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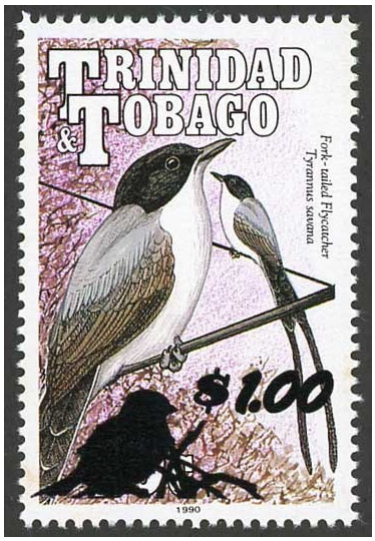
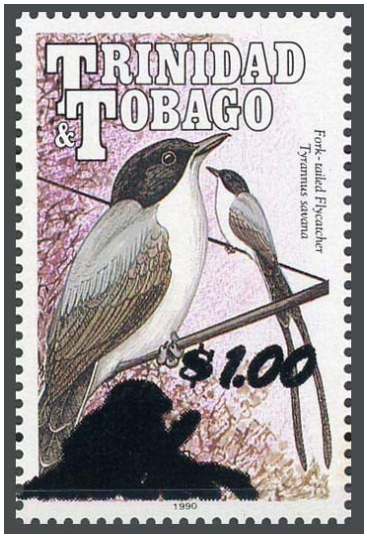
NEW ISSUE NEWS



(a) BIRD OBLITERATOR



(b) 'BIRD NEST' OBLITERATOR

FIG.1: $1 OVERPRINT ON 40¢ STAMP OF 1990 BIRD DEFINITIVE

The first issue of 2019 consisted of two different $1 overprints on the 40¢ stamp of the 1990 Bird Definitive which were released between 14th and 18th January. The overprint that was done first had the obliterator in the shape of a 'Bird', the quantity printed was 33,950. (Barrow # 35). We were informed that the 'Bird' obliterator was deemed unsatisfactory as it did not cover the previous denomination sufficiently, therefore the artwork was modified in a shape which, for convenience, we will describe as a 'Bird Nest' (Barrow # 36). The quantity printed was 466,050. The combined total printing of the two overprints was 500,000.

The Bird obliterator overprint was found with the watermark Crown Script CA Plate 1B x

4 (SG 789) and Crown Block CA Plates 1B x 4 and 1D x 4 (SG 838). The 'Bird Nest' obliterator overprint was also found with both watermarks, Script CA Plates 1C x 4 and 1A x 4 (SG 789) and Block CA Plate 1D x 4 (SG 838). The printing was done by Clip Art Caribbean Ltd.

The Gas Exporting Countries Forum FDC's were sold at $50.00/pair. A quantity of 1,000 Presentation Packs (P/P) was produced and 500 pairs FDC were prepared aside from the P/P's. No brochure was produced as the details were printed on the back of the FDC's and on the P/P.

The Botanic Gardens S/S was sold at $30.00 each and the FDC's at $50.00/pair. No brochure was produced as the details were printed on the back of the FDC's and in the Presentation Pack.



Fig.2: 75th ANNIVERSARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF T&T FDC

Although the 75th Anniversary of the PSTT issue was released on the 27th September 2018, the FDC was not placed on sale until December. The S/S was printed by the Henan Province Anti-Counterfeit and Secret-Keep Technology Printing Company, China. A quantity of 1,500 FDC's was prepared by a local printer. The quantity of S/S's placed on sale was 500. No

brochure was produced as the details of the issue were printed on the back of the FDC. The FDC was sold at $60.00 each. The printers who prepared the FDC made a mistake with the FDOI cancellation, it stated 5th Anniversary and not 75th Anniversary. TTPost corrected this by having the printers insert '7' manually with a pen. Only a small amount of FDC's were sold with the 5th Anniversary. Another mistake on the FDOI cancellation was the misspelling of the month – 'SEPTEMPER'. This mistake was not corrected.

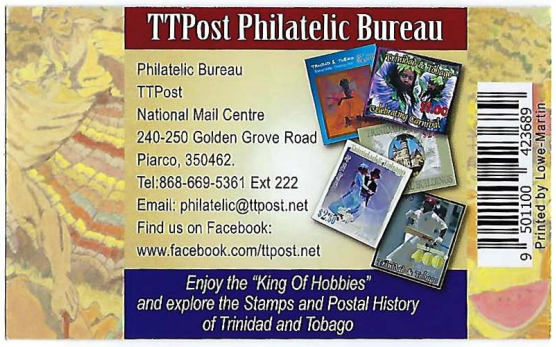


Fig.3: CLOSE-UP OF THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY MISTAKE ON FDC

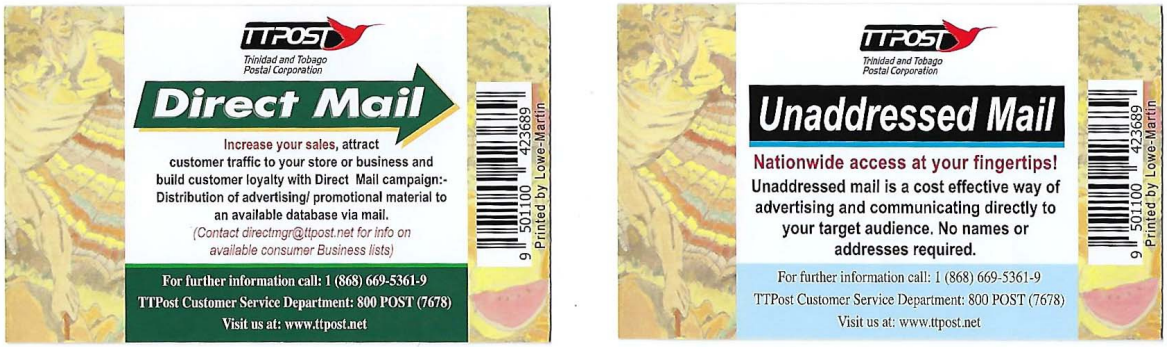
In November 2018, the Creole Harvest Booklet (see Bulletin #279/4) was released reprinted with four different TTPost advertisements on the back covers (Fig.3). Other than the advertisements, the remainder of the booklet was the same as the first printing. The combined total produced of the four booklets was 200,000, approximately 50,000 each. The printer was Lowe-Martin of Canada.



(a): POSTAL CODE



(b): PHILATELIC BUREAU



(c): DIRECT MAIL (d): UNADDRESSED MAIL

FIG.3: FOUR NEW BACK COVERS OF CREOLE HARVEST BOOKLET REPRINT

Three new indicia have been found on the prepaid envelopes.

(a) This indicium was reported in Bulletin #270/5 and was repeated here to compare it with the one in fig. 4(b) which was similar. The outer border measured 27mm wide by 28mm tall. The TTPost logo printed on the inside is small.

(b) This indicium is similar to the one in Fig.4(a). The difference noted were (i) the font was different and smaller, (ii)the outer border measured 28mm width by 28mm height and (iii) the TTPost logo printed inside is large. The envelope size was 4⅛" x 9½" and it had a window. The envelope was seen in February 2019.

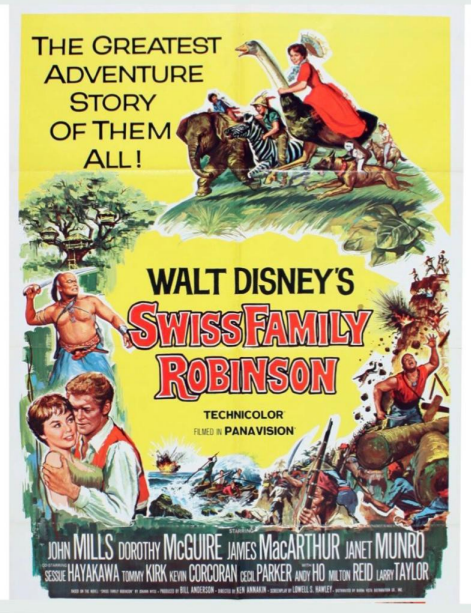
(c) The indicium on this envelope was seen in October 2018. The map of Trinidad and Tobago was in a solid red colour. The envelope size was 4⅛" x 9½" and it was non-window. The TTPost logo printed inside was large.

(d) The indicium on this envelope was similar to some past designs. The difference is that the map of T&T was filled in with a very fine 'cross-hatch' in red ink. The envelope size is small and it was non-window. This indicium was seen in the early part of 2019.

It is a challenge to estimate the dates of release for these prepaid envelopes as they do not normally receive a date-stamp when being processed in the mail. As stated previously, it appears that whenever TTPost gives out a contract to supply these envelopes, the printed does new artwork.



FIG.4: NEW INDICIA ON PREPAID ENVELOPES



Swiss Family Robinson Revisited.

It is not widely known that the classic Disney film "Swiss Family Robinson" was filmed in Tobago. It was the "Avengers" of its day and was the highest grossing movie of 1960. 60 years later long-time PSTT member Jazad Ali has been diligently working on recording the history of the film project and exploring the various locations used around Tobago. Members can see the fruits of his labour on-line at:

https://www.instagram.com/jazzali557/

https://www.mytobago.info/forum/viewtopic.php?t=13142

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swiss_Family_Robinson_(1960_film)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

All ordinary members are reminded that the 2019 dues were due by the 31st December 2018. The 2019 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 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 and 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 personal cheque drawn on a USA bank. Please do not make any payment using a Postal Order.

PORT OF SPAIN MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings at St. Mary's College start at 6.00pm. Security at the College often close the Frederick Street entrance by 6.30pm, after that time the back entrance on Pembroke Street is open. From there, one can drive through the tunnel in the building to the Frederick Street car park.