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## NEW ISSUE NEWS

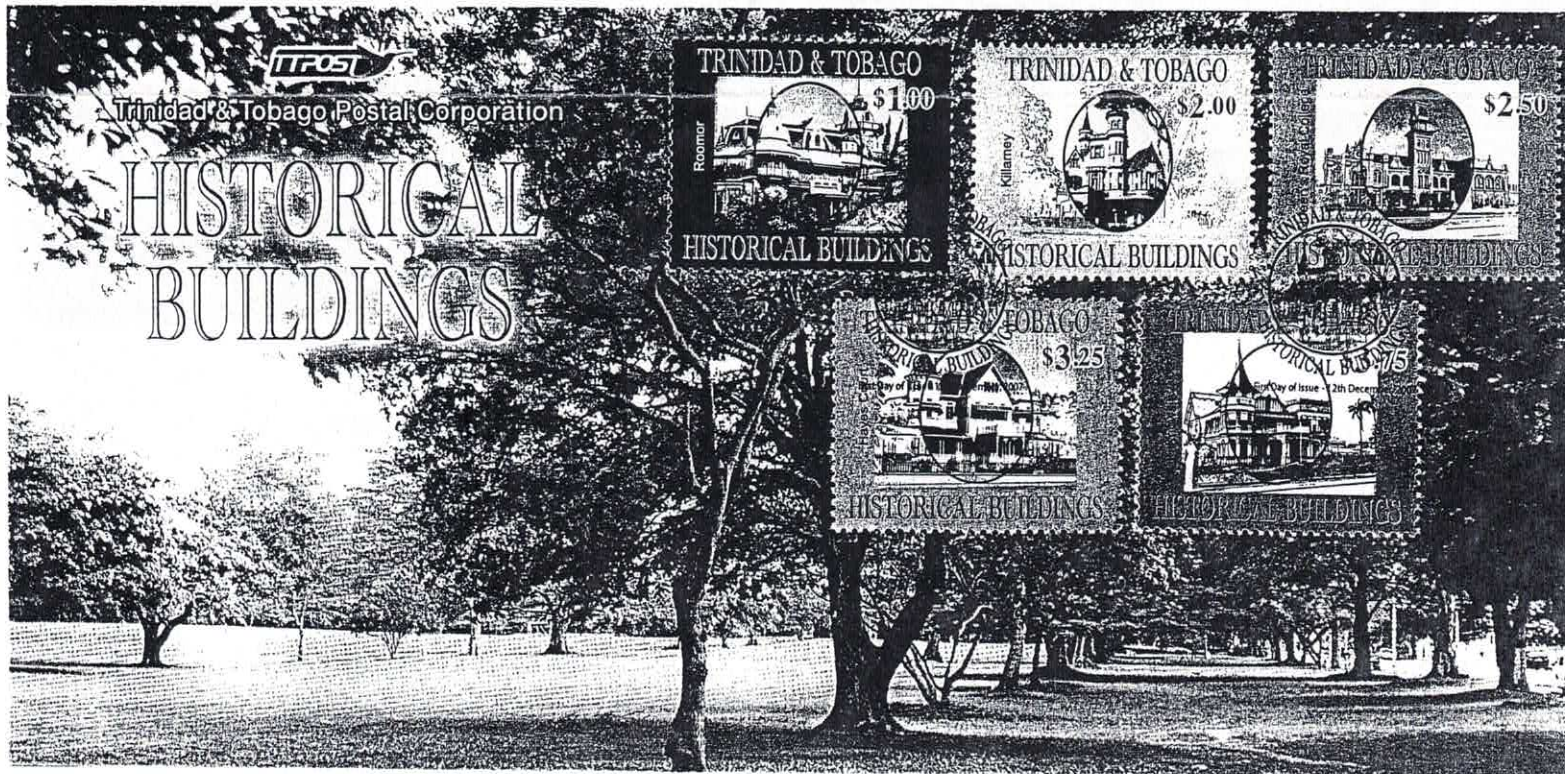


FIG. 1: HISTORIC BUILDINGS DEFINITIVE FDC - \$1.00 to \$3.75

The fourth and final issue released in 2007 was the 'Historic Buildings' definitive on the 12th December. The issue consisted of nine stamps featuring buildings located around the Queen's Park Savannah: \$ 1.00 - Roomor (Ambard's House); \$ 2.00 - Killarney (Stollmeyer's Castle); \$ 2.50 - Queen's Royal College; \$ 3.25 - Hayes Court; \$ 3.75 - Knowsley; \$ 4.50 - Mille Fleurs; \$ 10.00 - Boissiere's House; \$20.00 - Archbishop's House; \$ 50.00 - White Hall (Rosenweg).

The issue was printed by Cartor Security Printing, France. The photographs were taken by Noel Norton. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. Two FDC's were produced. One FDC with \$ 1.00,





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# HISTORICAL BUILDINGS



FIG. 2: HISTORIC BUILDINGS DEFINITIVE FDC - \$ 4.50 to \$ 50.00

\$ 2.00, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.25 and \$ 3.75 stamps was sold at \$ 15.00 each. The other FDC with \$ 4.50, \$ 10, \$ 20 and \$ 50 stamps was sold at \$ 85.00 each. No souvenir sheets were produced. A brochure was prepared for the issue.

TTPost advised us that the \$ 50.00 stamp denomination was produced based on requests by the franchise TTPost shops. These franchise holders require the \$ 50 stamps for use on parcels. The 1990 Birds definitive had a \$ 50 stamp (SG #798/Sc#520). At that time the Law Society had requested it to pay revenue.

The large corporate TTPost outlets have Post-Link machines which print out a self-adhesive label for a parcel. The Post-Link machines are connected to the scale weighing the parcel. The label produced has the following information: the country of destination, weight, date, amount of postage and a bar code to track the parcel. The self-adhesive label is affixed to the parcel. These labels are used also on Express Mail Service (EMS) packages.

It should be noted that the 2005 Herbal Medicine definitive had ten denominations: 25c, 50c, 75c, \$ 1.00, \$ 3.00, \$ 3.25, \$ 4.00, \$ 5.00, \$ 10.00 and \$ 20.00 . There are only four denominations in common with the new definitive. We may have two definitives in simultaneous use.



Due to the high cost of this new definitive (\$ 97.00/ set of stamps), if any members wish to reduce their standing order with the Hon. Secretary, Robert Franco, please advise him as soon as possible. The Souvenir Sheet to commemorate the Montreal Protocol has been rescheduled for release in January 2008.

Below is a summary of the philatelic calendar 2007.

- 1) 15th March. ICC Cricket World Cup: \$ 1.00, \$ 2.00, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.75 and \$ 4.50. Souvenir Sheet with one \$ 15.00 stamp.
- 2) 14th September. Centennial of the Re-opening of the Red House: \$ 1.00, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.75 and \$ 5.25. Souvenir sheet with one \$ 15.00 stamp.
- 3) 21st September. St. Mary's Children's Home 150th Anniversary: \$ 1.00, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.75 and \$ 4.50. No souvenir sheet was produced.
- 4) 12th December. Historic Buildings definitive: \$ 1.00, \$ 2.00, \$ 2.50, \$ 3.25, \$ 3.75, \$ 4.50, \$ 10.00, \$ 20.00 and \$ 50.00. No souvenir sheet was produced.
- 5) 31st December 2006/ 1st January 2007. BWIA/Caribbean Airlines Last Flight/First Flight Covers. Produced by the PSTT.
- 6) 2007. New design International Reply Coupon.

### INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPON

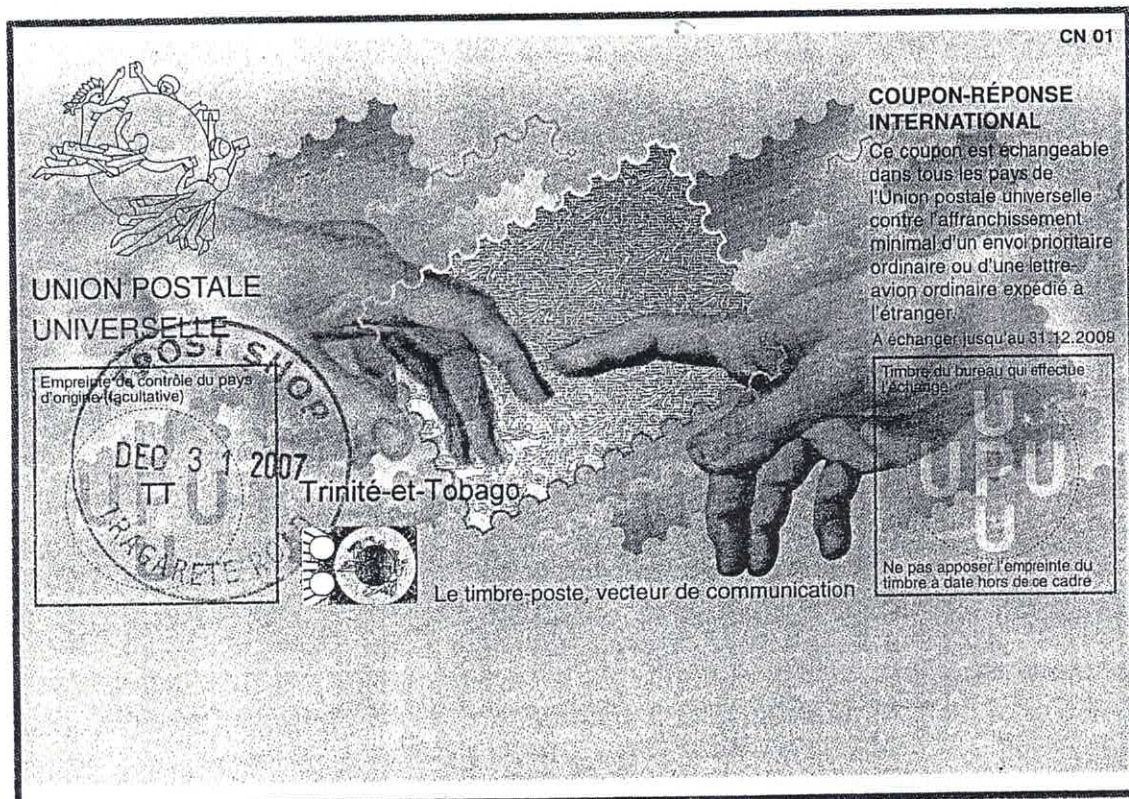


FIG. 1: NEW DESIGN INTERNATIONAL REPLY CUPON



A new design International Reply Coupon (IRC) has been in circulation. It is believed to have been placed on sale in the first quarter of 2007. The TTPost outlets sell them at \$ 7.50 each. On the front of the IRC is printed 'Trinite-et-Tobago'. On the back of the IRC is printed the usual instructions, a bar code and a serial number. On the back also states "Must be exchanged by 31.12.2009". Therefore, some change in the IRC design can be expected by 2010.

The Congress of the Universal Postal Union in Rome in 1907 approved the adoption of the IRC. Therefore, the IRC celebrated its centennial year in 2007. When one corresponds with someone abroad and a reply is required, it is a courtesy to pay the postage for the reply. One can send an IRC to the person abroad and that person can take it to their Post Office and exchange it for stamps to pay airmail postage for the reply. A foreign IRC can be exchanged at a TTPost outlet for \$ 5.25 in stamps. The postage rate of \$ 5.25 is the highest (ZONE D) and can send a letter up to 20g anywhere in the world.

The new design with the two hands with fingers about to touch was inspired by the famous Michelangelo work *Creation of Adam*. This work is located on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. This image symbolizes the notion of communication and exchange.

The first design 1907 (see Fig. 2) illustrated a draped female figure carrying a letter. Over the years the design has changed. See Bulletin #216/3 for the 2002 IRC design. IRC's may seem rather archaic to some in this age of the Internet. However, it must be pointed out that most of the people in the world have access to postal services whereas only a small fraction have access to the Internet. Besides, the United Nations Charter stipulates access to postal services as a fundamental human right. There is no such U.N. protection for access to the Internet.

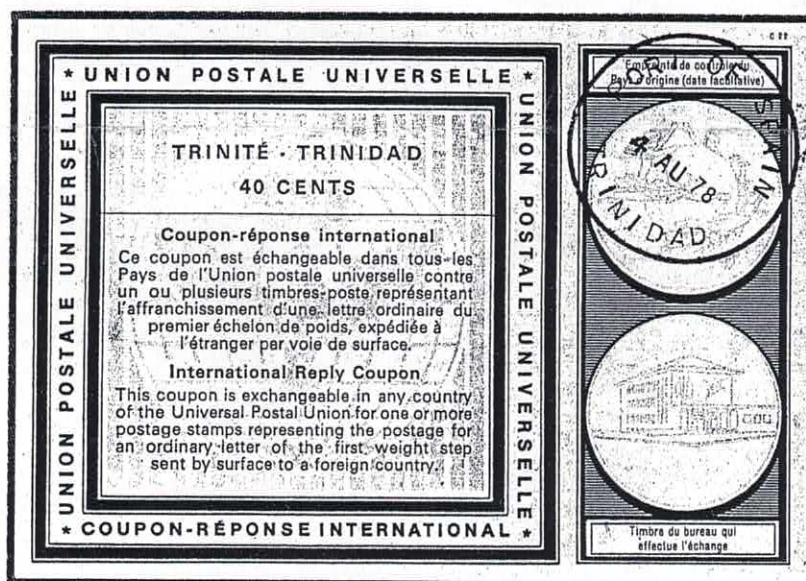


FIG. 3: INTERNATIONAL REPLY CUPON - ABOVE DESIGN IN USE CIRCA 1966 to 1978





FIG. 2: AN UNCUT BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPLY CUPON OF THE 1907 DESIGN. This flowery classical design was in use until 1929.





FIG. 4: INTERNATIONAL REPLY CUPON - ABOVE DESIGN IN USE 1979 TO 2002  
GENERAL NEWS

As stated in a previous Bulletin, those Airport Departure Tax receipts passengers obtain when leaving the international airports of Crown Point and Piarco are collectible items. In the 2008 budget, it was announced that the departure tax will be incorporated in the price of the airline ticket. Therefore, the present method of collecting the departure tax will be eliminated.

A water-taxi (ferry) service between Port of Spain and San Fernando is scheduled to commence in 2008. Jazad Ali points out to the similarity between this water-taxi and the service provided by the Lady McLeod on this same route over 150 years ago. In 1847, there was no road linking POS and San Fernando.

A non-member has his collection for sale. It is stored in over forty albums / binders. The collection covers all the Windward and Leeward Islands, T&T, British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos. The islands collections are weak in the Queen Victoria era but are much better when it reaches the reign of King George VI. The Queen Elizabeth II issues are almost complete and the collection stops in the 1990's. The country collections consist of mainly mint single stamps and S/S's, however, T&T has many blocks of four and six.

In addition to the country collections, the collector has many omnibus collections - 1972 Royal Silver Wedding, 1977 QE Silver Jubilee, 1978 Coronation, 1981 Prince Charles & Lady Diana Royal Wedding, 1982 21st Birthday Princess of Wales, Royal Baby, etc. The entire collection is in very fine condition. It has been kept in an air-conditioned room throughout. The stamps and S/S's are mounted in printed albums or on Hagner leaves. It appears that much of the items in the collection were sourced from Stanley Gibbons in the United Kingdom. If any member is interested in this collection, please contact the Editor.