

John Barkly Lucie-Smith

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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.

POSTMASTER FOR JAMAICA.

The appointment of Mr. Miles leaves the position of Postmaster for Jamaica vacant, and we are also able to state this morning that Mr. J. B. Lucie-Smith, the senior clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office, has been appointed as Mr. Miles successor to this office. Mr. Lucie-Smith will take up his new appointment immediately. His salary as Senior Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office is £500 per annum. He has been appointed Postmaster for Jamaica at a salary of £600 per annum.

Mr. Lucie-Smith was appointed a third class Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office on the 3rd of March 1872. This was his first appointment to the public service. He was promoted to a second class clerkship in April 1876, and acted as Secretary to the Commission of Inquiry into the Civil Service of the Island in 1879. He acted as first class clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office on several occasions, and was afterwards permanently appointed to that grade. He was first class clerk for a number of years, and when Mr. Phillip C. Cork was promoted from Assistant Colonial Secretary of Jamaica to Colonial Secretary of British Honduras and Mr. T. L. Roxburgh promoted from the position of Senior clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office to that of Assistant Colonial Secretary, three or four years ago. Mr. Lucie-Smith was promoted senior Clerk in the office. He has acted as Assistant Colonial Secretary on several occasions, and is at present the clerk to the Privy Council. Mr. Lucie-Smith has spent the whole of his public service in the Colonial Secretary's office and we beg to tender him our congratulations on his promotion which he has well earned. He is a brother of F.W. Lucie-Smith, the manager of the Colonial Bank. Mr. Lucie-Smith was Secretary to the Education Commission some years ago.

It is probable that Mr. Alfred Cork, the Senior First Class Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office will be promoted to the position of Senior Clerk.

THE GLEANER, TUESDAY, MAY 1915.

The Death Last Night of the Late Postmaster DEMISE OF MR. J. B. LUCIE-SMITH

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Barkley Lucie-Smith, late PostMaster for Jamaica, which sad event occurred, at 8.30 o'clock last night at his residence, Maryfield, on the Hope Road.

Mr. Lucie-Smith had been ill for the past three months and latterly his condition had become serious. His death, therefore, had not been altogether unexpected. Owing to illness he went on leave of absence some months ago and subsequently retired from the Public Service, his retirement taking effect from the 20th of March. As Gleaner readers are aware, Mr. Ellis Wolfe has recently been appointed to succeed Mr. Lucie-Smith as Postmaster of Jamaica.

The deceased gentleman was of a genial disposition and was liked and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a son of the



THE LATE MR. J. B. LUCIE-SMITH.

Postmasters of Jamaica

late Sir John Lucie-Smith, who was Chief Justice of British Guiana and afterwards came to Jamaica to fill a similar position.

Mr. Lucie-Smith entered the Public Service of Jamaica on the 3rd of March, 1872 and had a successful and honourable career. He spent a number of years in the Colonial Secretary's Office, and gradually advanced in that department until he reached the position of Chief Clerk. Whilst holding that office, he was appointed Postmaster for Jamaica in succession to the Hon. A. H. Miles who was then promoted from Postmastership to the office of Collector General in succession to the Hon. James Allwood. From that time Mr. Lucie-Smith filled the position of Postmaster.

With credit to himself and benefit to the country; for various reforms in the postal service of the colony have been effected during the regime of Mr. Lucie-Smith Three Improvements are well known and appreciated by the public and need not be referred to in detail in this obituary notice.

Mr. Lucie-Smith was also a nominated member of the Legislative Council, but owing to his continued illness was unable to sit in the Council at the session which was held this year. and Mr. Sydney Courer, Director of the Railway, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The deceased gentleman would have been sixty three years of age if he had lived until the 22nd of June this year. He was brother of Sir Alfred Van Lucie-Smith, the present Chief Justice of Trinidad and F. W. Lucie-Smith the Manager of the Colonial Bank in Jamaica.

He leaves a widow and three children. One of the latter is Mrs. Charley, wife of Inspector Charley of the Trelawny division of the Jamaica Constabulary. His two sons are Mr. John Dudley Lucie-Smith, a second-class clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office: and Lieut. Euan Lucie-Smith, formerly of the Jamaica Militia Artillery, but at present in the first battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. This officer left Jamaica in December last and, on reaching England was given a commission in the Regiment above referred to. He is now doing active service in Belgium, in the great European war.

We must not omit to refer to the signal services rendered by the late Mr. J. B. Lucie-Smith in the Jamaica Militia Artillery. He joined that Corps many years ago and rose to the rank of Major, when he retired, commanding the Militia Artillery for a number of years It will be remembered that in 1896 he went to England in command of the Militia Contingent which represented Jamaica at the Diamond Jubilee of the late queen Victoria, The Good (and was complimented on the smart appearance of the militiamen whom he commanded.

The funeral will leave Maryfield at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon for the Half-way Tree Parish Church and the remains of the late Postmaster-General will be interred at the cemetery adjoining the Church.

The Cleaner tenders its sincere sympathy to the widow (who is a daughter of the late Hon. S. C. Burke) and family of the deceased gentleman.

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EX-POSTMASTER DIED SUDDENLY IN NEW YORK CITY
Sad News of Passing of Mr. Ellis Wolfe Received On Saturday.
RETIRED RECENTLY.

It is with feelings of regret that the Gleaner announces this morning the sudden death of Mr. Ellis Wolfe, late Postmaster of Jamaica, which occurred in New York, on Friday last. A cablegram was received in Kingston on Saturday morning stating that Mr. Wolfe had passed away on the previous day.

The news came as a shock to the relatives and friends of the late Postmaster, because he had been in correspondence with them up to a short time ago, and it was not stated that he was ill, or in any way indisposed. The death came suddenly, and no other details were forthcoming.

The late Mr. Wolfe entered the Railway service on the 1st of Aug. 1880 and the Public Service in 1887, where he served in various departments. He was appointed Chief Clerk in the Post Office Department on the 1st August, 1909, and succeeded the late Hon. J. B. Lucie-Smith, as Postmaster for Jamaica. Mr. Wolfe was a nominated member of the Legislative Council, and a member of the Board of Managers of the Government Savings Bank.



WENT ON LEAVE IN APRIL.

Mr. Wolfe went on three months leave of absence on the 1st April this year prior to retiring from the public service, and on the 1st of July he formerly relinquished his connection with the Service, and went on his pension; after 45 years of toil and labour as a devoted public servant. Then on the 10th July he left Jamaica for the United States to reside in New York, amidst the best wishes of his friends and those to whom he had endeared himself, that he would enjoy good health and the rest which he had then obtained. So far as is known he was enjoying that good health which had been anticipated by those who were near and dear to him, but apparently he was suddenly, attacked by a fatal malady, and the end came quickly.

The late Mr. Wolfe was Postmaster of Jamaica from 1915 to 1925. He was a loyal public officer, and a painstaking and efficient worker. He was always interested in the welfare of the Post Office staff and was esteemed and admired by them. The news of his sudden demise in the United States came as a great shock to the Post Office employees on Saturday morning.

Mr. Wolfe has left a widow (she was formerly Miss Lopez) and two daughters. One is married and is residing, along with her husband in the United States, and the other, who was at Wolmer's School, left Jamaica along with the deceased gentleman for New York, and is now there.

It is expected that the remains of the deceased gentleman will be interred in America, although no definite news in this connection has been received here.

The Gleaner extends its sincere condolence to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Ellis Wolfe.