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The East London Exhibition.

A SUCCESSFUL SHOW.

The Exhibition organised by the East London Philatelic Society and held in the City Hall on January 5th and 6th was a real success. Despite the fact that the affair took place in the very large Quadrangle of the City Hall it was only with difficulty that room was found to accommodate all the stamps entered for exhibition. The pages of stamps were laid out, under glass, on long tables, their catalogue value being well over £10,000 and their insured value £4,000. The Exhibition was opened by the Deputy Mayor.

All the items shewn were the property of members of the East London Society and, with two exceptions, all the exhibitors resided in East London.

In the brief space at our disposal it is impossible to go very much into detail regarding the exhibits.

Although there were many exhibitors the various countries shewn were kept together and no names mentioned.

The Rhodesian display was remarkably strong and required a long table to itself. Probably over 500 pages of this country's stamps were shewn and many extremely rare pieces were noted. All catalogued varieties were included, while shades and perforation varieties abounded.

The Cape Triangulars made a fine show, there being about 100 album pages of them. A magnificent copy of the "woodblock" 1d. blue was noted, while of normal "woodblocks" and large blocks of the London prints there were many. The rectangulars were remarkably complete and rare items in magnificent condition were numerous.

The Orange Free State exhibit also required a considerable amount of table space. As with the countries above-mentioned many fine pieces were included.

British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate made a fine display, a large number of rare errors being noted here too.

The Transvaal exhibit was not very strong, but, nevertheless, it included a number of scarce items, such as the celebrated anchor watermark.

The display of the Union of South Africa was, however, a revelation in what specialising can do. Hundreds of major and minor varieties were included, while complete sheets shewing freaks and flaws abounded. The postage dues and air post stamps had received special attention and were probably complete in all varieties.

The South West Africans occasioned considerable interest on account of their being almost complete in normal stamps and major varieties. Minor varieties there were in plenty. All the inverted overprints were shewn, while a mint pair of the great rarity, the 1d. due, rouletted, Type II, was the subject of much admiration.

Other countries which were strongly represented were Great Britain, Portuguese Africans, Malta, Pacific Islands, Australia, Old Europe and Belgian Congo. Many other countries were also shewn and they all merited the attention they received.

The members of the E.L.P.S. obviously went to great trouble and expense in preparing their collections for exhibition and all thanks are due them for the treat they provided.

Other attractions at the Exhibition were the special post office and the literature stall. At the former special envelopes were on sale, while all letters posted received a neat triangular postmark worded "E.L.P.S. Stamp Exhibition" and date. At the conclusion of the exhibition the special postmark die was destroyed.

On the literature stall were piles of copies of the leading British philatelic journals and the "South African Philatelist" Christmas number. These were distributed free of charge to visitors. This stall proved very popular.

Large numbers of people thronged round the Southern Stamp Co's. stall. Brisk business was done here in every class of stamp and requisite. Advanced collectors acquired many items lacking in their collections while there was a run on the cheaper stamps by the juniors. Others who did not collect bought stamps and accessories for friends, while a number of people who, when they entered the Hall were not very interested in stamps, had become confirmed philatelists after seeing the Exhibition and purchased many items necessary to successful collecting.

The Exhibition closed with an auction, at which a large variety of stamps and accessories came under the hammer.

Not the least interesting part of the Exhibition was the large number of up-country people who attended.

Johannesburg visitors included Messrs. Yule, Skinner, Sprighton and Robertson, while from Bloemfontein came Mr. Newcombe-Bond. Mr. Lichtenstein journeyed from Rouxville, being accompanied by Dr. Gutsche, of Kingwilliamstown. A Minister of Religion came from Kimberley, while a considerable number of collectors journeyed from various towns in the Midlands and Eastern Province.

The success of the Exhibition was due to the hard work put in by members of the E.L.P.S., special credit being due to Messrs. Shingler Thornton (Senior and Junior), Levy and Courlander, and those who spent many hours arranging their collections.

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While we have so far only seen copies of the 1d. pictorial with this new English on Afrikaans and Afrikaans on English overprint we are momentarily expecting to hear that the infection has spread to the spring-boks, triangulars and orange trees.

The new overprint was brought into use this month. Incidentally it has so far only been applied to Waterlow printed stamps.

MAURITIUS.—We are indebted to Messrs. J. P. Tomkins and Whitfield King & Co., for our first copies of the new 1c., 2c. and 3c. (King's Head) stamps detailed last month. Mr. Tomkins understands that only 120,000 copies of the Arms type 3c. green were sold.

AITUTAKI.—The 1d. pictorial is now on issue on the NZ and star paper.

AUSTRALIA.—A new watermark, multiple small A and Crown, has been introduced here and the 1d. green and 1½d. red are now on issue on this paper.

CANADA.—Provisionals. The 3c. stamp has been surcharged "2 CENTS." There are two varieties of the overprint, namely, surcharged (i) in one line and (ii) in two lines.

CEYLON.—Provisionals. Due to a reduction in rates two provisionals have been created here, namely, 3c. grey surcharged "2 CENTS" and 6c. purple surcharged "5 CENTS." We are indebted to Mr. R. Roberts, of London, for this news. New printings of the 2c. and 5c. stamps are on their way to the island.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—New colours submitted by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. : 4c. orange, 6c. red.

INDIA.—To cope with an urgent order printings of the 2 and 4 annas stamps were recently made at Nasik from the De la Rue plates on the multiple star watermarked paper.

The Nasik printed 2 as. stamp (inscription "India Postage and Revenue") has been overprinted SERVICE, report Messrs. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co.

IRAQ.—The new 1 rupee stamp (portrait of King Feisul) is ready for issue. It will also receive the bilingual "On State Service" overprint. This stamp, and all the other current adhesives, will, according to a correspondent of the "Philatelic Magazine," shortly be replaced by an entirely new series with the values expressed in the new currency. Feisul's portrait will appear on this new set, if it eventuates.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—The latest surcharges on Waterlow Great Britain stamps are : 25 centimos on 2½d., 5 centimes on ½d. and 40 centimes on 4d.

NEW GUINEA.—A new value, 1½d. brick red, in the current type is submitted by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. It will probably receive the usual O S overprint.

NEW ZEALAND.—From Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. we have a copy of the new 1d. stamp. Carmine in colour it is in the same design as the much criticised 2/- and 3/- stamps, but far superior in appearance to these adhesives. The design shews King George in Admiral's uniform.

NORTH BORNEO.—Mr. Oswald Marsh has received copies of the 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents postage stamps and 3, 4, 5 and 10 cents postage due adhesives perforated 12½ instead of the former 14 gauge.

SAMOA.—The new 2/- and 3/- New Zealand stamps have been overprinted for this island.

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By E. TAMSEN.

October 26th, 1926, will go down in philatelic history as the great day of the opening of the greatest and most successful philatelic exhibition yet held. American money, energy and hustle have helped to make the U.S.A. and the world generally look upon stamp collecting as more than a child's hobby.

Just picture what this means : Some 4,000 feet of plate glass, five feet high, enshrined the marvellous collections of the world's postage stamps which came from all parts of the earth. The treasures had a value of millions of dollars. The numbers of exhibits at previous International Exhibitions were : New York 1913, 280; London 1923, 304; the present exhibition 480. Besides, in this exhibition the size of the frames was fully double that of those used on former occasions.

The list of awards contains 12 Palms of Honour, 31 Gold Medals, 18 Silver Gilt Medals and 23 Silver Medals, in addition to a large number of bronze medals. The Dealer's National Publicity Fund totalled over 12,000 dollars, of which eight dealers contributed 1,000 dollars each. There was also a whole page of donations from collectors and clubs. This shews that there is money in the U.S.A. for stamp exhibitions.

The official catalogue is bulky and contains 287 pages. The very least that one can say of it is that it is the best ever produced. It will be most difficult to beat it at future exhibitions. The price was 2/- per copy.

The Exhibition was opened by President Coolidge, who at 2.30 p.m. on the opening day (Saturday) turned a golden key in his office in Washington. This ignited a thousand electric lights in the Grand Central Palace in New York. Mr. Chas. Lathrop Pack then delivered his opening address to about 2,000 persons. He said :

"As the lights shine throughout this coming week they will extend a warm glow of welcome and friendship to all. We have here delegates from all far-away countries—good philatelists who have come here solely for this exhibition.

"Philately is the greatest democracy on earth. We have people who disagree about the World Court and the League of Nations and disagree about almost everything under the sun, but every philatelist, regardless of the language he speaks, speaks the same stamp language and has the same ideal and can come together without prejudice and passion on every subject. I claim that philately means much to the good understanding between nations.

"I hope that you will enjoy this great Exhibition, because we believe that it has the largest amount of rare and interesting stamps that has ever been brought together. Some of you may have asked the question 'How can we collect postage stamps if we are not rich?' If a man or boy is clever he can have just as much pleasure with stamps which cost a penny apiece as he can with the stamp which was sold in Paris for 32,000 dollars. You will find that in collecting the cheaper stamps you will have just as much happiness and you will find as much education and as much reason for close and accurate observation as you will have with those that are rarer." Great applause greeted this speech.

The Judges were then introduced and their hard work started and only ended on Thursday afternoon. The same evening, at the grand banquet of 350 collectors, the list of awards was read out.

"No philatelic pen will ever describe this exhibition in the style deserved, it had to be seen to be appreciated and those who had that pleasure experienced a philatelic treat that may never be exceeded. A modest estimate of the value of the stamps displayed exceeds the ten million dollar mark. The stamps sent by British collectors alone were insured for two and a half millions" writes Mr. Fennell.

Surrounded by a heavy wooden railing and protected by four police officers were four frames which housed some fifty of the great rarities. Around this display droves of non-collectors crowded to see what in the world these stamp men pay out their good money for.

The Government of the U.S.A. had sent a printing press which printed in full view of the public the new 2c. "White Plains" stamp in small sheets of 25 stamps. They had also a post office department exhibit and an up-to-date post office provided with a special cancellation for the occasion.

Now as to the collections exhibited. U.S.A. and America in general were, of course, far ahead of all others, Great Britain and Colonies a good second, while Europe shewed up well. The rest of the world was patchy.

Mr. Bach writes: "My humble opinion: The finest exhibits, the U.S.A., Confederate States and British North America; the most inspiring, the Mauritius; the most beautiful, the Cape triangular mint blocks and the most interesting, Toaspern's miscellaneous."

I will just quote collections of special interest to us in South Africa. I find that Mr. Lichtenstein, of New York, shewed two frames and two albums of Cape only. Amongst these were 125 "woodblocks," mint and used, in blocks and on covers, including the 1d. blue unused and used and in a pair, the 4d. red used and in a block of four on cover. His rectangulars were complete unused in blocks of four, including the rare surcharges and the 5/-. He received a gold medal for his exhibit.

In opposition to the above Mr. R. F. A. Riesco, of London, shewed Cape in four frames with 1,600 triangulars, including pairs and blocks, covers and cancellations. He exhibited two copies of each of the "woodblock" errors in different shades and also the unissued De la Rue 1d. red with watermark Crown CC. Amongst the rectangulars he shewed nearly all the known errors and varieties, including the "three pence" double surcharge, narrow "3" inverted and the wide "3" double surcharge. A really fine show, for which Mr. Riesco received a gold medal.

Mr. A. E. Le Roy, of Oberlin, Ohio, displayed one frame of Cape triangulars in singles, pairs and blocks. They were chosen for their fine condition. He also displayed oddities, such as "splits" and was awarded a silver medal.

Natal was not shewn specialised nor was Orange Free State, but Col. A. O. V. Durell, of Cambridge, displayed one frame—a specialised study of the 3d. blue surcharged "Halve Penny." No award.

Transvaal (first type only) was shewn in two frames by Paul de Smeth, of Brussels, giving the various prints of Otto, Viljoen, Borrius, Davis and the Stamp Commission, followed by a collection of forgeries. No award.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., of New York, exhibited in one frame "Not for Competition" their reference collection of 1869-77. They also included later issues in their display.

Rhodesia was shewn in one frame by Mr. B. Heineman, of New York, as an unused specialised collection. He received a bronze medal.

Union of South Africa as shewn in two frames by Mr. Stephen G. Rich, of Verona, N.J., as a specialised collection. It began with inter-provincials and contained the issues of 1913-1925 shewing minor varieties and shades (mainly due to the world war), air mails on flown covers, 1926 issue with minor varieties, dues and cancellations. The whole was well illustrated, partly with photographs taken in South Africa by the exhibitor. He was awarded a bronze medal.

None of the other S.A. colonies, such as British Bechuanaland, Bechuanaland Protectorate, New Republic, Stellaland, S.W. Africa or Zululand were shewn specialised. Of Mauritius there were the celebrated collections of Messrs. A. Hinds, of Utica, N.Y., and A. Lichtenstein. Mr. Hinds was awarded a Palm of Honour and Mr. Lichtenstein a gold medal.

I omitted to state above that His Majesty King George sent a congratulatory cable wishing the exhibition all success. Further, that Mr. C. L. Pack had shewn several outstanding exhibits, but, owing to his position, all were entered "not for competition." He would, undoubtedly, have received the highest awards. His Victoria "half lengths" received the Championship medal in London in 1923, the Crawford medal from England, the Lindenberg medal from Berlin and the Collectors' Club Medal. I must say that such a collection takes some beating.

I think that I had now better finish this article, because, if I start to enumerate the many side-shows and entertainments, pleasure trips on land and sea, the banquet at the Hotel Astor and the speeches the printer would possibly run out of type! Therefore, I will conclude with the remark of an English visitor "So this is America, one shilling for a shoe-shine, which is tuppence in Lunnnon."

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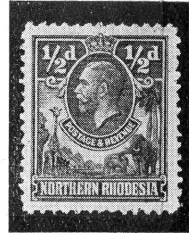
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There was an excellent attendance at the meeting held on January 4th. Correspondence from England regarding the heavy cancellations found on S. African stamps was read. Several members pointed out that heavy postmarks are often found on British stamps. It was decided to write to the Postmaster-General enquiring whether lighter cancellations could not be introduced.

The members learnt with satisfaction of the success attained by a member of the P.S.N. (Mr. A. E. Le Roy) in gaining a silver medal for his collection of Cape triangulars at the New York Exhibition.

It was agreed to write to the Postmaster-General enquiring on what conditions the Union Official stamps could be made available to philatelists.

Mr. C. E. Morin displayed his collection of War Tax stamps. This consists almost entirely of mint specimens and is practically complete.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres. : Mr. W. J. Giovanetti. Hon. Sec. : Mr. H. N. B. Hawke,
P.O. Box 412, Pretoria.

Meetings held 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., at Standard Restaurant.

The Annual General Meeting was held on December 20th and the Secretary's report shewed a very sound state of affairs.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year : President, Mr. W. J. Giovanetti; Vice-President and Curator of Forgery Collection, Major E. G. A. Booth; Curator of Society's Collection (mint Edwardians and Georgians), Mr. C. Hand; Librarian and Exchange Supt., Mr. H. P. de Boom; Committee, Messrs. A. P. Obermeyer and S. A. Klagsbrun.

THE EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President : Mr. T. Wood. Hon. Secretary : Mr. C. E. Donne,
P.O. Box 32, Denver, Transvaal.

Meetings held third Wednesday each month, at 7.30 p.m., in the Transvaal Hotel, opp. Boksburg Station.

At the meeting held on January 19th Mr. J. Doyle exhibited his practically complete collection of Portuguese Nyassa. This was very neatly mounted and written up and proved of considerable interest.

Mr. C. E. Donne read one of the papers which had competed for the Bates Prize (England), viz. : "Thief Proof Stamps and True Philately." Dealing as it does with stamps perforated or overprinted by firms and governments as a precaution against theft the paper was of great interest to all present.

Mr. J. Robertson gave an account of the very successful Stamp Exhibition held at East London at the beginning of the month and also detailed his philatelic experiences during his tour round the coast.

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Latest Union News.

The following are distinguishing points of the Pretoria printed 1d. stamps : Red generally slightly blotchy ; lines of shading in centre often broken ; details of ship not too clear. While the local productions are perforated 14 by 14½ by a comb machine as before the perforations extend through the top, bottom and left margins—in the Waterlow stamps they extend through the top and right margins.

The paper being used in Pretoria is the same as that which was used by Waterlow's but it has been rendered almost non-curling by the use of special gum.

After a little practice collectors should be able to easily distinguish Pretoria productions from the London stamps.

A number of shades have already been noticed in the new printings, while copies with the watermark inverted are shewn us by Mr. Thos P. Lenaghan, of Standerton.



We illustrate a very interesting flaw which occurred on a few sheets on stamp number 10 of row 18 (Pretoria printing). Mr. F. von Broembsen, of East London, is the first to bring it to our notice and it will be seen that one of the white blotches resembles a moon. Thus we have a rising (or setting) sun and an almost full moon on the stamp !

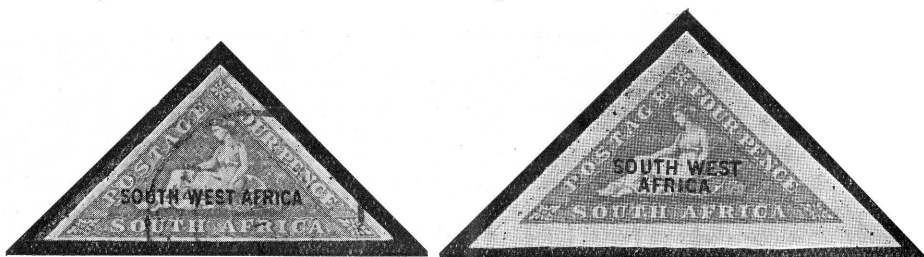
An interesting variety in the ½d. pictorial is reported by Mr. Geo. W. Hockey, of Wolmaransstad. It consists of the "1" and cross bar of "½d." entirely missing, the variety being found on only a few sheets on stamp number 12, row 7.

The £1 stamp with the centre in pale olive green (previously only reported overprinted for S.W. Africa) is now obtainable unoverprinted—copies have been shewn us.

The Government has just issued a new card for external postage. The address side bears a 1½d. stamp in brown and black in the design of the 1d. pictorial, the inscriptions on it reading SOUTH AFRICA, SUIDAFRIKA and 1½d. The other side of the card is taken up by a finely printed South African view. Twenty-four different views are obtainable. These cards are sold in packets of six different views at 1/3 per packet and a set of 24 cards is obtainable by purchasing four differently numbered envelopes.

South West African Notes.

Another big surprise! Mr. A. M. Jones, of Johannesburg, greatly surprised us when he shewed us a registered letter posted at Windhoek



on January 24th and franked with an English triangular from a packet overprinted SOUTH WEST AFRICA in ONE LINE. The overprint is in the same type of sans serif capitals as before.

The following list of constant varieties in the new overprint on the 1d. pictorial is submitted by Mr. W. R. Gilbert, of Luderitz: 3rd stamp, 6th row, broken "W" in "West"; 6th stamp 7th row, broken "o" in "South"; 9th stamp, 10th row, broken "u" in "South"; 8th stamp, 13th row, no stop or small stop after "Africa"; 12th stamp, 13th row, large "i" in "Africa"; 4th stamp, 19th row, inverted "h" for "u" in "South"; 6th stamp, 20th row, curved foot to "f" in "Afrika."



Mr. G. F. Booth, of London, writes: "On page 79 of your September issue you state that the fourth stamp in the second row is in Type VIa instead of VI on the 1d., 2d. and 2/6 postage. I have a block of the £1 value shewing this variety."

Mr. H. Mallet-Veale, of Prieska, reports receipt of an official registration envelope doubly overprinted—once in English and once in Dutch. He also states that he has copies of the ½d. (Type III), 1d. (IV) and 1½d. (V) postage dues shewing the frame doubly printed. We have not heard of this variety in unoverprinted stamps.

We have already chronicled the 1½d. due with Type VI (type-set) and Mr. Mallet-Veale points out that the variety Type VIa on stamp number 10, left pane, is to be found here.

Messrs. Booth and Mallet-Veale report the 5d. Type VI (type-set) shewing Type VIa on number 10, left pane, but Lt.-Col. L. J. Worthington states that he has right and left panes of this stamp both having the overprint as applied to right panes of the 1d., 3d. and 6d. dues, consequently the above variety does not occur on his panes. Writing later Mr. Mallet-Veale states that he can now only obtain this 5d. overprinted according to the panes seen by Lt.-Col. Worthington.

"With reference," writes our Prieska correspondent, "to Col. Worthington's check-list of the dues with Types VI and VIa the 2d. Type VI exists type-set as well as lithographed and shews the variety Type VIa on stamp number 10, left pane."

The missing stop after "Africa" occurs, reports Mr. Mallet-Veale, on the Type VI (type-set) 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 5d., and 6d. dues (stamp number 53, right pane, in each case).

The same correspondent states that the triangulars are obtainable in two types of lettering—thick and thin. The 1d. pictorial (original overprint) is also, he says, to be found in two types (i.e., different printings)—thick and thin, easily distinguished as the thick type has a duller overprint and all the letters and stops are well formed and shew up much better.

In a subsequent letter Mr. Mallet-Veale writes: "Lt.-Col. Worthington states that the £1 is not likely to exist with Type VIa in top panes. Herewith I enclose a marginal pair with Type VI on bottom pane and I have a block of 16 from the centre of the sheet shewing VIa on top and VI on bottom, so that your line on page 79 still holds good and Col. Worthington's amendment is incorrect."



Type VI.



Type VIa.

With reference to the £1, Type VIa, with the centre in pale olive green, chronicled last December, Mr. Mallet-Veale, in sending us a block with this variety, states that while the jubilee lines on it are of equal length they are of unequal length on sheets which have the centres in the normal shade of green. Further the above variety occurs on sheets which have Type VIa in top panes.

The various blocks of £1 stamps shewn us by the above correspondent therefore prove that this value occurs in both settings of the VI-VIa overprint.

We have yet another bulletin from Mr. Mallet-Veale. He writes: "I expect that I shall have to give you my views on the reversion to the Type IIIa overprint now being sold, so here they are: Firstly, I have received panes of the 2d., 1/-, 2/6 and 5/- so far and have, of course, compared them with other Type IIIa panes received just before Types VI-VIa appeared. I find that I was correct in my first statement (I think that I wrote you about it) that of Type IIIa there were two printings and these should easily be distinguished. These 2d., 3d., 1/- to £1 now on issue are the second printing of Type IIIa. Mr. Lichtenstein is quite correct in stating that he obtained these stamps in Windhoek somewhere about July, 1926. I myself received the 5/- value (a full sheet) in May, 1926 with this Type IIIa, second printing, but was given to understand that this was the last sheet on hand at the P.O. at Windhoek. Probably this information was correct as far as the P.O. was concerned, but stocks

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Stellaland and its Stamps.

By E. TAMSEN.

(Continued from December Issue).

PART II.—THE STAMPS.

The first notice of the appearance of Stellaland postage stamps was in the "Philatelist" of March 1884, giving the 1/- value only. This was copied by the "Philatelic Record" of April, 1884, which added the 3d. value, cancelled by a large figure 6 in a circle, evidently the S.A. Republic cancellation of Lichtenburg.

In May 1884 the "Philatelic Record" quotes the "Philatelist" as having seen the 4d. and 6d. denominations. In June the same journal chronicles from a Transvaal source the 1d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-, and in the July number the whole set is listed on the authority of the P.M.G. of the S.A. Republic.

The Royal Philatelic Society's work on Africa (Part III.) gives February 1st, 1884 as the date of issue. I think that this is correct—the earliest cancellation which I have seen is April 4th, 1884 and the latest February 11th 1885, but there should be later dates.

The stamps were lithographed by the Capetown firm of Van der Sandt, de Villiers & Co., the work being well done. They are printed on white wove unwatermarked paper. The denominations are :

1d. vermilion.	3d. orange, yellow.
4d. slate blue,	6d. lilac,
1/- yellow-green, dark green.	

The colours vary very little, except in the 3d. and 1/-, where they are very distinct—perhaps there was more than one printing of the 3d., which represented the inland rate.



The stamps were printed in sheets of 96 (12 horizontal rows of 8) in the case of the 1d., 3d., 4d. and 1/- and 117 (13 horizontal rows of 9) in the case of the 6d. Why the 6d. should be in larger sheets than the other values I cannot understand—I see no reason why this stamp should have been used more than the 3d., perhaps it was meant to represent the "foreign" rate!

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As to the design of the stamps see illustrations herewith. They are clear ones, only the coat of arms requires some explanation. The star in the right upper quarter clearly means "Stella," the two fish in the lower right hand quarter stand for the subjugated Batlaping kaffir tribe, the scale in the left lower quarter probably represents the scale of Justice, but the bird in the left top quarter beats me. It certainly does not represent an eagle or the secretary bird—the latter has long legs. Perhaps the artist took the rooster in his backyard for a model and left the explanation to the imagination of the public!

(To be concluded).

S.W. African Notes. (Continued from Page 3).

of this type must have been on hand in the strong room awaiting issue. Then the Types VI-VIa came to hand and these were put into circulation and Type IIIa was kept in reserve.

"Types VI-VIa appear to be exhausted and Type IIIa is being finished off. The 3d. is sold out in Type IIIa and I am informed that the 1/- and $1/3$ values are also at an end or if not only a few sheets are still on hand.

"I think that this disposes of the idea that this Type IIIa is a new issue from new lithos.

"An easy means of telling the first and second printings of Type IIIa is to take a block of four from the top left hand corner of the sheet and compare the "Z" of "Zuid" of the first stamp, second row. In the first printing the limbs are perfectly horizontal, but in the second printing the top limb is slanting and in some cases both limbs slant. Moreover, in the second printing the "Z" is thinner and damaged in the bottom limb. Other differences are easily to be seen on comparing the two printings."

Stop Press.

UNION OF S. AFRICA.—The design and inscriptions of the postage dues have been changed, stamps now being inscribed SOUTH AFRICA, SUIDAFRIKA, POSTAGE DUE, TE BETAAL. The 1d. due in the new design is now on issue. Supplies of additional values of the pictorial set have reached Pretoria from London, presumably the 2d., 3d. and 1/- denominations. No details are available beyond the fact that at least one value is transverse oblong in shape. A supply of locally produced $\frac{3}{4}$ d. postage stamps has been delivered to the Post Office Department by the Government Printer, while a supply of the Pretoria printed 6d. pictorials will be delivered this month (February).

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—The $\frac{3}{4}$ d. and 6d. pictorials will shortly appear with the new transposed overprint.

BELGIAN CONGO.—The 1fr. 50c. blue is now on issue, the 1fr. 25c. stamp having had a short life. The new value has been overprinted for Ruanda-Urundi.



NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.



BELGIAN CONGO.—The 75c. is now on issue in its new colour, red. The design has been changed to that of the 30c. stamp (native woodworker). The two new values, 45c. purple (design of 60c. stamp—long-horned cattle) and 1.25 fr. blue (design of 40c. value—head of Ubangui native) are also available. These three stamps have been overprinted for Ruanda-Urundi. We understand that the 1.25 fr. stamp will shortly be superseded by a 1.50 fr. (blue) denomination.

MAURITIUS.—The 8c. orange and 10c. carmine in the King's Head design have been released and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., submit copies. The 12c. grey (King) on Script paper has been re-issued.

SEYCHELLES.—A misprint crept into our note in our December issue. The denomination mentioned—2R.50c.—should have read 2R.25c., otherwise our chronicle is correct.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Further additions to our check list of imperforates (published in our December 1926 issue) are notified by Mr. L. H. Rivers, of Caledon. He reports receipt of the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. with varieties a, g and k.

ST. HELENA.—The 1/6, 2/6 and 5/- denominations are now on issue with the Script wmk.



TANGANYIKA, MANDATED TERRITORY OF.—The denominations to 1/- of the new set were placed on sale last month and we are indebted to Messrs. W. Tunstall, of Nairobi, R. Roberts, of London, and Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, for details. We illustrate the two designs herewith, the following being a description of the stamps :

Nyasaland type. Portrait in black. Inscribed "MANDATED TERRITORY OF TANGANYIKA." Printed in unbroken sheets of 100 (10 x 10). Plate 1. Wmk. Script CA.

5c. green and black.	30c. purple and black.
10c. yellow-orange and black.	40c. brown and black.
15c. rose and black.	50c. grey and black.
20c. light brown and black.	75c. olive and black.
25c. blue and black.	

Large format. Portrait in black. Head plate similar to that of high values of Nyasaland; frame also similar, except that the words "Postage-Revenue" take the place of the written value in upper tablet, the denomination only appearing in upper spandrels as before. Name tablet ("Manded Territory of Tanganyika") a clear curve instead of a vavy one. Printed in sheets of 100 (four panes of 25). Plate 1. Wmk. Script CA.

1s. green and black,

BERMUDA.—The 2½d. and 3d. stamps have been reissued in their old colours—blue, and purple on yellow respectively—copies coming to us via our Ipswich correspondents. Both are, for the first time, on Script wmk. paper.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The 2/- value is now available with the Script C A watermark.

CEYLON.—The 2c. orange and 5c. purple have, as we forecast last month, been reissued, but they are now on Script wmk. paper. Copies to hand from W. K. & Co. The 1c. stamp is about to appear on this paper.

DOMINICA.—The "Philatelic Magazine" states that the 3/- and 5/- denominations will shortly appear on Script wmk. paper.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The 2½d. stamp is about to revert to its old colour, blue. As with the previous blue 2½d. it will be on Script paper.

GAMBIA.—From the "P.M." we learn that the 7½d. denomination is about to appear on Script paper.



INDIA.—The Nasik printed 5 rupees stamp (multiple star wmk.) is now on issue, report Messrs. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co.

KELANTAN.—The 3c. value is about to change its colour to brown.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—The block letter wmk. 2½d. G.B. has been overprinted "25 centimes."

SIERRA LEONE.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and R. Roberts report receipt of the 5/- and 10/- values on Script watermark paper.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—The colour changes forecast in our November issue have now been despatched to the islands, together with (according to "Stamp Collecting") a supply of the 2½d. in its original colour, blue. As with the previous blue 2½d. the reissue bears the Script wmk.

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LONDON STAMP NEWS.



With the industrial outlook more settled and some prospect of an early recovery in trade, everyone is looking forward to a real revival in Stamp Collecting during 1927. Popular interest in the Royal Hobby was never stronger than it is to-day, but for some time past moderate philatelists have been forced by the tightness of money to curtail their outlay upon stamps, to a greater or lesser extent. The result has been that whereas the premier firms have been kept busy catering for the Great Moguls in connection with the New York Stamp Exhibition, the smaller dealers have had rather a thin time. There is however, a distinct improvement in what is euphoniously termed "general" business, whilst the "boy" trade appears to have recovered from the competitive effects of wireless, and is once more in a flourishing state. The oft-reiterated advice of prominent physicians that the cultivation of a hobby is essential to mental and physical well-being nowadays has also given a fresh fillip to Stamp Collecting among "children of larger growth," so that hard-worked professional and business men are turning in increasing numbers to the pastime of their youth. All of which augurs well for Philately in the year of Grace Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

The Schoolboys' Own.

There is little doubt that despite the counter attractions of a mechanical age, Stamp Collecting reigns supreme in the favour of the rising generation. For the second year in succession the youngsters had their own Stamp Exhibition last week, as a part of the great Schoolboys' Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London. It is gratifying to record that entries were more numerous and of a higher order even than last year and competition for the handsome challenge cup presented by the enterprising Junior Philatelic Society was therefore exceptionally keen. Many exhibitors, whose ages ranged from 9 to 13 years, had entered specialised collections which displayed a remarkable degree of philatelic acumen, Great Britain, France and the Union of South Africa being apparently first favourites with these budding philatelists.

The section devoted to stamps of educational interest proved particularly attractive with its fascinating array of ships, aeroplanes, birds, beasts, fishes and familiar figures from the pages of Greek mythology. No more effective means of fostering the love of stamps with the young idea could possibly be devised, and it is good to know that the Schoolboys' Own Stamp Exhibition is now established as an annual event.

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Another popular country just now is Trans-Jordania, whose first issue has been fetching as much as three times catalogue in the auction room of late.

Reversions to colour in the case of the 2½d. and 3d. stamps of the Crown Colonies are causing a mild flutter amongst the numerous devotees of Twentieth Century Colonials. A judicious investment in this direction may be expected to produce satisfactory dividends for those to whom a little philatelic speculation is occasionally attractive.

Amongst European countries, Russia is enjoying a considerable vogue. This includes Armenia, Batoum and the secession States. A curious philatelic phenomenon is the growing popularity of the bizarre and hitherto neglected stamps of the Indian Feudatory States. The earlier issues of Mexico are much in demand, and there is a good market for modern Australians.

Forthcoming Colonials.

According to the latest information from the Crown Agents' office the next 2½d. stamps to revert to their normal colour (i.e., blue) will be those of Antigua, Falkland and Virgin Islands. The 3/- and 5/- Dominica, 7½d. Gambia, 10/- Nyassaland and 1/6, 2/6, 5/- St. Helena are all due for early issue on Script C.A. watermarked paper, for the first time. A new 1 Rupee stamp for Iraq bears the likeness of King Feisul, printed in brown, whilst the new Georgian series of the Mandated Territory of Tanganyika is daily expected. It comprises fifteen denominations ranging from 5c. to £1.

Next to those of the British Empire, the stamps of the French Colonies are prime favourites, more especially with the less advanced collectors, on account of their picturesque designs and brilliant colourings. It may be well to fill up any blanks in the current series without delay in view of a well authenticated report from Paris that they are about to be superseded by an entirely new set of designs incorporating portraits of famous French Colonial Governors of the past.—D.B.A. January 14th, 1927.

Stamps at Auction.

Following is a selection of prices recently obtained by Mr. H. R. Harmer, the Bond Street auctioneer.

Rhodesia, 1886, 3d. on 5s., variety "R" in "THREE" inverted, mint	£120	0	0
Rhodesia, 1896-7, 8d. green and mauve on buff, variety imperforate, mint pair	£19	10	0
Australia, flown registered envelope carried by Sir Alan J. Cobham from Darwin to Melbourne	£10	0	0
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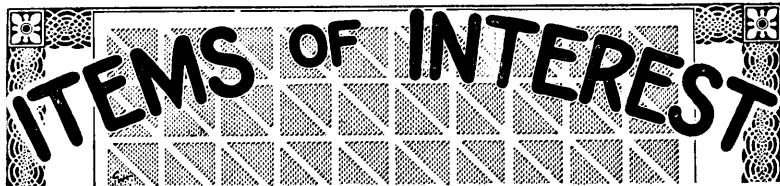
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Obituary.—Death has removed two keen philatelists from our subscription list, namely, Mr. D. Hammerschlag, of Johannesburg, and Major Huneberg, of Pretoria. Both came to Johannesburg in the early days and their passing is keenly felt by the many friends they made during their long stay in the Transvaal. To their relatives we offer our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Prefers Pairs.—Congratulations to our staunch supporter Mr. A. Lichtenstein, of Rouxville, on his marriage, which took place on March 3rd.

A Splendid Production.—"Filatelia," the illustrated monthly hailing from Turin, is a magnificently produced journal. Copiously illustrated articles, in several languages, appear regularly. This magazine has booked an advertisement contract with us and will be pleased to send specimen copies to applicants. At the present rate of exchange the subscription is 11/- per year or, without the supplement illustrating and describing all new issues, 9/- per annum.

Turkey, Random Notes.—This is a most instructive book from the pen of Mr. G. A. Higlett. It deals with the lesser known varieties and provisionals and is well illustrated. The price is 1/- per copy and the publishers Messrs. Harris Publications, Ltd., Windsor House, 46 Victoria Street., London, S.W. 1.

Kohl's Philatelic Handbook.—Section 11 has come to hand. It covers the issues of the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Esthonia, etc., and is obtainable from Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, 89 Farringdon St., London, E.C. 4 at 2/8 per copy (1/8 to subscribers for the complete work).

Remarkable Prices are being obtained for a number of S.W. African and other stamps which were recently on issue and which have had a short life. Several readers who have "come in on the ground floor" attribute their success to our up-to-date new issue chronicle, which has enabled them to purchase good items while they were current. The advantages of subscribing to the "S.A. Philatelist" are, therefore, obvious.



UNION PICTORIALS.

Further Values
Appear.



Supplies of the 2d., 3d., 1/- and 5/- pictorials reached Pretoria from England on March 1st, a quantity of the 2/6 stamps coming to hand on March 8th. These new values were immediately put into circulation and are now obtainable at a number of offices.

We illustrate all the newcomers and give the following details :
Centre in second colour.



2d., brownish mauve and grey, Union Buildings, Pretoria.

3d., scarlet and black, Groote Schuur.

1/-, bright blue and light brown, Arms of Natal (Pair of gnus in front of the Drakensbergen).

2/6, brown and green, ox-waggon emerging from a drift.

5/-, green and black, ox-waggon outspanned.

Watermarked multiple springbok's head, the stamps are printed throughout from engraved plates. Save for the inscription "Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., Engravers, New Malden, Surrey, England" in the bottom margin the margins are devoid of markings of any kind.

The 2d., 3d. and 1/- values are in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60, side by side) and the 2/6 and 5/- in sheets of 60. The stamps are, of course, printed alternately in English and Afrikaans.



The design of the 3d. denomination is an exact replica of that found on card number 18 of the series of pictorial post cards recently placed on sale. A striking point about this stamp is that while most of the centre is in black the horizon is in scarlet.



We are reliably informed that the plates used to print the above stamps are now in Pretoria. Future printings will, therefore, be made by the Government Printer. We also have good authority for saying that all the newcomers are being overprinted SOUTH WEST AFRICA and SUIDWES AFRIKA by the Government Printer.



Supplies of the 10/- denomination are expected to reach Pretoria any day. It is understood that this value will be brown and light blue in colour and will shew a view of Table Bay.

Altogether the new stamps are very striking in appearance and will probably cause the report of the Post Office Department for 1927 to shew a big cash surplus!

Later.—A supply of the 10/- pictorial has been received by the Distributor of Stamps, Pretoria.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,

It is pleasing to note that the Philatelic Society of Natal has decided to take up the matter of heavy cancellations on stamps passing through the post office. I presume that they refer to the hand postmarks of circular and roller type, which are now used at parcel counters—they ought really to be described as “obliterators.”

I hope that the above Society will labour the point that it is ridiculous to offer large prizes for competitive designs to enable the Government to issue an attractive set and give prestige to postal matter, and then obliterate these designs to such an extent that at times it is difficult to discover what stamps are on the article.

Hoping that the P.S.N's. efforts will be successful.

I am, Yours, etc.,

“HEAVILY CANCELLED.”



INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

Durban, July, 1928.



The preliminary prospectus of the above has reached us. The Exhibition is being organised by the Philatelic Society of Natal, which was responsible for the success which attended the one held in Durban in 1913. The prospectus states that the promoters are determined to leave no stone unturned to make the 1928 affair the most successful ever held in the Southern Hemisphere. The Exhibition will be competitive and there will be classes for every kind of postage stamp.

All the officials are expert philatelists and many are well-known throughout the world. Every effort is being made to secure the services of judges of world repute.

Preliminary enquiries which have been made indicate that overseas, as well as South African, collectors will heartily co-operate in the venture and several well-known philatelists of international standing have signified their intention of exhibiting. One of the members of the Society, who is proceeding to England, will carry a special invitation to H.M. King George to exhibit a portion of his collection.

A cordial invitation is extended by the P.S.N. to all collectors and dealers to participate and send in exhibits. The Hon. Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, Mr. Norman Welsford, F.R.P.S.L., P.O. Box 588, Durban, will be pleased to send full particulars, as they become available, to all interested.

It is hoped to house the Exhibition in the Durban Town Hall. This is one of the finest Town Halls in the world and it is situated in the centre of the town.

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There is no customs duty on stamps entering the Union and collections will not be opened until entrusted to the Exhibition Committee for judging and display.

Among those who have kindly extended their patronage to the Exhibition are H.E. The Governor-General; the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs; the Administrators of the four provinces, the Mayor of Durban and all Consuls in Durban.

The P.S.N. will be grateful for the wholehearted support of the philatelists of Southern Africa and abroad. One way in which they can assist is to obtain from the Hon. Secretary supplies of "stickers" advertising the Exhibition for affixing to their correspondence.

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NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—We illustrate the new 1d. postage due. Its colours are crimson and black and it is a very well produced stamp.



The locally printed ½d. and 6d. pictorials are now on issue. The former is deeper and the latter lighter in shade than the Waterlow productions.

Mr. D. S. Fowler, of Durban, submits a copy of the 1d. pictorial shewing the word **REVENUE** as **RFVENUE**, while another subscriber shews us a copy shewing **POSTAGE** as **POSTAGF**.

We have seen copies of the 10/- King's Head with the frame in pale olive green—the same colour as the centre of the latest printings of the £1 stamp.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—The new Union 1d. postage due will shortly appear overprinted in English and Afrikaans alternately.

The London-printed ½d. and 6d. pictorials with the transposed overprint are now on issue. This type of overprint will not be used again. The "English on English and Afrikaans on Afrikaans" overprint will be used for all future printings.

Mr. C. Smithers, of Capetown, reports receipt of a pair of the 1d. transposed overprint (postmarked Walvis, 31/1/27) with inverted watermark.

The new pictorial 1½d. post cards are about to appear duly overprinted, in English on some cards and in Afrikaans on others.

BELGIAN CONGO.—The new 1fr. 50c. blue is in the design of the 40c. and 1fr. 25c. stamps—head of Ubangui native.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.—The 4d. Script wmk. and the new value, 2/- blue and lilac on blue, are now on issue, report Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., and R. Roberts.

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SEYCHELLES.—The new value, 9c. red, is now on issue. We have had an opportunity of examining the uncatalogued variety chronicled by us, namely, the 2R. 25c. old C.A. wmk., printed from Die 2. This stamp differs from the Die 1 and Script wmk. stamps in that the green is rather deep, while the paper is thicker and the gum brownish.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. A. C. Thornton, of Bulawayo, notifies the discovery of the 2d. value with imperf. variety "j." He states that there were only three pairs on the sheet. With reference to the 1d. with variety "k" Mr. Thornton says "This occurs also from centre strip of the sheet and not only as a single due to the fold when perforating" (see page 133, January issue).



TANGANYIKA, MANDATED TERRITORY OF.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us that the new set has been completed by the issue of the following high values in the design illustrated herewith: 2/- purple (frame) and black (centre), 3/- black throughout, 5/- red and black, 10/- blue and black, £1 orange and black.

ZANZIBAR.—The 6c. value in the new design (illustrated herewith) is now on issue. Its colour is deep purple.



AUSTRALIA.—A 13½ x 12½ comb machine has been installed in the Government Printing Works and will probably be used to perforate all values of the current set. The first supply of the multiple wmk. 1d. green was perforated 14, but copies are now arriving with the new perforation.

BARBADOS.—The Tercentenary commemorative stamp was to have been issued on February 17th. Of the denomination of 1d. it is being printed by the copper-plate process. Red in colour the stamp bears likenesses of T. M. Charles I. and George V. This adhesive will remain on sale until September 30th 1927, says the "Philatelic Magazine."



MALTA.—Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, of Birchircara, Malta, sends us a copy of the new 10/- stamp. Of the same shape as the 1/6, 2/6 and 3/- values the newcomer is carmine (frame) and black (centre) in colour. The stamp bears a reproduction of the Statue of St. Paul in the Collegiate Parish Church of St. Paul Shipwrecked in Valletta.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 6c. red, script wmk., is now on issue, a copy reaching us from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres. : Mr. N. Barfoot. Hon. Sec. and Treas. : Mr. C. W. Sheffield, 55, Sherlock Street, Port Elizabeth.

The meeting held on January 21st was well attended. Since the December meeting one of the Society's keenest and most valued members, Mr. J. R. Gibson, was called to Higher Service, as the result of heart failure. The sympathy of the Society was most feelingly expressed by the President, the members rising as a mark of respect.

During December and January the Society has exhibited very interesting collections in the Public Library. These have been much admired and several new members have been obtained as a direct result—two were proposed at the above meeting while two more are promised.

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By E. TAMSEN.

(Continued from February Issue).

PART II.—THE STAMPS.

On the revenue stamps the coat of arms is more elaborate. The shield is held by two lions, one at each side. It has a scroll at the bottom inscribed with the motto "Gewapend en Regtvaardig" (Armed and Just). Gewapend (armed) against the local natives I can understand, but where does the Regtvaardig (justice) come in?—annexing the natives' lands by force may be policy, but it is not justice.

Stellaland never had a proper date cancellation stamp, all the used copies I have seen having been postmarked with the Postmasters' initials and date, but cancellations of adjoining countries can be found, with or without the P.M. initials.

Regarding the revenue stamps, these are oblong and nearly twice the size of the postage adhesives. They are perforated 12, the values running from 6d. to £5. They were first issued as received from the printers, but later on had a rubber stamp monogram J.P.M. printed on the coat of arms. These fiscals were the chief source of revenue of the Republic, the receipts from the sale of the postage stamps cannot have been large—people there had no reason to write many letters in those days and business houses were but few in the country.

The Sir Charles Warren Expedition in 1885 found a small quantity of postage stamps and a large lot of revenue adhesives in the Government offices. Some of these were used by the Expedition for both fiscal and postage purposes until some Cape stamps overprinted "British Bechuanaland" were received. The remainders were sold to the stamp trade in 1886, the purchasers stating that there were but few copies of the 1d. value in the lot.

There now only remains the mystery of the surcharge "Twee" on the 4d. to be explained and this is rather difficult. The first notice concerning this stamp which I can find is in the "Philatelic Record" of February, 1888. It reads "A correspondent dating from Griqualand West writes us that when he was lately in Vryburg the Postmaster gave him a copy of the 4d. blue Stellaland stamp which had been surcharged "Two" in old English type in lake-red with a handstamp over VIER. The Postmaster informed him that only 84 were issued or printed."

In the following month the Editor writes that he has received another specimen of this stamp on which the surcharge is more legible than on the one received from his correspondent. The surcharge is TWEE and in this case is applied over the middle of the stamp. The Editor was also informed that the number so treated was 384 and not 84, but he was without any proof of its use.

Let us take some notes from the above. The correspondent alluded to by the "Philatelic Record" had evidently been in Vryburg about the end of 1887, say November or December. Bechuanaland had been annexed in 1885 and had its own stamps since early in 1886. Now how did the Postmaster at Vryburg obtain these provisional Stellaland stamps and how did he know of the quantity surcharged?

Now some facts. On July 1st, 1882 the half ounce inland letter rate in the Cape of Good Hope was reduced from 3d. to 2d. and in December, 1884 the 2d. light brown stamp was issued. On January 1st, 1885 the inland letter rate in the South African Republic was reduced from 3d. to 2d. and on April 1st, 1885 the letter rate from the S.A.R. to the Orange Free State and Cape of Good Hope dropped to 2d. per half ounce.

The P.M.G. of Stellaland would most likely be in touch with Pretoria and would consequently know of the reduction in rates and would follow suit early in 1885. Consequently, there would be a larger demand for the 1d. stamps. This seems to be proved by the fact that only few 1d. stamps were found amongst the remainders sold to the stamp trade. Therefore, the easiest way out of the difficulty would be to surcharge some of the other stamps on hand and the 4d. was taken for this purpose and reduced by a rubber stamp worded "Twee" to the inland rate and to that of the adjoining countries.



This seems quite logical, but then why was not this stamp sold with the remainders? Why was nothing known in the philatelic world about it until 1887, more than two years after the Republic of Stellaland had ceased to exist? Why are no used copies known?

My own opinion is that the P.M.G. of Stellaland prepared these stamps for use—four sheets are said to have been surcharged—but for some to-day unknown reason he either lacked authority to issue them at the time or the British troops came into the country too quickly for him and he took the four sheets with him when he left his office and kept them till he later on disposed of them.

It would be interesting to hear who the seller was and also who the buyer was of these stamps, either of them might be able to throw some light on the subject.

Now as to the forgeries of the Stellaland stamps. There are several. The first was made in Capetown by an employè of the printing firm. He used the original 6d. stone to print all values from, but came a cropper by using different type for the other values. Consequently, the length of the words of value is shorter than on the originals, except, of course, on the 6d. stamp, in which the value is the same length as on the originals. Further, the colours vary very much from the originals. The 4d. is printed in bright blue, the 6d. is in a deeper reddish shade, the 1d., 3d. and 1/- are better matched to the originals but are not quite the same shades. The perforating of the forgeries was badly done and is easily distinguishable from the clear 12 perforation of the originals.

I received a supply of these forgeries in 1886 from a Capetown dealer as originals and at once drew his attention to the fact that the stamps submitted were forgeries and asked for investigations. These gave the above result.

Further forgeries were made in Europe, the colours differing from the originals, likewise the perforation, which is $11\frac{1}{2}$ and 13. Any collector having one of the original stamps should easily be able to find differences between his stamp and the forgeries.

Owing to the remainders the price 56/- (Gibbons 1927) of the originals, 40 years after issue is still very reasonable; the British Bechuanaland set of 1886 is already three times as dear. I certainly advise South African collectors to complete their sets now as these stamps will never become cheaper than to-day's prices.

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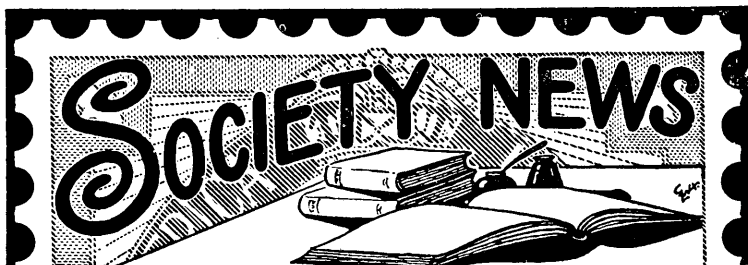
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There was a good muster of members at the February meeting. Mr. J. E. Allen exhibited a selection of choice pages from his Rhodesian collection. Many rarities were noted and Mr. Allen received a very hearty vote of thanks.

Messrs. Skinner and Robertson exhibited a complete range of recent British Colonial new issues. After tea had been served an interesting discussion on points of philatelic interest took place.

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The Annual Dinner was held on February 21st and was a great success, nearly 50 philatelists being present, including a large contingent from Johannesburg.

As usual le maitre d'hotel provided an excellent dinner, while the toasts which followed were very ably proposed and responded to.

A distinguished visitor was the chief foreman of the Government Printing Works. He gave very instructive information regarding the printing of stamps in Pretoria, describing the process of manufacture in detail.

Mr. J. C. Martin exhibited a few pages of rarities from his collection, but, owing to the late hour, the justice they merited could not be done them.

Somewhere about the witching hour a very enjoyable function broke up, everyone declaring the dinner the biggest and best yet held.

The menu was drawn up in lighter vein and each copy was franked with a Pietersburg stamp overprinted OFFICIAL.

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There was a record attendance at the meeting held on March 2nd. A letter from the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs regretting his inability to supply collectors with copies of the Union "Officials" was read.

Mr. T. F. Glen displayed his very fine collection of the Edwardian stamps of Great Britain and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

A most encouraging report was submitted by the Exhibition Committee. Details of the progress made to date will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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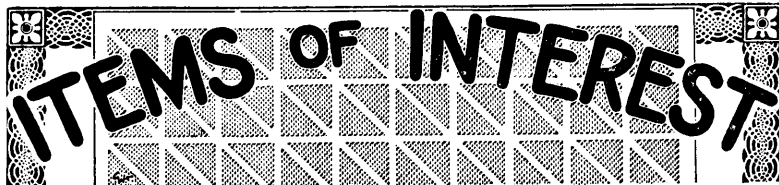
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Have No Fear.—The “Philatelic Journal of Great Britain” for March contains the following note : “News reaches us from South Africa that the one penny pictorial, Waterlow print, now appears with the English overprint on the Afrikaans stamp and vice-versa. This change will probably extend to the other values, first of all on the London prints and later on the Pretoria prints—a confusion of varieties which should be enough to make the brain reel.”

We are pleased to be able to give the assurance that this terrible state of affairs will not come to pass as the transposed overprint has been definitely discontinued. It was only applied to Waterlow printings of the ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials—the local productions will only be obtainable with the “English on English and Afrikaans on Afrikaans” overprint.

Incidentally, we would draw our worthy contemporary's notice to the fact that when reprinting our check list of Southern Rhodesian imperforates it headed the article “Southern Nigeria.” We sincerely hope that specialists in Southern Nigeria are not troubled much with imperforate varieties.

Productions de Luxe.—Congratulations to our seasonal advertisers, Messrs. H. E. Harris & Co., of Boston, Mass., on the production of a well-illustrated brochure entitled “A Photographic Visit to H. E. Harris & Co.” The latest issue of their “Bi-Monthly Journal” is 112 pages in size and, as usual, copiously illustrated.

Obituary.—We regret to learn of the death of Mr. G. F. Rapkin, senior partner in the well-known firm of stamp album and accessories manufacturers. Death was due to double pneumonia following influenza.

Senf's Catalogue, 1927. Pocket Edition.—Senf Brothers must have found it a difficult task to produce a pocket catalogue listing the stamps of the whole world. The work is only about one inch in thickness, but contains 1,280 pages.

Of course, it was not possible, in such a volume, to include many minor varieties, the pocket edition being more of a simplified Senf.

The price of the work is 4/8, registered post free, and the publishers' address Postschliessfach 105, Leipzig.



South West African Notes.



All the new Union pictorials, namely, 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- have been overprinted "South West Africa" and "Suidwes Afr'ka" in the manner illustrated herewith. It is worthy of note that the overprint is in all cases in blue. These new stamps were brought into use during the first week of April and we are indebted to Mr. W. R. Gilbert, of Luderitz, for copies.



Official information from Windhoek states that at about the end of last month the only triangulars in the Windhoek P.O. were the English one line overprint, no Afrikaans overprints or sheets being on hand.

In our next issue we hope to publish figures in connection with the S.W.A. Postal Department's Revenue and Expenditure for the last financial year. As might be expected the figures will shew an enormous revenue from the sale of stamps.

"More stamps made for collectors" is how the "Philatelic Magazine" heads its chronicle of the transposed overprints. While we cannot blame our contemporary for its headline it is

pleasing to be able to say that the transposed overprint was not made for collectors. This overprint was the result of an error on the part of the workman whose duty it was to make up a new forme for overprinting. He started off with an Afrikaans overprint instead of an English one and as he was thoroughly alternate the completed forme gave the transposed overprint. Only after a large quantity of sheets had been overprinted was the error noticed. Definite instructions have been given that in future only the "English on English and Afrikaans on Afrikaans" overprint must be used.



Doubts having been expressed regarding the existence of the 5d. due with Type III Mr. H. Mallet-Veale informs us that he has several copies of this stamp. Our chronicle of this stamp with Types III and IV is correct.

The same correspondent writes: "In the 5d. due, Type VI, left pane, the variety "South West" 16½ mm. long has disappeared, but the fifth stamp, ninth row (No. 53) shews the no stop variety, proving that this left pane has been overprinted from the type-set forme previously used for the right pane."

An interesting bulletin from Mr. Mallet-Veale contains the following: "From articles collectors are no doubt aware that the 2/6 postage, Type IV, was overprinted in half sheets of 120, i.e., the two bottom panes only. It has always puzzled me what happened to the top panes and I have now hit upon the discovery that these two top panes of this 2/6 stamp were overprinted with a different type, namely, Type IVa.

"I received towards the end of 1925 a top right control block of four which had a different overprint to Type IV, i.e., it was heavier and more shiny and the cut into the paper was very deep, shewing it to be typographed. I could not get hold of any further supplies until February 1926, when I received a similar block from top left corner and I have now received a right top pane and find that stamp No. 53 contains the no-stop variety."

Our correspondent also sends us a block of the 6d. postage due bearing the Type IVa overprint, while Lt. Col. L. J. Worthington advises receipt of this novelty. Col. Worthington describes the overprint as type-set, rough in appearance and irregular in alignment. This 6d. due, Type IVa, was, says Mr. Mallet-Veale on issue very recently. Col. Worthington states that certain varieties which are found in the Type VI dues are to be found in Type IVa, the varieties being :

- "South West" 16½ mm. long on 4th stamp, 2nd row, left pane.
- Flawed feet of "Af" on 6th stamp, 7th row, right pane.
- "Africa" without stop on 5th stamp, 9th row, right pane (stamp No. 53).



Type IV.



Type VI.

It would appear that the 6d. due and 2/6 postage were overprinted with Type IVa at the same time, the type being later re-spaced to make Type VI. The 6d. due, Type IVa, was, apparently, kept in stock for a long time before being issued.

Auction Prices.

Mr. H. R. Harmer, the well-known philatelic auctioneer, recently obtained the following prices for the stamps mentioned :

S.W. Africa, ½d. postage, Type VI, mint block of 18 shewing overprint misplaced to right	£1 10 0
S.W. Africa, ½d. and 1d. postage, Type I, mint pair of each shewing misplaced overprint	£1 16 0
S.W. Africa, 1d. postage, Type I, mint pair shewing overprint inverted	£5 5 0
S.W. Africa, 1/3, Type I, mint pair shewing overprint inverted	£6 6 0
Malta, 1919-20, 10/- M.C.A., mint, but inkstained	£18 10 0
Malta, 1921-22, 10/- Script wmk., mint	£8 10 0
Malta, 10/- CC, overprinted "Self-Government," mint block of four	£19 10 0
Malta, 2/- M.C.A., overprinted "Self-Government," mint block of four	£7 15 0
Malta, 1926, local postage due, 2½d., mint block of four, one stamp shewing variety "2" of "½" omitted	£5 0 0

Latest Union News.

The new 10/- stamp is now on issue. It shews a view of Capetown and Table Mountain, the centre being in light blue and the frame in brown. This stamp has, like the other recent issues, been printed from engraved plates on multiple watermark paper by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. We illustrate the latest arrival. The pictorial set is now complete, but if, as we understand, ALL the pictorials will in future be printed in Pretoria Union specialists and others need not put their purses back in their pockets yet.

The London and Pretoria printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. and London 6d. may be had with the watermark inverted.

The first supplies of the Pretoria 1d. pictorial shewed the perforations running through the top, bottom and left margins. Now, however, only the top and left margins are being perforated through. The Pretoria $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 6d. are only to be had in the latter state.

The locally produced $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 6d. stamps are, as a rule, lighter in shade and less even in colouring than the London productions, but the Government Printer's efforts are daily becoming better matched to the Waterlow productions.



Mr. J. Ritchie submits the following check list of constant minor varieties in the left hand pane of the new 1d. postage due stamp :

- (a) Row 1, No. 2. Full stop after DUE
- (b) Row 5, No. 2 Small white spot on bottom of "E" of BETAAL.
- (c) Row 5, No. 3. White dot in centre of "O" of POSTAGE.
- (d) Row 2, No. 5. Blurred "d" of 1d.
- (e) Row 6, No. 1. Front serif of "1" of 1d. broken off.

There are no noticeable minor varieties in the right pane.

Mr. Ritchie writes : "It may be of interest to know that I have examined the printing plate from which the new 1d. due is printed and the above varieties can be recognised on the plate. The plate itself prints both panes at once and consists of a copper plate faced by steel and was imported from England. There are three others similar that have not yet been brought into use, but are being held in reserve. The duty plate was made locally and presumably other duty plates will be made as other values of postage dues are required.

"Another point of interest is that a new pair of plates has been received from England for printing the 1d. pictorial postage stamps, exactly similar to the present 1d. pictorial, but, being new, will not be so indistinct in the fine lines as the present worn plates.

"The new plates will be distinguishable by the black jubilee line having two diagonal cuts through it in the lower right corner below the last stamp in the sheet. The new plates are being used together and the old plates have been put in reserve.

"The new plates are already being printed from but the stamps will not be issued until present stock is used up, which will not be very long. These new plates are in four sections of 60 stamps each but are not spaced into panes, the sheets printed from them being exactly as the present sheets (20 rows of 12)."

Private franking machines are becoming quite popular in South Africa. They are now being used by firms in all the large towns. These

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East African Air Mails.

The Kenya to Sudan air mail is now an accomplished fact. It is intended to shorten the period of transit of mails to and from Great Britain, Egypt, etc. We are indebted to Mr. W. Tunstall, of Nairobi, for passing on to us the following information given to him by the Postmaster-General of Kenya Colony in a letter dated February 19th :

At that date the Sudan Government had not yet authorised the despatch of air mails from Khartoum to Kisumu (Kenya). The first air mail from Kisumu to Khartoum was despatched on February 15th. It arrived at Khartoum about midday on the 18th and was immediately despatched to Cairo by another aeroplane.

The Postmaster-General was not prepared to say how many letters, etc., were carried by this first flight.

The seaplanes while on their way to Khartoum call at Jinja, in Uganda, to pick up and set down mails.

Letters despatched from, or received at, the Kisumu P.O. are stamped with a steel date stamp worded "Kenya-Sudan Air Mail." In addition to the date it was originally intended that an indicator would be used to shew the number of the flight, but this was used on the first flight only and then discontinued. Air mail passing through the Jinja P.O. receives a date stamp worded "Uganda-Sudan Air Mail."

Although up to the time our correspondent wrote his letter no official mail had been carried from Khartoum to Kisumu the pilot carried a few unofficial letters from Khartoum to Kisumu on the first flight in this direction. At Jinja, however, he picked up, on this first flight, an official mail of about 36 letters, which were carried to Kisumu.

It is understood that about 2,000 letters were carried on the first flight from Kisumu to Khartoum, a few of these letters being registered.

Our correspondent says that the first flight Jinja-Kisumu covers are selling at 20/- to 25/- each in Nairobi.

It would appear that the Kenya-Sudan air mail is at present confined to the carrying of mails from Kisumu to Khartoum, stopping at Jinja, in Uganda, to exchange mails and between Jinja and Kisumu only on the return flights.

LATEST UNION NEWS.—(Cont. from previous page)

"meters" imprint stamp, name of town and firm's advertisement on envelopes. The impressions are in red, while the "stamp" is bilingual.

Two brands of meters are in use in this country, namely, the "Neopost," which imprints a "stamp" on which the figure of value is the most prominent feature, and the "Midget 3," impressions from which contain a springbok's head.

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NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



BELGIAN CONGO.—From continental contemporaries we learn that an entirely new set of stamps will be brought into use shortly. The set will probably bear portraits of celebrated Belgian colonists, such as Thys, Coquilhat, Stanley, Livingstone, Leopold II, Janssens and Lemaire. On the new set the denominations will probably be in the new currency recently adopted in Belgium—belgas and centimes. A belga is worth about 8d.

Fifty thousand copies of the 1.25 fr. blue were overprinted for Ruanda Urundi but, owing to an increase in rates and the issue of the 1.50 fr. blue, only 20,000 copies were issued, the balance being destroyed. M. Theodore Champion's "Bulletin" is our authority for this statement.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—Mr. B. L. R. Fox, of Bulawayo, has a copy of S.G. No. 34 shewing a dot in the "C" of the overprint, so placed that the letter closely resembles an "e." He also has a horizontal pair of S.G. No. 35, the first stamp shewing the above variety and the second a stop after BRITISH.

MAURITIUS.—The Hon. E. Nairac, K.C., informs "Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal" that on the 40th stamp of the left pane of the new 1c. K.H. stamp a constant minor variety appears, namely malformed foot of "R" in MAURITIUS.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—Mr. S. Rewald, of Senekal, sends us a photograph of a used copy of the overprinted ½d. Cape stamp with the overprint reading ORAN RIVE COLON, the variety apparently being caused by the presence of a piece of paper on the sheet at the time of the overprinting.

SEYCHELLES.—A correspondent of the "Monthly Journal" has copies of the current 20c. stamp in a deep bright blue instead of dull blue. The new shade has double jubilee lines, in place of single, as in the case of the dull printing.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—It would appear, from observations made by Mr. Heathcote Tatham, of Penhalonga, that the ½d. and 1d. denominations are obtainable on paper of various thicknesses, easily distinguishable.

ZANZIBAR.—Further denominations in the new set are sent us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and H. & G. H. Jopling. The values now obtainable in the new design are : 1c. brown, 3c. orange, 4c. green, 6c. purple, 8c. slate grey, 10c. olive, 12c. red, 25c. purple on yellow, 50c. claret and 75c. sepia. This is probably the complete set as we understand that there is to be no change in the design of the rupee values.



AUSTRALIA.—The 3d. blue, new multiple wmk., is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

BARBADOS.—Copies of the 1d. Tercentenary are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and Oswald Marsh. Details were published in our March issue and we only need to add that the newcomer is of large transverse oblong format.

DOMINICA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and R. Roberts advise receipt of the 3/- and 5/- denominations on Script paper.

GAMBIA.—Copies of the 4d. pictorial bearing the Script wmk. are to hand from our Ipswich and Norwood correspondents.

INDIA.—The Nasik-printed 3 pies grey (multiple wmk.) is to hand from Messrs. W. K. & Co., while Mr. R. Roberts reports receipt of the multiple wmk. 4 annas (inscription "Postage and Revenue") with the usual SERVICE overprint.

IRAQ.—The new 1 rupee stamp, with and without the "On State Service" overprint, is shewn us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. The design is simple and neat, the centre of the stamp being occupied by a portrait of King Feisul. The newcomer is brown in colour.

JAMAICA.—We clip the following from "Stamp Collecting": "We learn on excellent authority that the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Exhibition stamp is to be superseded by a $\frac{3}{4}$ d. K.G. in the Nyasaland type. A supply is now on order and expected very shortly. Orders have been given for the Exhibition plate to be destroyed. Also, the 1d. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. values are in for early alteration."

MALTA.—Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley, of Birchcra, Malta, informs us that the remaining values in the permanent set were due for issue on April 1st. The denominations are 1d. red, 2d. grey, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue and 3d. purple. These values will probably prove to be in the design illustrated herewith.



NEWFOUNDLAND.—According to a correspondent of "Stamp Collecting" there is every possibility of this dominion issuing another set of stamps very shortly.

NEW ZEALAND.—Our N.Z. contemporary reports the issue of the new Admiral type 1d. stamp overprinted OFFICIAL.

PALESTINE.—An Exchange Telegraph Co. message, published in the London press, reads: "It is officially announced that the first issue of new Palestine stamps, replacing the overprinted Egyptian Expeditionary Force stamps now used, will probably appear in July. The stamps will bear representations of David's Tower, the Mosque of Omar, Rachael's Tomb, and the Sea of Galilee."

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Artist's Errors on New Stamps.

Pictorials Make a Strange Set.

Asked to express an opinion on the picture of the Union Buildings on our new 2d. stamp an architect, who is also a well-known philatelist, said "The man who drew that design had no idea of perspective." Probably the picture is intended to shew the Buildings as they would look if viewed from a position to the right of the stately pile, but those who have seen the Union Buildings will probably agree that if the Buildings be viewed from the position the picture on the new 2d. appears generally to have been taken from the tower on the right would not be quite so much to the right as it is on the stamps. This tower is just a little too much to the right and thereby throws the design out of perspective.



Surely the appearance of the new 2d. and 10/- stamps would have been vastly improved if the figures of value had been placed in the bottom corners. Why crown the wording into the middle of the stamp and thus interfere with the central design?

Turning on the new 1/- stamp we see depicted thereon two gnus, or wildebeeste, in full chase. Look at their tails. Who ever saw a wildebeeste with its tail sticking out on a level with its back? This animal never raises its shaggy tail in the manner shewn on the stamps. As a writer in the "Cape Argus" remarks, the wildebeeste on the stamps have been given tails which, in the ordinary course of nature, would belong to a dog, such as a pointer.



On the 5/- pictorial we see an ox-wagon outspanned. The disselboom of any normal ox-wagon is firmly secured to the centre of the skey. On the new stamp it is secured near the end of the skey. In addition, while the longest portion of the skey bears a proper yoke the short side only bears half a yoke. We fear that oxen inspanned to a waggon rigged up like the one on the stamp would have a very uncomfortable time. The border of this stamp is far too heavy, on account of its solidity and deep green colour.

Altogether we do not congratulate the Government on the pictorial set of stamps. If all the values from ½d. to 10/- be mounted on an album page the result is a strange assortment. A large 2d. stamp, a small 6d. adhesive and a triangular 4d., together with other points, lead one to believe that the new set was not designed on systematic lines. It looks as if the enormous sale of the 4d. triangulars tempted the authorities to keep up the game and, instead of making the higher values of the pictorial set small, plain and wieldy like the ½d., 1d. and 6d. denominations, they thought that it would be more lucrative to issue big pretty pictures.

If this was the Government's view we fear that it will soon realise its mistake. Having practically a monopoly of the sale of triangulars is a vastly different matter to having, in the case of large rectangular pictorials, to compete with many other British possessions and foreign

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LONDON STAMP NEWS.



Poor Price for Rarest Error.

General surprise was occasioned in philatelic circles over the very inadequate price realised by a fine copy of the rarest of all stamp errors, the "Inverted Swan" of Western Australia, which came under the hammer at Plumridge's last week. Bidding started briskly enough at £200 and quickly advanced by fifties to £620, where it hung fire for some time, until finally it was knocked down for the astonishing figure of £680. The purchaser was Mr. L. Bradbury, of the Royal Philatelic Society, who, it is understood, was acting for someone else. His runner-up was Mr. Joe Lee, the well known bookmaker, who has lately come to the fore as a buyer of fine stamps.

The result of this much advertised sale is the more remarkable since the specimen was superior to that in the Ferrary Collection, which fetched over £1,000 a few years ago.

Not only is the "Inverted Swan" the rarest known error, but it is also one of the greatest rarities of Philately, there being but ten copies extant, none of which is likely to come on to the market. It is therefore more than twice as rare as the "Post Office" Mauritius, although on this inauspicious occasion it sold for less than half the price of that most popular of philatelic rarities.

Jumping Georgians.

One of the most sensational rises in value that has taken place in a low value Colonial stamp for some time past is represented by the 5d. Virgin Islands (1922 series), which until recently was obtainable for a fraction over face. At the end of last year it became known that no further supplies of this denomination had been requisitioned by the Colonial Postmaster and immediately the stamp market operators were at work buying up all available copies. The latest quotation for this very elusive item is 10/- mint!

The 5/- Dominica (Mult. C.A.) is another stamp that has made a rapid advance within the last few weeks, following its replacement by the Script watermark variety. Twenty-shillings each is now asked for single copies with the old watermark, whilst the companion 3/- promises to go higher still.

The upward movement in the 3d. Blues has commenced with the raising of the price for the St. Kitts variety to 2/-. The blue printings of the 3d. Bermuda and Montserrat are also due for a rise.

Some of the recent surcharges of the French Colonies are on the up grade and are in considerable demand, particularly with Continental collectors. The latest provisionals of 90c., 1.50fr., 10 and 20 fr. are likely to have a brief currency and should be snapped up whilst they are still available at new issue rates.

Philatelic Protection.

The constant war between the Philatelist and the stamp faker resembles that between the makers and breakers of safes. One of the most valuable scientific aids to the detection of forged and faked stamps that has been invoked is a Quartz Lamp diffusing ultra-violet rays in a

dark cabinet by means of which almost all repairs and cleanings of stamps can be infallibly detected. A practical demonstration revealed to the writer evidences of repair in a number of apparently perfect specimens under the tell-tale rays. In the case of cleaned stamps, it was particularly efficacious, a strip of three early Van Diemen's Land, presumed to be mint, showing clear traces of pen-marks on the surface, which were invisible in an ordinary light.

The remains of rubber-stamp marks on modern British Colonials were likewise exposed by the magic cabinet, whilst differences in paper and shade were made strikingly apparent. It is said that one of our leading London stamp auctioneers has already been saved many hundreds of pounds through the installation of one of these valuable accessories, which bids fair to play an important part in the ceaseless campaign against the philatelic forger and faker.

D.B.A.

ARTISTS' ERRORS ON NEW STAMPS—(Cont. from page 32)

countries which are also anxious to exchange pretty labels for collectors' money.

Newfoundland and other dominions and colonies have given us very attractive normal sized pictorial stamps and as our Government started off with small sized adhesives it would have been a more dignified proceeding to have made the values up to and including the 1/- denomination of the same shape as the 1d., 1d. and 6d. values.

It is rumoured that no further printings will be made of the triangulars and that, when present stocks are exhausted, a rectangular 4d. stamp will be issued. We understand that over a year's supply of triangulars is still on hand, so we are not likely to see any change before 1928. We suppose that if philatelists have bought all the triangulars they want it would be an unprofitable proceeding to continue printing them.

After reading the Minister of Finance's Budget Address, we are more convinced than ever that the main object of our new stamps is to obtain money from philatelists.

The Budget Address is referred to elsewhere in this issue, and we are most indignant at the Minister's action in ascribing the big increase under "postage" to "expansion." He describes in detail the various sources of revenue, but says not a word about one of the Government's most profitable sources of income—the philatelist.

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BIG INCREASE IN POSTAL REVENUE.



Why : Expansion or
Triangulars ?

We extract the following from the Minister of Finance's Budget Address (delivered on March 30th) as it was reported in the "Rand Daily Mail" : " Post Office revenue is close to the amount anticipated, postage and telephones being over the estimate, and telegraphs £18,000 below it. The increase of £45,000 under postage is due to expansion, to which the reduction of the letter rate to 1d. may have contributed to some extent Post Office revenue for the year has exceeded the voted expenditure by about £525,000. This does not, of course, reflect the position of the department on a commercial basis. To do this an account is kept in which are introduced interest charges, rents, pension liabilities, depreciation and the value of all the various services rendered mutually between the Post Office and other departments. This account for 1925-26 shewed a profit of £303,000. It is anticipated that for 1926-27 it will shew a small balance of profit. This year is, of course, the first in which the full effect of the reduction of the letter rate is reflected."

We ask our readers to peruse the above in conjunction with the following paragraph, which appeared in our April 1925 issue : " In introducing the Budget this month the Minister of Finance stated that penny postage would be restored on January 1st next . . . The rate for inland postcards will be reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on the above date. The return to penny postage would, said the Minister, result in an annual loss of £400,000, but the first year's loss would be only £100,000, as the Minister of Posts proposed to celebrate the event by the issue of a pictorial set of stamps. This statement will be of interest to philatelists, who, apparently, are expected to provide the difference of £300,000 ! "

Apparently the Minister has forgotten all about what he said in 1925 or perhaps he thinks that philatelists have forgotten his words. Two years ago the Minister anticipated a big loss as the result of the re-introduction of penny postage. Now he says that the reduction to the 1d. rate may have contributed to the big increase in postal revenue ! For the present year he expects the Post Office's profit to be smaller, partly on account of the fact that this is the first year in which the full effect of the reduction in the letter rate will be felt. The Minister's statements contradict each other.

The Minister talks of expansion. In view of the reduction in postage rates the expansion would have to be truly enormous to enable him to present such a satisfactory report.

We will not dilate further on the matter as it seems quite obvious that if philatelists had not purchased millions of copies of unused triangular and other pictorial stamps there would, under the heading " postage," have been a heavy loss on last year's workings, instead of a big increase.

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Sensations from South West Africa.

“ OFFICIALS ” NOW IN USE.

The Postmaster-General informs us that the ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorial and 2d. King's Head stamps overprinted for Official use are in use in S.W. Africa. As these stamps are not sold to the public we have not seen specimens, but Mr. J. Ritchie informs us that when he visited the Government Printing Works recently he was shown the forme used to transform unoverprinted stamps into S.W. African “ Officials.” Mr. Ritchie says that the whole of the overprint is done at one operation by a special forme.



We, therefore, gather that the following is a description of the stamps :

½d., 1d. and 6d. London-printed pictorials and 2d. King's Head overprinted alternately “ South West Africa Official Offisieel ” and “ Suidwes Afrika Official Offisieel.”

The P.M.G. confirms that the words “ Official Offisieel ” appear on each stamp.

It would appear that only in the case of the official stamps is the 2d. King's Head to be found overprinted in Afrikaans. Ordinary 2d. K.H. postage stamps were overprinted in English and High Dutch only.

It should be remembered that in Government Departments in South West Africa the same franking regulations apply as in the Union, namely, adhesive stamps are only affixed to mail matter addressed to places outside of S.W. Africa, the Union, N. and S. Rhodesia, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Mocambique.

Varieties of Overprint on New Pictorials.

Mr. H. Mallet-Veale, of Prieska, informs us that on some sheets of the new 2d. and 3d. pictorials all the stamps in the third vertical row of the right pane have the lines of overprint 16 mm. apart, all other stamps

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Latest Union News.



In reply to our letter asking if future supplies of the 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials are to be printed in Pretoria the Assistant Postmaster-General writes on May 5th as follows: "With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo I beg to inform you that it is the intention to have the pictorial postage stamps mentioned by you printed by the Government Printer in Pretoria when the current contract with Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson expires."



In the same letter the Assistant P.M.G. informs us that no additions have been made to the set of Official stamps chronicled in our November 1926 issue. When supplies of the 2d. King's Head are exhausted the 2d. pictorial will be overprinted and when the London printed 3d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials are all used up the Pretoria printings will come in for treatment.

Mr. J. B. Levy, of East London, shews us a strip of the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial with double perforation along the bottom, one row of perforation being in its normal position and the other about 2 mm. above it.

The 1d. pictorial printed in Pretoria from the new plates mentioned in our last issue is now on sale. Beneath the last stamp in the sheet the jubilee line has two cuts in it, the cuts running diagonally to the right.

In a recent issue we stated that there are two dies of the centre plate of the Waterlow printed 1d. pictorials. We now find that our statement was incorrect, the variations in the black centre being due to the state of the plate at different periods. Early Waterlow impressions usually shew the black horizontal lines lightly printed, but as the plate became worn down the lines naturally became heavier. The Government Printer's first efforts, being from the original plate, shew the black horizontal lines and the ship rather heavily printed. Impressions made by the Government Printer from the new plate described above have the black centre lightly printed and similar to early Waterlow printings. As the new plate becomes worn down impressions will be similar in appearance to the late Waterlow and early Pretoria printings. Of course, in addition to variations in the clarity or otherwise of the London and Pretoria impressions many shades in colour, both of the frame and the centre, are to be found in all printings.



Early Waterlow
printing.



Late Waterlow
printing.



First Pretoria
printing.

A very interesting discovery has been made in connection with the "no plate number" 1d. King's Head. The Old Stamp Shop, of Johannesburg, have shewn us a bottom right hand corner block with no plate number but with ONE nick in the jubilee line under the last stamp. Previously the "no plate number" 1d. was known only with no nicks and with two nicks in the jubilee line under the last stamp in the sheet. In his handbook Mr. J. Ritchie opines that the variety with no nicks in the jubilee line is plate 1 and that with two nicks plate 2.

Now it would appear that after a supply of stamps had been printed from the first plate made it occurred to the printers to make some indication that this was the first plate made. One nick was therefore made in the jubilee line under the last stamp in the sheet and further printings made from the plate. When a new plate was made two nicks were made in the jubilee line under the last stamp. Plates 3 and onwards, as is known, bear the plate number printed in the margin.

We think that it may safely be assumed that the "nickless" and "one nick" jubilee represents plate 1 and the "two nicks" jubilee plate 2.

Sensations from S.W.A.—(Cont. from page 37).

on the sheet having the two lines 15 mm. apart. Our correspondent sends us copies shewing this variety and states that he has sheets of these two and the other denominations in which **all** the stamps have the lines of overprint 15 mm. apart. It would appear that two type-set formes have been made and that both of these have been used for the 2d. and 3d. pictorials.

In the 3d. pictorial the overprint is, according to Mr. Mallet-Veale, applied in an almost purple blue (glossy); in the other values the colour of the overprint is dull milky blue (matt).

Overprint on Pictorials to be Changed.

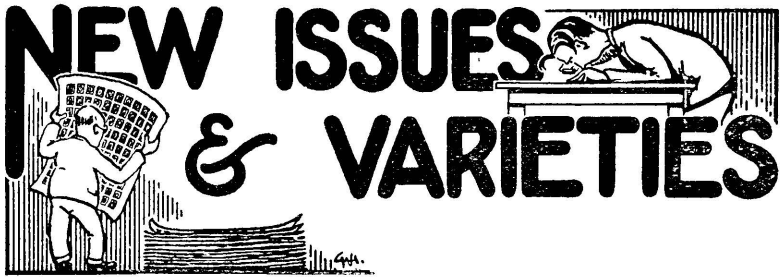
Our energetic Prieska correspondent says that he is officially informed that the overprint on the 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials is to be changed as it has been decided that in future the overprint must fall on the frame of the stamp and not on the central design. While we hope that the authorities will wait until the locally printed stamps are ready before they adopt the new wider-spaced overprint we fear that it will also appear on London-printed stamps.



We are very much disturbed at the above news, for we had formed the conclusion that an end to the continual changing of overprints was in sight. Perhaps, in view of what we have already had from S.W. Africa, we were too optimistic.

Mr. Mallet-Veale notifies a belated variety in the 6d. postage, Type I litho overprint, namely, "A" missing, on first stamp, last row, bottom right pane.

The 10/- King's Head in its new shades, pale olive-green (frame) and deep blue, has been overprinted with Type VI in top panes and VIa in bottom panes. This will prove to be a scarce stamp, as also will the Types VI-VIa £1 with the centre in pale olive-green. The change in the shade of the green occurred in the final printing of the 10/- and £1 King's Head. The 10/- pictorial is now in use and the £1 K.H. will not be reprinted.



BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—Mr. R. Roberts, of London, advises the issue of the 6d. denomination, block letter wmk., on ordinary paper in place of the previous chalky surface paper. His supplies bear control E.26, the margins being imperf. at bottom and left.

KENYA AND UGANDA.—The 5c. and 10c. stamps were issued in the new colours forecast by us many months ago on May 1st and we are indebted to Mr. W. Tunstall, of Nairobi, for copies. The 5c. is now in green and the 10c. has become black. The 10c. green was withdrawn from sale on April 30th, but the 5c. purple is being used up. The 3/- stamp is now on issue in black, in place of grey-black.

On account of the seaplane having broken down the first air mail from London was brought all the way by sea, instead of being carried from Khartoum to Kisumu by air.

MOCAMBIQUE.—The Humanitarian Society of the Eastern Cross, which was given permission some time ago to use on its correspondence a special stamp in the design illustrated here-with, seems to be abusing the privilege accorded it.



First it issued a stamp shewing no denomination but, instead of using it only on its own correspondence, sold many copies to collectors. Later the denomination was indicated on the stamp by means of a surcharge. Having spoken nicely to the postal authorities the Society reaped a harvest through having supplies of their "frank" stamp overprinted "Correos" and various denominations (see our June 1926 chronicle). These stamps had, by law, to be affixed to inland mail matter posted on specified dates. As the ordinary postage had also to be

affixed to correspondence we fail to see why the word "Correos" appeared on the stamps.

RHODESIA.

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Now we receive the doleful news that the Humanitarian (?) Society has re-issued its frank stamp, without any overprint or indication of denomination, in a wonderful variety of colours. In fact, it has, by varying the colours, created no less than ten distinct varieties.

Twenty-five thousand sets of ten appear to have been manufactured. Of this supply 5,000 sets are being offered to collectors, by the Society, at five escudos per set.

Our information goes on to say that the remaining 20,000 sets will be overprinted with various denominations and placed on sale on the 25th of the present month. It will be compulsory to use them on mail matter posted on stipulated dates towards the end of this month. Of course, the usual postage stamps will have to be affixed to correspondence as well.

Here are the details of the set of ten being offered to collectors at 5 escudos per set :

Private frank stamp in design illustrated herewith. No indication of value. Perf. 11½.

Blue and yellow.	Light blue and yellow.
Grey and yellow.	Brown-Orange and yellow.
Olive-green and yellow.	Green and yellow.
Brown and yellow.	Carmine and yellow.
Violet and yellow.	Scarlet and yellow.

We will chronicle the promised overprinted set of ten when we know what the denominations are.

AUSTRALIA.—Mr. R. Roberts advises the issue of the ½d. orange with the new multiple Crown A wmk. The "Canberra" stamp was duly sold at Australian post offices during the week commencing May 9th, but as the design was kept a secret until the last minute we can give no details this month. An illustration will, however, appear in our next issue.

BAHAMAS.—The 2d. grey is now, for the first time, available with the Script wmk.

BERMUDA.—From "Stamp Collecting" we learn that the 2/- denomination is about to appear on Script wmk. paper.

BRUNEI.—The 12c. value has changed its shade from ultramarine to light blue. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. submit copies.

CANADA.—A special issue of stamps will shortly be released to commemorate the Jubilee of the Confederation.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The 25 dollar value is now, for the first time, available with the Script wmk., says "Stamp Collecting."

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IRISH FREE STATE.—The long awaited definitive 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps will, when they do appear, shew views of the G.P.O., Four Courts and Customs House—all famous Dublin buildings now in course of reconstruction.

JAMAICA.—Mr. R. Roberts informs us that a new printing has been made of the 5/- pictorial, the frame being in a bright orange yellow, in place of bistre, and the vignette in a deeper richer blue than before.



MALTA.—Copies of the new values in the design illustrated herewith are now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., R. Forbes-Bentley and Oswald Marsh. They are: 1d. red, 2d. grey, 2½d. blue, 3d. purple. Script wmk.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 4c. value of the impending new set will, according to the London philatelic press, bear a portrait of the Prince of Wales, while other denominations will depict: Heart's Content—landing place of the first Trans-Atlantic cable in 1866.

Cabot Tower on Signal Hill—where the first Trans-Atlantic wireless message was received in 1901.

St. John's—view taken from field whence first Trans-Atlantic airship departed in 1919.

Map shewing lines of communication to G.B., Canada, U.S. and Australia.

Map of Newfoundland and Labrador.

NEW GUINEA.—Several months ago a few copies of the 6d. pictorial (overprinted "O.S.") in the colour of the 5/- stamp came to light and the variety was described as a rare error.

Now this change of colour (bistre) is on sale unoverprinted. Further supplies will probably receive the "O.S." overprint, in which case those who paid fancy prices for the "error of colour" will not feel happy. As the 5/- stamp is still bistre in colour its hue may be changed.

PALESTINE.—The following is, according to the European philatelic press, a description of the pictorial set now in process of manufacture:

View of Rachel's Tomb: 2m. blue-green, 3m. light green, 10m. grey.

Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem: 4m. pink, 6m. dark green, 8m. chocolate, 13m. blue.

Citadel of Jerusalem (Mount Zion): 5m. orange, 7m. red, 20m. olive.

Lake Tiberias (Sea of Galilee): 50m. purple, 90m. bistre, 100m. cobalt, 200m. mauve.

The designs were drawn by J. Benor Kalter, of the Zionist Commission. The stamps will bear the Script CA watermark.

SIERRA LEONE.—"Stamp Collecting" chronicles the issue of the 7d. denomination on Script watermark paper.

STOP PRESS.—Mr. W. R. Gilbert, of Luderitz, sends us the 1d. (new design) and 1½d. (old design) postage due stamps overprinted "South West Africa." and "Suidwes Afrika." alternately. Same type of lettering as before, 11½mm. between lines of overprint.

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The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.

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PART I.

Geographical :

The Belgian Congo is situated in about the centre of the African continent. It is bounded on the North by the River Mbomu and the Soudan; on the east by Uganda, Tanganyika, Lake Tanganyika and N.E. Rhodesia; on the west by Angola, the River Congo and French Congo and on the south by N.W. Rhodesia and Angola. It has, however, an outlet to the west coast via the Congo River.

The estimated area is 909,500 square miles, the population being between eleven and twelve millions, of which only about 7,000 are Europeans.

The capital is Leopoldville and the next chief town Boma, the outlet on the west coast. Other towns of importance are Elisabethville and Stanleyville.

Historical and Political :

From 1815 to 1875 France was the only European power with colonial ambitions in Africa, but on both the west and east coasts of Africa British traders and missionaries created small spheres of British influence.

After Waterloo Portugal retained her west and east African possessions and had some trade with the interior, but she made no attempt to extend her dominions.

An event now occurred which changed all this—Stanley's journey across Africa and his discovery of the Congo River Basin early in the '70s.

A movement was immediately set afoot which really aimed at the partition of Africa. This movement was called "The International African Association for the Exploration and Civilisation of the Dark Continent." It was formed under the auspices of King Leopold II. of Belgium, who posed as a philanthropist and induced Stanley to further his aims.

Compare Stanley's hopeful words about founding native states "within whose limits justice and law and order shall prevail and murder

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and lawlessness and cruel barter of slaves shall be overcome" with the doings of this Royal autocrat, Leopold, and the unsatisfactory conditions which, even to-day, exist in the Congo.

It was through Stanley's efforts that The International African Association developed into the design of founding a Congo Free State, which in the end, in spite of all, became almost a purely Belgian enterprise.

In November, 1884, at the Berlin Conference, the Congo Free State was finally created, and at the same time the principle was established "that claims to territory could only be made valid by occupation."

Then, in an evil hour for the natives, the Sovereignty was assumed by King Leopold II. of Belgium. In other words, the Congo Free State was annexed by him and was ruled by him with a ruthless hand until 1908.

In 1908 Belgium took over the administration and most of the shameful excesses, such as systematically murdering and mutilating natives if they failed to keep up the rubber supply, which made Leopold rich and infamous, have now disappeared.

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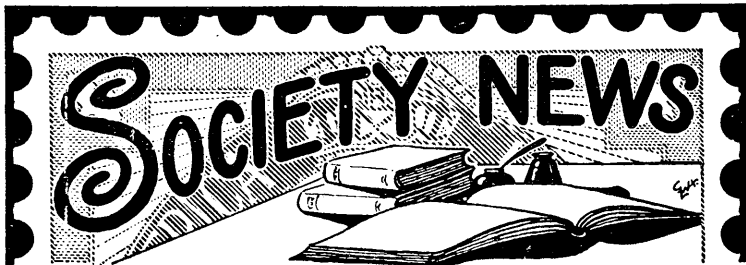
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There was a good attendance at the meeting held on May 4th. After a new member had been elected the Hon. Secretary read extracts from a large number of letters received from overseas in connection with the forthcoming Exhibition. The correspondence shewed that the affair will receive very considerable support from philatelists abroad.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Percy Williams, F.R.P.S.L., exhibited a portion of his specialised collection of Portuguese Africans. The display proved of considerable interest and the exhibitor was cordially thanked for his kindness.

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Meetings held at B.E.S.L. Club, third Thursday, at 8 p.m.

At the meeting held on April 22nd the Exhibition to be held in Durban in July 1928 was discussed and the Society decided to give the venture full support.

Mr. W. Scot-Russell then exhibited a portion of his very fine collection of Rhodesians. The early issues were well represented as also were large mint blocks of the Victoria Falls issue. Several pages of unusual postmarks proved of considerable interest.

A vote of thanks to the exhibitor was carried with acclamation.

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A large gathering of members and friends assembled at the April meeting to see Mr. J. Ritchie's wonderful collection of stamps of the Union of South Africa.

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The exhibitor was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the treat provided by him.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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The Annual General Meeting was to have been held on April 13th but, on account of a poor attendance, it was postponed. The Annual Reports shew the Society to be in a sound position except for the attendances at meetings, which have been rather poor of late. The election of 24 new members during the year has brought the membership roll up to 54 .

The Exhibition held in January was very successful and shewed a very small deficit.

On account of the small attendances at meetings Mr. J. P. Shingler has resigned his position as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. We much regret to learn of Mr. Shingler's action, but fully agree that if members will not attend meetings the Secretary is only wasting his valuable time. Mr. Shingler has been a most energetic and enthusiastic Hon. Secretary and it is a matter for regret that he has not received proper support from the members.

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1861, "Woodblock," 1d. vermilion, fine copy	38	0	0
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Latest Union News.

An attempt was recently made by the Government Printer to print two sheets of 1d. pictorial stamps at a time. He used the old Waterlow plates and the new plates recently received in Pretoria together. This proved unsatisfactory as the old plates were worn down and a perfectly even surface could not be obtained. We understand that the few sheets printed by the above method were discarded.

Readers have probably noticed that a good proportion of sheets of Pretoria printed pictorials bear several creases. Owing to the rapidity with which the large sheets of paper curl up the Government Printer bends a considerable proportion of the gummed paper backwards to facilitate printing. When overprinting stamps for S.W. Africa the same practice is often adopted before overprinting the sheets of stamps.

The employees of the Government Printing Works found the comb perforating machine used for the ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials rather difficult to understand. A small supply of sheets of the 1d. pictorial appears to have been perforated through all four margins, for Mr. Mallet-Veale informs us that he has a sheet so perforated.

As we have previously mentioned, all Pretoria-printed pictorials are now perforated through the top and left margins. The Pretoria ½d. and 6d. can only be had thus, but the 1d. was first perforated through the top, bottom and left margins and, for a very short period, as chronicled above, through all four margins.

Our Editor has acquired a mint block, from the bottom right hand corner of the sheet, of the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial, shewing double perforation at top, bottom and right of the stamps in the last vertical row. The second perforations are well away from the original ones.

A supply of the Pretoria ½d. and 1d. pictorials was recently printed on thin paper which curled backwards at an alarming rate. Stamps on this paper usually show offsets. This paper was apparently found unsatisfactory, for the thicker variety is again being used.

South West African News.



We illustrate the new overprint which will be used solely on postage due stamps. So far it has only been applied to the 1d. (new design) and 1½d. (old design), but for all future printings of all denominations this overprint will be utilised. It is type-set, the distance between the two lines being 11½ mm.

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. Mallet-Veale we are able to illustrate an extraordinary variety in the 1d. pictorial (normal overprint). The freak was caused by the presence on the sheet, at the time of overprinting, of a fairly thick piece of string. In addition to making a deep impression in the paper the string, through its thickness, prevented several letters from printing and caused others to print smudgily.

Despite anything that has been published by overseas journals we are able to definitely state that no Pretoria printed postage stamps have yet been issued in South West Africa. When a printing is made a supply of stamps sufficient to last for about six months is overprinted. We, however, expect to see overprinted Pretoria printed ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials very shortly.



The overprinting of the 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials has been done from type-set formes (not litho plates).



Mr. Mallet-Veale now has all these stamps shewing 16 mm. between lines of overprint on all stamps in one vertical row of each sheet and also all these denominations with all stamps on the sheet shewing the lines of overprint the normal 15 mm. apart. In the case of the 2d., 3d. and 1/- stamps the wider spacing occurs in all stamps in the third vertical row of the right pane and in the case of the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- (which are printed in unbroken sheets of 60) on all stamps in the third vertical row

of the sheet. It would appear that three 60-set formes were made, one of them showing the variety of spacing. At times the two normal formes appear to have been used together, while at other times one normal forme has been used in conjunction with the abnormal one. To overprint the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials a normal 60-set forme appears to have been used at times while at other periods the abnormal one was brought into use.



South African Officials.



Writing in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" the "Seer of the Strand" says "From a little inside information received I do not think that any of these Official stamps will have a long life. I give them 12 months before they are done away with altogether."

The "Seer" is usually very well-informed, but, unless the Officials have been brought into use merely as an experiment, we do not think that there is any chance of them being abolished.

Up till recently the Government appears to have lost a fair amount of revenue through improper use of the rubber franks used on inland mail matter and theft of postage stamps intended for use by Government Departments on overseas letters. All official envelopes used for inland correspondence now bear the legend "Penalty for improper use to evade payment of postage, £50."

For use on overseas correspondence Government Departments used to receive "free issues" of unoverprinted postage stamps. As these could easily be stolen and used privately the Officials were brought into use. Anyone affixing an Official to a private letter is, we presume, liable to a £50 fine.

It has been said that unused Officials will come into philatelic hands, but even if they do the Government is not losing any revenue, as it did before the distinctive stamps were brought into use.

Our own opinion is that the Officials are with us "for good."

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131	Brazil (incl. No. 8 fine, 40, 42, etc.)	9 19 10	2 15 0
72	Ceylon (1d., 1d., 6d., 10d. first type)	9 8 0	2 0 0
206	Greece and Crete, incl. several Paris prints	20 3 0	4 10 0
49	Hong Kong, mostly Queen's Head	6 12 0	1 10 0
149	India and States (incl. 1854 2a. fine, 4a. octagonal, Queen's Head almost complete)	11 6 6	2 12 6
141	Labuan, Maldives and North Borneo, clean lot	16 14 9	4 17 6
90	Mexico, mostly middle issues	6 1 8	1 10 0
87	Montenegro, nice clean lot	4 8 9	1 5 0
340	Salvador, very nice lot with complete sets	11 0 7	3 10 0
135	Switzerland (incl. Nos. 8, 12, 13, 20, 23, etc., all fine)	9 2 5	2 10 0
59	Straits Settlements (two Crown overprints, etc.)	8 13 3	2 5 0
126	Turkey, useful lot	2 0 5	0 15 0

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PART II.—THE CONGO FREE STATE.

On the 1st January 1886, the Congo Free State entered the Universal Postal Union and on the same day a series of four stamps was issued for use in the Congo.

- (a) Design of 5c., 10c., 5fr.
- (b) Design of 25c.
- (c) Design of 50c., but inscribed "Etat Ind. du Congo" in place of "Royaume Bel- gique."



(a) (b) (c)

1886, 1st January. Designed by A. Doms. Engraved by H. Hendricks. Printed on white silk paper at the Government Printing Works at Malines, Belgium. No watermark. Perforation 15. White gum and non-fugitive inks.

			Quantities printed.
5 c. green, yellow-green, dark green	....	....	120,000
10 c. rose-carmine, dull rose, bright rose	....	....	90,000
25 c. blue, dark blue	....	....	60,000
50 c. reseda-green, dark reseda-green	....	....	60,000
Variety : CUNGO for CONGO			

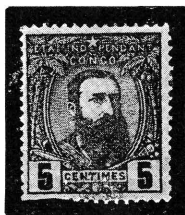
1886, 1st July. A further value was added, primarily for use on parcels. Printing, etc., as above.

5 fr. lilac	....	....	4,700
Variety : Perf. 14			

The above stamps were printed in sheets of 100, divided into two panes of 50 each—10 x 5. Only one printing was made of each value. Consequently the CUNGO variety, which was the fifth stamp, first row, right pane, occurred 1,200 times.

The 50 c. and 5 fr. were withdrawn from issue on December 1st 1887.

1887, 20th October. New design. Designed and engraved by A. Doms. Printed at Government Printing Works, Malines, in fugitive ink and aniline colours. No watermark. Perforated 15.



50 c. dark brown, chocolate brown	....	....	200,000
Variety : Imperforate			
5 fr. violet, deep violet	....	....	10,950
Variety : Imperforate			

These were followed by

1889, 1st May.

25 c. blue, pale blue, dull blue	300,000
Variety : Imperforate						

15th May.

5 c. green, yellow-green	400,000
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1st Dec.

10 c. carmine, bright carmine, rose	200,000
Variety : Imperforate						

The 5 fr. was printed in sheets of 50 and the other values in sheets of 150, three panes of 50—10 x 5. More than one printing of each value was made.

1891, 1st. January. To meet a demand for a revenue stamp a new value in the same design, etc., as the above was put on sale.

10 fr. yellow ochre, brown-ochre	....	....	....	....	....	3,000
Variety : Imperforate						

The greater portion of this issue was used for fiscal purposes.

1892, 25th October. Colour change :

5 fr. grey, dark grey	....	....	....	....	....	10,000
Variety : Imperforate						

1894, 15th November. A further colour change :

50 c. grey, dark grey	....	....	....	....	....	50,000
Variety : Imperforate						

The following were prepared for use but were never issued officially :

					Printed.	Remainder.
10 fr. grey	....	....	....	....	?	?
25 fr. grey	....	....	....	....	7,000	6,912
50 fr. grey	....	....	....	....	5,000	4,497

The two latter values are also found imperforate.

The remainders were officially sold, a few copies being kept for postal reference before the sale.

The Pictorials.

The next issue marks the beginning of the pictorials, the designs being taken from art exhibits in Antwerp belonging to MM. R. Mols and P. v n Engelen. The complete issue was engraved and produced by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, of London, by intaglio printing, the central designs being invariably in black and the frames in colour.

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1894, 21st November. No watermark. Perforated 12-16.

5 c. blue, sky blue.	Port of Matadi.	30,000
10 c. red-brown.	Stanley Falls.	.....	30,000
25 c. yellow-orange, orange, yellow-ochre.	Inkissi Falls.	.....	150,000
50 c. light green, dark green.	Railway Bridge over M'pozo	.....	250,000
1 fr. violet, lilac, rose-lilac.	Elephant hunting.	.....	120,000
5 fr. rose-carmine, dark rose-carmine.	Bangala Chief and wife.	.....	95,000
Variety : Frame doubly printed.			

All the above were printed in sheets of 50, the 5 fr. being 5 x 10 and the other values 10 x 5.

1895, 25th January. The frame colours of two values were changed. Centres as before.

5 c. red-brown, light red-brown, dark red-brown	.....	245,000
10 c. green-blue, light green-blue, dark green-blue	.....	190,000
Varieties : Imperforate		
Centre inverted (copy sold at fourth Ferrari auction)		

Three different printings were made of the 10 c. The inverted centre occurred in the first printing and about 50 copies exist.

1896, 24th November. Two additional values were added to the set :

15 c. yellow-ochre (shades). Palm trees	....	....	....	944,000
Variety : Imperforate				
40 c. green, dark green. Native canoes	....	....	....	236,000

1898, 4th May. Messrs. Waterlow Bros. & Layton having been given a contract to print two high values these were duly brought into use on the above date. No watermark. Perforated 14. Centres in black.

3 fr. 50 c. brick-red. Congo Village	....	....	....	23,000
Varieties : Imperforate.				
Red (perf. 12 x 14 and 14 x 12 only)				
Inverted centre.				
Centre doubly printed.				
10 fr. moss-green. Steamer on Congo River	....	....	....	58,000
Varieties : Inverted centre.				
Perfs. 12 x 14 and 14 x 12.				
Perf. 11.				
Perf. 11, Inverted centre.				
Steamer facing left.				
Imperforate.				

Imperforate copies with inverted centre were disposed of at the sixth Ferrari auction. Forgeries are known.

1900, 25th May. The colours of the issues printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., were changed, the centres remaining black. Perforated 12-16.

5 c. green, dark green	....	....	....	....	900,000
10 c. carmine-rose, bright rose	....	....	....	....	850,000
25 c. blue, dark blue	....	....	....	....	550,000
50 c. olive-green, olive yellow	....	....	....	....	775,000

1902. Early in this year another colour change took place.

1 fr. carmine	....	....	....	....	405,000
Variety : Imperforate					

(To be continued).



AUSTRALIA.—We illustrate the 1½d. stamp issued on May 9th, the day of which the Duke of York opened the Parliament House, Canberra.

Designed by R. H. Harrison. Dies engraved by Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., London. Plates made and stamps printed by the Commonwealth Stamp and Note Printer, Melbourne. Printed in sheets of 80. Colour : Brownish-red. Perforation : 11½. No wmk.



Mr. Petterd, of Hobart, in sending us specimens, states that the stamp was on sale until stocks were exhausted. Slightly over a week's supply was sent to all post offices. As our correspondent remarks, bi-colouring and a smaller perforation would have improved the appearance of the stamps considerably.

CANADA.—The Jubilee of the Confederation commemoratives will be bilingual—English and French.

CHINA (BRITISH POST OFFICES).—The overprinted Hong Kong stamps are being re-issued, the 20c., 50c., 1 dollar and 2 dollar (all Script wmk.) values, overprinted CHINA, being on their way to the country.

GIBRALTAR.—Copies of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Script wmk. are to hand from Messrs. H. & G. H. Jopling and Whitfield King & Co. "La Suisse Philatelique" states that a new set is in preparation.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—The 1d. value will shortly appear on Script wmk. paper, but in a new colour—blue purple.

NEW ZEALAND.—A correspondent of the "Philatelic Magazine" writes: "It is reported that new plates for the 2/- and 3/- Georgians are on their way to the Dominion from England. An improvement on the present ones is hoped for."

NIUE.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., submit the 2/- Admiral N.Z. overprinted NIUE in red.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The "Airplane Stamp News" (U.S.A.) publishes the following news sent to a reader by the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs: "In designing a new set of stamps for Newfoundland we had in mind first to shew all our territory and to emphasize the fact that Labrador is separated from the Island of Newfoundland by the Straits of Belle Isle. The border surrounding the map will have engraved the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, the emblems of the countries from which the people of Newfoundland came. The War Memorial will also appear on one of the stamps. Our nearness to the American Continent will be emphasized by an engraving shewing the class of ships plying on these routes.

"We will also have approved photos of Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, as well as the Prince of Wales. The photo of Grand Falls, Labrador, now Newfoundland, greater than Niagara, will also appear, but, of course, I cannot say very much about how these will turn out, and it is just possible that some of these suggestions may not be able to be engraved on the postage stamps."

The new issue will be printed by Messrs. Whitehead, Morris & Co., Ltd.

We wonder when South African collectors will be able to obtain advance information regarding new issues of our country as easily as Newfoundland collectors do of theirs.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 3c. value is to change its colour to brown.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS and FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—According to "Die Postmarke" (Vienna) a bulletin from the Universal Postal Union states that the separate issues of these colonies will shortly be superseded by one general issue for use in both possessions. The Head Post Office of the combined postal administrations will, says "Die Postmarke," be at Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S. Rather surprising information this.

TANGIER.—In the town of Tangier the low value Morocco Agencies stamps have been superseded by the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2d. adhesives of Great Britain overprinted TANGIER, and we are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Oswald Marsh and R. Roberts for copies. All values of the Morocco Agencies stamps will remain current in other parts of Morocco.



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At the fifteenth Annual General Meeting there was an excellent attendance.

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The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year :

President : Mr. P. N. Barfoot,
Exchange Superintendent : Mr. C. B. Mowbray.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : Mr. C. W. Sheffield.

Prior to the business of the meeting displays were given of the stamps of the Union and Rhodesia. They were much admired and evoked favourable comment.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres. : Mr. C. H. Thornton. Hon. Sec. : Mr. J. P. Shingler,
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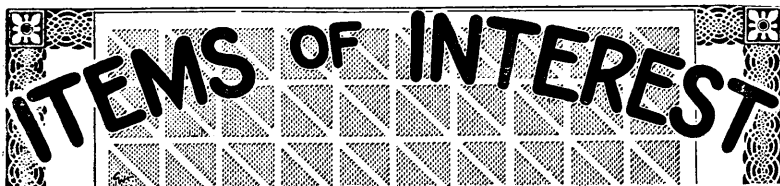
The eighteenth Annual General Meeting, held on May 18th, was only fairly well attended.

The retiring President, Mr. F. E. Dalby, in discussing the Annual Reports, pointed out that the past year had been one of progress. Twenty-four new members were enrolled, while the credit balance on hand was the largest in the history of the Society. There is, however, said the President, an important feature which needs immediate attention. This is the attendances at meetings, which are, on the average, very poor and most discouraging to the officials.

The report of the Junior Society shewed the members to be keen and its reports were passed as being in order.

The election of officers resulted as follows : President, Mr. C. H. Thornton; Vice-President, Mr. F. W. Buchholz; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Shingler; Asst. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. G. M. Berlyn; Exchange Supt., Mr. C. H. Thornton; Librarian, Mr. J. Carnell; Committee, Messrs. Dalby, Bell and Carr.

At the request of the members Mr. Shingler agreed to carry on as Secretary provided the attendances improved.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Durban Exhibition.—With this issue we circulate copies of the advance prospectus of this forthcoming event.

As will be seen a very comprehensive list of classes has been arranged and we think that all tastes are catered for.

There will also be special competitions for junior collectors, the main point about them being that collections entered are to depict flora and/or fauna. Attractive prizes are being offered and the Hon. Secretary of the Exhibition Committee (Mr. N. Welsford, P.O. Box 588, Durban) will be pleased to send printed particulars and entry forms to all interested.

A South African Philatelic Congress.—While the exhibition is being held in Durban in July 1928 a philatelic congress, at which all South African philatelic societies will be represented, will take place. Many subjects will be discussed and considerable good should accrue to philately as a result.

The Stamps of the Treaty Ports of China and of Formosa.—By Captain H. R. Oldfield, LL.B, being No. 4 of "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain's" Series of Studies in Philately. Published by Sefi, Pemberton & Co., Ltd., 12 South Molton St., London, W.1. Price 4/10, post free.

Originally published in serial form in the "P.J.G.B." the work takes up over 60 large pages and is copiously illustrated. Up to January 1893 Shanghai had agencies of her local post at most of the Chinese ports. Prior to that date few Shanghai stamps were used in these ports as postage was generally paid by subscription. On January 1st 1893 the subscription system was abolished and stamps had to be used by everybody. The agencies could not supply the demand and the local authorities naturally said "Why not supply our own?" Hence the issue of the Treaty Port stamps erroneously called Chinese locals. These were all suppressed on February 2nd 1897, when the Chinese Imperial Post came into operation.

In addition to the stamps of the Chinese Treaty Ports the work deals with the stamps of Formosa, about which little is generally known.

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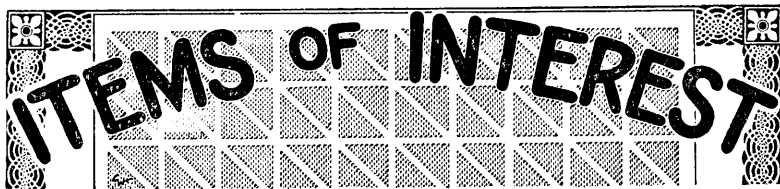
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Special Stamps Proposed.—The Philatelic Society of Natal has written to the Minister of Posts suggesting that a supply of the 1d. pictorial be overprinted “Drought Relief $\frac{1}{2}$ d.”, or equivalent. The stamps would be sold at $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. each and have a franking value of 1d., the odd $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to be devoted to the relief of the victims of the great drought in parts of the Cape Province.

It is not suggested that the use of the stamps be compulsory.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia a letter from the Rhodesia Publicity Association, regarding a suggestion that a special issue of postage stamps for publicity purposes be sold at Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls post offices, was read. The P.S.R. replied agreeing with the proposal, provided that the designs incorporated the King's Head and the stamps be issued at all post offices in S. Rhodesia.

Much Ado About Nothing. Some few months ago a considerable amount of press publicity was given to the statement that a Durban philatelist had discovered a copy of a “Post Office” Mauritius. Admittedly it was a wretched copy, being, we understand, practically postmarked out of all recognition. A collector who saw the stamp says it would not have mattered whether it was genuine or forged.

We are now informed that the stamp is, although it is affixed to an envelope, a forgery.

The position is very strange, as Mr. Gordon Lowe, the owner of the stamp, found it in a box of medium and scarce stamps which he purchased in Mauritius. The “Post Office” Mauritius was not specially pointed out to him, and he does not appear to have lost any money on the deal.

It is certainly a coincidence that Mr. Lowe obtained the stamp in Mauritius, but stranger still that a forger should disfigure his work with a very heavy postmark. Perhaps he did the job badly and wished to cover the attempt as much as possible !

The Demand for South West Africans has been ahead of the supply for some time now. In South Africa, Europe, America and other parts thousands of collectors are realising the splendid investment these issues offer. If proof be wanted that this is the case one has only to look at the prices being realised in auctions. In many cases the catalogue values are being left behind.

The 1928 Gibbons' will show many remarkable increases and those who buy now will have good cause to congratulate themselves, even if they have to pay full present catalogue prices for some items.

Penny Postage.—A postal notice sent us by Mr. Heathcote Tatham, of Penhalonga, states that on July 1st the penny post was extended to apply to letters posted in Southern Rhodesia and addressed to the Union, S.W. Africa, Bechuanaland Protectorate, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Mozambique.

In consequence the demand for 1½d. stamps is now negligible.

Progress! Lourenço Marques is now using an American type machine cancellation on letters. The "slogan" incorporated in same tells the public of the benefits of using the "beam" (Lourenço Marques has a "beam" wireless station which is in direct touch with Lisbon). We understand that the machine is not exactly working overtime, owing to the habit of many people of affixing the stamps in the middle of the reverse side of the envelope.

STOP PRESS.—ANOTHER S.W. AFRICAN SENSATION!

Writing to Mr. H. Mallet-Veale on July 22nd, the Director of Posts, Windhoek, says:

"In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., on the subject of the overprinting of the pictorial stamps, I beg to inform you it has been decided to overprint future supplies with the initial letters S.W.A. only. This will take effect as soon as present stocks become depleted.

It is not proposed at present to issue a separate series of stamps for use in South West Africa."

The above means, of course, that both English and Afrikaans adhesives will bear the letters "S.W.A.."

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—Dr. F. G. May 2/27.

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South West African Controls Priced.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

The following prices are not found in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, but represent prices obtained in auctions or quoted in price-lists of dealers in England, the Continent, U.S.A. and South Africa.

The writer has no stamps with control numbers attached for sale, so this list is not in the nature of an advertisement.

The prices are, in all cases, for mint corner blocks of four. Except in the case of the inverted perforation in the 2d. Type I the perforated margins are, of course, from the top of the sheet and the imperforate margins from the bottom of the sheet.

Where no price is given it means that the stamp in question does not exist with the type of margin indicated. For example, in the VI and VIa overprints the 4d. exists only with Type VI in the bottom half of the sheet and VIa in the top half, indicating that the 4d. Type VI is only obtainable with imperforate (bottom) margins and in Type VIa with only perforated margins.

In addition to serving as a guide to the value of control corners this list is also a complete check list of all normal varieties of King's Head S.W. African postage stamps, inasmuch as it shews all the denominations on which the various types of overprint are found. As all the types are illustrated this list should prove of considerable value to collectors who are still a bit "at sea" regarding the various types.

TYPE I, GREY BLACK OVERPRINT.

Denomination.	Control Number.	Margins Perf.	Margins Imperf.
3d. green ...	5	9d.	9d.
	6	1/-	1/-
1d. red ...	6	1/6	1/6
	7	1/6	1/6
2d. purple ...	1	1/6	1/6
	1	£1 (bot.)	£1 (top)
	2	2/6	2/6



3d. blue ...	1	2/6	2/6
4d. orange and sage-green ...	1	5/-	5/-
6d. black and violet ...	1	5/-	5/-
1/- orange ...	1	7/6	7/6
1/3 violet ...	1	12/6	12/6
2/6 purple and green ...	1	£1/5/-	£1/5/-
5/- purple and blue ...	1	£5	£5
10/- blue and olive-green ...	1	£8	£8
£1 green and red ...	1	£14	£14

TYPE I, SHINY INK.

½d. green	...	...	...	5	2/6	2/6
				6	5/-	5/-
2d. purple	...	...	...	1	5/-	5/-
				2	7/6	7/6
4d. orange and sage-green	...	...	...	1	12/6	12/6
6d. black and violet	...	...	...	1	15/-	15/-
1/- orange	...	...	...	1	17/6	17/6
1/3 violet	...	...	...	1	£1	£1
2/6 purple and green	...	...	...	1	£1/10/-	£1/10/-



Type II.

Type III.

TYPE II.

5/- purple and blue	...	...	...	1	£6	£6
10/- blue and olive-green	...	...	...	1	£8	£8
£1 green and red	...	...	...	1	£16	£16

TYPE III, THICK.

1d. red	...	...	...	6	1/-	1/-
				7	1/-	1/-
2d. purple	...	...	...	1	2/-	2/-
				2	2/6	2/6
3d. blue	...	...	...	1	3/-	3/-
4d. orange and sage-green	...	...	...	1	5/-	5/-
6d. black and violet	...	...	...	1	7/6	7/6
1/- orange	...	...	...	1	10/-	10/-
1/3 violet (type-set)	...	...	...	1	10/-	10/-
2/6 purple and green	...	...	...	1	£3	£3
5/- purple and blue	...	...	...	1	£4	£4
10/- blue and olive-green	...	...	...	1	£5	£5
£1 green and red	...	...	...	1	£10	£10

TYPE III, THIN.

½d. green	5	9d.	9d.
				7	9d.	9d.
1d. red	6	9d.	9d.
				7	9d.	9d.
2d. purple	1	1/6	1/6
				2	2/-	2/-
3d. blue	1	2/-	2/-
deep blue	1	5/-	5/-

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6d. black and violet	1	5/-	5/-
black and mauve	1	10/-	10/-
1/- orange	1	7/6	7/6
1/3 violet	1	7/6	7/6
2/6 purple and green	...	...	1	£4	£4
5/- purple and blue	...	...	1	£2	£2
pale purple and bright blue	...	...	1	£5	£5
10/- blue and olive-green	...	...	1	£3	£3
£1 green and red	1	£6	£6

TYPE IV. (Overprint even and distinct).

2/6 purple and green	1	£4	£2
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Type IV.

TYPE IVa. (Overprint rough and uneven).

2/6 purple and green	1	£5	—
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TYPE VI. ("South West" 16 mm. long).

½d. green	7	—	1/-
1d. red	6	—	2/-
	7	5/-	1/-
2d. purple	1	—	20/-
	2	10/-	1/6
3d. blue	1	—	3/-
deep blue	...	...	1	£2	—
4d. orange and sage-green	...	...	1	—	3/-
6d. black and violet	...	...	1	—	4/-
black and mauve	...	...	1	—	10/-
1/- orange	...	...	1	—	7/6
1/3 violet	...	...	1	—	10/-
2/6 purple and green	...	...	1	—	20/-



Type VI.



Type VIa.

5/- purple and blue	...	...	1	£6	£4
purple and bright blue	...	...	1	—	£6
10/- blue and olive-green	...	...	1	—	£5
blue and pale olive-green	...	...	1	£7	—
£1 green and red	...	...	1	£6	£6
olive and red	...	...	1	£15	—

TYPE VIa. (" South West " 16½ mm. long).

½d. green	...	...	...	7	1/-	—
1d. red	...	...	...	6	2/-	—
				7	1/-	5/-
2d. purple	...	...	...	1	20/-	—
				2	1/6	10/-
3d. blue	...	...	...	1	3/-	—
deep blue	...	...	...	1	—	£2
4d. orange and sage-green	...	...	...	1	3/-	—
6d. black and violet	...	...	...	1	4/-	—
black and mauve	...	...	...	1	10/-	—
1/- orange	...	...	...	1	7/6	—
1/3 violet	...	...	...	1	10/-	—
2/6 purple and green	...	...	...	1	20/-	—
5/- purple and blue	...	...	...	1	£4	£6
pale purple and bright blue	...	...	...	1	£6	—
10/- blue and olive-green	...	...	...	1	£5	—
blue and pale olive-green	...	...	...	1	—	£7
£1 green and red	...	...	...	1	£6	£6
olive and red	...	...	...	1	—	£15

A Splendid Price List.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein's eight page advertisement in this issue is, as far as we can ascertain, the largest and most comprehensive price-list ever issued by a South African dealer. This is his fifth list, his first having been a typed one listing sixteen items.

In commenting on his latest price-list Mr. Lichtenstein states that the big increase in his trade is due in a large measure to the splendid support which he has received from clients in South Africa and abroad. He has, he says, received dozens of unsolicited testimonials expressing satisfaction and goodwill.

Our friend continues " One of the pivots on which my business rests is the absolute guarantee of ' full satisfaction or money back,' as stated on page one of my list. I also pay postage on all goods supplied."

Our Editor's dealings with Mr. Lichtenstein have always been highly satisfactory and the time spent in carefully perusing his (Mr. Lichtenstein's) price-list would, in our opinion, be time well spent.

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The collection of stamps is being broken up, and selections can be sent on approval, or want lists filled.

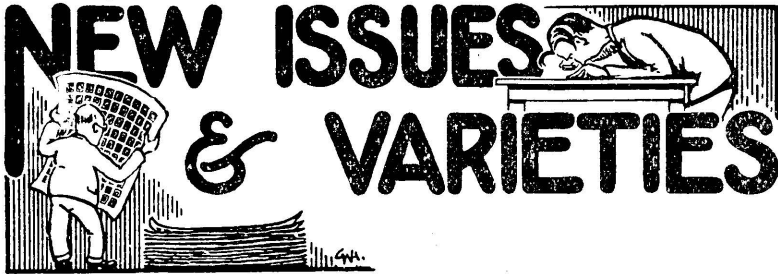
The proofs are being offered for sale in one lot, as much of their interest would be lost if they were to be dispersed.

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BELGIAN CONGO.—The 1.50 fr. blue of the current pictorial type has been surcharged “1.75.” The same fate has befallen the 1.50 fr. stamp of Ruanda-Urundi.

MOCAMBIQUE.—In sending us a set of ten of the private frank stamps issued by the Humanitarian Society of the Eastern Cross and chronicled in our May issue, Mr. C. B. Hardenberg, of Lourenço Marques, informs us that these labels are not sold at post offices and have no franking value on ordinary letters. If one wants to benefit the Society in question he may purchase the stamps at their office (at five escudos per set of ten) and affix them to his correspondence in addition to the ordinary postage. The stamps only have full franking power when they are affixed to the Humanitarian Society's own mail matter. They are thus in the same class as the frank stamps used in Portugal by the Geographical Society and the Rifle Associations.

Mr. Hardenberg writes : “Steps are being taken to have these stamps made available at the Post Offices and I have heard from private sources that this will probably be allowed, starting from July 26th. In that case the various coloured stamps will probably be overprinted with various values, be in use for a few days and the profit from their sale go to swell the funds of the Humanitarian Society.”

In chronicling the unoverprinted set of ten in our May issue we stated that the stamps would probably be overprinted and their use made compulsory on inland mail matter posted on stipulated dates towards the end of May. Apparently the surcharging has been delayed, but, in view of what the Eastern Cross Society, in collaboration with the postal authorities, has already given us, we have no doubt whatever that it will take place.

AFTUTAKI.—The ½d. pictorial is now being printed on the N.Z. and Star wmk. paper, a copy reaching us from Messrs. W. K. & Co.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts, of London, reports receipt of the 1d. Script wmk. in a new colour—purple.

CANADA.—According to Whitfield King & Co's. Monthly Bulletin the set commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation was due for issuance on July 1st. Our friends give the following details of the designs, etc. :

- 1c. orange, head of Sir John A. Macdonald.
- 2c. green, reproduction of the famous picture of the fathers of the Confederation.
- 3c. red, Parliament Buildings.
- 5c. purple, head of Sir Wilfred Laurier.

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K = complete set.

M = mint.

11 Albania, 1921	K.M. Cat. 1/9	0	1	0	
12 Algiers, 1926, ¼c.-45c.	M.	0	1	0	
4 Argentine, 1924, 5c.-25 centavos	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 8d.	....	0	0	3
5 Austria, 1915, War Scenes	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	0	6
7 Austria, 1922, Air Mail	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	3	0
7 Austria, 1922, Musicians	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	3	6
9 Austria, 1923, Views of towns	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	3	0
6 Austria, 1926, Nibelungen	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	2	6
11 Antioquia, 1899, ½c.-2 pesos	....	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 2/1	....	0	1	0
18 Bavaria, "Volkstaat" overprint	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	0
3 Belgium, 1894, Antwerp Exhibition	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	0	3
10 Belgium, 1902, Railway, 10c.-1.10 fr.	....	....	....	....	....	M.	....	0	0	9
13 Belgium, 1915/20, 1c.-2 francs	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	0
5 Belgium, 1919, Steel helmet (Roi Casque)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	6
5 Belgium, 1914, German occupation, I	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	9
8 Belgium, 1916/18, German occupation, II	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	6
8 Belgian Congo, various issues	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 10/6	....	0	3	6
6 Belgian Congo, 1918, 15c. to 1 franc	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 5/2	....	0	2	9
2 Bechuanaland, (Gibbons' 32/33)	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 8/6	....	0	2	9
16 Bosnia, 1906, pictorials, K, used or unused	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	5	6
1 Bosnia, 1910, 5 kronen	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 3/6	....	0	1	6
14 Bosnia, 1916, 3 heller—3 kronen	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 11/5	....	0	4	6
3 Bosnia, 1917, Serajevo Commemoratives	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	0	3
16 Bosnia, 1916/17, 3h.-3 kronen	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 9/6	....	0	3	6
3 Bulgaria, Shipka Pass	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	1	6
7 Bolivia, 1894, 1c.-100c.	....	....	....	....	....	M.	....	0	1	0
9 Cameroons, 3-80pf.	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 5/11	....	0	3	6
13 Cameroons, 3pf.-5 mark	....	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 26/-	....	0	13	6
1 Cape of Good Hope, triangular 4d.	from	0	5	6
4 Cape of Good Hope, triangulars, complete set	from	2	17	6
4 Cape of Good Hope, 1864, 1d. to 1/- (CC)	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 18/-	....	0	5	6
4 Cape of Good Hope, 1871/81, ¼d. to 4d.	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 10/-	....	0	3	6
15 Cape of Good Hope, 1882/98, ¼d. to 1/-	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 11/4	....	0	4	0
6 Cape of Good Hope, 1890/93, various surcharges	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 27/-	....	0	7	6
8 Cape of Good Hope, 1902/4, King's Head, ½d.-1/-	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 6/6	....	0	2	6
5 Cashmere Officials, 1-8 annas	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 4/3	....	0	2	6
9 Caroline Islands, 3-80 pf.	....	....	....	....	....	M. Cat. 4/6	....	0	2	6
5 Chile, 1898, postage dues	....	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 2/3	....	0	1	0
5 Cochin Anchal, 1918	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	3
6 Costa Rica, 1911, overprinted	....	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 6/6	....	0	2	6
15 Cuba, 1856/1893, nice old issues	....	....	....	....	....	M.	....	0	3	6
11 Cyprus, various issues	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 2/10	....	0	1	6
6 Crete, 1905, Revolution	....	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	0	1	0
7 Dutch Indies, 1921 Provisionals	....	....	....	....	....	K.	....	0	1	6
9 Ecuador, 1909	....	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 5/10	....	0	3	6
9 Egypt, 1888/1906, 1m.-10 piastres	....	....	....	....	....	K.	....	0	1	0
15 Egypt, 1914, pictorials, 1-200mill.	....	....	....	....	....	K. Cat. 2/10	....	0	1	6
8 Egypt 1921, pictorials, 1-100 mill., mult. wmk	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	6
3 Egypt 1922, Crown overprint, 20-100 mill.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	6
12 Egypt, 1922, Crown overprint, 1m.-200mill.	....	....	....	....	....	K. Cat. 3/2	....	0	1	9
10 Egypt, 1923, King Fuad, 1m.-100 mill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	0
3 Egypt, 1921, postage dues, 2-10 mill.	0	0	6	
15 Epirus, 1914, Moscopolis issue	K.M. Cat. 4/5	0	1	6	

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K = complete set.

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5 Fiume, 1922, overprinted, 20c.-1 lire	M.	Cat. 1/10	0	1	0	
9 Fiume, 1923, 5c.-1 lire	K.M. Cat. 6/1	0	2	6	
9 Fiume, 1924, Regno d'Italia	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 6/1	....	0	2	6	
10 Germany, pictorial, 1M.-10,000 Mark	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 3/7	....	0	1	6
4 Germany, Charity (two issues)	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	0	3
6 Germany, Munich Exhibition	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	0	6
12 Germany, 500,000-500,000,000 mark	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	0	3
7 Germany, various war issues	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	0
6 German China, 1c.-40 peseta	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	1	9
9 German Morocco, 3c.-1 peseta	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	2	6
7 German East Africa, 2½h.-45 heller	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 3/4	....	....	0	2	0
7 German East Africa, Belgian Occupation	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 7/6	....	....	0	4	6
9 German New Guinea, 3-80 pfennig	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 4/9	....	....	0	2	9
9 German South West Africa, 3-80 pfennig	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 4/5	....	....	0	2	6
4 German Occupation of Poland I, 5-40 pfennig	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 1/10	....	0	1	0
6 German Occupation of Poland II, 3-60 pfennig	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 2/6	....	0	1	0
10 German Ob. Ost. 2½-60 pf.	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 3/5	....	0	1	6
3 German Occupation of Roumania, I, 1917	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 6/11	....	....	0	3	6
5 German Occupation of Roumania, II,	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 2/2	....	....	0	1	0
12 Great Lebanon, various issues	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	0
12 Haiti, 1904, perf. and imperf.	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 2/10	....	....	0	1	6
3 Holland, 1906, Charity	....	....	....	....	K.	....	....	0	0	6
3 Holland, 1921, Air Mail	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 1/10	....	0	1	0
4 Holland, 1923, 1c.-4c.	....	....	....	....	M.	Cat. 1/3	....	0	0	6
3 Holland, 1924, Charity	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	0	6
4 Holland, Lifeboat and Official	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 3/6	....	0	1	6
8 Honduras, 1895	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	1	6
8 Honduras, 1896, 1c.-1 peso	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 3/9	....	....	0	2	6
5 Hungary, 1919, Soviet	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	1	0
15 Hungary, 1922/23, postage due	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	0	9
6 Hungary, Pefofi Commemorative	....	....	....	....	M.	....	....	0	2	0
21 Ireland, provisionals and pictorials	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	6
3 Italy, Turin Exhibition, overprinted	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	0	6
9 Jamaica, pictorial issue, ½d.-1/-	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	1	0
7 Jubaland, 1926, map, 5c.-2 lire	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	2	9
17 Jugo-Slavia, 1919, on Bosnia	....	....	....	....	M.	Cat. 12/4	....	0	4	6
10 Jugo-Slavia, 1920, King Peter	....	....	....	....	M.	Cat. 9/7	....	0	3	6
14 Jugo-Slavia, 1920, King Peter	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 12/7	....	....	0	4	6
10 Kiautschou, 1c.-2½ dollars	....	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 24/-	....	....	0	13	6
6 Kiautschou, short set, 1c.-40 cents	....	....	....	....	M.	....	....	0	1	9
10 Labuan, 1904, 1c.-25 cents	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 14/3	....	0	3	6
10 Liberia, 1906, 1c.-75 cents	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 4/5	....	0	2	6
10 Liberia, 1906, Official	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 4/5	....	0	2	6
11 Liberia, 1915/21, 1c.-75 cents	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0	3	6
12 Liberia, 1918, 2c.-5 dollars	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 43/3	....	0	12	6
12 Liberia, 1918, Official	....	....	....	....	....	Cat. 42/-	....	0	10	6
5 Liberia, 1922, Jubilee	....	....	....	....	K.M.	....	....	0	1	9
8 Liberia, 1924, 1c.-25 cents	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 4/3	....	0	2	6
8 Liberia, 1924, Official	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 4/3	....	0	2	6
5 Liberia, 1903, Registration	....	....	....	....	K.	Cat. 5/-	....	0	2	6
5 Liberia, 1924, Registration	K.	0	2	0
5 Liberia, triangulars (snake)	K.	0	1	6
20 Liechtenstein, 1920,	K.M.	0	0	9

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M = mint.

10 Lithuania, 1919, on granite paper	K.M. Cat. 4/9	0	1	9
10 Lithuania, 1919, on white paper	K.M. Cat. 6/10	0	2	6
11 Lithuania, 1919, changed colours	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 3/1	....	0	1	3
7 Lithuania, Air Mail, 1921,	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	1	9
5 Lourenço Marques, various overprints	....	....	....	Cat. 4/1	....	0	1	9
14 Lourenço Marques, King's Head	....	....	....	Cat. 7/6	....	0	3	6
9 Marianne Islands, 3 pf.-80 pf.	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	2	6
9 Marshall Islands, 3 pf.-80 pf.	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 4/6	....	0	2	6
12 Montenegro, 1896, fine pictorial set	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 4/3	....	0	2	6
15 Montenegro, 1902, Prince Nicholas	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 16/2	....	0	7	6
15 Montenegro, 1905, Constitution overprint	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 20/3	....	0	8	6
12 Montenegro, 1907, King Nicholas	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	2	6
12 Montenegro, 1912, Jubilee, used or M.	....	....	....	K. ....	....	0	2	6
10 Moçambique, various surcharges	....	....	....	Cat. 6/8	....	0	3	6
11 Moçambique, reaper type, 4c.-1 escudo	....	....	....	Cat. 2/2	....	0	1	0
16 Moçambique Co., 1894/97, 2½-1,000 reis.	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 14/2	....	0	5	6
18 Moçambique Co., 1918, ¼c.-1 escudo	....	....	....	M. ....	....	0	2	6
25 Moçambique Co., 1918/21, ¼c.-2 escudos	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	4	6
10 Moçambique Co., 1925, pictorials, new colours,	....	....	....	M. ....	....	0	0	6
25 Moçambique Co., 1925, pictorials, to 20 escudos,	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	15	6
10 Moçambique Co., 1919, postage dues,	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	0	6
9 Natal, King's Head, ½d.-1/-	....	....	....	Cat. 14/6	....	0	4	6
6 Nicaragua, 1912/1915, ¼c.-10 centavos	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	6
11 Nicaragua, 1922/25, including provisionals	....	....	....	Cat. 3/4	....	0	1	6
14 North Borneo, 1901, pretty pictorials	....	....	....	....	....	0	3	6
9 Orange Free State, tree type, ½d.-1/-	....	....	....	Cat. 21/-	....	0	6	6
6 Orange Free State, various surcharges,	....	....	....	Cat. 6/9	....	0	2	6
7 Orange Free State, V.R.I., ½d.-1/-	....	....	....	Cat. 12/4	....	0	4	0
9 Orange Free State, King's Head, ½d.-6d.	....	....	....	Cat. 9/7	....	0	3	0
3 Persia, 1882, fine engraved stamps	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 10/6	....	0	2	6
11 Persia, 1894, with gold and silver borders,	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 7/3	....	0	3	0
16 Persia, 1898,	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 6/-	....	0	2	6
16 Persia, 1899,	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 11/6	....	0	4	6
12 Persia, 1903/4, 1ch.-30 kran	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 18/3	....	0	5	6
8 Persia, 1909, 1ch.-26 chahi	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 4/1	....	0	1	6
12 Persia, 1911/15, overprinted	....	....	....	Cat. 7/-	....	0	2	6
17 Persia, 1915, Ruins of Susa, King Darius, etc.	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 44/7	....	0	8	6
13 Persia, 1915, shorter set	....	....	....	M. Cat. 14/7	....	0	4	6
11 Persia, 1915/18, provisional surcharges	....	....	....	Cat. 7/8	....	0	3	0
17 Persia, 1922, control overprint	....	....	....	K. ....	....	0	8	6
6 Persia, 1903, Official	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	0	9
9 Persia, 1911, Official 1ch.-1kran	....	....	....	Cat. 3/3	....	0	1	6
10 Philippine Islands, 1898, 1m.-60 cents	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 7/1	....	0	3	6
16 Porto Rico, 1890/96, various	....	....	....	M. Cat. 12/2	....	0	5	6
13 Porto Rico, 1898, 1m.-60 cents	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 5/3	....	0	2	6
6 Portugal, King Dom Carlos, 2½-80 reis	....	....	....	M. Cat. 1/2	....	0	0	6
12 Portugal, King Dom Carlos, 2½-500 reis	....	....	....	Cat. 2/2	....	0	1	0
11 Portugal, 1910/12, Dom Manoel, 2½-200 reis	....	....	....	Cat. 1/11	....	0	0	9
9 Portugal, 1895/1915, large pictorials,	....	....	....	Cat. 2/2	....	0	0	9
15 Portugal, reaper type, ¼c.-7½ centavos	....	....	....	Cat. 2/6	....	0	1	0
10 Portugal, Independence, 2-6 centavos	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	1	0
6 Portugal, 1925 Centenary, 2-8 cents	M.	0	0	9
3 Portugal, 1911, postage dues, 5r.-20 reis	Cat. 8d.	0	0	3

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	K = complete set.	M = mint.	
7 Portuguese Colonials, various 1925 surcharges	M.	0 5 6
13 Portuguese Nyassa, 1901, Giraffe, etc	K.M. Cat. 2/8	0 1 6
7 Portuguese Nyassa, 1903/10, provisionals,	K.M. Cat. 5/3	0 1 9
10 Portuguese Nyassa, 1911, 2½-300 reis	M.	0 1 9
2 Portuguese Nyassa, 1911, 2½-500 reis	K.M. Cat. 5/4	0 3 0
2 Portuguese Nyassa, 1919, provisionals, 50c-1 escudo	M. Cat. 5/8	0 2 6
12 Portuguese Nyassa, 1921, provisional surcharges,	K.M. Cat. 30/-	0 10 6
16 Portuguese Nyassa, 1921/23, pictorials, 1c-1 escudo	K.M. Cat. 3/1	0 2 0
9 Portuguese Nyassa, 1924, triangulars	K.M.	0 1 6
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5 Rhodesia, 1896, 3d.-4/-	Cat. 14/6	0 3 6
4 Rhodesia, 1897, 2d.-8d.	Cat. 4/3	0 1 0
6 Rhodesia, 1898, ½d.-4d.	Cat. 2/2	0 0 9
4 Rhodesia, 1898, 2/6, 3/-, 7/6 and 10/-	Cat. 29/-	0 9 6
7 Rhodesia, 1909, ½d.-7½d., overprinted	Cat. 4/5	0 2 6
10 Rhodesia, Admiral type, ½d.-2/-	0 2 6
6 Rio de Oro, 1912	M. Cat. 3/1	0 1 6
4 Roumania, 1906, weaver	K.M. Cat. 3/6	0 1 6
4 Roumania, 1906, spinner	K.M. Cat. 3/-	0 0 9
11 Roumania, 1906, Jubilee set, with error	K.M.	0 2 6
11 Roumania, various issues	M. Cat. 1/4	0 0 6
17 Roumania, Austrian occupation, 3b.-4 lei	M. Cat. 4/1	0 2 0
3 Russia, 1916, large pictorial war	K.M. Cat. 2/6	0 1 0
5 Russia, 1918/23, Kerensky stamps	K. Cat. 2/-	0 1 0
8 Russia, German occupation, 2½-60 pf.	0 1 6
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13 Salvador, 1893, handsome set	K.M.	0 2 6
13 Salvador, 1894, with large pictorials	K.M. Cat. 4/-	0 2 6
12 Salvador, 1906	K.M. Cat. 4/3	0 2 0
10 Salvador, 1906, Official	K.M. Cat. 6/2	0 2 6
3 Salvador, 1907, provisionals	K.M. Cat. 1/10	0 0 9
13 Salvador, 1910, pretty bi-coloured set	K.M. Cat. 3/7	0 1 9
12 Salvador, 1910, Official	K.M. Cat. 3/2	0 1 6
7 Salvador, 1910, postage due	K.M. Cat. 1/7	0 0 9
7 Salvador, 1915,	M. Cat. 3/7	0 1 0
5 Salvador, 1916/18, Official, 17c.-50c.	M. Cat. 15/-	0 4 6
9 Sarre, on German, 5 pf.-75 pf.	0 1 0
4 Saargebiet, 1926, charity	K.M.	0 1 6
8 Samoa, 1877, reprints	K.M.	0 1 0
9 Samoa, 1900, 3 pf.-80 pf.	K.M. Cat. 4/4	0 2 6
7 Serbia, 1900/02, 5 para-1 dinar	K.M. Cat. 4/5	0 1 6
8 Serbia, 1904, "Death Mask" issue	K.M. Cat. 17/-	0 5 6
9 Serbia, 1904, "mourning" set	K.M.	0 12 6
16 South West Africa, Type I, ½d.-1/3 in pairs,	K.M.	0 15 6
18 South West Africa, ½d.-2d. in pairs, various types	0 2 6
26 South West Africa, ½d.-6d., all types	0 3 6
6 Soviet Russia, star overprint,	Cat. 1/8	0 0 9
14 Soviet Russia, 1921, 100-10 000 roubles,	M. Cat. 2/8	0 1 0
6 Soviet Russia, 1922, 5-7,500 roubles	Cat. 1/10	0 1 0
18 Soviet Russia, 1923/24, 1 kopec-100 roubles,	Cat. 3/9	0 1 6
6 Spain, Madrid Exhibition	K.M.	0 0 9
8 Spain, 1916, Cervantes pictorial	K.M. Cat. 3/4	0 2 0
4 Stellaland, 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/-	M. Cat. 50/-	1 1 0
4 Sudan, large camel type, 5m.-10 pia.	Cat. 1/8	0 1 0
7 Syria and Lebanon, ½ pi-2 pia.	0 0 9

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15	Syria, 1919/22, O.M.F., 25c. to 3 pia.	Cat. 4/-	0	2	6
11	Syria, 1923/24, 10c.-2 pia.	Cat. 2/1	0	1	0
3	Tanganyika, 1915, N.F. on Nyasaland, ½d. to 3d.	M. Cat. 10/6	0	3	6
5	Tanganyika, Giraffe's head	....	....	....	M. ....	....	0	1	3
5	Thessa y, 1898, octagonal shaped	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	1	6
12	Thurn & Taxis, scarce old stamps	....	....	....	M. Cat. 4/2	....	0	2	6
9	Thurn & Taxis, shorter set	....	....	....	M. Cat. 2/7	....	0	1	6
9	Togo, 1900, 3 pf.-80 pf.	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 4/5	....	0	2	6
18	Transvaal, 1885/92, ½d. to £5	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 97/9	....	0	15	6
1	Transvaal, 1892, £5 green	....	....	....	M. Cat. 30/-	....	0	5	6
9	Transvaal, 1885/95, various surcharges	....	....	....	M. Cat. 13/8	....	0	3	6
5	Transvaal 1894, shafts to waggon	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 13/6	....	0	4	6
9	Transvaal, 1895, pole to waggon	....	....	....	M. Cat. 45/8	....	0	7	6
7	Transvaal, 1895, shorter set	....	....	....	M. Cat. 26/8	....	0	3	6
9	Transvaal, 1896, bi-coloured	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 2/5	....	0	1	0
12	Transvaal, 1900, V.R.I., ½d. to £5	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 117/8	....	1	12	6
6	Transvaal, 1901, E.R.I., ½d. to 2/6	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 22/10	....	0	5	6
22	Transvaal, King's Head, ½d. to £1	....	....	....	Cat. 33/-	....	0	12	6
7	Transvaal, postage dues	....	....	....	K. Cat. 7/11	....	0	4	6
4	Turkey, 1908, Constitution	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	9
4	Turkey, 1913, Adrianople, dues	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	1	6
18	Union of S. A., King's Head, ½d. to 5/-	....	....	....	....	....	0	2	6
4	Union of S. A., King's Head, 1/3 to 10/-	....	....	....	....	....	0	3	6
4	Union of S. A., Air Mail, 1925	....	....	....	K.M. ....	....	0	3	6
7	Union of S. A., various postage dues	....	....	....	....	....	0	0	9
9	Venezuela, 1911, 5c.-20 bolivars	....	....	....	K.M. Cat. 17/6	....	0	5	6
6	Venezuela, 1911, 5c.-1 bolívar	K.M. Cat. 4/7	0	2	0
3	Zambezia, 1914, local provisionals	0	2	0

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Cape of Good Hope, 1855, 1d. brick-red	0	15	0	15	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, "woodblock," 1d. brick-red	5	0	0	30	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, "woodblock," 4d. blue	3	0	0	16	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1880, 3d. on 4d. rose	0	0	6	0	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1879, 3d. on 4d. blue	0	1	0	0	7	6
Falkland Islands, 1898, 2/6 blue	0	3	3	3	0	0
Mauritius, 1859, 2d. deep blue	2	15	0	45	0	0
Mauritius, 1878, 38 cents, purple	0	2	6	1	5	0
Natal, 1859, 3d. blue	0	1	0	0	8	6
Natal, 1886, 2d. on 3d. grey	0	0	9	0	13	6
New Zealand, 1863, 6d. red-brown	0	0	8	0	7	6
Orange Free State, 1878, 4d. ultramarine	0	0	9	0	6	6
Stellaland, 3d. orange and 4d. blue, each	0	0	9	0	10	0
Transvaal, 1901, E.R.I. 4d. green	0	0	8	0	4	0
Transvaal, 1902, 2/- brown	0	3	0	1	0	0
Victoria, 1855, 3d. blue	0	3	6	1	15	0
Zululand, 1894, 1d. lilac	0	0	3	0	2	0

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100 French Colonials	0	1	6
500 French Colonials	0	4	6
500 French Colonials, mounted	1	2	6
100 German Colonials, unused	0	17	6
100 Portuguese Colonials	0	1	6
200 Portuguese Colonials	0	5	6
500 Portuguese Colonials	1	15	6
1,000 Portuguese Colonials, mounted	5	15	6
100 Central America, unused	0	6	6
500 Central America, unused	1	12	6
25 Liberia, fine pictorial stamps	0	3	6
50 Liberia, fine pictorial stamps	0	10	6
100 Liberia, fine pictorial stamps	1	12	6
122 Germany, unused, with high values	0	1	0
20 Guatemala	0	2	6
30 Montenegro, including old issues	0	3	6
50 Portuguese Nyassa, giraffes, zebras, etc.	0	5	6
50 Bosnia, interesting collection	0	3	6
50 Soviet Russia, many nice sets	0	3	6
50 South West Africa, good value	0	12	6
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New Issues and Varieties. (Continued from page 68).

12c. blue, map of Canada.

20c. red, Special Delivery, allegory of the five stages of mail transportation in Canada.

This set will also take the place of the proposed "historical" set, which was prepared for issue, but, on account of internal political troubles, never issued.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Copies of the 3c. in its new colour, brown, are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., R. Roberts and Oswald Marsh.

INDIA.—Mr. Oswald Marsh submits the 2 and 4 annas Service stamps (Nasik printing) with the multiple star watermark inverted, while Mr. K. A. Khambat'a, of Karachi, shews us the unoverprinted Nasik printed 1 anna with the same variety.

LEeward ISLANDS.—A correspondent of the "Philatelic Magazine" states that on July 1st the 3d. stamp was re-issued in its old colours—purple on yellow, but, for the first time in these colours, on Script wmk. paper.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—When the Marquis de Pinedo attempted to fly from Newfoundland to the Açores he carried a small official mail. To frank the letters carried 200 copies of the 60c. "Cabot" were overprinted "Air Mail de Pinedo 1927" in red.

The Marquis fell into the sea, but we have not heard if the mail was salvaged.

Rarities at Auction.

Mr. H. R. Harmer, the Bond Street auctioneer, continues to obtain good prices for rarities, both 19th and 20th century.

The following is a selection of prices realised in recent auctions :

Great Britain, 1856-7, 4d. rose-carmine on thick white glazed paper, mint pair	£27 0 0
Great Britain, 1867-80, 2/- brown, fine unused copy ...	10 10 0
Great Britain, I.R. Official, 1902-4, 10/- ultramarine, overprinted SPECIMEN, mint	75 0 0
Great Britain, I.R. Official, 1902-4, £1 green, overprinted SPECIMEN, mint	25 0 0
Great Britain, Board of Education, 1902-4, 1/- green and carmine, overprinted SPECIMEN, mint	36 0 0
U.S.A., 1870, without grille, 24c. violet, fine block of 4, red postmark	115 0 0
U.S.A., 1869, 24c. purple and green, fine used block of 4, one stamp creased	92 0 0
Irish Free State, 1922, Thom overprint, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, mint set of three	7 10 0
Rhodesia, 1922-4, ½d. dull green, vertical pair imperf. between	3 17 6
Rhodesia, 1922-4, 1½d. brown-olive, vertical pair imperf. between	5 0 0

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.

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PART III.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Postage Stamps).

On the 15th November 1908, the Congo Free State was officially taken over by Belgium and the pictorial stamps of the Free State were overprinted in three different types with the words, in sans serif capitals, " CONGO BELGE."



Handstamped.

Typographed.

The three types of overprint are easily distinguished. They are as follows :—

(a) Firstly, with a handstamp made in Brussels, the overprint also being applied there in grey-black ink. Eight different handstamps were used, distinguishable by the " C "s, the " B "s and the " E "s. The size of the overprint is 16 mm. by $3\frac{1}{4}$ mm.

(b) Secondly, with type set up in Brussels and overprinted direct on to sheets of stamps at the offices of " La Cote Libre." The demand for the stamps was so great and handstamping was such a slow process that this method had to be resorted to.

The overprint was applied in shiny black ink. Two different types are known, viz. : (a) CONGO BELGE measures $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (b) CONGO BELGE measures $16\frac{3}{4}$ mm.

The type was sent up in 50 clichès, of which on 46 the length of the words was $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and on the remainder $16\frac{3}{4}$ mm., thus giving the abovementioned two types.

(c) Thirdly. At the same time as these type-set stamps were being turned out a set of seven handstamps was engraved and sent out to the Congo to overprint the remainders of the Free State issues still on hand in the colony. This overprint was applied with a greasy black to violet-black ink and is easily distinguished from the handstamps applied in Brussels. Further, the overprint is slightly wider.

There being seven handstamps used there are, as a consequence, seven different types, but the differences are minute.

The handstamps were carelessly applied by the postal authorities and varieties abound. This in contrast to the handstamps applied in Brussels, which were carefully used, no varieties being known. In the type-set overprint, however, varieties are to be found.

CHECK LIST.

1st January, 1909. The following are the details of the overprints.

(a) Handstamped in Brussels. Grey-black matt ink. Eight different types.

	Numbers overprinted.
5 c. green	4,000
10 c. carmine	3,000
15 c. brown-ochre	2,000
25 c. blue	1,700
40 c. blue-green	1,000
50 c. olive-green	1,000
1 fr. carmine	1,000
3 fr. 50 c. brick-red	100
5 fr. dark carmine	200
10 fr. moss-green	175
Varieties :	Perforated 14. Steamboat facing left.

(b) Typographed in Brussels. Shiny black ink. Two types : (i) CONGO BELGE measures 16½ mm. long, (ii) CONGO BELGE measures 16¾ mm. long. The height of the letters is also 1 mm. less than in the handstamped overprints.

	Numbers overprinted.
5 c. green	22,900
Variety :	Overprint inverted.
10 c. carmine-rose	16,900
Variety :	Overprint inverted.
15 c. yellow-ochre	74,900
Varieties :	Imperforate. Misplaced overprint—half on stamp and half on margin. Inverted overprint. Double overprint, one inverted.
25 c. blue	10,900
Variety :	Double overprint.
40 c. blue-green	64,000
Varieties :	Imperforate. Misplaced overprint—half on stamp and half on margin.
50 c. olive-green	97,000
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Misplaced overprint—half on stamp and half on margin.
1 fr. carmine	72,000
Variety :	Imperforate.
3 fr. 50 c. brick-red	22,400
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Imperforate.
5 fr. red-carmine	25,550
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Double overprint, one inverted.
10 fr. moss-green	19,300
Varieties :	Perforated 12. Perforated 14. Imperforate between pair. Steamboat facing left. Misplaced overprint—half on stamp and half on margin.

(c) Handstamped in the Congo with greasy black to violet-black ink. The overprint shews coarsely and in all cases is seen through the stamps. Seven different types, all wider than the Brussels handstamps.

	Numbers overprinted.
5 c. green	124,600
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Double overprint.
10 c. carmine-rose	126,100
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Double overprint.
15 c. brown-ochre	114,100
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Double overprint. Imperforate.
25 c. blue	65,400
Varieties :	Overprint inverted. Double overprint.

40 c. blue-green	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,000
Varieties :	Overprint inverted.					
	Double overprint.					
	Imperforate.					
50 c. olive-green	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83,000
Varieties :	Overprint inverted.					
	Double overprint.					
	Overprint at bottom of stamp.					
1 fr. carmine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,000
Varieties :	Overprint inverted.					
	Double overprint.					
	Imperforate.					
3 fr. 50 c. brick-red	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,300
Varieties :	Double overprint.					
	Imperforate.					
5 fr. carmine, dark carmine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,800
Varieties :	Without overprint se tenant.					
	Double overprint.					
10 fr. moss-green	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13,525
Varieties :	Perforated 14.					
	Double overprint.					
	Steamboat facing left.					
	Imperforate.					
	Perforated 12.					
	Inverted overprint.					

All three varieties of overprints—(a), (b) and (c)—were withdrawn from issue on 1st August, 1909.

(To be continued.)

The Durban Exhibition.

Preparations for this event are proceeding apace and the Philatelic Society of Natal is to be congratulated on the wonderful progress that has so far been made.

The Exhibition will be held from July 2nd to 11th 1928, both dates inclusive, on the first floor of Messrs. Shaw Brothers Wool Mart. As the Exhibition is being held during the height of the Durban "season" it is impossible to obtain the use of the Town Hall for the period desired. The venue selected is, however, an ideal one in every way. It is on the Victoria Embankment and within five minutes walk from the centre of the town. The Exhibition will be held on the first floor, the hall measuring 194 feet by 82 feet. With the exception of eight supports for the roof the floor area is clear.

The hall is well lighted from large windows on the west and south sides. The principal light is, however, obtained from the roof, which is in five bays and of saw-tooth construction. The lights face due south and exhibitors need have no fear of their exhibits being exposed to bright sub-tropical sunlight. Intending exhibitors residing in the Northern Hemisphere should note that South African southern light corresponds to their northern light.

The Exhibition being held during the month of July, which is the winter season, and the atmosphere being at that time of a dry nature, exhibitors will not have the bugbear, humid heat, to contend with.

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South West African News.

Shades in the blue overprint are to be found in all values of the recent pictorials, but they are due to normal variations in the ink used.

Mr. Mallet-Veale advises receipt of the 5/- Type IIIa with the frame in electric blue. He describes this new frame shade as very pleasing. He also has the 1/- Type IIIa with the word "Africa." of the overprint smudged and unreadable, and the 2/6 Type IIIa with "Afrika." also smudged and illegible.

Lt.-Col. L. J. Worthington, of Leek, Staffordshire, sends us the following interesting bulletin: "With reference to the £1 Type VIa with pale olive-green centre chronicled in your issue of February last, it would appear that the overprint on this stamp is lithographed, and not type-set as in the originally issued combined Types VI-VIa set. I have also the 1/-, 1/3 and 10/- with similar lithographed Type VIa overprint (which does not appear to have quite as long an overall measurement of 'South West' as the type-set).

"The lithographic lay used does not appear to contain the varieties contained on that applied to the lithographed 1d. and 2d. dues, Type VIa."

Our correspondent does not think that the pale olive green £1 exists with Type VI and writes: "Can any of your readers produce the pale £1 with Type VI overprint?"

Writing on the same subject Mr. G. F. Booth, of London, says "With regard to your remarks on page 39 (May issue), last paragraph, where you mention that the 10/- King's Head (pale olive-green frame) and £1 (pale olive-green centre) are overprinted with Type VI in top panes and Type VIa in bottom panes. This is surely an error as I have examined a complete sheet and it is lithographed throughout the 240 stamps with Type VIa ("South West" 16½ mm. long). So far I have seen this type of overprint on the 1/-, 1/3, 10/- and £1.

"A curiosity exists on stamp No. 24, bottom left pane, the English overprint being one millimetre higher than on the remainder of that fourth row.

"The 5/- value (King's Head type) appears to have been overprinted with the same type setting as the recent postage dues, i.e., missing stop on No. 53, right pane, and in half sheets."



Type VI.



Type VIa.

Since the above was set in type we have received a further communication on the above subject from Lieut.-Colonel L. J. Worthington. He confirms Mr. Booth's statement that the overprint in question is litho-

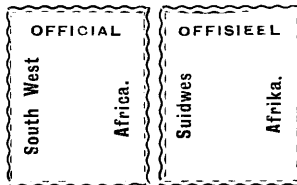
graphed, 240-set and Type VIa throughout the sheet. Our correspondent says that he has a block of the 1/- from the centre of the sheet proving this. His block of the £1 denomination with this overprint is from the top of the sheet.

In his check-list of S. W. African controls, published in this issue, Mr. Mallet-Veale includes the items which Messrs. Booth and Worthington do not believe exist. He is emphatic in his statement that the items in dispute do exist and offers to produce copies.

While we have not seen many blocks of the pale olive green 10/- and £1 all that we have seen, including blocks from the top and bottom of the sheet, are Type VIa, lithographed overprint.

Are we to understand that the pale olive-green 10/- and £1 were first overprinted with the combined Type VI-VIa type-set overprint and later with the lithographed overprint Type VIa throughout the sheet? From the communications before us this certainly seems to be the case.

The 10/- and £1 stamps in the original normal green are, of course, found with Types VI and VIa. This statement is not disputed, the controversy ranging round these denominations in the new pale olive-green shade.



While we have not yet seen copies of the S.W. African "Officials" we are able, from a sketch submitted by Mr. Booth, to give a type-set illustration of the overprint. It will be noted that English stamps are overprinted entirely in English and Afrikaans adhesives entirely in Afrikaans. The vague nature of the Postmaster-General's letter to us gave us the impression that, as with the Union "Officials," each stamp bore the words "Official" "Offisieel."

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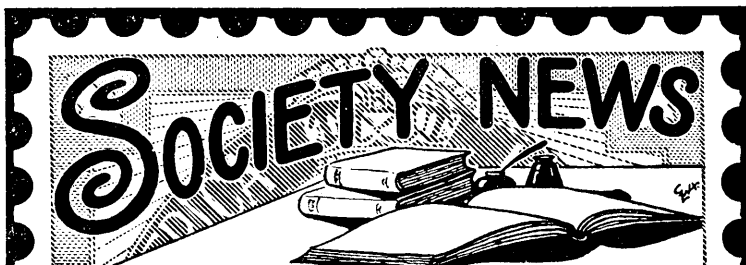
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The Annual General Meeting was held on June 17th. The President's report shows that the membership now stands at 43. The Exchange packet branch is progressing favourably, although we are surprised to note that the 17 packets circulated had a total value of only £170. The meetings were generally poorly attended.

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INTERESTING UNION NEWS.

In an interview with the Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Natal Mr. Parratt, S.A. representative for Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., said that statements in the press to the effect that the 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- Union pictorials would shortly be printed in Pretoria were incorrect. Mr. Parratt said that his firm has a five years' contract and the plates will not leave their works until the expiration of the contract.

On page 38 of our May issue we reprinted, without comment, a letter from the P.M.G. stating that when the present contract with B. W. & Co., Ltd., expires the Government intends printing the aforementioned pictorials in Pretoria.

The P.M.G. did not say when the contract expires, but it was generally thought that it was a short one.

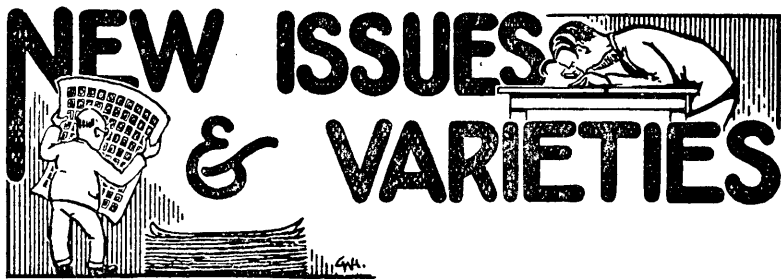
Mr. Parratt further vouchsafed the information that the plates used to print the triangulars have been destroyed.

We illustrate the variety of perforation in the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial chronicled in our June issue. The illustration clearly shews how a comb perforating machine perforates three sides of a stamp at a time. A "single-line" machine, such as is used for Southern Rhodesian stamps, perforates in one direction only.

Mr. L. H. Rivers, of Caledon, reports the 1d. pictorial printed in Pretoria from the new plate (showing two nicks under the last stamp in the sheet) with inverted watermark.

The P.S.N. has been informed by the P.M.G. that the plates used by the Cape Times, Ltd., to print the Union air mail stamps have been destroyed. The P.S.N. has also received a formal acknowledgement of its suggestion to the Minister of Posts that a supply of the 1d. pictorial be over-printed for the benefit of the Drought Distress Fund. We do not think that the suggestion will be adopted.





ANTIGUA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., and H. & G. H. Jopling submit copies of the 2/- and 2/6 denominations on Script wmk. paper.

ASCENSION.—A 5d. value in the current design is in process of manufacture.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The 4d. denomination on Script wmk. paper is submitted by Messrs. H. & G. H. Jopling, Oswald Marsh and Whitfield King & Co.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 96c. denomination is now available with the Script wmk.

BRUNEL.—The 8c. value has now been printed on Script paper.

CEYLON.—The Script watermark 1c. brown is now on issue, copies reaching us from Messrs. Oswald Marsh, Whitfield King & Co., and H. & G. H. Jopling.

Mr. Marsh has been officially informed that the following values will shortly appear in the large format at present used for the 50 R. to 1,000 R. denominations and in the colours mentioned: 1 R. purple and brilliant rosa, 2 R. green and red, 5R. green and purple, 10 R. green and orange, 20R. purple and blue.

The 100 R. denomination is, says the "Philatelic Magazine," about to change its colours to purple and blue, which are the colours in which the new 20 R. is to be printed.

GOLD COAST.—The London "Times" states that a new design is shortly to be introduced. It will shew a view of Cape Coast Castle, the former capital, with the King's head inset.

INDIA.—Mr. R. Roberts has received the 10 R. stamp printed at Nasik on multiple watermark paper. The Nasik-printed 12 as. has, he says, been overprinted SERVICE.

JAMAICA.—Further to the note in our April issue we now learn from the "Philatelic Magazine" that the ½d. value is now being printed in the King's head design.

JOHORE.—From the "P.M." we learn that the 2c. stamp will shortly change its colour to green while the 3c. is to become purple and brown. The 21c. will shortly appear on Script paper.

MAURITIUS.—The 20 c. value is now on issue in the King's head design. It is printed in lilac on white Script watermark paper.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 9/- postal fiscal is, says Mr. Oswald Marsh, on issue on chalk-surfaced paper, leaving only the 7/6 to appear on this paper.

NIGERIA.—The colour of the 2d. stamp is about to be changed to brown.

CANADA.—We are indebted to Messrs. T. Howard Jarrett, of Trenton, Ont., and Whitfield King & Co. for sets of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation commemoratives. The stamps are illustrated herewith, the following being details of same:



- 1c. orange, portrait of Sir John A Macdonald.
- 2c. green, the Quebec Conference.
- 3c. red, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.
- 5c. violet, portrait of Sir Wilfred Laurier.
- 12c. deep blue, map of Canada, with the four original Confederation provinces shaded.
- 20c. orange-red (for Express Delivery), stages of mail transportation in Canada—the dog train, mail rider, steamship, railway and aeroplane.

The stamps were printed from engraved plates and were issued simultaneously at all Canadian post offices on June 29th.

At the same time the P.M.G. sprang a big surprise by releasing the much-discussed "historical" set. Through the courtesy of Mr. Jarrett we are able to illustrate the trio, the distinguished Canadians portrayed being:



- 5c. violet, Hon. Thos. D'Arcy McGee.
 - 12c. green, Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir John A Macdonald.
 - 20c. carmine, Hon. Robert Baldwin and Sir L. H. Lafontaine.
- These stamps were also produced from engraved plates.

NORTH BORNEO.—Further to the denominations chronicled in our January issue the following values may now be had perforated 12½: postage stamps, 6c., 12c., postage dues, 6c., 12c.

NYASALAND.—The 4/- denomination is now being printed on Script watermark paper.



PALESTINE.—Three values of the pictorial set are now on issue, namely, 2, 3 & 13 millimes. The 3m. is green in colour and the 13m. light blue. The 2m. has not come to hand yet. The 2m. and 3m. shew a view of Rachel's Tomb, the 13m. depicting the Dome of the Rock. The new stamps have been poorly executed.

SIERRA LEONE.—Mr. R. Roberts, of London, reports receipt of the 5/- Script watermark on pale yellow paper, in place of the previous orange-yellow paper.

ST. HELENA.—Two new values are at present in process of manufacture, namely: 5d. green and red on emerald, 2/- purple and blue on blue.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—The 2/6 value is being printed on Script watermark paper.

SUDAN.—Mr. R. Roberts advises us that a new watermark has been introduced. It takes the form of the letters "S.G." (in sans serif capitals) repeated all over the sheet. The 3m. and 5m. denominations have appeared on this paper.

THE NEW S.W. AFRICAN OVERPRINT.

A supply of several values of the Union pictorials and the £1 King's Head has now been overprinted with the initial letters "S.W.A." only and is about to be despatched to Windhoek.

We expect to be able to illustrate the new type in our next issue.

We are reliably informed that the new overprint is being applied in different colours on different denominations and in a manner that will not interfere with the central designs, i.e., in different positions on the various values. On some denominations the overprint will probably be curved.

As mentioned in the Stop Press note in our last issue both Afrikaans and English adhesives will bear the overprint "S.W.A."

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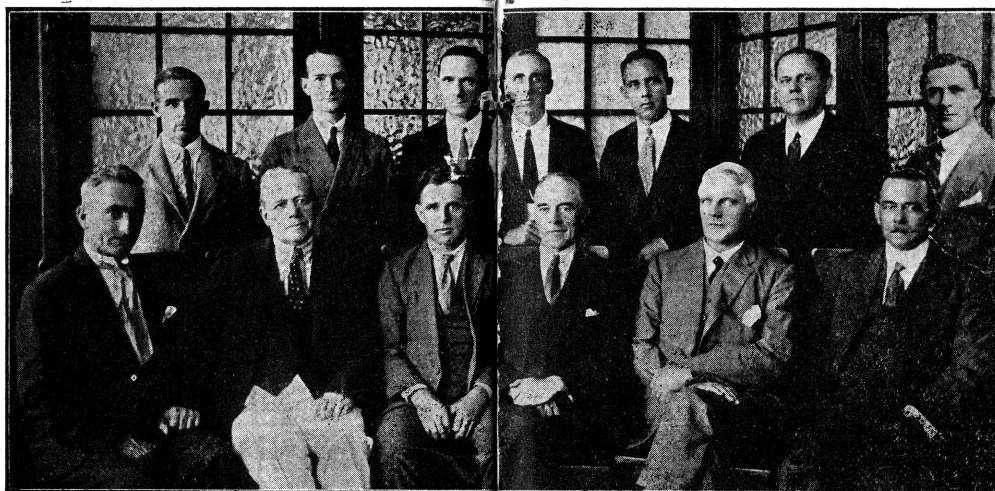
The publishers of this work on the stamps of the Union of S. Africa, the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., have very wisely had a number of copies bound in cloth-covered card covers. The new cover is very substantial and attractive. The price of the book with this cover is 7/6, post free, but it may still be had bound in thick paper at 5/-, post free. Orders may be sent to the publishers or to the Editor of the "S.A. Philatelist."

The 1928 Gibbons.—This will be published early in October next, and we understand that many substantial increases will be noticed in the British Empire section, while Part II. will also have its share of alterations in prices.

From October next, Messrs. Gibbons' house organ will be known as "Gibbons' Stamp Monthly." The cover will be brightened and the contents improved, though all the present popular features will be retained.

Not the Philatelist.—Several readers have drawn our attention to press reports in which it was stated that a certain Louis Gillen appeared before the Pretoria Magistrates on July 15th, charged with failing to support his wife and three children. We are rather surprised that some people, in view of certain details mentioned in the press reports of the case, believe that the individual referred to is the well-known Hon. Superintendent of the S.A. Sales Packet Branch of the Philatelists' Exchange Club.

Mr. Louis Gillen (the phil-



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atelist) was enjoying a quiet holiday at Warner Beach, Natal, at the time the above-mentioned case was heard. If the daily papers had correctly reported the case, this disclaimer would have been unnecessary, for the name of the man who does not appear to be able to care for his family is Louis P. Gillen.

"The Postage Stamps of the Irish Free State."—A Descriptive Priced Catalogue, Revised and Completed to June, 1927. Published by A. E. Hopkins, 3, George Street, Bath, England. Price 2/-, post free.

The above heading tells fairly fully the nature of the work under review, but we must add that it is most exhaustive and interesting, inasmuch as it lists all regular stamps and their many varieties, and the semi-official and propaganda stamps which have appeared from time to time. Special attention has been given to the pricing of control corners, many of which are of considerable rarity.

Genuine overprint: Lettering clear and well aligned. All the letters are of equal depth. "R's" have straight right limb.

Forged overprint: Lettering smudgy and out of alignment. The first "R" being well above the level of the other letters. "R's" have curved right limb. The "I" of URUNDI inclines to the left.

No English Edition will be published of the 1928 Yvert & Tellier catalogue.

New Issues in Prospect.—

At the end of 1928 the Portuguese Government will take over the administration of Portuguese Nyassa from the Nyassa Company, according to messages published in the daily press.

The British Government has decided to send a commission to Kenya to investigate a plan for federation of the territories of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar. Kenya and Uganda are protectorates, Tanganyika is mandated territory, while Zanzibar is a sultanate, so the Commission will have to tackle some difficulties.

Sudden Death of Mr. C. W. Reid.—

The news of the death, on August 28th, of Mr. C. W. Reid, a very well-known Johannesburg collector, came as a great shock to his numerous friends. Mr. Reid succumbed to pneumonia, being ill for only three days. He was Vice-President of the Johannesburg Stamp Club and a Director of the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa) Ltd. The large number of philatelists and others who attended the funeral testified to the esteem in which Mr. Reid was held. Further details will appear in our next issue.

Back row (left to right): Messrs. D. S. Fowler, F.S.L., C. F. Boyd Williams, W. L. Burne, R. Webb, Franklin H. Rooke, C. A. M. Esnouf, H. Hurst.

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PART III.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Postage Stamps).—Continued.

While the aforementioned provisionals were in use Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., were preparing a definite set for the territory, now known as the "Congo Belge." This series was the same as the previous pictorial set, excepting that the words "Congo Belge" took the place of the words "Etat Independant du Congo."

1909, 1st June. Engraved and printed by Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., of London. Centres in black, inscriptions in French only. Perforated 13½-14. No watermark.



	Numbers Printed.
5 c. green, dark green	200,000
10 c. carmine, light carmine	200,000
Variety : DIN for DIX.	
15 c. ochre, yellow-ochre	100,000
50 c. olive, light olive, dark olive	175,000

While the above stamps were in use, an agitation was set afoot by the Flemish section to have the inscriptions in French and Flemish. The task of preparing new plates was put in the hands of Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., who modified the frames so that both sections of the community were satisfied. The stamps were line-engraved, unwatermarked and perforated 12½-15.

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15 c. brown-ochre, yellow-ochre, orange-ochre	305,000
25 c. blue, blue-green, ultramarine	280,000
40 c. green	180,000
50 c. olive, olive-green	245,000
1 fr. carmine, light carmine	190,000
Variety : Imperforate.	
5 fr. carmine	90,000

Shortly after the issue of the above series, Messrs. Waterlow Bros. & Layton, of London, were asked to prepare two high values, also with bilingual inscriptions. Perforated 12½-15.

1910, 10th October.

	Numbers Printed.
3 fr. red	125,000
Variety : Imperforate.	
10 fr. green	85,000
Varieties : On blued paper.	
Steamboat facing left.	
Centre doubly printed.	

Both stamps are found with portions of watermark on some stamps.

Colour changes now took place, the stamps still being printed by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., unwatermarked, centres in black and perforated 13½-15. The frames of the 5c., 10c., and 25c. were modified so that the values were in words (French) at the top of the stamps.



1915, November.

- 5 c. green, yellow-green, dark green.
- 10 c. carmine, red-carmine.
- Variety : Imperforate between vertical pair.
- 15 c. b'ue-green, dark green.
- 25 c. blue, dark blue.
- 40 c. red-brown, lake- brown, lake-red.
- 50 c. lilac-brown, purple-lake.
- 1 fr. yellow-olive, olive-bistre.
- 5 fr. orange, brown-orange.

All the above are known imperforate. In the 5c., 10c., and 25c. the central designs were retouched, the shading of the sky being altered. The 5c., 10c., 15c. and 25c. were also printed and sold in small sheets of ten stamps (2 x 5).

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THE NEW SOUTH WEST AFRICANS.

Postage stamps bearing the new "S.W.A." overprint were brought into use about the middle of the present month and we are indebted to Messrs. A. Bronks, of Johannesburg, and W. J. Giovanetti, of Pretoria, for the sight of complete sets. The stamps which have received this new overprint are : ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1—quite a formidable array. The ½d., 1d. and 6d. are Pretoria printed pictorials, the 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- are London printed pictorials, while the 1/3 and £1 are, of course, King's Head stamps,



The centre of the £1 is in pale olive green.

There are three styles of this new overprint, namely, (a) at foot of stamp on the ½d., 1d., 6d., 1/3 and £1, (b) just above the centre of the stamp on the 2d., 1/-, 5/- and 10/- and (c) towards the left hand upper corner on the 3d. and 2/6. The three types are illustrated herewith.

It will be noticed that the 1/3 and £1 stamps need only be collected in single copies. Pairs of the other denominations will, alas, be necessary.



We understand that the above are all the postage stamps which will receive the "S.W.A." overprint. In all cases the overprint has been applied in black ink from type-set formes, the work having been done by the Government Printer, Pretoria.

Messrs. H. Mallet-Veale and A. Lichtenstein inform us that so far they have only received right-hand panes of the English and Afrikaans 1d. postage due. The 1½d. with English and Afrikaans over-



print is, however, obtainable in both right and left panes.

Mr. Lichtenstein has noticed the following varieties in the overprint on a right hand pane of the 1d.: Row 3, No. 5, no stop after "Africa"; row 4, No. 4, no top to "f" of "Afrika."; row 7, No. 5, broken "i" in "Afrika."; row 9, No. 5, small stop after "Afrika"; row 10, No. 4, damaged "f" in "Afrika."

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The varieties found in the English and Afrikaans 1d. will not be found in the new 2d. due because the latter denomination is being printed from a plate which has not previously been used.

In addition to those mentioned on page 28 of our April 1927 issue Mr. A. Lichtenstein has noticed the following minor varieties on a left hand pane of the Afrikaans 1d. postage due: Row 2, No. 3 and Row 3, No. 4, white line round "POSTAGE DUE" broken: under "D"; row 8, No. 1, white line round "TE BETAAL" broken under "B"; row 9, No. 3, white line round "POSTAGE DUE" broken under "A." In the whole of the second vertical row the letter "d" has, says Mr. Lichtenstein, a square foot, while on the rest of the pane the letter "d" has a more or less pointed foot.



On a right hand pane of the above stamp our correspondent has found the following varieties: Row 6, No. 1, flaw under "G" of "POSTAGE"; row 7, No. 1, line under "TE BETAAL" broken; row 7, No. 4, line broken between "E" and "B" of "TE BETAAL"; row 8, No. 1, inner frame line broken under "E" of "TE"; row 8, No. 2, "B" of "BETAAL" joined at top to outer frame line.

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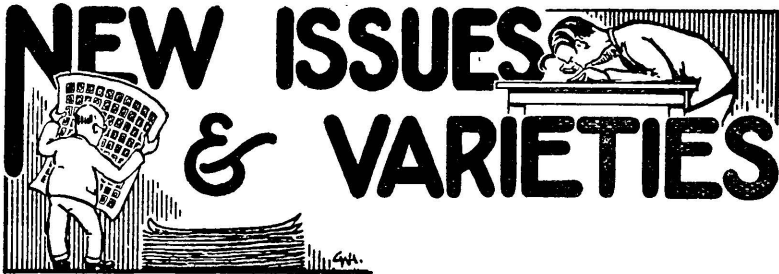
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AITUTAKI—Mr. R. Roberts reports receipt of the 1d. value water-marked N.Z. and star.

CHINA (British P.Os.).—The 50c. Hong Kong, black on emerald, Script wmk., overprinted CHINA, is submitted by Messrs. W. K. & Co.

NYASALAND.—The 10/- value is now on issue on Script wmk. paper.

PALESTINE.—All values of the pictorial set are now on issue, and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have been officially informed that the over-printed stamps were withdrawn from circulation on August 1st. We are indebted to the above correspondents, and also to Mr. Oswald Marsh, for copies of the new stamps.



Following are the details of the complete set: 2 milliemes blue-green, 3m. bright yellow-green, 4m. pink, 5m. orange, 6m. dark green, 7m. red, 8m. light chocolate, 10m. grey, 13m. blue, 20m. olive, 50m. red-purple, 90m. bistre, 100m. cobalt-blue, 200m. deep blue-purple.

The designs are: 2, 3 and 10m., Rachel's Tomb; 4, 6, 8 and 13m., Dome of the Rock; 5, 7 and 20m. Citadel of Jerusalem; 50, 90, 100 and 200m., Lake Tiberius (Sea of Galilee).

The newcomers are trilingual and watermarked Script CA and there is little to be said in their favour. Justice has not been done the designs selected, while the printing is weak. The paper curls alarmingly, and is quite unsuitable for the climate of Palestine.

Mr. J. Benor Kalter designed the new set, the printers being Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Ltd.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. L. H. Rivers states that he has a horizontal strip of the 1d. value with double perforation along the bottom.

SUDAN.—Mr. Oswald Marsh submits the 4 milliemes value on water-marked paper (multiple "S.G.").

MADAGASCAR. — This French colony is, we understand, about to inflict a new set on a long-suffering philatelic world. The designs to be used are very obviously copied from the current issue of the Belgian Congo. They will depict natives' heads and cattle. Some of the stamps will be of large upright format, while others will have their greatest length horizontally.

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PART III.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Postage Stamps).—Continued.

1918. A Red Cross issue made its appearance in this year. The designs and colours of the frames are the same as the previous (1915) issue. A 10 fr. value of similar design to the 10 fr. of 1910, but re-engraved, was added. The centres are in every case in blue.

The stamps were printed by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., and surcharged with a new value, the amount of the surcharge being given to the Red Cross Society of Belgium.

All the values are known surcharged in red and also in orange-red, the orange-red being the scarcer of the two. All values are also to be found with two types of surcharge, one type being larger than the other, the larger type being scarcer than the smaller.

Both colours of overprint exist with both the large and small surcharges.

	Numbers Printed.
10 c. on 5 c. green	250,000
15 c. on 10 c. carmine	250,000
20 c. on 15 c. blue-green	200,000
25 c. on 25 c. blue	150,000
40 c. on 40 c. red-brown	150,000
50 c. on 50 c. lilac-brown	100,000
1 fr. on 1 fr. yellow-olive	50,000
Variety : Imperforate between pair.	
5 fr. on 5 fr. orange	15,000
10 fr. on 10 fr. green	7,500

The complete set exists imperforate.

The following values were printed from two dies, distinguished by the shading of the sky:—

10c. on 5c., 15c. on 10c., 25c. on 25c., 40c. on 40c., 1fr. on 1fr.

Both dies exist with both the large overprint and the small overprint, while both dies exist with both colour surcharges and both colours with both the large and the small overprints. The issue is thus very complicated, and twelve different sets can be made.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.—Although some of the Red Cross stamps of Belgian East Africa have been included in the above illustration they will form the subject, at a later date, of a special article. The same varieties of the Red Cross overprint exist in the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa issues. Our illustration shews the two sizes of surcharge in the 5 c., 10 c. and 40 c. denominations. All the other values also exist, as stated by Mr. Mallet-Veale, with the two sizes of overprint. (To be continued).

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August 25th, 1927.

After a break of less than one month the Philatelic Season 1927-28 is upon us. Perhaps with so short an interval in the stamp collector's year it is somewhat incongruous to speak of Seasons, but even the most ardent philatelist needs a holiday, and so for one month in the year there is a lull in the philatelic life of the Metropolis preparatory to an intensified revival in the autumn of the year. Early in September the Stamp Auctions will be once more in full swing, and later in that month the first Society meetings will be held. By October Philately will have come once more into its own. And a busy year it promises to be, with the Congress coming to London after four years in the Provinces, exhibitions at Monte Carlo, Turin and Durban in the offing, and a host of minor philatelic events.

Quite a number of British philatelists will be sending their treasures to Durban for the great South African Exhibition. Mr. Hurst, who has been acting as plenipotentiary during his visit to England, returned home last month with promises of ample support from the old country, although it is doubtful if many of the prospective exhibitors will be able to make the trip in person.

The very first lot to come under the hammer at the opening of the new stamp auction season will be a remarkable collection of proofs of the Russian Romanoff tercentenary stamps, once the property of the ill-fated Tsar Nicolas II., which will be offered for unreserved sale by Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., Ltd. This collection, contained in three elaborate albums, was one of the late Tsar's most cherished possessions and accompanied him into exile at Tobolsk after the coup d'etat, until he was forced to leave it behind when the Imperial Family was removed to Ekaterinburg just before the end. Afterwards it came into the possession of an officer of the Russian flying corps, who managed to get it out of the country, and eventually placed it in the hands of a well known philatelist for disposal. It has recently been exhibited at New York and Strasburg, where it attracted considerable attention on account of its romantic history no less than its artistic merit. It comprises 1,271 items shewing the various designs in all stages from the first artists' proofs to the finished production and is, of course, quite unique in its way.

Now that the transition from the ordinary Multiple to the Script C.A. watermark in the British Colonial stamps is approaching completion, philatelists are hoping for a respite in the number and variety of new issues that have crowded one upon the other during the past six years. The pronouncement that the Colonial Secretary will not in future sanction a change of design at a less interval than five years, except under very special circumstances, has been hailed with relief by the philatelic public; and it is to be hoped that this decision may be strictly adhered to. For this reason the projected new series for St. Kitts-Nevis is temporarily held up, but there is talk of a change in the Turks Islands stamps due to the enactment of a local ordinance which provides for the payment of certain fiscal duties by means of stamps. The present issue is available for postage only.

Philatelists are awaiting with keenest interest the verdict in the resumed hearing of the cause celebre *Matthews v. Lek*. Judgment was reserved in the final appeal to the House of Lords, which occupied fourteen days before Lords Sumner, Carson and Philimore. It will be recalled that the original verdict of the High Court was in favour of the Underwriters, but this was reversed by the Court of Appeal, following which the case was carried to the Lords. Already the legal costs involved amount to considerably more than the £40,000 of the original claim, but as the whole question of philatelic insurance is at stake, the final decision will concern the stamp collecting world at large.

Collections valued at £100,000 are being sent by British philatelists to the international philatelic exhibition to be held in the Municipal Palace of Luxemburg during the first week in September, in honour of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the introduction of postage stamps in the Grand Duchy. They number nearly a score, and will be in charge of that indefatigable philatelic courier, Mr. Frank Godden. Amongst them is Mr. R. F. A. Riesco's matchless collection of Capes, which may be counted upon to gain fresh laurels for its owner on this occasion.—D.B.A.

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Great Britain, £1 King George, mint	4 0 0
New Brunswick, 1851 (Sept.), 6d. yellow, imperf., used on cover with a bisected copy of the 3d. bright red ...	53 10 0
North Borneo, 1919, "Red Cross four cents," complete set of 17	4 10 0

The Stamp Collectors' Annual, 1928. Published by the "Philatelic Magazine," 112, Strand, London, W.C.2. Price 3/9, post free.

The 18th edition of this work is a most interesting publication. "Stamp Statistics" is a very useful feature, for it gives the numbers printed of many of the recent issues of nearly 100 countries. "The Story of the Year" makes interesting reading, as also does the illustrated article by Mr. P. L. Pemberton on the types of the 4d. "Woodblock" Cape of Good Hope.

The permanent features will be found in their usual places. They are the directories of philatelic societies, public collections and philatelic journals. The last-named section could do with a little revision for one or two of the publications listed are now dead. Moreover, we do not like to see cheap mail order papers described as philatelic journals.

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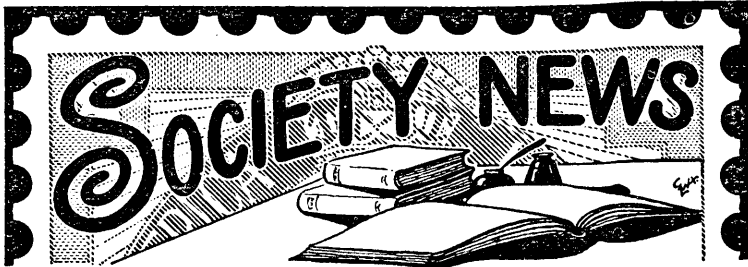
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8 p.m.

At the second August meeting Mr. L. Simenhoff exhibited his collection of Union perforation errors and freaks. The collection is a revelation in what perforating machines can do when they feel inclined. It was a splendid display, the beautiful arrangement of the stamps and neat writing-up shewing the items up to full advantage.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL.

President: Mr. W. P. Williams, F.R.P.S.L. Hon. Sec.: Mr. N Welsford,
F.R.P.S.L., P.O. Box 588, Durban.
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At the meeting held on September 7th the Secretary read a letter from the Minister of Posts regretting his inability to adopt the Society's suggestion to surcharge a supply of the 1d. pictorial in aid of the Drought Distress Fund.

Slow progress is being made in the formation of a collection of Natal stamps for presentation to the Durban Museum. A number of interesting items have, however, recently been acquired for the collection.

Mr. J. A. Smallbones, a visitor from Shanghai and well known to many South African collectors, exhibited his collection of the stamps of the Far East, China being most strongly represented. Having viewed Mr. Smallbones' collection our Editor can say that it is remarkably complete and of very considerable interest. In the words of the Hon. Secretary of the P.S.N., the exhibitor "thoroughly aroused the interest of members, and it was felt that he had shewn that neglected countries sometimes had a great deal in them from the philatelist's point of view."

EAST AFRICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President: Mr. B. O. Blunden. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Jas E. Hubbard, c/o P.O.
Box 212, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

The Annual General Meeting was held on May 27th, there being a fair attendance. The financial reports were very satisfactory, while the Society now has 52 members, not very many of whom, however, attend the meetings regularly.

The Exchange Packet Section continues to be well supported by buyers and sellers.

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Stamps bearing the new overprint are now on general issue and have met with a mixed reception. Of course, no S.W. African issue has yet appeared without someone criticising the overprinting.



In the new set it cannot, however, be denied that the overprint on the small stamps is badly positioned, obliterating as it does most of the inscriptions at the foot of the stamps themselves. In the case of the large stamps we think that the overprint is far neater than the previous issue, as it does not interfere with the design.



Further values of postage due stamps have received the English and Afrikaans overprint (illustrated herewith).

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They are the 2d., 3d. and 6d. (old design, Pretoria printing) and 5d. Transvaal. The 5d. value is already obsolete. Only a small quantity was overprinted, and no re-issue is likely as stocks of 5d. Transvaal postage due stamps are now completely exhausted. Thus, after a long life (it out-lived all the De la Rue printed Union dues) this stamp, overprinted and unoverprinted, has gone obsolete. The Transvaal Postal Department must have had a very large quantity printed, for the stamp remained on continuous issue for twenty years, and if it had not received various S.W. African overprints its life might have run on for another ten years.



The high value pictorials with the two line overprint are rising rapidly in value, and will prove a fine investment. It is obvious that of some values only small quantities were overprinted. The "wider spacing" variety, which did not occur on all sheets, is already very difficult to acquire.



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REVIEWS,

Early Dates on the Stamps of Victoria. Compiled by Henry Harvey, F.R.P.S.I. Published by "Stamp Collecting," 89, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. Price 1/1, post free.

This is a very handy reference list of dates, compiled by a specialist in these issues. The list includes all known dates and is arranged in catalogue order, Gibbons' numbers being quoted with each item.

Report of the Fourteenth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, 1927. Nottingham, June 20th-24th. Published by "Stamp Collecting." Price 2/2, post free.

This is the official report of this year's Congress. In addition to the account of the proceedings, the report contains the complete reproduction of the papers read before the Congress delegates. The subjects dealt with in the papers are "The Newspaper Stamps of Great Britain" (Mr. F. H. Frere), "The Law and Philately" (Mr. B. Goodfellow), "The Philatelic Library" (Miss E. Brooks), and "Stamp Collecting" (Mr. J. Nevin).

A Guide to Philatelic Literature. In Three Sections. Published by "Stamp Collecting." Gratis and Post Free.

Sections I. and II. are before us and deal with the philatelic literature of Great Britain and the British Empire respectively. The work is described as "A list of handbooks and articles, with their market values." The prices quoted are those at which "Stamp Collecting" will supply the handbooks and articles listed.

LATEST UNION NEWS.

The new 2d. postage due may be had in two shades, namely with the frame in pale mauve and in deep mauve. We understand that the new 3d. due is ready for issue to post offices and that its colours are blue and black.

The 4d. King's Head is again on sale at the Johannesburg P.O., although the triangulars may still be had on request.



Writing on the subject of the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial, Mr. A. Lichtenstein states that sheets purchased by him recently all shew three to five perforation holes towards the edge of the right



margin. The top and left margins are, of course, perforated right through. Our correspondent states that he can no longer obtain sheets shewing the right margin quite plain, but as such sheets can still be purchased at Johannesburg those with partly perforated margins were probably only a temporary issue.

Mr. B. L. Cairncross submits copies of the above stamp shewing the top margin perforated only half way through (from the edge downwards). He has seen many sheets perforated thus.

A very unusual and, apparently, scarce variety of perforation is reported by Mr. Lichtenstein. It takes the form of a sheet of the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial perforated right through the top, left and right margins and also bearing a line of perforations right down the extreme right hand edge of the sheet. This variety was caused through a block of sheets not being removed from the perforating machine at the right moment, as was also the case with the variety illustrated in our August issue.

The Government Printer is now trying his hand at making up rolls of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. pictorials. The joining up of sheets is done by hand, and we understand that the girls are gradually getting used to this new kind of work. As in the London made rolls the stamps will be perforated on all four sides, but the printer's imprint on the wrappers of the rolls will differ. The Government Printer will tackle the work of making booklets of stamps very shortly.

An interesting retouch in the Pretoria printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pictorial is brought to our notice by Mr. W. Newcombe-Bond, of Port Elizabeth. On the sixth stamp of the eighth row the springbok's left ear has been retouched inside towards the tip, while the lines of shading at the side of the ear are very broken.

LONDON KNOWS.—Writing on October 6th, our well-informed London correspondent, D.B.A., says: "One of the most popular countries with British philatelists at the present time is S.W. Africa, whose postal issues are enjoying something like a boomlet in the London stamp market. The arrival this week of the first values bearing the new 'S.W.A.' overprint has given fresh impetus to the quest for the stamps of this intriguing country. As a natural consequence it is understood that the new edition of Gibbons' catalogue will contain some startling advances in price."

NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



AUSTRALIA.—From "Stamp Collecting" we learn that all postage due stamps of higher denomination than 1/- have been withdrawn and destroyed.

BELGIAN CONGO.—The following newcomers are to hand: 35 c. green (woodcarver), 1 fr. red (potter), and 1.75 fr. blue (Ubanguï man). The 50 c. postage due is now being printed in light blue. These four stamps have been overprinted for Ruanda Urundi.

CYPRUS.—"Stamp Collecting" gives the following details of a set to be issued next year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of British rule: Ten denominations from $\frac{3}{4}$ piastre to £1. The subjects will include Zeno the philosopher (founder of the Stoic system), Richard Coeur de Lion, the Crest of Guy de Lusignan (King of Jerusalem), a map and the crest of the island, a coin of Amathus (ancient name of Limasol), the Church of St. Nicholas and the Watergate at Famagusta, while the highest denomination will bear a portrait of King George.

INDIA.—Messrs. Bright & Son write to the London press: "A very interesting error has come to hand, viz., 1 anna brown ordinary K.G. postage stamp of India with the provisional service overprint reading "Service 1 anna" (as used on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ anna provisional service stamp issued some short time ago) i.e., the overprint is on the wrong stamp.



"The mistake was apparently due to the colour of the 1 anna and $1\frac{1}{2}$ anna being very similar, and for this reason a few of the 1 anna stamps were surcharged by mistake for the $1\frac{1}{2}$ anna."

MAURITIUS.—The 4 c. King's Head is to hand from Messrs. J. P. Tomkins, Whitfield King & Co. and R. Robertrts. Its colours are carmine (name and value) and pale olive-green. Script wmk.

ST. HELENA.—Mr. Oswald Marsh has been informed that the 4d. and 15/- stamps are now out of issue.

A FIND.—Mr. A. Gordon Brown, of East London, writes: "I recently unearthed an old accumulation of 110 triangular Cape stamps in a small village not very far from East London. It included a pair of 1d. "wood-blocks," unfortunately damaged, some good blocks and pairs, together with the usual proportion of cut and damaged stamps, which serves to emphasize the difficulty of getting fine copies. Large finds of triangulars are comparatively rare occurrences in these days."

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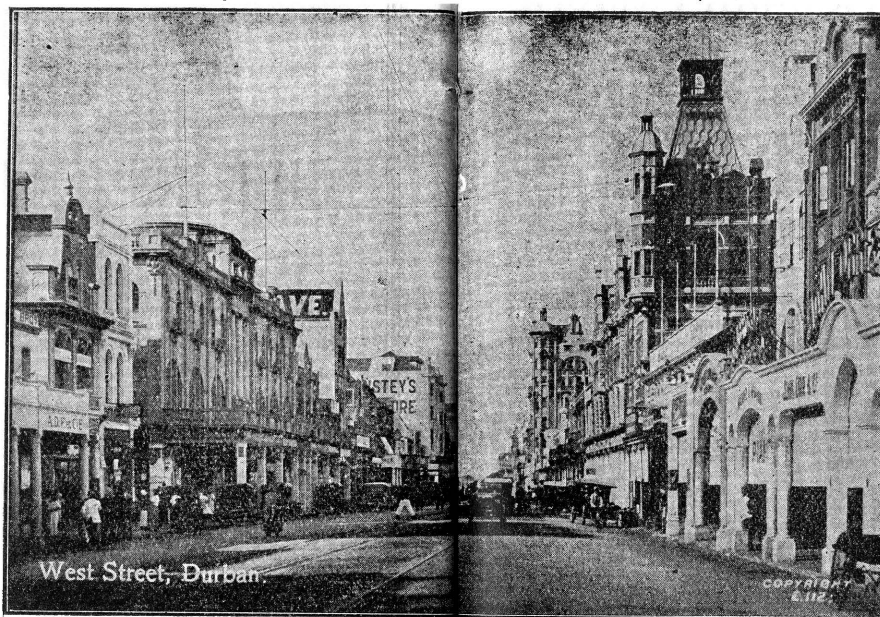
Roundabout Routes.—Mr. G. W. Hockey of Klerksdorp, informs us that recently his wife's letters from England reached her backstamped "Bulawayo," Rhodesia," while the next week they bore the Krugersdorp postmark. That's nothing. A batch of letters from France recently reached us backstamped "Beira," while on another occasion letters from Cuba went to Springs before reaching us. Part of our London mail was once missent to Durban, while a letter sent by us to Lourenco Marques travelled via Beira.

We could fill a page with instances such as the above. A letter from Vienna reached us via Johnsonsburg, U.S.A., while one posted in a village about three miles from Johannesburg, Germany, did not, rather strangely, go to that town first, although the sender did not write the words Transvaal or South Africa on the envelope.

A Strange Case.—A sad case was recently heard in the Pretoria Courts in which a young postmistress was charged with the theft of post office funds. She stated that, although she had just left school and had never been behind a P.O. counter before, she was suddenly appointed postmistress at Elands-hoek, Eastern Transvaal. A postal official remained about three weeks to educate her in the intricacies of the workings of the P.O., and then left her to carry on by herself.

Very quickly, she said, her books were in a sad state. She bought a bicycle and paid for it with postal orders. Her landlady, she stated, coaxed her into delivering a C.O.D. parcel without payment of the charges.

This girl postmistress received a suspended sentence.



Now in Preparation.—We are pleased to be able to announce that a handbook on the stamps of S.W. Africa is now being compiled by the leading experts on the issues of this territory. It will be published by the "S.A. Philatelist," and will be as complete as it is humanly possible to make it. The work will be fully illustrated and will probably be about 200 pages in size. Further details will appear next month.

Meanwhile, we will be very glad to hear from readers who have any unchronicled varieties or information as, as we have stated, we wish the publication to be complete.

Our Advertisers.—Mr. Chas. J. Chambers, who specialises in Portugal and Colonies, introduces himself to our readers this month.

semi-final edition of the prospectus of next Exhibition has now been published, and the Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Natal, Bx 588, Durban, will be pleased to supply details to applicants. In the prospectus will be full details of the various classes (21 in number), rules and regulations, travel and hotel arrangements, a plan of the layout of the Exhibition and other details.

There will be a special display of the Exhibition at the Union Government, which will also provide a special post office.

This advertisement is worthy of perusal. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' announcement concerning the exhibition is welcome news, while Mr. A. Lichtenstein offers some interesting items.

Messrs. Bridger & Kay, Ltd. will send their price list to applicants. It lists many interesting lines in British Colonials. The Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., are always glad to hear from readers. If you have not yet sent for a specimen copy of "Filatelist" we strongly recommend you to do so, for it is a splendid journal in every way—numerous illustrations, interesting articles in several languages and many other features. A recent issue was well over 100 pages in size!

FOREIGN STAMP NEWS

Many interesting items have recently come to hand from foreign countries. The United States has issued several adhesives commemorating the battles of 150 years ago, while an air mail stamp bearing a picture of the "Spirit of St. Louis" (Col. Lindbergh's aeroplane), has proved very popular. The visit of the American Legion to Paris was commemorated in the usual way by the French Government, while Greece has issued a set perpetuating the memory of Favrier, the Greek patriot of 100 years ago.

On President Hindenburg's eightieth birthday Germany issued a set celebrating the event. Dr. Zamenhoff's portrait appears on an adhesive recently issued by Russia in honour of the language invented by him—Esperanto.

On the occasion of the Philatelic Exhibitions held recently in Buenos Aires, Luxembourg and Strassbourg special postage stamps were sold to those purchasing admission tickets—a good way of ensuring a "gate." Next year the same thing will happen in Monaco. Now, Durban, what about it?

Spain has overdone it by issuing an enormous set in honour of the 25th year of King Alfonso's reign. Japan has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its entry into the U.P.U., but discredit was brought on the issue by the action of P.O. clerks in cornering two values of the set of four. San Marino will shortly issue a set in honour of St. Francis, while a set sold in aid of the Green Cross has come to hand from Suriname.

A couple of South and Central American republics have recently displayed great activity, Ecuador's excuse being that it wants money to build a new G.P.O.

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

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PART III.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Postage Stamps).—Continued.

Before going into details of the next issue the following historical details are of importance.

During the German occupation of Belgium a large stock of the 1910 issue, which had been prepared and was about to be sent out to the Congo, was taken by the Germans from the Belgian Colonial Office in Brussels. The face value of these stamps was approximately two million francs.

Early in 1921 the Belgian Government succeeded in recovering these stamps from the German Government and, for economy's sake, the Belgian Minister of Posts decided to use up the redeemed stamps, although they had been demonitised in the meanwhile.

The stamps were, therefore, surcharged with new values in the case of the centime values and overprinted with the date on the franc denominations. The surcharging on the centime denominations corresponded with the revised postal rates then in operation in the Congo.

1921.—Issue of 1910 surcharged in red (in black in the case of the 30 c.) with bars cancelling the original values. Each value has a different type of surcharge.

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All the centimes denominations exist with misplaced surcharges. In the franc values the overprint may be found either at the top or at the bottom of the stamp and, at times, in the centre.

In 1922 owing to the previous issue running low a supply of the 1916 issue was surcharged to conform to the colour scheme laid down by the U.P.U. Congress held in Madrid.

The stamps were surcharged in London by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons with large figures, but with no bars cancelling the original values. The surcharges are in red, excepting in the case of the 5 c. and 30 c., on which they are in black.

A small supply of this issue held in Brussels was overprinted there with the same type, the colours of the ink used being orange-red and dull black.



1922, February.

	Total Issue.
5 c. on 50 c. lilac-brown and black	52,000
10 c. on 5 c. green and black	246,600
25 c. on 40 c. red-brown and black	108,100
30 c. on 10 c. carmine and black	493,250
50 c. on 25 c. blue and black	145,350

In all values the stops before the surcharged value vary and are found round, square or oval.

The 50 c. on 25 c. is known with double surcharge, but is probably a forgery, as the stamps were carefully gone through after being received from the printers and a large quantity was destroyed owing to faults in the surcharging. This double over-print could, therefore, be undestroyed printers' waste, but this is hardly likely, as great care was exercised by the Government when destroying the faulty stamps.

(To be continued.)

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Our illustration speaks more eloquently than words. We understand that the only triangulars now in stock at Windhoek are sheets of the English two-line overprint. Therefore, in order to oblige casual customers without the necessity of using scissors, the postal department handed to Messrs. John Meinert, Ltd., Printers, Windhoek, a supply of imperforate sheets of the above stamp with instructions to perforate them. Thus, only the English two line overprint may be had perforated.



Mr. A. Lichtenstein is the first to bring this novelty to our notice, and copies submitted by him shew that marginal stamps are not perforated along the side next to the margin.

We understand that when present stocks are exhausted the postage due stamps will be overprinted with the initial letters "S.W.A." The change is not expected to take place for sev-

eral months yet. Our information is unofficial, but will probably prove to be correct.

In the second supplement to Gibbons 1928 catalogue we notice that all the obsolete pictorials have advanced considerably in value. It will probably not be long before they rise again. It is hardly necessary for us to say that only small quantities of the higher values received the two-line overprint.

The first variety to be noted in the new "S.W.A." overprint is no stop after the "A." This variety occurs in the ½d., 1d., 6d., 1/3 and £1 denominations.

In these values the overprint does not shew up at all well on used copies. In fact, it has often to be looked for.



NEXT YEAR'S EXHIBITION.

We are pleased to be able to announce that in addition to the very fine series of plates, etc., which the Union Government will exhibit at the Durban Exhibition, the Rhodesian Postal authorities hope to send a comprehensive exhibit, while the United States Government will send an

interesting display. Other Governments have notified their interest and will announce their decisions shortly. Overseas representatives have been appointed as follows: Mr. Robson Lowe (London), Mr. Leon de Raay (Holland), Mr. J. Godinho (India) Messrs. Luderman & Co. (Switzerland). The energy which is being displayed by these agents has already assured a large entry from collectors in the above countries.



The Hon. Secretary of the Exhibition Committee states that the response to the appeal for funds to finance the Exhibition has not been very great so far. Assistance can be rendered in several ways, viz., by donating the cost of a gold, silver or gilt medal at £2 15/-, £1 5/- and £1 respectively; by an outright cash donation, or by the purchase (at 2/6 each) of tickets for private view day. These tickets carry with them the chance of winning various valuable prizes, one of them being a Collection of Cape triangulars catalogued at about £100.

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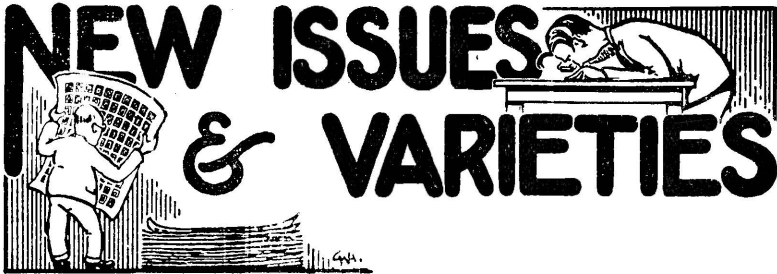
We have little to add to the paragraph published last month. The work of compiling the book is proceeding steadily, and immediately the publication date and price are known our readers will be advised.

As mentioned in our October issue information regarding unchronicled varieties will be gratefully received by the Editor of this journal.

You will see it first in the S.A. Philatelist

That is, if it is about the stamps of S.W. Africa, the Union, and Rhodesia. If you collect the stamps of any of these countries you know how helpful it is, whether you collect for pleasure or profit, to know what varieties exist and what stamps are about to appear. Yes, and you also like to know what newcomers look like. Therefore, make sure that you do not miss one single issue of the "S.A. Philatelist."

NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



(Editorial Note.—Stamps reported by us as being “in preparation” or “about to be issued,” are not again chronicled upon their appearance unless they are of particular interest. We will be pleased to receive details and, if possible, specimens—which will be paid for or returned, as desired—of new issues and varieties in the Stamps of the British Empire, Belgian Congo and Moçambique. Information of impending new issues is particularly desired.)

ASCENSION.—The new value, 5d. purple and sage-green, is now on issue. Script. wmk.

AUSTRALIA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. submit the 2d. value on the multiple watermark paper. The 4d. and 1/4 stamps have also appeared on this paper. Official statistics regarding the 1½d. Canberra stamp are given in the “Victorian Philatelic Record.” The P.O. took delivery of 32,213,580 stamps. 18,800 copies were perforated “O.S.,” some of them being distributed to M.Ps. The balance will, we regret to learn, be offered to philatelists cancelled in sheets.



BELGIAN CONGO.—The Brussels correspondent of the “Philatelic Magazine” states that the following new values are about to appear: 1 fr. 60 c., 3 fr. 50 c. and 20 fr. The trio will be overprinted for Ruanda Urundi.

“L’Echo de la Timbrologie” states that the impending portrait series (which will include all denominations from 5 c. to 20 fr.—13 or 14 values in all) will be printed by the State Printing Works in Belgium. According to Mr. H. Mallet-Veale, the authorities at Elisabethville know nothing about this set, but they do not appear to be consulted in these matters.

BARBADOS.—The “Philatelic Magazine” states that the remainders of all sets prior to the current issue are being prepared for destruction.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The 5d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6 and 5/- values on Script watermark paper are, according to the “P.M.,” now on their way to the islands.

CEYLON.—Supplies of the new design 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 Rupees and 100 R. change of colour (forecast in our August issue) have been despatched to the island.

DOMINICA.—The colours of the 3d. stamp have been changed to black and red on yellow.

GIBRALTAR.—Messrs Whitfield King & Co. inform us that when they recently sent an order for £1 stamps to the Postmaster they were informed that the denomination is exhausted.

MAURITIUS.—The 6 c. is about to be issued in the King's Head design, the colour being sepia.

NYASALAND.—"Stamp Collecting" records the despatch to the Protectorate of supplies of the 4/- value on Script watermark paper (forecast in our August issue).

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. R. Roberts, of London, writes: "Thanks to the High Commissioner for Newfoundland I am able to give the following information with regard to the projected issue of stamps which is to appear on the 1st January next. They are engraved and printed by Messrs. Whitehead, Morris & Co. The designs have been approved and all the colours, with the exception of the 15, 20 and 30 c. They are all pictorial stamps, a little larger in size than the current issue, but not quite so large as the Caribou stamps.

1 c. green: Map of Newfoundland.

2 c. red: S.S. "Caribou"—plying between Newfoundland and Sydney, Nova Scotia.

3 c. brown: Portraits of King George V. and Queen Mary.

4 c. purple: Most recent portrait of the Prince of Wales.

5 c. grey: S.S. " Sylvia"—plying between St. John's and New York.

6 c. blue: S.S. "Newfoundland" — plying between St. John's and Liverpool.

8 c. lavender: View of Heart's Content, where the first submarine cable terminated.

9 c. dark green: Cabot Tower — First Transatlantic wireless signal station.

10 c. dark purple: Newfoundland War Memorial.

12 c. maroon: View of G.P.O., St. John's

15 c. (brown?): Picture of first aeroplane to cross Atlantic.

20 c. (greenish blue?): Parliament House, St. John's

30 c. (royal blue?): Grand Falls, Labrador."

PALESTINE.—The Crown Agents have notified the press that a new set of postage dues is in preparation. Details: 1 m. brown, 2 m. pale yellow, 4 m. light green, 8 m. red, 10 m. slate-grey, 13 m. dark blue, 20 m. olive, 50 m. purple. They will all bear the Script C.A. watermark. Details of the design are not yet available.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. L. H. Rivers shews us a copy of the 6d. stamp with the frame in an entirely new shade—pale, rather bright, mauve.

ST. HELENA. — The new denominations, 5d. green and red on emerald and 2/- purple and blue on blue, are now on issue. Script wmk.

ST. VINCENT.—The 6d. value has now been printed on Script watermark paper.

TRANSJORDANIA.—See "London Stamp News," in this issue.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—A new set is now being printed. The design will be the same as the current one, but the words "Postage and Revenue" will take the place of the word "Postage." Details, as given by the London press, are: ½d. green, 1d. brown, 1½d. red, 2d. grey, 2½d. purple on yellow, 3d. blue, 6d. purple, 1/- amber, 2/- red on emerald, 5/- green on yellow, 10/- blue-purple on blue.

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PART III.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Postage Stamps).—Continued.

As supplies of the provisionals mentioned last month had not reached Boma by the beginning of 1922, and as the supply of the 10 c. value in the new colour was almost at an end, the postal authorities decided to use up a quantity of the 5 c. of the 1916 issue which was on hand. At the same time stocks of the 25 c. were running low, and it was thought that in case a sudden demand for 25 c. stamps arose a supply of this value should be created at the same time.

1922, 12th January. — Surcharged at Boma, with horizontal bars across old denomination.

10 c. on 5 c. green and black (in red-carmine)	Total issue	....	147,500
25 c. on 40 c. red-brown and black (in black)	....	..	347,000



The 10 c. on 5 c. was issued as follows:

12th January.—Red-Carmine overprint, bars 12 mm. long across two stamps, 75,000 printed. Variety: Double surcharge, one being inverted.

26th May.—Brick-red overprint, bars 10 mm. long across two stamps, 25,000 printed. Varieties: Double surcharge; double surcharge, one inverted.

9th August. — Vermilion overprint, bars 21 mm. long across two stamps. A very clear surcharge with no varieties. 35,500 printed.

10th December.—Dull vermilion overprint, bars 21 mm. long across two stamps. A coarse surcharge. 12,000 printed. Varieties: Double surcharge; no "c" after value; "c" closer to figure of value; short serif to "1" of "10c."

While the 12th January issue was being printed a sheet of the 5 c. of the 1910 issue was surcharged and sold over the counter in the usual way.

The printings of August and December may also be distinguished by the fact that in the one the spacing between the cancelling bars and the figures of value measures $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and in the other $8\frac{1}{4}$ mm.

A trial printing was made in black, but no copies were sold.

The printing of the 25 c. on 40 c. seems to have been more regular, as, with the exception of one printing of 25,000, in which the spacing between the bars and figures measures $2\frac{3}{4}$ mm., all the rest are the same, viz., spacing 5 mm.

The following varieties occur: Surcharge inverted; short point to "2" of "25c"; double overprint.

Varieties known, but which are probably printers' waste, are: 25 c. on 5c. of the 1916 issue; figures of surcharge doubly printed.

There still being a shortage of 10 c. and 25 c. stamps towards the end of 1922, a quantity of the 1 fr. and 5 fr. values were taken and surcharged, the old values being obliterated with vertical bars.

1922, December.—Surcharged at Boma.

10 c. on 1 fr. olive and black. Brick-red surcharge 100,000 issued.
 25 c. on 5 fr. orange and black. Black surcharge 50,500 "



No varieties of the above two stamps exist, but, as trial printings were made, it is possible that some printers' waste has escaped.

The 10 c. on 1 fr. was sold out in 17 days.

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LONDON STAMP NEWS.

Were the Cape "Woodblocks" Wood?—A philatelic problem of considerable interest for South African Philatelists is raised in the columns of the "Bazaar," as the result of some comments by the present writer as to the appropriateness of the term "Woodblocks," so commonly applied to the Cape triangular provisionals of 1861. It has always been assumed that the original dies for these stamps were engraved by Mr. Roberts on steel, and practically all philatelic writers on the subject have been unanimous on this point. Even the description attached to the official exhibit of the stereotypes in the South African Museum at Cape Town states that they were produced from two steel dies—but were they?

My old friend Mr. Frank Goodman, of Birmingham, a Fellow of the Royal and a former specialist in Cape "triangulars," now comes forward with a theory that the master-dies must have been engraved on wood, hence the appositeness of the designation "Woodblocks." As an experienced printer he contends that not only do the stamps themselves present every indication of being cast from wooden dies, but that the process was quicker and more economical than steel engraving. Moreover, an engraver on steel might reasonably have been expected to have produced a more finished article than the indefinite botch of the average specimen of a Cape "Woodblock."

Perchance some reader of the "South African Philatelist" may be in a position to cast new light upon this age-old problem, and so settle once and for all the question as to whether these stamps were actual "Woodblocks" or very inferior steel engravings? It seems not unlikely that the original dies may still be in existence somewhere in South Africa.

Colonial Stamp Changes.—The new 5d. stamps of Ascension and St. Helena are to hand as I write. They are apparently intended to replace the 4d. value, of which no more are to be printed. The 15/- St. Helena is also sold out and will not be reprinted, so the market price has already taken a big jump. It is curious that whilst the two African islands have just added a 5d. value to their current postage stamp series, this denomination is at the same time being dropped from the contemporary issues of all the Leeward Islands dependencies. There has been a fine scramble for the 5d. Leewards and Montserrat since the news became known, so that the stock books of the leading London stamp dealers have been completely stripped. Another stamp of recent issue that has unexpectedly turned out to be a rarity is the 4 annas India (Postage only), in the Nasik printing from the old De La Rue plate with the "Service" overprint. As much as £6 a copy is quoted for this variety by Indian philatelists to-day.

Forthcoming Issues.—The latest 3d. stamp of the British Colonies to change its colour is that of Dominica, a new printing in red and black on yellow having been despatched to the Colony in place of the former blue variety. Amongst those due to make an early appearance on Script C.A. watermarked paper are the 5d., 6d., 1/-, 2/6 and 5/- British Solomon Islands, 21 cents Johore and 6d. St. Vincent. The 6 cents Mauritius has been printed in sepia in the new King's head type.

A new definite stamp issue of Trans Jordanian has been printed in London and despatched to that State. The stamps bear the likeness of the Emir Abdullah and are of the denominations 2 millimes blue-green, 3 m. pale pink, 4 m. light green, 5 m. orange, 10 m. red, 15 m. dark blue, 20 m. olive, 50 m. purple, 90 m. bistre, 100 m. cobalt blue, and 200 m. mauve.

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THE 1928 CATALOGUES.

Gibbons' Catalogue, 1928.--Part I. (British Empire) 6/6, postage 7d. Part II. (Foreign countries) 10/-, postage 1/-. Whole-world Volume 15/-, postage 1/4. Interleaved Editions: Part I., 10/6, postage 1/-. Part II. 16/6, postage 1/6. Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391, Strand, London, W.C.2.

To collectors of modern stamps generally the new Gibbons is a necessity, but as alterations in prices, etc., are not by any means confined to recent issues those who favour the older emissions cannot be up-to-date without the 1928 edition.

Of course, there are many big increases in the British Empire section, notably in recent Georgians. Most of the well-known rarities in recent issues have moved a few points upwards, while one or two which rose skyhigh in the excitement of the moment have come down a little.

Some remarkable rises are to be noticed in stamps which were current when the 1927 edition appeared, while favourites which have been obsolete for a few years have continued their upward trend. Examples occur in most Colonies, S.W. Africa and Rhodesia shewing notable examples. In these countries the alterations are numerous and often sensational.

Let us look at S.W. Africa for a moment. Practically everything has risen, interesting examples being the 10/- and £1, Type I., which have jumped from £3 and £8 to £5 and £12 per mint pair, respectively: the 5/- and 10/- and £1, Type II., which are now priced respectively at £4, £8 and £20 per mint pair. The £1, Type III., has risen from £3 to £6.

In the postage dues the 5d., Type II., is now valued at £6, and with Type III. at the same figure. The 3d. De la Rue, Type VI., is priced at £1 per pair. There are a few prices which do not suit the South African market. Whereas one or two stamps can be bought at half catalogue the majority realise about three-quarters to full catalogue, and quite a few well over catalogue. The "Wes" and other varieties have risen to prices which will give satisfaction to those who bought them even recently.

Rhodesia shews many increases, quite a number of them occurring in the 1909 and 1910-16 issues. In the Admiral type there are many remarkable rises, one of the most sensational being in the 1d. aniline-red, perf. 14, which has jumped from 6d. to £5 (mint).

The upward tendency in the Union King's Head issue has already started, while the air mail set is now priced at 7/8. The 1/- due is now listed at 15/-, but the Officials are unpriced.

In the foreign section a great deal of revision is noticeable. Modern French Colonials are pursuing an upward trend, as also are the issues of China, Holland, Russia and a number of other countries.

The Mocambique list is very interesting. Most of the varieties of the war tax stamps overprinted and unoverprinted, are now priced, and at figures which will bring joy to the hearts of those who hold stocks. In the Ceres issue we find that the 5 c., 7½ c., 8 c. and 10 c. unsurfaced paper, perf. 15 x 14, are priced at 12/6 each. The 7½ c. was valued at 2d. in the 1927 edition! Unfortunately our editor no longer possesses the many sheets of these stamps which he bought at face value a few years ago.

In the space at our disposal we cannot do full justice to the new catalogue. Readers may, however, take our word when we say that it is the best yet. Many spaces which were blank in previous editions now contain prices, while the production and arrangement of the work are of a very high standard.

The Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps of the World. 1928. Published by Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. Price 6/6, post free.

The new edition shows several improvements. Numbers have been introduced for the purpose of identifying the illustrations, and new and clearer type used for sub-headings.

Revision is noticeable in S.W. Africa, foreign P.Os. in Morocco, Switzerland, Greece, Peru, Roumania and a number of other countries.

Some of the recent issues having had short lives many increases are to be noticed in French Colonials.

Several obsolete Unions are cheap at Whitfield King's prices, the air mail set being quoted at 4/6 and the 1/- postage due at only 10/-.

This being a simplified catalogue no S.W. African errors are listed. Pictorial stamps bearing the S.W.A. overprint are listed, those with the two line overprint being, as a result, quoted at a good premium.

Whitfield King's prices for S.W. Africans are usually considerably less than those quoted by other catalogue publishers, and many items are worth acquiring at their quotations.

It seems remarkable that one can still purchase a whole world catalogue which can be accommodated in one's pocket without causing bulging. At the modest price of 6/6 no junior and simple life collector need be without a catalogue.

Yvert & Tellier-Champion's Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World. 1928. Published by Theodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris; and Yvert & Co., 37 Rue des Jacobins, Amiens, France. Price 38 francs plus 6 fcs. postage.

There is no English edition of the latest issue of this popular catalogue, but it is not necessary to have a thorough knowledge of French to follow the text.

Although the sterling value of the franc is not given, the prices in the new edition are obviously convertible at approximately 2d. per franc.

It is generally thought that Yvert's is a very simplified catalogue, but although it is not as complete as Gibbons, very many major and minor varieties are listed. Those who collect perforated officials and telegraph stamps have to refer to the Yvert catalogue, for they are not mentioned in those issued by other firms.

A few quotations from countries popular in South Africa may be of interest. The Union air mail set is quoted at 8/- and the 1/- postage due at 16/6.

In listing S.W. Africans Yvert's does not follow the system used in Gibbons, although after a little study the various types can be recognised. Not all of the well known varieties are mentioned, but among those listed we find the 1d. and 2d. postage, Type I., inverted overprint, priced at £8 5s. per pair, and the 1/3 with similar variety at approximately £12 10s.

The £1 Type I. is valued at £10 5s. per pair, and the same denomination with Type III. at £8 5s. The Type II. 5d. due is priced at £5 per pair.

Under Rhodesia we find the £2 1909 issue quoted at approximately £20 15s. mint, while the £1 of the same issue with the overprint in violet is listed at about £62 for a mint specimen. £41 10s. is the value placed on the £1 double head error of colour, i.e., for a mint copy.

Most philatelists engaged in buying, selling or exchanging foreign stamps, as well as certain British Colonials, find Yvert's a very handy catalogue for comparisons.

The Postal Issues of Hejaz, Jeddah and Nejd. By D. F. Warin. Published by D. Field, 7, Vigo St., Regent St., London, W1. Price 21/-, post free.

The author of this wonderfully produced monograph has had exceptional opportunities for acquiring information and, therefore, his work is a standard of reference. He has been able to examine official documents and the finest collections and dealers stocks.

The issues of the states dealt with are rather complicated and numerous, but the author has made the path of the collector easy.

A large coloured map is a real help, while the geographical and historical notes make very interesting reading. The stamps are dealt with in ten chapters, the fullest details, check lists and illustrations being given. There being ninety illustrations, it will be seen that the text can be readily followed, even by those who know little or nothing about the stamps described.

As we have said, the work is wonderfully produced. It consists of 130 large pages in addition to the indices. The edition is limited to 350 copies.

LONDON STAMP NEWS.—(Continued from Page 129).

Odds and Ends.—The Grand Prix of the recent Luxembourg Stamp Exhibition went deservedly to Mr. R. F. A. Riesco's matchless collection of Capes, in which the star piece is a block of four of the 1d. red "Wood-block," including the 4d. error. I had supposed this remarkable item unique, but, although it is valued at £1,500, Mr. Godden informs me that there is another block of a similar kind extant in a private collection.

Great is the value of publicity! The so-called "Czar's Collection" of Romanoff proofs and essays failed to reach the reserve price at the opening sale of the philatelic season, but as the result of the newspaper publicity given to the sale a private purchaser was quickly found for the collection at £500. Since then it is rumoured that it has changed hands at a handsome profit.—D.B.A.

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No sooner was our November issue off the press than perforated complete sheets of Afrikaans triangulars came to hand from Windhoek. It is quite obvious that the sheets have been perforated through the packets of 60 becoming exhausted. John Meinert, Ltd., are to be congratulated on having accomplished the rather difficult work of perforating sheets of triangulars. That the work was not easy is proved by the fact that some sheets have been perforated very erratically. Mr. Bronks shews us copies of the English stamps with double perforation, while in no sheet which we have seen are the lines of perforation invariably the same distance apart. Sometimes the perforations run midway between two rows of stamps, while in other cases they touch the stamps, the result being that that at the corners the three lines of perforations do not meet at the same point.



In the case of both English and Afrikaans sheets marginal stamps are not perforated along the side next to the margin. Thus, copies are obtainable perforated as follows : Perforated on three sides; imperforate at right and left sides; imperforate at left side; imperforate at right side. In the case of both languages the perforation is $11\frac{1}{2}$.

To Our Readers :
A Happy Christmas and a Bright and
Prosperous New Year.

We anticipate that when the packets of unoverprinted Union triangulars are exhausted any remaining stock of unoverprinted imperforated sheets will be perforated and placed on P.O. counters.

Another New Overprint ?

Mr. A. Lichtenstein writes : " There are persistent rumours that the ' S.W.A.' overprint is not going to last for long," while the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, informs Mr. H. Mallet-Veale that " the question of overprinting the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. postage stamps is receiving the attention of the Administration, and if at all possible a different setting of the type will be arranged."



The variety no stop after " A " in the " S.W.A." overprint occurs on stamp No. 148 (horizontal row 13, number 4) in the case of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. values, and on the fourth stamp of the third

horizontal row of the bottom left pane in the 1/3 and £1 denominations.

The Director of Posts confirms our own statement that no more 5d. postage due stamps will be overprinted. This value with the English and Afrikaans overprint is proving very elusive, and that it will become a rarity is a foregone conclusion.

LATEST UNION NEWS.

Mr. H. E. Healing writes : " A minor, but constant, variety (I have examined a good many sheets) occurs in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pictorial, Pretoria printing, on stamp No. 12 in the second horizontal row, the " F " of " SUIDAFRIKA " being very blurred, while on stamp No. 12 of the tenth horizontal row there is a fairly large white blob obliterating several of the leaves to the right of the stamp. These varieties also occur in sheets overprinted " S.W.A. "

" With reference to the retouch in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Pretoria printed pictorial pointed out to you by Mr. Newcombe-Bond : When it first made its appearance it was very marked but I notice that the latest printings are very weak. I have this retouch in several shades and, of course, also with the S.W.A. overprint."

On a sheet bought at the Johannesburg Post Office on December 2nd the retouch can easily be picked out.

Pictorial post cards bearing a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp have made their appearance. The stamp is printed in green and black and is the same design as the adhesive $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pictorial, except that the wording is SOUTH AFRICA at top and SUIDAFRIKA in the panel below the central design. Alongside the stamp is a rectangle in which the public is informed, in both official languages that if the card is sent overseas another 1d. must be added.

The registration envelopes (all sizes) now on issue bear the inscriptions in English and Afrikaans, although the design is unaltered. The inscription on the embossed stamp is now " Union of South Africa-Registration—Unie van Suidafrika-Registrasie."

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REPAIRED STAMPS.

WHAT THE QUARTZ LAMP DOES.

The activities of those people who rejuvenate stamps have come in for a considerable amount of discussion of late. During recent years repairers have perfected their process to such an extent that it is becoming more and more difficult to detect their work by the usual means.

This type of faking is done by "studios" which specialise in this work, and the repaired stamps seem to find their way into job lots and approvals offered by dealers who are careless or have not the necessary equipment to detect fakery.

Most of the stamps which receive attention from the repairers are early issues. Margins are added to close cut specimens and thinned parts filled in. If it is worth while financially the design of a stamp can be slightly altered.

A practically infallible method of detecting repaired stamps is available to philatelists. It is the analytic quartz lamp. It is also very efficient in detecting traces of fiscal cancellations on stamps which have been "cleaned" with chemicals.

Most organic tissues shew, when strongly illuminated, characteristic fluorescence, but the intensity of this is usually so weak that the special fluorescent colour is not perceptible under light from ordinary sources. It is here that the quartz lamp comes in. By means of highly actinic rays, in conjunction with the exclusion of the ordinary light, the characteristic fluorescence is produced with extraordinary intensity, and is plainly visible owing to the surrounding darkness.

Papers of different manufacture, although apparently alike, are very different when seen under the ultra-violet rays of the quartz lamp. However careful a repairer is to match his papers the quartz lamp is infallible unless the added margins, etc., are of the same paper as the original.

The Southern Stamp Co. (Africa) Ltd., are to be congratulated on their enterprise in installing one of these lamps. We have witnessed some demonstrations and were amazed at its extraordinary efficiency.

The stamps in a couple of books which were on offer from an overseas dealer were examined. In some cases added margins were visible to the naked eye, but under the quartz lamp they shewed up remarkably. In other cases the repairing was invisible to the naked eye, but the lamp settled the matter beyond doubt. Thinned stamps which had the missing portions of their backs filled in looked, when placed under the rays, as if they had a piece of mustard plaster affixed to them!

In the case of modern high values from which fiscal cancellations had been discharged the traces of the fiscal marks could often be read when the stamps were placed under the lamp.

The quartz lamp is also useful in detecting forgeries. If a forgery and a stamp known to be genuine are placed under the rays the two will show up quite differently. Forged overprints on genuine stamps usually shew up in the same way.

The Southern Stamp Co.'s lamp was put to a very severe test and proved its worth. A Johannesburg collector possesses a British 1d. black

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BERMUDA. — The 1/- on script watermark paper is to hand from Messrs Whitfield King & Co.

CEYLON.—Mr. R. Roberts has received the new 10 R. and 20 R. stamps and they prove to be in the small type used for the Nyasaland and Tanganyika low values (illustrated herewith), and not in the large type. It, therefore, follows that the new 1, 2 and 5 Rupees stamps are also in this small design.



IRISH FREE STATE. . . Mr. Chas. Moffitt, of Durban, shews us something really novel. As is known, the Thom overprints on the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- British stamps shew the date "1922" spaced wide, while in the Dublin Castle printings the figures are close together. Mr. Moffitt shews us a block of the 2/6 stamp shewing both varieties of the spacing.

It would appear that some of the linotype slugs or stereotypes in the Dublin Castle formes became worn out, so either new slugs or stereotypes (we are not sure which are used) were made, or some slugs or stereotypes taken from the obsolete Thom formes and inserted in place of the defective ones.

This mixed overprint occurs on the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps. In a block of 40 of the 2/6 Mr. Moffitt has noticed the wide spaced "1922" on 26 stamps and the narrow spacing on 14 copies.

"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" warns collectors to be careful that they do not accept the wide spaced Dublin Castle stamps as the scarcer Thom stamps, which suggests that specialists in Irish issues have struck a tough proposition. To add to their difficulty the two spacings are scattered indiscriminately throughout the sheet. Thus, while one can get a block of four all showing narrow spacing out of a sheet, it is also possible to obtain a horizontal block of eight all with the wide spacing.

Blocks shewing the two spacings should become good property when the definitive 2/6, 5/- and 10/- stamps appear.

SUDAN.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. submit the 4 milliemmes postage due stamp on the new paper (wmk. mult. S.G.).

TRANSJORDAN.—We are able from specimens sent us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., and H. & G. H. Jopling, to supplement the details of the definitive issue given last month. The denominations to 20 milliemmes are of the usual small stamp size, the higher values being slightly larger. The same design, portrait of the Amir, is common to all values. The stamps are line engraved and watermarked multiple script C.A.

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

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PART III.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Postage Stamps).—Continued.

While the provisionals mentioned last month were being printed at Boma a shortage of 25 c. stamps took place in Elisabethville. A stock of the 10 c. on 30 c. of the 1921 issue was handed over to a local printer with instructions to turn them into 25 c. stamps. The surcharging was carelessly done with oily grey-black ink and numerous varieties occurred.

1922: December.— Surcharged at Elizabethville :

0, 25 on 30 c. on 10 c. 10,000 printed
 Varieties : ,25 instead of 0, 25.
 0, 25 for 0, 25

The variety no stop under "c" of "30c." also occurs. Two printings of 5,000 each were made.

1923. March.—A shortage of 25 c. stamps again occurring at Elisabethville a supply of the 30 c. on 10 c. of 1922 was taken to the same printer and overprinted in oily grey-black ink with slightly smaller type. Again numerous varieties occurred, as well as those mentioned above, and again ten thousand copies were surcharged.



Top row : Genuine surcharges. Bottom row : Forged surcharges.

The two foregoing provisionals were extensively forged, but the forging was carelessly done. The fakes may be divided as follows :

Forged in Brussels : Ink intense black, the figures very clear, and the "0" of "0 25" round. This counterfeit exists double and inverted.

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By FRED J. MELVILLE (In *The Postage Stamp*).

There are times when we contemplate the classic stamps as laid bare of all their secrets, but experience shows that their possibilities for further investigation are almost unlimited.

One need only recall that it is within the past few years that Mr. Morton was able to tell us why the Capes were triangular, that Mr. Séfi was able to show how the dies were rolled in in pairs, and that Mr. Pemberton discovered the stereotype varieties of the woodblocks.

Now there crops up an old mystery stamp, which had been all but forgotten by the present generation of collectors. We had a note of the 4d. triangular stamp in black, which was referred to in the old "Philatelic Quarterly," of 1878, and have mentioned it in connection with supposed "mourning stamps." In our auction records we found but a single entry of such a stamp at Mr. W. Hadlow's thirteenth sale in London, on November 19th, 1892.

After thirty-five years, this very specimen makes its re-appearance in the auction room, and collectors will give it more respectful attention than they did in 1892, when it was sold for 70s., quite a good price for a stamp of which but little was known, and when most people would suspect it of being a changeling. It is a used copy, and although its postmark is not clear enough to identify on the black of the stamp design, it has every appearance of being genuinely used.

The tradition of a 4d. black triangular Cape has haunted the stamp world from quite early times. A good part of a session of the first International Congress of Timbrophiles at Paris in 1878 was devoted to a communication and a discussion upon the stamp, and as the former presents some interesting, if not altogether reliable information, we translate it from the published proceedings of that early Congress.

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THE STORY OF THE HIRSCH COPY.

The Communication read at the meeting on August 28th, 1878, was from a Mr. Hermann Hirsch, of Berlin, and is as follows:—

“ At the personal request of Mr. Schmidt de Wilde, made at the time of my visit to Paris last July, to send you a paper on some philatelic subject, and having given my promise, I now fulfil the same in sending you these few lines concerning one of the rarest of stamps. This is a 4d. black stamp of the Cape of Good Hope.

“ A year ago, M. Friedl, of Vienna, being in Berlin, put me in touch with a Mr. G. F—é, a collector and dealer in stamps. In due course of our philatelic conversation, we spoke among other things, of the old triangular stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, and to my great surprise, I learned that Mr. F. was also the possessor of a 4d. black stamp of this colony. I may say that this was the first time that I had heard of another collection containing this very rare stamp, for until now, and in spite of frequent inquiries, no one has been able to show me a similar specimen. It is fifteen years since I obtained possession of my copy, and throughout these years I have been on the look out for another copy. I ought at once to say that it is not a stamp which has become black through any process whatever, that I am neither a chemist nor a stamp dealer and could have no interest in bringing forth fresh goods for sale, but that I take great pains in the formation of a fine and rich collection of stamps.

“ It is not surprising that the authenticity of the stamp in question should be in doubt, for up to now no catalogue lists it, and considering its great rarity, it is almost entirely unknown. Lallier had made a place for it in his album of 1862 only, in the later editions it is omitted. However, I maintain that the stamp exists, and this is how it came into my possession.

“ In 1862, I made the acquaintance of a person of the Parisian aristocracy, and I learned of his relationship with the Governor of San Domingo. You may well understand that I had the desire to profit by this occasion to increase my stamp collection, which at that time was naturally still a very elementary one. Without ado, I begged my friend to ask his father when next writing for some of the foreign stamps, of which he must receive many in the course of his extensive affairs. To my great delight, I learned at the same time that the friendly relations between this gentleman and the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope were the motive of a frequent interchange of correspondence, and that if I wanted them, I might also have some triangulars of the Cape, at that time still somewhat rare. My friend suggested asking for all the foreign stamps one could have and particularly for those of the Cape.

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"That was done, but I had little hope of the result, of receiving triangular Capes in this round-about fashion, and by the kindness of the Governor of San Domingo. My hopes had already vanished, when suddenly, one fine day, I was invited by my friend to receive—who would believe it?—some fine unused stamps of the Cape, as well as a quantity of other stamps used. In the friendly letter accompanying these stamps, special attention was called to the 4d. black stamp, this stamp being certainly one of the rarest, and here is what the letter contained about this rarity,

"Following the death of the Prince Consort, Albert of England, at the end of December, 1861, the Postmaster-General, at the instigation of the Governor of the Cape, had 300 stamps of the 4d. *black* printed to replace, during a few days, the *blues* of the same value, just as a token of mourning for the dead Prince. Eight days later these stamps were withdrawn from circulation and only the blue ones remained in currency. But during these eight days, only 80 of the 300 were sold, and the 220 left on hand were ordered to be destroyed. It is one of these latter, condemned to destruction, which was added to the assortment sent for presentation to me, and it is thus that I came into possession of a stamp incontrovertibly of the rarest.

"The official source whence the stamp came guarantees its authenticity. One could have no motive in making me a present of a forgery, or of supplementing the series specially with a stamp if it were not authentic and did not form part of the series. Besides, this stamp is identical in all particulars with the others of the same issue and bears no indication of being forged. One must also admit that at that time there were not yet makers of forged stamps at Port Elizabeth.—HERMAN HIRSCH, Berlin S., August 1, 1878."

Having translated the letter, let us see what the Congress thought about it

"A Member" remarked that the stamps of the Cape like most of the British Colonies were printed in London where the plates were. It seemed to him impossible that they could have printed at the Cape some black stamps from plates which were not there.

M. Maury said that long since he had proved in Paris that the black stamps that one met, were only blue stamps blackened by immersion in a sulphurous solution.

M. Schmidt de Wilde stated that the good faith of the correspondent was not to be doubted, but it might be that the stamp was only a proof printed in black.

There were few comments on the subject in the philatelic press at the time. In the staid old "Quarterly," Dr. C. W. Viner, I fancy, remarked that "the Prussian gentleman (Mr. Hirsch), would scarcely have ventured a joke

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upon so dignified an assembly as the Congress; yet it is difficult to conceive how such a ridiculous supposition could be seriously entertained." The same writer suggested that the variety, so far from being deliberately faked might arise "simply from the effect of atmospheric or other innocent influences. We have had Cape and other true (? blue) stamps gradually become black, having previously passed through a piebald stage."

But the Hirsch story of the Cape stamp's advent as a memorial stamp for the Prince Consort will not bear close investigation.

Prince Albert died on December 14th, 1861, and in those days considerable time must have elapsed before the news reached the colony, the order to print sent to England where the plate was kept, and the stamps sent out. On January 28th, 1862, the plate (along with the others for the triangular series) passed from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co., to Messrs. De la Rue and Co., and the latter firm had no paper with the anchor watermark until the end of June. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co.'s records show their last printing from the 4d. plate was despatched in May, 1861. Then why should this issue have been limited to 300 stamps? The plate itself was laid down to print in sheets of 240, so an order for one sheet and a quarter was absurd for a colony which was using 4d. stamps at the rate of 25,000 a week.

UNDOUBTEDLY A GREAT RARITY.

The Hirsch account does not convince, yet there may have been something behind it. If proofs in black on watermarked paper had been sent out in the early days and preserved in the Post Office, it is not impossible, that on getting the news of the death of the Prince Consort some adaptive mind suggested using some of these black copies. But whatever the circumstances of its coming out, the extreme rarity of the 4d. black is beyond question. H.M. the King recently acquired an unused one, and the Hirsch copy was also, no doubt, unused, as he states it was one of the unsold remainders. The only used one on record is that which Mr. Hadlow sold just thirty-five years ago for 70s., the purchaser being Surgeon Captain E. Cooper, R.N., in whose fine collection it has remained until now. It is this copy which Messrs. Plumridge and Co. are to sell on November 10th, this year, almost on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the date when one of the partners in the firm sold it in 1892.

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REPAIRED STAMPS. (Continued from page 136).

which has a "J" instead of an "I" in one of the corners. This stamp had been shewn to several specialists and the opinion was expressed that the corner had been taken from another stamp and welded in. Super powerful glasses and microscopes failed to prove this theory. The stamp was placed under the lamp, which proved beyond doubt that the "I" had been changed into a "J" with the aid of black and white inks.

The Southern Stamp Co. inform us that when they are submitting stamps to the quartz lamp test they will always obtain at least two opinions, even if one may be sufficient, and will refund any fees paid for expertising if the examiners cannot come to a decision.

While on the subject of rejuvenated stamps we would like to mention that the "S.A. Philatelist" does not accept advertisements from people known to trade in repaired stamps which are not indelibly marked on the back as such.

OPTIMISTS.—Nearly every advertisement which we insert in a South African newspaper brings a number of letters from non-collectors, mostly women, who think that they are the proud possessors of great rarities.

All kinds of common South African stamps are trotted out from odd corners and torn off receipts and elaborate descriptions sent to our Editor. Few of the writers have the courtesy to enclose return postage, although they are emphatic in their statements that their stamps are "very old and probably unique."

Of course, these good people desire offers for their "rarities." Whether they expect to obtain enough to enable them to live comfortably for the rest of their lives we do not know, but it is always obvious that fabulous sums are expected.

It is not our habit to reprint letters written through ignorance, but one which we have just received is so absurd that we are going to depart, for once, from our custom. It is from a woman in the Cape, and is addressed to "Stamp Collectors Publishers, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg." She writes: "Will you please give me all particulars of your stamp collecting and if you buy. I have two very old stamps, at the very least they must be forty-five to fifty years old and a possibility of them being double that age. Both have a woman's figure, I presume Queen Victoria, in all its dimensions, one with a sheep and the other just the figure."

Such ignorance is not to be laughed at—it is pathetic.

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STAMPS OF THE BELGIAN CONGO. (Continued from page 138).

Forged at Boma: Ink black-blue to indigo, all the figures elongated and most of the copies postmarked. The tail of the "2" is always curly and the top bar of the "5" is long. In the genuine stamps the tail of the "2" is straight and the bar of the "5" short, while the ink generally shews through the stamps, which it does not usually do in the forgeries. This forgery may also be found double and inverted.

The forgeries are mostly found on the 1921 issue.

(To be continued.)