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Italian card from Ceylon to Shanghai (see page 13)



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## **EDITORIAL**

Weird and wonderful are some of the prices asked and some of the prices paid for postal stationery. There are bargains to be had, but equally there are some startlingly high prices around. Three years ago this journal's front cover featured a U.S.A. 1 cent surcharge postal card of 1921 (Scott UX 36), describing it as "probably the World's most valuable postal card". A letter in that journal from Wayne Menuz stated that the card had realised \$28,000 at auction in 1993. Now news has very recently broken that the other two of the three definitely known examples of this rarity have changed hands. In private treaty transactions one card fetched a figure in the region of \$38,000, the other reaching the giddy heights of \$75,000 (£50,000)!

A few days after reading of this record price, I was equally surprised by the sum asked in a British stamp dealer's postal list for the first G.B. postal card used on its day of issue, 1st October 1870. There were certainly very large crowds of customers for the cards on that first day, so there could be many surviving with first day postmark. The dealer's price of £600 seems pretty high to me. If any reader has an anecdote of how he acquired one of these cards "for a song", do write in and tell us the story!

Peter van Gelder

# ***FROM THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP***

NOTE - All items in our stock are at least 50 years old.

## An Unusual Stationery Cut-out

The following recently arrived from Tony

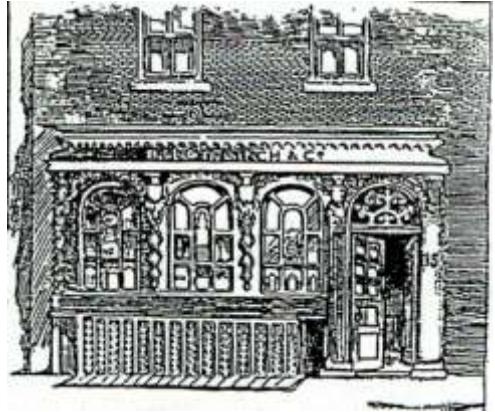
"The use of G.B. postal stationery cut-outs from when they were re-authorised in 1905 has been mentioned quite frequently in the pages of our journal. Thanks to Bob Allison (a non-member living in Salisbury) I can illustrate an unusual example here.

The cut-out is from the G.B. one penny postal card issued in 1892 with the von Angeli portrait of Queen Victoria. However before being cut out the imprinted stamp was surcharged "THREE HALF PENCE" and the card overprinted "BRITISH BECHUANALAND", where it was issued in 1893 (H&G 8). Thus the cut-out is not a G.B. stamp at all and presumably was not valid here, any more than, say, an adhesive G.B. stamp overprinted for use in a colony.

Note that the stamp is not tied by the Kilburn postmark of J11 6 06, and that the envelope is probably overpaid. The whole item may therefore have been contrived." (See illustration on next page.)

## Career Change for a Re-cyclist?

Here is an odd item that has come in from Duff Malkin - "In Ceylon on 7th June, 1947, 54-year-old J.O.B. Wambeck was looking for a new career in radio. He mailed a postal card to the Hollywood Radio & Television Institute in Los Angeles, expressing an interest in the subject. The postal card, a three cent George VI, seems to have



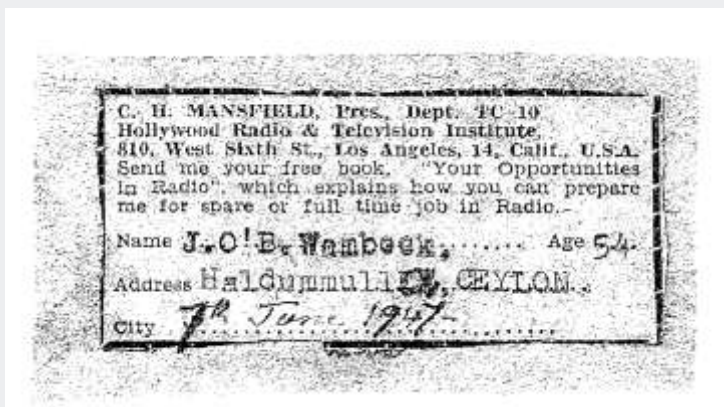
had an address or something that was of no use to Mr Wambeck in his communicating, so most of the front of the card was covered over with some brown paper. All of the back was treated in the same manner. Only the imprinted stamp (indicum) and the words "POST CARD" with the space immediately below them (all on the front) were left alone. A clipping from a magazine was glued to the back - a response form for the reader to return. Nine cents in postage was added to make a twelve cent rate - probably the rate for surface post (there is no airmail rout marking on the sticker).

NoW 54 was a bit old for a career change, especially in days when the average age of death was in the early 60s. Perhaps the sender wanted the book just to make cigarette papers out of its pages! Anyway, the card is certainly a strange sort of item." (See illustration on next page.)

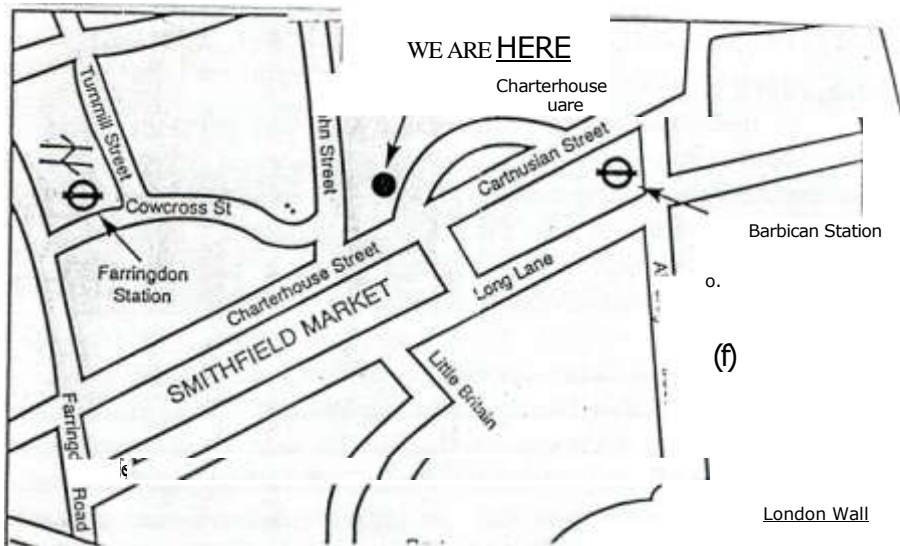




Card to Hollywood & (below) magazine clipping glued to its back



## SOCIETY NOTES



The above street map shows the location of our next meeting, which is on 21st October, from 10.30. a.m. The venue is the British Philatelic Centre, 107 Charterhouse Street, London E.C.1. Farringdon and Barbican underground stations are nearby. Apart from the A.G.M., there will be the auction and a talk/display of "Mozambique Company 1892-1942 by Keith



This photograph shows David Taylor Smith, former Secretary of our Society, at the May 2000 meeting, having just been presented with life membership and a Sterling postal stationery album in recognition of his key role in forming the Society.

(Photograph by Colin Baker)

# TOPICS

(CONDUCTED BY THE EDITOR)

## P.S.S. Mark One

In my Editorial of February last year I referred to the likelihood that our Society, founded in 1992, had had a predecessor in Britain. I appealed to members for more information. Response came later that year via Ron Stammers, a member who lives in Nottinghamshire. In the same county lives Derrick Avery, who happens to have been Secretary of our fore-runner, and who has kindly supplied the following information.

The Postal Stationery Society of G.B. was founded in May 1941 following an appeal in "Stamp Collecting Weekly". Total membership was normally hovering in the 20s. In the first 7/2 years there were 29 issues of the Society's bulletin, containing articles, check lists and news items. In 1949 a postal auction was held. In 1950 Mr Avery formed an Air Letter Section of the Society, with an exchange packet. This later passed into the care of a well-known aerogramme collector, P.H. Robbs. Under him the Air Letter Section became a separate entity and was renamed as the Aero Postal Stationery Club.

At some point the P.S. Society of G.B. also changed name and became the Postal Stationery Exchange Club, which over the years sent out some 200 exchange packets. Eventually this club passed into the hands of A.E. Roots of Kilmarnock.

There were some notable names in British philately of 50 years ago among the P.S.S. of G.B. membership - possibly there are readers who recall some of these collectors. Here are some names: O.P. Kennedy; Rose Titford (who collected Austrian stationery); G.R.B. Spain, who offered the Bright & Sons stationery stock for sale; R. Bromfield; and B.F. Hounsell Dammers, who is understood to have compiled the postal stationery listing for Volume 1 of Robson Lowe's "Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps".

But it would seem that by about 1960 the Society and its offshoots had petered out. There followed a "dark age" of about 30 years, and then our Society was born in 1992!



## What is Postal Stationery?

Another topic raised in a recent Editorial (October 1999) was the wording of the International Philatelic Federation's (F.I.P.) definition of p.s. I made three criticisms and invited comment.

Two members have responded. Clive Perkins is concerned about formular stationery, as he collects Falkland Islands, a territory that used a wide range of formular registered envelopes between 1902 and 1949. He points out that "formular envelopes do not show any pre-printed value... indeed they do not even show the country of origin - therefore strictly speaking they cannot qualify as p. s. as the current F.I.P. definition stands. These envelopes were of many sizes and were designed for varying weights of contents, and therefore could not have a pre-determined rate of postage. They were officially authorised for use in colonial territories, and I feel that this important area should be included within p.s."

From explanatory notes presented by Alan Huggins to the F.I.P. Postal Stationery Commission at Philexfrance last year, I see that "formular items sold bearing adhesive stamps" are acceptable in exhibits - but that would appear to exclude the registered envelopes mentioned by Clive Perkins, since they were presumably sold unstamped.

A different point has come in from Duff Malkin, who states that ALL stamps are pre-printed before they are used! He considers that the F.I.P. definition as it now stands admits as p.s. all items that bear a stamp. Adding this point to the three I raised last October, but without trying to embrace the whole field of formular stationery, I suggest the following definition would serve better than the wording at present spread around by F.I.P.:-

"Postal stationery comprises matter which bears an officially authorised pre-imprinted stamp or device or inscription indicating that a specific rate of postage or related service has been paid."

There you are, Commission members, so how about it?

## Proxy Voting Stationery

This topic (last featured on pp.12-14 in our February 2000 issue) continues to create interest among G.B. collectors. Peter Clarke has sent in the following details of 2 cards in his collection:-

"One is a KGV <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> - face halfpenny green letterpress card for CAMP BIRD LIMITED, 1 LONDON WALL BUILDINGS, LONDON E.C.2. The date is 19 December 1919, the revenue stamp is KK.11.19, and the whole card is green. The other card is KGV side-face 1 d carmine letterpress, for the AUSTIN MOTOR CO. LIMITED, LONGBRIDGE WORKS, NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM. The date is 29 September 1925, the revenue stamp is LV.7.25, and the card is white."

Keith Lloyd has also written in about two proxy items, both illustrated here. The Calcutta Tramways card has an embossed postage stamp on its front, and an embossed revenue stamp on its back. The other item is not a card but a letter sheet, and it dates from the reign of King Edward VII, being for a meeting on 4 May 1905 of the Industrial and General Trust Limited.

**CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?**

**AT PRESENT THE EDITOR WOULD PARTICULARLY**

**WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING**

**SERIES:-** "COLLECTING POSTAL STATIONERY IN...",  
(see p.21 of this issue),

"NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES"  
(see p.6 of June 2000 issue).

# The Calcutta Tramways Company, Limited.

I, the undersigned, a Shareholder of THE CALCUTTA TRAMWAYS COMPANY, Limited, hereby appoint SIR GEOFFREY ROTHE CLARKE, C.S.I., O.B.E., of 38, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 2, or failing him WALTER RUTHERFORD of 61, Queen Street, London, E.C. 2, or failing him CECIL OSCAR WEBB, of t, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. 4, or failing him, GERALD WILLIAM



PARTRIDGE, M.Inst. C.E., of 13, Langland Gardens, Hampstead, London. N.W. 3, or failing him ROBERT OSWALD LAW of 3, Rutland Gate, London, S.W. 7, all of whom are Shareholders of the Company, as my proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, to be held on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 1936, and at any adjournment thereof.

As witness my hand this

day of May, 1936.

Printed Paper Rate.

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*The Secretaries,*

**The Calcutta Tramways Company, Limited,**

**I QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,**

**LONDON, E.C. 4.**

Proxy card (slightly reduced) - above, part of back;  
below, the front

The Chairman,



*THE INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL TRUST,*  
LIMITED.

8 Princes Street,

LONDON, E.C.

The Industrial and General Trust,  
LIMITED.



of \_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ being a  
Member of THE INDUSTRIAL AND GENERAL TRUST,  
LIMITED, hereby appoint ALEXANDER YOUNG, the Chair-  
man of the Company; whom failing, WALTER HENTY,  
a Director of the Company; whom failing, LINDSAY ERIC  
SMITH, a Director of the Company; whom failing,  
GEORGE ALEXANDER TOUCH, a Director of the Company;  
as my Proxy to vote for me and on my behalf at the  
Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, to be held  
on Thursday, the Fourth day of May, 1905, and at any  
adjournment thereof.

Proxy letter sheet - front, and part of back

# QUERY CORNER

## Speaker of the House of Commons



More than 3 years ago Tony Chilton sent in an example of a PSE printed for use by the Speaker (see "P.S." no. 9, pp.6/7). His query was "Has an oval imprint been long in use for the Speaker?". He also asked for any other information about "Speaker stationery".

No one responded to this, but recently I chanced on an article in a 1966 "Philatelic Magazine" about the franking system by which Members of Parliament and certain others have been able to send letters free of charge. Last among 15 illustrations to the article was a mark for use by the Speaker (illustrated here). As can be seen, it is a tall oval! In use in 1966, it is very similar in shape and design to the imprint on Tony Chilton's 1996 envelope. Can any reader find us a still earlier example?

## Made in Italy.... Posted in Ceylon.... Received in China

An Italian postal card (see illustration on front cover) has been sent in by Vittorio Coscia with comments and query. "I recently found this Italian postal card used from Ceylon to China on 29th June 1939. It will be seen that 2 Ceylon stamps were added.

The message (in German) clarifies the mystery a little. The sender was a passenger on the "Conte Rosso" liner, which was cruising around the Indian Ocean. During a stop-over in Ceylon, he sent this card by airmail to Shanghai in order to reserve hotel rooms for himself and his family (3 people in all). Later in the cruise the 3 would be disembarking in Shanghai.

What is not clear to me is whether the 2 additional Ceylon stamps pay for the total cost of airmailing the card, or whether they just cover the additional airmail postage. In other words, did the Italian imprinted stamp contribute to the postage, or was it ignored? A light arrival cancel covers the Italian portrait. I should be grateful if someone could throw some light on this."

RESPONSE from Peter van Gelder - My immediate reaction was to think it extremely unlikely that the Italian stamp imprint would have counted as having any postal value in Ceylon. To confirm this, I made enquiries about the correct rate for airmailing a card from Ceylon to China in 1939. This information came back to me, via an intermediary, from the President of the Ceylon Study Circle as being 12c overseas postage for a card, plus 25c for airmailing. The total of 37c means there is a shortfall of 7c on this card. So I am left wondering if the Shanghai hotel paid postage due, or whether the post office people liked the look of the Italian stamp imprint and turned a blind eye to the missing 7c!

### Imprint of Wales

The window PSE shown here was recently sent in by Tony Chilton as being somewhat unusual, and now a response has been obtained from Andrew Whitworth. The stamp imprint is deep blue.

"This is a stamped-to-order business envelope from the period 1987 to June 1995. The customer could choose the colour for the stamp (and for the logo). By 1993 the minimum quantity for an order was 10,000 envelopes. The unusual point about this envelope is the "TALWYDY POST 1 POST PAID". On an equivalent English PSE this would read "POST 1 PAID" (or POST 2 PAID)."

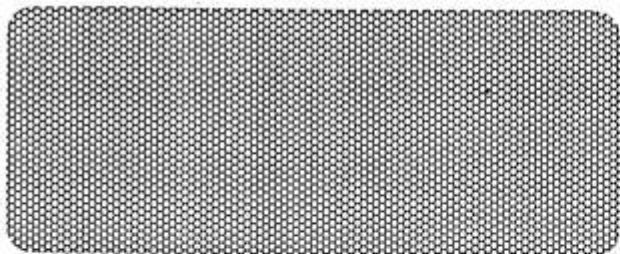


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COUNTY COUNCIL

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## SECRETARY'S NOTES

A further proposed change to the Society's constitution has been received for consideration at the A.G.M.:-

Clause 8a - change the sentence "Items for inclusion on the Agenda must be received by the Secretary not later than 31 August" to "Items for inclusion on the Agenda must be received by the Secretary not later than 21 days prior to the date of the A.G.M." (This change is proposed to harmonise the more flexible date of the A.G.M. with the need to have a cut-off date for agenda items.)

Our Treasurer, Sam Barkley, has decided he will not be able to continue in that role after October 2001, when he will have completed 9 years of service to the Society. The Society must have someone to look after its finances, so if YOU would like to be considered for this position, please write to me as soon as possible.

Colin Baker (Hon. Sec.), 4  
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Sutton Veny, Warminster, Wilts  
BA12 7AY.  
(Telephone 01985 840033)

### MIDPEX 2001

MIDPEX is a biennial exhibition for National/Specialist Philatelic Societies which has become a popular event in the philatelic calendar. The next exhibition will be held on Saturday 30th June 2001 at the Midlands Centre for the Disabled, Cromwell Lane, Tile Hill,

Coventry. As on previous occasions, our Society will be participating in the exhibition where we have been allocated a table and 6 display frames. Besides postal stationery featuring in our Society's frames, it also has been prominent in the displays of several of the other specialist societies. Further details relating to MIDPEX 2001 will appear in later issues of this journal.



# ARTICLES

## Penny Pink Letter Sheets with Advertisements

by Michael Lockton

Editor's Note - The Mulready letter sheets with printed advertisements have been studied and listed, but what of their successors, the Penny Pink letter sheets with advertisements? Michael Lockton of the Great Britain Philatelic Society is gathering information for a study of these from 1844 to 1855. In the following article, abridged with his approval from "The G.B. Journal" of March/April 2000, he asks for help from all collectors of early G.B. postal stationery

In April 1844 the Mulready was replaced by the Penny Pink letter sheet printed on Dickinson's threaded paper. Subsequently these letter sheets were printed on a further two qualities of this paper. A summary of these letter sheets is as follows:

- 1844        LP3 Thick creamish white wove paper with threads.
- 1846/50    LP4a Thin greyish white wove paper with threads.
- 1846/50    LP4b Thin blue wove paper with threads.

The author considers the description of the paper of Type LP4a is more accurate than that given in "British Postal Stationery" (A.K. Huggins).

As with the Mulready, various institutions and companies used these letter sheets for advertising and • for commercial transactions (invoices, statements, etc.). The author is unaware of any attempt to list these printed letter sheets in a similar manner to that of the Mulready and would like to attempt an initial listing.

Two typical examples of printed Penny Pink letter sheets are shown in the accompanying figures. Figure 1 shows that of the Atlas Assurance Company - one of the more common examples. If one refers to the listing of the similar Mulready advertisements in Vol. I of

the Gibbons "G.B. Specialised Catalogue" 1997, the following entry will be found:

"MA28 Atlas Assurance Company

- a. Dated: Cheapside, 21st Dec. 1839
- b. Dated: 92 Cheapside, 10th Oct. 1840 (9 lines of claims)
- ba. Dated: as b but 11 lines of claims.
- c. Dated: 92 Cheapside, 10th May 1841
- d. Dated: 92 Cheapside, 10th Oct. 1841
- e. Dated: 92 Cheapside, 11th Feb. 1842
- f. Dated: 92 Cheapside, 7th April 1842
- g. Dated: 92, Cheapside, June 1842
- h. Dated: 92, Cheapside, Nov. 1842
- i. Dated: 92, Cheapside, Aug. 1843

Advert (i) exists on the ld. pink stationery envelope (sic), with new directors' names etc."

As will be seen from Figure 1, this particular example is dated in the bottom left corner "92, Cheapside, 1st December, 1849". At present the author has recorded five printings on Type LP4a:

September 1848

February 1849

1 December 1849

August 1850

November 1850

This information indicates a five year gap between the demise of the Mulready and the recorded printing on Penny Pinks. The question arises as to whether or not examples were printed on Type LP3 in this intervening period. Figure 2 is a typical advertising letter sheet of Nissan & Parker, Great Tower Street, London on Type LP3. This particular example is printed in green ink and was used from Ipswich to Liverpool on 23 October 1845. The author has also recorded an example printed in red ink.

### **Appeal for Information**

In order to -commence the production of an initial listing of Penny Pink letter sheets, the author would be pleased to receive a photostat copy of any such sheets held by collectors. In addition it

# Atlas Assurance Company,

92, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON,

ESTABLISHED 1808.

## DIRECTORS.

JOHN OLIVER HAYSON, Esq. Chairman.  
 WILLIAM GEORGE FRESCOTT, Esq. Deputy Chairman.  
 Sir William Baynes, Bart. Moses Mocatta, Esq.  
 Arthur Edward Campbell, Esq. Capt. Alexander L. Montgomery, R.N.  
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Attorney—CHARLES ANSELL, Esq. F.R.S.

Solicitor—THOMAS BROWNING, Esq.

Surveyor—THOMAS HOFFER, Esq.

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The attention of the Public has, in the Advertisements and Proposals of this Company of late years, been called to a Table of Additions applicable to and appended to Policies of particular dates and ages; the Directors now beg to submit the following statement of Claims actually paid, showing the Bonus respectively assured and the Bonus thereon, and they request, in order to exemplify the advantageous plan of Assurance proposed by this Company, that Persons desirous of effecting Assurances in their Own Lives or on the Lives of Others, will compare the statement now submitted, with the Additions or Bonus of any of the other Offices which may apply to a Policy issued by them since 1816, when the Atlas Company adopted the Bonus System.

Statement of Claims paid on Policies effected in London or through an Agent in Great Britain.

No. of Policy.	Name of Life Assured.	Years of Term for which Bonus returned.	Sum Assured.			Bonus per Cent. on the Sum Assured.			Bonus equal to the amount of the Sum Assured on the last Anniversary.		
			£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
213	His Majesty William IV. ....	14	3000	1068	4088	35	12	0	2	19	10
69 & 92	His R. H. the Duke of York ...	7	5000	962	5962	19	5	0	2	15	0
1438	Mrs. N. Hyde .....	20	400	284	684	71	0	0	3	11	0
3729	Mr. Madanoff Barling .....	13	300	107	407	33	13	4	2	14	10
2810	Admiral Sir W. Sidney Smith ...	8	1700	324	2024	19	1	2	2	7	8
3432	The late Duke of Argyll .....	14	5000	1453	6453	29	1	3	2	15	2
3604	The late Earl of Clarendon .....	12	2500	1120	3620	44	16	0	3	11	8
487	M. S. (Berks) .....	21	400	437	837	109	5	0	5	4	1
1292	Sir John Deas Thomson, K.G.H. ...	21	500	308	808	81	12	0	2	18	6
1374	Rev. Thomas Compton .....	20	500	350	850	70	0	0	3	10	0
7028	William Gillis, Esq. ....	81	500	197	697	39	0	0	4	12	0
156	George Jones, Esq. ....	21	5000	3784	8784	75	1	3	3	11	6
1915	Sir John S. Selknight, Bart. ....	254	5000	3920	8920	79	12	0	3	1	10
1120	Nicholas Doig .....	28	100	126	226	126	0	0	4	10	0
1010	Rev. F. W. Blomberg, D.D. ....	28	3000	2596	5596	119	17	4	4	5	8

Persons assured for the whole term of Life, for £100 and upwards, in Great Britain or Ireland respectively, will be entitled at the end of every fifth year (instead of every seventh year as heretofore) to participate in the Surplus Premium, either by addition to their Policies, or an equivalent reduction will be made in the future payments of Premium, at the option of the Assured.

Policies may also be effected for the whole term of Life by a limited number of yearly payments.

Assurances for short periods may now be effected in this Office at considerably reduced rates of Premium.

The next valuation will be made at Christmas 1849, and Policies effected before that date, will participate in proportion to the time they may then have been in force.

The Company's Rates and Proposals may be had at the Office in London or of any of the Agents in the Country, who are authorized to report on the appearance of Lives proposed for Assurance.

92, Cheapside, 1st December, 1849.

HENRY DESBOROUGH, Secretary.

N. Besset, Printer, 3, Cleaver's Lane, Lombard Street, London.

Fig. 1 Atlas Assurance Company Letter Sheet on LP 4a

(note address & date, bottom left)

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4s the Thousand.

Capital Office Post... 5d 6  
Best Lines Adm... 12d 6d  
Dressed & 4 shown... 14d 6d  
French Copying... 10d 6d

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CORNER OF MARK LANE,

(Nos. 68, 69 & 69½, Great Tower Street, and 42 & 43, Mark Lane.)

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10s 6d the Hundred.

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STAMP AFFIXED,  
11d the Dozen Sheets.

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STAMP AFFIXED,  
11d the Dozen.

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CORNER OF MARK LANE, LONDON;

#### MANUFACTURERS OF

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ENGRAVERS OF  
BANKERS' NOTES AND CHECKS,  
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Please note the author's new address: Wroxton, 10 Park Road, WOKING GU22 7BW.

## **Collecting Postal Stationery in.....**

### **No. 2 - Italy** by Vittorio Coscia

•Postal stationery collecting was very popular in Italy between the late 19th century and the early 20th. But in the 1930s endless series of postal stationery view cards tired collectors, whose numbers therefore dwindled dramatically. In the 1970s collector interest rose again, and this branch of philately is now very popular.

Areas which are now especially popular are private adverts on postal cards ("repiquages"), Red Cross official adverts of the 1920s, and mint and used Italian cards. Illustrated here are a used advertising postal card and a used advertising letter card. Other types of stationery are not so popular: parcel post bulletins, money orders - but also letter cards. Worldwide stationery is not very popular, as most collectors are interested in Italy and the related area.

Italy in the past issued many different types of stationery. Nowadays postal stationery is not used so much by the public at large. Therefore each year Italy issues a couple or so items: cards, aerogrammes and letter cards only. All other types have been abolished.

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The most interesting .catalogue of Italian postal stationery is "Il Nuovo Pertile" . It is full of interesting information (and the year 2000 edition is partly in English). Another catalogue is "Filagrano". There are no specialised magazines. However, a few articles can be found in "Cronaca Filatelica" and in the society journal of the Unione Filatelisti Interofili.

In my opinion, the biggest fault of Italian collectors is that they are obsessed with quality. I have seen collectors refusing to purchase a rare item (and this is true of used items that are a hundred or so years old) just for a minor crease or an insignificant bend. I think that such a common attitude in the long run does not do any good for the growth of our interesting hobby.



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# EDITOR'S DESK

I have received notice from the American Stamp Club of G.B. that their annual convention will be held from 27th to 29th October at the Jarvis Perry Hall Hotel, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. Non-members of the Club are welcome to attend - a bourse on the Saturday will include postal stationery. Further details can be obtained by ringing the Club Secretary on 020 8505 7360.

Last October I published a list ("P. S." 15, p.23) of members who are willing to give visiting talks/displays. The suggestion is that members should use this list to try and get their local philatelic societies to include p.s. displays in their annual programmes, with the ultimate aim of increasing interest in p.s. and so increasing our Society's membership. Now here are details of 5 further speakers to be added to the original list of 12:-

NAME	SUBJECT(S)	LOCATION
Flint K.P.	Canada	Coventry, will travel up to 90 miles.
Nathan D.M.	British Guiana	Kingston-upon-Thames
O'Keefe P.J.	G.B.; Rhodesia (& other central	Tonbridge
Taylor Smith D.	Africa) Japanese Empire 1875 - 1945	Norwich, will travel up to 75 miles
	Introducing Postal Stationery	
Wheatley R.	Netherlands East Indies	Leeds

The addresses and telephone numbers of these and previously listed members can be obtained from our Society's Secretary.



Some members are currently active in giving p.s. talks: "The Secret World of Postal Stationery" was shown by yours truly to the Worthing Society of Postal Historians on 8th September, and Peter O'Keeffe showed "G.B. Postal Stationery of 5 Reigns" to Swale P.S. on 21st September; then Colin Baker is swinging into action in October with displays of "G.B. Victorian Postal Stationery" to Yeovil, Salisbury and Poole societies on the 4th, 11th & 18th respectively.

Information has reached me of the recently published 6th edition of the "Specialised Catalogue of Postage Stamps & Postal Stationery of Latvia". Brought out by the Latvian Philatelic Society, this book has 144pp. and the text is in Latvian and English. The price is around £3-50p. Though, I believe, the listings are confined to the years since independence in 1990, this still sounds like remarkably good value!

The following are articles noticed recently in the philatelic press:-

Collecting Stamped Envelopes is Challenging (W.R. Weiss, Linn's Stamp News, 12/6/2000).

U.S. Government Wrappers Began in 1861 (R.B. Graham, Linn's Stamp News, 17/7/2000).

The Chelsea Navy Show (Peter van Gelder, Stamp Magazine, May 2000).

South Africa Essays in the P.O. Archives - Union Postal Stationery (Paul van Zeyl, Setempe, November 1999).

Postal Stationery Matters (Peter van Gelder, Gibbons Stamp Monthly March 2000, the Boer War plus modern items from Norway, Canada & Australia; June 2000, Ballooning in the American Civil War and N.S.W. Centennial PSEs).

Just recently there was an interesting report in the American philatelic press by one of our members, Ed Deschl. This was concerned with modern counterfeits and facsimiles that have been produced in India, and of which buyers should beware. Most of these are adhesive stamps, but two p.s. items were included in the report. Genuine 10 paisa cards with a portrait of Gandhi on the left front have been offered with a "SPECIMEN" overprint that is private and unauthorised. Likewise, there are Indian aerogrammes around with "SPECIMEN" overprints that are not genuine. It's a wicked world!

# AEROGRAMMATICS



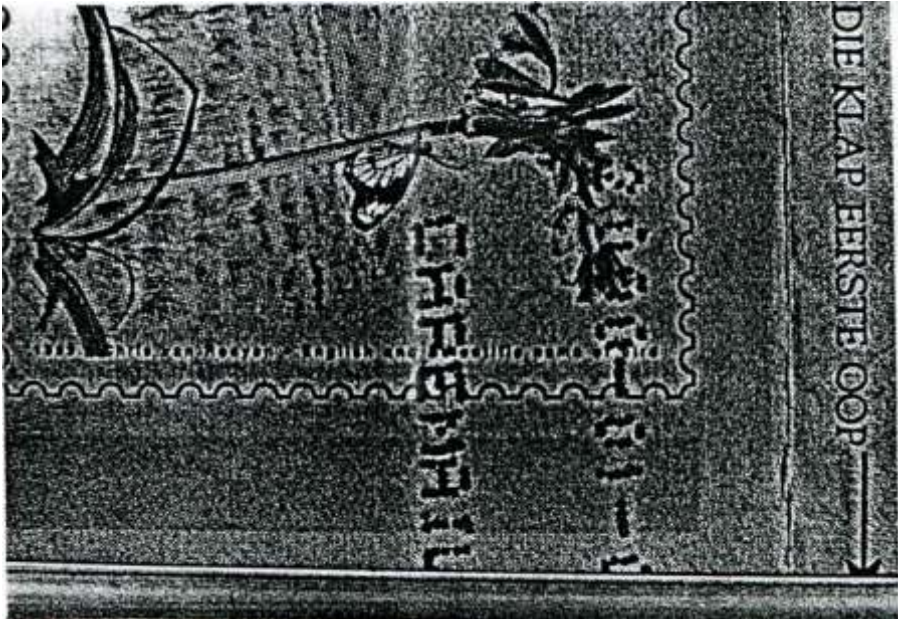
## Literal Obedience!

By Tony Chilton

South Africa issued a new internal aerogramme on 29th September 1999. The imprinted stamp features an African Monarch butterfly on an Orange River lily. This aerogramme replaced a previous issue which featured a grey heron.

Unfortunately the printer took his instructions too literally. He was obviously told the name of the designer and was also told to put the "English and scientific name of the bird" (sic) alongside. This is exactly what he did!

(See enlargement of detail below.)



# BOOK REVIEW

"The Postal Stationery of South Africa" compiled by W.J. Quik and  
G.H. Jonkers

- Volume 1      Cape of Good Hope, Natal, New Republic, Orange Free  
                    State, Transvaal, Zululand  
                    ISBN 90-803152-7-3
- Volume 2      Union/Republic of South Africa  
                    ISBN 90-803152-8-1

This two volume listing of all the postal stationery issued within what is now the Republic of South Africa first appeared in 1998. Volume 2 is now in its third edition, corrected and updated to include issues up to the end of 1999. Both volumes are fully illustrated, with a two-column listing of each item, in English and Dutch.

Collectors of Southern African postal stationery have long had to work from outdated sources. The books on the Union of South Africa produced by the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa have not been updated for nearly 40 years; and there has been no attempt at a comprehensive listing of the pre-union issues, beyond what has appeared in study circle journals, since the Robson Lowe encyclopaedia of 1949. These two soft-back A4 volumes provide 370 pages of detailed listing in an easy to follow layout. The items are dealt with by territory of issue and then each separate category, with quite a few of the known essays, proofs and private usages. Each item is numbered, with sub-numbers used for varieties, though the choice of which varieties to include is sometimes questionable.

These books do not pretend to be the final word on the subject. Some background detail, culled from the archives, is given but is intermittent, depending on the knowledge of the individual contributors. No valuations are attempted and there is seldom any indication of scarcity, beyond the numbers printed for some items. For a more detailed narrative, we will have to look to the work proposed by other authors. But if you simply want a full listing of what has been issued in these territories over the last 130 years, then these volumes will serve you well. Available in our library and for purchase from FVZA, P.O. Box 33223, 3005EE Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Tony Chilton

## LIBRARY

It is good to report that in the nine months from November 1999 to July 2000 some 50 items have been borrowed from the library by members. Recently there have been several additions to the Library List, as follows.

- \*57 Katalog der Aerogramme von Asien 2000, by W. Wiegand. Priced catalogue in German. Purchased.
  - \*58 Account of the Celebration of the Jubilee of Uniform Inland Penny Postage. Published 1891. Purchased.
  - \*59 Senf Postwertzeichen-Katalog 1895. Priced catalogue in German of World adhesive stamps & postal stationery Purchased.
  - \*60 Auction catalogue of Robert A. Lee sale of 24/6/2000 (included part of the Horace W. Harrison stationery collection). Donated by Robert A. Lee.
  - 61 Article on Union of South Africa postal stationery essays and proofs in P.O. Archives, by Paul van Zeyl in "Setempe". Donated by South African P.O. Philatelic Services.
  - 62 Article "Out of Africa" - story of a postal card sent from Angola to U.S.A. in 1886. By Bill Welch in "The American Philatelist". Donated by Duff Malkin.
  - 63 Postal Stationery of South Africa, Parts 1 & 2, by W. Quik & G. Jonkers, 1998. In Dutch & English. Donated by Jan Stolk.
- \* = heavy item (see Library List)

Re. item 9, 2 further issues of "L'Inero Postale" (April & July 2000) have been received from Italy.

Re. item 10, 2 further issues of "Die Ganssache" (3-4/1999 & 1-2/2000) have been received from the Berlin P.S. Society.

Re. item 40, 2 further issues of "Postal Stationery" (January & March 2000) have been received from the U.S.A.

Re. item 43, just one more issue of the "AerogrammeR" (November 1999) has been received from Australia.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

Here is quite a long list of members who have joined over the last 6 months and who are welcomed into the Society. Country of residence is shown if not the United Kingdom & also collecting interests in brief.

Mooring H.	G.B.; N.Z.; China
Belcher S.	Jamaica from 1860
Keith-Sellar F. (Republic of Ireland)	G.B.; Malaysia; Hong Kong
Williamson R. (Canada)	G.B. to 1936; Holland
Smith N.	British Empire (Queen Victoria period), especially India and Australian Colonies
Knight S.	G.B. and G.B. overprints
Gibbons P.	G.B.; U.S.A.
Coscia V. (Italy)	Italy (used)
Lee R. (Canada)	Canada
Gonzalez J. (Gibraltar)	Gibraltar; Morocco
Brown J.	G.B. (especially cards & letter cards)
Avery R.	Liechtenstein
Harris P.	Poland including German occupation
Gibb W.	British Commonwealth
Norris A.	Malaya pre-1957
Flint K.	Canada; Cyprus
Proudley P.	G.B. pre-decimal
Wheatley C.	Rhodesia; Nyasaland; Cyprus; Greece; Canada (especially railway related)
White P.	G.B. pre-decimal; Commonwealth, George VI reign; Monaco to 1939
Schlichter A. (Argentina)	Argentina; Chile; Sweden; Switzerland
Portocarrero M. (Portugal)	Portugal; Azores; Madeira; Brazil
Lualdi A. (Switzerland)	Switzerland S.T.O.; G.B. S.T.O. G.B.;
Sargent N.	World War 2 airletters; India G.B. &
Laurent F. (France)	Commonwealth George VI reign (especially British Africa)

Talboys S.	World
Bridges E.	South Africa; Transvaal
Webb P.	World international reply coupons & certificates of posting

To complete the membership listings in the October 1999 journal: the collecting interests of Boorn S. are cardiology theme & Nevis.

Total membership of 210 is made up as follows: United Kingdom 143; Europe 40; North America 17; Australasia 8; Africa 1; South America 1; Asia nil.

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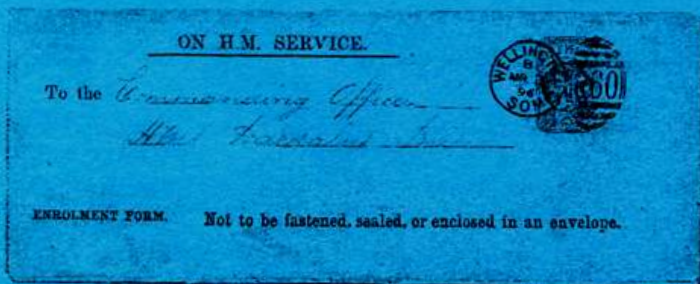
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