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NEW ISSUE NEWS



FOUR STAMPS OF 2001 & 2002 OVERPRINTED \$1

The second issue of 2017 consisted of four overprinted stamps which were released in April and May. All four stamps were overprinted in black ink \$1.00 with a rectangle obliterating the original denomination. The two stamps of 2001 overprinted were the Libraries 75¢ (SG #905/Sc #624) released on 25th April and Salvation Army 75¢ (SG #906/Sc #622) released on 15th May. The two stamps of 2002 overprinted were the Butterfly \$5.25 (SG #931/ Sc #641) released on 4th May and the Humming Bird \$2.50 (SG #925/Sc #643) released on 25th May.

The overprints were done by Trinidad & Tobago Printing Works Ltd. The following quantities were overprinted: 2001 Libraries - 275,000; 2001 Salvation Army - 225,000; 2002 Humming Bird - 225,000 and 2002 Butterfly - 275,000. No FDC's were produced.

What is noticeable on these overprinted stamps are the ring flaws in the rectangular obliterator (see Bulletin #272/1). When the stamps were produced and the punches made the perforations, some of the pieces of paper that were cut-out remained loose on the panes. When the stamps were overprinted these loose pieces of paper caused the ring flaws on the obliterator. The ring flaws were not found constantly in the same locations, they were randomly distributed. Many of the obliterations on the panes have one or more flaws but some have been seen with as many as seven.

2015 PHILATELIC CALENDAR

1. 2nd May. Commemorative Cover - 10th Anniversary of the Shanghai Construction Company (Caribbean) Ltd.
2. 28th July. Commemorative Cover produced by the Scouts Association of T&T for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan. None were sold, they were distributed at the Jamboree.
3. November. \$2.00 overprint on the 25¢ Herbal Medicine stamp (SG#1058/Sc#750).
4. 8th December Commemorative cover - 50th Anniversary of the Pointe-a-Pierre Wildfowl Trust.

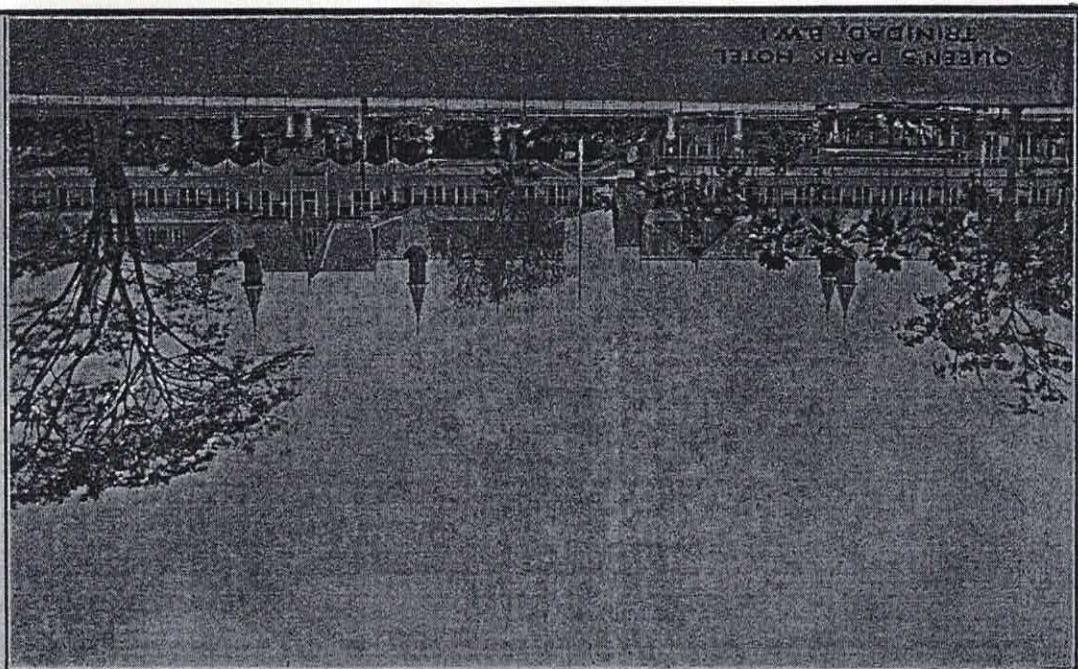
2016 PHILATELIC CALENDAR

1. 7th January. \$1.00 OVERPRINT ON THE 1¢ Cocoa Industry stamp (SG #339c/Sc #144).
2. 25th February. \$1.00 overprint on the 3¢ Sugar Industry stamp (SG #340b/Sc #145).
3. 10th October. Twelfth Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas issue. Three stamps overprinted \$1.00 from the 2002 Forts issue (SG #933-35 /Sc #647-49). The Souvenir Sheet of CHOGM received the commemorative FDOI cancel, but was not overprinted. A Presentation Folder was produced for the Conference.

QUEEN'S PARK HOTEL MENU POSTCARD 1925

On the following page is a menu card from the Queen's Park Hotel. At the top of the menu was a postcard with a scene of the front of the hotel (the picture was inverted). The menu card was printed specially for a dinner for the passengers of a cruise ship. On the menu card was printed 'Raymond & Whitcore Company's West Indies Cruise' and 'S.S. 'Reliance' Tour 16th February 1925 Port of Spain'. At the lower right was printed 'Tourists for the first sitting are respectfully requested to vacate their tables as soon as they are finished luncheon in order to accommodate those waiting for the second lunch'.

The postcard has to be cut or torn off from the menu part as there are score lines but no perforations. The back of the postcard is divided for message and address, The printer's name is not stated on the card. For more on the menu with postcard, see Bulletin #244/6 and #251/5. Illustration courtesy Roger Ramoutar.



QUEEN'S PARK HOTEL

TRINIDAD, B.W.I.

DINNER

RAYMOND &
WHITCOMB
COMPANY'S



WEST
INDIES
CRUISE.

Pawpaw Frappé

Bouillon West Indian

Local Salmon a la Orley

Fillet of Beef Francaise

COLD

Galantine of Chicken

Roast Pork

Broiled Yams Christophines

Fried English Potatoes

Soursop Ices

Coffee

Dessert

Cheese

S.S. „RELIANCE” TOUR.
16TH FEBRY. 1925.
PORT-OF-SPAIN

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REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GERNERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 8th February 2017 at St. Mary's College, Port of Spain. Present were nine members. The returning officer was Mr. Edwin Caines. 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; The four Committee Members - Mr. Alan Ache, Mr. Joel McFarlane, Mr. Mark McPeanne and Mr. Selwyn Gomes; Librarian - Mr. Roger Ramoutar; Hon. Auditor - VACANT. Education Officer - Mr. Frank Ferreira and Public Relations Officer - Mr. Albert Sydney.

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BAD JOHN PICTURE POSTCARD

BAD JOHN (circa 1846-1916)

In the Trini lexicon, 'Bad John' is a commonly used word. A person described as a Bad John was a ruffian, a person inclined to use violence and definitely a dangerous character. John Archer (aka Bad John) had accumulated 119 convictions to earn such notoriety.

John Archer was originally from Barbados and had a stint in the military. He worked for a short time on the Panama Canal, but fled because of the unrest there. He landed in Trinidad as a stowaway and was promptly jailed for 14 days. He had a strong likeness for liquor and this

resulted in him being involved in many brawls. He worked on the wharves and was always in ragged clothes.

Dr. Kim Johnson related a Mirror report:

“Bad John” and a woman named Augusta Wood, were charged by Detective John Dash with fighting in London Street, Corbeaux Town, on Wednesday morning.

When the woman was arrested a sharp table knife was found in her pocket, and at this stage the woman was heard to hiss in an under-tone, ‘I should have killed him’.

Before the stalwart constable at his side was able to divine his meaning the incorrigible ‘Bad John’ hurled himself on the object of his wrath, and with a terrific and lightning-like right-hander on the jaw, sent her reeling against the dock. He encircled the woman’s neck with his vice-like fingers, and bit her on her forehead. In an instant five burly constables and a corporal were upon the fierce combatants trying to separate them. They soon succeeded and ‘Bad John’ was observed to pull a tuft of the woman’s hair from between his teeth”.

Bad John held a certificate and medal for heroic deeds from the Humane Society. He was credited with saving three to four lives. When bad weather struck the Port of Spain harbor, he would be the brave one to dive-in to save lives and property. One person described him as very civil, decently spoken and his battered old hat invariably held a Union flag (‘Union Jack’) or a small likeness of the King.

The picture post card published by Waterman showed Bad John in his formal attire. He was in mourning. Mark McPeanne pointed out that the PPC showed him holding in his hand a program for the memorial service of H.M. King Edward VII which was held on Friday 20th May 1910 at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, Port of Spain. This photograph was taken most likely soon after the memorial service and on the grounds of the Cathedral.

Bad John died by drowning in the Port of Spain Harbour. He was attempting to retrieve a bucket that fell overboard from a boat. Despite the onlookers telling him to forget the bucket, he made repeated dives in search of the bucket.

Editor’s Note: Thanks to Edward Barrow for providing most of the information for this article.

References: Internet information by Dr. Kim Johnson and ‘Ladyrastafari’.

See: www.islandmix.com/backchat/f6/how-badjohn-became-word-228077/