

Franks Forages No 21A

The French Porcelain



The room folder in use when I first volunteered at Charlecote, described the blue porcelain as Sèvres. Subsequently it was just described as French. 'Foraging' led me to the French Porcelain society and the following information was furnished by the secretary, Patricia Ferguson, to whom I am grateful. (Patricia is also Hon. Advisor on Ceramics to the National Trust). It is a Sèvres-style turquoise-blue ground 'named' topographical dessert service, probably from Paris c 1860-1920. The term 'Sèvres-style' suggests that it was not made at the Royal Porcelain Manufactory in Sèvres. The various scenes are identified in black script above a gold-printed mark with the cipher LP under a crown referring to Louis-Philippe of France who reigned from 1830-1850. Below that is a printed mark LF within interlaced Ls, a spurious painter's mark.

The scenes are described below. Plates are left to right looking at the table. My thanks to Steph Poyton for assisting me in taking the photos. *Frank Storr*



Palais Ghigi

Palais Ghigi is the 17th century ducal palace in the town of Ariccia near Rome begun by the Savelli family. It is now a museum and cultural centre.



Hollande

This scene is just called 'Hollande'. (It could be in North or South Holland, two of the 12 provinces that make up the Netherlands).



Chateau de Belles Ruries

The Chateau de Belles Ruries is a 17th century castle in Monnaie near Tours in the Loire Valley.



Chateau de Chaumont

This chateau is in Chaumont-sur-Loire and is a 15th c. building although an original castle dates from the



The plates 'Hollande' and 'Chateau de Breda' (next page) are what can be described as 'footed dishes.'



'Vue de Dieppe' and 'Chateau de Dieppe' (next page) are comports as shown here.



Chateau de Breda
 Breda Castle is situated in north Brabant in the Netherlands. In the 1530s Henry III of Nassau made extensive alterations to the 13th c. fortress.



St. Malo
 Saint-Malo is a walled port city in Brittany N.W. France. Notorious for piracy in the past, it is now a tourist destination with many ancient



Vue de Dieppe
 Dieppe is a coastal community in the Haute-Normandie region of northern France famous for its scallops and its pebble beach.



Chateau de Dieppe
 The Chateau de Dieppe is a castle officially classed as a *Monument historique*. It was founded in 1188, destroyed in 1195 and restored in 1433.



The two sauce boats have a picture on both sides, each depicting a maritime scene. Top left is named as Sicilian coast and top right is the north coast of Brittany. Bottom left is the sea of Iriose to the west of Brittany and the bottom right is the Black Sea.



Côte de Sicile

Sauce boat on the right



Côte du Nord



Mer D'Iriose

Sauce boat on the left



Mer Noire

Notes. On display when this piece was written were 10 pieces of a 2 piece set. Since then a further 2 pieces have been removed, leaving 8 pieces on show.