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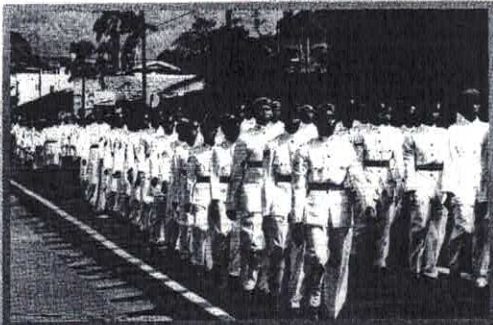
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO CADET FORCE



100TH ANNIVERSARY (1910-2010)



OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



FIG.1: 100th ANNIVERSARY T&T CADET FORCE

The third issue released in 2010 was the 100th Anniversary of the T&T Cadet Force on the 1st December. The issue consisted of five stamps and one Souvenir Sheet.

The \$ 1.00 stamp depicts a photo of Sir Solomon Hochoy, our first Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief with Cadets for the then Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, now known as the President's Award. The cadets are dressed in the uniform of the period: short pants and putties. The photograph was taken after the cadets received their presentation medals from Sir Solomon. It is important to note that Sir Solomon assented to the Cadet Force Act in 1964. The \$ 2.50 stamp depicts happy youngsters in their Dress Drill Order Uniform.

The \$ 3.75 stamp, depicts a Platoon of cadets from our sister-isle Tobago, with the Cadet Shield and the Principal of Bishop's High School, Major Eugene Blackette, who later became Commandant and Commanding Officer. He is flanked on the right by Sgt. Major Ebenezer Scipio and Sgt. Allan Richards. The Efficiency Shield was introduced in 1925 and it was then known as the Cadet Challenge Shield for Efficiency, based on monthly parades and shooting on the range. It is one of the most prized awards for any Battalion throughout the Force.

The \$ 4.50 stamp depicts Cadets at the Unit of St. Mary's College, established in 1910 jointly with Queen's Royal College. The uniform consisted of a khaki shirt and short pants with putties and a standard-issued leather-pouched bandolier. The cadets are using a Carbine weapon, the Lee-Enfield bolt-action rifle, which was the main firearm used by the military forces of the **British Empire and Commonwealth** during the first half of the 20th century. It was the **British Army's** standard rifle from its official adoption in 1895 until 1957.

The \$ 5.25 stamp, depicts some notable Cadet Force Officers of the TTCF: Captain Victor Wheeler (then Principal of Bishop's Tobago), Major Eugene C.R. Blackette and Major Carlton Gardier. Major Gardier served in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Non-Commissioned Officer during World War II. He participated in the Allied Forces invasion at Normandy in France on D-Day, 6th June 1944. He was Mentioned in Despatches, which is a military award for gallantry or otherwise commendable or distinguished service by Order of King George VI published in the London Gazette, as a record of His Majesty's high appreciation. Lt. Noel Sosa is also in the picture.

The \$ 15 Souvenir Sheet depicts a background photo of Troops on parade at Queen's Royal College. The officers are wearing the then Ceremonial Uniform of Service Dress. In 1910 the Cadet Corps wore the cap badge of the Trinidad Volunteers - a Star of David emblazoned with the letters T.V. In 1954, the badge was changed to a shield supported by crossed rifles with a map of Trinidad and Tobago with the British Lion surmounted by a Crown with the legend in latin: Deo et Regina, meaning God and Queen (Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II). After Republican status in 1976, the cap badge was changed with the Crown removed and the new legend God and Country encircled by a wreath. The Cadet Force Colours are depicted at an Annual Inspection Parade at King George V Memorial Park. The first Colour was presented to the Corps in 1955 by His Excellency Sir Hubert Rance, Governor, at a ceremony at Queen's Royal College. It was consecrated by His Grace Count Finbar Ryan, Archbishop of Port of Spain. Also depicted are the

List of Commandants of the Force from 1910 to present and medals awarded to the Force throughout its existence. The most notable medals are the Medal of Merit from 1977, the General Service Medal of the Fifth Summit of the Americas and the Caricom Caribbean Cadet Medal. The actual stamp depicts Sir George Ruthven Le Hunt, Governor, who established the Trinidad Cadet Corps in 1910 and His Excellency Professor George Maxwell Richards, current President and Commander-in-Chief.

The cachet of the FDC depicts Cadets on parade wearing the recent Ceremonial white uniforms which replaced the "Texaco" green shirts and slacks for Ceremonial Order. This stamp issue was designed by 2Lt. Albert Sydney who also provided the above information on the issue.

This issue was printed by Cartor Security Printing, France. The FDC was sold at \$ 20.00 each and the S/S at \$ 15.00 each. No brochure was produced for this issue.

TTPost informed us that two other issues were released in December 2010. One issue commemorated the 30th Anniversary of the Tobago House of Assembly and the subject of the other issue was Festivals/Christmas. As of the first week January 2011, only the stamps of the Cadet Force issue were observed on sale at retail outlets. There were no FDC's or S/S's on sale for any of the three issues.

BOOK REVIEW - TRINIDAD A PHILATELIC HISTORY TO 1913

Trinidad - A Philatelic History to 1913 was written by the late Sir John Marriott, KCVD, RDP, FRPSL, Michael Medlicott and Reuben A. Ramkissoon, FRPSL. The book was published by the British West Indies Study Circle in conjunction with the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. This book updates the 1963 book by Sir John Marriott and takes it to 1913. It would suffice to state that this book is an indispensable reference to anyone who collects the postal history of Trinidad. The book consists of 360 pages, it is extensively illustrated and contains an incredible amount of research.

The book is on view at our monthly meetings. At present, we do have copies on sale at our meetings. Only four hundred books were printed. Books can also be purchased from Pennymead Auctions in the United Kingdom. E-mail address: Pennymead@aol.com or Edward Barrow in the USA. Website:www.westindia-co.com

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

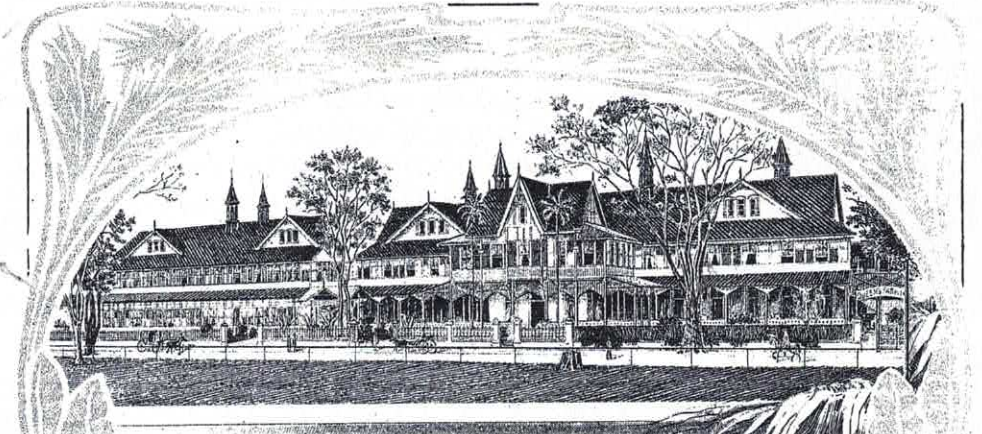
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at St. Mary's College, Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain. Nominations are required for all posts for the 2011/12 sessions. Please respond and nominate any member whom you believe could serve well, but please have you nominee sanction their acceptance.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ordinary members are reminded that the 2011 dues were due by the 31st December 2009. The 2010 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 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 \$ 500.00 for local members or US \$ 150.00 for overseas members. Due to bank charges in T&T, we ask our overseas members to send payment via a bank money order (manager's cheque) or a personal cheque drawn on a USA bank. Please do not make any payment using a Postal Order.

QUEEN'S PARK HOTEL MENU POSTCARD

In Bulletin # 244/4 a menu card for dinner dated 26th February 1913 was reported. Another menu card has been reported (Fig. 1). On this card is printed the breakfast menu for 3rd March 1907. At the top of the menu card is a postcard which can be torn off. The front of the card has a view of the hotel. The back of the card is divided for the address and message. The name of the printer was not stated on the card. To the right of "pastelles" is written "Curried Prawns" in pencil.



Queen's Park Hôtel, Trinidad
B. W. I.

JOHN Mc EWEN, Manager

3rd March 1907

Menu

BREAKFAST.

- Kallaloo with Crab.
- Quaker Oats.
- Boiled Rice.
- Grape Nuts
- Hominy.
- Breaded Fish Steaks & Tomato Sauce.
- Boiled Salt Cod & Egg Sauce.
- Fresh Fish Balls—Cream Sauce.
- Pastelles. *Currant Sauce*
- Leicester Medley Pie.
- Pepper Pot.
- Breaded Calf's Sweetbreads.
- Wselh Rabbit.

TO ORDER in 15 Minutes.

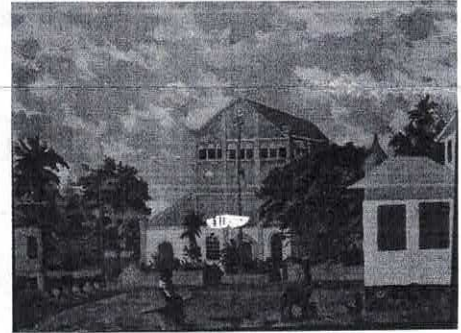
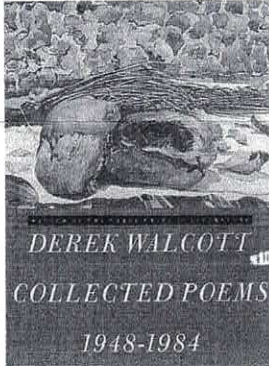
- Grilled Sirloin Steak.
- Mutton Chops.
- Devilled Kidney.
- Devilled Ham.
- Omelets.
- Eggs (Any Style).
- York Cut Ham.
- Irish Bacon
- Wheat Cakes & Maple Syrup.

Potatoes. Plantain. Sweet Potatoes. Salad.
 Fruit Salad.
 Jam Marmalade,
 Tea. Cocoa Coffee

MENU CARD OF 3rd MARCH 1907 WITH PICTURE POSTCARD ON TOP.
THE POSTCARD CAN BE TORN / CUT-OFF TO SEPARATE IT FROM MENU.



Other recipients of the Award include Dame Nita Barrow (Barbados), Justice Telford Georges (Trinidad & Tobago), Sir Alister McIntyre (St. Lucia) and The Rt. Hon. Michael Manley (Jamaica) in 1994, The Rt. Hon. Vere Cornwall Bird (Antigua & Barbuda), Arthur NR Robinson (Trinidad & Tobago), Sir Philip Sherlock (Jamaica) and Sir Garfield Sobers (Barbados) in 1998, Sir George Alleyne (Barbados), Hon. George Price (Belize) and Slinger Francisco (The Mighty Sparrow, Trinidad & Tobago) in 2001, Dame Eugenia Charles (Dominica), Sir John Compton (St. Lucia) and Lloyd Best (Trinidad & Tobago) in 2003, Prof. the Hon. Rex Nettleford (Jamaica), George Lamming (Barbados), Dr. Nicholas Liverpool (Dominica), Brian Lara (Trinidad & Tobago) and Fidel Castro (Cuba) in 2008.



Above; then President-elect Barack Obama of the United States of America with a copy of Derek Walcott's Collected Poems 1948-1984. Centre; President Raul Castro of Cuba holds up the Order of the Caribbean Community that was conferred to ailing Cuban Revolution leader Dr. Fidel Castro, Honoris Causa during the closing ceremony of the third Cuba-CARICOM summit on December 8, 2008 in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. At right, oil painting by Derek Walcott of Catholic Church in Gros Islet, St. Lucia which is featured in the book Tiepolo's Hound (Sydney Collection)

In addition to his creative writing, Derek Walcott has been painting in oils and watercolour for a significant number of years. The June Kelly Gallery hosted his first New York Exhibition titled 'Derek Walcott: *Another Life: Paintings and Watercolors*' in 2005. His paintings are featured on his many publications. During the Interlocking Basins of the Globe Conference at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, an exhibition of his paintings from the private collection of his family were on display at the Office of the Campus Principal. These included a number of local scenes, including Santa Cruz landscape, La Pastora Queen's Park Savannah, Petit Valley, Ti Jean & His Brothers, Rasta Rider, St. Lucia and a watercolour of Coconut Trees by his father Warwick Walcott.

His works have been featured on postage stamps from his native St. Lucia, in a 1993 issue showing a painting of Rodney Bay and in 2002 for the 10th Anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize in Literature. The Grenadines of Grenada also released a set of two stamps on Nobel Prize Winners featuring Derek Walcott (Literature) and Sir Arthur Lewis (Economics) who both share the same birth date of 23rd January.

Mr. Walcott read a number of poems from his forthcoming title 'White Egrets'. Professor Clement Sankat, Principal of the St. Augustine Campus of UWI, announced during the closing Ceremony that he looks forward to Derek Walcott being a Writer in Residence at the University of the West Indies at the St. Augustine Campus in the near future.