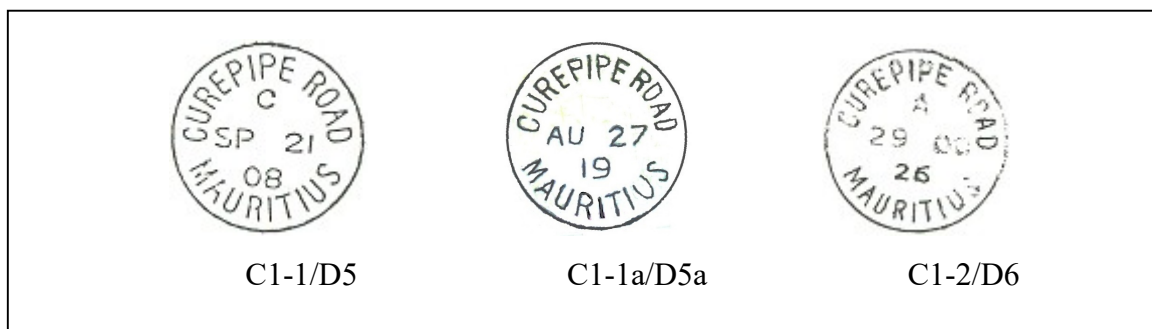


Curepipe Road cancellations

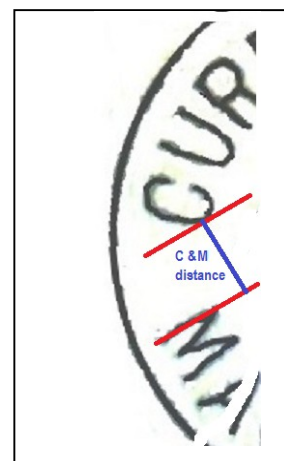
According to Proud there are 2 different cancellations between 1909 and 1927. They are called D5 and D6 and they look like below illustration taken from "THE POSTAL HISTORY OF MAURITIUS" by Edward B. Proud. I have recorded a new cancellation and called it C1-1a/D5a.



According to Proud the D5 canceller was used 9.1.09 - 16.5.22 and D6 was used 27.4.25 - 2.8.27. Visually you can see that D5 looks to have larger letters compared with D6 and D5 has also a little larger diameter compared with both D5a and D6.

When I have measured 5 different stamps with a USB microscope I have found the differences between them as:

Property	C1-1/D5	C1-1a/D5a	C1-2/D6
Diameter	25 mm	24 mm	24 mm
Letter height	Large (3.2mm)	Large (3.2mm)	Small (2.8mm)
Dist. C & M	2.7 mm	3.5 mm	4.9 mm
Recorded usage	Before Feb 1915	Feb 1917- Nov1920	1923 -



These are the stamps I have checked: D5= C1-1, D5a=C1-1a, D6=C1-2



To easily distinguish the different types:

D5 & D5a have higher letters than D6

D5 has a shorter distance between 'M' in MAURITIUS and 'C' in CUREPIPE ROAD compared with D5a and D5a has a shorter distance compared with D6.

I have not seen the D5a on any letter or card, so I suspect it is quite unusual. The D5 is quite common.

My LRD for D5 is January 14, 1915 (top right stamp). It is a little blurry and hard to measure, but I am quite convinced it is a type D5.