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President's Message

If you don't follow the philatelic auction scene, you are probably not aware of the recent sale of a very rare first issues related cover. It occurred last October in the sale of the William Gross collection by Robert Siegel Auction Galleries. Described as "one of the most desirable covers in all of classic worldwide philately", it realized \$300,000 USD. The cover, franked with a Province of Canada 3 pence Sc#1 and a US 5 cents Sc#1, was sent from Montreal to New York with a date stamp reading "Montreal L.C. JU 8, 1851". On April 6 of that year, a postal treaty between Canada and the USA greatly simplified correspondence between the two countries and established a postal rate of 6 pence for Canadian letters to the US and 10 cents for US letters to Canada - but for years before that treaty, it was possible to buy the 1847 US stamps in Canadian post offices to prepay the American portion of the postal route. The 1847 US stamps were no longer valid for postage after July 1st 1851, so that cover was sent during the brief time window after the introduction of the first Canadian stamps on April 23 and the withdrawal of the first US stamps. Although it technically skirted the rules of the new treaty, the mixed franking was nonetheless accepted by both post offices.



Louis Laflamme, President

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Article Accuracy: First Issues, the editor, and other officers of the FICC cannot be responsible for accuracy or originality of any information printed herein.

Articles Wanted: Articles, letters, comments, suggestions, album pages or anything else connected with collecting first issues are always needed.

Membership Directory: Members may obtain a free FICC Membership Directory by sending a SASE (No 10 envelope with 1 ounce US postage) to our Secretary.

Back Issues: Back issues of the newsletter are available from the Secretary for \$7.00 per volume or \$2.00 for single issues.

Article Index: An index to the articles in First Issues from 1990 (V1, N1) to date is available on the web site (www.firstissues.org).

Bylaws: A copy of the FICC bylaws is available on the web site (www.firstissues.org). These were last printed in First Issues V26, N1.

Mail Bag

Romania Auction Lot was a Forgery

"Thanks, FYI, the Romania stamp is a forgery." [Received in response to an e-mail providing requested scans of lots 29 (Romania Sc#22) and 34 (Nova Scotia Sc#3) from Auction 101.]



Call for Mail Auction #103 Lots

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF LOTS FOR MAIL AUCTION #103 is March 15, 2020. Please send singles, sets, FDCs and covers related to first issues -- basically anything you think other FICC members would be interested in owning.

- 1. Submit lots to: Tim Balm, 655 Goodpasture Island Rd Apt 216, Eugene, OR 97401-1534 USA.
2. Include an inventory with your name & address, 1-line descriptions of the lots including cat#, current cat value, and minimum accepted bid.
3. The club receives a 10% fee from each lot sold -- split between the seller and the buyer.

[Editor/Auction Manager: As I have limited expertise in Romanian stamps, I quickly pulled my Album Weeds reference book from the shelf and read the descriptions of the forgeries for this stamp. I quickly confirmed that it was, indeed, a forgery -- and withdrew it from the auction.]

Correspondence with Jerry Weirich, FICC #100
e-mail: November 2019

Transnistria Stamps

[Shown in the attached scan are] the first issue of the Republic PMR There are 6 different sheetlets, ungummed, [Scan not shown in this Newsletter.] Any idea what they are?

Ron Zukin, FICC #203
e-mail: November 2019

[Editor; I have the same sheetlets in my collection. They are from a break-away area in the Caucasus called Transnistria -- which tried to establish its own identity during the breakup of the USSR states in the early 1990s. Clark Buchi wrote a short article about these stamps in V5N1. I wrote a follow-up article on the sheetlets in V22N3 (July 2014)]

Azad Hind

I enjoyed the article on Azad Hind as I have had them in my India collection since I was a kid and bought them on approval with my 25 cent allowance. Certainly a different era. They are now in my #1 book.

Ron Zukin, FICC #203
e-mail: November 2019

Secretary's Report

Membership News: One new member joined FICC since the last Newsletter went to press.

- Carmen Puliafito, FICC #271 California, USA

Welcome to the club Carmen!

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The First Issue of Spain

By Louis Laflamme, FICC #210

In 1850, the Kingdom of Spain was one of the first countries to adopt the system of prepayment of postage, but it could have occurred much sooner. In August 1843, three years after the introduction of the first stamps by Great Britain, the Spanish Government instructed the Postmaster General to study the possibility of introducing postage stamps. This task, however, proved to be much more difficult than anticipated. At the time, Spain already had a very developed postal system, but it was also complex and decentralized – so harmonization for the whole country contributed to delay the plans.

A rare 5c essay in orange (only two copies known to exist) is shown at right. The exact origin of the essay is unknown, but it has been speculated that it was produced in England - first because it resembles the first stamp of Mauritius and secondly because the denomination of 5 cuartos was equivalent to 1 British penny.

The designer and engraver of the first issue was Bartolome Coromina. Probably to save time it was decided to use the lithographic process for the production of the five different denominations selected, the 6 and 12 cuartos and 5, 6 and 10 reales. The artist chose a profile portrait of the young 19 year-old Queen Isabel II for the design and, just like Great Britain and Brazil had done before, the name of the country was omitted from the design. A left profile was used for the 6 cuartos and a right profile for the other four denominations.

In 1847, a British printing firm was asked how much they would charge for producing the stamps but, judging the amount to be too high, the Government decided to have the stamps produced locally. The new system was finally announced on Oct. 24, 1849 by Royal Decree. It was to begin on Jan. 1, 1850.

The 6c black was for single internal letters of ½ ounce or less, the 12c lilac for double weight letters, the 5r red for registered single letters, the 6r blue for registered letters to France and the 10r green for letters to Spanish colonies abroad. International letters other than for France were not prepaid except to Italy for which the Spanish rates applied. Sc#1, 3 and 4 were issued on Jan. 1; Sc#2 and 5 in early March.

For accounting purposes, it was decided to print the 6 and 12 cuartos stamps in sheets of 255 - which would amount to 180 and 360 reales per sheet, respectively, (1 real=8.5 cuartos). The 5 and 10 reales were printed 180/sheet (totalling 900 and 1800 r. per sheet), and the 6 reales at 150/sheet (900 r. per sheet).

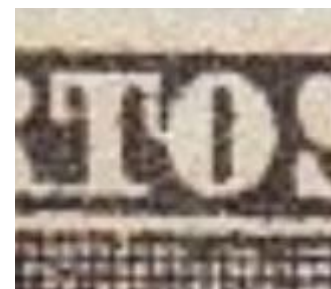
Two plates were used for the 6 cuartos stamp. The stamps are easy to differentiate, in plate I the “T” and “O” of cuartos are distinct and in plate II they are joined. The two plating versions are shown below.



Top row: 6c Sc#1 (plate 1), 6c Sc#1 (plate 2), 12c Sc#2
Bottom row: 5r Sc#3, 6r Sc#4, 10r Sc#5



6c Plate I (T & O separate)



6c Plate II (T & O joined)

A total of 8,032,500 6c stamps were produced - so Sc#1 is very affordable compared to other classics of that period. The other denominations were produced in much smaller amounts. The key stamp in the set is the 10r worth \$1200.00 used. Used stamps are most often found with the black “araña” or spider cancel (designed not to deface the portrait when properly applied) but many other type of cancels can also be encountered.

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Spain First Issue (continued from page 3)

Spain was certainly not the first country to introduce postage stamps, but it holds another distinction – that of having the first postal forgery (a forgery to deceive the postal service). A mere three months after the introduction of the stamps, postal workers in the town of Alicante spotted letters franked with fake 6c stamps. The stamps were traced back to the engraver Francisco Javier Martinez from Alicante and to the printer Vicente Pastor from Murcia. Asked at their trial to comment on the forgery, B. Coromina described them as being “vulgar and missing artistic intelligence”. The one shown at right is the only known surviving copy and was offered at auction in Nov. 2018 with an opening price of 125,000 Euros!

You should also know that philatelic forgeries (forgeries to deceive collectors) of the first issue are numerous. Some are crude and not dangerous (10r shown below far left). Others can be very deceiving. A famous forgery by Miguel Segui from Barcelona done in the early 20th century is shown below (second from left). Dangerous forgeries by Sperati are also shown below (rightmost two). Many of these forgeries are very collectable and can be found offered by reputable auction firms bringing surprising realizations.



Crude Forgery of Sc#5



Segui Forgery of Sc#1



Sperati Forgery of Sc#4



Sperati Forgery of Sc#5

References:

1. Manuel de la Filatelica Española, Tomo I, 2011, 26-31
2. El Seis Cuartos Negro de 1850, Soler y Llach, 15 de Noviembre 2018.
3. Scott Classic Catalogue, 2020.

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Web Site News

By Nick Blackburn, FICC #181

This article is available online at tinyurl.com/ficcreport. Type that address into your browser and the online version has all the links already in place, so from there you can just click.

WEB SITE TRAFFIC

Site visits have increased in the last few months with an average of 12 daily visitors and average daily page views at 75.

We had visits from Palestine, Burma, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, and Yemen bringing the country total to 119 – nearly half the total of 241 recognized by our logging service.

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In Memoriam – George Cvejanovich Sr.

I was sad to receive an e-mail from George Cvejanovich, Jr. (FICC #247) that his father (George Sr. - FICC #81) passed away last June. Here is George Jr’s note.

“My Dad passed away June 29 at home with family by his side. As you know, prior to his giving me his collection of number 1s about 15 years ago, he was a regular auction buyer and big fan of the FICC. He kept his membership even after he stopped collecting. Dad began his collection in the mid-1960s as a gift to my Mom and as a way to get her interested in stamp collecting. She never did get that interested, but Dad continued to build the collection. I have also continued to build the collection. Thank you FICC for the friendships he enjoyed.”

George Sr. and I had a very collegial relationship as he communicated with me often when he submitted bids in the auctions. I will miss him. Speaking on behalf of FICC, we wish the Cvejanovich family condolences for their loss and fond memories of George, Sr - now and into the future.

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Quarterly FICC Auctions Will Remain

An update to the status of quarterly auctions as discussed in the V27N4 Newsletter...

As I expected, I heard from many of the members who participate frequently in the auctions – plus two who do not participate. All respondents had strong opinions that the auctions should continue quarterly, even if the number of lots is small. Clearly this fulfills a desire for them. [Note: previously, the auction proceeds were used to subsidize the membership dues revenue – but this is no longer necessary.] Therefore, as auction manager, I am more than happy to continue under these conditions. We will maintain having quarterly auctions listed in the Newsletter regardless of the number of lots.

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Possible New First Issue in the Future - Bougainville

Contributed by Nick Blackburn, FICC #181 and Louis Laflamme, FICC #210

This information comes from https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Bougainvillean_independence_referendum.

A small autonomous region of Papua New Guinea (PNG) known as Bougainville recently voted for independence from PNG. Bougainville was declared a province of PNG in 1976, shortly after PNG became independent from Australia in 1975.

The recent vote was in the form of a referendum question in which over 98% of voters expressed preference for independence over greater autonomy. The referendum was in accord with an agreement between PNG and Bougainville following a civil war that ended in 2001.

The vote is non-binding and PNG has the final determination of whether the area gets independence. According to Wikipedia, “Observers have said the clear result makes it difficult for Papua New Guinea to ignore or delay the result, but that independence could take years to achieve.”

Although the Bougainville area will get most of its operating revenue by re-opening a copper mine closed during the civil war, I believe there is a substantial probability that the area will establish its own postal system and produce postage stamps when independence is achieved.

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Auction House Sales with Scarce #1s

By Tim Balm, FICC #91

Several auction houses held sales in November & December 2019 that offered scarce (and high priced) #1s and first-issue sets.

H.R. Harmer held their auction (Sale 3027) on November 13-14, 2019. Some intriguing lots were ...

- An Ethiopia Sc#N1-7 set in MNH condition
- Two German East Africa sets: Sc#N1-7 in mint/MNH condition and Sc#N8-14 in mint condition. I cannot recall ever seeing the German East Africa N1-7 and N8-14 sets for sale.

Cherrystone Auctions held a sale on December 4, 2019 entitled “The Hawkins Collection”. As the title implied, this was a sale of one person’s extremely nice collection of stamps from selected countries. Highlights included...

- The listings began with Albania, and immediately caught my attention. A series of 14 lots offered mint and MNH stamps ranging from Sc#1 through Sc#19. [I rarely see stamps from Albania that are not used.]
- For Austria, individual lots of all 5 stamps from the first issue in mint condition were offered.
- The Belgium section offered a scarce Sc#2 in MNG condition
- The Danzig section had a lot of that included 3 stamps from the first issue set that are noted in Scott (following the listing of #15) as “not regularly issued”. These stamps are rarely seen at auction.
- A Luxembourg Sc#2 was listed as “unused with gum” – defined as a mint-no-gum stamp with small specks of gum.
- The Portugal section contained Sc#1, 2, and 3b in MNG condition and Sc#5 as mint.
- Spain also offered a Sc#1a mint, #2 MNG, #3 mint, #4a mint and #5 MNG.
- The Swiss section, however, offered some very high CV items. Included were Zurich Sc#1L1 and 1L2 in MNG condition, two lots with Geneva Sc#2L1a (a left side single and a right side single, both in MNG condition), a Basel Sc#3L1 stamp in MNG condition. Further lots included Switzerland Sc#1 and #2 each in MNG condition, and a rare Sc#4 in used condition.

Corinphila had one of their semi-annual auctions in Zurich on December 3-7, 2019. [Note: Corinphila and H.R. Harmer are both in “The Global Philatelic Network” – an umbrella group that also includes John Bull Auction in Hong Kong and Heinrich Koehler Auction in Germany.] As with prior Corinphila auctions, this one did not let me down when I browsed the catalogues. I always wish I had a **LOT** more money to spend with them. I noted ...

- A couple of Tierra del Fuego lots – each containing a used single. These were just the prelude, however. A “private treaty” sale of Brian Moorhouse’s Tierra del Fuego collection was offered to anyone who had a mere 195,000 CHF (Swiss francs) in discretionary spending available. Unfortunately, my allowance does not extend to \$200,000 US dollars).
- Other lots outside my price range included two Great Britain Sc#O1 lots (one mint and one used – an interesting offering for an unissued stamp).
- There was a full run of lots offering Mesopotamia Sc#N1-N5 (individually) and Transvaal Sc#1-6 (in groups).
- A Venezuela collection lot containing many stamps from the Carupano #1-5, Guayana #1-5, Maturin #1-5 and Marino #1-5 revolutionary issues was offered. [However, upon inspecting the detailed scans on the Corinphila web site, I believed the majority of these items were reprints.]
- More to my liking were two related lots: one contained a block of 6 stamps of Maturin #4 (original printing) and the other was a Guayana cover franked with Sc#5 (very rare considering the short 2-month usage period).
- Another lot that greatly intrigued me was a collection of Danube Steam Navigation Company (DDSG) stamps/covers selling in a single lot. I spent extensive time investigating the scans on the web site and ultimately determined a bid for the lot.

As is typical, my “desire list” from these auction catalogues **FAR** exceeded my budget. Of 33 desired lots in only the Corinphila auction, I bid on nine and won only three. I also won a couple of lots in the Cherrystone and Harmer auctions. Given that I rarely bid greater than 50%-60% of SCV (inclusive of auction fees), the low number of successful bids is expected. I consider all these purchases as early Christmas presents to myself.

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Auction #102

Welcome to FICC Auction #102. The auction closes on Feb 29, 2020. Bids received that after will not be considered. Please read descriptions carefully; lots occasionally have very similar descriptions. If you have questions, please contact me. Also, I will email scans of any specific lots you wish to see. ... All catalogue values (CVs) are taken from the 2020 Scott Catalogues.

AUCTION RULES

- Highest bid wins. In the event of tie bids, earliest postmark or email date stamp breaks the tie. Bid what you are willing to pay; winning bids are rarely reduced.
- Auctioneer reserves the right to reject unreasonable bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered. Auctioneer's decisions are final.
- All lots are sold "as is" without warranty by auctioneer or FICC. In case of a dispute, the auctioneer will contact the seller and provide the name of the buyer and nature of the dispute to allow direct settlement.
- An expertizing policy exists for lots with a realized price of \$75 or more (contact auction manager for details).
- The club receives a 10% fee from each lot sold. The fee will be split between the seller and the buyer.
- Shipping charges are added to buyer's total. Lots will be mailed using normal USPS rates. Winning lots totaling more than \$200 will be insured, certified or registered.
- Payment may be requested before shipment.
- Bidding in this auction constitutes agreement to these rules.

SUBMITTING BIDS

Submit bids by email (Auctions@firstissues.org) or postal mail (Tim Balm, 655 Goodpasture Island Rd - Apt 216, Eugene, OR, 97401-1534, USA). If you are submitting bids by postal mail, you can (1) enter your bids on the bid sheet on page 9 and mail that, or (2) you can place your bids on a separate sheet of paper giving lot number, description, and the amount you wish to bid. Please include your name, FICC#, and address. Phone bids are not accepted.

#1s

Lot	Description	CV	Min Bid	Your Bid	Lot
1	Abu Dhabi Sc#1 mnh f/vf	\$4.00	\$1.80	_____	1
2	Algeria Sc#1 mnh f	\$0.40	\$0.15	_____	2
3	Allenstein Sc#1 used(m-cxl) vf	\$1.20	\$0.55	_____	3
4	Basutoland Sc#1 mlh f/vf	\$1.50	\$0.70	_____	4
5	Bhutan Sc#1 used(l-cxl) f/vf	\$0.30	\$0.13	_____	5
6	French Oceania (Fr Polynesia) Sc#1 mhr f [hinge thin, rnd top corners]	\$1.60	\$0.30	_____	6
7	German St - Meck-Schwerin Sc#1a mint on-piece 4-mrgn	\$14.50	\$6.50	_____	7
8	German St - Oldenburg Sc#1 (Type 1) used(l-cxl) 3+ mrgn [thin]	\$27.50	\$12.00	_____	8
9	Gibraltar Sc#1 used(m-cxl) vf	\$13.00	\$5.75	_____	9
10	Great Britain-N. Ireland Sc#1 mnh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	10
11	Great Britain-Scotland Sc#1 mnh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	11
12	Great Britain-Wales Sc#1 mnh(dg) vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	12
13	Great Britain-Isle of Man Sc#1 mnh vf (right selvage)	\$0.50	\$0.25	_____	13
14	Hatay Sc#1 mlh f/vf	\$1.75	\$0.80	_____	14
15	Hatay Sc#1 mnh f/vf [2.6x premium for MNH]	\$4.50	\$2.00	_____	15
16	Honduras Sc#1 mh 4-mrgn	\$0.65	\$0.30	_____	16
17	Ireland Sc#1 mhr f/vf [small thin]	\$2.00	\$0.50	_____	17
18	Israel Sc#1-6 mlh/mhr f/vf [all perf 11]	\$11.75	\$4.75	_____	18
19	Italian Colonies Sc#1 mvlh vf	\$1.00	\$0.45	_____	19
20	Italian Social Republic Sc#1 mhr f/vf	\$0.35	\$0.12	_____	20
21	Italian Social Republic Sc#1-5 mlh f/vf [#4 is MNH]	\$1.75	\$0.30	_____	21
22	Italian Social Republic Sc#1 used(l-cxl) vf	\$2.00	\$0.90	_____	22
23	Lesotho Sc#1 mvlh vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	23
24	Libya Sc#1 mng f/vf [short perfs]	\$1.40	\$0.35	_____	24
25	Malawi Sc#1 mlh vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	25
26	Malaysia Sc#1 used(l-cxl) f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	26

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Mail Bid Auction 102 (continued from page 7)**#1s (cont'd)**

27	Malaysia-Johore Sc#169 mlh vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	27
28	Malaysia-Selangor Sc#121 mhr f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	28
29	Netherlands Sc#1 used(l-cxl) 2+ mrgns [thin]	\$35.00	\$9.00	_____	29
30	New Hebrides - Fr Sc#1 mhr f/vf	\$13.50	\$4.75	_____	30
31	Northern Rhodesia Sc#1 used(m-cxl) vf [tiny thin]	\$0.80	\$0.20	_____	31
32	Papua New Guinea Sc#1 used(l-cxl) f/vf	\$6.00	\$2.50	_____	32
33	Schleswig Sc#1 mlh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	33
34	Tristan Da Cunha Sc#1 mlh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	34
35	VietNam Sc#1 mng vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	35
36	Wallis & Futuna Sc#1 mnh f	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	36
37	Yugoslavia Sc#1 mlh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	37
38	Yugoslavia Sc#1 mnh f/vf [2x premium for MNH]	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	38

Change of Government #1s

39	Faroe Islands Sc#7 (Self Gov) mnh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.12	_____	39
40	Kenya-Uganda-Tanzania Sc#18 (Kenya-Uganda) mhr vf	\$1.10	\$0.40	_____	40
41	Nigeria Sc#97-100 (Federation) mnh vf	\$1.00	\$0.50	_____	41
42	Philippines Sc#500-2 (Republic) used(l-cxl) f/vf [pencil on back]	\$0.90	\$0.45	_____	42

#A1s/K1s/L1s/N1s/Z1s

43	Australian Antarctic Terr SC#L1 used(l-cxl) vf	\$0.30	\$0.15	_____	43
44	Australian Antarctic Terr SC#L1-5 mh f/vf	\$14.65	\$5.85	_____	44
45	Falkland Islands-S.Orkneys Sc#4L1 mnh f/vf	\$0.45	\$0.20	_____	45
46	Germany-Belg Occ Sc#1N1 mhr f/vf	\$0.30	\$0.10	_____	46
47	Germany-Fr Occ Sc#4N1 used(m-cxl)hr f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	47
48	Germany-Baden Sc#5N1 used(l-cxl) vf [SON cxl]	\$0.30	\$0.15	_____	48
49	Germany-Rhine Pal Sc#6N1 mhr vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	49
50	German Dem Rep-Berlin Brandenburg Sc#11N1a mnh vf [rnd UL crnr]	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	50
51	German Dem Rep-Berlin Brandenburg Sc#11N1-7 mnh-mhr [paper adh, perf toning, sh perfs]	\$2.00	\$0.75	_____	51
52	Great Britain-Guernsey Sc#N1 mnh vf	\$3.50	\$1.75	_____	52
53	Hungary Sc#9N1 mhr f/vf [light crease]	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	53
54	Italy-Venezia Giulia Sc#1LN1 mhr f/vf	\$0.30	\$0.10	_____	54
55	Russia -German Occ Sc#N1 used(m-cxl) f/vf	\$1.00	\$0.30	_____	55

BOB (Back of Book) #1s

56	Canada Sc#F1 used(m-cxl) f/vf	\$6.00	\$2.50	_____	56
57	German Dem Rep - E.Saxony Sc#15NB1 mnh f/vf	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	57

Misc Stamps from First Issue Sets

58	Netherlands Sc#2 used(l-cxl) 2+ mrgns	\$27.50	\$10.00	_____	58
59	Netherlands Sc#3 used(m-cxl) 2+ mrgns	\$130.00	\$50.00	_____	59

Forgeries/Reprints

60	Great Britain Sc#1 [Yorkshire Castle Museum reprint] used(lred mc cxl) vf		\$1.00	_____	60
61	Great Britain Sc#1 [Yorkshire Castle Museum reprint] block of 6 used(lred mc cxl) vf		\$3.00	_____	61

Stamp On Stamp #1s

62	Costa Rica Sc#C362 used(h-cxl) f/vf [shows #1]	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	62
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 (email bids to auctions@firstissues.org)

Name: _____ FICC#: _____

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Bid</u>

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