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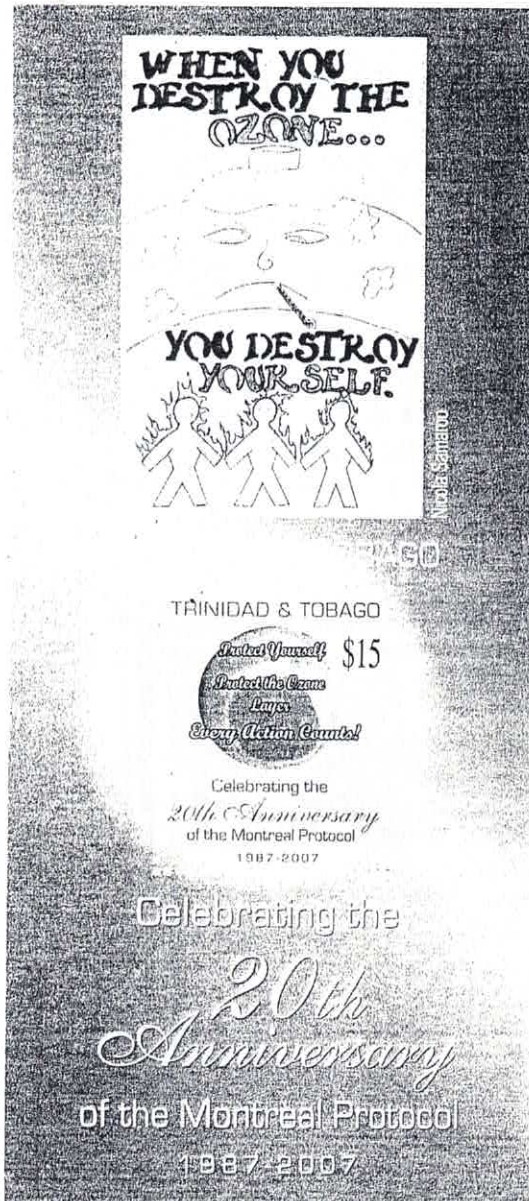
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NEW ISSUE NEWS



The first issue released in 2008 was the 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on the 24th January. The issue consisted of a Souvenir Sheet only with a single \$ 15 stamp. The stamp illustrated a globe with the words: Protect Yourself / Protect the Ozone Layer / Every Action Counts.

The issue was printed by Cartor Security Printing, France. The graphics were done by Troy Rhodes of DesignWise. No FDC's were produced. The Souvenir Sheet was sold at \$ 15.00 each. Instead of the usual brochure, information on the issue was printed on a folder which enclosed the Souvenir Sheet.

The Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer is an international agreement under which all countries are committed to phase out Ozone Depleting Substances such as CFC's (chlorofluorocarbons).

A Terminal Phase-out Management Plan for the Complete Phase-out of CFC's is presently being implemented by the National Ozone Unit in the Ministry of Public Utilities and the Environment. All imports of CFC's are prohibited as of 31st December 2007.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT (ENLARGED): \$3.25- 'HAYNES COURT' ERROR, \$4.50- 'MILLE FLEURS' ERROR & \$3.75- CHINESE ARRIVAL 'SADDLE ROAD' ERROR

The Historic Buildings definitive issued on the 12th December 2007, had errors on two of the stamps. The building on the \$ 3.25 stamp was stated to be Haynes Court but it was Mille Fleurs. The building on the \$ 4.50 stamp was stated to be Mille Fleurs but it was Haynes Court. We anticipate these two errors will be corrected when the stamps are reprinted. These errors are currently on sale at TTPost outlets, therefore they are plentiful.

The \$ 3.75 stamp of the Chinese Arrival Bicentenary issue illustrated a painting by Amy Leong Pang. On the stamp the title of the painting was stated to be " Saddle Road", however, it has been reported to us that the title of the painting was " The Saddle Road".

HOTEL DE PARIS



FIG.1: COVER OF HOTEL DE PARIS circa 1931.



FIG.2: PICTURE POSTCARD HOTEL DE PARIS

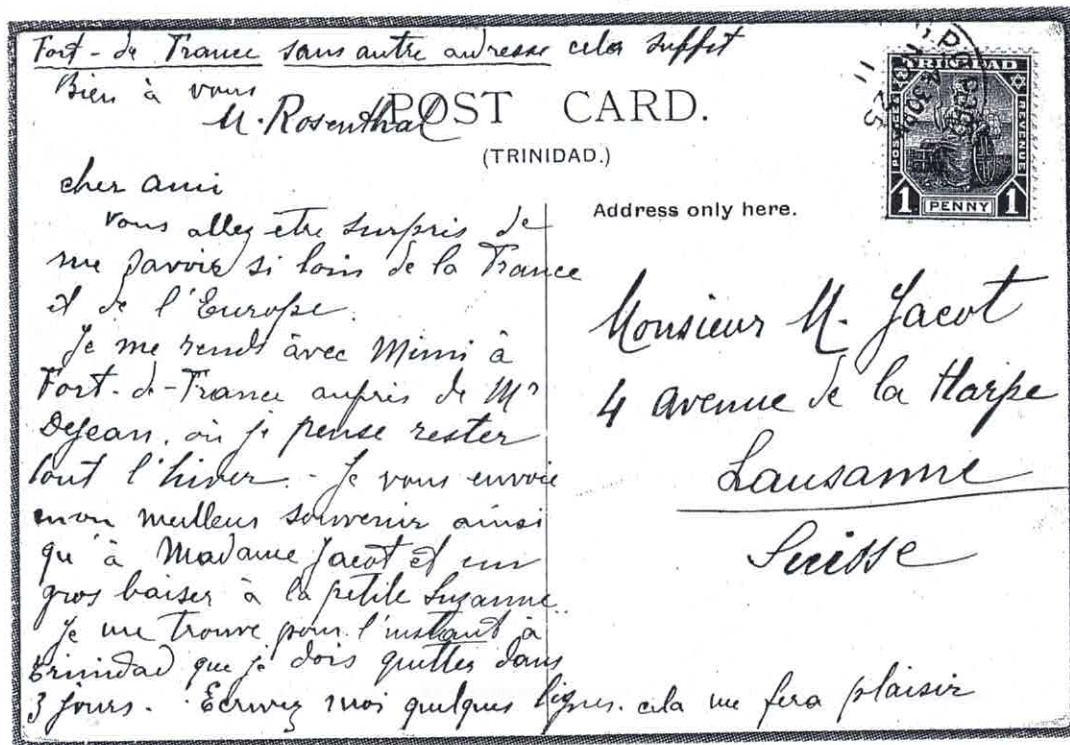


FIG.3: REVERSE OF PPC HOTEL DE PARIS

During its heyday, the Hotel de Paris was the finest hotel in Trinidad. The hotel was located on the western side of Abercromby Street in downtown Port of Spain. It was adjacent to the Canadian Bank of Commerce which occupied the corner of Abercromby Street and Marine Square (now Independence Square). Republic Bank is now located on the corner.

The picture postcard (Fig.2.) showed views of the front of the Hotel on Abercromby Street, the Salle a Manger (Dining-room), Jardin (Garden) and the Salon (Living-room). The postcard was mailed to Switzerland and the date-stamp stated: "Port of Spain 4:30pm November 25, 1911". The message was written in French. No publisher's name was stated on the postcard.

The cover (Fig.1) was mailed to the USA and was franked by 1 shilling and 3 pence in postage. The cover has a machine cancellation and was mailed circa 1931. The cover was standard hotel stationery at that time. The hotel was a city landmark therefore in the return address it was sufficient to state the location as only Port of Spain. Under the return address was stated "The Most Homelike City Hotel in the West Indies". The logo on the left of the stamps stated: Member/American Hotel Association.

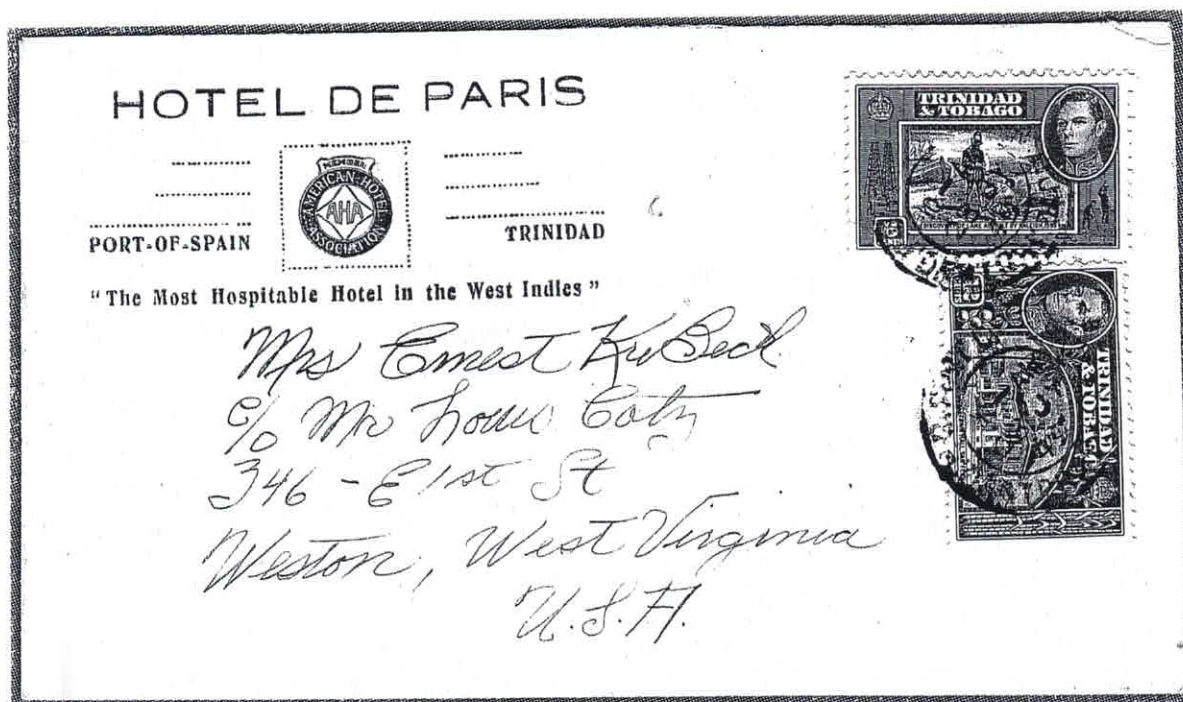


FIG.4: COVER OF HOTEL DE PARIS dated 28th July 1949

REPORT ON THE A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 13th February at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were seven members. The returning officer was Mr. Mark McPeanne. The results of the election of officers are: President - Mr. John Chay; Vice-Presidents - Mr. Jazad Ali and Mr. Albert Sydney; Hon. Secretary - Mr. Robert Franco; Treasurer - Vacant; the four Committee Members - Mr. Motilal Dass, Ms. Marjorie Smith, Mr Roger Ramoutar and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Mark McPeanne; Hon. Auditor - Mr. G. Sancho. Mr. Albert Sydney will act as Treasurer until the post is filled.

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Please remember that our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start at 6pm and not 8pm on the second Wednesday of every month.

INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS (continued from Bulletin # 239)

The 1907 design of the IRC was used until 1929. Following the Postal Union Congress held at London in 1929, a new design was introduced (see figs. 1 & 2). The design featured pillars on the left and right with spaces for the datestamps of the issuing and paying post offices.

The 1929 design was used until 1966 when the design illustrated in Fig. 3 Bulletin # 238 was placed on sale. Fig. 1 illustrates the IRC overprinted 18¢ in black, previously the price printed was 16¢. Fig. 2 illustrates the IRC with the price of 24¢ stated.



FIG.1: IRC 1929 DESIGN OVERPRINTED 18¢ (FORMERLY 16¢)



FIG.2: IRC 1929 DESIGN PRINTED PRICE 24¢