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LATEST UNION NEWS.

Perforated triangulars coming?—We are reliably informed that the stock of sheets of triangulars held in Pretoria has been perforated and will be placed on P.O. counters immediately the packets are exhausted.

The P.M.G. has informed Mr. C. Moffitt that no further printings will be made of the £1 value. Referring to correspondence published in an overseas journal we can say that the 1/3 and £1 stamps are not being withdrawn from sale in the Union or S. W. Africa in the true sense of the word. Stocks on hand will all be sold over P. O. counters and the Department still holds a very large supply of 1/3 stamps. Some time ago postmasters were instructed to push the sale of this stamp.

Mr. W. Newcombe-Bond shews us a strip, from right hand side of sheet, of the Pretoria printed 3/4d. pictorial shewing a medley of perforations in the margin and in the last vertical row of stamps, due to the perforating needles coming down twice too often on account of the sheet not leaving the machine at the right moment. The variety will be illustrated next month.



The same correspondent also writes :
“ I have a block of the 1/- pictorial shewing the mane of the wildebeeste ruffled and like an extra horn standing out on the back of the head just at the back of the ordinary horn.”

The London printed 3/4d. and 1d. pictorials are obtainable overprinted (in red) CUSTOMS DUTY. The overprint is in English on all stamps. These are, however, revenue stamps.

We understand that a new 1d. book post wrapper is about to be placed on sale. The design and colours of the stamp are stated to be the same as those of the adhesive 1d. pictorial, excepting that the wording is SOUTH AFRICA (at top) SUIDAFRIKA (at foot) and the denomination. Further new issues in postal stationery are expected shortly.

Mr. A. H. Betteridge, of Kimberley, submits two interesting freaks in King's Head stamps. One takes the form of the 1d. value shewing a white strip across the right hand bottom corner. The other is a specimen of the 2/6 denomination with a large white triangle in the centre of the King's Head. Both these varieties were caused by stray pieces of paper.

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

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

Back again to a definite type of pictorials, but totally different to the previous designs. All that can be said for this issue is that it is exceptionally well printed and that had the printers not selected their



shades of colours, which had to conform to the U.P.U. decrees, with care, and had they been in the least bit careless in executing their work these stamps would be almost as unpleasing as some of those issued by certain European countries.

The designs (except in the case of the 45c. and 60c.) are by M. Emile Floors, the stamps all being recess printed by the American Banknote Company, of New York, in unbroken sheets of 100 stamps (10 x 10) on unwatermarked white wove paper with white gum. The perforation is invariably 12.

The engravers are :

5c., 10c., 20c., (both designs), 40c., 75c. (1923), 1fr.
 25c., 1fr. 50c., 1fr. 75c., 3fr.:—E. Gunn.
 15c., 50c., 1fr., 10fr.:—R. Savage.
 30c., 35c., 75c. (1926).:—E. Lorgeaux.
 5fr.:—M. Baldwin.

1923/24 :

				Quantities Printed.	
5 c., orange-yellow.	Head of Ubangui girl.	Issued	Sep., 1923.	1,500,000	
10 c. green.	Head of Baluba girl.	"	Feb., 1923.	1,500,000	
15 c. grey-brown.	Head of Babuende girl.	"	Feb., 1923.	1,000,000	
20 c. olive-green.	Head of Ubangui man.	"	May, 1924.	500,000	
25 c. red-brown.	Basket weaver	"	Feb., 1923.	2,000,000	
30 c. bright rose.	Woodworker.	"	May, 1924.	1,000,000	
50 c. grey-blue.	Archer.	"	Sep., 1923.	1,250,000	
75 c. red-orange.	Weaver.	"	Sep., 1923.	750,000	
1 fr. grey-brown	Potter.	"	Sep., 1923.	1,000,000	
3 fr. sepia.	Rubber Worker.	"	May, 1924.	250,000	
5 fr. slate.	Palm oil extraction.	"	May, 1924.	125,000	
10 fr. grey-black.	Elephant's head.	"	May, 1924.	125,000	

The 20c. was withdrawn from issue during December 1924. Statistics give 200,000 as having been sold.

Owing to the revision of postal rates in the Congo certain colour changes became necessary, and a new value was required.

1925. January.

				Quantities Printed.	
30 c. olive.	Woodworker	---	---	---	500,000
40 c. mauve.	Head of Ubangi man (design of 20 c.)	---	---	---	500,000
50 c. orange-brown.	Archer	---	---	---	500,000
75 c. blue.	Weaver	---	---	---	500,000

Towards the end of 1925 a new value was required as a postal rate had been altered from 50c. to 60c. The stamp was designed by M. Gusto Leys.



1925, 28th October.

60 c. lake. Cattle.

Owing to the continued fall of the franc a further alteration of colour had to be made to conform to the U.P.U. colour scheme.

1926, January.

1 fr. steel-blue. Potter.

1926, May. A further change :

20 c. green. Weaver (design of 75 c.)
Owing to the still falling franc colour changes and new values again became necessary.

1926, December (end of).		Quantities Printed.	
45 c. violet.	Cattle (design of 60 c.)	....	750,000
75 c. rose.	Woodworker (design of 30 c.)	....	1,250,000
1 fr. 25 c. blue.	Head of Ubangui man (design of 20 c.)	....	2,250,000
1 fr. 50 c. blue.	Head of Ubangui man (design of 20 c. and 1 fr. 25 c.)	....	....

No varieties have been found in any of the foregoing stamps.

The quantities given of all the stamps mentioned in this instalment are the total quantities printed and include the stamps which were overprinted for Ruanda Urundi. The quantities overprinted will be given when the stamps of Ruanda Urundi are treated in a later issue.

(To be continued).

SOARING SOUTH WEST AFRICANS.

Practically no stocks of the two line overprint pictorials are held by dealers, who are advertising to buy same at good prices. They find a ready retail market at well over double face, but before very long they will be fetching several times face value. A British dealer advertises the 2/6 value at £3 per pair, but although the stamp is scarce we consider that it will be some time yet before collectors will be willing to pay that price. Although more copies were printed of the 2/6 stamp than of the 5/- and 10/- there are fewer copies available owing to the fact that the New Issue Services absorbed more of this value than of the two higher denominations.

Messrs. Gibbons' advice to collectors to buy everything as it comes out is very sound.

Our excellent connections have enabled many readers to obtain many good items at face value or a little over as we are invariably the first to publish news of impending changes.



Several dealers and new issue services in England obtained small quantities of the 5d. due with English and Afrikaans overprint and, expecting to be able to obtain further supplies, distributed them at the usual prices charged for new issues. Many collectors are congratulating themselves on their good fortune, for further supplies were not forthcoming. The market took a jump and the latest Home price which we

have seen is £1 per pair. In view of the small supplies which went to England it can be taken for granted that the price at the time of writing is now much higher. The South African price appears to be from 30/- to 40/- per pair and as the stamp will shortly prove to be as rare as the Types II and IV 5d. dues it would seem that collectors may quite safely pay the prices asked. From careful investigations which we have made we have good reason to believe that the English and Afrikaans 5d. due is at least five times as scarce as the two line overprint 2/6 pictorial.

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Postage Stamp Varieties. In the "S.W.A." overprint a variety having the appearance of small "S" and "W" and raised stop occurs on stamp No. 56, left pane, in the 2d., 3d. and 1/- values. Writing to "Stamp Collecting" Mr. G. F. Booth is of the opinion that the type, being in the bottom row, was knocked and damaged by some instrument.

We find that the measurements given by us as being the distance between the lines in the two-line overprint were a fraction of a millimetre out. The normal spacing is $15\frac{1}{2}$ mm., while in the "wider spacing" variety the distance between the lines is $16\frac{1}{4}$ mm.



Mr. Mallet-Veale states that there were two overprintings of all values with the two-line overprint and divides them as follows:

First overprinting: 2d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, overprinted with matt dull blue ink; 3d. with glossy, almost purple, blue ink.

Second overprinting: 2d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, overprinted with matt blue (not dull) ink; 3d. with matt blue dull ink.

Thus, in both printings the colour of the overprint on the 3d. value differs from all the other values. Our correspondent states that the second overprinting was a very small one.

Mr. Newcombe-Bond submits a pair of 2/6, Type I, from top right hand corner of sheet shewing "ui" of "Zuid-West" entirely missing.

Statements having appeared in overseas journals to the effect that there were several printings and overprintings of the English triangulars Mr. G. F. Booth offers the following explanation in "Stamp Collecting":

In the first place the whole issue of the stamps themselves was done in one printing by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., New Malden, Surrey. The variations in the colour, ranging between blue and blue-green, were merely due to climatic conditions affecting the ink day by day.

There were three distinct overprintings only of these stamps for use in South-West Africa.

- 1st.—"SOUTH WEST AFRICA" in two lines, all cut into singles by means of a metal punch, and dispatched in packets of sixty each.
- 2nd.—"SOUTH WEST AFRICA" in two lines, and dispatched in complete sheets.
- 3rd.—"SOUTH WEST AFRICA" in one line, all cut into singles as in first printing.

The variation in the depth of the overprints is merely due (Mr. Booth explains) to an early or late stage of printing, and no doubt, if one searched long enough, it would be possible to find quite a number of copies with varying depths of overprint.

Mr. Mallet-Veale states that the so-called thick and thin overprints may be found on the same sheet.

"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" warns collectors against forgeries of certain S.W. African rarities. We understand that the remark applies to the inverted overprints in the 1d. and 2d. postage, Type I., forgeries of which, we understand, have been fabricated in England. A correspondent informs us that he has forgeries of the above two varieties and sends a pair of the 1d. for examination, with the information that in both values the forged inverted overprint appears to have been done from the same type. We do not think much of the faker's work.

For obvious reasons we are not publishing details of the forgery before us, but will be pleased to expertise inverted overprints for subscribers, provided return postage and registration is enclosed. The names of the suppliers of stamps submitted should be given.

Postage Due Varieties. In the dues with the English and Afrikaans overprint we have only seen the various values in the following formation: 1d., right hand panes; 1½d., left panes; 2d., right panes; 5d., left panes; 3d. and 6d., full sheets. Apparently full sheets of all values, except the 5d., were overprinted and, in the case of the 1d., 1½d. and 2d., cut into panes and only one side of the sheet sent to Windhoek, the other side to follow later on. Only left panes of the 5d. were overprinted, as the stock of right hand panes had become exhausted.

The overprinting was apparently done from stereos as the same varieties occur on both right and left panes. Readers will, therefore, find the following varieties in all denominations on all panes which have been issued:

Row 3, No. 5, faint 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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3d. dark blue, postage, Type VI. A few pairs in mint condition left. Not yet catalogued, but one of the rarities.

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ASCENSION AND ST. HELENA.—Apropos of the discussion in the philatelic press on the issue of 5d. stamps by these islands we would mention that this value represents the minimum cost of a registered letter. Incidentally, while the colours of the Ascension stamp conform to the correct colour scheme those of the St. Helena 5d. are the colours usually used for 10/- stamps.

AITUTAKI.—The colours of the new 2½d. stamp are black (centre) and pale blue.

AUSTRALIA.—Messrs. W.K. & Co. submit the 4½d. on multiple watermark paper. The "Victorian Philatelic Record" states that the question of a new issue is again under discussion.

We are glad to learn, from the same journal, that "general improvement is being effected throughout all our issues, and the higher standard now set is already receiving general approval." We understand that the new Government Printer, Mr. Ash, is doing everything possible to prevent varieties, both major and minor.

BELGIAN CONGO.—It having been stated that the 60c. value has been withdrawn "La Revue Postale" states that possibly it will not be reprinted in red, but is a necessary denomination and will certainly continue to be issued. This stamp is still on sale at Elizabethville.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—New shades are reported by the "Australian Stamp Journal," namely, ½d. pale green, 1½d. rose.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—New shade received by Mr. R. Roberts: 1d. bright red.

GAMBIA.—Copies of the 7½d. on script wmk. paper are to hand from our Ipswich and Norwood correspondents.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—Messrs. W. K. & Co. submit the 1d. value in a new colour—violet.

GIBRALTAR.—The colours of the £1 stamp have been changed and we are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and R. Roberts for the information that the new colours are orange and black on white script watermark paper.

INDIA.—Following is a complete list of all values which have so far been printed at Nasik on multiple small star paper: ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 12 annas, 1, 2, 5 and 10 rupees. The 1, 2, 4 and 12 annas have received the SERVICE overprint.

The "Philatelic Magazine" illustrates part of a sheet of multiple watermark 1 rupee stamps shewing the King's Head missing on 21 copies and only partly printed on four specimens. A fold or intervening body was responsible for the freak.

IRAQ.—Major O. G. Kiernander, of Bagdad, states that the issue of special stamps for the air and overland mail services is under consideration and the stamps may materialise ere long.

JAMAICA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have, in a recent importation, noticed the 2½d. pictorial in quite a new shade—pale blue instead of very deep blue.

KUWAIT.—Our Bagdad reader states that no stamps were overprinted officially “Koweit,” but some Indian stamps were overprinted “Kowait” by the Stamp Office, Calcutta. They, however, never left the printers’ hands. So far Kuwait stamps have only been created by overprinting single watermark Indian stamps. Inverted overprints have been forged on stamps with the new multiple watermark. Large stocks of single watermark stamps are still on hand and will last for some considerable time.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—From “Stamp Collecting” of December 24th: “Apropos of our recent forecast of the intended discontinuance of the 5d. denomination, Mr. L. W. Brummit shews us a new shade of the current stamp (script watermark) viz., purple and greenish-yellow (instead of purple and olive-green).”

NEW ZEALAND.—Our Ipswich friends have received the 2/- Admiral type in a new shade—light blue.

NEW ZEALAND DEPENDENCIES.—Messrs. S. Curtis & Co. write to the “Philatelic Magazine”:

“New postage stamps of the denominations of 2½d. for the islands of Aitutaki and Penrhyn, and of 2½d. and 4d. for the islands of Niue and Rarotonga are now being issued.

The design of the 2½d. stamp, which is identical for each island, has as a central figure a Rarotogan chief in ancient costume. The chief is wearing a head-dress made of feathers from the food-dove (or (kukupua)) and bosun bird (or “tavake”). A spear held in his left hand denotes hostility, but a fan held in his right denotes peace, also that he is a man of rank. The background of the stamp consists of a native hut and a clump of palm trees, while trunks of palm trees form the sides of the frame.

The design of the 4d. stamp, which also is the same for each island, depicts the Rarotonga harbour, and, in the background Mount Rarotonga.

As in the case of the present Island pictorial stamps, the new stamps are printed in two colours from steel recess plates. The predominating colours will be blue for the 2½d. denomination (as required by the Universal Postal Union Convention) and purple for the 4d. denomination.



In consequence of the new issues, the New Zealand 2½d. stamp, overprinted for the use in each of the four islands, and the 4d. stamp, overprinted for use in Rarotonga, will be withdrawn at March 31 next, unless stocks become depleted in the meantime.”

We illustrate the new values herewith and chronicle the various varieties under their respective headings. The stamps are watermarked N.Z. and star, and we are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and Oswald Marsh for specimens.

NIUE.—The colours of the new values are: 2½d., black (centre) and dull blue; 4d., black (centre) and violet.

TRANSJORDAN.—All values of the new set are in the design illustrated on the previous page, the values to 20 mill. being slightly smaller than the size illustrated, which is that used for the higher values. Messrs. W.K. & Co. have been officially informed that the remainders of the overprinted set have been destroyed.

say, likely to be scarce.

PAPUA.—According to the "V.P.R." all values of the current set have been printed on unwatermarked paper—the residue of the paper used for the unwatermarked 1d. and 1½d. Australian stamps of 1924. The unwatermarked stamps are expected to last for about 12 months, when paper bearing the multiple small crown watermark now being used for Australian stamps will be employed for future printings.

PENRHYN.—The new value, 2½d., is printed in brown (centre) and blue.

RAROTONGA.—The colours of the newcomers are : 2½d., brown (centre) and deep blue; 4d., green (centre) and violet. The 2/- Admiral type N.Z. in its shade, light blue, has been overprinted for this island.

RUANDA URUNDI.—Mr. M. Weber informs the "Philatelic Magazine" that a new post office was recently opened at Bukavu. At first, having no regular cancellation, it made use of one with Bukavu in large capitals, without date, in black or violet. In the disorder of the opening, quite a few letters went by franked with stamps of the Congo (without overprint). None of these letters had to pay postage due as the P.O. allowed them to go through. This cancellation is already scarce, as it was short lived, and is sought by collectors.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—The ½d. value was recently issued in a new shade, namely, bright pale green. Can any reader say whether this shade is scarce or otherwise?

SUDAN.—Messrs. R. Roberts and Whitfield King & Co. advise the issue of the 2 mill. value with the new watermark (multiple S.G.)

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—Mr. R. Roberts, of London, writes : "2½d. ultramarine, script watermark, now issued on ordinary paper, same sheet formation and plate number as before. The chalky paper variety catalogued by Gibbons at 4d. (No. 43a) is likely to be an extremely scarce stamp, as printing it on chalky paper was an error of the printers. We understand that the requisition read : "So many 2½d. blue stamps, paper as before," and on referring to the previous paper the printers looked up the 2½d. brown of the Tercentenary issue by mistake, as no blue uncoloured stamps are now printed on the chalky paper.

"The present stamp is an entirely different shade from the original stamp, pale bright blue (S.G. 43) which is still quite a good little variety. It cannot be confused in comparison. The numbers supplied on chalky paper are, I understand, very limited."

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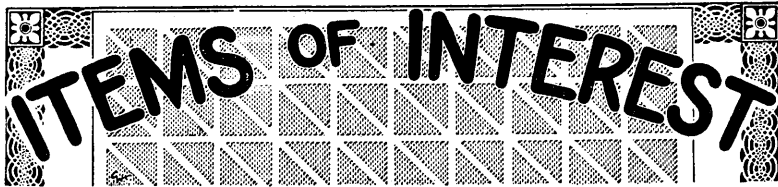
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

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P.O. string often works havoc with letters which are larger than the usual small size. Oblivious of the contents postal clerks sometimes bend registered letters when entering or delivering them.

"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly."—The first three numbers of this splendid publication are to hand. The "Monthly Journal" was excellent but "G.S.M." is even better. The beautifully coloured cover is another stride forward in philatelic journalism, while the contents are of the highest standard. There is something in "G.S.M." for every class of collector.

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The Postage Stamps of Ireland, 1922-27.—The fourth edition of Mr. Meredith's standard catalogue has just been published at 2/2, post free. Sixty-eight pages in size the work lists and prices over 1,000 items. Full descriptions of all the plates and settings of the overprints are given.

It is prefaced by a chapter entitled "A Simplified Guide to the Study of Irish Stamps." This is a clear and simple introduction which answers many points the amateur wants to know in an easily understood and chatty way.

Perhaps the arrangement of the text and illustrations leaves room for slight improvement, but the fact remains that to all who are interested in Irish the book is a necessity.

Mr. W. G. Meredith's address is 5, Elmbourne Rd., London, S. W. 17.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

Durban, July, 1928.

Entry forms have now been printed and are available from the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 588, Durban, and the various representatives. The final edition of the prospectus will be issued either this month or next.

The Government of Northern Rhodesia has announced its intention of sending an exhibit.

The following is a list of donations received as at December 22nd.: P. S. of Natal, £26 9s. 2d; Mr. D. Hepburn, £10; Mr. S. Newbury (Chicago) £10; Johannesburg Stamp Club, £5 9s. 7d.; P. S. of Rhodesia, £5 5s.; Johannesburg United P. S., £5 5s.; Port Elizabeth P. S., £5 5s.; Mr. D. S. Fowler, Jr., £5 5s.; Mr. W. P. Williams, £5 5s.; Mr. S. Rogerson, £5 5s.; Mr. F. Rooke, £5 5s.; Mr. N. Welsford, £5 5s.; Mr. E. Morin, £5; Mr. H. Harvey (London) £5 5s.; Mr. T. F. Glen, £3 10s.; East London P. S., £3 3s.; Mr. A. Lovejoy, £2 10s.; Mr. C. F. Skinner, £2 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. S. Taylor, £2 2s.; Mr. E. Klein (Philadelphia, Pa.), £2; Mr. J. H. Chamberlain, £1 10s.; Mr. B. S. H. Kent (Maidstone, Kent) £1 1s.; Jamaica P. S., £1 1s.; Mr. W. L. Burne, £1 1s.; Mr. C. A. M. Esnouf, £1 1s.; Capt. Stephens, £1 1s.; Mr. R. G. Webb, £1 1s.; Mr. O. Braby, £1; Mr. D. Campbell, £1; Mr. W. J. Norman, 12/6; Mr. C. Moffitt, 10s.; Mauritius P. S., 7s. 3d.; Mrs. F. A. Yeats, 6s.; Mr. W. Angus, 10s. 6d.; Mr. G. J. King, 5s.; Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., some fine sets of stamps for sale in aid of Exhibition funds.



The following have agreed to donate medals: Jamaica Philatelic Society, Special Silver; Mr. Escott C. Bland (Philatelists' Exchange Club), Gold, Silver and Gilt; Mr. Robson Lowe, Gold, Silver and Gilt; Johannesburg Stamp Club, Gold; Dr. Alex Kaplan, Silver; Johannesburg United P. S., Gold, Silver.

The Exhibition Committee is very grateful for the abovementioned donations. As the cost of staging the Exhibition will be about £750 further financial assistance will be much appreciated. All Donations will be acknowledged individually and in the philatelic press.

The publicity which is being given the Exhibition by the philatelic press throughout the world is very valuable and is much appreciated. Collectors and dealers who are working for the exhibition are heartily thanked for the good work which they are putting in.

The Annual General Meeting of shareholders in the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa) Ltd. was held on December 19th. A very satisfactory report on the year's workings was submitted by the Managing Director, Mr. C. F. Skinner. A fuller report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

RESULT OF BIG PHILATELIC LAWSUIT.

Underwriter Wins Appeal to Lords.

In the House of Lords, on November 25th, the appeal of Mr. H. N. Matthews, underwriter, against the judgment of the Court of Appeal was allowed, with costs. Thus, a famous and most expensive lawsuit has terminated. The costs amount to about £66,000, considerably more than the amount of Mr. Lek's claim.

We have room for but a few brief details of the case.

Mr. Jonas Lek, a wealthy Dutch diamond merchant, claimed that his collection was stolen from a Berlin hotel and subsequently recovered, but minus many rare stamps. The collection was insured and the underwriters were at first inclined to pay Mr. Lek the £39,000 which he claimed for the lost stamps. They were later advised to repudiate the claim, with the result that Mr. Lek instituted, in the London High Court, a test case against Mr. H. N. Matthews, a Lloyd's underwriter, for his share (£228 11s. 6d.) of the amount claimed.

For the defence it was pleaded that Mr Lek's memory could not be good as to enable him to compile the long list of stamps alleged to have been stolen which he did. He was not known to possess some of the rarities which he claimed were stolen. Witnesses stated that although Mr. Lek did not tell the world of his purchases certain rarities mentioned could not change hands without many people being aware of the fact. The case was decided in favour of Mr. Matthews. Against this judgment Mr. Lek appealed.

Delivering the appeal judgment Lord Justice Bankes said, *inter alia*, that the plaintiff was a wealthy foreigner and at the time of the trial of the action a man of unblemished character and standing. He (Lek) stated that he had no pecuniary motive and was indifferent to the amount of money concerned, his real concern being the vindication of his character. The judge in the lower court found, as against Lek, that yielding to an unreasonable pressure for details of the claim he asserted that the collection contained specimens of great value which he knew that he had not got, and upon that ground the judge decided that the case fell within the terms of a fraudulent claim, and gave judgment against plaintiff.

In Lord Justice Bankes opinion the plaintiff would not say that he had lost certain stamps unless he honestly believed he had. Whatever stamps Lek had he honestly believed to be genuine and the evidence failed to convince his lordship that Lek had at any time made a false or fraudulent claim. The way in which plaintiff had given evidence created a good impression on his lordship. Lord Justice Atkin concurred, but Lord Justice Scrutton dissented. Therefore, by a majority decision, Mr. Lek's appeal was allowed, with costs.

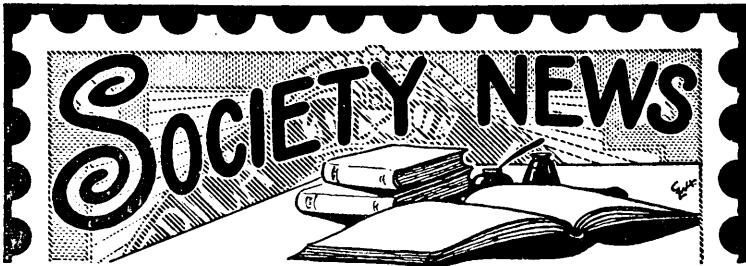
Mr. Matthews then carried the case to the House of Lords and, by a majority decision (Lord Phillimore dissenting from the judgment of Lords Sumner and Carson) his appeal was allowed.

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At the Annual General Meeting held on December 19th the following officers were elected for 1928 : President, Mr. A. Watson; Vice-President, Mr. H. P. de Boom; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. H. N. B. Hawke; Exchange Supt., Mr. A. E. Basden; Curator of Society's Collection and Librarian, Mr. C. Hand; Curator of Forgery Collection, Major E. G. A. Booth; Members of Executive, Messrs. W. J. Giovanetti and J. Coombe Martin

At the meeting held on January 2nd Mr. C. Hand exhibited the Society's extensive collection of mint K. G. and K. E. Colonials. The collection is remarkably complete and is a splendid example of what can be done by a philatelic society. Most of the stamps were purchased through New Issue Services.

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The Annual General Meeting was held on November 2nd. The reports of the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Exchange Supt. were read and carried unanimously, hearty votes of thanks being accorded the officials concerned. The meeting voted the Hon. Exchange Supt. an Honorarium of £10 10s.

As they had proved of assistance it was decided to continue to send monthly news-letters to members. Mr. Rooke kindly offered to print these on his "Roneo," the offer being accepted with thanks.

Mr. M. Rose proposed and Mr. Moffitt seconded that the subscription for town members be increased to 21s. per annum. It was ruled that this proposition could only be passed at a special meeting called for the purpose.

It was decided to hold future meetings at the Secretary's office at 456, West Street.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year : Patron, H. E. The Governor-General : President, Mr. W. P. Williams; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T. F. Glen, D. S. Fowler, F. H. Rooke, R. G. Webb and J. Smallbones : Hon. Exchange Supt., Mr. A. H. Lovejoy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Morin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Norman Welsford; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. M. Rose; Committee, Messrs. Kirk. Hurst, Riches, Moffitt and Burne.

The following information is selected from the Hon. Secretary's report. The attendance at the eleven meetings averaged 16.8. The meetings have maintained a high standard of interest by reason of the fine displays given by members. The collection of Natal stamps to be presented to the Durban Museum has at last made headway and as the case is ready it is hoped that every member will contribute something to the presentation collection. The monthly sale of members' duplicates and new issues has continued to prove a feature of the meetings and has resulted in a useful addition to the Club and Exhibition funds.

The year has been remarkable on account of the Society's decision to organise an International Stamp Exhibition on a scale hitherto only attempted in Europe and America. While a great deal has been accomplished in the way of spade work only the fringe has been touched. It is very evident that the Society will have to go all out to raise funds. The preliminary budget shows that the expenses will not fall far short of £750.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that the Exhibition has met with the whole-hearted co-operation and support of every philatelic society in South Africa, who are working with us in a determination to make July 1928 a month to be remembered in the annals of S. African philately and, indeed, overseas also.

In connection with the Exhibition the First South African Philatelic Congress will be held.

At the meeting held on December 7th Mr. J. A. Smallbones displayed his collection of U.S.A. and Mr. G. W. Hockey, of Klerksdorp, his collection of Union machine cancellations and meter franks. The latter collection is, without doubt, the largest collection of its kind and scope extant. It is practically complete in Union "Slogan" cancellations. One or two of the items included shew that although it is alleged that the Government does not always spell Afrikaans words correctly it sometimes spells English words in an unorthodox manner. For instance, for several weeks Johannesburg used a "slogan" in which the public was asked to "Support South African Industres."

AFRICANS AT AUCTION.

The following very satisfactory prices were obtained by Mr. H. R. Harmer, the Bond Street auctioneer, in recent auctions :

Rhodesia, 1913-22, ½d., mint horizontal pair imperforate between	£5 0 0
S. W. Africa, 10/-, Type II, mint block of four	9 0 0
S. W. Africa, £1, Type I, mint block of four	15 0 0
S. W. Africa, 5d. due, Type II, mint block of four	6 6 0
Rhodesia, 1913-22, 1d., mint vertical pair imperf. between	10 10 0
Kenya and Uganda, £100, overprinted "Specimen"	12 0 0
Kenya and Uganda, £75, overprinted "Specimen"	6 10 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1853, paper deeply blued, 1d. brick-red fine used block of four	15 10 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1863-4, 6d. bright mauve, mint triangular block of four, slightly creased	16 0 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1863-4, De la Rue, 6d. deep mauve, fine used on piece	28 0 0
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Postage Due varieties.—As forecast exclusively by us (in our November, 1927 issue) the "S.W.A." overprint is now being applied to postage due stamps. The 3d. and 6d. values. Pretoria printing, with this overprint are to hand from Mr. A. Lichtenstein and are illustrated herewith. Additional values will, no doubt, appear in the very near future. The overprint is in black.

Mr. Mallet-Veale says that he has corner blocks of the 5d. due with English and Africans overprint from RIGHT panes and also has right and



left panes of all the other dues which exist with this overprint.

Mr. Lichtenstein sends copies proving that both the mauve and violet shades of the 2d. due have received the English and Afrikaans overprint. Of both shades our friend has complete sheets and all panes have been overprinted from the usual formes shewing the varieties detailed on page 151 of our January issue.

Mr. Oswald Marsh submits a block of the 3d. due with the above overprint shewing an unusual variety. After the stamps had been printed and before they had been overprinted, a portion of the face of one stamp became torn off, with the result that part of the overprint appears on the thinned part.

The Rarest S.W.A. Stamp is undoubtedly the 1d. rouletted postage due overprinted with Type II. We know where a used single and a mint pair lie and notice that a London dealer advertises a mint pair at £150, less 5% for cash with order.

The following extract from the January issue of Mr. R. Roberts' "Foreword" is of particular interest.

"S.W. Africa. The rare 1d. postage due, S.G. No. D13.

"This stamp is one that has been sought for diligently and fruitlessly by many keen collectors and students of this interesting Colony and until recently I had been unable to see an unused pair, and I had only been able to get the sight of one used pair which had been divided.

"I was previously, therefore, rather doubtful of its existence in the true sense of the word, thinking that the pair I had seen might have been a spacing variety on the sheet of D6, Scott 305/6, as I had previously discovered a similar occurrence on the 6d. slate, S.G. No. D5, in which the spacing between South West and Africa in the 3rd line was 15 mm, whereas the spacing was 14 mm on all the rest of the sheet.

"But I have now seen, had and broken up into pairs and sold a mint block of eight of this very rare item. This formed part of a somewhat larger block which a client in the East was kind enough to send me, he having kept the other part for his collection, and this is the only unused block I have seen or heard of.

"I had at first the intention of illustrating this rare piece by a photo, but on second thoughts refrained, thinking that it would only give away the peculiarities of setting in this particular stamp to the nefarious forger who is ever active and on the lookout to turn a dishonest penny. The photo remains in my reference book. I was, however, very gratified to see and possess this block and to be convinced without doubt that there was a genuine issue of this setting on the 1d. rouletted stamp, and that it was not merely a spacing variety of another sheet as had been supposed by some others."

Postage stamp varieties.—Mr. Lichtenstein informs us that when the first batch of English triangulars was perforated the margins of the sheets were left untrimmed, but the balance of the English sheets; and all the Afrikaans sheets had most of the margins cut off either before or after being perforated. Thus, the perforated English triangulars with wide margins are very scarce.

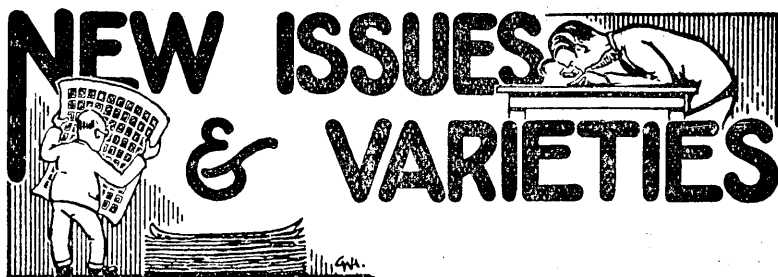
Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have received a few pairs of the perforated triangulars imperforate between pair, but do not say if it is a



diagonal, vertical or horizontal row of perforations which is missing, nor do they mention the language of the stamps affected. We have before us a sheet of English triangulars shewing a vertical row of perforations missing. Thus a pair imperforate between is rhomboid in shape, the unperforated space being between the right sides of the stamps themselves. If W.K. & Co's. copies shew a horizontal row of perforations absent the unperforated space is between the left sides of the stamps themselves; if a diagonal row of holes is lacking it is between the bottoms of the stamps that the imperforation occurs.

It is interesting to note that in normal perforated sheets there are only two corner stamps imperforate on both sides on each sheet. We

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AUSTRALIA.—The multiple watermark 1/4 was recently discovered with the watermark sideways. The "V.P.R." says this variety is rare.

BARBADOS.—Mr. H. E. Huber informs Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., that 99,744 copies of the 1d. Tercentenary stamp have been officially incinerated. Thus, just over 900,000 copies were sold.

CYPRUS.—The new issue to commemorate the jubilee of British occupation of Cyprus (1878-1928) duly appeared on February 1st. The set is most pleasing in appearance and quite different to any other British Colonial stamps.

The stamps are 30 by 34 mm. in size, all values save two being of upright format. Supplies have not, at the time of writing, reached South Africa, but the "Philatelic Magazine" of February 4th gives advance illustrations through the courtesy of the High Commissioner for Cyprus.

The denominations, designs and colours are :

- $\frac{3}{4}$ piastre, violet, silver coin of Amathus.
- 1 piastre, black and blue, Zeno of Kitium, Philosopher.
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ piastres, red, Map of Cyprus.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastres, blue, Finding of the remains of St. Barnabas.
- 4 piastres, sepia, thirteenth century cloister in the Premonstratensian Abbey of Bellapaise.
- 6 piastres, blue, badge of the Colony.
- 9 piastres, purple, Tomb of Umm Haram, Larnaca.
- 18 piastres, black and brown, statue of Richard Cœur de Lion.
- 45 piastres, purple and blue, Church of St. Nicholas, Famagusta.
- £1, blue and brown, King George V.

The stamps are engraved and printed on white wove script C A paper, the perforation being 14.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have been informed by the P.M.G. of Cyprus that the contemporary values of the King George set will be withdrawn during the currency of the Jubilee issue, but the values not included in the new set will remain on sale. We understand that the Jubilee stamps will be withdrawn on December 31st, when any unsold remainder will be cremated. All values of the K.G. set will then be again placed on sale.

The attractive new issue will be illustrated in our March number.

A £5 stamp is about to be added to the King George set. Its colours will, says the "P.M.," be black on yellow paper. The Cyprus P.O. ought to have a good year.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The 35c. value is now being printed on script watermark paper.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. R. Roberts advises the issue of the 3/- Admiral type in a new shade—pale violet. This shade is printed on thick white Cowan paper, the watermark being almost invisible.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We illustrate the new set and give the following details: Engraved and printed by Messrs. Whitehead, Morris, Ltd., London. Perforated 14. Unwatermarked.



- 1c. green, map of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 2c. scarlet, S.S. "Caribou."
- 3c. red-brown, portraits of T.M. King George V. and Queen Mary.
- 4c. mauve, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.
- 5c. sage-green, express train crossing Newfoundland.
- 6c. ultramarine, Newfoundland Hotel, St. John's.
- 8c. yellow-brown, Heart's Content, where the first trans-atlantic cable was landed in 1866.
- 9c. deep green, Cabot Tower, Signal Hill, St. John's, where the first trans-atlantic wireless message was received in 1902.
- 10c. deep violet, War Memorial, St. John's.
- 12c. carmine, General Post Office, St. John's.
- 15c. indigo, first aeroplane to cross the Atlantic leaving St. John's in 1919.
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MALTA.—The following colour changes have been despatched to the islands: 1d. light brown, 1½d. red, 2½d. blue. The 3d. stamp is expected in a new colour, its present hue being blue. Mr. W. R. Gatt informs us that in all future printings a thicker and more suitable paper will be used for the pence denominations.

MAURITIUS.—The 6c. King's Head is now on issue. Its colour is sepia and we are indebted to Messrs. J. P. Tomkins, Whitfield King & Co. and Oswald Marsh for copies. Mr. Tomkins sends us specimens of the new 8c. orange, K.H., in a new shade, deep orange. Our correspondent states that the original light shade was bought up by speculators. This denomination is, says Mr. Tomkins, little used and may be withdrawn.

MOZAMBIQUE.—Further to the notes in our May and July 1927 issues it is now our unfortunate duty to chronicle the set of ten stamps forecast in those issues.



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- 2è. on yellow-brown and yellow.

On one day only the use of these labels on inland mail matter was compulsory. The regular postage had to be affixed in addition and the Eastern Cross Society netted the surcharge.

SEYCHELLES.—The colour of the 4c. stamp is about to be changed but the new colour is not mentioned in the Crown Agents' Bulletin.

SIERRA LEONE.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Oswald Marsh and R. Roberts advise the appearance of the 7d. value on script wmk. paper.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. L. H. Rivers has received the ½d. value imperforate between the last two vertical rows of the left hand panes. Mr. Heathcote Tatham states that he has been informed by a postal official that two or three years ago one or two sheets of the 2d. value entirely imperforate were included in a supply of stamps requisitioned by a counter clerk at the Salisbury P.O. Can any reader throw any further light on the matter?

ST. HELENA.—Mr. A. C. Giovannie shews us two shades of the new 5d. stamp, the green of one adhesive being very much deeper than that of the other.

SUDAN.—Messrs. W. K. & Co. submit the 10 mill. and 2 and 5 piastres denominations bearing the new wmk.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—The Crown Agents have despatched supplies of the new set to the islands.

LATEST UNION NEWS.

We illustrate, through the courtesy of Mr. Newcombe-Bond, the unusual variety in the pictorial referred to last month. An examination of a number of sheets proves that



varieties of the type illustrated are fairly frequently met with. On stamp No. 2 it will be seen that the wildebeeste has been provided with an extra horn, but it is turned the wrong way. On the third stamp in our illustration one of the animals appears to have an additional ear of a type not peculiar to wildebeesten. The rear animal on the last stamp in our picture seems to have an unduly mane. On one of the stamps illustrated the front wildebeeste is club-footed, but our illustration does not do his deformity justice.

Mr. C. S. Myers sends us the interesting news that in a booklet of London printed stamps he found the watermark on all the 1d. stamps to be sideways. This variety has also been found in Johannesburg. We expect further news on the subject before our March issue goes to press. We also expect to be able to publish some very startling exclusive Union news in our next issue, which will appear by March 20th, and have good reason to believe that our March number will be a really bumper number.

A.G.M. of the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa) Ltd.

The second Annual General Meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held, as intimated in our January issue, on December 19th. We are pleased to publish the following extracts from the Managing Director's report.

The Company has again shewn a profit, a profit larger than that of the previous year. There are many features in the Balance Sheet and Accounts which must give cause for satisfaction. Among the things which brought about this happy state of affairs are the opening of ground floor shop premises, the Managing Director's trip round the coast in January last, judicious advertising, good sources of supply, every endeavour to satisfy customers and generous support by collectors.

During the year under review the Company purchased a number of important collections and general stocks. Sales increased by 88% over the first year's figures, while the stock is valued at approximately double what it was on June 30th, 1926.

The Company extends thanks to its customers for their support and to shareholders who have proclaimed the existence of the Company to collectors met by them.

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Mr. H. R. Harmer last month obtained the following very satisfactory prices in his Bond Street Auction Rooms :

Cyprus, 1922-3, £1 MCA, S.G. 101, mint	... ..	£15 0 0
(This is a record for this stamp).		
Gibraltar, 1903, £1 dull purple and black on red, mint	... ..	10 0 0
Gibraltar, 1904-7, £1 dull purple and black on red, mint	... ..	9 10 0
Irish Free State, Thom Rialtas, 2/6, 5/- and 10/-, mint	... ..	9 15 0
Malta, 1919-20, 10/- black, S.G. 96, mint	... ..	25 0 0
Great Britain (Levant), 1906, Beirut provisional, 1 pi. on 2d. green and carmine, fine used	... ..	13 10 0
Bechuanaland Protectorate, 1888 (Aug.) 2/6, S.G. 61, mint	5 10 0
Nyasaland, 1896 (Feb.) £1 blue, mint	8 10 0

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Passing of a Veteran.—Mr. B. D. Pope passed away at Bath on January 3rd. He had a very large circle of friends, philatelic and otherwise, and will be remembered by many South Africans as a Natal railway pioneer. To his relatives and friends we extend sincere sympathy.

The Exhibition.—Despite the counter attractions of exhibitions which are being staged in Europe this year the Philatelic Society of Natal is receiving excellent support from overseas collectors and dealers and we know that we will have the pleasure of meeting several prominent overseas philatelists in Durban next July.



In South Africa too there is no lack of support, but we understand that a few more donations would be much appreciated.

The Collectors' Club (New York) has donated £5, while Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. have sent a cheque for £5/5/-.

An Important Sale.—As will be seen from their advertisement in this issue Messrs. Plumridge & Co. will shortly offer at auction the wonderful collection formed by the late Mr. E. H. Collins, late Treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society.

The sale promises to be one of the most important of the season and the auctioneers are making it possible for South African collectors to bid for any stamps they may wish.

Reference to their advertisement will shew that collectors in this country may obtain catalogues from Mr. A. Pratt, P.O. Box 1276, Johannesburg, who is expecting supplies early in March.

Let Us Know Of It.—It is no uncommon occurrence for a reader to shew us some unchronicled variety in a South African stamp which he has possessed for some time but never thought of telling us about. We are always anxious to hear about unlisted varieties as soon as possible after they are discovered.

S.W.A. News—(Continued from page 2.)

have seen a quotation of 5/- each for these corner stamps. Incidentally, a triangular block of four stamps from the corner in question contains every variety of perforation found on normal sheets, i.e., perf. all round, imperf. at right side, imperf. at left side, imperf. on right and left sides.

Referring to the notes on the subject in our January issue we can now say definitely that there was only one overprinting of the 2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials with the blue two line overprint. Shades in the overprint are due to natural inconsistency in the ink used. The formes used for this overprint have long since been broken up.



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INTERESTING UNION NEWS.

New 4d. Stamp.—The rectangular pictorial 4d. stamp was placed on sale at Pretoria post office on March 21st and is now on general issue throughout the Union. It is engraved and unicoloured, its hue being brown, and is printed on the usual multiple watermark paper. The design is a kraal with a native man and woman in the foreground. The stamps are, of course, inscribed alternately in English and Afrikaans, the sheet formation being two panes of 60 (six across and ten deep) side by side. The printers' imprint (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., Engravers, New Malden, Surrey, England) appears in the bottom margin of each pane. The perforation is 14.



Packets of loose 4d. triangulars are still on sale at several post offices, while a fair stock of imperforate sheets is held in Pretoria.

The unofficial information published in our January issue has proved inaccurate for the Acting Postmaster-General writes, under date March 22nd: "With reference to your letter of the 21st instant I beg to inform you that the Union 4d. triangular stamp has not been perforated or rouletted officially. Uncut sheets of these stamps are obtainable by members of the public, and individuals are, of course, at liberty to adopt their own methods of dissection."

There is little likelihood of the stamps ever being perforated or rouletted officially. We have seen several copies which have been so treated privately.

1d. Sideways Watermark.—Further to the note in our last issue Mr. C. S. Myers states that in the booklet of London printed stamps referred to two (not all) "panes" of six 1d. stamps shewed the watermark sideways. A solitary used copy of this variety has been found in Johannesburg.

New Officials.—The Acting P.M.G. informs us that the Pretoria printed ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials have received the "Official Offissteel" overprint and confirms that the only other stamps which have been so treated are the London printed ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials, and the 2d. King's Head.

New Air Mail Service.—About June next an air mail service will be inaugurated between Durban and Johannesburg. There will be a daily service in each direction, Sundays excepted. Asked whether special air post stamps will be issued the Acting Postmaster-General, writing on March 20th, states that "this Department has, at present, no information on the subject."



A New Inverted Watermark.—Our Editor has acquired a nice item in the shape of the 1½d. K.H. roll stamp (perf. 14 x imperf.) with inverted watermark. This is the only copy we have seen or heard of.

Perforation Freaks.—Mr. N. Welsford and Dr. H. Tener Galbraith report the Pretoria printed ½d. pictorial with double perforation at top, bottom and right of all stamps in the last vertical row of the sheet. Mr. W. Redford shews us a strip with this variety.

In our August 1927 issue we illustrated this variety in the 1d. pictorial.

As we have already explained these freaks are caused through sheets not leaving the perforating machine as expeditiously as they should.

We intended to illustrate the similar variety in the ½d. value mentioned in our January issue but it is unnecessary for us to do so as the freak is similar to that illustrated last August excepting that the needles of the comb perforating machine came down twice too often, the second set of perforations being to the right of the first one and the third set (which is in the margin only) to the right of the second one.

Rolls of 1,200 Pretoria printed 1d. pictorials are now on sale. The stamps are perforated on all four sides. The new 1d. book post wrapper is likewise now on issue. The "stamp" is printed in crimson and black, the design being that of the adhesive 1d. stamp, and the wording "South Africa" (at top) and "Suidafrika" (at bottom).

The New Design Dues.—In our September, 1927, issue we stated that the major varieties found in the new design 1d. postage due (listed in our April, 1927, issue) will not be found in the 2d. new design. We stated, as our authority for this statement, that different 120-set frame plates are being used for the two denominations. However, the major varieties found in the 1d. value do occur in the 2d. denomination.

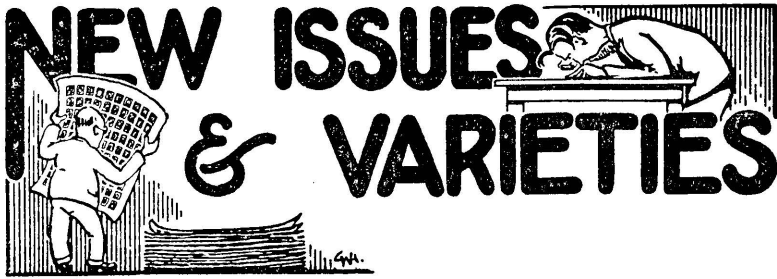


It may be that all the four 120-set plates held by the Government Printer shew the same varieties through being cast from a plate on which the varieties occurred. If this is so it is difficult to say whether each value is printed from the same plate or different plates. Perhaps only one plate, to which the varieties recorded are peculiar, has been used for both denominations.

Important Change at Government Printing Works.—We are able to give our readers the interesting information that very shortly stamps printed in Pretoria will be produced by the "rotary" process, the method used in several important overseas countries. The very expensive machine which is to be installed prints, perforates, gums and dries the

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NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



CYPRUS.—The Jubilee set, full details of which were given last month, is illustrated herewith. The perforation is, however, 12 and not 14, as stated last month. The stamps were line engraved by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., and we are indebted to the Southern Stamp Co., Ltd., and Mr. Oswald Marsh for copies.



The following appears in Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s "Bulletin": "In our last supply of 4½ piastres, King George type, we find this value in quite a different shade to the previous printing, which is on yellowish-

green paper, whilst the new supply is on bluish-green paper. The black portion is not so intense and the words 'Cyprus' and '4½ piastres' are in a deeper colour, more brown than orange."

AUSTRALIA.—The 4d. value on multiple watermark paper is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. In our February issue we stated that the 1/4 multiple watermark stamp had appeared with the watermark sideways. This stamp pleads not guilty, for actually it was the 1/- old single watermark which was discovered, to the extent of about 25 sheets, with the afore-mentioned peculiarity.

BARBADOS.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies a "remarkable shade" in the current 2½d. value, namely, brilliant dark blue.

BELGIAN CONGO.—From a note in the "Philatelic Magazine" we gather that there is a possibility of the "historical" set appearing in a couple of months' time.

DOMINICA.—The following new colours are to hand from Messrs. W. K. & Co.: 2½d. black and blue on white paper, 3d. black and red on yellow. Script wmk. Our correspondents have received the 3d. value on both pale yellow and deep yellow paper.

GIBRALTAR.—Mr. O. Marsh submits the 1d. value in a new shade --scarlet. A continental contemporary publishes a rumour to the effect that the colours of the £1 and £5 stamps are to be transposed.

GOLD COAST.—A correspondent contributes the following news to "West Africa": "I learn that at the Gold Coast there is to be a new issue of postage stamps on which the King's head is supplemented by a vignette of Elmina Castle, the oldest European settlement on the West Coast, originally founded by the Portuguese, and to the right of it is the elephant and palm tree device of the old African Company."

IRISH FREE STATE.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies receipt of the 2/6 and 10/- Great Britain stamps over-printed with a new setting shewing the date "1922" spaced widely on all stamps in the sheet. The recent composite overprint on the three high values will shortly prove very scarce in pairs shewing wide and narrow spacing of the date.

JAMAICA.—We understand, from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., that the authorities now have a good excuse to discontinue the enormous 1½d. "Contingent embarking" stamp. The stock on hand, it seems, got damp and the sheets are all stuck together. Our friends have heard a rumour to the effect that a complete new issue is under consideration. Let us hope that any further issues will be more modest in size than the present "posterettes."

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JOHORE.—New colours to hand from our Ipswich and Norwood correspondents: 2c. green and grey-green; 3c. purple and brown. Script wmk.

MOCAMBIQUE.—The quantities printed of the stamps chronicled last month are stated by "Die Post" to be: 40 c. and 50 c., 23,000 of each; other values, 20,000 of each.



MALTA.—Two errors crept into last month's chronicle. The 2½d. blue mentioned is not, of course, a colour change, but merely a new printing. The 3d. value is not likely to change its colour for its present hue is purple, and not blue, as stated.

NEW ZEALAND.—The "N.Z. Stamp Collector" chronicles the ½d. George and 1d. Field-Marshal (on Cowan paper) and the 2d. George (on Wiggins Teape paper) imperforate at top between stamp and margin.

PAPUA.—We learn from the "V.P.R." that the colours of the 1d. stamp have been changed to scarlet and purple black.

PALESTINE.—All stamps prior to the current issue will be demonitised on April 1st. The new set of postage dues is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and Oswald Marsh. The set is very similar to the previous issue, slight alterations in the lettering having been made. Denominations and colours are 1 m. brown, 2 m. yellow, 4 m. green, 8 m. rose, 10 m. grey, 13 m. ultramarine, 20 m. olive-bistre, 50 m. purple. Script wmk. throughout.

ST. HELENA.—In a recent consignment of stamps our Ipswich correspondents were fortunate enough to obtain two sheets of the current ½d. stamp with the watermark inverted.

ST. VINCENT.—New shades submitted by Mr. Marsh: ½d. bright green, 1/- yellow bistre.

SUDAN.—Messrs. W. K. & Co. and R. Roberts advise receipt of the 10 piastres value on the new multiple S. G. paper.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Our Ipswich and Norwood friends submit the 3d., 1/- and 2/6 values on Script watermark paper.

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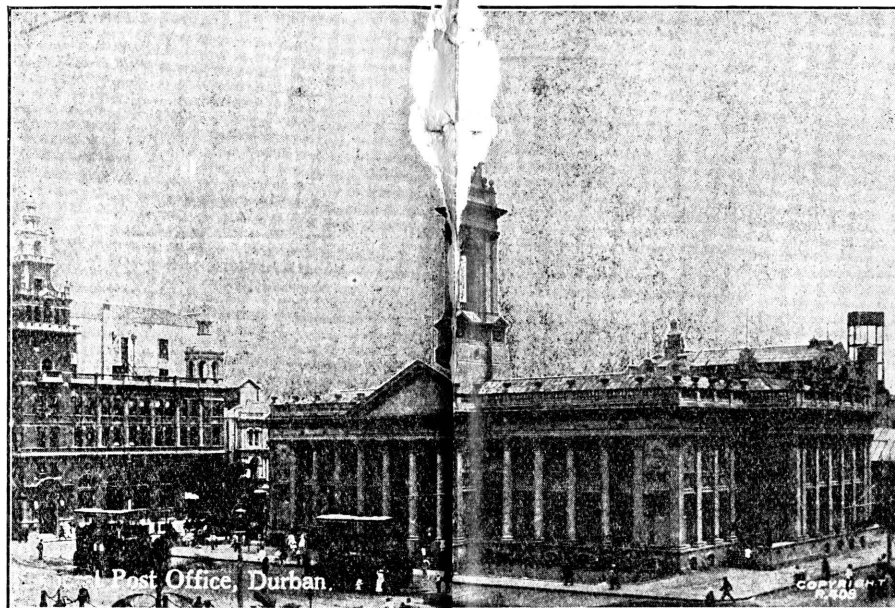
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The final edition of the prospectus just been published and Mr. Norman Welsford, P.O. Box 558, Durban, will be glad to send copies to applicants, together with entry forms and particulars of place of exhibits while in transit and on exhibition.

In the prospectus will be found of the Exhibition Hall, list of classes, rules and regulations, list of awards, judges, particulars of travel and hotel arrangements and other helpful information.

As the date of the Exhibition is drawing near and receipts from donations, etc., are not up to expectations the Committee is broadcasting an urgent appeal to South African philatelists for funds. We learn the appeal that to date £205 has been received in donations. After allowing the cost of stands, medals, printing, etc., the Executive is faced with a very substantial deficit.

Members of the P.S.N. have responded to the call for funds as also have South African philatelic societies and number of overseas collectors and dealers. The Committee, therefore, appeals to all South African philatelists for donations. The Exhibition is being staged for the benefit of philately and it will, without doubt, help philately in South Africa very considerably indeed.

In thickly populated overseas countries exhibitions are generally assured of adequate financial support, but in South African circumstances are different. Therefore, we hope that South African philatelists will respond to the Durban Exhibition Committee's urgent appeal for funds to carry out the good work.

We are also asked to draw our attention to the fact that it is not too early to think of sending in exhibits. Good muster of these is, of course, as necessary as a good muster of donations.

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

A further revision of the foreign postage rate resulted in a surcharge being created.

1927, May. 1.75 surcharged in black on 1 fr. 50 c. blue, with two bars cancelling the original denomination.



In August the provisional 1 fr. 75 c. adhesive was replaced by a definitive stamp, while a new value and a colour change occurred at the same time.

1927, August.

35 c. green. Woodcarver (design of 30 c.)
 1 fr. red. Potter.
 1 fr. 75 c. blue. Head of Ubangui man (design of 20 c., 1 fr. 25 c. and 1 fr. 50 c.)

The following new values were stated, several months ago, to be in preparation, but they have not, at the time of writing, been placed on sale: 1 fr. 60 c., 3 fr. 50 c. and 20 fr. Similarly, no definite news is yet available as to the date on which the proposed "historical" set is to be issued.

PART IV.—CHARITY STAMPS.

Stamps to commemorate the memory of those who fell in the Great War were issued in 1925. The proceeds of the surcharge on the stamps was given towards the erection of a War Memorial at Kinshasa.

The design is similar to that of the 40 c. of 1910, the stamps being inscribed alternately in French and Flemish throughout the sheet. Messrs. Thos. De la Rue & Co., Ltd., of London, printed the stamps on unwatermarked paper, the perforation being $12\frac{1}{2}$.



1925, July. 25 c. black centre, lake frame, surcharged 25c in black.

(To be continued).



More New Dues.—The 1d. and 2d. Union postage dues, both new design, have received the "S.W.A." overprint in black.

The 3d. and 6d. dues with the English and Afrikaans overprint are now obsolete and, as only small quantities were issued, we predict a good future for these two stamps.

No New Overprint.—Mr. Mallet-Veale has received official information to the effect that there is to be



no alteration in the setting of the "S.W.A." overprint on the ½d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials.

With reference to the first paragraph on page 150 of our January issue Mr. Mallet-Veale informs us that the variety small "W" in the 2d., 3d. and 1/- pictorials with "S.W.A." overprint occurs also on stamp No. 3, top row, right panes.



RARITIES AT AUCTION.

Mr. H. R. Harmer obtained the following very satisfactory prices in recent auctions :

Irish Free State, 1922, Saorstat, 5/-, mint pair showing variety accent omitted on right hand stamp	£6 0 0
Irish Free State, 1922, 10/-, mint pair, showing variety accent omitted on right hand stamp	21 0 0
Kenya and Uganda, 1921-2, 50R Script, mint	40 0 0
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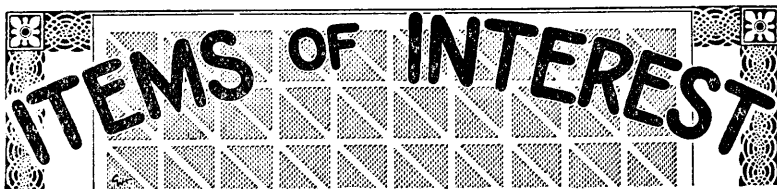
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Johannesburg Stamp Auctions.—Messrs. Richard R. Currie's advertisement in our last issue arrived too late for comment in that number. The sale advertised was very well attended and well over 100 lots were disposed of. For stamps popular in South Africa there was spirited bidding and many satisfactory prices were realised. Another sale will be held on April 12th and is advertised elsewhere in this issue. We understand that a large selection of popular stamps has already been received for sale.

The auctions will be held at monthly intervals and we may state that the auctioneers have expert philatelic assistance at their disposal. Mr. Currie, who occupies the rostrum, is himself a philatelist.

An Inaccurate Article.—In a recent issue of a London monthly there appeared an article on the pictorial stamps of South Africa in which statements were made which may lead those of our readers who subscribe to the monthly in question to believe that we are not as up-to-date as we profess to be.

We, therefore, wish to reiterate that all developments in connection with South African stamps are promptly published in the "S.A. Philatelist." We have the finest facilities possible for obtaining information and have recorded all information of interest to our readers which is so far known.

The writer in the London monthly states that all values of the pictorial set have been overprinted for official use. He is also very much "at sea" as to which pictorials are being printed in Pretoria and states that the 2d. pictorial exists on unwatermarked paper. Our readers will know just how much of this information is accurate.

There are quite a few other mistakes in the article in question and we extend our sympathy to the publishers of the magazine, for they are not to blame for the ignorance of their contributor.

Worth Reading.—Some very interesting advertisements appear in this issue. As will be seen the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., are featuring S.W. Africans, as also is Mr. A. Bronks. Mr. Lichtenstein has just purchased a very important collection and is giving our readers the opportunity of acquiring some very interesting and rare items.

"Filatelia," that splendid multi-lingual monthly, has signed another advertisement contract. We were pleased to note an article on the Union pictorials, by Mr. E. Tamsen, in a recent issue of that magazine. It is well worth subscribing to.

Messrs. Bright & Son have a splendid stock which you are invited to draw on, while Mr. Chambers offers some further bargains in Portugal and Colonies. Mr. Paul R. Schwerdtner is anxious to add to his stock of British Colonials. He publishes a periodical which gives full details of the position in the German wholesale market of stamps of many countries, together with the ruling wholesale prices. Dealers may obtain copies at 1/- each.

Mr. Harry Nissen is on the look-out for good Rhodesians and S.W. Africans, while Mr. J. Mebus offers to send approval selections of British Empire stamps. Mr. Edouard Locher features charity stamps in the first of a series of advertisements to appear over his well-known name.

Altogether, the advertisements in the "S.A. Philatelist" are well worth reading over, particularly by readers who intend exhibiting at Durban in July.

Good Work at Port Elizabeth.—It seems rather a late hour to refer to the event, but the Exhibition staged in the Port Elizabeth Public Library at the end of last year by the local Society is worthy of mention. Interesting pages from members' collections were on view, the exhibits being changed daily. This exhibition is an annual event and evokes much interest among local residents and visitors from the country.

Circumstances Alter Cases.—We stated last month that this issue would appear by March 20th but the indisposition of the Editor has caused publication to be delayed. However, we hope that our readers will feel compensated by the fact that the delay has enabled us to publish certain interesting Union and S.W. African news which would, otherwise, have come to hand too late for insertion in this issue.

Price Lists Worth Having.—Messrs. Bridger & Kay, Ltd. have just published the 1928 edition of their British Empire price list. It is most comprehensive—it contains about 20,000 quotations—and is well worth the modest shilling it costs. The price of the list is refunded against purchases.

Another interesting list is that which Messrs. H. and G. H. Jopling will send free on request. These friends specialise in current and recent mint British Colonials and the list contains quotations for these issues only.

Kohl's Magnum Opus.—Section 14 of the second edition of Kohl's Briefmarken Handbuch is to hand. It deals with the issues of France and French post offices abroad. Enquiries for this work may be addressed to the agent for the British Empire, Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey, 89 Farringdon St., London, E.C.4.

The War Tax Stamps of Mocambique.—Mr. Emil Tamsen sends us a copy of a brochure of these stamps. The work, which is from his pen, originally appeared in serial form in "Scott's Monthly Journal" and is a wonderful complete treatise on the stamps dealt with.

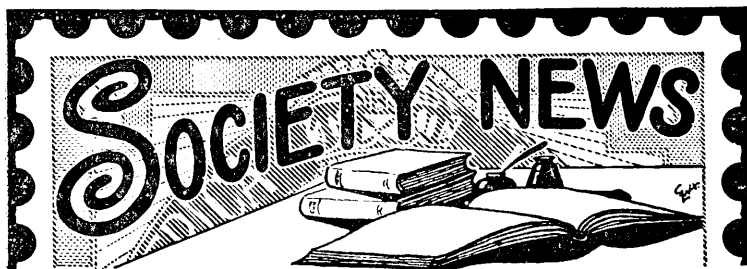
The unoverprinted stamps, as well as the various overprints (which turned the stamps into ordinary postage adhesives) are fully described, all major and minor varieties being mentioned.

Not too much is generally known regarding the several printings of the original unoverprinted stamps. Mr. Tamsen gives full details of these and some extremely scarce varieties caused through only a few copies of a particular printing being overprinted are mentioned. The stamps in question are an ideal group to specialise in and as Mr. Tamsen spent very many hours examining thousands of stamps anyone interested in these issues will find his task very easy with the aid of Mr. Tamsen's work. Most of the varieties can still be picked up extremely cheaply in South Africa.

We have a few copies of the handbook for sale and will be pleased to hear from interested collectors.

Enter the Native "Philatelist."—A native in a Rhodesian town has become interested in stamp collecting, but only if he can make some money out of the hobby. Here is what he says in a letter to the Editor: "I have the honour to I have the asking you can you buying old one same stamps? And what is ? price for 1d. if is 100 for Rhodesia and ½d. also the Union too please and consider that if you please. Yours servant,"

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The Annual Dinner was held on February 20th, there being a record attendance of members and visitors. As usual a most enjoyable evening was spent. The after-dinner speeches were most interesting, those delivered by Messrs. F. A. Callard, J. J. Haupt, A. Watson and A. P. Obermeijer meriting special mention. Mr. Haupt is a foundation member of the P.P.S. and told how the Society came into being thirty years ago. Mr. Obermeijer also gave some interesting reminiscences and said some nice things about the "South African Philatelist," while Mr. Watson (the President) welcomed the visitors in a most entertaining way.

Every ear listened attentively to Mr. Callard, the Manager of the Government Printing Works, for he discoursed on the methods by which our stamps are produced. He intimated that improvements in the printing of Union and S.W.A. stamps are being made regularly and expected that before long minor variety hunters will be wasting their time if they look for varieties in our stamps.

Everyone voted the Annual Dinner the best yet, and that it undoubtedly was.

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At recent meetings Mr. Stern displayed portions of his extensive collection of the war and post-war stamps of Europe, proving to even the critics that they held a considerable amount of interest. Mr. Stern and Mr. Skinner gave interesting discourses on the stamps exhibited, the historical details shewing how the stamps were linked up with the politics of and conditions in the countries affected.

The displays were much appreciated and evoked hearty votes of thanks to the exhibitor.

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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.

Meetings held at 456, West Street, 1st Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

There was a big attendance at the meeting held on February 1st, when Mr. J. A. Smallbones gave a short address on the first issues of the

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Australian States, accompanying his talk with specimens of the stamps.

It was decided to ask the Postmaster-General if the issue of the new rectangular 4d. stamp could coincide with the opening of the Exhibition.

Prior to the ordinary meeting a special general meeting was held at which it was proposed and seconded that the subscription for town members be increased to 21/- per year, retrospective for 1927-28. After most of the members had ventilated their views the motion was put to the meeting and lost.

Interesting Union News. (Continued from page 14).

stamps and trims the sheets to the required size. Further, should any overprinted stamps be required the machine will apply the overprint at the same time as the stamps are printed.

A roll containing 1½ miles of watermarked un gummed paper is placed in position and, after the machinery is set in motion, printed (and, if required, overprinted) sheets of stamps, ready for packing and despatch to post offices, drop out of the other end of the machine. The Government Printer certainly intends to be up-to-date.

Stamps printed by the rotary process will most likely differ slightly in appearance to those produced by the present "flat bed" machines.

Stop Press.—Copies of the 2d. pictorial with watermark inverted are to hand from Mr. G. W. Hockey.

8/- GIBRALTAR (S.G.54) used, 20/-, 5/- K.E. Cape, mint, 9/-, British Somaliland Official (S.G.116), fine used, 17/6. 2/6 Natal (S.G.157) used, 8/6. Approval against reference.—BROWN, Box 171, East London.

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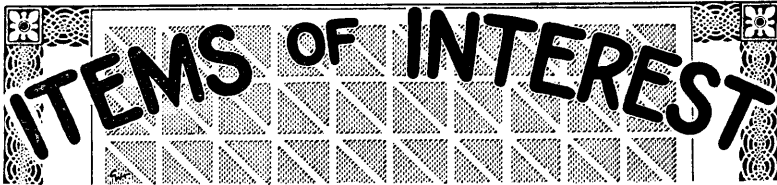
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Forgeries.—Mr. Mallet-Veale has sent for inspection copies of the 20 and 25 pf. of the 1898 issue of German South West Africa which are not what they profess to be. In both cases the stamp and overprint are both forged. It did not need a close examination to prove their status, for the colour, paper, gum, perforations and overprint failed to stand the test.

Our friend informs us that he has seen quite a few forgeries of the Belgian Congo parcel post stamps lately and submits a forgery of the 5 fr. stamp of the 1887-94 issue of the Congo Free State. It bears a green Boma postmark, probably also forged.

And Very Interesting Too.—Among the many interesting items shewn us by our energetic correspondent at Prieska mention must be made of a number of artist's engravings and die proofs of the pictorial stamps of the Congo Free State. Mr. Mallet-Veale also favours us with the sight of a set of the Union pictorials handstamped SPECIMEN in violet sans serif capitals and a set of S.W. Africa, Type I, overprinted SPECIMEN in black sans serif capitals, the overprint being placed, reading upwards, at the left hand side of the stamps.

Information Wanted.—Mr. S. M. Rippon writes : "Can any of your readers tell me whether they can duplicate the stamp described below, or have they seen one similar? Also, is it probably genuine? The stamp is Bechuanaland Protectorate S.G. No. 51 overprinted SPECIMEN. The word Protectorate is printed "Protecterate" (e instead of o). The e is perfectly plain.

"I also have a Bechuanaland Protectorate S.G. No. 40 with Bechuanaland omitted. I have never seen one similar anywhere. I should like opinions on these two stamps."

Another Popular Country.—S.W. Africa continues to hold its own and new records are being made in the London auction rooms. We do not suggest that the stamps of the Belgian Congo will ever be in the same category as S.W. Africa, but we do notice that they are regularly obtaining more and more followers. In approval books and exchange packets we

notice that Belgian Congo stamps sell up to 100 per cent. Perhaps Mr. Mallet-Veale's excellent serial article has something to do with the matter, for with its aid the stamps of this country hold no terrors for anyone who collects them.

Backnumbers Wanted.—Stocktaking has revealed to us the fact that of a number of issues of the "S.A. Philatelist" we have only a very few copies on hand. New readers often ask us for arrear issues so if any readers are willing to part with copies of the issues of which we are short we will be pleased to hear from them and will quote the cash prices we are prepared to pay. Here is our want list: February, May, July and October 1923; February, August and September 1924; July and August 1925; January, February, March, April, May, June, July and September 1926; January, February, March, May, July, August, September and November 1927.

Freaks.—Quite a few abnormal stamps have been shewn us lately. Some of them shew how very susceptible to weather and other conditions some stamps are, while others may have been too near chemicals, though not necessarily immersed in them.

Mr. P. Stephens, of Nyasaland, sends a pair of Union ½d. pictorials with the frame in pure blue, while Mr. V. H. Conlon, of Standerton, has unearthed several copies of the 1896 1d. Transvaal with the value in black instead of green. From Mr. P. A. Sheppard, of Umtali, we have the current ½d. S. Rhodesia in blue and a copy of the 1/- value with the frame in green.

An M.D. of our acquaintance has shewn us a number of examples of what a knowledge of chemicals can enable one to do with stamps.

A Rare Piece.—Mr. J. G. Mackenzie kindly draws our attention to the fact that a pair of the Cape of Good Hope 1880 3d. dull rose, the left hand stamp surcharged with thin 3, the right hand stamp unsurcharged, was disposed of in one of Messrs. Plumridge & Co's. auctions recently. The pair realised only £18, which gives us the opinion that it was defective in some way.

A Visitor from London.—In this issue Mr. Leonard Gill advertises the fact that he will arrive in South Africa within the course of the next few weeks and will attend the Exhibition, where he will have a stall. We have received advice that other well-known philatelists from overseas will be present at the Exhibition. There will be visitors from Australia, New Zealand and the U.S.A., as well as from Great Britain.

Triangulars—and Others.—Mr. R. Alcock, who has signed another advertising contract, asks us to mention the fact that he has been ill, on and off, for the past few months. Having now fully recovered his health he is again able to attend promptly to all correspondence. Our friend specialises in other stamps besides triangulars—he caters for all classes of collectors.

JULY 2nd.-12th Only two months hence ! Are you preparing for the Exhibition ? The Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. Welsford, P.O. Box 588, Durban, will be pleased to supply any information desired and also to receive exhibits and donations.

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.

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PART V.—THE BELGIAN CONGO (Air Post Stamps).

In 1920 an issue of air post stamps was decided on, the use of which was supposed to be for air mail services from the interior to the coast, the rate being 3 frs. for 20 grammes. The stamps were, however, on sale at most post offices in the Congo as well as in Belgian East Africa and were often used on ordinary inter-town correspondence.

The set was also on sale at the G.P.O., Brussels, Belgium.



1920. Pictorials, horizontal or vertical oblong format. Centres in black, frames in colour. Recess-printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., of London. No watermark. Perforated 12.

50 c. orange and black. Quayside with natives loading boats, aeroplane flying overhead.

1 fr. violet and black. View of Congo kraal with aeroplane flying above.

2 fr. blue and black. A view of Congo River with aeroplane flying above.

5 fr. green and black. Blockhouse on the Congo River with aeroplane overhead.

No varieties have been reported and the stamps were withdrawn from issue in 1923.

(To be continued).

THE EXHIBITION.

Reserve hotel accommodation and train seats early. For July Durban hotels and trains are always booked up weeks ahead.

NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



ASCENSION.—We learn from "Stamp Collecting" that the 4d. and 6d. denominations are not only "out of issue," but have been permanently withdrawn from circulation.

AUSTRALIA.—The organisers of the Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Melbourne this year are offering prizes for designs suitable for Commonwealth postage stamps. The competition is a private enterprise, but the Government has expressed its willingness to consider using the most suitable design for a new issue of Australian stamps.

CEYLON.—The 1 rupee value has appeared in the design used for the Nyasaland and Tanganyika low values (illustrated herewith). Its colours are brilliant rose and purple and we are indebted to our Ipswich correspondents for a specimen. Script watermark.



CYPRUS.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and R. Roberts notify receipt of the new £5 revenue stamp. Perhaps to save the expense of making a special plate and also to obtain a few donations towards the upkeep of the island from philatelists the usual K.H. Postage and Revenue duty plate was used for this

new stamp. The very unwelcome newcomer is printed in black on yellow Script watermark paper.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Mr. R. Roberts has received the 25 dollars green and orange stamp on script watermark paper.

IRISH FREE STATE.—Mr. Roberts has now received the 5/- G.B. stamp overprinted with the new setting, mentioned last month, shewing the date "1922" spaced widely on all stamps in the sheet.

MALTA.—Another new issue coming! The following news is taken from the Maltese daily paper of February 16th: "At the same sitting of the Senate Mr. Arrigo asked the Head of the Ministry whether the Government is prepared to revert to the former system of having "Revenue and Postage" stamps combined for all purposes. The Right Hon. Lord Strickland replied in the affirmative.

"Asked whether the reversion would take place in the near future Lord Strickland replied that he would not give any information that might encourage speculation and help speculators."

MAURITIUS.—The script watermark 12c. grey, King's Head design, has been re-issued and we are indebted to Mr. J. P. Tomkins for copies. The new stamp cannot be confused with the original printing, for it is in a very pale grey as against the deep shade of the first issue.

SEYCHELLES.—A copy of the 4c. in its new colours, olive-green and rose, is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. Script watermark.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—Messrs. W. K. & Co. send us a set in the new design—new only in the respect that the words "Postage and Revenue" take the place of the word "Postage." Denominations and

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From my representative stock of S.W. AFRICA I offer the following at INVESTMENT PRICES :

£1, pale centre, Type VIa. 6d. Due, Type VI (D32), mint or used.
The rare 5d. due overprinted in English and Afrikaans. Only a few pairs and blocks, mint and fine used, left.

Pictorials with FULL overprint. Most of the values can be supplied, mint or fine used. I offer the wider spacing variety in most values.

I am now offering a few dues, various types and values, used on original envelopes. A big demand will soon be created for these.

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Orange Free State, 4d. K.E., multiple wmk., mint, cat. 7/6. I offer a few copies at 1/3 each, blocks pro rata.

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LATEST "S.G." PRICES FOR S.W. AFRICAS.

Our latest prices for South West Africas will be quoted in Gibbons' Stamp Monthly for April, 1928.

We have a fine stock of this country and of Rhodesia, and shall be glad to submit selections on approval.

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CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION LATER.

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Mr. A. Morgan shews us a very interesting variety, namely, the perforated Afrikaans triangular with the overprint repeated in the margin underneath the stamp. In a complete sheet only one stamp shewed this double overprint, the extra impression being very clear, although not so intense as the original overprint.

The Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, informs us that he has no information regarding the issue of a special distinctive set of postage and postage due stamps for S.W. Africa. He also states that no additions have been made to the set of "officials," which, therefore, still comprises the London-printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials and the 2d. King's Head overprinted alternately "South West Africa. Official" and "Suidwes Afrika. Offisieel."

The Director also vouchsafed the information that no further supplies of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage due stamps will be overprinted. Thus, this stamp will not receive the "S.W.A." overprint.

The "S.W.A." overprint has spread to the postal stationery. We have the 1d. envelope with it in black.

The "Wider Spacing" Variety. We have been endeavouring to obtain definite information regarding this variety in the blue two-line overprint pictorials. The normal distance between the lines of the overprint is 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm., but in the "wider spacing" variety the distance is 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ mm.

The overprint being type-set and the spacing being obtained by the use of quads and lead rules it is easy to understand how in one vertical row one rule too many was inserted between the lines of type.



We have from time to time examined a fair number of sheets of most of the values with the overprint in question. On all sheets of the 2d., 3d. and 1/- stamps seen by us the wider spacing variety was present on all stamps in the third vertical row of the right pane. In the 10/- value this variety was found on all stamps in the third vertical row on all sheets. This denomination, like the 2/6 and 5/- values, is printed in small sheets of 60 stamps only. Only a few sheets of the 2/6 and 5/- stamps were available for examination, but no trace of the wider spacing variety was found on them.

Having conclusive proof that there was only one small printing—or overprinting—of all values with the blue two-line overprint it seems reasonable to conclude that only two 60-set formes were made and that after they had been "locked" to overprint the 2d., 3d. and 1/- stamps they were not interfered with until all the sheets required of these denominations had been overprinted, the forme bearing the wider spacing between the lines of overprint in one vertical row invariably coming into contact with right hand panes. Similarly, it would appear that to overprint sheets of the 10/- value the abnormal forme only was used, while only the normal one was utilised for the 2/6 and 5/- stamps.

From the above information it will be seen that on sheets of the low values only 10 stamps out of 120 bear the abnormal spacing, while in the 10/- value the number is 10 out of 60.

If any readers can explode our theories we will be very pleased to hear from them.

Another problem which we have been endeavouring to settle is that of the 10/- King's Head **pale** green frame and £1 **pale** green centre with the sixth type of overprint. Despite much investigating we have failed

to find any copies of these two stamps overprinted with Type VI, all copies seen bearing the 240-set lithographed Type VIa overprint. An interesting type of variety is to be found in these particular stamps. In the first three horizontal rows of each of the four panes the overprint is slightly higher on the stamps than it is on the seven remaining rows of each pane, proving that the bottom half of the litho plate is a duplicate of the top half.



Type VIa.

S.W.A. AT AUCTION.

Several recent S.W. African rarities are already realising very satisfactory prices in the London auction rooms, while the older issues continue to hold their own.

The following is a selection of prices realised during the past few weeks :

- 10/- Type II, mint pair £5
- 5d. due, Type II, mint pr. £3/15/-
- 10/- Type I, mint pair ... £3/12/6
- £1 Type I, mint pair £6/5/-
- 10/- pictorial, blue two-line overprint, mint pair £2/17/6
- 10/- Type VIa, mint pair £2/2/-
- £1 deep green and red, Type VI, mint pair £3/17/6
- £1 pale olive-green and red, Type VIa, mint block of 4 £10
- 2/6 pictorial, two-line overprint, mint pair £1/4/-
- 5d. due, English and Afrikaans overprint, mint block of 4, £2/17/6

AUCTION PRICES.

The following stamps were disposed of in recent sales conducted by Mr. H. R. Harmer, of Old Bond St., London, and realised the prices mentioned :

- Irish Free State, 2/6 Thom, mint block of 4 £16
- S.W. Africa, 10/- Type II, used pair shewing missing stop on one stamp £7/15/-
- Jamaica, the unissued 6d. pictorial, 2 copies, one old wmk., the other script wmk., both overprinted " Specimen " £12/10/-
- Seychelles, Jan. 1893, 15c. on 16c. plate 11, variety surcharge double, S.G. 24d. £12
- Irish Free State, Dollard 10/-, mint block of 4 £6/6/-
- Irish Free State, 1½d. Thom, mint block of 4, shewing variety " Pencil " £3
- S.W. Africa, £1 Type II, mint pair £11/10/-

THE DATE OF THE EXHIBITION IS DRAWING NEAR !

Funds are needed to carry out the good work.
Only a few donations have been received from individual S.A. philatelists. Please help to lengthen the list.

REVIEWS.

Bright & Son's "A.B.C." Descriptive Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the British Empire. Published by Bright & Son, 164 Strand, London, W.C. 2. Price 3/10, post free.

We have before us the fourteenth (1928) edition of this well known catalogue. Its publication was delayed through changes in the ownership of the firm, but the publishers promise regularity in the future.

As is to be expected, numerous alterations in the prices of twentieth century stamps have taken place. Revision has also taken place in certain early issues, but the publishers do not consider that the middle issues require much alteration at present.

We notice that some of the Union inverted watermarks are listed.

The S.W. African list is a very interesting one, but, not unnaturally, such recently issued rarities as the 5d. with English and Afrikaans overprint and the 2/6 pictorial full overprint have risen very considerably in value in the short period that has elapsed since the catalogue was published.

The various dies, perforations and shades of the Admiral type of Rhodesia are listed.

In this catalogue considerable attention is paid to inverted and reversed watermarks and other varieties, which makes it a very useful work to specialists.

We extend a cordial welcome to the new edition of this very useful catalogue. It is certainly a great bargain at the price.

Catalogue Historique et Discriptif des Timbres de la Poste Aérienne. Fifth Edition, 1928. Published by Théodore Champion, 13 Rue Drouot, Paris. Price 37 fr. 50 c.

Aero-philatelists welcome the new edition of this work, for so many new aero items have appeared during the past few years that a new edition of one or other of the air mail catalogues had become an urgent necessity.

There has been considerable price revision in the light of new information. The catalogue is divided into several sections. The first deals (to the extent of 43 pages) with the Sieges of Paris and Metz covers. Then come official air mail stamps, followed by the semi-officials. The list of special cancellations takes up nearly half the catalogue.

The text is in English and French throughout. Another decided advantage is the separate pricing of official air stamps in mint, used and "on cover" condition. In the last-named condition the prices are, as far as possible, for "first flights." Semi-officials are priced mint and "on cover."

This catalogue is very exhaustive and its value to aero-philatelists cannot be over-estimated. As the publisher remarks, the new edition represents a vast amount of study and research. It is far more than a catalogue, it is a very descriptive and historical handbook as well.

NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES. (Continued from page 34).

colours were given in our November 1927 issue and it will be noticed that the new set includes two new values, namely, 5/- and 10/-, while it does not, for the present, contain the $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 4d., 5d. and 3/- denominations contained in the previous set. All values of the new set bear the script watermark.

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OUR EXHIBITION NUMBER.

Our July issue will take the form of a special greatly enlarged Exhibition Number. It will be posted to all subscribers immediately before the opening day of the Exhibition and will be a reference work on many South African philatelic subjects. The contents will include :

Portraits of prominent South African philatelists.

A complete fully illustrated check list of S.W. African and South African stamps, including all important varieties.

An up-to-date illustrated check list of imperforate varieties of Southern Rhodesia.

Philatelic reminiscences of veteran South African collectors.

Up-to-date philatelic news from all parts of the world.

And many other interesting articles and notes.

An attractive specially designed cover will be used and all important notes and articles illustrated with the highest grade half tone blocks.

Make sure of your copy of the Exhibition Number by seeing that your subscription is not in arrear. Although 1,000 extra copies will be printed any copies not required for subscribers will be disposed of at the Exhibition.

If you would like additional copies for friends please let us know as early as possible, remitting 5d. for each extra copy required.

Our promise to our readers is that our Exhibition Number will be the finest issue ever produced by any South African philatelic journal.

Our June edition will appear by June 20th.

MEET US AT THE EXHIBITION.

Our stall will be next to the special post office and the Editor will be very pleased to meet all visitors to the Exhibition.

THE DURBAN JOHANNESBURG AIR MAIL.

The following news is taken from the Johannesburg "Sunday Times" of April 29th :

A daily aerial service between Johannesburg and Durban is one of the proposals of African Airways, Ltd., a company recently floated to exploit civil aviation in South Africa.

Besides the Johannesburg-Durban line, the company proposes to operate a daily service between Durban and Maritzburg and Durban, and a week-end service between Durban and Port St. John, and its policy is to extend the service as circumstances permit to link up all important Union and Rhodesian points.

The agreement which Major Miller has concluded with the Government will, according to the prospectus, be adopted. This agreement provides that the Government shall pay a subsidy of £8,000 per annum for the first two years. After this period the company's accounts shall be reviewed annually, and if a net profit is shown in excess of 10 per cent. of its paid-up capital, the subsidy for the following years shall be reduced in proportion.

Other provisions in the agreement are :—

The Government is :

(1) To collect a special fee at a prescribed rate over and above the ordinary postage on all postal articles despatched by air mail, and will pay over to the company the total amount of such fees, less 10 per cent.. (2) to convey mails to and from the aerodromes free of charge to the company; (3) to advertise the air service free of charge in Post Office publications and date stamps; (4) to provide an efficient meteorological service; (5) not to negotiate during the period of the contract, or any extension or renewal thereof, with any other company for the development of any other air routes in the Union without notifying the company of such negotiations, nor give its sanction to any air service operating along the route covered by the present agreement; (6) to allow the importation free of charge or Customs duty of all aeroplanes, aero-engines, spares and accessories, and undertakes to convey them over the Union railways at the lowest tariff rates, and, in addition, petrol, oil and stores, belonging to the company and intended for the purpose of the agreement.

A three to four hours' run is allowed for the Johannesburg-Durban service, a two-way one, representing a saving of 17 hours in the train time. If passengers are landed at Newcastle, Dundee, Ladysmith, Maritzburg, Standerton or Volksrust, an extra 10 minutes is to be added to the total time. It will take half-an-hour to do the Durban-Maritzburg trip, and an hour and a half for the week-end Port St. John run.

The fleet will comprise three D.H. 61 machines fitted with 450 h.p. Bristol "Jupiter" engines, and three "Moths" fitted with Mark 2 "Cirrus" engines. The "61's," to be used on the main services, can accommodate six passengers and 700lbs. of freight. Their cruising speed is 110 miles per hour, with a top speed of 132 m.p.h. The "Moths" will be used for "taxi" service and photographic work, or in any work where heavy loads are not required.

An extension of the service to Capetown along the coast is contemplated under Government subsidy. The route northwards is also to be extended in the near future.

The company is hopeful of starting the service in October.

THE EXHIBITION.

It is now only a matter of weeks until the big event takes place. Interested collectors who have not received a copy of the final edition of the prospectus should write Mr. N. Welsford, P.O. Box 588, Durban, without delay.

Exhibits must be delivered to Mr. Welsford by June 30th. They may be insured while in transit to and from the Exhibition and while on exhibition. Mr. Welsford will supply full details on this point.

The Exhibition Committee have made special arrangements for the awards, which will take the form of plaques of gold, silver, and oxidised silver, in two types—suitable for attachment to the cover of an album or with ebonised black background and strut for standing. The design is a replica of the 4d. Union triangular stamp suitably inscribed.

That the entries will be properly judged is proved by the fact that there will be about 20 judges, appointed by the Exhibition Committee and S.A. philatelic societies. The names communicated to us are Messrs. Fred. J. Melville, C. F. Skinner, A. E. le Roy, E. Tamsen, A. Guttesson, L. Simenhoff, H. Courlander, C. H. Thornton, J. Hobbs, A. F. Johnstone, J. E. M. Coch, E. C. Beuthin, G. Blockey, W. Newcombe-Bond, J. McGregor, A. C. Thornton and W. Scot-Russell; Rev. Canon E. B. Ford, Dr. Alec Kaplan.

The Exhibition will be opened during the afternoon of Monday, July 2nd and thereafter will remain open, free of charge, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily until July 12th.

The occasion of the Exhibition will be seized upon to organise the first S.A. Philatelic Congress, but we have not received any information as to what the Congress will debate, etc.

Copies of the Official Catalogue should be ordered without delay. The price is 1/- each, postage 6d. extra.

Stalls have been booked by the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa) Ltd., the "South African Philatelist" and Mr. Leonard Gill. Probably by the time this appears in print other stalls will have been taken up.

Features of the Exhibition will be the displays by the Governments of the Union, S. Rhodesia, N. Rhodesia and the U.S.A.; the special post office and an adequate supply of refreshments, guides and stewards.

As excursion fares to Natal will be operating over the S.A. Railways most of our readers will have the opportunity of visiting the Exhibition at a comparatively low cost.

In conclusion, may we once more ask you to send an exhibit and a donation, if you have not already done so. Both will be very much appreciated.

S.W. AFRICA.		S.G. 23—1/3 mint at 6/- per pair.	
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D26—3d. mint at	15/- per pair.	
10' pictorial, mint at	£4/10/- per pair.	
J. P. SHINGLER, P.O. Box 372, EAST LONDON.			

UP-TO-DATE UNION NEWS.

We chronicled the 2d. pictorial with inverted watermark in our March issue. Mr. G. W. Hockey, who sends us specimens, states that only one sheet was discovered with this variety at the Rustenburg P.O.

We now have before us copies of the London-printed 1d. pictorial with sideways watermark already chronicled by us. The stamps take the form of a "pane" of six stamps taken from a booklet purchased at the Queenstown P.O. by Mr. C. S. Myers.

A missing perforation variety was recently to be found on sheets of the Pretoria-printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pictorial. In the last horizontal row a perforation is absent from the top left hand corner of each stamp in the row mentioned.

Mr. G. W. Hockey has made an interesting discovery regarding the 2d. pictorial. In sending us an "inscription" block from the right hand pane he writes: "I have been puzzling my head as to why the top of the right hand tower on the fourth stamp (i.e., the stamp immediately above the right hand half of the printers' imprint) should touch the frame. I have now discovered the reason. The frame of the stamp mentioned is misplaced (slightly lower, with a very minute shift to the right). The most noticeable points are:



Top of right hand tower touches frame, if the stamp is well-centred.

If the horizontal shade lines of the frame, just below the central design, be examined, a big difference will be found between normal stamps and the one immediately above the right hand half of the printers' imprint on the right hand pane."

Mr. Bronks reports a sheet of the Pretoria-printed 1d. pictorial shewing an offset of a complete sheet on the back. Dr. Galbraith notifies a block shewing an offset on the back of a horizontal strip of twelve stamps.

An illustration appears in the "Rand Daily Mail" of a vertical pair of the De la Rue 1d. postage due shewing the centre ("1d.") doubly printed on the lower stamp and almost completely doubly printed on the top stamp. The pair is stated to have come from the bottom right hand corner of the sheet. The second impression of the denomination is slightly lower than the original impression.

When chronicling the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. K.H. "roll" stamp (perf. 14 x imperf.) with inverted watermark we stated that our copy is the only one we have seen or heard of. We overlooked the fact that it is mentioned in Mr. Ritchie's handbook. Mr. Lichtenstein states that he has a copy of this variety and, like ourselves, considers it of extreme rarity.

Dr. Galbraith has secured the top portion of a sheet of Pretoria-printed 6d. pictorials shewing white oranges. As the bottom portion of the sheet shewed the normal yellow fruit it is obvious that the yellow part of the design was printed off-centre.

Quite a number of plate flaws in Pretoria-printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. pictorials have come to our notice lately. Mr. J. Moyle shews us the 1d. value with the letter P of POSSEEL replaced by a white square. The variety was found on stamp No. 2 of row 17.

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The rectangular 4d. Union pictorial has been overprinted "S.W.A." in black in the same manner as the 2d., 1/-, 5/- and 10/- pictorials, that is, just above the centre of the stamp. A variety, no stop after "A," occurs on the third stamp of the second horizontal row of the right pane. Each sheet also shows a number of defective stops—evidently the type is becoming worn and damaged.

Statements having appeared in the daily press stating that an air mail service is shortly to be inaugurated between Windhoek and Swakopmund the following information given by the Director of Posts and Telegraphs on May 16th is of interest: "In reply to your enquiry dated 9th inst., regarding an air mail service between Windhoek and Swakopmund, I have the honour to inform you for the present nothing is known of the supposed intention to inaugurate such a service."

We have a block of the 6d. due, Type IVa, shewing the overprint on a thinned stamp, i.e., part of the face of the stamp was torn away through being stuck to the back of another sheet before being overprinted. We have already mentioned this variety in the 3d. due, English and Afrikaans overprint.

Mr. A. Bronks shews us blocks of the 5d. due, Type VI, shewing the overprint dropped on all stamps in the last vertical row of the sheet.

A rather interesting position exists regarding the 2d. postage due with the Type VI and English and Afrikaans overprints. In both the issues mentioned of this stamp copies may be found shewing the frame of the stamp very clearly printed and also very roughly printed, i.e., early and late impressions of the frame plate. In both cases the early impressions are the scarcest.

UP-TO-DATE UNION NEWS.—(Continued from previous page.)

From Mr. G. W. Hockey we have the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value with the bottom and left hand side of the "d" of " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." missing. This flaw occurred on stamp No. 12 of row 5.

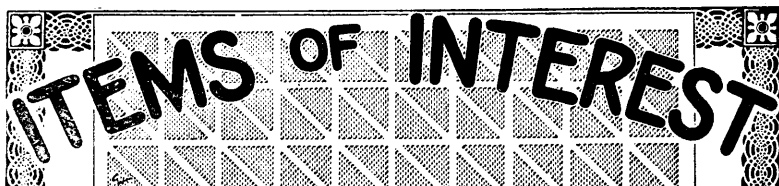
A used copy of the Afrikaans 1d. shewing a curl extending from the left side of the bottom of the "1" is submitted by Mr. A. C. Giovannie.

We have the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp shewing the bottom half of the E of POSTAGE completely blotted out.

Stamps shewing white blotches are frequently met with. The blotches occur on various parts of the design and are not constant. Collectors who have opportunities of examining sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. stamps at frequent intervals will notice quite a number of these minor varieties.

We have before us a block of the 2d. due, old design, Pretoria printing, shewing the "2" and "d." joined on the last stamp in the sheet.

STOP PRESS.—A new 6d. postage due stamp will be placed on sale almost immediately. It is now ready for issue and is in the new design. Its colours are grey and black.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

The 10R. Mauritius.—Mr. J. P. Tomkins informs us that he is often asked why the multiple C A watermark 10 Rupees stamp is priced by Gibbons' at 35/- for the Die II stamp and at 30/- for the Die I adhesive, and also whether the MCA or script watermark stamp is on sale. The following answers by Mr. Tomkins are of interest: When the Die II 10R. first appeared the rupee was worth about 2/9 and presumably the London dealers bought their stocks at that rate of exchange. The Die I stamp was placed on the market when the rupee was cheaper and, in consequence, remains cheaper.

Mr. Tomkins states that although the 10R. value has been printed on script paper it has not been issued yet as the MCA Die II stamp is still on sale, there being a fair stock on hand.

The 10R. denomination was used mostly for revenue purposes but the introduction of the 50R. value has reduced its usefulness and, in consequence sales of the former value are very small.

Our correspondent states that on the 6th instant the rupee was quoted at 13.33 to the £ on Bombay.

Post Office Methods.—When dutiable goods are imported into South Africa by post by methods other than the parcel post the addressee receives a notice asking him to call at the P.O. where the package is held. The package is handed to him and he is requested to open it and disclose the contents. Should customs charges be due he is at liberty to accept or refuse the goods. If he accepts a special fee of 6d. is levied in addition to the customs duty.

Recently many thousands of circulars reached Johannesburg from the U.S.A. They advertised a product which the manufacturers claim to be capable of curing many ills. Practically every firm in Johannesburg received one of these circulars in an open envelope franked correctly with a 1c. stamp. The first batch was seized by the P.O. and notices sent to the addressees stating that insufficiently prepaid matter was awaiting delivery. The amount due was given on each card as 1d. Most of those who received the cards naturally believed what was inscribed on them and parted with their pence. When delivery of the circulars was obtained, however, it was noticed that each envelope bore a rubber stamp impression stating that the surcharge of 1d. was for customs duty.

Why the P.O. adopted the above method of dealing with the circulars is quite obvious. Had the usual procedure, as detailed in the first paragraph of this note, been followed none of the many thousands of addressees would have accepted the circulars.

We cannot compliment the P.O. on the method it adopted of making sure of obtaining a large number of pence.

The collection of the customs duty was accounted for by postage due stamps. Thus, we have postage due stamps used as provisional customs duty stamps.

A proportion of the second batch of the abovementioned circulars was not held up by the P.O. but the third batch was delivered to addressees

bearing a rubber stamp impression worded "Customs Paid." This appears to indicate that the South African agents of the manufacturers paid the customs duty due in a lump sum.

A postal official informed us that in certain circumstances customs duty is payable on circulars received singly. This is the first time that we have known this regulation acted upon. The whole affair seems an unpleasant pin prick handled in an unpleasant manner.

Newspapers by Air Mail.—The following paragraph is taken from a recent issue of the Johannesburg "Star."

"When the Moth aeroplane of the Rhodesia Aviation Syndicate flew recently to Filabusi and, on another occasion, to Salisbury, it had on board a number of weekly editions of the Bulawayo Chronicle which it dropped en route. Attached to a small parachute one was dropped at Balla Balla and another at the Fred Mine, both being picked up within a few yards of the place in which they were intended to land. At Balla Balla, in fact, the paper came to earth three yards from the front door of the hotel. On the trip to Salisbury parachutes with Chronicles and letters were dropped at Gwelo, Que Que, Gatooma and Hartley, and from each of these stations letters of appreciation and thanks have been received."

Our information is to the effect that the above newspapers and letters did not pass through a post office and were not marked in any way that would make them of interest to aero-philatelists.

A Correction.—Mr. J. G. Mackenzie informs us that he erred in stating that the price realised by the rare Cape piece mentioned last month was £18. This was the nett amount received by the vendor. The bid which secured the piece was, therefore, in the neighbourhood of £21.

After Durban — Melbourne.—The Australian philatelic societies will stage an International philatelic exhibition in Melbourne in October and November of this year. Plans are already well advanced and splendid support has been secured. We understand that the success of the exhibition is already assured. The Exhibition Committee has signed a contract for advertising in the "S.A. Philatelist" and appeals to collectors who exhibit at Durban to send their collections on to Melbourne for competition there.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo.—We have dealt, in our columns, with the portions of Mr. H. Mallet-Veale's work dealing with the postage stamps of the Congo Free State and the postage, charity and air post stamps of the Belgian Congo. No further instalments will appear in the "South African Philatelist" on account of the fact that Mr. Mallet-Veale's complete work will be published in book form on the opening day of the Durban Exhibition (July 2nd).

In addition to the issues abovementioned the handbook will deal with the postage due and parcel post stamps of the Congo Free State, the postage dues of the Belgian Congo and the postage, postage due and charity stamps of Belgian East Africa. This means that the work will deal with every stamp of the countries mentioned.

The handbook will be splendidly produced and fully illustrated. At present no up-to-date handbook on the stamps under mention exists, so Mr. Mallet-Veale's work will be of very real value to all collectors of the stamps it deals with.

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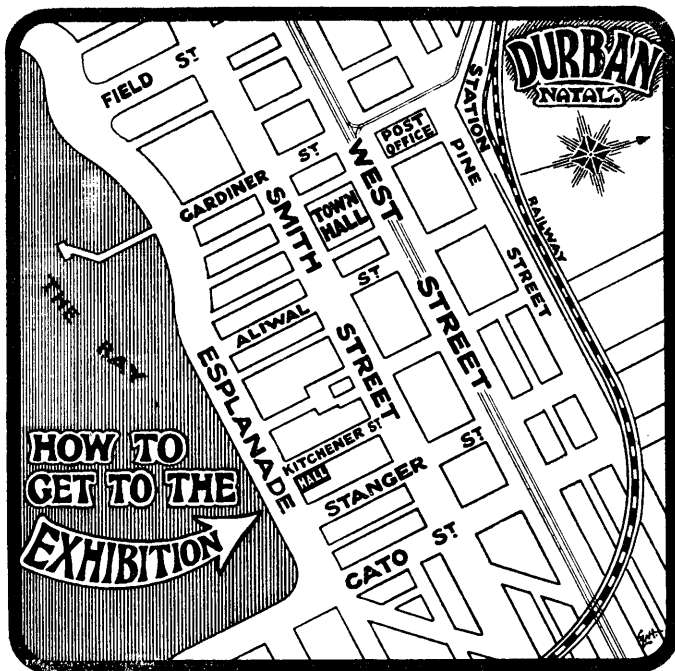
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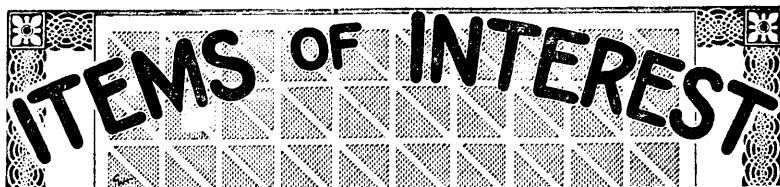
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On July 2nd admission will be by private view day ticket, on all other days admission will be free.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Kohl's Handbook.—Section 15 is to hand. It deals with the French post offices abroad and makes a commencement with the general issues of the French Colonies.

London Stamp Exhibition and Stamp Trade Fair.—This will be held in the Memorial Hall, Ludgate Circus, from November 16th to 24th next. The Exhibition will present the stamps of Great Britain and of Ireland on a scale never before attempted for a special exhibition. It will be competitive, the competitions being on lines carefully devised by that experienced organiser and exhibition judge, Mr. Fred. J. Melville.

It is also planned to have trade stands, to be available to stamp dealers. Interested collectors should write for prospectus to Mr. A. Whittard, 89 Farringdon St., London, E.C. 4.

Johannesburg Stamp Auctions.—The sales being conducted by Messrs. Richard R. Currie, Ltd. are proving very popular and at each auction a large assembly of collectors and dealers is to be found. At the sale held on May 30th a large variety of medium and better class Southern African stamps was disposed of.

New Advertisers.—Mr. W. M. Collins specialises in the stamps of Great Britain and Colonies and invites applications for approval selections. Mr. B. Z. Waitt offers to send selections of the rare stamps of any country at tempting prices.

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From London.—We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Leonard Gill on June 7th. Visitors to the Exhibition will find him at stall No. 1.

Our Exhibition Number is in active preparation. As stated last month it will be posted to readers immediately before the Exhibition and will be the finest philatelic magazine ever published in South Africa.

New Machine Cancellations.—Port Elizabeth, East London and Bloemfontein are now using electric cancelling machines which bear wavy lines between the circles containing name and date. The name of the town is cramped in the top half of the circle, the bottom portion being occupied by a star. This type of machine is quite new to South Africa and appears to be of continental manufacture.

Queenstown now boasts an electric machine. The name of the town is within two circles, the date being in very large letters and figures. Originally a slogan appeared between the circles, but this has now been replaced by horizontal lines.

Incidentally, one of the Capetown machines still says "Vrugte vip Gesondheid"—the error in the spelling of the word "vir" has appeared on letters for many months past. Salisbury also provides an error by asking us to "Support Rhodesian Industries," and it is taking the authorities a long time to discover the mistake.

A Transvaal Bisect.—Mr. C. A. Straszacker shews us a cover franked with a ½d. S.A. Republic stamp of the 1896-7 issue and half of a 1d.

stamp of the same issue. The envelope is addressed from one Johannesburg business firm to another and is postmarked "Johannesburg, Z.A.R. 25 Apr. 00,7 Vm."

If it was not done for philatelic purposes there was little sense in putting half of a 1d. stamp and a complete $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp on the envelope. Surely the complete 1d. stamp could have been used !

The Exhibition "Stamp."—A grown up beginner asks us the price of the "triangular postage stamp inscribed 'S. African International Stamp Exhibition, Durban, July 1928.'" We will be generous and give him a whole sheet for nothing, but he would be well advised not to try to use them for postage purposes !

Speed—Perhaps.—A letter addressed by us to Capetown was returned the next day marked "Undeliverable." It transpired that the post office tried to deliver the letter in Johannesburg, although it was clearly addressed to Capetown.

Italian Philatelic Annual.—The fourth (1927-28) edition of this work is to hand. It is quite a large volume and contains about 5,000 addresses of Italian collectors, societies and philatelic magazines. The publishers are Editrice Filatelica, Casella Postale 487, Torino 124, Italy, and the price 5/6, post free.

"Woodblock" Reprints.—We are informed that recently the stereos from which the Cape "woodblocks" were printed were loaned to someone by the Capetown Museum and a number of reprints made. As the stereos are defaced there was obviously no attempt to defraud collectors, but we will be grateful for any information which Capetown readers can give us on the subject.

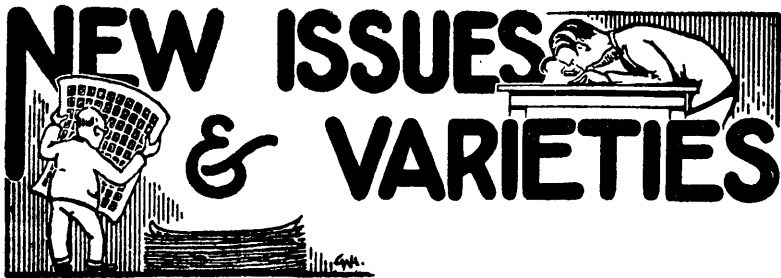
Care in Mounting.—We often see examples of mint stamps which have been ruined by bad mounting. Some collectors put far too much moisture on the hinges and finish the operation by pressing the stamps well. Even though the hinge may be of the best quality this method of mounting moistens the gum of the stamp and makes the stamp stick tenaciously to the mount, with the result that it is quite impossible to remove all the hinge when the stamp requires remounting.

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JAMAICA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have received the current 1d. pictorial with watermark reversed.

KEDAH.—Our Ipswich friends have found the 50c., 2 dollars and 3 dollars values with watermark reversed, so that the crown points to right instead of to the left.

SARAWAK.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. submit the current issue on paper watermarked multiple quatrefoil : 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c., 12c., 16c., 20c., 25c., 30c., 50c. and 1 dollar.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. L. H. Rivers writes. "I have just received the 1d. value in a vertical strip of six all imperforate between."

Several remarkable shades have recently been seen in the stamps of this country. The greatest variety is to be found in the 2d., 3d., 6d. and 5/- denominations.

PARIS STAMP BOURSE RAIDED BY POLICE.

Through the courtesy of the "Philatelic Magazine" we are able to supplement the details cabled to South African newspapers recently regarding the police raid on a stamp bourse in Paris.

It appears that on May 17th a Commissioner of Police and ten inspectors raided an International Bourse at the Hotel Continental and demanded the production of the "Patent" (or registered authorisation to trade, which is required of all French Dealers) in order to ascertain if the fiscal laws were being complied with regarding registration and payment of customs duty on stamps imported.

A large number of the stallholders were foreigners who had come to sell stamps. They held no "Patents." For the French dealers the matter was simple but the police took possession of all stamps, etc., belonging to foreign dealers.

A crowd of angry dealers waited on the Commissioner of Police the next morning and after a considerable amount of argument were granted "Patents" at a price of 1,000 francs (£8 6s. 8d.) each. The stamps have, however, not been returned as the foreign owners have now to prove that they have paid Customs duty or bought the stamps in Paris.

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 submitted to him.

THE POSTAL GUIDE.

There is much in the South African Post Office Guide to interest philatelists, particularly those who study the workings of the post office. Although a Government publication it is not so dry as the average official handbook and is even capable of raising an occasional smile.

In the opening pages we are told the various things which the post office sells. Naturally, postage stamps and postal stationery find a place in the list. Revenue and cigarette duty adhesives may be bought at most Money Order offices, the latter in such unusual denominations as 3d., 1½d., 2½d., 3d., 3½d. and 7½d. In the Cape Province many offices vend entertainments duty labels while Union Loan Certificates may be bought throughout the Union.

We are told that postage due stamps may be bought for philatelic purposes, which seems to indicate that anyone wishing to use them for mending broken china or stopping the flow of blood from a cut finger cannot buy them.

The post office is not responsible for inconvenience caused through delay in the delivery of mail matter "nor for any injury which mail matter may sustain during transmission." Those who send valuable stamps by post should take particular note of this last sentence.

While officials of the post office are forbidden to affix stamps to articles brought to the post office this regulation is very often obeyed more in the breach than in the observance. In any case philatelists should never allow postal clerks to affix stamps to registered letters, etc., addressed to collectors as the said clerks are not in the habit of sticking stamps down properly, with the result that they are usually torn when the letter or package is delivered.

The post office tells us that stamps should be stuck in the top right hand corner of envelopes. Many people take this too literally as on several occasions higher values or unusual denominations on letters received by us have been badly creased through being stuck in the extreme corner.

In telling us what we may and may not send by post we are informed that meat, fruit and vegetables can only be sent by parcel post. It would be too expensive to send Sunday's joint by letter post! Flowers should be sent in cardboard or wooden boxes—it is inadvisable to send them in paper bags! Live bees (who wants to send dead ones?) must be enclosed in boxes so manufactured that the bees cannot escape and cause pandemonium in the post office.

The transmission by post of lottery tickets is forbidden but they come through in thousands.

There is no limit to the weight of a letter but it may not be more than two feet long, one foot deep and one foot wide. Writers in the philatelic press who have stated that the Union £1 stamp cannot be genuinely postally used have never tried to send a lump of lead of the abovementioned dimensions by letter post. Someone once sent us a bulky package by registered letter post and the amount required to transmit it was exactly £1 0s. 4d.

It is not generally known that on bulk postings of printed matter handed in before 1 p.m. a discount of 5% of the amount due for postage is allowed by the post office—the postage must, of course, be paid in cash.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the Postal Guide is that which details the articles which cannot be sent to various countries by post. Stiletos may not be sent to the Argentine—dealers there are well stocked. Poisons must not be sent to Bagdad nor bees to Canada. Salt may only be sent to the Dutch East Indies if it is fine table salt—surely it would

be cheaper to buy it on the spot. On no account must one try to send police whistles to Guatemala, while pirated editions of copyright works will not be allowed to enter Holland. Dead animals may not be exported to Honduras, while it is only wasting time trying to send vegetables to Italy—they may be obtained cheaper and fresher on the spot. As there is plenty of rum in Jamaica the post office will not allow the public to send any there.

If you want to send a parcel to Liberia the invoice should be certified by a Liberian Consul—if you can find one.

Macao is well supplied with opium so it is useless trying to send any there. Japanese shaving brushes are not allowed to land in Malta. Jams and pastry may not be sent to Mexico. The Nicaraguans may not import magazine or repeating rifles by post, but they certainly obtain them by other methods. Articles offensive to good manners or to the Musselman religion may not be addressed to Persia. The post office will not transmit "instruments of war" to Peru and Salvador or salted meat to Venezuela.

Turning to the portion of the Guide dealing with money orders we find, to our surprise, that orders payable in Guatemala are transmitted via Germany.

The rest of the Guide deals with stamp duties, wireless licenses, telephones, telegrams, savings bank accounts, postal and money orders, the parcel post and other matters.

THE NEW 6d. POSTAGE DUE.



We illustrate the new Union 6d. postage due stamp. Its colours are grey (frame) and black (centre). It is printed in sheets of 120 stamps (two panes each 60) the perforation being 14.

Mr. H. M. Snoek shows us a used copy of the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial with the word REVENUE reading REVEEMIE, due to the N and U being joined at the top.

OUR FIRST HANDBOOK.

The first handbook to be published by the "South African Philatelist" will be "The Stamps of the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa," which will be ready on July 1st. Mr. H. Mallet-Veale is the author and as he is a recognised expert on the stamps dealt with and had access to the official records the work is complete and accurate. The price has been kept as low as possible and is 2/6 per copy, post free.

NEW ISSUES GALORE.—(Continued from page 62).

Once again we have a very youthful monarch portrayed on stamps. This time it is Michael of Roumania.

Russia has been very prolific lately and informs us that she will continue to be so.

If you want variety, and want it cheaply, there is still plenty of material for you—as the foregoing summary shows.

NEW ISSUES GALORE.

Foreign governments continue to provide plenty of material for stamp collectors. Some distinctly novel sets have appeared lately and they are finding a ready sale.

It has suddenly been found necessary to provide distinctive stamps for Andorra. Hitherto letters originating in this little republic on the Franco-Spanish border had to be taken to a French or Spanish post office and mailed there. As the inhabitants of Andorra are not prolific letter-writers this procedure did not entail any great hardships. Now we learn that thirteen denominations of Spanish stamps have been overprinted CORREOS ANDORRA. We are given to understand that this is only a provisional set—a distinctive issue is promised for early appearance.

Afghanistan recently issued a new set and, for the first time, Roman lettering appears on the stamps—in the form of the words “Afghan Postage.” From China we have an issue bearing the portrait of Chang Tso-lin. As Chang has decided to retire from the limelight the set will probably remain on issue for but a short time.

Algeria intends to issue a set to commemorate the centenary of French occupation, while Turkey is actively preparing a new issue of 21 values.

Spain will issue a special set on the occasion of the Spanish-American Exhibition to be held at Seville in the near future. The stamps will, unfortunately, be on sale for only three days and only at the large post offices.

Norway commemorated the Ibsen centenary by the issue of a set bearing the portrait of the great writer. Sweden has just placed on sale a set of five stamps in honour of the King's sixtieth birthday.

Brazil celebrated the bi-centenary of the cultivation of coffee with a very miserable looking set of stamps. Haiti, for the same reason, issued quite a good looking adhesive.

The U.S.A. is wondering what event to next commemorate philatelically, wondering not for lack of important events but because there are too many of them!

Col. Lindbergh recently went for a tour of South and Central America. In nearly every country in which he landed special Lindbergh stamps were placed on sale.

Holland has issued a set to remind us that the Olympic Games are being held in Amsterdam. For some unknown reason Portugal is about to issue a couple of stamps to tell us that the Games are being held in Holland and not in Portugal, which is all to the good, as if the Games were held in Lisbon, Portugal would probably issue a set of about 50 stamps to tell us the good news.

The Argentine has placed at the disposal of the public a supply of futuristic looking stamps for use on mail carried on the South America-Europe air service, but do not think that letters go by air mail all the way.

Estonia recently celebrated, in the usual manner, ten years of independence. Latvia will not be able to do this until next November, but it has already decided on the special stamps which it will issue.

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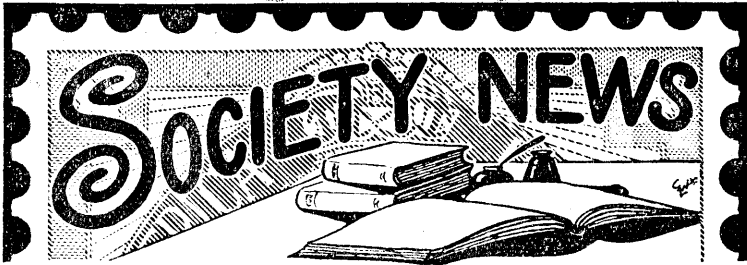
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THE EXHIBITION.

These lines are written a week before the opening day of the Exhibition. We are given to understand that the event will be a great success. Many notable collections belonging to South African and overseas collectors will be on view, together with exhibits from the Governments of the Union, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Kenya Colony, the U.S.A. and India—surely sufficient to make the Exhibition a notable event.

Several prominent overseas philatelists have also arrived at Durban for the great event, the names communicated to us to date being Messrs. Leonard Gill Robson Lowe (London); P. Malone, R Sharples (Australia) and W. J. Walls (New Zealand). Letters have reached us from readers throughout the Union and Rhodesia announcing the writers' intention of being present. We hope to meet many old friends and make many new ones at Durban.

Those who visit the Exhibition will enjoy themselves. Less fortunate collectors will, perforce, have to be satisfied with the reports and pictures in our August issue.

During the currency of the Exhibition the First South African Philatelic Congress will take place. The first session will be held in the "Toc H" Rooms, Gardiner Street, Durban, on Wednesday, 4th July, and will be opened at 10 a.m. by Mr. W. Percy Williams, F.R.P.S.L. (President of the P.S.N.). All philatelists are invited to attend the sessions and hear papers read and various matters affecting the hobby discussed.

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Mr. J. Chamberlain, one of Natal's most enthusiastic collectors, writes :

"As is generally known the 'South African Philatelist' gives us pretty up-to-date information, especially with regard to our Union and S.W.A. issues, and as copies were found useful in explaining to the postal staff all the errors and varieties of Union stamps they were to look out for on behalf of a few philatelists at a certain up-country town two or three numbers were left at the local P.O. After a time the senior clerk at the counter informed me that one of these journals was not to be found. This was a blow and I had, perforce, to get a duplicate from the publisher to complete my file.



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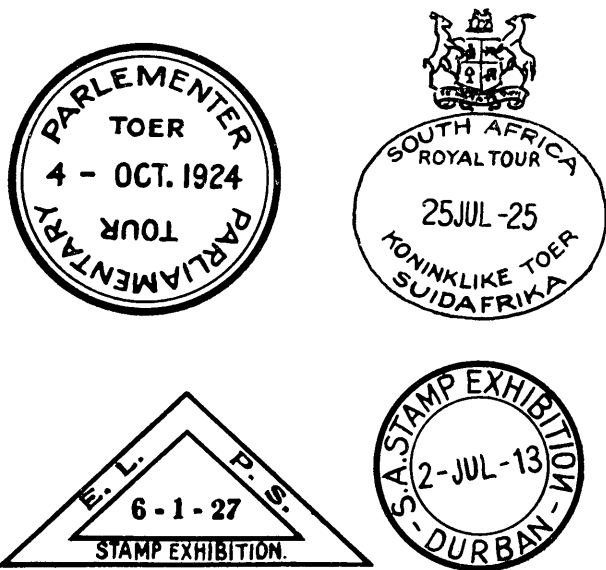
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The Royal Tour cancellation was in use in the post office attached to the Prince of Wales' train and is found (in black) on the stamps of the Union, Bechuanaland Protectorate and Northern and Southern Rhodesia.

The triangular postmark was applied from a rubber handstamp in blue ink on mail matter posted at the East London Philatelic Exhibition held in January 1927.

The fourth cancellation reminds us that the Philatelic Society of Natal staged an International Exhibition in Durban in 1913. The special postmark was applied in black ink. By a curious mistake the man who made the metal handstamp succeeded in cutting the "N" of EXHIBITION in reverse. It is expected that the handstamp to be used at the present exhibition will be an artistic one. Subscribers will find it on the envelope containing this issue.

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Several well-known collectors are not portrayed hereunder only because they were too modest to allow their portraits to be reproduced or had no photographs handy.

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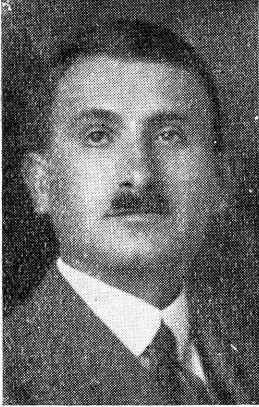
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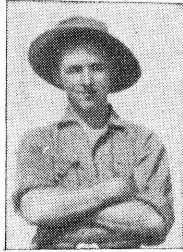
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1894. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on half of 1d. dull blue. Mint UNSEVERED PAIR. No. 46.
- NYASALAND.** 1891-95. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mint. No. 15.
1891-95. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mint. No. 16.
1891-95. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mint. No. 17.
Feb. 1896. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mint. No. 41.
Feb. 1896. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Mint. No. 42.
Aug. 1897. "PNNEY" error. The centre stamp of a mint block of 9. No. 53a.
- ST. HELENA.** 1864-83. 4d. carmine. DOUBLE SURCHARGE. Used. No. 18d.
1884-94. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. DOUBLE surcharge. Mint. No. 40a.
1884-94. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Stamp printed double. Mint. No. 40b.
1884-94. 3d. Surcharge double. Used. No. 42a.
- SIERRA LEONE.** June 1883-84. 4d. blue. Mint. No. 23.
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Incidentally this cover was carried by air by the Switzerland-Africa fliers, but only as far as Alexandria—the airmen did not carry mails between Egypt and the Cape.

Our illustration also shows the back and front of an envelope sent from Cyprus to Mauritius. It certainly received every attention from the postal authorities !

THE IMPERFORATES OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

AN UP-TO-DATE CHECK LIST.

We believe this check list to be complete up to the time of going to press. We are indebted to Messrs. L. H. Rivers and A. C. Thornton for assistance given us in compiling same.



Types of imperforate varieties, with the denominations in which they are found :

(i) Horizontal perforations missing.

- a. Imperforate at top between stamp and margin : $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
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- c. Imperforate at bottom from bottom row of top panes : $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- d. Imperforate at top from top row of bottom panes : $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- d. (i) As "d" but marks of teeth shewing : $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- e. Imperforate between vertical pair: $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- l. Vertical strip of six stamps, all imperforate between : 1d.

(ii) Vertical perforations missing.

- f. Imperforate at right from last row of left panes and imperforate at left from first row of right panes : 1d.
- g. Imperforate at right from last row of left panes : $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d.
- h. Imperforate at left from first row of right panes : $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- i. Imperforate at left between stamp and margin and imperforate between first and second rows : $\frac{1}{2}$ d..
- j. Imperforate between horizontal pair: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 6d.
- j. (i) As "j" but marks of teeth shewing : 1d.
- k. (Not illustrated). Imperforate at right between stamp and right margin : $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1/-.

Thus, it will be seen that the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value is found with varieties a, b, c, d, d (i), e, g, h, i, j and k; the 1d. with varieties a, c, d, f, g, h, j, j (i), k and l; the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. with a, c, d, h and j; the 2d. with variety j; the 6d. with variety j and the 1/- with variety k.

BOND STREET AUCTIONS.

The following very satisfactory prices were obtained in recent auctions by Mr. H. R. Harmer, of Old Bond Street, London.

Cayman Islands, Feb. 1908, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 4d., S.G. 24, mint ...	£8 5 0
Gibraltar, £1 deep purple and black on red, 1904-7 issue, mint	8 15 0
Kenya, 1903-4, 50 rupees, grey and red-brown, mint ...	10 0 0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow, unused	16 10 0
Nova Scotia, 6d. yellow-green, unused	8 0 0
Transvaal, 1903, £5 orange-brown and violet, mint, with control	17 10 0
Newfoundland, 1927, Trans-Atlantic air mail, 60c. "Cabot" overprinted "Air Mail De Pinedo 1927," superb copy on flown cover	21 0 0
Tanganyika, German East Africa fiscal stamps overprinted "O.H.B.M.S. Mafia," complete mint set of six	22 0 0
Samoa, G.R.I. on German Colonial issue, 1 shilling, fine used on dated piece	50 0 0
Samoa, G.R.I. on German Colonial issue, 3d. on 30 pfennig, mint	26 0 0
Rhodesia, 1897, 3d. brown red and slate-blue, mint block of four, variety imperforate horizontally	15 0 0

A REVIEW OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

(Editorial note : The following interesting and reliable article, from the pen of Mr. C. I. Crowell, appeared in "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News"—the most important philatelic journal in the U.S.A.—for May 14th 1928.

Prices for the rarities mentioned by Mr. Crowell are not as high in South Africa as they are in the U.S.A. Collectors who buy at present South African prices will acquire splendid investments, but they will have to buy quickly as the ever increasing American demand is already causing supplies of certain rare and medium items to leave our shores for ever).

A great deal of confusion has resulted from the recent activity of this country as to the relative rarity of the various, surcharges. South West Africa, a new comer in the Philatelic world, has in a brief five years assumed an undisputed lead among 20th Century British Colonials, and many of the duties bid fair to become numbered among the outstanding rarities.

This in spite of the fact that surcharged stamps as a class are looked upon with suspicion in certain quarters, and especially when postage dues are considered. Dues as a class are not popular, and coupled with the fact that they are also surcharged, makes their popularity even more remarkable.

The comparative rarity of the 1st and 2nd settings is under going a very rapid adjustment. Collectors relying upon the catalogue quotation have been of the opinion that the 2nd setting was the rarer, but it is becoming more apparent every day that the high duties of the 1st setting, i.e., the 5/- and 10/- are the better items. Already higher prices are obtained for these two pairs than can be secured from the 5/- and 10/- of the 2nd setting, and without doubt the 10/- of the 1st setting will soon be recognised as the rarest of all South West Africa pairs. At a very recent auction sale in N. Y. City this pair brought 39 dollars. Worldwide search of every available source fails to uncover any supply of this rare pair.

The case of the £1 1st setting is not so obvious, but the trend is all in favour of its becoming more valuable than the pound of the 2nd setting. The 2nd setting pounder still commands the better price, but again it's easier to uncover, and some day demand and supply will place these two pairs in their proper stations. Water is bound to reach its own level sooner or later.

Passing to the 3rd setting the pound value here is entirely underrated. Gibbons' recently revised prices place this duty at eight pounds for the pair.

In the fourth setting the 2/6 is still another pair with the value as yet unrecognised by the cataloguers. It's on most want lists.

Another interesting situation developed with the unexpected withdrawal of the first pictorial surcharges when the "S.W.A." were issued. This change was accomplished before dealers either in London, or in this country had any opportunity to stock up in a speculative sense. Of course local speculators secured a supply, but this has proved insufficient for worldwide demands, and the resulting scramble sent prices skyward. I have heard South West Africa referred to as the General Motors of the stamp market, and the rapidity of advancing prices was doubtless the cause of this observation. However General Motors has some 17,000,000 shares, and commands about 190 dollars a share, so I am afraid that the prices obtained even by the rare South West Africa stamps are as yet very commonplace in comparison.

Reviewing Gibbons recently issued new price schedule, I note 60/- opposite the 2/6 pictorial with the full overprint and 5 pounds opposite 10/- of the same issue. It is also interesting to note that Gibbons lists a variety of the 10/- pictorial with a wider spacing, which is priced six pounds for the pair against five pounds for the normal.

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Transvaal.

After further irregularity due to distribution of such speculative stocks as still exist in these first pictorials, the fact remains that after a period of stabilization, a steady increase in value should be obtained. The 5/- of this series is another stamp that has escaped the notice of many observers. Champion has raised this pair to an equivalent of 16 dollars recently. It's still another case of being too early to determine the relative rarity, but while it's a fact that the 2/6 has discounted the future for the time being, the 5/- is showing a tendency to improve.

The postage dues afford an even more confusing picture, for South West Africa is noted for producing philatelic surprises, and the dues have come in for more than their share of such notoriety.

The 4th setting of the 5d. dues have been imported in a small way, and while unpriced by both Scott and Gibbons has to my certain knowledge brought 75 dollars a pair, and according to reports considerably higher.

A few pairs passed through my hands, and I submitted a pair to the Scott Co. last fall, and they were chronicled in the November "Monthly Journal" issued by that firm.

This due is far rarer than the same 5d. dues on Transvaal with the 2nd setting, which cat. 50 dollars a pair, and while there is no way to accurately forecast the future, there is no doubt that it should be included in the outstanding rarity class for late 20th century stamps. In figuring such possibilities it must not be overlooked that it takes more than just scarcity to bring a stamp in the limelight. Scarcity plus demand is the magic combination. Only when this combination operates does an outstanding rarity result.

Among the lesser dues is still another and last of the 5d. Transvaal dues surcharged for use in South West Africa, i.e., the well known "Suidwes" variety.

The last sixty panes of the 5d. Transvaal were used in this surcharge. This means 1,800 pairs, and comparing with well known 20th century rarities such as the Malta 10/- MCA and the pound St. Kitts No. 62, the fact is established that the number issued of this last variety of South West Africa dues is very favourable.

Another postage due that has escaped the makers of cat. quotations is the 2d. duty of the 1st setting. It's far harder to uncover than the 3d. of the same setting.

Last, but not least, is the 6d. Due of the 6th setting. Recent importations from the P.O. have always found this duty missing, either the 4th or 8th setting of the 6d. dues being supplied.

Here is a country with a postal history of about five years that includes so many scarce and rare issues, that already it takes a pretty good bank roll to complete (if possible), and a country that has captured the public imagination. Its unique place in the minds of modern collectors will soon make the task of completing this country more difficult, as the soundness of these stamps becomes more generally recognized.

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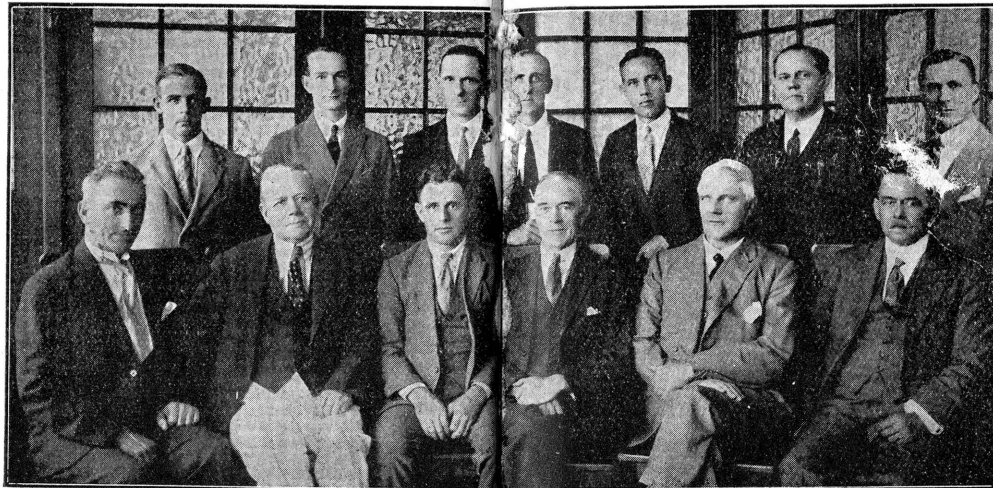
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SOUTH WEST AFRICANS SIMPLIFIED.

We often meet collectors who express a desire to collect the stamps of South West Africa but are afraid to do so for various reasons. Some consider that the issues are made for collectors and that there will be no end to the variety of overprints. Others think that as the early issues have soared sensationally in price it is too late to start collecting this country unless one has plenty of spare cash. A few are baffled by the large number of varieties and, therefore, make no attempt to carry out their desire to collect these stamps. A careful study of the various issues will shew that the last named "difficulty" is really imaginary.

It was our intention to publish in this issue a complete check list of normal stamps and major varieties. Space could not, however, be found for such a feature but we think that the article which we are giving our readers will prove of considerable interest.

These notes are a straightforward description of the various issues for the benefit of collectors who wish to take up this country. For the purpose of this article only normal stamps are mentioned. Collectors will have an opportunity of learning all about the varieties when the handbook on S.W. African stamps, now in preparation, is published.

Before going further the reader must dispel from his mind any ideas he may have to the effect that any of the stamps were made purely for collectors. They were not, but in one or two cases officialdom did not act too wisely in that defects in a particular type of overprint, which could have been discovered before the overprint was put into commission, were realised after it had been in use for some time. The main reason for the changes in the overprints is that in Pretoria, where the work was done by the Government Printer, experience in overprinting stamps was not very great. Thus, the Government Printing Works had to learn from the results of its work.

We will first deal with the postage stamps. The first issue was placed on sale on January 1st 1923. It consisted of Union King's Head stamps overprinted alternately "South West Africa," and "Zuid-West Afrika." in the manner illustrated, the distance between the lines of overprint being 14 mm. This overprint is known as Type I. It is found on the following values :

½d., 1d., 2d., 3d. (blue), 4d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1.



Type I.

The type used was unsatisfactory and could not stand the wear to which it was subjected, so when large orders from overseas required a further printing of the 5/-, 10/- and £1 stamps to be made more satisfactory type was used and it was thought that to prevent a recurrence of badly centred overprints encroaching on adjoining stamps the distance between the lines should be less.

Accordingly the values mentioned were overprinted alternately "South West Africa." and "Zuid-West Afrika." the distance between the lines of overprint being 10 mm. This is Type II and is only found on the following values .

5/-, 10/-, £1.



Type II.

Type III.

It having been discovered that the word "Zuid-West" should be in one unhyphenated word a plate was made for the next printing with the overprint reading "South West Africa." and Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps. Experience having taught the Government Printing Works that it was now safe to use a wide spaced overprint the distance between the lines of type is 14 mm. Type III, as this overprint is known to collectors, is found on the following values :

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d. (blue), 4d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1.

When wear and tear required the manufacture of a new plate an overprint similar to Type III was set up. The only difference between it and Type III is that the lettering is thinner and the stops smaller. This overprint is described as Type IIIa and it occurs on the following stamps :

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d. (blue), 4d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1.



Type IIIa.



Type IV.

The thin lettering of this overprint was unsatisfactory so new formes were made. Well defined and well-spaced type was used. In this overprint (Type IV) the wording is still "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps, the distance between the lines of overprint remaining 14 mm. The only postage stamp to receive this overprint is the

2/6,

and only bottom half sheets were overprinted.

The appearance of this overprint not finding favour in official circles it was decided that wide spaced overprints were not as satisfactory as those spaced more closely. Accordingly, new formes were made in which clear and well-spaced type was used. Four 60-set formes were made up. On two of these the words "South West" are 16 mm. long and on the other two 16½ mm. long. Both varieties are found on the same sheet. The 16 mm. variety is known as Type VI and the 16½ mm. variety as Type VIa. Blocks from the centre of the sheet shewing margin in between shew both types. In both cases the distance between the lines of type is 9½ mm.

NOTE.—Type V is found only on postage due stamps and will be dealt with under that heading.

Types VI and VIa are found on the following denominations :

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d. (blue), 4d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1.



Type VI.

The shades of the colours of the Union 10/- and £1 stamps were suddenly changed. The new shades were overprinted for S.W. Africa, but from a lithographic plate and in shiny ink (the Types VI and VII detailed above were overprinted in dull ink from type). Stamps overprinted from this litho plate shew the words "South West" 16½ mm. long throughout the complete sheet. The wording and distance between the lines of overprint remain as before. This litho overprint was also applied to the 1/- and 1/3 stamps. The Type VII lithographed overprint occurs therefore, on the following stamps:

1/-, 1/3, 10/-, (pale olive-green and blue) £1 (very pale olive-green and red).

As only bottom half sheets of the 2/6 value received the Type IV overprint the Government Printer still had a supply of top half sheets on hand. He, therefore, took the two 60-set Type VI formes and spaced the lines of overprint out in an attempt to match Type IV. As the type was now very worn he did not succeed too well. Thus, a description of this type is: "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps. 14 mm. between lines of overprint. Worn type. Owing to its



Type VIIa.



Type IVa.

appearance being similar to Type IV this overprint has come to be known as Type IVa. It occurs on the

2/6 (top half sheets only).

This concludes the King's Head stamps. On January 1st 1926 pictorial ½d., 1d. and 4d. stamps were issued in the Union and on the



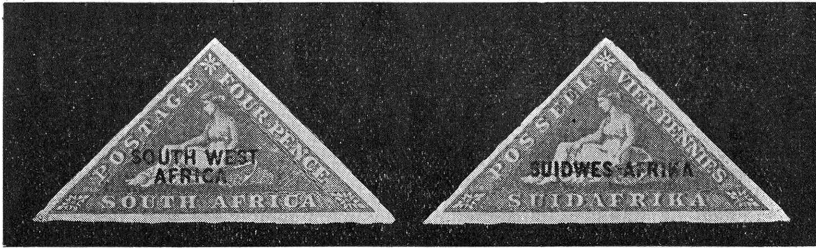
same day the ½d. and 1d. values, suitably overprinted, were placed on sale throughout South West Africa.

The second official language having been changed from Dutch to Afrikaans the pictorial stamps were overprinted "South West Africa." and "Suidwes Afrika.", the English overprint falling on English stamps and the Afrikaans overprint on Afrikaans adhesives. On May 1st 1926 the 6d. pictorial stamp was placed on sale with the same overprint.

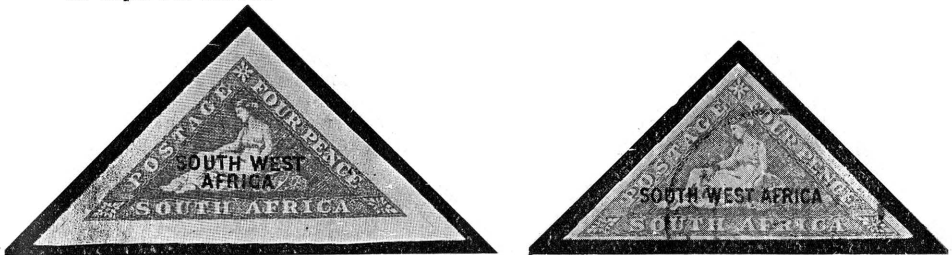
Overprinted as detailed above :

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 6d. London-printed pictorials.

On January 27th, 1926, the Union triangular 4d. stamps were issued overprinted SOUTH WEST AFRICA (on English stamps) and SUIDWES-AFRIKA (on Afrikaans adhesives). The lettering is in sans-serif capitals. The English overprint is in two lines and the Afrikaans in one line.



The stamps were issued to post offices in small envelopes containing 60 English stamps or 60 Afrikaans stamps—the two languages were not mixed. Later it became possible to purchase imperforate sheets of 120 stamps from the Director of Posts, Windhoek. The two languages are on separate sheets.



As it was considered that the English overprint would look better if placed in one line the overprint was changed accordingly, sans-serif capitals again being used. This one-line English overprint is obtainable only in single copies taken from packets of 60 stamps.

Summary :

Union 4d. imperforate triangular stamps overprinted :

SOUTH WEST AFRICA (in two lines) on English stamps.

SUIDWES-AFRIKA (in one line) on Afrikaans stamps.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA (in one line) on English stamps.

Wear and tear required the manufacture of new formes to overprint further supplies of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials. The workman who made up the new forme made a slight mistake and started with an Afrikaans overprint instead of an English one. Stamps overprinted from this forme therefore shewed English stamps bearing the Afrikaans overprint and Afrikaans adhesives overprinted in English. This transposed overprint is found on the

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. London-printed pictorials.



Further values of pictorial stamps having reached Pretoria from London they were duly overprinted for South West Africa. The overprint is similar in appearance to that applied to the low value pictorials above-mentioned, but is in blue ink. English stamps were overprinted in English and Afrikaans stamps in Afrikaans.



Union pictorials overprinted alternately "South West Africa." and "Suidwes Afrika." as detailed above :

2d., 3d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-.

These are the only stamps which were overprinted in blue ink; all other S.W. African postage and postage due stamps were overprinted in black ink.

As this overprint did not look too neat it was decided that future supplies should be overprinted with the initial letters "S.W.A." For the



first time postage stamps printed in Pretoria were overprinted—in the case of the ½d., 1d. and 6d. values, the other denominations have not yet, of course, been printed in Pretoria.

Union pictorial stamps overprinted "S.W.A." :

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d. (rectangular), 6d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-.

This overprint was also applied to certain King's Head stamps, which, therefore, need only be collected in single copies. The denominations are $\frac{1}{3}$, £1 (pale olive-green and red).

In November 1927 it was found that the only 4d. stamps on hand at Windhoek was a small stock of packets of single triangulars and a fairly large stock of imperforate sheets of triangulars. In order to supply casual customers without the necessity of using scissors the stock of sheets of English and Afrikaans triangulars was handed to John Meinert, Ltd., Printers, Windhoek, by the postal department, with instructions to perforate them. The work was duly done, the perforation gauging $11\frac{1}{2}$.



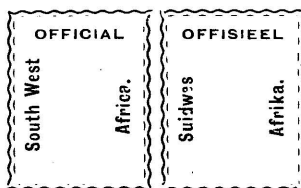
4d. triangular stamps perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

English stamps with two-line overprint.

Afrikaans stamps.

In December 1926 it was decided to use distinctive stamps on Official correspondence addressed to places outside of the Union, S.W. Africa, Bechuanaland, Portuguese East Africa and N. and S. Rhodesia.

The London-printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials and 2d. King's Head were, therefore, overprinted alternately "South West Africa. Official" and "Suidwes Afrika. Offisieel." These stamps are not sold to the public.



This concludes the postage stamps. All the stamps were overprinted at the Government Printing Works, Pretoria, except in the case of the triangulars, which were overprinted by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., New Malden, Surrey, England.

Except in the case of 2/6 Type IV and 2/6 Type IVa all the postage stamps were overprinted in full sheets.

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WHAT PHILATELY NEEDS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

The International Philatelic Exhibition at Durban is a heartening portent. It proves that Philately is very much alive in South Africa. It proves, too, that there is enough of the missionary spirit in the philatelists of Natal (and by the same token, the philatelists of the various other centres that have co-operated in the work) to organise an exhibition well calculated to draw visitors from all parts of the sub-continent and from many countries overseas.



What I fear the exhibition may not reveal is that the younger people of South Africa are taking up Philately with the same zest as is shown among the juniors of other lands.

If I am wrong in this I shall be the first to rejoice; but it seems to me that South Africa, perhaps mainly because it is a land of magnificent distances, suffers from the one grave defect that nothing is done, in a national sense, to organise and educate the junior philatelists.

Sporadic efforts have been made, and are being made, in different localities to interest the novices, to bring them together, and to save them from the snares and pitfalls, and above all the disappointments and disheartenments, that beset the inexperienced collector. It is not by these purely local efforts, however, excellent and praiseworthy though they be, that the philatelists of to-day can prepare the next generation to carry on the cult. A national movement is needed.

It is by means of successive national movements in the old country that the junior stamp collectors of Britain have been initiated into correct Philately. But for these missionary movements, and especially the historic work of Mr. Fred J. Melville and his co-workers of the Junior Philatelic Society, I think the hobby might have been at the present time in an infinitely less flourishing condition than it is. Mr. Melville, by his own youthful efforts—for he was only a boy himself when the "J.P.S." was first organised—created a movement which has produced splendid and far reaching results, not only by the banding together of the "Juniors," but also by his philatelic lantern lectures at schools and institutions up and down the country, and, in later years, by his journalistic and literary work.

To some extent I can speak with experience of the difficulty of organising a society of junior collectors; yet I also know this, that, once satisfactorily organised, there is nothing that produces such gratifying results for all concerned.

It was in 1896, or thereabouts, that my own first adventure in organising a young philatelic society was embarked upon in the shape of the Stamp Collectors' League, a society formed among the ther readers of my philatelic articles in the weekly periodical, "Hobbies." The League appealed to hundreds of young collectors as just the thing they needed, and I think we numbered at our most prosperous period a force well over 1500 strong. It is an instance of "the long arm of coincidence," by the way, that Mr. C. F. Skinner, of the Southern Stamp Company, Johannesburg, who is now catering for the philatelists of South Africa as a supplier of stamps and philatelic accessories, is a son of the Mr. J. H. Skinner, who

played a prominent part in the production and management of "Hobbies" at the time whereof I speak, and who is now also a resident of Durban.

A little later—I think in 1899—Mr. Fred. Melville started a movement that was destined to make philatelic history by the inauguration of the Junior Philatelic Society. Beginning in a very modest way at a suburban hall, the society rapidly gathered strength, and it was soon apparent that the "J.P.S." had come to stay. It organised large-scale exhibitions, it published its own excellent monthly journal, the "Stamp Lover," and, generally it shook things up. There are now past and present J.P.S. members all over the world and it would be difficult to over-estimate the value of the fillip given to the hobby by the inspiring work carried out by my friend Melville and the able helpers the society has attracted to its standard—Herbert Johnson, the brothers Crouch, Mrs. H. P. Terry, Ralph Wedmore, and many others.

Initiated in London the junior movement spread to all large provincial cities, and it was by one of these bodies, the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, that the first Philatelic Congress was organised in 1909.

In that same year the well-known boys' journal, "Chums," of which I was the editor at the time, was responsible for the creation of a new league of young philatelists known as the Chums Society of Stamp Collectors. In this there were enrolled, if I remember rightly, no fewer than 2,400 boy collectors within the space of a year. Eventually the name of "Chums" was dropped from the title and the society continued an independent career as the Society of Stamp Collectors for some time thereafter. It published its own monthly organ, "The World of Stamps," a paper eventually taken over by Mr. F. Hugh Vallancey and incorporated with his weekly journal, "Stamp Collecting."

These and other movements on behalf of the young collector have been productive of lasting good. As in England, so in Australia, in Canada, and of course in the United States in abundant measure, the junior has been specially catered for. In South Africa, unless I am much mistaken, there has been no concerted effort to bring the young collectors of the country together and make real philatelists of them. Yet, given the will to do it, and given the men competent and willing to undertake the arduous spade work that is essential at the outset, I see no reason whatever, why a Junior Philatelic Society of South Africa should not be successfully established to the lasting benefit of juniors and seniors alike.

In the hope that something may come of the suggestion it may not be out of place or premature to state the main lines on which such a movement must be founded:—

(1) The Junior Philatelic Society of South Africa (whether known by that name or any other) should be open to all novices without regard to sex or age, the word "junior" in this connection implying one who is young in philately but not necessarily young in years.

(2) The president, vice-presidents, and other officers, for at any rate the first year or so, should be adult philatelists of experience and high repute in order that the work of organisation may proceed on sound lines until success is definitely won.

(3) The headquarters of the society should be in that centre in which the president (for the time being) resides, and there should be a vice-president in every other important centre of the Union, with a local committee to carry out the local work. Each of these vice-presidents should have the full status of president of his own branch of the Society, and there should be the fullest possible local autonomy in each centre consistent with the preservation of the national character of the work.

(4) Co-ordination between branches and headquarters would be maintained by regular weekly reports to the executive from every local centre these being afterwards summarised in periodical typed reports sent out to all the branches for general information. In addition, an established

philatelic journal, such as the "South African Philatelist," should be invited to serve the society as official organ and to qualify particularly for that service by devoting in every issue a generous proportion of its space to the needs of the young collector.

(5) Meetings of the society in every centre in which it operated should be held at least once a month, or if practicable, fortnightly,—or, best of all, weekly. At such meetings it should be obligatory upon the seniors, during the inaugural stages, to read papers and give lectures and demonstrations of special interest to the beginner.

(6) Exchange packets should be organised, preferably for local circulation only; but it might be feasible to make the local packets interchangeable between branch and branch at the meetings only, and not for postal circulation. This might become the means of providing an additional attraction for local meetings.

(7) The annual subscription—a matter of primary importance—should be a sufficiently moderate sum to bring the movement within the reach of the schoolboy and the apprentice. It might be payable half-yearly, or even quarterly, if that would facilitate a larger response. Above all, the subscription must include the free delivery by post of the official journal to every member. The importance of this condition will be apparent to all. In a country like South Africa, where such great distances divide different centres, it will be impossible to keep alive a national interest in the movement without a regular link of communication such as only a live philatelic journal can supply.

(8) In all respects the proposed society should conform to South African ideals.

I think these points cover the principal problems that would present themselves for solution in promoting the proposed society.

It goes without saying that the movement, if it be initiated, must look to the leading philatelists of the principal centres,—the more active members of the existing societies in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Capetown, Durban, East London, etc.,—for whole-hearted co-operation. From among these the principal officers of the new organisation, both at headquarters and in all the centres of activity, would necessarily spring, for it is just these men who would have the necessary experience and ability to give the new undertaking its first impetus on the lines best calculated to ensure success. There is, however, one danger that I must emphasise, even at the risk of being adjudged "too previous," I must warn those who have had the patience to follow me thus far against the fallacy of supposing that this problem can be solved by creating junior branches of the societies already in existence. Experience has shown that such branches are not usually a success—indeed, I believe they have only eventually proved successful by breaking away from the parent society, as was the case in Manchester, in Liverpool, and I believe also in Glasgow. In Philately seniors and juniors do not mix, the principal reason being that the average advanced philatelist loses all understanding of the real needs of the novice, while the junior collector, for his part, is apt to be bored almost to tears by the minutiae of Scientific Philately as expounded by the elder brethren of the cult. This movement, I am firmly convinced, must be run independently of existing societies (albeit with the encouragement of co-operation of their individual members) if success is to be achieved.

My apologies are due to the reader for having written at such length, and to friend, the editor, for having taken up so much space in his special Exhibition Number; but I have thought that the present time, when all our minds are focussed on South Africa's latest and greatest stamp exhibition is a peculiarly appropriate time to bring forward this question of the philatelic juniors of the Union. It is at such a time, when so many of us are "getting together" at Durban, that one of the best possible opportunities for thinking the matter over, and perhaps talking it over, presents itself.

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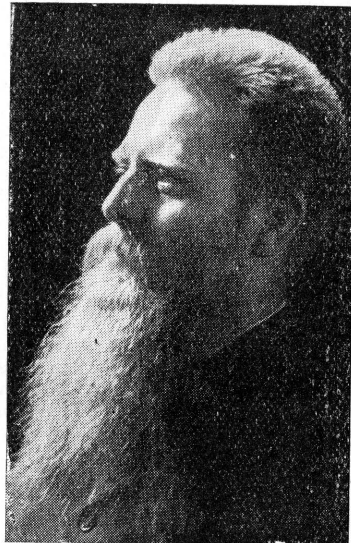
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Mr. Tamsen conducts the Union Stamp Exchange, a club run on the principle of exchange by collectors for collectors. He is a firm believer in the value of philatelic publications and the fact that he subscribes to a score of journals and adds all important books on the hobby to his library shews that he is anxious to add still further to his great knowledge.

THE PHILATELIC PRESS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

By EMIL TAMSEN.

It seems about time that a record of the different South African philatelic magazines was published. Modern collectors are well catered for in this journal, the "South African Philatelist," and have no thoughts of what was published before and of the troubles the different previous editors had to issue a philatelic paper and keep it going.

My philatelic library consists of about 500 volumes, containing the best English, American and Continental journals and standard works. Amongst these the South African philatelic publications are only represented by some fifteen volumes, a very small show for such a large country as South Africa.

Of course one must remember that stamp collecting in South Africa is more or less of recent date, broadly speaking since 1900. Before then collectors were few and far between. I well remember in the early eighties being looked upon as a crank for collecting stamps and spending time and money on them. Well, times have changed since then and we are now called "philatelists," which seems to sound better than "collectors." Now even ordinary newspapers find space for cable news advising results of record prices realised at London auctions for rare stamps. Some more enterprising papers in Natal, the Cape and Johannesburg even give a special column on stamps. Who would have thought of that some thirty years ago?

My experience is that many collectors read no philatelic paper. Some read one, but mighty few read more than two or three. I own up to subscribing to some twenty from all parts of the world and I find that it pays me to keep up-to-date with what is going on in the philatelic world. I think also that societies might give a lead in this direction and take in more journals for the benefit of their members.

Now, as to South African philatelic literature. I find that the Transvaal leads in this field with seven journals, whereas the other states as Natal, Cape and Rhodesia have only one each to their credit. Therefore, I begin with the Transvaal.

(1) The first paper published was called "The South African Philatelist." It was issued in Johannesburg, No. 1 being published in November 1895. It ran to six issues, the last appearing in April 1896. It was edited by Messrs. Klagsbrun and Epstein and was typewritten and sold at 6d. per copy.

The contents are solely South African and there are some good articles, such as "The Stamps and Forgeries of Swaziland," "The Stamps of Natal," "The Stamps of British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate" and "The Stamps of the Orange Free State." In their final number the editors write that "philatelists have not taken advantage of this medium of supplying them with local news." The only advertisements were those of M. Z. Booleman & Co., of Johannesburg, which occupied the front and back pages.

(2) The next publication had no name, being practically issued and run by the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society. The first number was issued in May 1910, the last (No. 3) in August 1910. It was typewritten. The editor, Mr. T. Henderson, provided most of the writing, mainly of interest to the Johannesburg Society, but the article "A Story in Stamps—Vasco da Gama and Luis de Camoens" was unique in so far that the

illustrations of the different stamps were the block cuts taken out of catalogues and pasted in between the reading matter. The journal had no advertisements.

(3) "**The South African Philatelist**" was the first printed philatelic paper to appear in Johannesburg. No. 1 was issued in November 1910 and the final issue (No. 16) in February 1912. This paper was a continuation of (2) and was also edited by Mr. T. Henderson. It had four pages of advertisements and was evidently self-supporting until the editor removed to Natal and nobody could be found to take his place.

There are few original articles by contributors but it was quite up-to-date regarding current issues. The article "Nights at the Round Table" is interesting.

There is now a blank until 1920.

(4) "**The Union Philatelist**," edited by Mr. J. Robertson. No. 1 was published in February 1920 and the last issue (No. 8) in November—December 1920. Not much news, a good article on the stamps of the Orange Free State and a review of the prices of South African stamps in Gibbons' catalogue are about the best.

(5) "**The Quarterly Review of Philately**," of Johannesburg, edited by Mr. J. Robertson. Its No. 1 appeared on 15th March 1921 and the final issue (No. 7) in October 1922. The last four numbers were edited by Mr. Harry Blom. There are some good articles in this journal, such as "The Overprinted Issues of the Second British Occupation of the Transvaal," "The C.S.A.R. Stamps," "The Official Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope" and "The Postage Dues of the Union of South Africa." Besides these its local news was good.

(6) "**The South African Philatelist**," incorporating the "Union Philatelist" and the "Quarterly Review of Philately" was, as the title implies a continuation of (4) and (5). The first number appeared on 1st February 1923 and the journal is still going strong! Mr. G. W. Reynolds edited the first 19 numbers, thereafter Mr. J. Robertson took the helm again and I hope that he will continue for ever!

The contents are really good and it would be superfluous to say anything about the many original articles which have appeared in this magazine. I will only say that the contents of this paper are really good and a credit to the editor and printers.

(7) "**The New Stamp Monthly**," edited and published by S. Keene, in Johannesburg. Only one number, that for July 1921, was published. This paper starts with a serial and a short story without philatelic interest. The editor calls his paper "a breakaway from the ordinary philatelic journal" and I must say he succeeded!

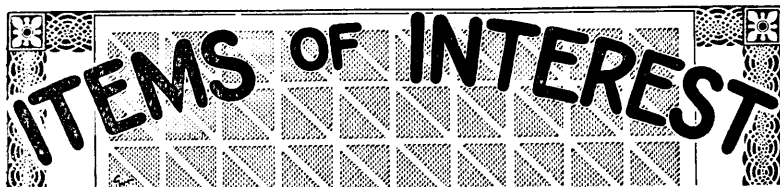
This finishes the Transvaal journals. I now come to Natal.

(8) "**The South African Philatelic Advertiser**." No. 1 was published in Durban in May 1911. I have all numbers up to No. 13 of May 1912. The name of the editor is not given. It called itself the only philatelic advertising medium and says that it does not intend to give it subscribers much reading matter and it really does not. From No. 9 it drops down to four small pages and expires three months later.

Now for the Cape.

(9) "**The South African Stamp Collector**," edited by Mr. C. M. Henderson in Kimberley. No. 1 appeared in July 1916. It reached nine numbers, the last being published in May-June 1917. From the first to the last number this journal is full of interesting matter and also advertisements, all the more remarkable because of the restrictions caused by the Great War then in full blast.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

An Invitation.—Mr. Percy C. Bishop, news editor of the "Natal Advertiser," (Durban's evening newspaper) and a member of the Committee of the Philatelic Exhibition, cordially invites visiting philatelists to call upon him at the "Advertiser" offices (87-89, Field Street) in order that their arrival may be chronicled.

It is intended, in the "Natal Advertiser," to report very fully the opening of the Exhibition and all subsequent happenings in connection therewith. Already, with the Exhibition in view, the paper has inaugurated a weekly "Chat with Philatelists," contributed by P.C.B.

A Record Issue.—And we hope that you will like it. No pains were spared to produce in honour of the Exhibition an issue of the "South African Philatelist" unsurpassed in South Africa in size, appearance and quality of contents. Indications are that future numbers of this journal will be greater in size and interest than past issues and we have no hesitation in advising all who read these lines to become regular subscribers on account of the great help that this monthly journal can give them in the pursuit of their hobby.

The Philatelic Press in South Africa. (Continued from previous page.)

The last paper I have comes from Rhodesia.

(10) "The Rhodesian Philatelist." No. .1 is dated July 1912. Edited by Mr. C. C. Woollacott, of Bulawayo, it reached twelve numbers, the last being published in June 1913. This paper was specially meant to record the work of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia. It also gives an exhaustive list of the stamps of that country and devoted much space to the value of fiscally used high values. It is now interesting to read the advice of the editor to collect used Rhodesians and not take mint ones, because these would not appreciate in value. The recent event of the Chartered Company in London defacing their stock of mint obsolete stamps in their possession has proved the editor to be a false prophet!

This ends the list of the South African periodicals in my library. If any reader has any others I would be very glad if he would send a list of them to the editor of this journal, so that we can get a final record to date and thereby save future generations of philatelists the trouble of hunting for what is now still obtainable.

(Editorial Note.—During recent years a couple of official organs of correspondence clubs were published in the Transvaal. As these dealt with many hobbies they can hardly be called philatelic journals. A Mr. W. E. Neave, now of London, informed us some years ago that he published two different philatelic journals when in Charlestown, Natal. Has any reader information regarding them? We understand that they were very small papers of little real interest).

FAMILIAR NAMES.—(Continued from Page 73).

and designed the triangular propoganda label issued by the Durban Exhibition Committee. He was also responsible for the production of a number of other designs which are being used by the Exhibition authorities.

Mr. Hockey drew the design for the attractive two-colour blocks used on the front cover of this issue and also executed the headings for our New Issues and Varieties, Society News, and Items of Interest columns. Further examples of his work will be seen in future issues.



He has got together a collection of hundreds of varieties of Union "slogan" cancellations and "meter franks." It will be on exhibition at Durban.

The first nineteen numbers of the "S.A. Philatelist" were edited by Mr. G. W. Reynolds and published by Mr. H. Blom. Nos. 20 to 23 were both edited and published by Mr. Blom. The present editor and publisher has held the reins since January, 1925 (No. 24) and hopes to hold them for many years to come.



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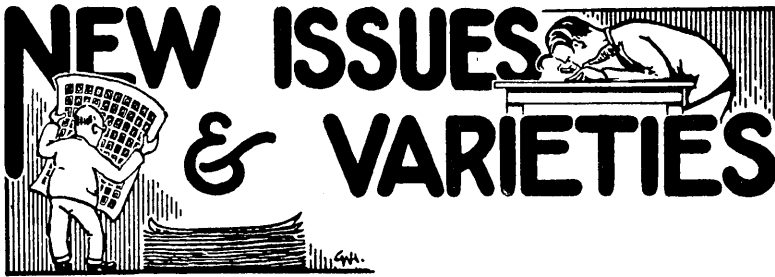
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SOUTH WEST AFRICA.—Mr. A. Lichtenstein shows us two shades (light and deep mauve) of the current 2d. ("S.W.A." overprint) due. Things have lately been fairly quiet in this territory but within the next few weeks we expect to impart some highly interesting news, and our forecasts are very seldom wrong.

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½d.	Har. 5 line (26)	0	4	0	4	3d.	C. Cross. (76)	0	3½	0	0½
½d.	Har. 3 line (67)	0	3	0	4	4d.	Thom 5 line. (39)	1	6	1	6
½d.	S. of Light. (71)	0	1	0	0½	4d.	Thom 3 line. (58)	1	0	0	8
1d.	Thom L.O. (48)	0	4	0	3	4d.	Arms. (77)	0	4½	0	1½
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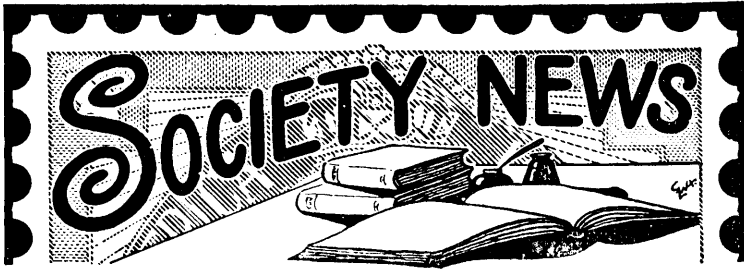
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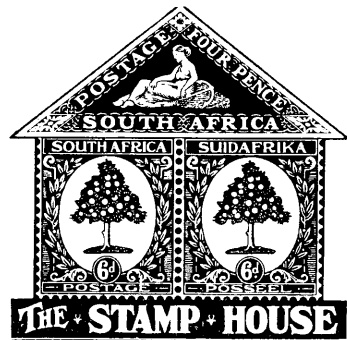
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THE EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition has come and gone. The efforts of the Philatelic Society of Natal to organise the greatest exhibition yet held in the Southern Hemisphere succeeded in the fullest measure. The P.S.N. may well be proud of the great show they "put on." Even those who came from England agreed that the trip to Durban was well worth while and that the Exhibition compared most favourably with those held overseas.

The Exhibition Committee paid special attention to the comfort of visitors. The extent to which it attended to even the smallest details was remarkable.

The frames were identical with those used at great overseas exhibitions, while the arrangement of the exhibits themselves could not have been improved on. A very large hall was used.

Upwards of 7,000 people visited the Exhibition. Most of them were residents of Durban and district but a good number came from the Cape, O.F.S., Transvaal, Northern Natal, Rhodesia and East Africa. The overseas visitors were Messrs. Robson Lowe, Leonard Gill, E. J. Lee (England), R. Sharples, P. Malone (Australia) and W. J. Walls (New Zealand).

One of the objects of the Exhibition was to bring recruits to the great hobby and in this it must have succeeded in a great measure, for a fair percentage of the attendance comprised people who knew little or nothing of philately when they entered the hall, but who went away determined to become active followers of our splendid pastime. It also brought to the Exhibition a few people who were not interested in the stamps on view, but who were looking for buyers for "very old and very rare stamps" (so the owners described them) which had been unearthed on old correspondence and documents. Stall-holders had a far from pleasant task trying to convince the owners of such stamps that there were no first issue Natal, "Post Office" Mauritius or similar stamps in their "finds."

To give the full report of the Exhibition which we would like to and which it certainly deserves would take up an entire issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" and then be incomplete, so we must, perforce, do the best that we can within the space of a few pages.

The Exhibition was opened at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, July 2nd, by the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs for the Union of South Africa, the

Hon. W. B. Madeley and closed at 10 p.m. on July 12th. After a most interesting speech the Minister was presented by the P.S.N. with the Key to the Freedom of Philately.

The Exhibition Post Office did brisk business and the postal department is to be congratulated on its choice of a Postmaster, for Mr. Draper was the ideal man for the job. Some of the questions which he was asked and things which he was asked to do might have caused a less capable and good-humoured man than he to ask to be put back on his regular job without delay.

Now to the exhibits. Naturally, there were some outstanding collections and not all of them came from overseas. True, the collection of Cape Triangulans sent by Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein, of New York, naturally carried away the gold plaque in its class, for it contains a great number of extremely rare items, including a block of four "Woodblocks" containing the 4d. red error. Every stamp in the collection is in good condition and there are "woodblocks" in profusion.

No one could possibly doubt that Mr. E. J. Lee's specialised 50 volume collection of Uruguay was the finest collection on the Exhibition and fully deserved the Exhibition Championship Cup.

Mr. G. A. Smythies' study of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. anna stamp of the 1854-55 issue of India must have taken many years to complete. It was a masterpiece of philatelic research and occupied many frames. The collection was beautifully written up and contained numerous pen and ink enlargements of varieties.

From Australia came Mr. P. Malone's magnificent collection of Tasmanians and Mr. Fryar's splendid lot of South Australians. The collection of Rhodesians sent by Mr. H. B. Hargreaves, of London, was a wonderful exhibit, but we do not think that the judges were wrong in considering Mr. J. E. M. Coch's collection of the same country to be on a par with it, which means that both collections are exceptionally fine and complete. A similar state of affairs existed in the Great Britain section, where a South African collector tied for a gold plaque with Mr. F. H. Vallancey, of London. Two very fine collections.

Many frames were occupied by Mr. H. Vogel's collection of New Republics. They are not the most popular stamps to-day, but Mr. Vogel has probably the largest collection extant of them. From Manchester an exceptional collection of Western Australians was sent by Mr. G. Ginger.

Mr. R. D. Everard contributed pages and pages of rare items of many countries used on original covers. Some of the pieces are obviously of outstanding rarity on original envelopes.

While no one who attended the Exhibition can deny that the majority of the important collections came, not unnaturally, from overseas there were many South African owned collections of exceptional merit.

Mr. L. Simenhoff's collection of Unions was a treat to look at, so beautifully was it written up and so rare many of the items included in it. He fully earned his gold plaque, as also did Mr. Mallet-Veale with his eight volume collection of South West Africans—undoubtedly the finest collection in the world of the country mentioned.

The collection of Capes belonging to Mr. H. H. Hurst, of Durban, was also of a high standard of merit. It contains a number of great rarities and it is most tastefully written up. Messrs. W. P. Williams, of Durban, and C. H. Thornton, of East London, also exhibited collections of Cape triangulans of which they may well be proud.

One of the outstanding exhibits was Mr. Hurst's magnificent collection of Natal stamps. One can only say that it must be the finest of the country mentioned in South Africa. Mr. J. H. H. Chamberlain was also responsible for an excellent exhibit of Natal issues.

We have referred to Mr. Coch's collection of Rhodesia and Mr. Watson's exhibit of Great Britain. In addition to gold plaques they were awarded the silver cups set aside for the best exhibits by South African collectors.

An excellent exhibit from Johannesburg took the form of Mr. G. J. Houbert's specialised collection of France, while Mr. W. Newcombe-Bond, of Port Elizabeth, sent his extensive general collection of mint British Colonials.

Two or three dozen other South African owned collections are also worthy of special mention but space—or lack of it—forbids. The complete list of awards is published herewith.

The sections dealing with philatelic literature and albums were well supported by publishers. The "South African Philatelist" received a silver award, while our handbook on the Stamps of the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa earned an oxydised silver plaque.

The Union Government sent as its exhibit the new issues received during the past few months from overseas countries—not the kind of exhibit we expected to see. The Indian Government sent a nice selection of many issues of Indian stamps, including some superb copies of the early issues. The Government of Kenya and Uganda sent control blocks of four of values of the current issue up to £1. Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., were responsible for an excellent exhibit of specimens of their work. Imperforate copies of the Union pictorials were included and they were in most unusual colours. There were red 4d. triangulars, blue and black 2d. stamps, red and black 10/- stamps, etc. Similar abnormalities were to be noted in the stamps of other countries.

We forget how many miles of frames the President of the P.S.N. said there were! We believe that he also gave the area of all the glass used in the Exhibition!

So much for the exhibits. We would like to say a great deal more about them, but we have already mentioned the reason for our inability to do so.

Visiting philatelists were well catered for socially as well as philatelically. There was a dinner at the Durban Country Club, at which three continents were represented. Excursions to the Lion Match Factory, Sugar Mills at Mount Edgcombe and "Shell" Petrol Plant were also arranged.

The Philatelic Society of Natal deserves the highest praise and thanks for the great treat which it provided. To mention names of individuals is difficult—there were so many who worked hard for the success of the Exhibition. We must, however, mention the name of Mr. Norman Welsford, the Hon. Secretary of the P.S.N. Without his assistance the Exhibition would not have been the success it was. He worked like a Trojan from early in the morning till late at night, not only during the event but for weeks beforehand. If any man deserved a long rest after the affair was all over it was Mr. Welsford.

At our stall the Editor had the pleasure of meeting readers from all over the Union, Rhodesia, East Africa and abroad, and many pleasant chats resulted. It was a pleasure to meet and exchange notes with subscribers with whom the Editor had only hitherto been in touch by correspondence.

International Philatelic Exhibition. Durban, July, 1928.

LIST OF AWARDS.

The awards are in the form of plaques bearing a reproduction of the Union 4d. triangular stamp.

The name of the country for which the plaque is awarded is given in brackets after the name of the exhibitor.

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L. Simenhoff (Union), H. Mallet-Veale (S. W. Africa), A. F. Lichtenstein (Cape of Good Hope), H. H. Hurst (Natal), H. B. Hargreaves (Rhodesia), J. E. M. Coch (Rhodesia), F. H. Vallancey (Great Britain), A. Watson (Great Britain), P. Malone (Tasmania), A. E. Fryar (S. Australia), G. Ginger (W. Australia), H. Lagerloef (Newfoundland), H. Lagerloef (Hong Kong), G. R. Wallace (Irish Free State), E. J. Lee (Uruguay), H. Lagerloef (Bolivia), E. A. Smythies (Study of $\frac{1}{2}$ anna of 1854-55 issue of India), W. Newcombe-Bond (unused British Cols.), Dr. C. W. Hennan (proofs and essays), H. R. Harmer (Cape forgeries), R. D. Eeverard (covers), L. Simenhoff (S.A. air mail stamps and air covers), E. Morin (British Col. War Issues), G. Ginger (N.S.W. cancellations).

Silver Plaques.

W. Newcombe-Bond (Union), M. Tothill (S.W. Africa), H. H. Hurst (Cape), W. P. Williams (Cape), C. H. Thornton (Cape), J. H. H. Chamberlain (Natal), D. S. Fowler (Rhodesia), G. A. Proctor (Kenya), E. A. Leigh (Sierra Leone), W. L. Ashmead (Jamaica), Dr. McCann (Irish Free State), J. C. Godinho (Indian Feudatory States), E. Cohen (Russia and States), G. J. Houbert (France), W. L. Ashmead (Iceland), Dr. S. G. Rich (U.S.A.), C. A. M. Esnouf (general collection, unlimited), E. C. Wright (general collection, British Col., used and mint), A. H. Lovejoy (general collection, British Cols., used and mint), A. P. Mendoza (rarities), L. de Raay (Transvaal forgeries), I. Glasser (Specimen stamps), W. J. Walls (British Col. War Issues), E. Morin (war issues, general), E. Morin (occupation stamps), W. J. Walls (occupation stamps).

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S. Rogerson (S.W. Africa), T. Glen (S.W. Africa), W. P. Williams (Natal), W. P. Williams (Zululand), H. Vogel (New Republic), E. A. Leigh (Lagos), A. P. Linn (Turks and Caicos Is.), R. H. Corke (Irish Free State), Rev. Canon Ford (U.S.A.), H. Toaspern (U.S.A.), J. A. Smallbones (China), A. P. Mendoza (Mexico), R. H. Corke (general collection, 5,000 to 10,000 stamps), R. H. Corke (general collection, under 5,000 stamps), W. P. Angus (general collection used and mint British Cols.), Miss P. Dayson (general junior collection), J.H.H. Chamberlain (Antarctic stamps on covers), R. G. Webb (S.A. air mails), W. Newcombe-Bond (British Col. war issues), L. de Raay (occupation stamps), J. Schmerl (U.S.A. precancels), L. de Raay (Transvaal cancellations).

Exhibition Championship Cup : E. J. Lee (Uruguay).

S.A. Silver Cups : A. Watson (Great Britain), J. E. M. Coch (Rhodesia).

Special Medal donated by Jamaica Philatelic Society for best collection of Jamaica : W. L. Ashmead.

The most important awards in the literature, albums and government sections are :

Silver Plaques :

Chas. Nissen (monograph, Penny Blacks Plated), Philatelic Society of India (monograph, Half Anna India of 1854-55), Harris Publications, Ltd. (Stamp Collectors' Annual), W. de Polaraski (Polish Stamps, 1780-1870), Harris Publications, Ltd. (The Philatelic Magazine), J. Robertson

("The South African Philatelist"), F. H. Vallancey ("Stamp Collecting"), A. A. Rosenblum ("Victorian Philatelic Record"), L. C. A. Smeulders ("Nederlandsch Maandblad voor Philatelie"), Whitfield King & Co. ("Paragon" Album No. 41), Whitfield King & Co. ("Paragon" Album No. 43a), Paul Koch G. m. b. H., ("Ka-Be" Albums), C. Stewart-Douglas ("Stewart" album), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Specialist" album) Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ld. (exhibit of stamp printing).

Oxydised Silver Plaques :

Altogether 37 oxydised silver plaques were awarded in the album, literature and government classes, the following being the most interesting awards: F. H. Vallancey (monograph, Great Britain), A. A. Rosenblum (handbook on Australian Commonwealth), H. Mallet-Veale (handbook on Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa), W. G. Meredith (handbook on Irish Free State), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Gibbons' Stamp Monthly"), D. Field ("West End Philatelist"), D. Field ("Royal" album), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Oriel Facile" album), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Windsor" album for the stamps of Great Britain), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Utile" album), Mint Stamp Co. ("Myatt Grafton" album), J. Mebus (album for Holland and Colonies), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Ideal" album), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Strand" album), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. ("Improved" album), Whitfield King & Co. (catalogue), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. (catalogue), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. (accessories), Union Government (exhibit), Government of Kenya and Uganda (exhibit), Indian Govt. (exhibit).

Bronze Plaques :

were awarded to Harris Publications, Ltd. (Who's Who in Philately), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. (Stamp Collecting For All), Stanley Gibbons, Ld. (Stamp Collecting for the Million).

It will be noticed that the judges found it necessary to increase the number of awards in classes where competition was heavy and reduce them in classes in which entries were few.

Competition Results.

The awards in the competition conducted in connection with the Exhibition are :

1st award; Cape of Good Hope Collection : H. A. Thorpe, Durban.

Consolation awards :

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| 1. I. C. Somerville, Durban. | 2. R. H. Johnstone, Melborne. |
| 3. R. H. Johnstone, Melbourne. | 4. Major W. J. Tite, Kloof, Natal. |
| 5. E. C. Henriques, Jamaica. | |
| 7. Lieut. K. C. S. Layzell, Pretoria. | 6. T. E. Steinway, New York. |
| 9. H. K. Osborne, Ladysmith, Natal. | 8. A. Gurney, St. Louis, U.S.A. |
| | 10. C. J. Eyre, Durban. |

Awards certified by Mr. Leonard Gill, of London.

The Stamps of the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa. By H. Mallet-Veale. Published by the "South African Philatelist," P.O. Box 5826 or 18 Green's Buildings, Johannesburg. Price 2/6, post free.

This work duly appeared at the beginning of last month and has had a splendid reception. As we have already stated it deals with all the stamps of the countries mentioned—postage, postage due, parcel post, charity, air mail. Having had exceptional facilities for obtaining information the author is able to present readers with a vast amount of new information. In this respect the numbers printed and unchronicled varieties have received special attention.

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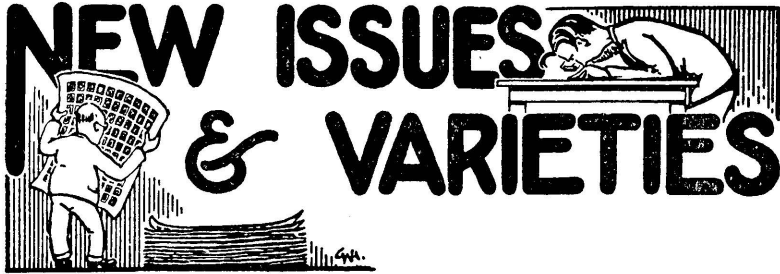
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NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent of "Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" states that on the occasion of the centenary of Western Australia at the end of 1929 a commemorative 1½d. stamp will appear, on which the popular Black Swan is expected to be depicted. The issue of an air mail stamp is under consideration and a definite decision is expected shortly.

Correspondents of "Stamp Collecting" send the consoling news that all future supplies of Commonwealth stamps will be perforated 13½ x 12½.

BELGIAN CONGO.—The Stanley issue was placed on sale on the day the King and Queen of the Belgians disembarked at Boma. The set commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the expedition of H. M. Stanley, which led, in 1884, to the establishment of the Congo Free State. The same design is common to all values and shews a portrait of Stanley. The stamps are all of the same tall upright shape, unwatermarked and perforated 14. The State Printing Works at Malines produced the adhesives. Denominations: 5c. olive-green, 10c. purple, 20c. orange-brown, 35c. sage-green, 40c. chestnut, 60c. sepia, 1 fr. carmine, 1 fr. 60c. slate, 1 fr. 75c. blue, 2 fr. brown, 2 fr. 75c. mauve, 3 fr. 50c. lake, 5 fr. grey-green, 20 fr. magenta.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The following additional information regarding the 2½d. on 2d. provisional is supplied to the London press by Mr. B. S. H. Grant. Number surcharged 1,180, possibly 1,200. Surcharges were applied at South Georgia by authority of Port Stanley, and the provisionals were used only in South Georgia. Cause was due to exhaustion of ½d. and 2½d. stamps. South Georgia is inhabited mostly by Norwegians and the majority of the stamps went to Norway or other countries the rate to which is 2½d.

FIJI.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies receipt of the £1 stamp in a new bright shade and from a new and clear plate.

GOLD COAST.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. notify the issue of the pictorial set, the denominations being : $\frac{3}{4}$ d. green, 1d. brown, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. red, 2d. grey, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange, 3d. blue, 6d. black and purple, 1/- black and salmon, 2/- black and violet, 5/- red and sage-green. Script wmk. Details of design were given in our May issue.



GREAT BRITAIN.—The London press tells us that on the occasion of the ninth Congress of the Universal Postal Union, to be held in London next year, the British post office will issue a set of stamps commemorating the event, probably only because it has become a regular feature of these congresses since the war to have special issues.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The London "Times" states that a new series is to be issued immediately, the denominations being : $\frac{1}{4}$ d., $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, 10/- and £1. It will be noticed that certain denominations are not being renewed.

KELANTAN.—The "P. M." chronicles the impending appearance of the 10c. in new colours—black and brilliant rose.

KENYA AND UGANDA.—A set of postage due stamps has been despatched to the territory. The design is similar to that used for the Federated Malay States dues. The denominations are 5c., blue-purple, 10c. red, 20c. green, 40c. blue.



MALTA.—As forecast by us a new issue is expected daily. The following values of the current set are now being overprinted (in London) "Postage & Revenue" : $\frac{1}{4}$ d., $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 3d., 4d., $4\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/- and 10/-. The denominations not mentioned may also appear with the overprint. No doubt a definite issue will replace the provisionals.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 9c. "Cabot Tower" stamp of the current pictorial issue is already obsolete and will not be reprinted. It is to be replaced by a 14c. stamp in the same design.

NEW ZEALAND.—A 3d. postage due stamp has been added to the current set. It is in the same design and colours as the rest of the set.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.—Yet another new printing of all values has been despatched to the Colony from London.

ST. HELENA.—It has been stated that the 7/6 stamp is obsolete, but Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have been officially informed that it is still on sale.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—A correspondent of "Stamp Collecting" states that the current 10/- and £1 stamps are to be discontinued as soon as the present stock is exhausted. He also gives the good news that the chances for a new issue are at present very remote, as the Colonial Office is looking with disfavour upon too frequent changes of issues.



ST. VINCENT.—The £1 value is now being printed on Script watermark paper.

SARAWAK.—"L'Echangiste Universal" is informed that the stock of 5c. unwatermarked is so large that the Postmaster has been authorised to dispose of it by converting the stamps into 2c. or 3c. stamps by means of a local surcharge. When the work is duly done stamp collectors will help to reduce the stocks, without receiving thanks or other recognition for doing so.

SUDAN.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. submit the 1 m. value on the new paper (wmk. multiple S G).

SEYCHELLES.—A peculiarity in the 2.25 r. Script, Die II, is reported in the house organ of our friends at 391 Strand. The first stamp in the last row but one shows the letter "H" of "SEYCHELLES" with the right limb elongated, so that it almost touches the crown. The variety is constant in this value, but has not been noted in other values.

The "Philatelic Magazine" is informed that the 3c. green (S.G. 106) of the 1921-1925 issue, which was superseded by the 3c. black (S. G. 121), is again on order.

TRINIDAD.—The 4d. postage stamp is now on issue on Script paper, a copy reaching us via Ipswich. The 4d. postage due has been printed on paper bearing this watermark.

The Publisher Launches Out.—The Proprietor of the "S.A. Philatelist" has commenced business as a full time stamp dealer and publisher at 18 Green's Buildings Arcade, 86 Commissioner St., Johannesburg, and will at all times be glad to be of service to collectors. He carries an extensive stock of stamps and accessories, which are advertised elsewhere in this issue.

The new departure is a guarantee that, commencing with the October issue, the "S.A. Philatelist" will invariably appear at the beginning of each month. The delay in the publication of the present issue is much regretted and we are indeed thankful that the difficulties connected with a spare time venture are now at an end.

Held Over Till Next Month through lack of space. Durban Exhibition photographs, Durban Congress report, article on S.W. African postage dues, Items of Interest, auction prices, society news.

UP-TO-DATE UNION NEWS.

The new 3d. postage due stamp is now being issued to post offices. Its colours are blue and black. An illustration will appear next month.

A new plate is now being used for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pictorial stamps. As in the 1d. value there are two nicks in the jubilee line below the last stamp in the sheet.

Writing in the "Rand Daily Mail" Dr. A. Kaplan states that 1d. stamps will shortly be on issue printed from a further new plate—showing three nicks in the jubilee line under the last stamp in the sheet. He also forecasts the appearance of a variety in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. pictorials in the form of one perforation hole missing at the top left hand corner of each stamp in the first horizontal row of the sheet. We have already chronicled a similar variety in the last row of the sheet in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value.

As forecast by us booklets of Pretoria-printed stamps are now on sale (24 1d. and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in each book). In a proportion of the books the stamps shew the watermark inverted.



A new $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postcard (plain) is now on sale. The "stamp" is in the same design as the adhesive $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pictorial, the inscription being "South Africa" "Suidafrika" and " $\frac{1}{2}$ d."

The idea of conducting a Johannesburg-Durban air mail service has been abandoned for the present. The share capital not having been subscribed the company, African Airways, Ltd., is not being proceeded with. The Government subsidy is still available for any firm which will operate such a service, but further developments are not expected for many months.

We illustrate an envelope posted at the Durban Exhibition. Special envelopes were sold by the Exhibition Committee at 1d. each. Our illustration is of one of them. Our subject was franked with a 4d. K.E. Cape stamp, "blue crossed" (the lines do not, on account of their colour, reproduce) and dropped in the Exhibition pillar box.

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The variety missing stop after "A" found in the rectangular 4d. pictorial on stamp No. 3, row 2 of the right hand pane, is now to be found in the 3d. pictorial in the same position, signifying a new printing of this value.

Details of a number of minor varieties will appear in our September issue, to appear by September 20th.

Up-to-date Union News (Continued from page 116).

Naturally, it was compulsorily registered and surcharged 2d. (double the deficiency). The special circular postmark was applied in orange-red ink, the registration cachet being in violet.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein shews us the London-printed ½d. pictorial with the "1" of "½d." completely missing—a very interesting variety.

A fairly long list of minor varieties in Union stamps will be published in our next issue. A number of them have been submitted by Mr. G. W. Reynolds, who, we are pleased to know, is again collecting Union stamps.

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INTERESTING UNION NEWS.

A new forme was recently made to manufacture official stamps. It differs from the original overprint in that there are no stops after the words OFFICIAL and OFFISIEEL. In addition, the distance between the words is slightly less than before. This new overprint has so far only been noted on the 6d. value. Our illustration is of the original overprint.



The new 3d. postage due stamp is illustrated (with "S.W.A." overprint) on page 126. It is printed in sheets of 120 (two panes each 60) and shews the "stop after DUE" variety on stamp No. 2 of the left hand pane. Its colours are, of course, blue (frame) and black.

Two interesting flaws in the ½d. pictorial, plate 1, were recently obtainable at a few post offices. Mr. C. F. Jacobs shews us blocks of this stamp with a large round white blotch on stamp No. 11 of row 19. On one stamp in the tenth vertical row a similar variety was also noted this month, but the exact position is unknown.

From Mr. G. W. Reynolds we have two large blocks (from the bottom left hand portion of the sheet) of the ½d., plate 1, shewing the green very streaky and uneven. The variety was most likely caused through the ink not being properly distributed on the rollers, or the rollers themselves may have been in poor condition.

Mr. H. Gough-Palmer, of Sutherland, submits a block, from the top right hand corner of the sheet, of the 1d. pictorial shewing the central design very clearly offset on ten stamps.

Mr. G. B. D. Williams, of Atherstone, shew us a pair, with inscription attached, of the 3d. pictorial, shewing the roof of Groote Schuur deeply shaded on one stamp and lightly shaded on the other. A pair of this variety in our possession is from a different position.

Mrs. A. R. Burmeister, of Dordrecht, sends us copies of the 1/- pictorial shewing smudged lettering. It is difficult to prevent this type of variety in recess-printed stamps.

A block of the 1d. pictorial shewing a white line running vertically through the ship on No. 2 of row 11 is sent up by Mr. Reynolds, while Mr. Lichtenstein and other readers submit copies of the ½d. and 1d. values shewing white blotches in various positions. Readers will have noticed that these blotches are numerous on Pretoria-printed stamps.

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SOUTH WEST AFRICANS SIMPLIFIED.

(Continued from July Issue).

THE POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Postage due stamps are not usually popular with collectors, probably because they are generally very plain in appearance. The postage dues of S.W. Africa, are, however, extremely popular, perhaps because comparatively small quantities are printed and the opportunities of quick and good profits are great.

For the purpose of this article only normal stamps are mentioned. Various issues of postage dues have been overprinted. They are all accurately described and a careful perusal of the article should eliminate any chances of confusion.



Type I.

Type I. "South West Africa." and "Zuid-West Afrika." on alternate stamps, 14 mm. between lines of overprint. This overprint is found on the following stamps :

Transvaal : 5d., 6d.

Union (De la Rue printing) : 2d., 3d., 6d.

Union (Pretoria printing, rouletted) : 1d., 1½d.

Union (Pretoria printing, perforated) : ½d., 2d.

Type II. "South West Africa." and "Zuid-West Afrika." on alternate stamps, 10 mm. between lines of overprint. Occurs on the :

Transvaal : 5d.

Union (De la Rue printing) : 2d., 3d.

Union (Pretoria printing, rouletted) : 1d.



Type II.

Type III.

Type III. "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps, 1+ mm. between lines of overprint. This type exists on the :

Transvaal : 6d.

Union (Pretoria printing, rouletted) : 1d.

Union (Pretoria printing, perforated) : ½d., 1d.

Type IV. "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps, 14 mm. between lines of overprint. This type differs from Type III in that the lettering is clear and well-spaced and is found on the following stamps :

Transvaal : 5d.

Union (Pretoria printing, perforated) : ½d., 1d., 6d.

Type IVa. is similar to Type IV, except that the type used is rough and uneven. It is only found on the

Union (Pretoria printing) : 6d.



Type IV.



Type IVa.

Type V. "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps. 12 mm. between lines of overprint. Occurs on the

Transvaal : 5d.

Union (De la Rue printing) : 3d.

Union (Pretoria printing, perforated) : $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.



Type V.

Type VI. "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. between lines of overprint. "South West" 16 mm. long. This overprint is found on the following stamps :

Transvaal : 5d.

Union (Pretoria printing, perforated) : 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 6d.



Type VI.



Type VIa.

Type VIa. "South West Africa." and "Zuidwest Afrika." on alternate stamps. "South West" 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. long. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. between lines of overprint. Occurs on the

Union (De la Rue printing) : 3d.

Union (Pretoria printing, perforated) : $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d., 2d.

All the Union stamps aforementioned are inscribed "Union of South Africa" "Unie van Zuid Afrika." The next issue sees the gradual introduction of postage dues of new design inscribed "South Africa" "Suid-afrika."



English and Afrikaans overprint.
 "South West Africa." and "Suidwes Afrika." on alternate stamps. Found on the

Transvaal : 5d.

Union (Pretoria printing, old design, perforated) : 1½d., 2d., 3d., 6d.

Union (new design) : 1d.

"S.W.A." overprint. "S.W.A." on all stamps in the sheet. This overprint is found on the following stamps :

Union (Pretoria printing, old design) : 3d., 6d.

Union (new design) : 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d.



All the overprints on the postage dues are in black and were applied at the Government Printing Works, Pretoria.

It will be noticed that we do not list the 5d. Transvaal with Type III, although it is catalogued by Gibbons. There is good reason for the omission and we will not be surprised if it is deleted from Gibbons' catalogue.

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ANGOLA.—We take the following from a recent issue of “Stamp Collecting” :

“ Mr. T. Croft, of Haxby, kindly sends us the following copy of a notice in the Board of Trade Journal of June 7th :—“ Decrees 12124 of 14.8.26, 14921 of 20.1.28.—Authority is given, and these decrees provide the substitution of existing currency, the Angolan Escudo, by a new unit, the ‘Angolar,’ to be represented by the symbol ‘Ag,’ also by the sign §. A new coin, the ‘Macuta,’ will also be introduced, to be valued at 5 centavos. Decree No. 15449 of 7.5.28 provides for the introduction of the circulation of the new currency as from 1.7.1928, etc.”

The change of currency has not yet been marked by the issue of new stamps.

BERMUDA.—The $\frac{1}{4}$ d. value is now on issue on Script watermark paper.

CANADA.—The London “Times” states that the Canadian P.M.G. is contemplating the issue of official air mail stamps.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies receipt of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. value in a new shade—prussian blue.

GIBRALTAR.—Continental journals have forecast the issue of a new set but “Stamp Collecting’s” correspondent on the spot has received official information to the effect that no such issue is contemplated.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The “Philatelic Journal of Great Britain” says : “For some years past the current 2/6 stamp has shewn a small break in the tail of the “R” of “REVENUE.” Recent printings, however, are from a new plate constructed from a retouched die, in which many of the lines of the design appear to have been strengthened, and in which the tail of the “R” no longer shews this defect.”

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—We gather from news contributed to the “Philatelic Magazine” that the “Times” is probably quite wrong in stating that a new issue is about to appear, as it is considered doubtful if the Leewards can put forward a good reason for a new issue.

MALTA.—“Stamp Collecting” now states that all values of the current set will appear with the “Postage and Revenue” overprint. The new 1d. light brown and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. red (printed, but not yet issued) will be included in the overprinted set. It is possible that they will not appear without the overprint.

SUDAN.—From our Ipswich friends we have the 10m. postage due stamp on the new multiple S G paper.

NEW BOOKS.

Who's Who in Philately, 1928. Published by "The Philatelic Magazine," 112, Strand, London, W. C. 2. Price 3/9, post free.

This very handy work continues to grow in size. The new edition contains over 180 pages and gives the largest list extant of philatelists throughout the world, with their addresses, specialities and other information. The 1928 volume has been improved by the inclusion of a location finder, which makes reference very easy. The editor states that if any worthy philatelists are not mentioned in the work it is due to them failing to provide the necessary information, when invited to do so. In the case of several collectors known to us the addresses given were vacated by the subject of reference years ago.

Altogether, a very useful handbook for almost every collector.

Titles of Countries. Complete set of 864 names. Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, W.C. 2. Price 1/2, post free.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ld. favour us with a copy of their new and up-to-date set of titles of countries. The titles are neatly printed on good quality gummed paper in uniform type throughout. In the case of important countries the titles are repeated two or more times.

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Catalogue of the International Philatelic Exhibition, Durban, July 1928. Obtainable from the Publisher of the "S.A. Philatelist" at 1/- per copy, post free.

Collectors who were unable to attend the Exhibition can have a permanent record of the event in the shape of a copy of the Official Catalogue, a large publication giving full details of all the exhibits, as well as interesting articles on the hobby by Messrs. E. Tamsen, Percy C. Bishop and others.

Philately To-day, by Robson Lowe. **The Early Postal History of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal**, by Rev. C. S. Morton. Published by Robson Lowe. Obtainable from the Publisher of the "S.A. Philatelist" at 2/- per copy, post free.

The two articles above-mentioned are included in a unique book published on the occasion of the Durban Exhibition. They are both of great interest, the latter one being accompanied by illustrations of essays for the first Cape stamps, the essays being the adopted triangular design and a strange-looking five-sided effort. We call the book unique because several of the pages are printed on the paper watermarked "Z.A.R." which was prepared for use for South African

Republic stamps but which was not brought into use on account of the outbreak of the Anglo-Boer War. The unissued stamps which were to be printed on this paper are illustrated herewith.





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FIRST S.A. PHILATELIC CONGRESS.

The Hon. Organising Secretary sends the following brief account of the first South African Philatelic Congress meeting, held in the "Toc H" Rooms, Gardiner St., Durban, on Wednesday, 4th July 1928.

Mr. W. Percy Williams occupied the Chair and there were present Messrs. J. Chamberlain, M. Rose, T. F. Glen, J. A. Smallbones, C. Moffitt, F. C. Mackay, R. G. Webb, G. A. Kirk, L. Petiet, W. P. Angus, C. F. Boyd-Williams, P. E. Morin, O. A. Braby, W. Gosling, D. S. Fowler, C. A. M. Esnouf (representing the Philatelic Society of Natal), A. C. Thornton (P.S. of Rhodesia), L. Simenhoff (Capetown P.S.), C. H. Thornton (East London P.S.), A. Watson (Pretoria P.S.), W. Newcombe-Bond (Port Elizabeth P.S.), F. Carter, J. Lewis (Bloemfontein), Robson Lowe (London), P. Malone (Tasmania) and I. Glasser (Johannesburg United P.S.) Organising Secretary.

The Chairman, in welcoming the delegates and visitors to the first Congress meeting held in South Africa, hoped that it will prove of value to philatelists and that such meetings would continue to be held from time to time.

The rules and regulations governing Congress were read out and amendments made.

It was agreed that biennial Congresses be held in the different centres of the Union. The first will take place in 1930 at a venue yet to be selected.

The winning paper "How best to stimulate interest in stamp collecting" by Mr. J. Donald Robertson (Pretoria) was read.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

HIGH PRICES IN BOND STREET.

The following is a selection of highly satisfactory prices obtained in recent auctions by Mr. H. R. Harmer. The figures for the first two items easily constitute records for the stamps concerned.

Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4d. deep blue "woodblock," immaculate copy with large margins, lightly post- marked in black and red	... ..	£105	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4d. deep blue "woodblock," remarkable used pair, lightly postmarked, fine colour	... ..	£380	0	0
Mauritius, 1848, early impression, 1d. vermilion on blue paper, fine used copy	... ..	£36	0	0
Mauritius, 1859 (Dec.), Greek border, 2d. slate-blue, very fine used copy, "PAID" cancellation in circle	... ..	£29	0	0
St. Vincent, 1915, 1d. on 1/-, double surcharge	... ..	£10	10	0
Ceylon, 1925, 1,000r., overprinted SPECIMEN	... ..	£7	0	0
Great Britain, 1902, I.R. Official, 10/-, overprinted SPECI- MEN	... ..	£70	0	0
St. Helena, 1903, the unissued 1d. "all red," overprinted SPECIMEN	... ..	£11	10	0
Kenya and Uganda, 1925-8, £100, overprinted SPECIMEN	... ..	£12	0	0



The £1 stamp with "S.W.A." overprint is now obsolete and promises to become a rarity, as we understand that only a small number of sheets were overprinted. The "missing stop after 'A'" variety in this stamp is an item well worth having.

Mr. R. E. J. Currell, of Umtata, shews us a copy of the 2d. Transvaal postage due postmarked "Bethanie, 10 Dec. 1917" and on which the word "Due" has been ruled out with pen and ink. While it was no doubt a provisional postage stamp manufactured by the postmaster the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, informs us that the alteration was done without authority.

We are informed that forgeries of the inverted overprints on the 1d., 2d. and 1/3 Type I are being offered as genuine stamps by certain people in South Africa. Our Editor has full details of both the genuine and forged overprints and will be pleased to expertise copies for readers without charge, provided the source of supply is mentioned and return postage enclosed. We understand that the forgeries are being offered in singles as well as in pairs and solicit the fullest co-operation of all who can assist us in bringing the vendors of these faked inverted overprints to book.

INTERESTING UNION NEWS. (Continued from page 123).

Some of them appear to be constant, but actually they are not. It will not be out of place to state how they occur.

The inking rollers of printing machines are liable to become gritty or hard and in that state they produce unsatisfactory work. Thus, if a flaw develops on the roller it will cause a blotch to appear in a fixed position on every sheet of stamps until the roller is cleaned or changed. The rollers are not made of steel, but of a special composition.

Plate flaws can usually be easily distinguished from inking flaws. There are probably several hundred different inking flaws in Pretoria-printed pictorials, only a few of which will be found on any individual sheet.

Shades in the 6d. air mail stamp which appear to have escaped notice are shewn us by Mr. Lichtenstein. Of two unused pairs one is in a pale shade and the other in a deep hue.

SPECIAL OFFERS.

RHODESIA,	1896,	4/- red on green (cat. 12/6)	3/6
"	1898,	7/6 black (cat. 12/6)	4/-
"	1898,	10/- green (cat. 13/6)	4/6
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TRANSVAAL,	1885/93,	½d. to 2/6 mint, cat. 32/7	5/6
"	1885/93,	5/- and 10/-, cat. 35/-	5/6
"	1885/93,	£5, cat. 30/-	4/6
"	1894,	½d. to 1/-, shafts, complete	3/6
"	1895,	½d. to 1/-, pole, cat. 13/2	2/6
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Death of Mr. T. Henderson. At the Durban Exhibition we were informed by his son that Mr. T. Henderson, who published (at Johannesburg) from November 1910 to February 1913 a journal entitled the "South African Philatelist," died at Krantzkop, Natal, on April 28th 1928. Mr. Henderson was known to a large number of South African collectors, who will deplore his demise.

Southern Rhodesia—Double Perforations.—Mr. L. H. Rivers shows us the 1d. and 1½d. values with double perforation along the bottom of the bottom row of the top panes. We illustrate the variety and will appreciate information of any further values which may exist with this peculiarity.



The Woodblock "Reprints."—

The following is extracted from a letter received from Mr. A. Hayne, of Capetown: "With reference to your paragraph in 'Items of Interest' in the June No. of your paper I can supply the information asked for. The paragraph says that the stereotypes were loaned to someone in Capetown. This is not so; the stereotypes never left the Museum. They were printed in black on the Museum Press by the Museum printer on ordinary plain foolscap paper and the certificate on the back, which speaks for itself, will give the information sought.

"Printed at the South African Museum, Capetown, on the 30th of March 1927, from the original plates (or stereotypes) in the possession of the Museum, one for the purpose of publication in a book on the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, by permission of the Director. Only two copies were printed and the waste destroyed. The other copy is for exhibition in the Museum.

Signed by E. LEONARD GILL, Director.
 JAMES DRURY, Taxidermist.
 A. HAYNE, Numismatist.
 J. LE ROUX, Printer."

The book in question is to be published by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons and is the work of Mr. G. Allis, F.R.P.S.L."

In our June issue we stated that we were informed that the stereotypes from which the Cape "woodblocks" were printed were lent to someone by the Capetown Museum and a number of reprints made. Our informant was, apparently, not quite accurate as it would seem that the proofs taken from the stereotypes are to be used for the benefit of philately, i.e., for illustration in a much needed handbook on the stamps of the Cape.

The Postal History and Postage Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope. By G. J. Allis. This work, mentioned in the previous paragraph, is to be published at about the end of this year. No man is more competent to write on the country mentioned than Mr. Allis and Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., by whom the work will be published, state that the information in the book is based on official documents in the Cape Archives. No less than 20 sections are devoted to the famous triangulars, including the facts about the "Four Pence, Black." The results of a detailed examination of the "woodblock" plates, numbers printed, etc., are also given.

The book will contain numerous illustrations, including reproductions of the "woodblock" plates and of rubbings taken from the plates.

Keen interest is being manifested in this forthcoming work and those who desire copies should send us their order early. The price has not yet been disclosed by the publishers.

Southern Rhodesia.—On page 58 of our June issue the following words appear: "Mr. L. H. Rivers writes: 'I have just received the 1d. value in a vertical strip of six, all imperforate between.'" Our correspondent now writes: "From another strip I see by the margin that they are from the bottom panes."

An Expectation Not Realised.—When we stated in our previous issue that this number would appear by September 20th we little realised, although we were optimistic, that the announcement that the publisher had opened a fully stocked stamp shop would be the signal for a big rush of orders from readers. An addition to the staff has eased things and our assurance given last month that the October and subsequent issues will appear early in the month stands.



Tanganyika Territory.—Mr. R. Roberts has been informed that the following denominations of the current issue will be discontinued and no further printings made: 40c., 75c., 3/-.

Mauritius Withdrawals.—Our correspondent on the island, Mr. J. P. Tomkins, has been informed that the 1c., 6c., 8c., 12c. and 50c. values of the current set are not being reprinted as there is no demand for them.



The 10R. Mauritius.—Mr. R. Roberts, the well-known London dealer, writes: "I read in the May number of the 'South African Philatelist,' page 48, a Mr. Tomkins' rather ingenious, but somewhat inaccurate, explanation of the erroneous cataloguing of the 10R. Mauritius, Dies I and II. Mr. Tomkins states that when the Die II was issued the rupee was worth 2/9. As a matter of fact the exchange at the time I received and distributed these two stamps was as follows:

10R. M.C.A., Die I, August 1922, Exchange 1/4.

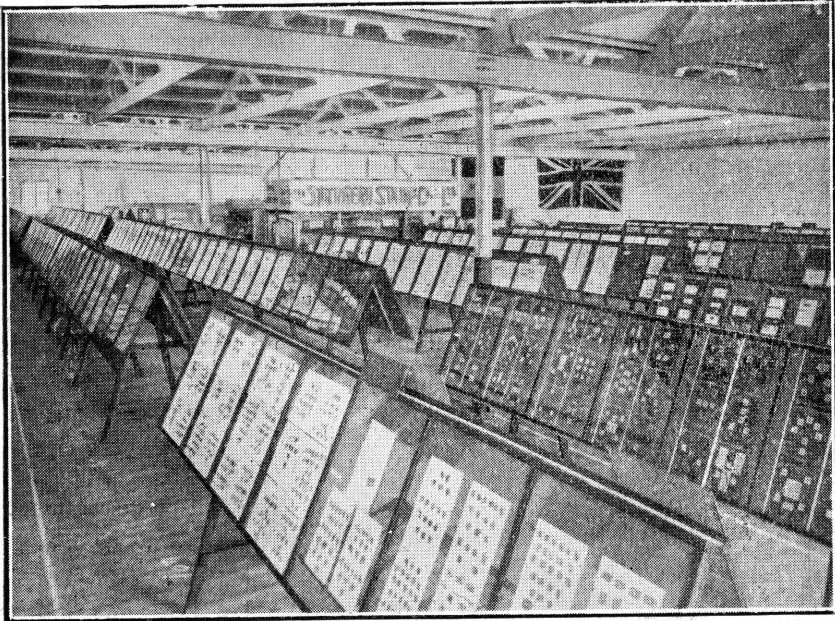
10R. M.C.A., Die II, May 1923, Exchange 1/4½.

so Mr. Tomkins reaches the summit of inaccuracy in philatelic journalism when he makes these rash statements.

"There is absolutely no justification for this error of cataloguing.

"Even if his facts were correct (which they are not) there would be no justification in maintaining the prices, as dealers have to sell at the market rates, and if the exchanges go down they have to lose, whereas if they go up they are equally entitled to gain a little from their stock of current stamps as well as anybody's stock of currency.

"You will find both these stamps listed side by side in my list of April 1924 at 16/6 each. The Die II has since been advanced to 20/-, as the rupee has advanced to a fraction over 1/6."



This illustration shows only a portion of the Durban Exhibition. Satisfactory blocks cannot be made from most of the photographs sent us. Most of the stalls and a fair number of frames do not appear in the above illustration, which will, however, give some idea of the magnitude of the Exhibition.

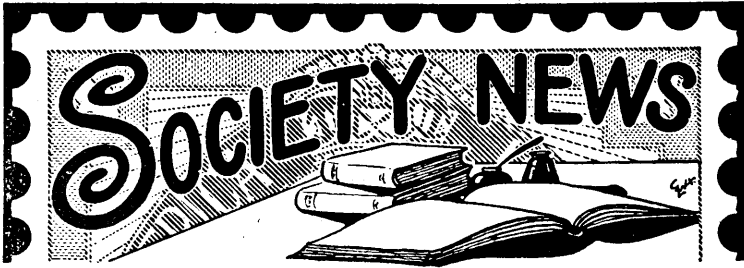
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President : Dr. H. Pirie. Hon. Secretary : Mr. I. Glasser,
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Meetings held in Board Room, Trust Bgs., Fox St., on second and fourth Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

At the meeting held on September 25th a number of members displayed pages of interest from their collections, the result being a most interesting exhibit.

At the meeting to be held on October 9th Mr. W. B. M. Vogts will exhibit his collection of South West Africans, which is reputed to be one of the finest in South Africa. An excellent exhibit of a popular country is sure to draw a big attendance.



PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President : Mr. A. Watson. Hon. Secretary : Mr. H. N. B. Hawke,
P.O. Box 412, Pretoria.
Meetings held in Standard Restaurant on 1st and 3rd Mondays
at 8 p.m.

At the meeting held on September 3rd the attendance was very gratifying.

After new issues had been exhibited Mr. Basden proved that two or three textures of paper have been used for the Union 2d. pictorials, passing round specimens.

Major Booth gave an interesting chat on the early issues of several South American states. A discussion ensued during which the speakers emphasised the desirability of collectors collecting one or two other countries in addition to the one they live in.

JOHANNESBURG STAMP CLUB.

President : Mr. M. Stern. Hon. Secretary : Mr. C. F. Skinner,
P.O. Box 6006, Johannesburg.
Meetings held in Kit-Kat Tea Room, 100 Fox St., 3rd Tuesdays
at 8 p.m.

On August 21st Mr. M. Stern exhibited his specialised collection of Australian Commonwealth and read an interesting paper regarding them. He shewed one or two varieties which, he states, are declared by Australian specialists to be non-existent. The display was appreciated by all present.

At the September meeting two members exhibited interesting pages from their collections. Mr. Johnstone chose early issues in perfect condition and on entires while Mr. Linn laid out several pages from his collection of Portuguese East Africans.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres. : Mr. A. C. Thornton. Hon. Sec. : Mr. B. L. R. Fox,
2 Railway Cottages, 13th Ave., Bulawayo.
Meetings held at B.E.S.L. Club, third Thursday, at 8 p.m.

There was a good attendance at the meeting held on August 17th when the chief topic of discussion was the present position of Rhodesian stamps. The opinion was formed that the high prices now being asked for scarce Rhodesians in perfect condition will be maintained. The practice of some firms of sending out poor and damaged copies was not approved of.

It was decided that the Members of the Society should take up research in the stamps of Northern and Southern Rhodesia with a view to establishing a definite check list.

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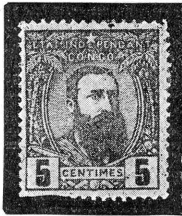
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1891-95. £5. Mint. No. 16.
1891-95. £10. Mint. No. 17.
Feb. 1896. £10. Mint. No. 41.
Feb. 1896. £25. Mint. No. 42.
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1884-94. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Stamp printed double. Mint. No. 40b.
1884-94. 3d. Surcharge double. Used. No. 42a.
- SIERRA LEONE.** June 1883-84. 4d. blue. Mint. No. 23.
March 1897. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 3d. Double surcharge. Mint. No. 62b.

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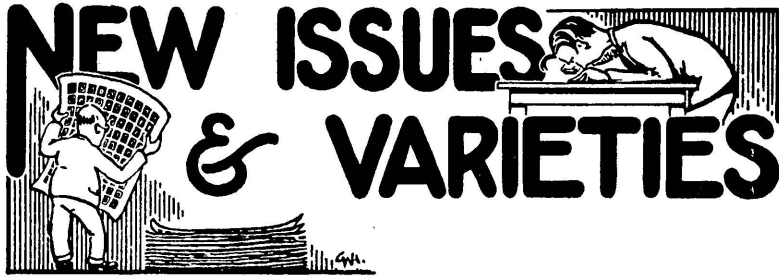
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PHILATELY TO THE RESCUE.

There are several cases on record where philately has come to the aid of law by fixing the date or authenticity of some disputed document, and the following incident, in which I played a part, is not without interest. Just after the Boer War a mining group in the Transvaal purchased a "farm" from the estate of a deceased farmer, this farm being necessary to their development work. After transfer had been passed they were suddenly met by the production of a document by a couple of speculators who claimed to have a long term option on the land, which option they were prepared to relinquish on substantial payment. I was with the legal firm acting for the mining group, and we knew there was "a catch in it" somewhere, but for the life of us we couldn't find it. Both witnesses to the document, as well as the owner of the land, were dead, but a comparison of the signatures with undoubtedly authentic ones on other documents gave no reason to suspect forgery (though calligraphy was somewhat crude amongst the farmers!). The mining people were just preparing to make the best of it and pay, when the writer, who was examining the option and receipts for the umpteenth time, spotted something. I was collecting South African Revenue stamps at the time, and had observed that the Revenue stamps of the South African Republic had three different perms., the dates of which I had been able to fix approximately by examination of the files of legal documents in our office. The first was 14, the second 14 x 11½, and the third 11½. The stamps on the papers were all 11½, but the date on which the document was supposed to have been signed was some two years before they made their appearance with that perf. Official inquiry from the Stamp Controller's department confirmed the fact that the 11½ perms. were only received in the country eighteen months after the date of the document. Confronted with this, the speculators, after a lot of bluff, climbed down and decided not to proceed! The truth came to light some years later; the document was forged, and took the place of a genuine short-term option which had long since expired. The would-be swindlers knew that the current Revenue stamps (the old S.A.R. ones with V.R. overprint) could not be used, so from a stamp dealer they obtained some unused pre-war ones, but, alas, inattention to details tripped them up!

—"E.C." in "Stamp Collecting."

NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



AUSTRALIA.—Mr. A. J. Sèfi, of London, has received cabled news from Mr. A. Rosenblum, of Melbourne, to the effect that a special stamp will be issued at the end of this month on the occasion of the Melbourne Philatelic Exhibition. The design will be that of the obsolete "Kookaburra" stamp. The denomination will be 3d. and one million copies will be printed.

The Western Australia commemorative (denomination 1½d.) is due to be issued next May. The printing will be ten million copies. The 3d. air mail stamp will probably appear next January.

BELGIAN CONGO.—In listing the "Stanley" stamps we omitted to chronicle the 10 francs value. Its colour is violet-blue. According to a correspondent of "Stamp Collecting" the quantities printed of these stamps are :

5c., 10c., 1 fr. 60c., 1 fr. 75c. : 1,500,000
of each value.
20c., 35c., 40c., 60c., 1 fr., 2 fr. :
1,000,000 of each value.
3 fr. 50c. : 500,000.
5 fr., 10 fr. : 250,000 of each.
20 fr. : 100,000.



CANADA.—From news in contemporaries we gather that the official air mail stamp was issued about the middle of last month, but further details are not yet available.



CEYLON.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and R. Roberts report the issue of the new 5R. stamp forecast by us some months ago. The design is similar to that used for the Tanganyika and Nyasaland low values (illustrated herewith). The new-comer is printed in green and deep purple and bears the script C A watermark.

INDIA.—India is thinking of issuing an air mail stamp and a competition for designs closed on September 1st.

KENYA AND UGANDA.—Mr. W. Tunstall, of Nakuru, informs us that the postage due stamps were due for issue on the 1st instant. Postmasters, he says, are prohibited from selling them to the public. If this regulation is adhered to the stamps will only be obtainable on surcharged letters.

SIERRA LEONE.—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have been officially informed that no further printings of the following denominations will be made : 2½d., 7d., 9d., 10d., £2 and £5.



MALTA.—Mr. R. Forbes-Bentley sends a copy of Government Notice No. 273 of 1928, which states that the stamps overprinted "Postage and Revenue" were to be issued on the 1st instant.

Unoverprinted postage stamps in the hands of the public will continue to be valid for postage purposes only.

MOCAMBIQUE.—The triangular adhesives forecast by us many months ago have now materialised and we are indebted to Mr. W. Redford for copies. The stamps are issued in aid of the Humanitarian Society of the Eastern Cross and, on stipulated dates, must be affixed on all inland mail matter in addition to the usual postage. There are two sets of triangulars, on one of which no denominations are expressed. The other set was manufactured by overprinting the original set with the word **CORREIOS** and denomination.

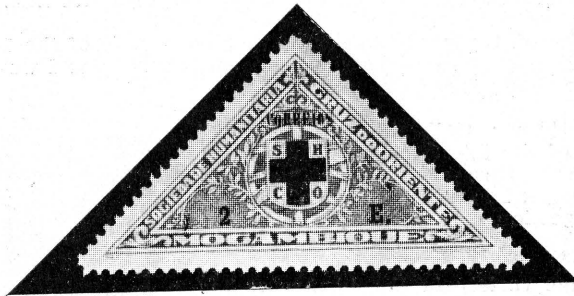
Stamps without indication of denomination are, we understand, sold at 50 centavos each.

Details :

Triangular stamps in design illustrated. Perforated 11½. Denomination not indicated.

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| Green and yellow. | Black-violet and yellow. |
| Slate-blue and yellow. | Orange-red and yellow. |
| Brown and yellow. | Chocolate and yellow. |
| Light brown and yellow. | Claret and yellow. |
| Dull blue and yellow. | Vermillion and yellow. |

Above stamps overprinted **CORREIOS** and denomination, in black. Perforated 11½.



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| 5c. green and yellow. | 10c. dull blue and yellow. |
| 20c. slate-blue and yellow. | 30c. claret and yellow. |
| 40c. brown and yellow. | 50c. vermilion and yellow. |
| 60c. light brown and yellow | 80c. chocolate and yellow. |
| 1 E. black-violet and yellow | 2 E. orange-red and yellow. |

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Although the postal departments of these colonies have, as mentioned by us many months ago, been amalgamated we gather that there is no danger of new stamps being issued. The separate issues are, apparently, to be continued with. The G.P.O. has been transferred to Kuala Lumpur, in the F.M.S.

UP-TO-DATE UNION NEWS.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein shews us a very fine variety in the shape of a pair of the 6d. Official (original overprint) with watermark inverted.

An interesting variety in the 1d. Official is reported by Mr. H. K. Osborn, of Ladysmith, who writes: "I recently found a 1d. Official with the overprint "OFFICIAL," i.e., figure "1" for "I." It is on the Dutch stamp and has margin attached on the right side—presumably the ½d., and 2d., should be found with same error."



The variety missing perforation at top left hand corner of all stamps in the bottom row of the sheet is also to be found in the 6d. pictorial, copies having been sent us by Mr. Lichtenstein.

The same correspondent submits blocks of the 3d. postage due, old design, Pretoria printing, in a very pale shade of blue.



Mr. G. W. Hockey draws attention to a hitherto unchronicled peculiarity in the 6d. pictorial. On Afrikaans stamps the dot under "d" of "6d" is larger than it is on English stamps.

Mr. B. L. Cairncross writes: "You will be interested to learn that I have obtained two sheets of our current 1d. stamps shewing an extra row of perforations in the right hand margin, exactly as illustrated in your August 1927 issue of the 'S.A. Philatelist,' except, of course, that they are from the plate with two nicks in the jubilee line."

From Mr. W. Green of Capetown, we have a copy of the 1d. air mail stamp entirely imperforate. Our correspondent thinks, and we agree with him, that the stamp is from a proof sheet.

Dr. H. Tener Galbraith writes: "I have a pair of the 5/- (pictorial) unused, in one of which the throat strap, hanging to the two upper skeys, has failed to print, only the faintest suggestion of a small portion of it shewing."



A strange variety in the 4d. brown has been brought to our notice by Mrs. I. Burmeister and other readers. A large block of this stamp shewn us by Mrs. Burmeister

shews egg-shaped (sideways) perforations between all stamps in the first vertical row of the right hand pane.



Mr. G. W. Reynolds reports that in a batch of sheets at a Natal P.O. he found 1½ sheets of the plate 2 1d. pictorial with watermark inverted. He also obtained, at a small sub office, four sheets of the ½d. plate 1 with this variety, and has also noticed that the new design 1d. and 2d. postage dues may be found with white gum and with yellow gum.



In the new design 6d. due the stop after "A" of "S.W.A." is missing on stamp No. 6 of row 3, right hand pane.

Lt.-Col. L. J. Worthington, of Leek, Staffordshire, writes :

"The reference, in the last paragraph of South West African news on page 47 of your issue of May 1928, to early and late impressions of the frame plate of the 2d. due is hardly as precise as it might be.

"Mr. Ritchie's handbook to Union stamps, pages 57-61, refers to four separate lithograph plates having been used, viz., A (with its sub-varieties B and C), D., E. and F.

"E is shewn to have a good deal rougher appearance than the preceding printings, but it has no plate varieties common to the other three plates.

"My collection of the 2d. South West Africa Due, Types VI, VIa and English and Afrikaans overprints, shews :

- Type VI, lithographed overprint on plate C.
- Type VI, type-set overprint on plate E.
- Type VIa, overprint on plate D.
- English and Afrikaans overprint, part on plate D, part on plate E.

"Regarding the 'wider spacing' variety notes on page 36 of your issue of April 1928. I agree with your facts and assumptions and should be interested to hear whether the 'S.W.A.' overprinting was effected similarly; whether the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- all shew the very minor variety shorter right base to 'W' on third stamp, first row, as occurred in right hand panes of the 2d., 3d. and 1/- (I am uncertain whether this has been constant) or whether any shew the flawed 'W' on the second stamp, last row, as occurred in left hand panes of the 2d., 3d. and 1/-."

See page 148 for interesting Stop Press News.

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NOTES ON AFRICAN STAMPS ON ORIGINAL COVERS.

By R. D. EVERARD.

When African stamps come under discussion, the thoughts of most collectors naturally turn to the ever popular Cape Triangulars, or the slightly less popular Mauritius "Pence" issues. **But there are a number** of African stamps which are **far** scarcer on original covers than most of either Cape or Mauritius stamps.

For instance, who has ever seen early Gambia before 1880 on covers. (I think Mr. Ams of li'l old Noo Yawk must know something about this). These stamps exist on covers, I suppose, but I should place them as nearly if not quite as rare as the famous Mauritius "Post Office" covers. Take also the early covers of Gold Coast. These are **extremely** scarce on covers—the writer has been searching for years and has only secured **one** early Gold Coast cover! Covers of Sierra Leone and Lagos before 1880 are occasionally met with, but they want **some** finding, and are **distinctly** "good property." The first issue of Niger Coast (on Great Britain) is good on covers, but the succeeding beautiful issues are fairly often met with.

British Bechuanaland first two issues are good on covers, but the later issues are, of course, more often met with. Early issues (say the first three) of Egypt are good property, especially the **first** issue, which seems to be very hard to locate. Nearly all issues of Abyssinia are very desirable on covers, especially those before 1900, which are extremely scarce. Covers from East African Colonies and countries are, as a rule, more commonly found than those of West Africa.

The 1890 issue of British East Africa (overprinted on British stamps) are good, but forgeries exist. The "Sun and Crown" and later issues are fairly common on covers.

British Central African first issue and up to 1901 are scarcer on covers than those of B. E. Africa.

Early Transvaal up to and including the Queen's Head issues are distinctly desirable on covers, and take some finding, too. I have often thought how these fine earlier issues were spoilt by the large number of later and speculative issues, whole sets of which "genuinely" used of course are often found on "original" covers!

Griqualand, Stellaland and Fernando Poo are also very rare and desirable on covers, especially the **last** named. It will be noted that I have left out several Colonies, etc., which have only issued stamps a comparatively short time, as my comments are devoted to the **early** issues of the countries, etc., that I have mentioned, the modern "made-to-order cover" not having the same interest. —"The Philatelic Magazine."

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Now-a-days about nine out of every ten collectors of modern Colonials collect only "mint" specimens—a fact too well-known to require more than passing mention. The advertising pages of any of the various stamp journals clearly reflect this, as do the auction reports in the same papers. One rarely sees other than mint copies mentioned in the latter, and the few occasions when used come up for sale are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth. As for dealers' offers, of the small number featuring used modern Colonials, the majority are concerned with only the commoner used issues, as, for example, Cyprus, Ceylon, Bermuda, No. and So. Rhodesia, So. Africa, etc., etc. And even in the catalogues the pricing of used modern Colonials is quite inadequately treated on the whole, in the opinion of those who know.

Whilst the above remarks apply to all Georgian Colonial issues, they are especially applicable to the post-war Colonials, particularly the "scripts" of the last few years. And this brings me back to the subject of these notes, and the question, "Why concentrate on used scripts?" Without going into a long-winded discussion, I should say, principally because they form in themselves a not too large group, and also a very logical one. Certain Colonies, of course—rather a large number—must be excluded; those whose stamps are obviously more desirable mint than used. After this is done, I am aware that several will remain regarding which no hard and fast line can be drawn, e.g., St. Lucia, St. Vincent, New Guinea, etc. However, a little study of, say, the "Statesman's Year Book," or some such publication, will assist one in determining just what Colonies to ignore or include. For my own considerations I find the following group most satisfactory, either from the point of view of the investor or specialist. Ascension, Barbuda, Br. Solomons, Brunei, Caymans, Dominica, Falklands, Gambia, Montserrat, New Hebrides, St. Helena, St. Kitts, Turks & Caicos, and Virgins, including also Nauru (1924 issue), Tonga (1920/24), and Kuwait, although these three Colonies have never issued stamps on script paper, and so cannot be included in a strict classification of the above. There are few real rarities, the only ones, in fact, being the 15/- St. Helena and 10/- St. Kitts Tercentenary, and even these are not absolutely prohibitive, though they would doubtless fetch somewhat more than mint copies.

Once one has secured one of each stamp, the scope of the collection may be extended to whatever limits one wishes. Thus, one may endeavour to get as many as possible of the St. Kitts issues postmarked with the stamps of the various sub-offices, "Anguilla," "Nevis," etc. This makes a very pleasant and not too easy task, as even those dealers who carry used scripts as often as not have only a few scattered values from any of the minor Offices, if at all. Caymans offers several Offices only—"Grand


Cayman," "Little Cayman" and "Cayman Brac"—and likewise with the other Colonies: Virgins, Falklands, Solomons, etc., for example.

"Ships" postmarks may be included as well; an example of this type being the travelling steamer P.O. cancellations on the stamps of Gambia. I fancy the West Indian Colonies offer some rather good opportunities in this line, as do the Falklands.

As to the financial side, this needs no elaboration, being already well recognised. Fine postally used scripts from the above Colonies are vastly more desirable than their mint sisters; as one dealer says, "The high values of smaller Colonials are ten times as rare used as unused"—a statement not at all exaggerated, as anyone who has made even a superficial study of the subject will agree. At one of his recent auctions, Mr. A. H. Thompson obtained £3 17s. 6d. for a fine used set of the 1912 issue of Barbados to 3/-, which prompts one to ask, if used Barbados fetch approximately the same as mint, what will be the case with, say, used Falklands, Turks & Caicos, Virgins, or any other of the scarcer Colonials? The answer is as plain as it is startling.

In the above notes I have made no reference to "covers," etc., but I may say, by way of conclusion, that stamps used either on "entires" or "pieces" are much more desirable, taken all round, than copies "off paper." The latter are very apt to have suffered whilst being "soaked off," and especially is this true as regards stamps on chalky paper and in fugitive inks, in which category are, of course, the majority of modern Colonials.

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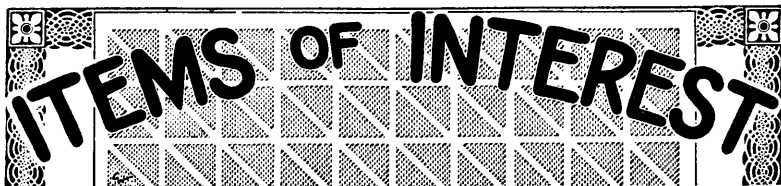
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

South Africa at Melbourne.—Several Durban collectors have sent exhibits to the Exhibition to be staged at Melbourne at the end of the present month. Mr. A. H. Lovejoy has entered his general collection of mint and used British Colonials, while Mr. J. H. H. Chamberlain has sent his interesting Antarctic stamps and franks and also his specialised collection of Natal. Mr. H. H. Hurst's wonderful collection of Natsals and his splendid Capes are also on the way to Melbourne. War Tax, charity, Red Cross and occupation stamps are contained in Mr. P. E. Morin's entry. All these collections received awards at the Durban Exhibition. We hope that they will win fresh honours at Melbourne.

Catalogue of the Stamps of Russian Post Offices Abroad and Pre-war Finland. Published by Soviet Philatelic Association, 1st Twerskaja-Jamskaja 3, Moscow, Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

While our Editor is able to understand most of the foreign philatelic handbooks which come his way he must confess that he has not read the subject of this review, for it is entirely in Russian. The check lists, illustrations and prices can be mastered with a little study, but the ordinary text, which appears to contain much useful information, is a closed book to us. For this reason we are unable to say whether the prices given are those at which the Soviet Philatelic Association will supply the stamps or whether they are intended to indicate the relative values of the stamps. The work is obviously very exhaustive and complete and is sold at 75 kopeks per copy.

The New Gibbons.—Messrs Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., state that in the 1929 edition of their catalogue there are a record number of price changes. The new method of pricing early imperforates is a welcome innovation. Among other lists that of Bechuanaland has been re-written.

Some remarkable rises have taken place in South West Africans, while Rhodesia also shews many increases.

The Publisher of the "S.A. Philatelist" is booking orders for all the 1929 catalogues.

POSTALLY USED SCRIPTS.—(Continued from page 147).

Besides, covers have the obvious value of showing the various cancellation marks applied by the different Offices through which they were passed, whilst "pieces" have also the advantage of showing the complete postmark, as oftentimes on ordinary used copies, i.e., copies off paper, only a small part of the cancellation shows, and frequently what does show is of no use so far as date is concerned, the latter being missing either wholly or partly.

Financially, too, stamps "on paper" bring better figures, generally speaking. —"The Philatelic Magazine."

STOP PRESS.

Union ½d. postage due to be re-issued, but in the new design. Will probably be overprinted for S.W. Africa.

Handbook on South West Africa, by H. Mallet-Veale. Published by Harris Publications, Ltd., London. Obtainable from J. ROBERTSON, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg. Price 2/6, post free.

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LATEST UNION NEWS.

We illustrate the new $\frac{1}{2}$ d. postage due stamp, which will be used chiefly to account for customs duty charges on advertising matter received from abroad. The frame plate used for the other values is being used for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp, as the "stop after DUE" variety occurs on stamp No. 2 of the left hand pane.



The newcomer is printed in deep green and black in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60—6 x 10). On a left hand pane we have noted that on stamp No. 6 of row 3 the "2" is damaged (see illustration) while on all stamps in the fifth vertical row the top of the "d" is defective. Dr. Fouché states that these varieties are also to be found on right hand panes.

Copies which we have seen seem to indicate that the new "official" overprint is to be found only on Pretoria printed 6d. stamps, while the original overprint appears to exist, in all values, on London printed adhesives only.

The 1d. pictorial is now on issue printed from plate 3, shewing three nicks in the jubilee line under the last stamp in the sheet, but in both the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. values the earlier plates appear to be still in use.

The rumour persists that as soon as the contract with Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., expires a complete new issue of postage stamps will appear. It is stated that the plates will be engraved in England, but all impressions from them will be made in Pretoria. If the new set eventuates it is expected that it will be overprinted for S. W. Africa.

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NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



AUSTRALIA.—Further details regarding the "Exhibition" stamp are now to hand. Although issued in connection with the Philatelic Exhibition held at Melbourne at the end of last month the special stamp (denomination 3d.) in the design of the obsolete 6d. Kookaburra stamp was on issue throughout Australia. Whereas the usual sheets of 120 were on general issue special sheets each comprising 15 blocks of 4 were printed at the Exhibition and sold there. The colour of the stamp is blue and it was produced on unwatermarked paper by steel engraving.



The air mail stamp, denomination 3d., will be issued by April 1929 and will be of large transverse oblong format. It will depict an aeroplane flying over a field of sheep, with mountains in the background.

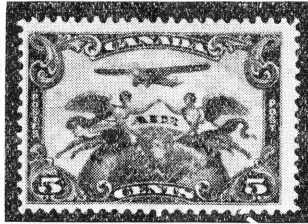
In the competition organised by the Exhibition authorities for a design suitable for Australian stamps the first prize was awarded for a very ordinary design shewing the King's head between two enormous columns. The Postal Department has agreed to adopt the design for future issue. We hope that it will be modified very considerably.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The "Daily Telegraph" confirms a report to the effect that a design submitted by Captain Amerdras, harbour-master at Port Stanley, has been adopted for a new issue to make its appearance shortly.

BERMUDA.—New shades are notified by Mr. R. Roberts, as follows : 1d. red, quite different to carmine shade issued in 1923; 2d. dark slate, quite different to pale grey shade of 1924, 4d. bright aniline-red on yellow, much brighter than the shade issued in 1924; 6d. pale brownish-lilac, quite different to the 1924 shade.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 1c. value is now being printed in the Nyasaland type.

CANADA.—The new official air mail stamp is of transverse oblong format and depicts winged female figures poised on globe, indicating Canada. The denomination is 5c. and the colour sepia. A copy reaches us from Mr. T. Howard Jarrett, who also submits a new 2c. green postage stamp which was issued without warning.



KENYA AND UGANDA.—Although postmasters would not sell unused copies of the new postage dues to our correspondent on the spot, Mr. W. Tunstall, an unused set has reached us from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. The design is illustrated above.

KELANTAN.—The Crown Agents have informed the press that the 1 dollar value is about to appear in a new design, taking the form of a portrait of the Sultan surrounded by an ornamental border with the words "Kelantan Postage and Revenue" in English and vernacular. The stamp will be recess-printed in blue on white wove paper.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The following new stamps are now being printed : 10/- green and red on emerald, Nyasaland type, script wmk.; £1 purple and black on red, "Receipt" size, old CA wmk. In addition the colour of the 1d. stamp has been changed to red and that of the 1½d. to light brown.

MALTA.—Copies of the overprinted issue are now to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and R. Forbes-Bentley. On the pence values the overprint ("Postage and Revenue") is in black serif capitals, while on the higher denominations it is in red sans serif capitals. The denominations received are : ½d., ¾d., 1d. (red), 1½d. (brown), 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 6d., 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/- and 10/-. The 1d. brown and 1½d. red will be issued with this overprint when the 1d. red and 1½d. brown are exhausted. They will not appear unoverprinted.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. J. P. Tomkins informs us that the 8c. orange, King's head, is now obsolete. The 12c. Arms type is, he says, again on issue.

Mr. Tomkins understands that a Colonial Office circular has been sent to all the Colonies to clear out all redundant values under 5 Rupees.

MONTSERRAT.—The colour of the 1d. stamp has been changed to red and that of the 1½d. to light brown.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—"The Philatelic Magazine" chronicles the appearance of the new value, 14c., the design being that of the obsolete 9c. value. The newcomer's colour is purple-brown.

NIGERIA.—The 2d. value in a new colour, chocolate, and on un-surfaced paper is to hand from our Ipswich correspondents.

NORTH BORNEO.—The following further values have appeared with the 12½ perforation: 2c. brown lake (new colour), 8c. carmine (new shade), 16c. red-brown, 20c. on 18c. blue-green, 24c. violet (new shade); postage dues: 2c. brown-lake (new colour), 8c. carmine (new shade). Centres in black in all cases.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. A. Lichtenstein shews us the 1d. stamp in two unusual sizes—smaller than normal and larger than normal.

Mr. A. Morgan notifies the discovery of the 3d. value imperforate between stamp and top margin.



TANGANYIKA.—New shades notified by Mr. R. Roberts: 30c. mauve and grey, 50c. pale grey and grey.

TRANS-JORDAN.—Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. inform us that all values of the current issue have been overprinted in Arabic with the word "Dastour," meaning "Constitution," to commemorate the signing of the agreement between H.M. the King and the Emir Abdullah, and the enactment of the Organic Law setting forth the Constitution of the Government. The stamps were issued on September 1st and were on sale for one month only. The overprinting was done in Cairo. The quantities overprinted were not large.

ZANZIBAR.—The 30 Rupees stamp is about to appear on script watermark paper.



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* 10 Italy 1928, Com. Phil. of Savoy, 20c. - 20L., full set, mint	12/-
* 3 Roumania 1928, Air Mail, 1, 2, 5 Lei issue limited, mint	10d.
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* 11 Monaco 1921, 25c.-10 Fr. (Yvert Nos. 54/64) mint	£2/12/-
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Apparently the reason for perforating the triangulares was to enable the post office to get rid of them as quickly as possible. It is stated that 10,000 sheets of each language were perforated, the majority being very badly done. Very few of the defective stamps were sold to the public, but were used up on telegrams, etc. Thus the actual quantity sold to the public was not large.

In the November supplement to Gibbons' 1929 catalogue the prices of the old design 3d. and 6d. dues with "S.W.A." overprint have been advanced to ten times face value. Readers who have our publisher's price list are advised that the prices given in same for the following postage dues are hereby cancelled: Type VI, 1d. and 5d.; Type VIa, 1d.; English and Afrikaans overprint, 1d., 1½d., 2d. and 3d.; "S.W.A." on old design stamps, 3d. and 6d. The new prices will be notified to interested readers on request.



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REVIEWS.

Gibbons' Catalogue, 1929. Obtainable from J. Robertson, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg. Prices: British Empire 7/2, postage 8d. Foreign countries 11/-, postage 1/-. Whole world volume 16/3, postage 1/3.

Without a doubt the latest edition of the best known catalogue is an exceptional one. The most important innovation is the new method of pricing (in Part I) early imperforates which vary greatly in condition. A new method of listing has also been adopted in Part I by which the "small type" method previously used for some lists has been elaborated and shades also shewn in small type.

The new lists in Part I are those of Bechuanaland, Hong Kong, Palestine and Trans-Jordan. In Part II there has been no re-writing of a whole country, but price changes are many. Indeed, the prices in both parts have been thoroughly revised—in the British Empire section many sensational advances have taken place, even in the early issues.

We agree with the publishers in their statement that "the new edition may be taken as introducing a new era in catalogue history, and collectors who wish to keep abreast of the times will not be able to 'make do' with an out-of-date volume."

Owing to the many price alterations we are not following our usual policy of quoting specific instances, but name the groups most affected. The Georgian issues are not so lively this year, owing probably to the paucity of new issues during the past twelve months, but Edwardians are beginning to move upwards, while there are numerous changes in the later Victorians. British North America and West Indies have received the lion's share of attention, but Cape, Ceylon, New Zealand, India and other countries have not been neglected. Great Britain continues an upward trend, while several "neglected" groups are moving. Among the "moderns" South West Africa and Rhodesia are rising, especially the former. While we have not heard many complaints of overpricing in S.W. Africa we do know that there are many collectors who will pay full catalogue and over for certain S.W. Africans. The 10/- Type I is a prominent case. Probably the prices of the Afrikaans and old design 3d. and 6d. dues with "S.W.A." overprint will soon be altered—we will gladly pay full catalogue for some of these! The low prices are probably accounted for by the fact that Gibbons' catalogue has to be sent to press earlier than other catalogues owing to the great amount of work entailed in its production. For instance, Gibbons quote 4/- for the 6d. English and Afrikaans postage due, whereas Whitfield King list it at 15/-, which is nearer its true value.

Many of the earlier S.W. African postage dues are also underpriced, there being quite a number of items for which dealers will pay full catalogue and over.

In Part II there has also been a sharp rise in the rarer items and in the early issues, notably of Europe, United States and South America. Egypt and China are on the up-grade. The prices of French Colonials have been carefully revised and several rarities shew very remarkable increases.

In the preface to their new catalogue Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. predict a "boom" in stamps within the next few years, if present tendencies are maintained. Demand is continually increasing and supplies are, in many cases, diminishing, not only in the case of the rare stamps but in those which were available in large quantities before the war. Only

those in close touch with the trade can appreciate the scale on which absorption of stocks is going on. Specialists, moneyed accumulators (not always real philatelists) and the growing number of new collectors are all helping to deplete stocks, thereby making the hobby a safer investment than ever for those who buy judiciously and are not afraid to spend a little money. If one wants quality one must pay for it—it's the perfect copies that advance in price—the "duds" offered by "cheap Jack" firms may seem bargains, but collectors who deal with reputable dealers and are not afraid to be guided by their advice are generally those who "stick to" the hobby and derive pleasure and profit from it. How easy it is for a dealer to tell, when he is offered a collection by someone who is "fed up" with stamp collecting why the would-be seller is "fed up"!

Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps of the World, 1929. Published by Whitfield King & Co. Obtainable from J. Robertson, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg. Price 7/9, postage 9d.

A marked increase in the size of our welcome visitor from Ipswich has necessitated a slight increase in its price.

As in other catalogues many alterations in prices have been found necessary, Great Britain, Argentine, Crete, Danzig, Uruguay and early Brazil all shewing many rises. South West Africa has again received attention in consequence of the continued demand for these popular stamps both in South Africa and abroad. Our friends foresee further considerable rises in this group at no distant date and we agree with them. A number of scarce items are quoted by Whitfield King & Co. at higher prices than they are by other firms but in some instances they should be able to do good business at their present prices.

That Governments are by no means inactive is shewn by the fact that our friends tell us that 1,738 new stamps have appeared since the publication of their 1928 catalogue, bringing the number of stamps issued since 1840 to 48,707 (Europe 14,712, Asia 9,156, Africa 11,270, America 7,943, West Indies 3,074, Oceania 2,552).

The simple life collector will find an ideal friend in Whitfield King's catalogue. The price is low, thereby placing it within the reach of the collector who cannot afford to spend much money on literature. A collector without a catalogue is the best customer of an unscrupulous dealer, honest firms want each of their customers to possess an up-to-date catalogue.

Catalogue de Timbres Poste Yvert et Tellier Champion, 1929. Obtainable from J. Robertson, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg. Price 8/6, postage 10d.

The publishers joyfully point to the fact that the 1929 edition of their catalogue is the first edition for ten years in which prices are stabilised as a consequence of the stabilisation of the French franc.

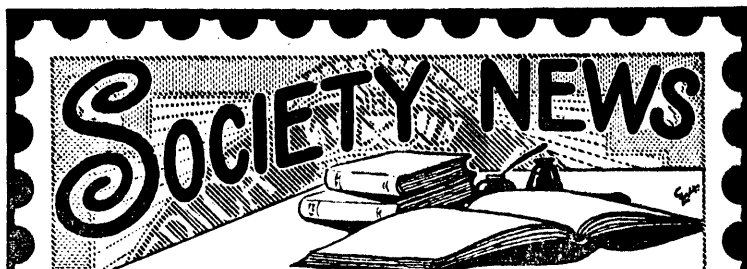
There are no remarkable innovations for the definite lines of compilation long followed by this work leave little room for improvement. A good feature of this catalogue is the ease with which varieties can be noted at a glance.

Yvert lists many stamps not found in the English catalogues, such as telegraph stamps and Dead Letter seals. Where English is not spoken it is the most popular catalogue. It is useless trying to exchange stamps with French, Spanish and Portuguese speaking collectors unless one possesses the latest Yvert.

South African collectors find the S. W. African list a little difficult to follow. The prices are invariably for single stamps and the method of identification followed by Gibbons is not present.

A catalogue more detailed than Whitfield King's and not so elaborate as Gibbons', Yvert's is a most practical work of great utility.

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Meetings held in Kit-Kat Tea Room, 100 Fox St., 3rd Tuesdays
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At the October meeting the members were favoured with a visit by the members of the Pretoria Philatelic Society, the result being a record attendance. The exhibits and papers were exceptionally fine. Mr. A. Watson displayed a portion of his wonderful collection of Great Britain, while Mr. Giovanetti exhibited the finest collection of S. W. Africans yet shewn in the Transvaal. He possesses panes of some of the rare dues and large blocks of many scarce postage stamps. Of important varieties he has numerous examples.

Mr. A. E. Basden's exhibit of and paper on the rectangular issues of the Cape of Good Hope were of absorbing interest.

There were a number of other interesting displays and a most pleasant evening was spent. There were so many visitors from Pretoria that when the time came for them to return home they forgot to call the roll and left their President behind !

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On November 13th the members and visitors were provided with a treat in the shape of a display of a portion of Mr. J. E. M. Coch's remarkable collection of Rhodesians. One can never look at the collection too often and those who had seen it before and those who had not marvelled at the extensive number of scarce varieties possessed by Mr. Coch.

At the conclusion of the display the S.A. Championship Cup won at Durban by the above- mentioned collection was handed to Mr. Coch to the accompaniment of loud applause.

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South West Africa. A Check List. Published by Harris Publications, Ltd., London. Obtainable from J. Robertson, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg. Price 2/6, post free.

The publisher of the "S.A. Philatelist" has for some time been gathering information to incorporate in a handbook on S. W. Africa. Pressure of other work has delayed publication, perhaps fortunately, for we are promised some exceptionally interesting information not hitherto published. However, as a handbook was sorely needed we read with pleasure the announcement that Harris Publications, Ltd., were to publish a check list compiled by Mr. H. Mallet-Veale and immediately cabled for a supply of the book.

The check list originally appeared in serial form in the "Philatelic Magazine" and is a most exhaustive list of constant varieties in the issues it deals with. The author knows his subject and has done his part of the work excellently. It is a matter for regret, however, that he does not appear to have been given an opportunity of bringing his check list up-to-date.

The check list in handbook form appears to be in exactly the same form as it was in serial form. Issues which have appeared since the author compiled the check list have not been added, while certain points concerning which there was general doubt at the time the MSS was compiled and which have since been cleared up have not been amended.

The "blue" and "S.W.A." overprints are not mentioned in the work and not a word is said of the English and Afrikaans postage dues. Certain printer's errors in the serial check list have not been corrected—we do not mention them because they will be obvious to any specialist who reads the book.

The author himself has made a couple of unfortunate errors. With one or two of his theories we do not agree, but have no hesitation in recommending the work as an excellent check list of the issues it deals with, our only regret being that it was not made of far greater use by being brought up-to-date, that greater care was not exercised in checking the proofs and that the author has made one or two statements, the reason for the presence of which we cannot comprehend—perhaps he was "let down" by others.

The well-illustrated list of postmarks is most interesting, all the types of the make-shift and definite cancellations being fully detailed.

SOCIETY NEWS (Continued from page 158.)

A paper was read by Mr. W. J. Giovanetti on the advantages of stamp exhibitions. Mr. W. J. Harrington drew the attention of the members to an article in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" describing a retouched Die II of the 6d. 1913 issue of Rhodesia se-tenant with Die III in his collection. This variety has already been described in the "S.A. Philatelist."

Mr. Bedford exhibited a very fine collection of S. W. Africans.

On October 15th a particularly interesting description was given by Mr. Iles, of the Royal Mint, of the method of manufacturing master dies and plates and working plates of fiscal and postage stamps.

Mr. Basden exhibited and read a paper on the rectangular issues of the Cape of Good Hope. Among the presumably unrecorded varieties of these issues he shewed the 4d. on 6d., 1868, with slanting "P" and bar at top and at bottom; the 1d. of the 1872 issue with long "P" in "POSTAGE" and inverted watermark; the 3d. of the 1875 issue with brown gum and the anchor watermark inverted in the 1d. value and double (reversed and normal) in the 2d. stamp of the 1884 issue.

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UP-TO-DATE UNION NEWS.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein informs us that the ½d. pictorial is now on issue printed from a third plate—showing three nicks in the jubilee line under the last stamp in the sheet. He describes the production of stamps from this plate as excellent—naturally, for the plate is new.

Quite a novel variety in the Pretoria printed 1d. pictorial is shewn us by Mr. W. Morley. It takes the form of a mint block of four shewing a heavy black line running vertically through the middle of the block. In the Pretoria printed 6d. pictorial the same correspondent submits a copy bearing a large white blotch on the left hand side of the circle enclosing "6d."

As the Pretoria made booklets are not too well trimmed it is possible to obtain booklets shewing portions of stamps which should not be there. These additional pieces at the right hand side of the pages are tete-beche to the six complete stamps forming a booklet pane or page. Mr. W. Morley shews us the best example which we have seen. The peculiarity occurs in the ½d. and 1d. values. Mr. Morley shews us the same variety in the ½d. King's Head. The 2d. K.H. has been known with this variety for some time.

Mr. B. L. Cairncross writes : "With reference to your report in the October issue anent egg-shaped perforations in the 4d. brown Union pictorial I am able to state that similar perforations have occurred in the 5/- value (pictorial). I discovered a sheet last year shewing these perforations along the right hand halves of the tops of the stamps in the last vertical row of the pane."

With reference to the note in our October issue it should be noted that in the old design 3d. due the normal blue and black stamp is printed on pure white paper, while the very pale blue and black adhesive is printed on toned paper.

Some interesting notes regarding the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials will be found under "South West African News" in this issue.

We wish our readers a Joyous Christmas and a Bright
and Prosperous New Year.



The new Union ½d. postage due stamp has been overprinted "S.W.A." in black,



In the old design 3d. due with "S.W.A." overprint Mr. Mallet-Veale reports having both the normal blue and black on pure white paper and the very pale blue and black on toned paper. The latter would appear to be scarce.

Mr. W. Morley, of Maritzburg, shews us a copy of the 1/3 "S.W.A." overprint with the "W" larger than usual and also a copy with the letters unevenly aligned.

Messrs. A. Morgan and A. Bronks

shew us English and Afrikaans perforated triangulars with double perforation, while another reader reports having copies with *quadruple* perforation. The abnormal perforations occur in only one diagonal row in each of the sheets shewn us.

Mr. Mallet-Veale submits a block of the perforated Afrikaans triangulars with a line of perforations so much out of place that it runs practically through the centre of the stamps. The line of perforations which has wandered so much from its course is the line which should be along the bottom of the stamps.

A hitherto unchronicled variety is shewn us by Mr. A. Bronks in the shape of the 2d. postage, Type VIa, with no stop after "Afrika." The exact position of the variety is unknown but it occurs on a stamp in the fourth vertical row of the right hand panes,



In the article "South West Africans Simplified" in our July issue we included the ½d. postage stamp with Type III. Investigations have now proved that this value does not exist with Type III, but with Type IIIa, with which overprint we also listed it.

The 1/- value with Type VI (type-set) overprint is to be found with the overprint in both dull and shiny inks. Mr. Lichtenstein shews us copies proving this. Thus, it will be seen that it is not only a lithographed overprint which can be shiny, but a type-set overprint can be readily distinguished by the fact that the lettering is pressed into the paper, whereas in a litho overprint the lettering makes no depression in the paper.

Mr. Mallet-Veale informs us that meter franking machines, so popular in the Union, will probably shortly be introduced in S.W.A. A German machine seems to have made the best impression (figuratively, not literally!) on the postal department, chiefly because it is fool-proof and cheap.

The enormous (what Americans would call "silver dollar") postmark recently in use at Swakopmund has been replaced by one of more modest dimensions, but bearing the same wording as before—"Swakopmund, S.W.A. Health Resort, Sea Bathing" and date.

Lt.-Col. L. J. Worthington writes: "There is a minor matter which I have not seen referred to in print. In some sheets of 60 stamps of the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- pictorials the right hand margin is imperf., in others it is perf. So far I have seen

Two-line overprint, right margin imperf.: 2/6, 5/-

Two-line overprint, right margin perf.: 10/-

"S.W.A." overprint, right margin imperf.: 2/6.

"S.W.A." overprint, right margin perf.: 2/6, 5/-, 10/-

"Can you extend this check list and say whether sheets of these high values, where the right margin is perf., have the left margins perf. or imperf.?"

On the same subject Mr. Mallet-Veale writes: "When the 10/- pictorial with two-line overprint first came out I obtained a sheet and found that the perforations extended through the right and left margins. Since then I received blocks of the 10/- from the right hand side of the sheet and these had the margin imperf."



Our correspondent followed up the above by advising the possession by him of the 2/6 value, full overprint, shewing the right margin perforated through on some blocks and imperforate on others.

The above letters seem to prove that, like the 2d., 3d. and 1/- pictorials, the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- values are printed in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), but, whereas the three low values are issued in sheets of 120, the high values are cut into panes of 60 by the printers.

We have examined stocks of 2d., 3d. and 1/- stamps and find that the right hand margin of the right hand pane is invariably imperforate and the dividing margin between the panes always, of course, perforated through. Thus, in the 2/6, 5/- and 10/- values panes with the right margin imperf. are right hand panes and those with the right margin perf. left hand panes, the left margins being, in both cases, invariably perforated through.

Although in all the three high values both right and left hand panes are obtainable unoverprinted it is uncertain, owing to the scant information available at present, as to whether in all cases both right and left panes received the two-line overprint and also whether in each case the two panes have been overprinted "S.W.A." We will appreciate further information on this point.

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A TRANSVAAL QUERY.

From Messrs. A. Lichtenstein and E. T. Schonegevel we have received interesting letters on a subject seldom mentioned. Mr. Schonegevel writes: "I have come across some copies of the King Edward 3d. Transvaal stamp with multiple watermark, if I remember rightly, with purple and mauve centres instead of black medallions. Why are these not catalogued? I remember distinctly somewhere about the time of Union that I actually saw this stamp on a letter, which seemed strange to me, but not being a collector at the time I thought no more about it, but now that I am interested I should like to know what is the matter. I have one postmarked Alice, which is in the Cape. Is this the only reason, because they were not actually used in the Transvaal? This can easily be accounted for by a proclamation which was gazetted authorising the use of the stamps interprovincially. It is my opinion that these were kept back by the Transvaal postal people, but on the coming of Union they were issued and so used."

Mr. Lichtenstein's letter is worded as follows: "Perhaps you can draw attention to a matter I have long been wanting to write to you about, viz., the MCA issue of K.E. Transvaal. I am sure every collector has at one time or other noticed the very substantial difference in the colours of the centres of the values from 3d. upwards. I have been trying to collect the dates of postmarks on these stamps, and have come to the conclusion that from a time coinciding with the introduction of the Universal colours set the centres of the 3d., 4d. and 6d. values have been printed in a grey-black hue, whereas heretofore the colour for the centres was grey-brown. I enclose three pairs of these values, shewing the difference plainly, but most noticeable in the 6d. denomination. One can almost say that at first these stamps were printed in the colours of the SCA set (the 3d. and 6d. shew this most clearly) and that later on the colours, both of the frames and the centres were changed. In any case Gibbons' description of 'black' centres is not quite correct, as in many cases it is brown, if anything. The only recognition of the varying shades on the part of Gibbons one finds in the 3d. value, where the frames are listed as sage-green and pale sage-green respectively. As far as I can make out the Nos. 565 and 565a should be reversed, since sage-green was the original colour, also of the SCA stamp, and the pale shade was introduced later *accomptmed by the grey-black centre*, as against the former brown centre.

"While the 4d. stamp shews quite distinct differences in the shade of the centre (first brown and later grey-black) no appreciable variety of colour can be said to exist in the frame. The 6d. value, on the other hand, should be classed into two distinct stamps, which could be numbered 567 (grey-brown and red-orange) and 567a (black and yellow-orange). In the 1/- value one gets very pale (early) and very deep (later) shades, but one can hardly draw a line here and speak of different issues. Unfortunately, the postmarks one finds on these stamps are very confusing, as large stocks of the first printings seem to have been made and distributed to postmasters indiscriminately together with the later printings.

"These notes are by no means exhaustive and are intended to rouse the general interest on the subject. I do hope that as an eventual outcome of the points raised in this letter we will see the inclusion of the two 6d. stamps, Nos. 567 and 567a, in future editions of our catalogue."

We will be very pleased to hear from our readers on this interesting subject.

In Mr. Edouard Locher's advertisement last month the price of the set of 4 Estonia 1928 (5, 10, 12, 20s., mint) was given as 11/-, instead of 1/-.

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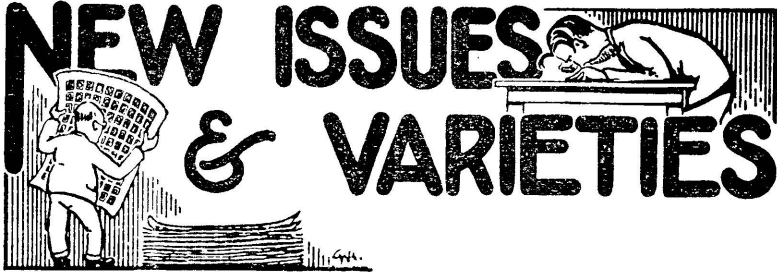
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FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The 35c. value is now on issue on Script watermark paper, our copy arriving via Ipswich.

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.—

Further to last month's chronicle Mr. Lichtenstein sends us copies of the 30c. value in its old and new shades. The new shade is totally different to the original one, being pale mauve and grey in place of dull purple and grey. In the 25c. denomination our correspondent shews us a copy in pale ultramarine and another in bright blue.



VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Messrs. Whitfield & Co., submit the 1½d. value in its new colour—chestnut.

“Sources of Supply for Stamp Dealers” is the title of a very useful book published by the Gossip Printery, Publishers of “Weekly Philatelic Gossip,” Holton, Kansas, U.S.A., at 50c.

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SOUTH AFRICAN WAR 1900/1902.

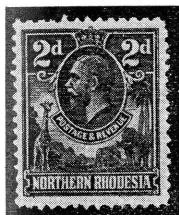
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Royal Philatelist. At the time of writing the bulletins regarding the King's illness seem to be slightly more favourable than were some of the earlier bulletins. Collectors throughout the world have learnt of the illness of the world's most prominent philatelist with the deepest regret and join in wishing His Majesty a speedy and complete recovery.



It has been suggested that, when he has sufficiently recovered, the King should come to South Africa to regain his lost strength. The suggestion is a sound one for



South Africa is one of the few countries which can say that in some part of it can be found a climate suited to the requirements of any particular individual.

No Rhodesian Air Mails.—A London aviation journal having stated that an air mail service was recently inaugurated between Beira and certain Rhodesian towns the following information given us by the Postmaster General of Southern Rhodesia is of interest: "No Rhodesian air mail service has yet been brought into operation and, further, no such service is at present being contemplated." South African collectors would be well advised to take their information concerning South African matters from South African papers, which, naturally, are better informed than those published overseas.

Three Months For Stealing Collection.—On November 13th William Hendrik Naude was sent to gaol for three months for stealing a stamp collection from A. C. van der Horst. The case was heard in the Johannesburg magistrates' courts and the accused had three previous convictions for theft. For sentimental reasons the plaintiff put an absurdly high valuation on his collection, but was told by the Magistrate that the only value considered in Court was the £ s. d. value.

The above is the collection referred to in a Johannesburg paper as being worth £500. Experts have declared that £10 would be a fair valuation.

Air Mails in South Africa.—Yet another group of business men is contemplating conducting a Johannesburg-Durban air mail. Once again we are being treated to glowing details of how the company hopes to eventually have a network of air routes throughout Southern Africa. The latest optimists have already found out that the issue of a set of air mail stamps would be a distinct advantage. It proposes to net the proceeds of the sale of the stamps, less a small percentage to be paid to the Government for printing and selling them.

We wish the promoters good luck, but suggest that if air post stamps are issued their use on air mail matter be obligatory. If it will be possible to prepay air mail fees with ordinary postage stamps philatelists will be very suspicious and the issue of special air stamps will probably be a failure, as was the case with the set issued in 1925.

If the use of the air stamps be optional most of the commercial correspondence carried is sure to be franked entirely with ordinary postage stamps, for business firms, like some stamp collectors, do not go out of their way to worry about using special issues. The majority of the air stamps sold would, therefore, be bought by collectors and we doubt very much whether they would buy very many, for they are getting rather tired of being made a convenience of, without receiving thanks or recognition for their financial assistance.

The S.W.A. Handbook.—Mr. H. Mallet-Veale writes : “ I would like to draw your attention to certain facts regarding the publication by Messrs. Harris Publications, Ltd., of London, of a hand-book giving a check-list of the stamps of S.W. Africa.

“ This check-list was written by me in March 1927 and was published in serial form in the “ Philatelic Magazine.” Prior to the articles being completed I revised and added to the list, bringing it up-to-date to September 1927, also correcting and altering certain obvious errors which I had made. These errors were of minor importance in most cases. The revised list was returned by Messrs. Harris Publications, Ltd., who stated that the article was almost completed in the ‘ P.M.’, but that if I wished they would publish it as a supplement later on. I, however, did not have the time to again go over the revised list (which is correct in all details) nor did I send it back again.

“ The handbook now published has NOT been revised by me, nor have certain of the notes which are in the book been written by me. You will, therefore, do me the favour of giving this letter publicity in order that your readers may know I am not to blame for the shortcomings of the handbook.”

So far, our Publisher has not had many orders for copies of the above-mentioned book. Had we given the work the kind of review it received in another journal we would probably have sold out our stock by now, but we believe in giving accurate reviews and are, in this instance, risking financial loss by doing so. The handbook certainly does contain a good deal of very useful information and is well worth its price of 2/6.

The Belgian Congo Handbook.—In contrast to the review which we have given the S.W.A. handbook Mr. Mallet-Veale's work on the stamps of the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa has had a splendid reception by even the most critical reviewers. When publishing the book we took every care to see that it was up-to-date, accurate and not lacking in illustrations. Moreover, the proofs were read and reread many times. In spite of all this, however, the demand for the work has been very small. Why? Probably because many collectors do not appreciate the value of philatelic literature. It is well known that the stamps of Belgian Africa are exceedingly popular, but most of those who collect them seem to consider that they can get along without the help of an expert who has spent much time and money gathering together the information contained in his work, and which is offered to collectors for the small sum of 2/6!

Of recent years South Africa has been making itself known philatelically and it is not too soon to expect it to produce useful handbooks and journals, but, naturally, no individual can be expected to suffer financial loss when undertaking work which is for the good of the hobby and its devotés. Societies and exhibitions do considerable good, but it is the printed word which reaches the most people at the smallest cost and is available long after word of mouth is forgotten.

Tati Concessions Stamps.—The following correspondence has taken place between the Editor of “ The Philatelic Magazine ” and the Tati Company Limited :—

Dear Sir,

While apologising for troubling you, I wonder if you would be so good as to give me some information regarding the enclosed stamps which appear to have been issued by your Company. It is, of course, obvious that they are not postage stamps, but quite a number appear to have fallen into collectors' hands, and a reader has written to know for what purpose they were used, and I suggest that to save you being worried, possibly, by other collectors, it would be interesting to place the full history of these stamps, if they have any, on record.


ALBERT H. HARRIS.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. addressed to the Tati Concessions Ltd., and I return herewith the four stamps which were enclosed. These stamps were originally used for the purpose of paying mining licences, fees, etc., due to the Tati Concessions Ltd. I understand, however, that at one time when Government of British South Africa Company's postage stamps were for some reason unobtainable locally Tati Concessions stamps were actually used as postage stamps.

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Can some of our readers throw any additional light on the subject? While we have seen unused Tati stamps we have yet to hear of a postally used one.



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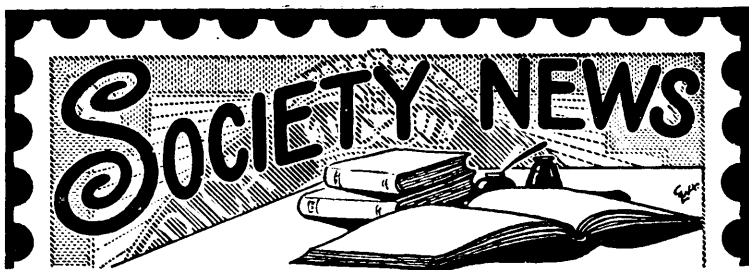
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At the November meeting the members were treated to an exceptional display in the shape of an exhibit of Africans from A to Z. Mr. Stern the President, was responsible for the treat. He started off with Abyssinia and went through the whole alphabet to Zululand. A page of modest Tanganyikas rested next to the gaudy labels of Togo, while the unassuming issues of the Orange Free State made a strange contrast to their neighbours, on the table, from Obock.

Even the hyper-super-ultra South West and Union specialists could not resist the display and their limbs were quite weary after they had walked round the table probably a score of times.

Mr. Stern received a well earned and hearty vote of thanks for his splendid display.

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This Society now offers to members and others an attraction not possessed by most societies. It has purchased an analytic Quartz lamp and has established a very reasonable scale of charges for expertising stamps.

In previous issues we have dilated on the advantages of the Quartz lamp and have pointed out how it strikes terror into the hearts of the fakers and vendors of stamps which have been cleaned, repaired or tampered with in other ways. We regret to have to say that such stamps are not offered exclusively by overseas dealers. We have seen quite a few Rhodesians and other high value Georgian Colonials from which fiscal cancellations have been discharged by people residing much nearer to Johannesburg than Europe. We have also been shewn early imperforates which have been repaired in Paris "studios" and sold to South African collectors through obscure "dealers" and quasi-dealers.

While on the subject we would mention that we recently refused to accept an advertisement from a "dealer" anxious to purchase defective early issues and fiscally used modern high values. Collectors who have the interests of the hobby at heart should be careful to whom they sell such stamps, for if they find their way to the nimble fingers of the bad men of Paris the attentions which they will receive will not be to the benefit of the hobby and its adherents.

