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NEW ISSUE NEWS

In Bulletin # 237, we reported that Benji's Quick Quality Service did a second print-run of the \$1.00 overprint (Type II) on the \$2.25 1990 Birds definitive stamp. The quantity overprinted was 500,000 stamps. These stamps were placed on sale from mid-October. It appears that the overprints from the two print-runs are identical as we cannot find anything significantly different between the two.

The first printing (Type I) was done by D.S. Printers of Cunupia (not Diaz Printers as reported previously). It is somewhat elusive, only Jazad Ali and Joe Chin Aleong reported finding any on mail. The PSTT was unable to obtain any for its members. However, Joe Chin Aleong has a few for sale on his website (www.westindiana.com).

TTPost inherited from the defunct Postal Service a considerable stock of the \$2.25 1990 Birds definitive stamps. Although large quantities were used for the 75c and \$1 overprints, over a million stamps remain. As this denomination is obsolete, we can expect more overprints of this stamp in the future.

The quantities printed for the 50th Anniversary of Independence issue were 87,500 of each stamp and 1000 FDC's. The production quantity for the new booklet (see Bulletin # 257) was 10,000. The booklet covers were printed by D.S Printers and TTPost staff affixed the stamps inside the booklets.

No new issues are planned for the near future.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 (Ash Wednesday) at St. Mary's College, Frederick Street, Port-of-Spain. Nominations are required for all posts for the 2013/14 session. Please respond and nominate any member whom you believe could serve well, but please have you nominee sanction their acceptance.

GENERAL NEWS

The 50th Anniversary of Independence logo which was illustrated on one of the stamps of the Golden Jubilee issue was designed by Debbie Boos. She designed two issues previously: The Latin American Geological Congress in 1979 (SG #539-42/Sc #308-11) and the Environmental Preservation in 1981 (SG #585-7/Sc #345-7).

A Postal Code began in T&T with Point Fortin being chosen by TTPost for the pilot project. The S-42 addressing standard used by members of the Universal Postal Union and the associated postal code will be used eventually throughout T&T. The Point Fortin project involved assigning house numbers, naming of streets and communities and erecting street signs. Presently, many businesses and residential addresses include the lamp post number, street name without building number, lot number and mile post markers. (Reference - Trinidad Guardian, 11th January 2013).

In his World Post Day message (9th Oct 2012), The Hon. Minister of Public Utilities, Nizam Baksh, stated that TTPost has 13 Corporate outlets, 75 Franchises, 119 Stamp Resellers and 49 Delivery Offices. TTPost serves 413,011 households in T&T, processing an average of 520,000 pieces of mail per month.

The use of Incoming Registration Tracking Labels has apparently been discontinued sometime in the last quarter of 2011. Registered mail from abroad already have a tracking label (barcode label) on them from the country of origin. Therefore, there is apparently no need for TTPost to affix its Incoming Tracking Label to the mail.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ordinary members are reminded that the 2013 dues were due by the 31st December 2012. The 2013 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 (bank manager's cheque) or a personal cheque drawn on a USA bank. Please do not make any payment using a Postal Order.

ADVERTISING COVERS - PHARMACIES

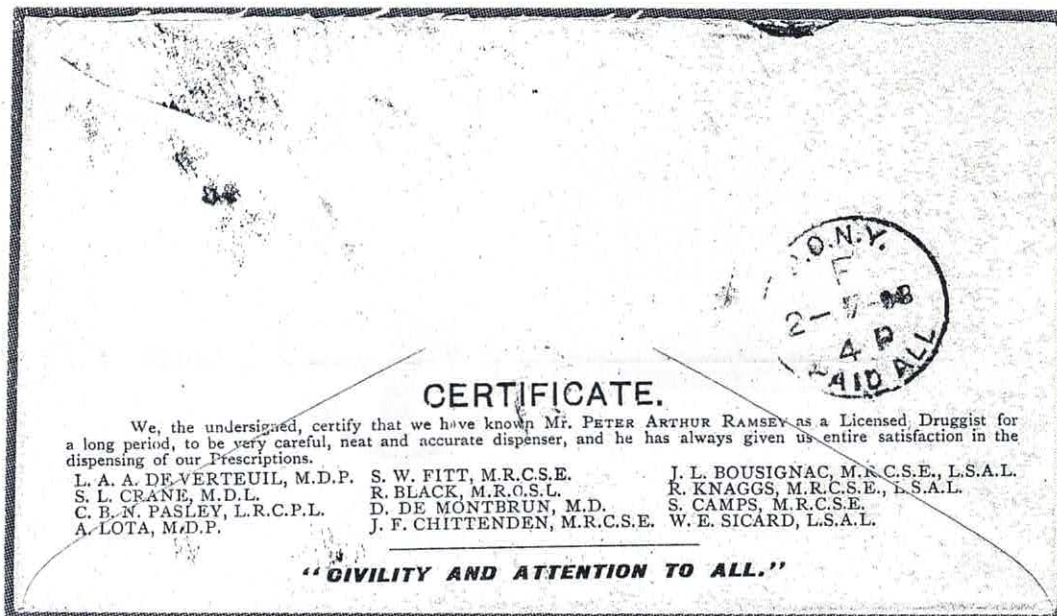
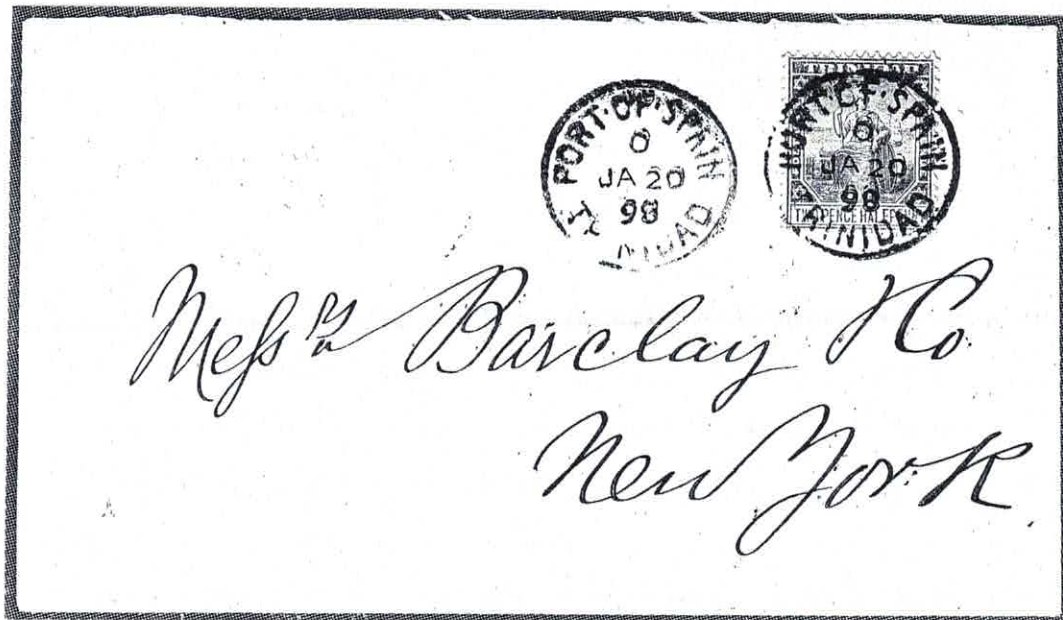
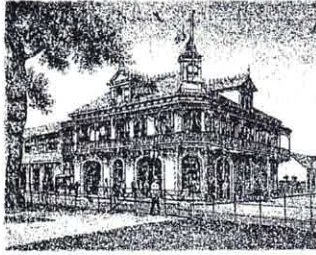


Fig.1: Front (top) and reverse (bottom) of Mr. Peter Arthur Ramsey's 'Licensed Druggist' cover.



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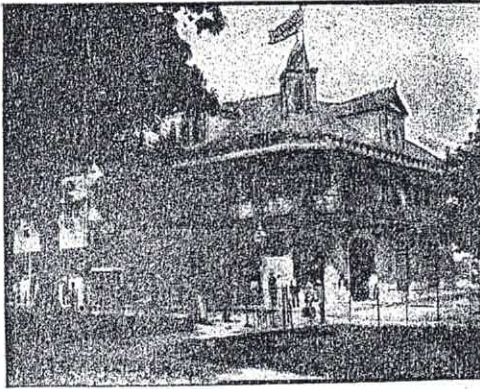
PORT OF SPAIN

TRINIDAD, B.W.I.

13/4/99

Dear Mr Boeck

Enclosed you will find
 first-of-its charge for £63. 10. 10.
 Mr Clarke will give you particulars.
 We are having very warm
 weather here at present. Excuse
 my being short - mail time is up
 Kind regards to all.



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Fig.2: 1899 Letterhead and illustrated cover of The English Pharmacy

The advertising cover (Fig.1) of Mr. Peter Arthur Ramsey has a certificate on the reverse. A dozen of his customers certify their satisfaction with his service. These customers were very prominent persons in Trinidad society. The cover does not have a return address. The cover was mailed to New York and was franked with a two and a half pence stamp (SG #117 and Sc #79) of the 1896-1906 definitive.

The illustrated cover of 'The English Pharmacy' is shown in Fig.2. There is no return address or sender's name on the cover. Fortunately, the original letter remained inside, dated 13/4/99. The photograph of the building printed on the cover was poor. The English Pharmacy was located at 6 Brunswick Square (Woodford Square), Port of Spain. The cover was mailed to Denmark. The cover was franked with a 1d stamp (SG #115/Sc #76), the inland postage rate, therefore, due to insufficient postage the cover received the 'T' (tax) mark.

REGISTERED COVER TO INDIA 1896

Illustrated in Fig.1 is a Postal Stationery Registered Envelope (PSRE H&G #7). It is a size 'F' envelope (133x83mm). It is a fairly common PSRE. What is unusual about this cover is its journey. The tale of its travels was recorded in the many date-stamps on the front and reverse.

The cover started its long journey to, through and around India when it was mailed in San Fernando on 5th November 1896. It received a Port of Spain back-stamp on the 7th November. It was carried by French mail boats - a partial date-stamp PAQ FR No.1 and 'COLON A St NAZAIRE PAQ LA No.2 9 NOV 96' (Line A - Panama to France). It received the CDS, 'MARSEILLES 24 NOV 96' and 'PARIS 28 NOV 1896'. Next the CDS 'SEAPOST OFFICE DEC 7 96'.

It was addressed to BARA BANK1 and received that CDS. Apparently the addressee moved and it was forwarded to a number of new addresses, each time receiving a back-stamp. Eventually it received the 'NON-RECLAME/UNCLAIMED' rectangular postmark. It went to the 'DEAD LETTER OFFICE'-D.L.O. LUCKNOW 12JAN97 and D.L.O. BOMBAY 15 FEB 1897'.

It is unknown if this cover was eventually delivered to the addressee. Members can have some fun working out the travels around India with the various backstamps. There are also various manuscript notes on it also, probably giving directions to find the addressee. Any member who works out the route travelled can send a note to the editor.



Postal Stationary Registered Envelope (size F) mailed from San Fernando to Bara Banki, India, in 1896. The envelope was opened out and the illustration was enlarged.