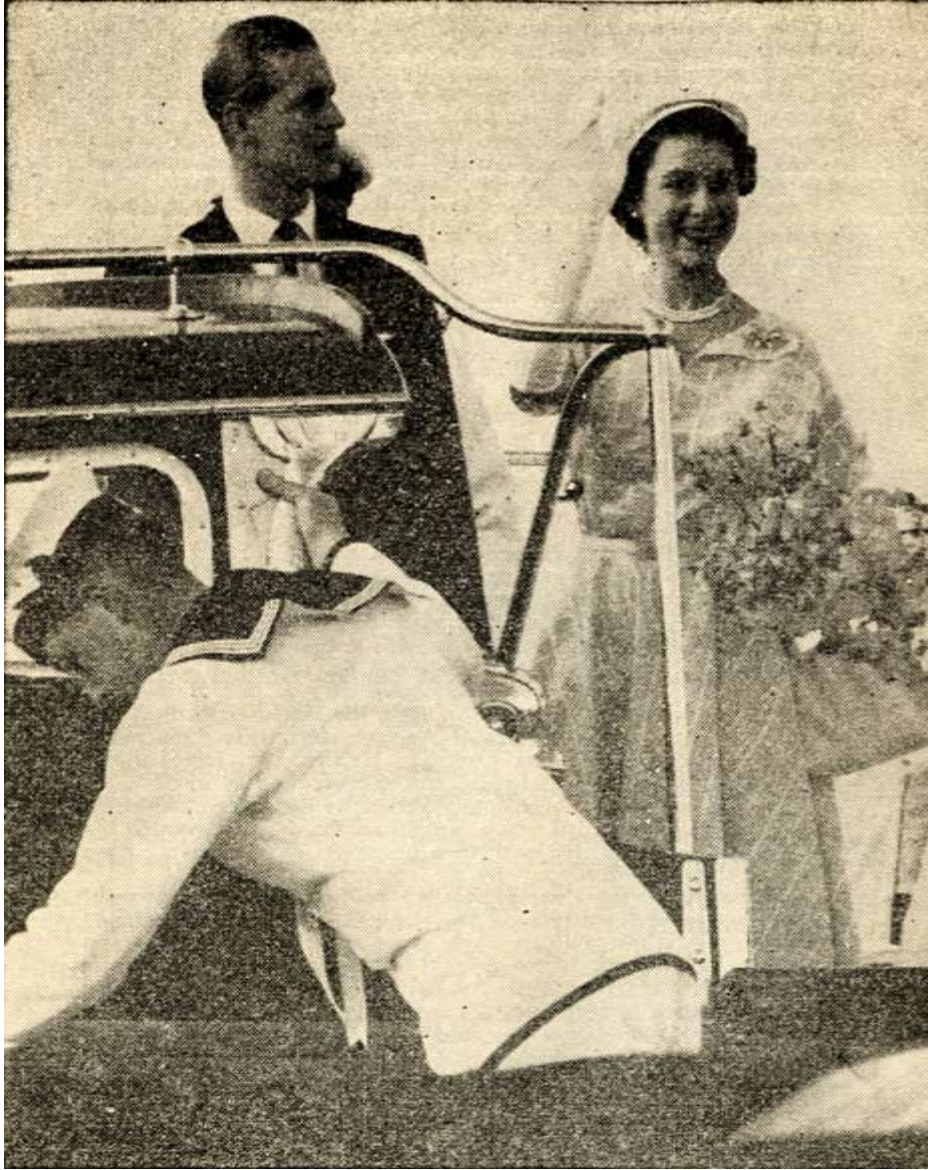
Next morning broke with rain falling, much to the disappointment of so many who had come from all parts of the Island to watch the game of polo arranged for the Duke who was to play against a team led by His Excellency, Sir Hugh Foot. Although a great pity, it must have given the Royal Party a few moments more of well appreciated privacy, before another full day.

The Investiture, the first Royal Investiture to be held in, Jamaica, was followed closely by a visit to the University College, where Her Majesty declared open the newly built senate House. Then made a tour of some of the many buildings and Institutions. Later that day they left for Port Royal and the "Gothic". But the excitement still ran high. In Kingston it was an undeclared holiday and all that could find some means of being allowed over to Port Royal did so. The day was hot and still, and at Port Royal only a foot or two above sea level it felt more sticky than usual, but it would be the last chance to see our Queen, and no one minded much else. Small Yachts and launches gaily rigged with flags and bunting, took up positions along a line which the barge with Her Majesty and the Duke would pass on their way out to the "Gothic" which was anchored out in the stream, while the stragglers were towed into position by the faster launches when the wind failed.

Then here she was, looking as lovely as ever, walking across the Parade ground to the Admiralty Pier. Our Queen was leaving us. Everything had gone as planned to the split second, everyone had done their very best, and if this was not as good as another's it was still the very best that they could do, and then. . . . In a flash a man had sprung from the cheering crowd, and thrown his coat at the Queen's feet, in a quicker flash the Brigadier had pushed him back into the waiting arms of the law, so quickly that many had not even time to realize what had happened as Her Majesty continued as if nothing unusual had occurred. A modern Sir Walter? It has not yet been told whether he had ever even heard the Legend of Raleigh, his was a simple reason, he just wanted his Queen to have touched his coat, then he would have probably have presented it to the Museum, why all the fuss anyway?

And so the Royal Couple boarded the Gothic. It was as if the very elements were holding their breath, for as the "Sheffield" was firing the Salute, a lively north wind sprung up suddenly, and as the Royal Standard broke from the aft mast it was no gentle breeze that kept it flying full. A delay of a mere five minutes would have meant a very wet passage for the Barge, with the short choppy seas. While over the mountains there appeared a rainbow, as if the very land were bidding Godspeed to this Sweet Lady, Sweet Queen.

God Save The Queen.



QUEEN waves farewell to Jamaica as the Royal Barge is eased from its moorings recently to end the three-day visit of the Royal couple.

Editorial

Jamaica – Royal Visit Overprint / Slogan

The visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, was the first time in history that the reigning monarch had been to our shores. The G.P.O. in Jamaica prepared a special slogan which was in use for seven days only, and which reads as follows:- 'JAMAICA WELCOMES HER MAJESTY'.

It was decided from the earlier part of the year that a stamp, should be brought out to commemorate this event. But it was not until October 1st, that an official announcement in the press stated that a 2d stamp overprinted would be issued. Seeing that they were using the ordinary pictorial design, and inserting the Queen's head, which must have meant a completely new printing job in malting up the plates with the words "Royal Visit 1953", it is quite obvious there must have been sufficient time in London to have made an appropriate stamp for this occasion. Why then give us an overprinted stamp? It is really most discouraging when a Colony asks and requests a special stamp to be prepared for such a momentous occasion, to find such indifference for merely preparing a single 2d value which is certainly by no means appropriate to Her Majesty's visit to Jamaica.

News Here And There.

Coronation Issue - FDCs

The Coronation has now passed and it has been agreed by all Agents and dealers in these islands that never, never again, will they undertake such a job as doing the First Day Covers for this type of issue. Writing personally, the losses incurred were quite out of all proportions. From British Honduras no less than 600 of these envelopes just disappeared after being mailed at the G.P.O. Answer:-Pilfering. St. Lucia which was fairly heavy, the Colony's Covers were dispatched via Trinidad, taking up 2½ months to arrive in Jamaica, but not without losses, but Grenada losts were 2,500 - Why was this?

The G.P.O. in Grenada received my covers on the Day of Issue but these were not postmarked until the 5th. Three days later. It must have been obvious to any Colonial Postmaster that there would have been a tremendous rush on First Day Cover--', and make preparations for this. Yet when firms go to the expense of having special Covers printed for a special Commemorative event, only to have them ruined by a Colonial Postmaster, who couldn't care less whether they were postmarked 5th., 6th., or 8th. The attitude of the Grenada Postmaster is, the less work given to the Post Office, the happier he would be, but he loses sight of the fact that he is acting; in the services of Her Majesty, and should in his position assist in the revenue of the Colony, from which he draws his handsome salary listed in the handbook. I did not think Grenada could afford to turn down revenue derived from postage stamps, and there is no question that these 2,500 envelopes that the Postmaster ordered to be re-stamped with my Agent's name, was then deliberately spoilt by him. One can turn around and find without any difficulty, First Day Cover- in London, New York and Scotland, which were postmarked June 3, bearing no name or address whatsoever. Yet when one writes to the Administrator on this, he comes back with a very unsatisfactory answer. The amount involved for the Coronation issue was small, otherwise without question, the Colonial Postmaster would certainly have been un before His Honour to answer many questions. London will make rules and regulations, which interpreted without discretion can hinder a Colony's revenue from philatelic sales but at the same time put out certain issues (Silver Wedding) High value stamps, never required by these small islands, and commemoratives that are issued for philatelic purposes. Yet the Crown Agent-' in London will do printings of stamps for and behalf of a Colony, which far too often never comes to the Colony. Yet these stamps are sold. The answer is that all stamps should *be* handled by the Colonies.

British Honduras QEII Set

The new British Honduras set made its appearance on October 1st, and many of the designs are most pleasing, while others are certainly not up to the standard of the designs for this Colony. The set comprises of the Following:-

1c value "Court of Arms" is without question the best design of the whole series and should have been in my humble opinion the \$5 value. It is an extremely fine stamp. The 2¢ value "Tapir" or as the stamp illustrates "Mountain Cow", this animal, is found a fair amount in the Colony and to a very small extent eaten by the natives, the skin is used for malting moccasins. The 3c value "Legislative Council" with the Mace, which was printed in 1945. This would have been far more effective had the "Legislative Council" been done in black. The 4c "Pine, Industry", is well known, and from the Colony still derives a large portion of its revenue, it is rather sad to see such heavy cutting going on, with little re-planting taking place, except by the forest reserve. The flag at the top hand corner is certainly not necessary, and unbalances this stamp. The 5¢ "Spiny Lobster", which is really more native to the Group of Bahama Islands than any other part of the West Indies, although they are found in most of the Colonies, as well as British Honduras. Incidentally these are often mistaken for Cray Fish, just as the Alligator and Crocodile. The 10c is the "Airport Building", which the Right Honourable Oliver Stanley, Secretary of State, opened officially on the 11th. January, 1945. The 15¢ value depicts the work of 1,000 years ago, unfortunately does not show up at all well, and is lost in the small size of the stamp. The 25¢ is the weakest and poorest design of the lot, illustrating "Morpho S.P." or as called on the stamp the "Blue butterfly", this butterfly is known throughout Central and South America and can be found in souvenirs in many countries. I doubt if one could find many of these butterflies now in this Colony. The 50c is a picture of "Maya Indian", which the artist has fully dressed, this being not quite her native costume by any means, but more appropriate for a stamp. The \$1 illustrates an "Armadillo" which is found plentifully in the Colony, and which is eaten by a number of residents, and is very tasty. This design is not bad with the colour combinations, but why select this for a dollar value? The \$2 illustrates "Hawkesworth Bridge" over the Belize River, and named after the late Governor, Sir Gerald Hawkesworth. The bridge was prefabricated in England, and erected in the Colony, but it is not a \$2 design. The \$5 "Mountain Orchid" or better known as *Catheya Bowringiana* which so many collectors are familiar with. Incidentally the Orchid shown on the Costa Rica stamp is "C. Skinneri", a very similar flower, and to title such a very beautiful plant as this "Mountain Orchid" does seem completely out of place.

On the whole it is quite obvious that this set of stamps has been prepared quite hurriedly, and certainly the values have not been selected with care. The finest design in the whole set is the 1c which should have been the \$5, and many of the other values should have been switched around, such as "Mountain Orchid" or "*Catheya Bowringiana*" should have been at the most the \$1 stamp. I cannot fully appreciate the design of a bridge being the \$2 stamp. I certainly hope that this set of stamps will avoid some of the faults and mistakes in other un-issued sets, and more important than ever, is there to be no sequence in placing the Queen's head as she is looking in each direction?

One surprise is the old George VI set is remaining on sale - for just how long no one seems to know.

St. Lucia – QEII 2c

2c with Queen's portrait made its appearance without notice on November 9th. This Colony does not seem to gazette the issue of new stamps - No First Day Covers.

British Guiana – Air Letter Forms

British Guiana has certainly been having its own troubles. One new item to appear just recently has been in the air letter forms 6¢, which have a picture of the Kaieteur Falls printed on the back of these air letters, the settings of these can now be found in both the three and four lines.

Jamaica – New Postal Agencies

Jamaica will be having quite a flood of new Postal Agencies, the latest one to be opened has been Central Village, St. Catherine, located on the main road between Kingston to Spanish Town. Others to be opened are as follows:-

- Barking Lodge - St. Thomas.

- Bogue and Bull Savannah - St. Elizabeth.
- Cross and Sanguinetti - Clarendon.
- Dry Gully - St. Mary.
- George's Valley - Manchester.
- King Western and Westphalia - St. Andrew.
- Philadelphia - St. Ann.
- Revival - Westmoreland.
- Bixton Town - St. Catherine.

Cayman Islands – Airfield Opened

Latest news from Cayman Islands, has opened its Airfield which has been named "Roberts Field" after Wing Comdr. Owen Roberts, so well known and liked in the Cayman Islands and Bermuda.

Jamaica Collection Club – Daytona Beach

A new organization known as the Jamaica Collection Club has been started in Florida, and interested parties can get in touch with MR. JOHN BUCKNER 111, 418 N. Wild Olive Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida, U.S.A.

This should be of interest to many United States Collectors.

BWI Queen's New Issues Due Out:

CAYMAN ISLANDS. ½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 6d, & 9d.

DOMINICA. 4c & 8c due out 4th. January, 1954.

BARBADOS, new 5c due out 4th. January, 1954.

ST. LUCIA. 2c November, 1953.

BERMUDA. – Brought out a surprise issue on the 8th May, when. the overprinted provisionals, to commemorate the three power talks then going on in the colony.

JAMAICA – Royal visit stamps were just about sold out by November 30th. Total printing, three quarters of a million of which a small amount are expected to be returned from the small Post Offices in the country.

Reviews.

The Commonwealth Catalogue of George VI and Queen Elizabeth II postage stamps.

This Commonwealth Catalogue has become more popular with West Indian Collectors than any other catalogue now being used, and has got about the most complete listing of shades and varieties, and does contain many interesting and scarce items. Collectors appreciate seeing in stamp catalogues the Bermuda line perfs, and the variety in shades in St. Vincent and Trinidad, which form very interesting varieties. Any Collector interested in George VI is well recommended to have one of the-3 catalogues. Price of sale 9/-, and can be obtained in writing to E. F. Aguilar, Boa 406, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I. This catalogue is published by Commonwealth Stamp CG., 7 leather lane, Liverpool, and contains 290 pages fully illustrated.

Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue by D. S. Barfoot,

The Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue by D. S. Barfoot, B.Sc., and Warner Simpson. As the magazine was about to go to Press a copy of the Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue was received, and being interested in these marks, have gone through this catalogue very carefully, and although there are only a limited amount, of Collectors, this handbook will be of great welcome in assisting in the numerous marks now being used. It is indeed interesting to learn that in the U.S.A. 41% of the revenue from postage stamps was collected from the meter machines. In the West Indies more and more Business Houses go in for this machine, as they give accurate account of one's postage. Should they ever become legal. as for receipts, they will be without question used throughout all the colonies. This book which is published by Universal Postage Franks Ltd., 90 regent Street, London W.1 ENGLAND. It is highly recommended and sells for 21/-. and is highly illustrated and the collector should not be without these.

Royal Visits To Jamaica 1782-1953.

It was in 1782 that Prince William Henry afterwards William IV visited this Island. While in Jamaica, he visited St. Thomas in the Vale and received an address from the inhabitants. His Royal Highness presented to the St. Thomas in the Vale Regiment a set of colours, and authorized the Corps to be designated "Prince William's Own". He received from the assembly of Jamaica a sword and address from the people of the Island.

A long period passed and it was not until January 1661, the news came of the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Alfred (second son of Queen Victoria) who was then touring many of the West Indian Islands in the "H.M.S. St. George" on which he was midshipman. In the early afternoon of April 2nd., the Warship anchored off Port Royal, and the news soon spread to the city, which caused great excitement, and flags were raised on all public buildings and Consulates. In Spanish Town the church bells rang out a merry peal to welcome him.

On Wednesday April 3rd., Prince Alfred landed at the Railway wharf, which had been highly decorated for the occasion, especially the entrance from Harbour Street. A detachment of the 14th Regiment, and a portion of the Police force of Kingston and St. Andrew were in attendance, and it was just shortly after 1.00 o'clock. when the cannons boomed forth the Royal Salute from the Ordnance wharf, announcing the fact that the Prince had left Port Royal, and was on his way to Kingston. Very shortly after, the Steamer "Styx," which conveyed His Royal Highness came up the channel and anchored in the stream off the wharf. the Prince on leaving the vessel, a Royal Salute was fired from Port Royal, from the War Vessels in the Harbour, and after the inspection of the guards left by train to Spanish Town. On arriving he was welcomed by the people of that town, and then went on to Kings House, (then situated in that town, later to be destroyed by fire). The second day in the Island he visited the Cathedral in Spanish Town, and expressed his satisfaction, and entered his name in the duty book.

The visit of His Majesty was of a private nature, and while at Kings House he took the opportunity to visit St. Thomas in the Vale, and Linstead. The next evening, a great ball was held at Kings House in his honour. On Friday 5th., His Royal Highness returned to Kingston, and the procession proceeded along Harbour Street, Duke Street, along East Queen Street, and finally to the Parade. While the festivities were taking place the sad news of the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent (Mother of Queen Victoria) was announced. Shortly after, His Majesty left to go on board the H.M.S. St. George, and it was announced that his visit to Havana had been cancelled.

In 1880 a very short informal visit was paid by King George V, then Prince of Wales, but it was not until the year 1891 that we had an official visit from Prince George of Wales, when he arrived on January 27th., to open the Jamaica Exhibition. The Exhibition was located on the grounds known now as Mico, and the attendance and reception of the landing of Prince George was one of the biggest spectacles seen yet in the Island. The drive was from Victoria Market (now at its present location) with the West Indian Regiment, the Parade proceeded to Kings House.

On January 28th, the doors of the exhibition were opened at 10:30. the interior of the building was very smart, and the gallery, stairs, and all standing room was occupied. Shortly after noon the tiring of cannons, and the playing of the National Anthem marked the arrival of the Prince. His Royal Highness was met by the Exhibition Commissioners, chairman of the Parochial Committee, and other leading officials, and all went to the Reception Room, where an address of Welcome was given, after which His Royal Highness replied thanking them for the Welcome, and it was a pleasure and honour to open the Exhibition. The Governor then presented him with a Gold Key for the exhibition, and Prince George declared the exhibition open. The procession was then conducted around the exhibition. On their way they passed the Post Office which was established, and functioned from the 27th., January, to May 6th., using a special date stamp consisting of a squared circle, this incidentally is an extremely rare post mark, and seldom seen nowadays. The Postmark had around the side and top, Jamaica Exhibition 91, and around the bottom Post Office with a full stop either side of the word, date being in the middle of the squared circle. A few years after the Exhibition the building alas destroyed by fire.

In 1927, the Duke and Duchess of York arrived in Jamaica on Thursday 20th., January, arriving on the H.M.S. "Renown", accompanied with the "H.M.S. Hood" and "H.M.S. Repulse". On arriving in Kingston a salute of 21 guns was fired by the Jamaican Artillery. After inspecting the

Guard of Honour of the second Battalion of the Green Howards, the party then proceeded to the Ward Theatre by King Street, for an official welcome - from the Ward Theatre. There were 10,000 school children assembled at Mico and Half Way Tree to greet the Royal Couple as they drove past on their way to Kings House. That evening a special reception was held.

On the following day the Royal Couple motored over to Spanish Town, and then on to Bog Walk, Linstead, Moneague where they lunched at the hotel. Returning by the same route.

The following day Saturday 22nd., the Duke (later George VI) laid the foundation stone of the War Memorial Clock Tower at the Parish Church, which was officially opened by the Prince of Wales, and Prince George in 1931 on February 4th.

The Prince of Wales and his younger brother Prince George arrived on the s.s. "Oropesa" on the 3rd. February 1931, and landed at the Victoria Market Pier at 12.15. After the firing of the Royal Salute they were met by Governor Stubbs with other members of the Privy Council, and Judges. They then drove up King Street to the Ward Theatre for the official Welcome. From the Ward Theatre they proceeded to Kings House. The following morning there was the stonelaying for the Memorial Clock Tower at the Parish Church, followed by a service of the ex-service men at Up Park Camp, where the Prince of Wales made an acquaintance with the West Yorkshire Regiment, of which he was Colonel. In the afternoon a polo match was held at Knutsford Park. The newly constructed Hotel at Constant Spring, and the Golf Course were opened, and great reception was held that evening, and several hundred guests attended this big function.

In the afternoon a polo match was held at Knutsford Park after -which they boarded the Oropesa and sailed at 7.00.

On Saturday February 16th., 1935 shortly after 11.00 the Duke and Duchess of Kent landed at Harbour Head Airbase by Pan American Brazilian Clipper from Haiti where they had been previously spending part of their honeymoon. Although their visit to the Island was of a private nature, they received a warm welcome. They were welcomed to the island by the Governor and Lady Denham. Along the nine miles from Harbour Head to Kings House,

there was almost a continuous line of cheering people. After lunching at Kings House the Royal Couple left at 2.30 in a closed car for Montego Bay, the Duke driving himself. At every town and village, crowds were gathered to wave to the Royal Couple, and give them a cheer, but quite a large number of people had to laugh at their own disappointment when they realized that the Duke was driving ahead of the pilot car, and along with his charming bride had passed them before they knew it. They arrived at Montego Bay shortly after 7.00 p.m. and went straight to Sunset Lodge, where they stayed quietly for two weeks.

On March 6th, the Duke of Gloucester arrived in the Island on the "H.M.S. Australia". On the day of his arrival the G.P.O. put into use the special postmark JAMAICA WELCOMES - H.H-H.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, which was used up to the 16th, which was the day of his departure. These marks are scarce, and are oblong, being a little over 1½ inches by ¾inches, with the ordinary single ring, date mark beside the slogan.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, the first Chancellor of the University College of the West Indies was present at the official opening February 10th., 1951, and made an informal visit a year and a half later,

The British Caribbean Philatelic Society.

We are very pleased to hear the good news that John Buckner 111, has won the Gold Award in the Florida Federation Stamp Club. Young Mr. Buckner recently visited Jamaica, and brought with him a few of his earlier items on cover - Pineapple and CC's - all very good items.

He is now starting a Jamaica Collectors Club, which should be of interest to the number of keen collectors that can be found in the USA or Canada.

We can congratulate young Buckner on winning this very fine award.

Recently in Jamaica, was Mr. J. Churchill of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, accompanied by his wife and young daughter. The Society gave a display which included a few sheets of the modern varieties of the Falkland Dependencies (Map).

Also on display were some of the classical items for Grenada shown by Mrs. Pringle. One of our members of the Society. This outstanding collection is extremely, brilliant, in having very nearly all the errors in the fiscal issues, and include such good items as SG 21B, 21D, 29a, 37d with Royal Certificate, 37c and 37a, b, c, 38a, b, c, 41a, 47a, 43, with the "S" inverted, with the Royal Certificate, 43a with the Royal Certificate. These are but a few of the main items, and continues to the more modern, which includes all shades and varieties. In the 10/- George VI issue, no less than 14 stamps are done on one page, which gives the collector a very clear idea of the main varieties to be found in this one stamp.

At our next meeting, our President Mr. Donald Hart has kindly consented to show his Jamaica collection, which includes the only known copies of the 2½d. S. G. 112 Imperforate. He has two pairs of these in his collection.

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