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Newsletter Notes by Campbell Paterson

Woking, Surrey. It had not been my intention in these, my first Notes from England, to give readers a "travelogue" but my wife and I did have an unforgettable three weeks in the Caribbean and I think that an account of some of our experiences there, though largely unphilatelic, will not be entirely out of place. This is because I think—I know—that philatelists, collectively, are more world-conscious and certainly more world-intelligent than the ordinary public. To write of Barbados to a non-collector might be to bore him; the collector is different. To him Barbados may not be a second home but it is certainly a place that he feels he knows—; indeed, in most cases one has known from childhood. That being so he likes to hear about it. That's how I am anyhow and any readers who have got this far down the page obviously feel likewise. So: we sailed on the "Auckland Star," a Blue Star Line refrigerated cargo vessel carrying a maximum of 12 passengers. After a luxurious crossing of the Pacific (the Blue Star does one very proud indeed) we reached Jamaica, anticipating a stop of two days to unload meat and butter. For various reasons connected with the handling of the cargo, mainly a lack of refrigerated trucks and cool stores, our stay was extended to nearly six days. This sort of thing must turn a captain's hair white (with rage) and make shop owners penniless (perhaps) but for us it was grand. We had time to tour the island, go swimming on coral strands, sample the local food (roast lamb and 3 veg. at one bright place!) and generally have a whale of a time.

We found Kingston a rather remarkable place. It combines some very fine stores (four with escalators installed) and a fine range of luxury goods, with quite the dirtiest down-near-the-wharves area that I have ever seen. The people are most attractive; nearly all Negroes with some East Indians and Chinese, they are a pleasure to deal with. The taxi drivers are a fund of good humoured information. But there is undoubtedly a lot of poverty and (reading the papers) a good deal of political apprehension. One would say that Jamaica does not feel that the future is likely to be roses all the way. One fairly long trip we made was to the North Coast the area known as Ocho Rios. Here there is springing up a whole group of palatial hotels each with its own private beach of golden sand and each with all the things that millionaires like when on holiday. I was glad we were living free on the ship as one lunch for three cost more than £5. I wrote that off as "experience"! One most peculiar feature we noted was the habit of the traders of congregating. In one corner

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WANTED TO BUY—SURELY YOU MUST HAVE SOME OF THESE?

Our stocks are in urgent need of replenishment, and we are almost constantly in the market for collections of early material, unusual pieces and rarities. On top of this we have many special needs such as: Scarcer Newspaper stamps (with original gum); 2nd Sidfaces particularly mint; 1898-1907 Pictorials; ½d green Mt. Cooks; Universals mint and slot machine stamps mint and used; 1d Dominion J3a (S.G. 524) used, J4a (S.G. 526) used; Geo. V Recess scarcer shades mint and used, two perf pairs used; Geo. V Surface K17d (S.G. 532a) mint and used, K17e (S.G. 535b) mint K19b (S.G. 523) mint. 1935/36 Pictorials L14c inv. and rev. wmk mint—inverted wmk used, scarce shades, plate varieties mint and used. Express Delivery; Postage Due; Life Insurance; Booklet panes prior Geo. V1; Arms Type, Antarctica material; current pictorial 10/- and £1 values used; and all rarities, imperfs, double perfs, mixed perfs, compound perfs, offsets, etc., etc.

- Lot 351 **EARLY PICTORIAL RARITIES OF THE 6d RED KIWI**
 (a) E14c (S.G.310a) Mint pair imperf vertically—one stamp very slightly marked. An opportunity for someone £6
 (b) E14c. A mint single of the "double print." This is a great rarity and moreover so apparent as to have an appeal to any collector. Ours is an almost perfect example with bottom selvedge showing the full extent of the shift £25
 (c) E14c (S.G.363a). Mint pair, imperf vertically, in lovely condition £10

Lot 352 **FULL FACE BARGAINS**

- Bargain 1.** On Richardson blue paper, the full set, 1d, 2d and 1/- (S.G. Nos 4, 5, 6). The stamps in this lot are not super copies—how could they be at such a price?—but they are all good copies and without intrinsic defects. All lightly cancelled; all margins are narrow and designs slightly touched in places—but the appearance is fine. S.G. cat. £245, our bargain price for the 3 £34/10/0
Bargain 2. On Pelure paper (S.G. Nos 81, 86). Rarities these; the 1d is a bright good looking stamp, its only defects being a slight tear at the top and a pinhole; three excellent margins. The 1/- is a good stamp, 3 clear margins but close to touched on right. S.G. cat. for the pair—£160; our attractive offer £16/10/0
Bargain 4. N.Z. Wmk imperf. (S.G.97, 98, 100). The 1d and 2d both have three good margins and although the fourth side of the 2d is cut into rather more than the 1d, this does not detract from their appearance. The 1/- has four good margins and cancellations in all cases are reasonably good. Cat. by S.G. at £65 they are well worth inspecting on approval. Our bargain price for the three £16/10/0

Bargain 5. All unused and imperf, no wmk (S.G. 8, 10, 14). The margins of the 1d and 2d are very close although those of the 6d are more liberal. None have o.g. but all three have a very bright, fresh appearance and are well worth your inspection. Cat. by S.G. at £123, our special bargain price £24

Bargain 6. Perf 12½, Star wmk. 1/- green (S.G.124) in block. Of the four stamps, one is a fine bright copy, rich in colour, and although the cancellation on the remainder is rather heavy and there is a slightly damaged corner, this stamp is rare in block and must be a bargain at £10

Bargain 7. 2d Blue, imperf. (S.G.2). Clean and lightly cancelled with four good margins, although a little close at the top. A very handsome stamp, the appearance is not marred by a slight crease on the back. Cat. S.G. £50 and offered at the attractive price of £12/10/0

Bargain 8. 1d Imperf on Blue paper (S.G.4). The margins are close and just touching at the bottom, the stamp also has small thin and a slight nick, but nevertheless the postmark is not heavy and with a S.G. cat., price of £70 it must be good buying at £4

Bargain 9. 6d Red-brown, perf 12½, Star Wmk (S.G.122). Three fine shades and all are clean and bright. One has the Otago cancellation while the others are marked with the bar type, one showing the figure 4 and the other 6. Cat. by S.G. at 90/-, we offer this tempting trio at 47/6d

Lot 353 **FROM HERE AND THERE**

C2a 2d First Sideface—nicely used copy with inverted wmk 15/-

Lot 354 C7a Scarce 2/—three sound and beautifully centred copies of a stamp rather notorious for poor centring.

1. Absolutely superb in all departments—well worth a premium. Used £6
2. Almost as good. Used £5/10/0
3. Quite presentable. Used £3/10/0

Lot 355 C8a Equally scarce 5/-

1. Slightly centred left. Mint £4
2. Superb. Used £4/10/0
3. Fine used £3/15/0

Lot 356 RD1a Edward VII Land, Fine used. Each 20/-

Lot 357 RD3a 1d Victoria Land, Mint copies. To clear 17/6d

Lot 358 J1a Popular 1d Dominion plate flaws (De La Rue).

1. "Globe" flaw mint 3/6d, used 2/6d
2. "Q" flaw mint 6/6d, used 4/-

Lot 359 H8b 1/- Edward 14 x 14½ with inverted watermark. A scarce variety. One only, used 35/-

Lot 360 OK4 3d Official Geo. V Recess with inverted wmk.

1. Mint singles, perf 14 x 13½. Ea 4/6d, in pair 8/-
2. Mint singles, perf 14 x 14½. Ea 4/6d, in pair 8/-
3. Mint, two perf vertical pairs. Each 20/-
4. Used two perf vertical pairs. Each 20/-

Lot 361 OK5d 4d Official 14 x 13½ with R1/6 re-entry. Fine used 30/-

Lot 362 OK15a Cowan 14 Field Marshal mint "no stop after Official." To clear, ea. 2/6d

GEORGE V SURFACE PRINTS

Lot 363 1/2d Green

- (a) K13a De La Rue. Used singles 6d
ditto 4 good shades 2/-
- (b) K13b Cowan Experimental
Paper. Mint singles 14/-
- (c) K13c Jones Temporary Paper.
Mint singles 2/6d
ditto A block 9/-
- (d) K13d Lithographed. Mint
singles 6d
ditto. Two mint singles with
good contrasting shades of wmk,
one almost colourless 2/6d
ditto. As above, in blocks. The
pair 10/-
ditto. Two used singles as
above 1/-

Lot 364 1d Field Marshal

- (a) K15a Cowan, Perf 14. Mint
singles 3d
ditto 3 shades 2/-
ditto Mint blocks, 3 shades 5/6d
ditto Used singles, 3 shades 8d
- (b) K15b Cowan, Perf 14 x 15. Mint
singles 3d

Lot 365 1 1/2d Black

- (a) K16a Local Plate. Mint
singles 1/3d
ditto 3 shades 4/-
ditto Blocks, 3 shades 16/6d

Lot 366 1 1/2d Orange Brown

- (a) K17b De La Rue. Mint singles 6d
ditto two fine shades 1/-
ditto two blocks, shades 4/-
- (b) K17c Cowan Perf 14. Mint
singles 3/6d
ditto a block 12/6d
ditto singles, 2 contrasting
shades. The pair 7/-

Lot 367 2d Yellow

- (a) K18a De La Rue. Mint singles
..... 1/6d
ditto 3 good shades 6/-
ditto as above, fine used ... 11d

Lot 368 3d Chocolate

- (a) K19a De La Rue. Mint singles
..... 4/6d
ditto A mint block 17/6d
- (b) K19b Jones Temporary Paper
Fine used singles 2/3d
ditto 2 good shades 4/-
ditto A fine used block 8/-

Lot 369 2/- Blue

- (a) K20a Jones paper. Mint singles
..... 27/6d
ditto 2 good shades 55/-
ditto used singles 5/-

Lot 370 3/- Mauve

- (a) K21a Jones paper. Mint singles
..... 52/6d
ditto Rather heavily cancelled
"at seconds price," each 10/-

- (e) K13e Regular Cowan paper, perf
14 x 15, mint singles 2d
ditto mint singles 3 good
shades 1/-
ditto. Two mint blocks,
shades 3/-
ditto Used. 5 shades in singles
..... 11d

(f) K13f Cowan Perf 14. Used
singles, 4 good shades. The 4 8d

- (g) K13g Cowan Reversed wmk.
Mint singles 3/6d
ditto. 2 contrasting shades. The
pair 6/-
ditto. Blocks as above 25/-
- (h) K14a War Stamp. Mint singles 3d
ditto as above, 2 shades 6d
ditto used as above, the pair 4d
ditto Blocks, 3 shades 5/6d
ditto Used singles, 3 good
shades 6d
- (c) K15c Cowan Reversed wmk. Mint
..... 50/-
- (d) K15d Wiggins Teape Provisional
Paper. Mint singles 4/6d
ditto on thick paper 6/6d

(b) K17a London Plate. Mint

- singles 1/-
ditto 2 shades 2/9d
ditto Blocks, 2 shades 10/6d

K17c Cowan Perf 14

- ditto singles, fine used 1/-
ditto as above, 2 good shades
..... 2/-

(c) K17e Wiggins Teape. Fine used
singles 5/-

(b) K18b Jones Temporary Paper.
Mint singles 5/6d
ditto fine used 2/6d

(c) K18c Lithographed. Mint singles
..... 2/6d
ditto fine used 8/6d

(c) K19c Cowan Perf 14 x 15. Mint
singles 2/3d
ditto 2 shades 4/6d
ditto 2 blocks, shades 17/6d

(d) K19d Cowan 14. Mint singles
..... 9/-
ditto 2 shades 18/-
ditto 2 blocks, shades 70/-

(b) K20b Cowan paper. Mint singles
..... 27/6d
ditto 2 striking shades 55/-
ditto Fine used 4/6d
ditto Seconds 2/-

(b) K21b Cowan Paper. Mint singles
..... 52/6d
ditto Superb used 35/-

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of the city one would come upon sellers of toys—not one seller but perhaps twelve—all selling precisely the same things. The same in the country—suddenly we would pass perhaps 20 roadside huts all selling tangerines and nothing else; then some miles on we would get into the banana country and would pass a score of sellers of bananas, nothing else. If one did not take the opportunity one went without, for nowhere else, it seemed, was anyone selling tangerines or bananas! The idea behind this scheme of things quite escaped me—unless it was that the growers all had their plots in a group and not one of them had the energy or initiative to move his stall five miles away from his competitors. One sees that type of trade grouping elsewhere (for instance, stamp dealers in the Strand) but they at least are not all selling identical goods. The Jamaican climate treated us kindly. Hot but not too much so, being winter, some rain but lots of sun. A pleasant place to look at, remarkably like N.Z. in its general vegetation and the hilly nature of the land. One saw most of the scenes depicted on stamps, notably Port Royal, most fascinating with its relics of Pirate Henry Morgan and Lord Nelson.

Our next call was at Port of Spain, Trinidad. The island lies close to the coast of Venezuela and two projecting arms of land, not quite reaching the mainland, enclose what must be without question one of the largest and finest harbours in the world. We had to wait out in the bay for a day awaiting a berth and then the delays started again so that once more a “two day” visit stretched out to 6 days. Trinidad is both less sophisticated and more prosperous than Jamaica—at least as far as one could judge. The people are different in a subtle sort of way but still most pleasant and the taxi drivers are a delight. While the island is greener and more intensively cultivated than Jamaica it does lack scenic features to some extent. The Lake of Asphalt, depicted on stamps is interesting but no scenic beauty. In appearance it looks like a dry lake bed with occasional pools of water and a lot of grass growing over the whole area. Close up one can see that the whole area is solid pitch—usable without treatment for asphaltting work. The lake has dropped to a saucer shape through the years. Many millions of tons have been removed but there is still no sign of an end to the supply. Naturally we saw virtually all the features that have appeared on stamps through the years; a bringing of one’s album to life that I found very pleasant—like meeting old friends. But it was not until we reached Barbados that this impact became really noticeable. The latter island is so small (60 miles round) that any notable feature is sure to have been used on a stamp at some time. The consequence is that a visit is like a browse through a collection. Of the three islands visited, Barbados was our favourite. They call it “Little England” and that is what it is like. The villages are old and picturesque and could be transplanted into any part of the West Country. The township of Bridgetown is beautifully clean and the whole island just as one would hope it would be—a real gem of the Caribbean. The beaches are right out of this world. The sand is pale gold the water pale turquoise. The wind balmy the temperature ideal, practically no tide rise and fall—just marvellous. After I make my first million I intend to return there.

I hope this account of our travels (if our new Editor lets it through at all) will not have seemed tedious.

Arriving in London, in midwinter, we found things much the same. The folk here never cease to moan about their weather but once again I find it good. For a month now (in February mind you, the month with the horrible reputation) we have had no temperatures other than mild, we have had little rain and many days, as today, with completely cloudless sky and lovely sunshine. But you can’t win with the English, I got a letter just the other day, in response to one in which I had praised the weather; the writer said—“I’m afraid that though the weather is mild it is just the weather to bring on the ‘flu.’”

I have already had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the N.Z. Society of G.B. I found them in fine form with most of the old stalwarts still doing grand work to keep the flag flying. They seem genuinely glad to see the N.Z. visitor and no one over here should fail to contact them—through the Secretary or Treasurer. The latter is looking for new members too—all N.Z. collectors, anywhere are welcome. Address: Noel Turner, Gladstone House, High Rd., Wood Green, London, N.22. The fee is 10/6d. No one on tour must fail to visit me, too—address 4, Maybury Rough, Maybury Hill, Woking.

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