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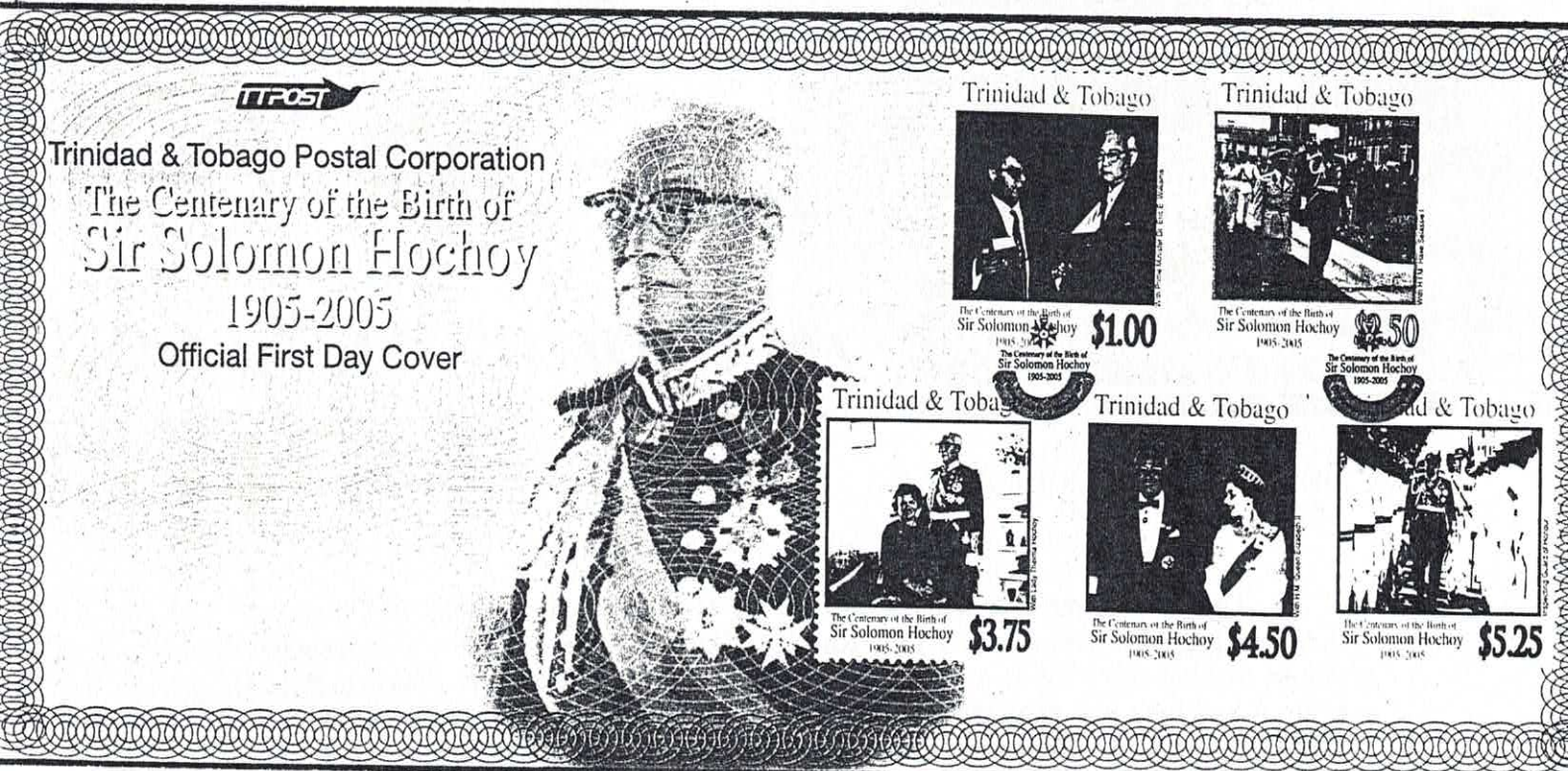


Fig. 1: THE CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF SIR SOLOMON HOCHOY FDC

The seventh issue released for 2005 was "The Centenary of the Birth of Sir Solomon Hochoy 1905-2005" on the 22nd September 2005. The issue was placed on sale on the 22nd October but was withdrawn by 10:30am – the reason being that a government ministry wished belatedly to hold a ceremony. Sale of the issue resumed approximately two weeks later. The date of issue on the FDC stated 22nd September.

The issue consisted of five stamps featuring photographs: \$1.00 – with the late Prime Minister Dr. Eric Williams; \$2.50 – with His Imperial Majesty Haile Salassie I (1966); \$3.75 – with Lady Thelma Hochoy; \$4.50 – with H.M. Queen Elizabeth II (1966); \$5.25 - Inspecting Guard of Honour. A Souvenir Sheet was produced which featured a photograph of a seated Sir Solomon Hochoy containing one \$15.00 stamp. The photographs used for the \$1.00 and \$5.25 stamps were supplied by the Trinidad & Tobago Government Information Service. The photographs used for the other stamps and the Souvenir Sheet were taken by Noel Norton.

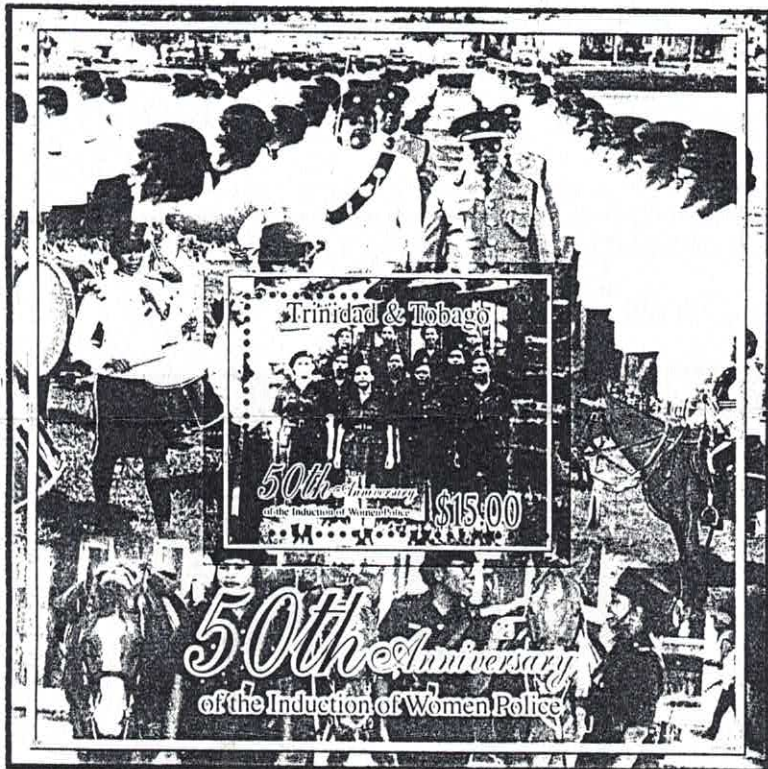


Fig.2: INDUCTION OF WOMEN POLICE S/S



Fig.3: T&T CHILDREN AGAINST CANCER

The stamps were printed in Colombia by Thomas Greg and Sons De Colombia S.A. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The issue was designed by Albert Sydney. The FDC's were sold at \$19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$15.00 each. A brochure was produced for the issue. TTPost also produced a 'Framed Collection' at \$ 250.00 each. Members can also refer to Bulletin #225/4 for another article on Sir Solomon Hochoy.

The eighth issue released for 2005 was the 50th Anniversary of the Induction of Women Police (Fig.2). The issue was released on the 30th September 2005 and consisted of one Souvenir Sheet containing one \$15.00 stamp. The Souvenir Sheet featured a photograph taken on the 25th August 1955 of the twelve women, chosen from a field of 2000 applicants, who were recruited and began training to become police officers.

The Souvenir Sheet was printed by Thomas Greg and Sons De Colombia S.A. and the graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. TTPost did not produce any FDC's for this issue. The Souvenir Sheets were sold at \$15.00 each. A brochure was produced for this issue.

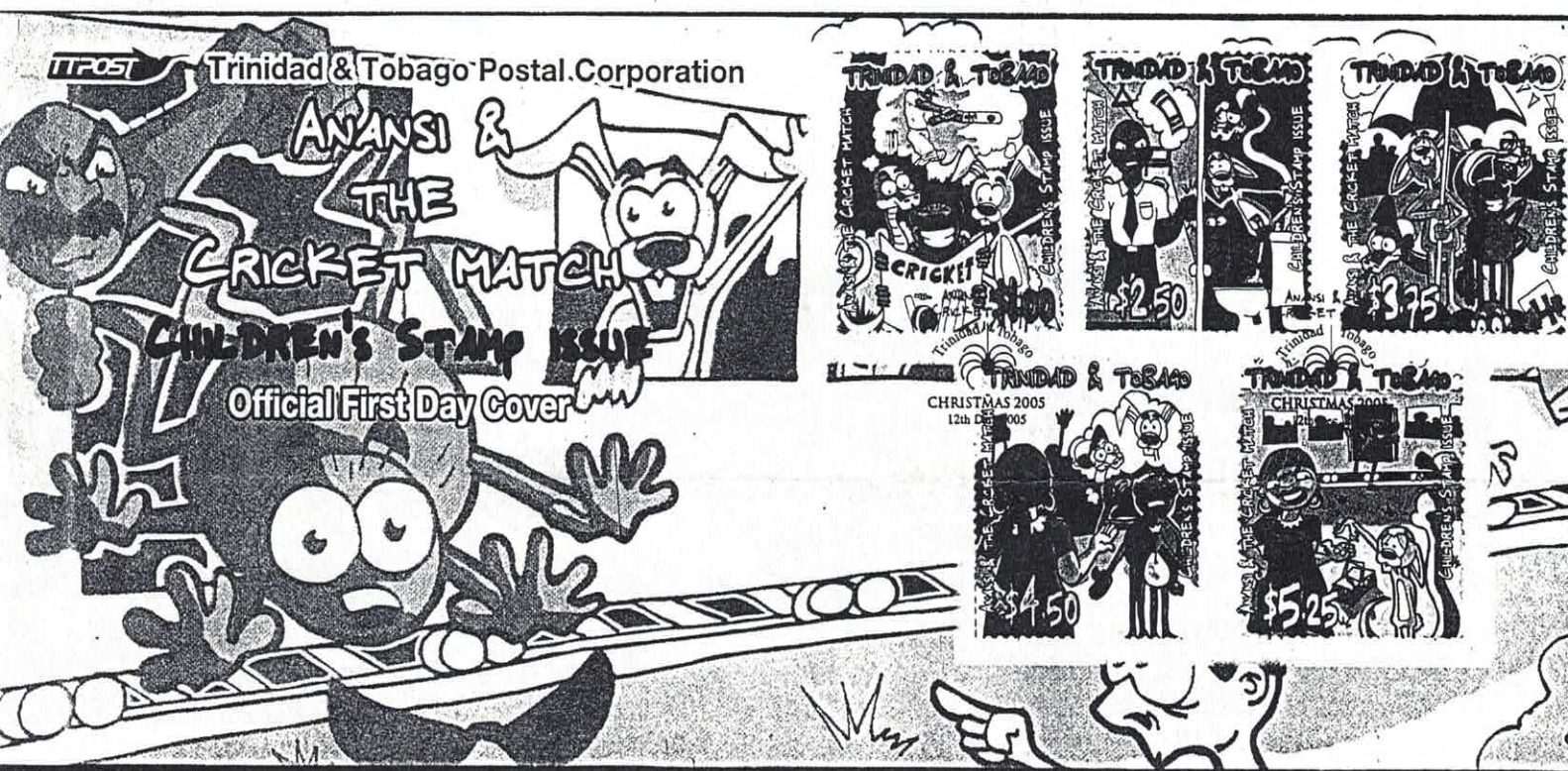


Fig.4: ANANSI AND THE CRICKET MATCH FDC

The ninth issue of 2005 was the T&T Children against Cancer (Fig.3). The issue was released on the 7th November and consisted of one Souvenir Sheet containing one \$15.00 stamp. TTPost worked with the T&T Cancer Society to produce this issue. The aim was to edify the public on the risks associated with smoking and to discourage the habit by targeting children.

The Souvenir Sheet was printed by Thomas Greg and Sons De Colombia S.A. and the graphics done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. TTPost did not produce any FDC's for this issue. The Souvenir Sheets were sold at \$20.00 each. The \$5.00 extra charge went to the T&T Cancer Society. A brochure was produced for this issue.

The tenth issue (Christmas 2005) was Anansi and the Cricket Match (Fig.4). The issue was released on the 12th December and consisted of five stamps which featured scenes of cartoon characters: \$1.00, \$2.50 \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$5.25. The five stamps related a children's story, Anansi and the Cricket Match. The story was contained in the brochure which must be read to follow the scenes depicted on the stamps. The Souvenir Sheet was produced with one \$ 5.00 stamp which illustrated another scene from the Anansi story.

The stamps were printed by Thomas Greg and Sons De Colombia S.A. and the graphics done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. The stamps reproduced paintings by Warren Le Plait. The FDC's were sold at \$19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheets at \$15.00 each.



CENTRAL BANK OF
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President Arthur N.R. Robinson with U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan
Commemorating the Inauguration
of the International Criminal Court \$1.00

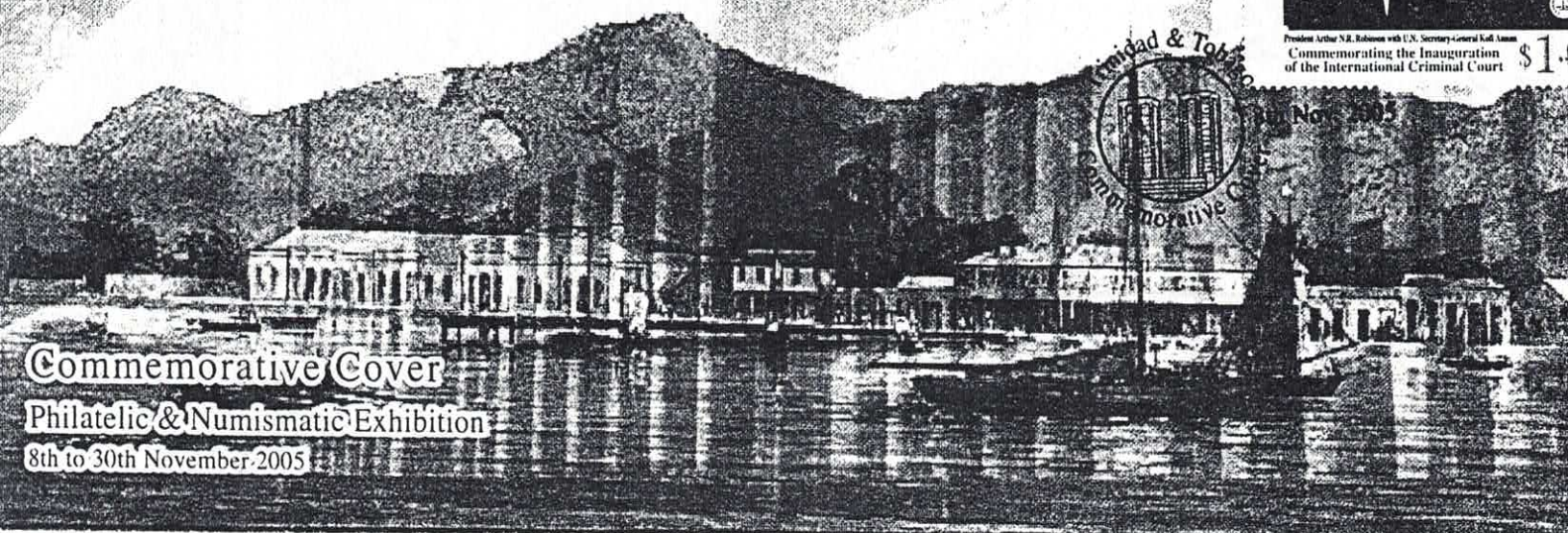


Fig.5: CENTRAL BANK OF T&T COMMEMORATIVE COVER

On the stamps and souvenir sheets TTPost has the words 'Children Stamp Issue'. The cost to a parent of this 'Children Stamp Issue' for one set, one FDC and one S/S is \$51.00. If the parent wishes to spend more, a 'Framed Collection' of the issue is available at \$250.00 each. Parents normally purchase one set / FDC / S/S for each child, but we do not know how enthusiastic they will be to purchase this issue for their children.

The Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago held a philatelic and numismatic exhibition at the Central Bank in Port-of-Spain during the period 8th – 30th November. They produced a commemorative cover for the event (Fig.5). The cover bears a \$1.00 stamp of the Inauguration of the International Criminal Court issue. All stamps used on the covers had the perforations on the right-hand cut off. The covers were presented at no charge to the visitors at the exhibition. We have obtained covers for our members. Write to the Hon. Secretary, Robert Franco, or collect it at our monthly POS meeting – there is no charge for the cover. The exhibition consisted mainly of the T&T Solid Waste Management Company Ltd. philatelic & numismatic T&T collection on the environment, the Central Bank display of currency notes and coins and stamps of Belize. The Central Bank is interested in bringing together the numismatic collectors to form a society.

Below is a summary of the 2005 Stamp Program

- 1) 18th January. Carnival Ole Time Mas - \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$3.75 & \$4.50.
Souvenir Sheet with one \$15.00 stamp.
- 2) 23rd February. Rotary International commemorative cover.
- 3) 12th April. World Record 400 Brian Lara - \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50 & \$5.25.
The Souvenir Sheet with one \$15.00 stamp.
- 4) 2nd May (approximately). Coastal Dreamscope booklet – ten \$1.00 stamps.

- 5) 18th May (approximately). Local Herbal Medicinal Plants – 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00.
- 6) 27th June. Caribbean Postal Union Conference. Commemorative cover.
- 7) 15th August. Tobago Heritage Festival – \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50 & \$5.25. Souvenir Sheet with one \$15.00 stamp.
- 8) 22nd October. Sir Solomon Hochoy - \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50 & \$5.25. Souvenir Sheet with one \$15.00 stamp.
- 9) 30th September. 50th Anniversary Women Police. Souvenir Sheet only with one \$15.00 stamp.
- 10) 7th November. T&T Children against Cancer. Souvenir Sheet only with one \$15.00 stamp.
- 11) 8th November. Central Bank of Trinidad & Tobago Commemorative cover.
- 12) 12th December. Anansi and the Cricket Match \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50 & \$5.25. Souvenir Sheet with one \$15.00 stamp.

Presently, the only news we have of the 2006 Stamp Programme are two issues under consideration: Caribbean Single Market Economy and the late Pope John Paul II.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2006 at St. Mary's College, Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain. Nominations are required for all posts for the 2006/2007 sessions. Please respond and nominate any member whom you believe could serve well, but please have your nominee sanction their acceptance.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ordinary members are reminded that the 2006 dues were due by the 31st December 2005. The 2006 dues for local members are adults \$30.00 and juniors \$20.00. Please send early. Your dues can be paid either at the meetings or mail it to P.O. Box 596 Port-of-Spain. For our overseas members, the dues are Canada CDN \$13.00, UK£6.00 and all others US\$10.00. Please make cheques payable to the Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago. Ordinary members can pay two or more years at a time, based on the annual given above. Life membership is TT\$300.00 for local members or US\$100.00 for the overseas members.

LADY McLEOD SILVER INGOT



LEFT : FRONT OF INGOT

RIGHT : BACK OF INGOT



Albert Sydney reported a silver ingot replica of the Lady McLeod Stamp. The ingot measurements are 9.5mm wide, 11.5mm tall and 0.87mm thick. The illustrations above are enlarged. On the back of the ingot is stated – TRINIDAD / 1847 / STERLING / Copyright symbol F82. The size of the ingot is much smaller than the stamp. If anyone has information on this item, please send a note to the editor or Albert.

SCHREINER AIRWAYS – HELICOPTER POST

Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon sent us the illustration above. The cover was sold recently on e-bay. This is the first report we have of this cover. On the cachet of the cover is stated SCHREINER AIRWAYS HELICOPTER POST 1975. If any one has more information on Schreiner Airways, please contact Ben at 3011 White Oak Lane, Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA.

GENERAL NEWS

Rev. Ray Leavitt informed Scott Catalog of the spelling error in the two Chacachacare Lighthouse stamps. Scott Catalog examined his set which was supplied by the PSTT. In the January 2006 issue of the Scott Stamp Monthly, in the "To Err" Column, is an article on the error. The errors are listed as Scott #681B and #681C with no value stated for them. The stamps with the correct spelling are listed as Scott #679 and #681.

Nutmeg Stamp Sales Inc. of Connecticut, USA, includes in their newspaper advertisements the article, 'Our Philatelic Heritage'. The article usually honors the legendary dealers and collectors of the past in our hobby. The article in their advertisement in Linn's edition of 28th November 2005 honored Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon – 'A Great Leader in Chicagoland Philately'. Ben's exhibits of T&T have won many, many gold medals worldwide. His many exhibits and publications have always kept T&T in the spotlight abroad. The article will be available at our next meeting.