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HERE WE ARE AGAIN.

Well, readers, we are glad to be with you again. There is not the slightest doubt that without a philatelic journal in South Africa collectors would be groping in a sea of darkness, what with South-West Africa and the Union issuing new stamps every other week, to say nothing of the extraordinary varieties which the ingenuity of the Government Printing Works devises. After you have read through this issue you will have some idea of how collectors of Southern Africans are being kept busy. Big though this issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" is, a considerable amount of news has had to be held over until next month. We have yet to chronicle a large number of interesting errors and varieties in Unions, S. Rhodesians and S.W. Africans, so we will give you another bumper number next month. In your own interests do not miss future issues of this journal. Remember, it is being run for your benefit as well as the proprietor's and in no other journal can you find the latest and fullest information regarding the stamps of the sub-continent.

Since publication was temporarily discontinued at the end of 1928 much has happened in South African philatelic circles and the Editor's task of telling all that has happened during the last two years is a big one. This issue must, therefore, deal mainly with the more important events. Next month we will go more into detail regarding a host of interesting items.

The subscription rate to this journal, which will continue to be published monthly, has been reduced to 1/6 for six months, 3/- for one year or 5/6 for two years, post free anywhere. The reduction has been made in order to place the magazine within the reach of a greater number of collectors than was possible under the old rates. If this copy has been sent to you as a free specimen copy you should fill and post the enclosed subscription form with remittance. Only one free copy is sent to each collector, and the only way to obtain future issues is to send in your subscription to the Publisher, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg.

If you were a subscriber at the time publication was temporarily discontinued, you will receive full value for money paid for subscription. All subscriptions have been extended to conform with the new reduced rate.

As from next month we are introducing a very important and valuable innovation which will appeal to general collectors. In addition to chronicling and listing varieties in Southern Africans we will, every month,

chronicle and fully illustrate the new issues of the whole world. This means that about 20 illustrations of overseas new issues will appear monthly. We are out to make this magazine of interest to beginners & medium collectors as well as to advanced philatelists.

We will at all times be only too pleased to assist collectors with the difficulties. If you are having trouble over some stamp write us about it. We only ask that you enclose stamped envelope for answer. If valuable stamps are sent for opinion please add 4d. for registration.

After you have read through the news in this issue study the advertisements carefully. We exercise every care in accepting advertisements and think that readers will receive honest treatment from every advertiser.

Special Offer: Every collector sending 3/- for one year's subscription to this magazine will receive free a copy of "Stamp Collecting for the Million," a most instructive 48-page handbook. Every collector sending 5/6 for two years' subscription will receive free a copy of "The Stamps of the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa," that fully illustrated 40-page handbook on the stamps of this popular country. Please mention free gift when sending subscription. We are also going to give some worthwhile gifts to collectors sending subscriptions on behalf of their friends. Write us for a supply of subscription forms for distribution and, according to the number of subscriptions you send in, we will give you something useful in philatelic accessories or stamps as a token of our appreciation.

AT LAST A UNION CATALOGUE.



Mr. L. Simenhoff, the celebrated Union specialist, whose collection was awarded a gold medal at the Durban Exhibition in 1928, has compiled a most exhaustive priced catalogue of the postage, postage due and air mail stamps of the Union, giving the fullest possible attention to varieties.



There are also chapters dealing with, and giving prices for, all Union air cards and covers. At last collectors will be able to tell the hard cash value of their Union errors and varieties. Mr. Simenhoff is sufficiently knowledgeable to know what prices to set on the various items.

The work is being published by the progressive Pretoria Philatelic Society at the remarkably low price of 5/-, post free, including supplements as issued. One has to remember the enormous amount of work entailed in compiling such a work to realise how cheap the book is at the price. As we write the book is in the press and will make its appearance simultaneously with this issue of the "S.A. Philatelist." There will be about 80 pages of text, copiously illustrated, enclosed within a cloth bound cover.

The P.P.S. is not taking any risk of having a large unsold remainder, as has happened with every handbook so far published in South Africa, so collectors wishing copies should order from the publisher of the "S.A. Philatelist" as early as convenient.

Since writing the above the Union catalogue has made its appearance, and although we cannot review it until next month we give three words of sound advice—"Get it now." It is a wonderful production, 96 pages, fully illustrated.



South-West Africa continues to provide us with ample opportunities of getting rid of our spare cash, not without the opportunity of making a nice profit on our money. It is some consolation that while the S.W.A. administration "does well" out of collectors, collectors in turn have plenty of opportunities of "doing well" out of the stamps they buy.

Of course, we must open our chronicle by referring to the air mail provisionals that have appeared. Some time in November there were placed on sale at Windhoek the Union 4d. and 1/- air mail stamps overprinted "S.W.A." The first printing was a very small one and was soon sold out. It comprised both values with the overprint in the small capitals used on the ordinary postage stamps and both values with the overprint in much larger capitals. The use of two types of overprint made the stamps scarcer still. The small overprint was issued in full sheets of 120, the large overprint in panes of 60. In the small overprint three stamps per sheet showed the stop after "A" completely missing and this variety promises to be very rare indeed, particularly in the 1/- value. The large overprint is free from errors.



In December a further printing, also not a large one, was made of both values, the small letters overprint being again used for both values, but as new type was used there are no errors in the overprint. In this printing the sheets were cut into panes of 60 stamps before being overprinted.

In January yet another printing was made of both values, the small overprint once again being used. This printing was done in full sheets and the overprint is free from varieties. At the time of writing (February 3rd) stamps with the small overprint are still current, but I doubt if further printings will be made, as the definitive stamps are expected any day.

It is established that both values with the large overprint are scarce, the 4d. value being really rare. I have had letters from large firms in England asking if the 4d. value exists with the large overprint as they did not receive it. Most South African dealers seem to have missed it. In the small overprint the rarities are both values with stop after "A" missing, but even the normal stamps will become well worth having when the "permanent" air stamps are issued.

A plate variety in the 4d. Union air mail can, of course, also be had with both "S.W.A." overprints. On one stamp in each pane the "I" in "AIR" is shorter than usual. Another plate variety in this value, which

can be had with both overprints, is a white blob between the "A" and "F" of AFRICA. Thus occurs once per sheet.

My price for stamps with small overprint is 1/8 per set, pairs and blocks were rata. The errors and the large overprint will be quoted for on request.

The air mail stamps cannot be used until April or May and the P.O. will not postmark them before then. In connection with Imperial Airways Cape to Cairo air service there will be a spur line from Kimberley to Windhoek and return, via Upington and Keetmanshoop. Collectors desiring first flight covers should let me know without delay. Those who availed themselves of my offer to look after their covers for the first flight of the 1929 Union air service have, if they left the addressing of covers to me, no reason to regret their action for, although no special cachets were used, all covers prepared by me bear all the official proof required to prove carriage by air mail. Collectors who rely on me for their supplies of first flight S.W.A. air covers will secure the best possible type of covers. There is every possibility of the S.W.A. post office applying special cachets to first flight letters, but even if these are not used all covers handled by me will bear official proof of carriage on first flight. Collectors who order in advance of the commencement of the service will secure their covers at the lowest rates for, on such orders, I shall only charge a nominal profit to cover cost of time and handling. Write now, the service will commence early in April or May. Overseas readers should, as time is short, send a deposit when writing, but Southern African collectors have time to obtain quotations first.

Other novelties which have recently arrived from S.W.A. comprise the 1d. Union rotogravure stamps overprinted (first with control letter and sheet number in right-hand margin, but now with sheet number only); the old printing 1d. Union pictorial with S.W.A. overprint at top of stamp (my price for this variety is 9d. per superb mint or used pair or 8/- per dozen pairs); the old printing 1d. Union pictorial with S.W.A. overprint near the centre of the stamp. Only a small printing was made thus and my price is 4d. per superb mint or used pair or 12 pairs for 3/6.

One of our readers has been lucky enough to secure a sheet of 1d. rotogravure stamps showing the joined paper variety referred to in our article this month on Union rotogravure stamps. Scarce enough unoverprinted the variety is, with S.W.A. overprint, quite rare.

All value of postage stamps with S.W.A. overprint exist with stop missing after "A" of overprint. The 6d. postage due also exists with this variety. Some values also exist with faint stop. I have most of these errors for sale at prices which will show purchasers a very fine profit when the "permanent" set appears.

A remarkable variety was recently found at the Windhoek P.O., namely, the 2d. pictorial postage stamp with double overprint, one overprint being inverted. It is understood that one sheet was found.

The 2d. pictorial is now coming forward with the centre printed in an olive-green shade, in place of the former grey-black.

The new definitive issue will begin to appear almost at once, in fact, the first values may appear while this issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" is in the press. The whole issue is being printed by the line-engraved process by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., of New Malden, Surrey, England. All the stamps will be bicoloured and will make a most attractive set. All values of postage, official and air mail stamps will be of the same size as the current large size Union pictorials, the dues will be the same size as the Union dues. Readers desiring early supplies of the new issue in perfect mint condition should write me without delay. See my advertisement elsewhere in this issue for terms on which I will supply.

The frames of the postage stamps will be decorative and will be taken from bushman paintings and other objects typical of the country. The colours of the stamps are not yet known.

The designs are:

POSTAGE STAMPS.

- ½d., Gom paauw. (A species of bird.)
- 1d., Cape Cross, with Portuguese Coat of Arms and Portuguese Galleon.
- 2d., Bogenfels.
- 3d., Government Buildings, Windhoek.
- 4d., Waterberg.
- 6d., Luderitz.
- 1/-, Bush and river scene.
- 1/3, Eland.
- 2/6, Zebra and wildebeeste drinking at Etosha pan.
- 5/-, Kaffir huts.
- 10/-, Welwischia tree.
- £1, Cunene Falls.

AIR MAIL STAMPS.

- 3d., Monoplane over Windhoek. 10d., Biplane over Windhoek.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

½d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. postage stamps overprinted OFFICIAL or OFFISIEEL at foot of central design in small sans serif capitals in vermilion.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

Ornamental numerals in decorative frames: ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d.

With the exception of the postage due stamps all the above will be inscribed alternately in English and Afrikaans. It is possible that the denominations of the air stamps will be altered, seeing that the values of the present overprinted set are 4d. and 1/-.

—J. ROBERTSON.

All About Rotogravure Printing (Continued from page 10).

matter has already been put right. I have a few strips showing this most interesting error, the present price being low.

The cylinders used for printing booklet stamps show the first three centres or frames in each horizontal row normal and the next three inverted, the next three being normal again, and the last three inverted. This accounts for the inverted watermarks in booklets, which are just as common as normal watermarks.

In addition to be able to print, cut and perforate sheets of stamps, the rotogravure machine can overprint sheets immediately after printing them. Some of the overprinted stamps, those overprinted for Swaziland or Basutoland revenue purposes, will not interest collectors.

Since writing the above, sheets of rotogravure printed ½d. postage stamps have been placed on sale. They show the sheet number twice in the right-hand margin, but there is no control letter. The stamps are rather pale in colour and postmarks will show up on them much better than on stamps printed by the old method.

—J. ROBERTSON.

We had a claim for a respectable amount against Thos. Wood (E. T. Wood), formerly of Roberts' Heights, Roodepoort, Cleveland, and Boksburg, and now, we understand, residing at Delmore, Transvaal, but his estate was sequestrated, and after listening to a pitiful tale, the gist of which was that his only assets were the clothes he stood up in, we decided to write the amount off. In the past we have had a few complaints against his person.

Then there is a fellow in the Cape from whom we managed, after considerable difficulty, to obtain payment, by instalments, of a nice little sum of money due to an English dealer. This man exchanged nice copies of Cape triangulars which were in the dealer's approval books for copies that not even a schoolboy would put in his album. His letterhead would lead one to believe that he is a rather important personage in the South African philatelic world.

Important Announcement!

I have acquired, and am now breaking up, the wonderful collections formed by the late H. H. SABY, F.R.P.S.L., of Capetown.

The total catalogue value is nearly £10,000 and the collections contain probably the most remarkable accumulation of Southern African stamps that has come on the South African market for many years.

It is impossible to find space to do full justice to the collections, the following being only a very brief summary:

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—About 600 triangulars, including magnificent used and unused pairs and blocks and “woodblocks”; the rectangular surcharges in profusion, including the errors; mint sheets; large used blocks of the higher values and any amount of the cheaper stamps. There is also a wonderful showing of Vryburgs and Mafekings.

NATAL.—A wonderful lot, containing rarities and large blocks that one rarely sees.

TRANSVAAL AND O.F.S.—A very fine lot, containing plenty of elusive items and unusual blocks and sheets.

RHODESIA.—Cold type cannot do justice to the Rhodesians. There are a great number of them, in singles, pairs, blocks and sheets. The rarest items are included, in many cases both mint and used. In fact, the Rhodesians are practically complete, both used and mint.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—It will be a long time before such a wonderful lot of Unions comes on the market again. Not only are practically all known varieties and errors included, but there are many extremely rare errors not included in any other collections. The rarest air covers and “inter-provincials” are included.

The Cape, Rhodesian and Union collections each have a catalogue value of well into four figures. In addition to the countries mentioned above, many other British Possessions are represented, but Mr. Saby's greatest interest was in his Southern Africans.

I have already had many requests for details of stamps in the collections. The collections will keep me busy for many months, and as the various countries are priced for sale I will be glad to send approval selections or quotations. I intend to publish price lists of the contents of the collections, but there is not the slightest doubt that many of the rare items will be snapped up before even the first list is ready. I suggest that interested collectors get into touch with me without delay.

Collectors having important collections for disposal should note that the purchase price of the “Saby” collections was paid entirely in cash. I am always in the market for good stamps, either singly or in small or large collections.

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ALL ABOUTROTOGRAVURE PRINTING.

Readers will probably be interested in information concerning the method by which the rather queer-looking 1d. stamps now on sale throughout the Union are produced.

The rotogravure machine is of German manufacture and cost a tidy sum of money. It will take a good many years to pay for itself, but that is beside the point.

Rotogravure stamps are printed from a roll of watermarked paper about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles long, and when a roll exhausts the end of the old roll is gummed on to the beginning of a new roll. This results in an occasional sheet being printed on two separate pieces of paper, which if soaked apart, shows a horizontal row of 12 stamps only partly printed, the balance of the stamps being on the other piece of paper. Sometimes the join occurs in the margin, without affecting the stamps. Most sheets showing this most interesting variety would be sold to non-collectors and lost to philately. Thus, very few specimens reach collectors, especially as such sheets are now destroyed by the printers. I have a few blocks of six 1d. stamps showing two normal stamps at top, two normal stamps at bottom, and two stamps printed on two separate pieces of paper in the centre. My price is 30/- per superb mint block. If desired, I am prepared to float the block into its two pieces and get them used side by side on a cover.

Now something as to the plates used for rotogravure printing. These are actually cylinders. After receiving the impression of the black centres from one cylinder the paper immediately passes to a second cylinder, which prints the frames. The paper then passes on to other parts of the wonderful machine which cut the paper into sheets of 240 stamps, perforate them and print a sheet number twice in the right-hand margin. In early printings a control letter was inserted next to the number, but after the letter "F" was reached the use of the letter was dropped. Ten thousand sheets were printed with each control letter, the sheet numbers in each series commencing with 0000 and finishing with 9999. By a most remarkable coincidence I obtained simultaneously at the Johannesburg P.O. Sheets Nos. 0000 and 9999 of the "D" series.

Very little supervision seems to have been used during the early days of use of the rotogravure machine, with the result that various freaks were sold at P.O. counters, the most remarkable being a sheet of the 1d. value showing the frames missing on 48 stamps in the sheet. It was, and probably still is, the practice of the workman attending the machine to slip a piece of paper between each 500 sheets. If he slipped this in too soon it was promptly printed on and the sheet of stamps thus spoiled removed and destroyed. In one case, however, the defective sheet was not removed and found its way into philatelic hands via the counter of a certain P.O. A strict supervision is now being exercised and very little in the way of important varieties can now be looked for, although I have been informed that a sheet of 1d. stamps exists with centres inverted. Such a variety could only occur through one of the printing cylinders being placed in the machine the wrong way round.

The rotogravure stamps which are being produced in Pretoria are not nearly as good as those printed in Italy, where the same process is used. The best rotogravure stamp that has come from Pretoria is the large farm butter tax label. Buy one for 1d. at your P.O. and you will get a better idea of what rotogravure looks like. You will also notice that the tax stamps on packets of cigarettes are now printed by rotogravure.

An interesting variety recently existed in the 1d. rotogravure in, as far as I can ascertain, a portion of the B and E series, and all of the sheets of the C and D series. The stamp next to the control letter in the

top half of the sheet shows the top of the ship retouched and the top of the mast completely missing. I have for sale blocks of four of the D and E series showing this variety, with control letter and sheet number attached, the prices being 1/3 per block for D blocks and 1/6 per block for E blocks. When this variety came to the notice of the postal authorities at Pretoria the last three vertical rows of stamps from each sheet showing the variety were removed and destroyed. A large number of E sheets appear to have been so treated, while it would seem that every sheet of the C series came in for attention. I have yet to hear of blocks from C series with or without retouch, for, of course, the normal blocks with letter and number from the bottom half of the sheet were included in the stamps removed and destroyed. The reason why the last three vertical rows of each sheet were removed, although only one stamp per sheet showed the variety, is that the face value of the sheets was thereby reduced from £1 to 15s., the latter being a convenient figure for P.O. accounting purposes, although rather annoying to the average P.O. clerk. Two new sets of cylinders being now in use for printing sheets of stamps, the retouch no longer occurs. Sheets from these plates show a sheet number, but no control letter, in the right-hand margin.

Other varieties in the 1d. rotogravure include black hair line running the length of the sheet through one vertical row of stamps; red hair line running the length of the sheet through one vertical row of stamps; broken frame lines; black shading at left of ship broken so as to give the impression of a white anchor (this has only been noted in rolls); inverted watermark on roll stamps (scarce); inverted watermark on booklet stamps (common).

I usually have supplies of minor varieties that occur in rotogravure stamps and will be pleased to send them on approval.

At the time of writing, sheets of ½d. rotogravure stamps are not on sale, but their issue is imminent. Rotogravure ½d. stamps can, however, be had from rolls and booklets, and it is interesting to note that those from rolls are much lighter than those from booklets, while normal watermark stamps from booklets are paler than those with inverted watermark, a peculiarity which I cannot explain as both normal and inverted watermark stamps come from the same sheets.

Three different sets of cylinders are in use for each value of rotogravure stamps so far printed (the ½d. and 1d. values). One set of cylinders prints the ordinary sheets of stamps 20 deep by 12 across, another set prints roll stamps, while the third set is used for booklet stamps. The "roll" cylinders are able to impress 22 horizontal rows of 12 stamps, the consecutive impressions falling immediately below each other, without giving any margin in between. Thus, unless it has been made up from odd strips, a roll of stamps contains 500 or 1,200 stamps in one continuous unjoined strip.

When making the frame cylinder to print rolls of ½d. stamps an interesting error occurred. A duplicate of the "sheet" cylinder was made, but this only gave 20 horizontal rows of stamps. Two horizontal rows of clichés were added at the top, but the first of these added rows commenced with an English stamp instead of an Afrikaans one, meaning that the second and third rows of the now 22 rows deep plate each commenced with an Afrikaans stamp (it should be remembered that sheets of rotogravure stamps commence with an Afrikaans stamp). The last row of the plate commences with an English stamp. Thus, when the plate was bent into a cylinder the first and last rows, each commencing with an English stamp, came together. This accounts for the interesting error which existed in the first printing of ½d. roll stamps, namely, two English stamps together and two Afrikaans together. Sometimes the two Afrikaans stamps are above the English ones and sometimes below—it will be understood that just as normal stamps alternate, so the error alternates. It is a very simple matter for the printers to correct this error, and I understand that the

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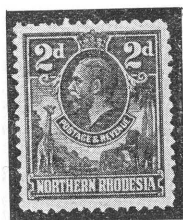
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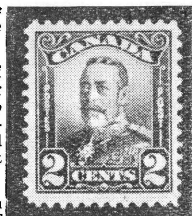
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All the above albums have very attractive substantial covers in a variety of colours—please state which colour cover you prefer.

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Plenty of varieties continue to appear in the Union Officials. The early issues are simple enough, but it is in the values which have the overprint reading downwards that sufficient varieties occur to make an editor or supplier of new issues think of doing desperate things.

In an interview with a Government official who has something to do with the handling of official stamps, I was told that as long as the words Official and Offisieel appear on each stamp it did not matter whether it appeared in the same place on every stamp or not. Uniformity is a secondary consideration. The average person cannot be expected to view things in the same light, and if the Government departments concerned wish to retain the confidence of the interested public they will have to cease printing the official stamps as they are at present being done.

A few months ago a small printing of the ½d. and 6d. (old printing) stamps was overprinted with the words, reading downwards, OFFICIAL and OFFISIEEL, the spacing of the words being 13½ m.m. as usual, but on ten stamps in each sheet a stop occurs after the word OFFISIEEL. In six cases the stamp showing the stop after the Afrikaans word of the overprint is an English stamp and in four cases an Afrikaans stamp.

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- ½d. Pretoria printed pictorial. Mint or used pair, 1/-.
- 1d. London printed pictorial. Mint pair 7/6, used pair 3/-.
- 1d. Pretoria printed pictorial. Mint or used pair 10d.
- 6d. London printed pictorial.
- 6d. Pretoria printed pictorial.
- 6d. Pretoria printed pictorial, inverted watermark.
- 2d. King's Head. Mint single 7/6, used single 3/-.
- 2d. King's Head overprint in very shiny ink.

Overprinted OFFICIAL OFFISIEEL in two lines reading upwards, no stops after words, 11½ mm. between lines of overprint:

- 6d. Pretoria printed pictorial. Mint or used pair 5/-.

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Varieties:—

- Block of 4 showing stop after OFFISIEEL on one English stamp, mint or used, 2/-.
 Block of 4 showing stop after OFFISIEEL on one Afrikaans stamp, mint or used, 3/-.
 Broken letters, too many to list, approval selections of same on request.
 Plate variety, block of 4 showing fraction bar of "½d." missing on one stamp, mint or used, 1/-.
 1d. Pretoria printed pictorial. Mint or used pair 5d.
 Broken letters. There are a few of these, not as many as in ½d. value.
 6d. Pretoria printed pictorial. Current issue. Mint or used pair 1/3.

Varieties:—

- Block of 4 showing stop after OFFISIEEL on one English stamp, mint or used, 5/6.
 Block of 4 showing stop after OFFISIEEL on one Afrikaans stamp, mint or used, 7/6.
 Broken letters. There are several of these, the most important being "I" for "L" in OFFICIAL. Approval selections on request.
 Rotogravure stamps overprinted OFFICIAL OFFISIEEL in two lines reading downwards, 230 stamps in each sheet without stops after words of overprint, ten stamps with stop after OFFISIEEL. Spacing between lines of overprint as mentioned below. Current issue.

- ½d. Mint or used block showing overprint spaced 9½ mm. on two stamps and 10½ mm. on two stamps, 3d.

Varieties.—The accompanying diagram shows the varieties which exist on a half sheet of this value. It applies to either the top or bottom half of the sheet, as the bottom half is an exact duplicate of the top half. The diagram reveals that a half sheet of 120 stamps contains:—

- 16 Afrikaans and 19 English stamps with overprint spaced 9½ mm.
 1 Afrikaans stamp with overprint spaced 10 mm.
 32 Afrikaans and 32 English stamps with overprint spaced 10½ mm.
 2 Afrikaans and 1 English stamps with overprint spaced 11 mm.
 5 Afrikaans and 5 English stamps with overprint spaced 11½ mm.
 1 Afrikaans and 1 English stamp with overprint spaced 12 mm.
 The above do not include copies showing stop after OFFISIEEL, which variety is found on
 2 Afrikaans stamps with overprint spaced 10½ mm.
 1 English stamp with overprint spaced 11 mm.
 1 English and 1 Afrikaans stamp with overprint spaced 12 mm.

While this stamp is current it is useless for me to quote prices for the different varieties. Collectors who wish copies of every variety should obtain a half-sheet and keep it intact. While current I will supply a half sheet for 6/- or a full sheet for 11/6, plus 8d. for postage and registration. I guarantee all stamps supplied to be in a perfect condition, a guarantee which cannot be obtained from the P.O., which often supplies defective copies and rarely protects stamps sent out against damage in transit.

Broken letters may also be found, the more important ones being marked on accompanying diagram and detailed at foot of same.

- 1d. Overprint spaced 13½ mm. on all stamps. Mint or used pair 3d.

Varieties.—

- Block of 4 showing stop after OFFISIEEL on one English stamp, mint or fine used, 1/6.
 Block of 4 showing stop after OFFISIEEL on one Afrikaans stamp, mint or fine used, 1/6.
 Broken letters: Same as in ½d. value (see diagram), except that variety (g) does not exist in the 1d. value. I will send varieties (a) to (f) on approval at low rates.

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Diagram showing overprint varieties in rotogravure printed Union 1d. official stamps issued January, 1931.

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|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| OFFICIAL OFFISIEEL 9½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 9½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 11 | A 10 | E 11½ |
| E 9½ | A 10½ | E 9½ | A 12 | E 10½ | A 9½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 11½ |
| A 10½ | E 9½ | A 10½ | E 9½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 9½ | E 11½ |
| E 9½ | A 9½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 9½ | A 10½ | E 11½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 11½ |
| A 9½ | E 9½ | A 10½ STOP | E 10½ | A 11½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ STOP | E 10½ |
| E 9½ | A 9½ | E 9½ | A 11½ | E 12 | A 11 | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ |
| A 9½ | E 9½ | A 9½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 9½ | A 11 | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 11½ |
| E 9½ | A 9½ | E 9½ | A 9½ | E 9½ | A 9½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 12 STOP |
| A 9½ | E 9½ | A 9½ | E 9½ | A 9½ | E 9½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 11 STOP | A 10½ | E 12 STOP |
| E 11½ | A 9½ | E 9½ | A 9½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 10½ | E 10½ | A 11½ |

"A" indicates Afrikaans stamps, "E" indicates English stamps, "STOP" means that the stamp in question has a stop after the word OFFISIEEL. All measurements are the distances between the two words of the overprint and are in millimetres to the nearest half millimetre.

Broken letters:

- (a)=First "I" in OFFISIEEL short.
- (b)=Broken "O" (resembling a "C") in OFFISIEEL.
- (c)=Top half of vertical limb of "L" of OFFISIEEL missing.
- (d)="I," "S," and first "E" of OFFISIEEL malformed.
- (e)=Top horizontal limb of first "F" of OFFICIAL split in two.
- (f)=Top horizontal limb of second "F" of OFFISIEEL almost missing.
- (g)=Bottom half of vertical limb of second "F" of OFFICIAL missing.

—J. ROBERTSON.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The Numbers Issued of All Obsolete Stamps.

This record of the numbers issued of the stamps of South-West Africa has been compiled from a careful examination of the relative documents in the Post Office at Windhoek. Naturally, the Postal Department does not identify the various settings in the same way as collectors do, but they do record the different issues in such a way as to enable those who examine the records to know what stamps are meant. The figures given are the quantities actually received at Windhoek from the Government Printer, Pretoria, by whom all the overprinting, except in the case of the triangulars, was done.

The article is too long to complete in one issue of this journal. It will have to run through several issues, so those who desire to have all the instalments of this highly interesting and valuable feature should, if they are not already subscribers, send in their subscriptions without delay, as a surplus stock of the various issues of this magazine will not be kept on hand by the publisher.



Type I.

Type II.

Type I.—Gibbons' Nos. 1 to 12, Scott's Nos. 1 to 24. Type-set overprint.

| Value. | Requisition No. | Date of Req. | Date Received. | Date Issued. | No. of sheets of 240 stamps. |
|--------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| ½d. | 396 | 31.10.1922 | 20.11.1922 | 1. 1.1923 | 1,500 |
| | 491 | 5. 1.1923 | 11. 1.1923 | 14. 1.1923 | 1,000 |
| 1d. | 396 | 31.10.1922 | 20.11.1922 | 1. 1.1923 | 1,500 |
| 2d. | " | " | " | " | 1,500 |
| 3d. | " | " | " | " | 500 |
| 4d. | " | " | " | " | 200 |
| 6d. | 491 | 5. 1.1923 | 11. 1.1923 | 14. 1.1923 | 100 |
| | 396 | 31.10.1922 | 20.11.1922 | 1. 1.1923 | 300 |
| 1/- | " | " | " | " | 200 |
| 1/3 | " | " | " | " | 30 |
| | 491 | 5. 1.1923 | 11. 1.1923 | 14. 1.1923 | 100 |
| 2/6 | 396 | 31.10.1922 | 20.11.1922 | 1. 1.1923 | 40 |
| 5/- | " | " | " | " | 20 |
| 10/- | " | " | " | " | 10 |
| £1 | " | " | " | " | 10 |

Type Ia.—Gibbons' Nos. 12a to 12f, except that 2d. value is not catalogued. Scott does not discriminate between Types I and Ia. Overprint lithographed in shiny ink.

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|-----|-----|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| ½d. | 110 | 4. 6.1923 | 14. 6.1923 | 17. 6.1923 | 2,000 |
| 2d. | 608 | 5. 3.1923 | 24. 3.1923 | 30. 3.1923 | 2,000 |
| 4d. | 661 | 31. 3.1923 | 17. 4.1923 | 19. 4.1923 | 100 |
| 6d. | " | " | " | " | 200 |
| 1/- | " | " | " | " | 100 |
| 1/3 | " | " | " | " | 100 |
| 2/6 | " | " | " | " | 40 |

Type II.—Gibbons' Nos. 13 to 15, Scott's Nos. 25 to 30.

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|------|-----|-----------|------------|------------|----|
| 5/- | 608 | 5. 3.1923 | 24. 3.1923 | 31. 3.1923 | 20 |
| 10/- | " | " | " | " | 10 |
| £1 | " | " | " | " | 10 |

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The following are some of the subjects with which the book deals: The Earliest Postal Records; The "Post Office Stones"; The Birth, Progress, and History of the Cape Postal Service; the fullest possible details of all the stamps, particular attention being paid to the triangulars, of which the numbers despatched to the Colony at various times are given; proofs; the story of the mysterious black 4d. triangular; the original dies and printing plates of the various issues; forgeries; etc. In all there are fifty-eight chapters and a preface. The various provisionals have received the greatest possible attention.

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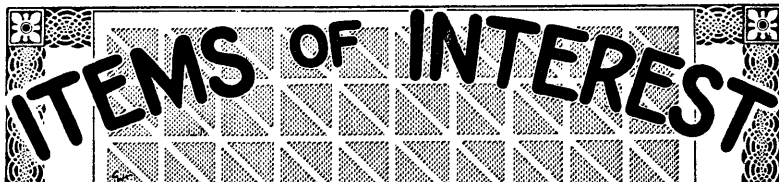
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Information is sought regarding the present address of G. W. Dekking, formerly of Rustenburg, Pretoria, and other Transvaal addresses. Several dealers have cause to regret having sent him approval selections.

A reader tells us that he paid a deposit to a certain firm which started a new issue service and, after receiving a few items, received nothing more. His deposit was not refunded and certain information which we have leads us to believe that the firm in question is no longer obtaining supplies of the new issues for which our friend asked when making his deposit. You'd be surprised if we told you the name of the firm!

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We have to thank the writers of a great number of letters for their complimentary remarks on the new "South African Philatelist." All are agreed that an up-to-date philatelic journal is absolutely necessary in Southern Africa, and those who have written tell us that this journal, both by reason of its contents and "get up," fills the gap admirably.

Appreciation has also been shewn in a very tangible way, for never before have subscriptions flowed in at the rate at which they are now coming in. Our daily post, always a large one, has assumed enormous proportions.

Although all correspondents have been answered by letter, we take this additional opportunity of thanking very sincerely all who have written us such pleasant letters and also those who have shewn their appreciation and confidence by remitting subscriptions on their own behalf or on behalf of friends. We give them our assurance that it will always be our aim to give them the finest publication possible and generally to serve the great hobby to the best of our ability.

We repeat some of the contents of last month's Editorial. To everyone sending 3s. for one year's subscription we will send free a copy of that interesting and useful 48-page handbook "Stamp Collecting for the Million," and to all sending 5s. 6d. for two years' subscription a copy of our authoritative fully-illustrated 40-page book "The Stamps of the Belgian Congo and Belgian East Africa" will be sent. It is necessary to mention free gift when sending subscription. Collectors sending subscriptions on behalf of friends will be rewarded with useful gifts of stamps or accessories. A supply of subscription forms will be sent on request.

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For the benefit of those who wish their subscriptions to commence with last month's issue—the first number of our new series—we have reserved a supply of copies. Last month's issue contained a complete priced check-list of Union Officials, full details of the rotogravure printed Unions and varieties in same, the first instalment of our serial list of numbers printed of all S.W.A. stamps, a long list of recent S.W.A. varieties, and much other interesting news.

UP-TO-DATE UNION NEWS.

We are thankful that no new issues in official stamps have appeared since our previous issue, but that does not mean that things are quiet.

Referring to our notes regarding control letter in the margins of sheets of rotogravure 1d. stamps, it now seems that no sheets were ever printed with the letter "C." We have ordinary unoverprinted stamps and official stamps both shewing the same sheet number and letter (B) in the margin. In the ordinary stamps the retouch appears, but it is not present in the officials. This apparently means that, by error, a double lot of the new "B" series was printed, both lots ranging in sheet numbers from 0000 to 9999. The retouch was apparently made while the second lot was being printed, the official stamps being made from sheets from the first lot. For accounting purposes the letter "C" was, apparently, skipped, through the double lot of the "B" series being printed.

It is rather difficult to say how many plates have been used for rotogravure 1d. stamps, due to the absence of marginal markings (the sheet numbers are no guide). It has been stated that in the early printings each control letter represented a different plate. This theory is quite wrong; the presence of the retouch with three different control letters disproving same.

During part of last month only left-hand halves of sheets of 1d. stamps were obtainable at many post offices. This was because the right-hand halves were very badly printed and shewed a number of white lines, due to the paper becoming creased during printing. The stamps at present on sale are very clean and devoid of the oil or ink streaks in the margins.

There are so many minor varieties in 1d. rotogravure stamps that we do not propose to attempt to list them. Hair lines, horizontal and vertical, and also thick lines, due to the presence on the plate of foreign matter, are too numerous to be of much interest to the majority of our readers. Teeth sometimes fall out of the perforating machine. The missing perforations caused thereby are of interest, but blind perforations, i.e., when the pieces of paper fail to leave the holes made by the needles, are of no interest or additional value.

As briefly noted last month, sheets of 1d. rotogravure stamps are now on sale, and nearly every sheet at present obtainable in the Union has the watermark inverted. An interesting retouch occurs in this stamp. On stamp No. 5 of row 9 the shading between the horns was originally very weak and an attempt was made to fill same in on the plate by hand. The result is a double set of zig-zag lines not at all like the evenly-spaced horizontal lines on normal stamps. This variety has been noted on sheets with normal and inverted watermark. The rotogravure official stamps and also some of the ordinary sheets with inverted watermark do not shew the retouch.

Mr. Giovannie, of Port Elizabeth, submits a large block of 1d. rotogravure postage stamps shewing the green very much blurred. We are afraid that those who wish to keep up with the varieties of the rotogravure stamps will not have much time for other work. Worse is to come, for it is understood that all the higher value postage stamps will shortly be produced by the rotogravure process, the contract with the printers in England having expired.

It may be of interest to mention the pictorial stamps which exist with inverted watermark. Both London and Pretoria printed ½d., 1d. and 6d. stamps exist thus, as also do the 2d. and 4d. values, these latter values being really scarce in this condition.

STOP PRESS.—Minimum letter postage in Union now 2d. See P.O. for new rates. New 2d. pictorial with up-to-date picture of Union Buildings will be issued about April 10th.



The new issue is out and a fine pictorial set it is—with one or two weak spots. It should gladden the hearts of those who like pretty stamps and should also bring in a little cash to the S.W.A. authorities at a time when it is needed to repair the ravages of the wild weather which has been prevalent in the territory lately. It is strange that there is evidently a pressing need in S.W.A. for denominations which have been discontinued in the Union and elsewhere. Commonplace buildings are not suitable subjects for stamp designs, and for that reason the 3d. value, while a dignified-looking affair, is a bit flat in appearance. The stamps are beautifully produced, and the colours contrast well. We congratulate those concerned on the production of a really artistic set—a vast improvement on the Union issue.

The frame colours of the postage dues might have been a bit deeper—they are far too pale against the large solid black numerals in the centre. Also it would have been much better had they been perforated 14 like the postage stamps. Perhaps these little defects will be put right.

We chronicle the new issue as follows:—

Postage Stamps.—Line engraved. Printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., New Maldon, Surrey, in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), each pane consisting of ten horizontal rows of six stamps. English and Afrikaans stamps alternate. Watermarked multiple springbok's head. Perforated 14 x 13½. Margins are devoid of markings except for printers' imprint in bottom margin of each pane. Top, centre and side margins imperforate, bottom margins perforated through.

Centre in second colour.

½d. bright green and grey black.—Gom paauw.

1d. carmine and dull blue.—Cape Cross with Portuguese Coat of Arms and Portuguese Galleon.

2d. sepia and bluish purple.—The Bogenfels Rock.

3d. blue and grey blue.—Government Buildings, Windhoek.

4d. deep violet and green.—View of the Waterberg.

6d. sepia and blue.—View of Luderitz.

1/- blue and chocolate brown.—Bush and river scene.

1/3 yellow and purple.—Eland.

2/6 grey and carmine.—Zebras and wildebeeste.

5/- olive and green.—Native kraal.

10/- bright green and violet brown.—Welwischia (a cactus).

£1 blue green and Indian red.—Cunene Falls.

Air Mail Stamps.—Details as for postage stamps. Centre in second colour.

3d. blue and brown.—Monoplane in flight.

10d. brown and black.—Biplane in flight.

Official Stamps.—½d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. postage stamps overprinted alternately OFFICIAL and OFFISIEEL in small sans serif capitals in vermilion.

Postage Due Stamps.—Surface printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd., in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), each pane containing ten horizontal rows of six stamps. Bilingual. Watermarked multiple springbok's head. Perforated 12. All margins perforated through, but devoid of markings. Numerals in black, frame in colour mentioned.

1d. yellow green. 1d. rosine. 2d. deep lilac. 3d. ultramarine. 6d. grey.



Since publication of our February issue, the air mail stamps with small overprint have gone obsolete, but a re-issue of both values with the large overprint took place. This came as rather a surprise, as S.W.A. has not previously resurrected an obsolete type. The re-issue was in complete sheets without any overprint varieties. Latest information is that all overprinted air stamps are obsolete and no more will be printed. On

numbers issued the large overprint remains the better set. The price of same has temporarily slumped, but the great world-wide demand for air



The new 2/6 stamp arrived too late for illustration this month, while the 1/3 value and the official and air stamps had not reached us by March 31st. They are expected daily. The new postage and air stamps are on sale at the High Commissioner's Office, London.



stamps will soon send both issues to good figures. Those who purchased the large overprints from our Publisher before the re-issue took place

obtained them at the lowest prices then prevailing. No one expected the re-issue and, naturally, no claim can be made on our Publisher for a refund of part of the amount paid. Had the re-issue not taken place, the stamps would have been very cheap at the prices paid. However, a refund of a good proportion of the amount paid for sets with large overprint has been made by our Publisher to all who purchased sets from the first issue from him.

The Union 3d. pictorial recently appeared with the "S.W.A." overprint in a new position, namely, at the top of the stamp in the centre. Each sheet of this variety contains two stamps without stop after "A" and one stamp without stop after "W," as well as a couple of broken letters.

All postmasters in S.W.A. have been requested to return their entire stocks of overprinted stamps to Windhoek, where, presumably, they will be on sale to collectors until exhausted, or for a given period.

We are anxious to place on record a list of all stamps with "S.W.A." overprint which shew the stop after "A" missing, giving the sheet positions of the variety. Our record is not complete, and we will be grateful for information regarding the position in the sheet in which the variety occurs in the different values.

The latest official news regarding the impending air service is to the effect that it is not expected to commence until Imperial Airways route from England is extended to the Union. As the latter will not take place before June, collectors have plenty of time to arrange for covers. Full details will be published in this journal when available. Collectors who rely on us for their first flight covers will secure the best covers possible at the lowest possible rates.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA'S NEW ISSUE.

This will appear on April 1st. All stamps will be of the same size as the current issue. The 2d. and 3d. values will shew a view of the Victoria Falls. The other denominations will shew the King (head and shoulders) in the uniform of the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). The Crown will be worked into the border design.

We are indebted to Mr. L. H. Whitmore for a copy of the official notice regarding the new issue, and reproduce same herewith.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Postage Stamps: New Issue.

It is hereby notified for public information that a new issue of postage and revenue stamps and stationery will be on sale at all post offices on the 1st April next.

Stamps of the present issue will be valid for postal and revenue purposes until 30th September, 1931, after which date such stamps and stationery will become obsolete and will cease to be valid. Mail matter posted after the 30th September next which bears stamps of the obsolete issue will be surcharged.

The new issue comprises stamps and stationery of the following denominations and varieties:—

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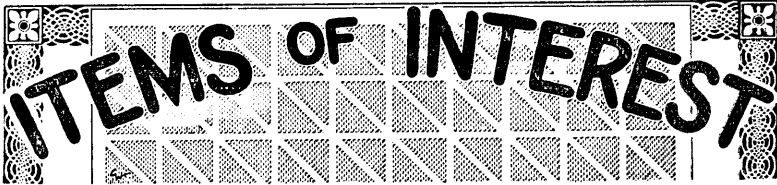
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Our P.O. Box and telephone numbers will remain unchanged, and we wish to emphasise the advisability of addressing all letters and other mail matter to P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg. A P.O. Box address remains permanent—letters addressed to an obsolete office address are liable to delay or loss.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

In the latest edition of the progressive Pretoria Philatelic Society's Year Book, Mr. A. E. Basden makes out a strong case for a National South African Philatelic Society. This idea has been in our Editor's mind for a long time, and we do not think that the day is far distant when such a society will come into being. At present South Africa has philatelic societies in the principal towns, but no ties bind them together other than the common tie of propagating the hobby. In a country of large distances like South Africa, where so many of the collectors are unable to attend meetings, a national society, with branches in the main centres, and with a live country department, would do a world of good.

Talking of the P.P.S. Year Book, we have to congratulate the Society on the excellence of the production. It is quite a large affair, and medium and advanced collectors may obtain copies free by addressing Mr. A. E. Basden at P.O. Box 238, Pretoria. The highly-interesting papers read at meetings during 1930 are published in full and they deal with the issues of most South African countries, but it is strange that apparently no one read a paper on S.W.A. in 1930.

At last! The two Johannesburg philatelic societies have now been amalgamated into one society, which shews every sign of being a strong one. Meetings of the new society will be held fortnightly at the Carlton Hotel, and the meeting nights will probably be the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. We recommend the new society to all of our readers who can attend the meetings or who wish to become country members and will be glad to assist them to become members.

If you wish to subscribe to a really fine Colonial philatelic journal you cannot do better than read the "Australian Stamp Monthly" regularly. See their advertisement in this issue. As British Postal Orders are not cashed in Australia, subscriptions may be sent to the Publisher of the "South African Philatelist," who has an account with the "A.S.M." Specimen copies should be ordered direct from Mr. Rosenblum, who will, no doubt, accept unused Southern African stamps in payment.

We have received the 1931 edition of "Who's Who in Philately," published by Harris Publications, Ltd., 112, Strand, London, W.C. 2, at 5s. 3d. post free. It is an up-to-date list of names, addresses and specialities of collectors throughout the world, and is of great value to collectors desiring to correspond with fellow-specialists.

Publishers are invited to submit for review in our columns copies of their books, albums, etc. Publications priced retail at less than 2s. 6d. will not be noticed unless they emanate from an advertiser in this journal or an organisation not conducted for financial profit.

It will pay readers to scrutinise carefully the advertisements in this issue. We feel confident that our advertisers are all worth knowing and will give customers a square deal every time. We exercise every care in the acceptance of advertisements, but if you have any difficulty with an advertiser let us know—provided it is the dealer who is at fault.

The cataloguing and pricing of the Saby collections is proceeding as quickly as can be expected. It must take a fairly considerable period to do the work. Those who have written regarding items in the collections have had their wants carefully noted for attention as early as possible, while those who have not yet written will be given an opportunity of acquiring some of the fine things collected by the late Mr. H. H. Saby, F.R.P.S.L.

The fully-illustrated catalogue of Union postage, postage due and air mail stamps and air covers has had a very fine reception, although there has been some criticism of some of the prices, particularly of the air covers. Generally speaking, the prices which Mr. Simenhoff has placed on air covers are high, but it must be remembered that so far many of these have been sold at prices which are far too low, considering the scarcity of some items. It is obvious that the author expects collectors to do business at about half his valuations, and has probably adopted this idea because of the prevailing system of selling most stamps at half Gibbons' prices. Gibbons' list of Unions is very incomplete, and a number of their prices do not reflect the true value of the stamps. Hence the need for Mr. Simenhoff's valuable work. Copies (5s. each, post free) may be obtained from the Publisher of the "South African Philatelist."

The Northern Section, to Mwanza (Tanganyika) of the Cape to Cairo air service was duly inaugurated towards the end of last month, and something like 10,000 letters were carried. Through first flight covers will not be particularly rare, but those carried between some of the intermediate points should turn out well. Latest information is that the service will not be extended to Capetown until June, and as soon as sufficient information is available regarding stopping places, postage rates, etc., it will be published in this journal. Collectors may rest assured that we will be well prepared for the first flight, and South African collectors should withhold their orders until receipt of the issue of this journal containing full news. Overseas collectors should, to save time, send a deposit as early as possible, as those who order in advance of the commencement of the service will be supplied at specially low rates. Those who rely on us will, particularly if they leave the addressing of covers to us, receive the very best type of covers, with all postal marking obtainable.

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SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The Numbers Issued of All Obsolete Stamps.

(Continued from February issue)

This record of the numbers issued of the stamps of South-West Africa has been compiled from a careful examination of the relative documents in the Post Office at Windhoek. Naturally, the Postal Department does not identify the various settings in the same way as collectors do, but they do record the different issues in such a way as to enable those who examine the records to know what stamps are meant. The figures given are the quantities actually received at Windhoek from the Government Printer, Pretoria, by whom all the overprinting, except in the case of the triangulars, was done. Owing to its length this article will have to run through several issues, so those who desire to have all the instalments of this highly interesting and valuable feature should, if they are not already subscribers, send in their subscriptions without delay, as a surplus stock of the various issues of this magazine will not be kept on hand by the publisher.



Type III.



Type IIIa

Type III.—Gibbons' Nos. 16 to 27, Scott's Nos. 33 to 56. Lithographed overprint in thick letters. "Zuidwest" in one word.

| Value. | Requisition No. | Date of Req. | Date Received. | Date Issued. | No. of sheets of 240 stamps. |
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| 2d. | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 28.9.23 | 2,500 |
| 3d. | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 500 |
| 4d. | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 300 |
| 6d. | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 28.9.23 | 500 |
| 1/- | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 200 |
| | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 28.9.23 | 300 |
| 1/3 | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 158 |
| | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 28.9.23 | 200 |
| 2/6 | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 50 |
| 5/- | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 25 |
| | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 28.9.23 | 50 |
| 10/- | 162 | 29.6.23 | 10/23.7.23 | 15.7.23 | 25 |
| £1 | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 28.9.23 | 25 |

Type IIIa will be dealt with next month.

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SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN OFFICIALS.

There is no doubt about the rarity of the first issue. Only ten sheets, each containing 120 pairs, were printed. The second issue is also a good set, the total issue comprising 100 sheets, each 120 pairs, of the ½d., 1d. and 6d. values, and 200 sheets, each containing 60 pairs, of the 2d. value. It must be remembered that about half of the first issue was used up for postage by Government departments before the stamps were placed on sale to the public.

Following is a check list, together with the prices at which I can supply sets.

1st Issue.—½d., 1d. and 6d. Union pictorials and 2d. King's Head overprinted alternately "South West Africa. OFFICIAL" and "Suidwes Afrika. OFFISIEEL," the name of the country being in two lines reading upwards, the word OFFICIAL or OFFISIEEL being placed horizontally at the top of the stamp. Set of four horizontal pairs, mint or superb used, price on request.

2nd Issue.—½d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. Union pictorials overprinted alternately "OFFICIAL S.W.A." and "OFFISIEEL S.W.A.," the word OFFICIAL or OFFISIEEL being across the top of the stamp and the letters S.W.A. at the foot. Set of four horizontal pairs, mint or superb used, 12/6. One sheet of the 1d. value was discovered with inverted watermark, and I have a few copies to sell at 12/6 per superb mint horizontal pair.

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BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—This group of coral reefs, or whatever they are made of, has suddenly found it necessary to issue a 4½d. value. The colour is brown.

CANADA.—An entirely new set has made its appearance. Several of the new designs were illustrated last month, the remaining values being depicted herewith.

INDIA.—The special set commemorating the opening of New Delhi duly appeared last month. Large transverse oblong format with portrait of King George to right and a view of New Delhi at the left—a different view for each value. Illustrations next month, details herewith:—

1a. brown-orange and pale green.—Gateway & Fortress of Purana Qila.

½a. sage-green and lilac.—War Memorial Arch.

1a. brown and mauve.—Council House.

2a. blue and sage-green.—Viceroy's House.

3a. carmine and brown.—Secretariat.

1R. purple and green.—Secretariat with medallion in centre.

The set remained on issue for approximately one month.

MOCAMBIQUE.—A series of special stamps is appearing, one variety at a time. The denomination is invariably 50c., and on certain days the use of the special stamp is compulsory on inland correspondence. The labels commemorate the brave deeds of Mousinho de Albuquerque, and the names of battles in which he was victorious appear at the foot of the stamps. The colours of the stamps vary with the name of the battle, but only one variety is issued at a time, and it will be a few months yet before we know the names of all the battles—let us hope that there were not too many. An entirely new series of postage stamps and a couple of surcharges on the present issue are due for early appearance.

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The Latest Union News

As forecast in a stop press note in our March issue a new Union 2d. postage stamp has appeared, being placed on sale on or about April 10th. The design is almost identical with that of the previous 2d. pictorial, the differences being the inclusion in the foreground (just above figure of value) of the replica of the Delville Wood War Memorial, while slightly more of the west wing of the Union Buildings is shewn. A big difference lies in the method of production, for the newcomer is printed in Pretoria by the rotogravure process in unbroken vertical sheets of 120 (20 horizontal rows of six stamps). The sheet number appears twice in the right hand margin. The watermark is, of course, multiple springbok's head. The colours are purple (frame) and dull green (centre). We illustrate the old and the new stamps.



The final supply of the London printed 2d. pictorial shewed the centre printed in green and copies have reached us from various parts of the country.

On April first some of the postage rates in the Union and S.W. Africa were revised, the public being given 24 hours' notice. To places to which the 1d. per ounce and 2d. per ounce letter rates formerly applied a flat rate of 2d. for the first ounce and 1d. for each additional ounce is now in force. To places to which postcards could formerly be sent for ½d. the rate is now 1d., while accounts and receipts must now be paid for at the rate of ½d. per 2 ounces, with a minimum of 1d. All other rates remain unaltered. It is not anticipated that the new rates will result in changes in postage stamps.

For a few days after the introduction of the new rates mail matter franked at the old rates was allowed to pass without surcharge.

Sheets of 1d. rotogravure stamps were recently on issue with inverted watermark, but the supply did not last long.

A further interesting variety in the 1d. rotogravure postage stamp is to be found on stamp No. 117 in the sheet in the shape of a very deep cut through the "S" of "SOUTH." This variety does not occur in rotogravure officials.

The Union 6d. pictorial printed in red and black has been hailed in certain quarters as a rare error. Our investigations shew this variety to be nothing more than a colour trial. Some years ago it was shewn and described as such at a philatelic society meeting.

We have seen a block of current 6d. officials shewing the stop after "OFFISIEEL" on Stamps Nos. 2 and 3 of row 12. We have handled a large number of sheets of this stamp and the stop variety was never present in these positions. In all the officials which shew the stop varieties which we have seen these were always present in the positions shewn in the diagram in our issue for February.

Readers who may be offered abnormal unchronicled varieties in recent issues of officials would be well advised to communicate with our Publisher immediately.

A Little Humour

A stamp collector who was unfortunate enough to be sent to prison says that he was not lonely—there were plenty of stamp dealers there. Yes, we guess he will bump into them when he leaves this earthly sphere—if he is very lucky!

Word from Madrid
Says they have got rid
Of the King, and so Spain
Will be at it again.

The super-optimist: The collector who bought an album that will hold 20,000 stamps and at the same time ordered 20,000 hinges.

An old lady tells us that the new postage rates will not worry her for a long time. She laid in a good stock of stamps before they went up in price!

What we would like to read: A stamp article by a non-collector without mention of the unique 1c. British Guiana and the "Post Office" Mauritius.

Of course, collectors have little sympathy for dealers. We heard one speaking of a dealer who died recently. "Yes," he said, "I only hope he has gone where I know he hasn't."

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In this issue we illustrate the new 1s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. postage stamps and the new air stamps. Up till the time of going to press (April 26th) the latter had not been placed on sale at Windhoek, our illustration having been made from copies sold at the High Commissioner's Office, London. It is remarkable that although all the postage and air stamps were placed on sale in London early in March the 1s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. postage values made a very belated appearance at Windhoek, while the air stamps cannot yet be purchased in the issuing country! It is expected, however, that the new air and official stamps will be placed on sale in S.W. Africa while this issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" is in the press. The new dues and officials cannot be purchased at the High Commissioner's Office, London.



A complete set of die proofs of all the new stamps, mounted in a luxurious album, has been presented to H.M. King George V.

After the above lines had been set in type the new air and official stamps arrived from Windhoek, and South African dealers now have good supplies. An accurate description of these new stamps appeared on page 25 of last month's issue.

In certain quarters a number of remarkable varieties in the issue with "S.W.A." overprint have been mentioned. We are awaiting official information before chronicling them. Meanwhile, we advise readers to communicate with us if they are offered such things as double overprints, overprints in wrong positions, wrong types of overprints and other sensational varieties which are not catalogued or have not been chronicled in the "S.A. Philatelist."

It now appears, according to official figures, that the air stamps with small overprint are scarcer than those with the large overprint. It is amusing to read the prices quoted overseas for these stamps and we fear that some collectors will find that the prices which they have paid bear no relation to present values. For instance, some English dealers are asking 30s. for the small overprint set, while a much higher price was originally asked by some firms for the set with large setting. South African prices are much more reasonable and give collectors an opportunity of making a good profit within a short period.

The aeroplanes which will be used when the air mail services commence are "gadding about" S.W.A. at present, but in only one instance have they carried mail. When the railway line was cut by last month's heavy rains a few bags of letters were taken by air from Keetmanshoop to Windhoek. The flight was an emergency one and there is nothing about the covers to shew that they were carried by air.



The Director of Posts, Windhoek, advises us that the Union 3d. rotogravure postage stamp, overprinted "S.W.A.," is now obtainable from his office. We might have been spared this new item, seeing that the new issue has appeared, but apparently the stamps had been overprinted before the receipt of the "permanent" issue, so they might as well be used up!

Elusive British Colonials

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| BAHAMAS. 1883. 4d. on 6d. Mint. S.G. No. 45 | 3 0 0 | 1876. 4d. Mint. S.G. No. 18 | 4 0 0 |
| BARBADOS. 1861-70. 4d. Superb mint. S.G. No. 26a | 5 10 0 | 1876. 1/-. Mint. S.G. No. 21 | 1 10 0 |
| 1873. 5/- Brilliant mint. Perfectly centred. Rich colour and bottom margin of sheet. Slight gum crease, S.G. No. 64 | 5 10 0 | NIGER COAST. Dec. 1893. 1d. on 2½d. Mint. S.G. No. 11. Recently sold at auction for £10 10s. My price | 6 0 0 |
| BECHUANALAND. Overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate" on 1d. King George issue of Union of South Africa. Mint | 1 0 0 | Dec. 1893. 1d. on 2½d. Used S.G. No. 11 | 5 10 0 |
| BRITISH HONDURAS. 1882-87. 1/- Mint. S.G. No. 22 | 4 0 0 | ST. LUCIA. 1883-86. 4d. Mint. S.G. No. 34a | 2 10 0 |
| GRENADA. 1886. 1d. on 1½d. Mint. S.G. No. 37c | 5 0 0 | STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. PAHANG. 1897. 2c. on half of 5 c. and 3 c. on half of 5 c. The two values set-tenant in a used pair. Scarce thus. S.G. Nos. 16 and 17 | 3 0 0 |
| NATAL. March, 1895. 2d. on 6d. S.G. No. 115. Superb Mint. Only 45 copies exist. Very rare, and missing in most collections | 15 0 0 | SUDAN. Jan. 1905. 1 m. Mint. S.G. No 152 | 6 0 0 |
| NEVIS. 1866. 4d. Mint. S.G. No. 11 | 1 15 0 | ZANZIBAR 1913. 40 Rs. Mint. S.G. No. 260c | 3 15 0 |
| | | 1913. 50Rs. Mint. S.G. No. 260d | 5 10 0 |
| | | 1913. 100Rs. Mint. S.G. No. 260e | 9 10 0 |
| | | 1913. 200Rs. Mint. S.G. No. 260f | 19 0 0 |

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The Numbers Issued of All Obsolete Stamps.

(Continued from March issue.)



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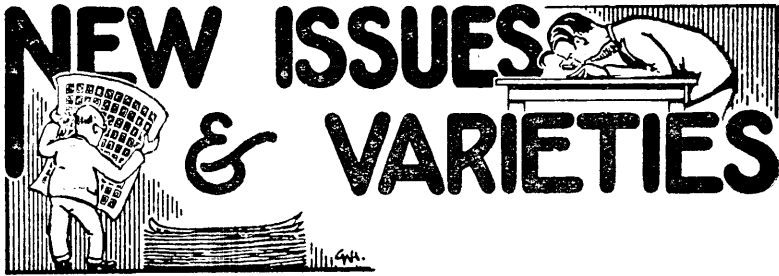
Type IIIa

Type IIIa.—As Gibbons' Nos. 16 to 27 and Scott's Nos. 33 to 56, but overprint lithographed in thin letters.

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| ½d. | 192 | 30. 7.24 | 1. 9.24 | 5. 9.24 | 1,500 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 1,000 |
| 1d. | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 5,000 |
| | 272 | 16. 9.25 | 22.10.25 | 25.10.25 | 1,000 |
| 2d. | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 2,000 |
| | 272 | 16. 9.25 | 22.10.25 | 25.10.25 | 500 |
| | 313 | 14.10.25 | 21.10.25 | 18. 4.26 | 19 |
| 3d. | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 500 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 300 |
| | 28 | 20. 4.26 | 21. 5.26 | 21.10.26 | 50 |
| 4d. | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 300 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 200 |
| | 313 | 14.10.25 | 21.10.25 | 18. 4.26 | 10 |
| 6d. | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 200 |
| 1/- | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 300 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 200 |
| 1/3 | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 200 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 200 |
| | 313 | 14.10.25 | 21.10.25 | 18. 4.26 | 10 |
| 2/6 | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 100 |
| 5/- | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 25 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 25 |
| | 272 | 16. 9.25 | 22.10.25 | 25.10.25 | 25 |
| | 313 | 14.10.25 | 21.10.25 | 18. 4.26 | 25 |
| | 28 | 20. 4.26 | 21. 5.26 | 21.10.26 | 20 |
| 10/- | 631 | 10. 3.24 | 2/8. 4.24 | 11. 4.24 | 25 |
| | 8 | 3. 4.25 | 19. 5.25 | 21. 5.25 | 20 |
| £1 | 272 | 16. 9.25 | 22.10.25 | 25.10.25 | 10 |
| | 28 | 20. 4.26 | 21. 5.26 | 21.10.26 | 10 |

The 3d. stamps received against requisition No. 28 were in deep blue and ultramarine, while the 5/- stamps of the same requisition were in bright purple and electric blue.

(To be continued.)



SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—The new issue duly made its appearance on April 1st and, of course, had a mixed reception. The 2d. and 3d. values are very poor, being surface printed, while the other values, which are line engraved, are over-burdened with ornamentation. The paper is soft and the perforation terrible. The stamps are unwatermarked. Illustrations appear in this issue.

View of Victoria Falls. Surface printed. Perf. 15 by 14. 2d. brown (frame) and black (centre), 3d. deep blue.

Portrait of King, George. Line engraved. Perf. 12. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 1d. bright red, 4d. orange-red and black, 6d. mauve and black, 8d. green and violet, 10d. rose and blue, 1s. light blue and black, 1s. 6d. ochre and black, 2s. brown and black, 2s. 6d. sepia and blue, 5s. blue-green and blue. In each case the centre is in the second colour.

BELGIAN CONGO.—Stocks of values no longer required will be surcharged to meet present postal rates and a bunch of provisionals will shortly appear.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The centenary of the unification of the provinces of Demerara, Berbice and Essequibo into one colony will be celebrated philatelically this year.

CANADA.—It is reported that the portrait of Princess Elizabeth will find a place on a value to be added to the current series.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—A new \$1 value has appeared. It is in the small type hitherto common to the low values only and the colours are carmine and black on blue.

IRAQ.—A complete new issue has appeared and will be illustrated next month. The values from $\frac{1}{2}$ anna to 8 annas are in small format and shew King Feisul in European dress, while the values from 1 to 10 Rupees are of larger size and bear the same portrait. The 25R. shews the King in native head-dress. All values may also be had overprinted "On State Service" in English and Arabic.

IRISH FREE STATE.—Special stamps to commemorate the bicentenary of the Royal Dublin Society and the holding of the Eucharist Congress in Dublin are promised.

JOHORE.—"Stamp Collecting" records the possibility of a special issue to mark the wedding of the Sultan.

MALDIVE ISLANDS.—After a currency of 25 years the current set is to be rendered obsolete by a new issue.

MOCAMBIQUE.—The colours of the 40c. "Assistencia Publica" stamp have been changed to rose and lilac.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The latest value to be printed by Dickinson's is the 20c. black, the new stamp being easily distinguishable from the old one.

NIGERIA.—A 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange will shortly appear.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.—Seekers after shades will find plenty in the lower values of this country. In the 1d. and 3d. values extremes are to be found.

RUANDA URUNDI.—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., chronicle a rare error in the current set, namely, the 40c. value with inverted overprint. Further surcharges on current stamps are expected.

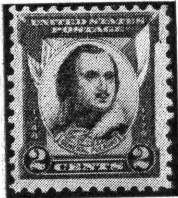
SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—An interesting variety in the 4d. value of the obsolete issue is shewn us by Mr. G. N. Gilbert. There is a distinct gash on the King's right eye and the variety occurs somewhere in the second vertical row of the sheet. Our Publisher has received the 2s. value of the obsolete issue imperforate at top, the variety occurring in the first row of the sheet.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 35c. value is now to hand printed in purple and carmine.

SUDAN.—The 5m., 10m. and 2 piastres postage stamps have been overprinted AIR MAIL, but the 5m. value has not yet been issued. A "permanent" set is due for early issue.

KENYA.—A new postage due value has appeared, namely, 30 cents. The colour is light brown.

FOREIGN NEW ISSUES.



Latest U.S.A. commemorative.



Salvador.—Bolivar Centenary air mail.



Italy. New design.



Finland.—Left: Red Cross issue. Right: Literary Society centenary commemorative.

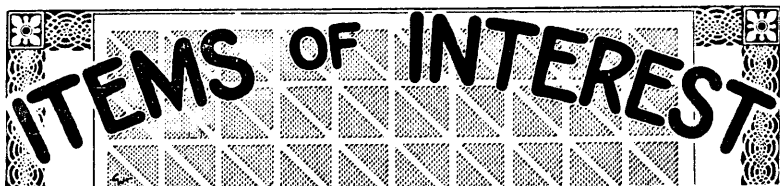


Finland.—Left: Red Cross issue. Right: Literary Society centenary commemorative.



Mocambique. Design of the de Albuquerque series.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

In connection with the Cairo to Cape air service, to commence in June or July, the following complete list of stopping places may be of interest: Cairo, Assiut, Luxor (by arrangement), Assuan, Wadi Halfa, Kareima, Khartoum, Kosti, Malakal, Juba, Butiaba, Port Bell, Kisumu, Nairobi, Moshi, Dodoma, Mbeya, Mpika, Broken Hill, Salisbury, Bulawayo, Pietersburg, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown. From Kimberley there will be a spur line to Windhoek, stopping at Upington and Keetmanshoop. The Postmaster of Upington states that no air mail will be handled at his P.O. At all other towns mentioned above it is expected that air mail will be picked up and set down.

It is quite a commonplace in Northern Rhodesia for mail matter to outlying villages to be carried by air. No extra postage is necessary, nor are special postmarks used.

Just a little reminder that the "South African Philatelist" is the only philatelic journal published in Africa south of the Equator and, therefore, the proper periodical in which to look for the latest reliable news regarding Southern African stamps. Articles in the lay press are not always as accurate as they should be and are seldom of interest to advanced collectors.

If one wants to be really amused it is only necessary to read the news items on stamp matters in the daily papers, that is, when they are not written by experienced philatelists. The mistakes which are made and the amateurish way in which the subject is handled raise many a smile from philatelic readers.

At last South Africa has a really large stamp shop, that recently opened by our Publisher being easily the largest philatelic shop in Southern Africa.

Maritzburg is soon to have a philatelic society and interested collectors should write to Mr. I. Glasser, P.O. Box 366, Maritzburg. There are a large number of enthusiasts in "sleepy hollows."

The Philatelic Society of Johannesburg has been successfully launched and large attendances characterised the first two meetings. The next meeting will be held at the Carlton Hotel on Tuesday, May 19th, at 8 p.m. Collectors who would like to attend the meeting should communicate with the Publisher of this magazine or with the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 4967, Johannesburg.

It is a pity that a few of the stamps contained in packets of a certain brand of South African cigarettes are not better in quality than they are. To put the same old kind of common stuff in every packet will ultimately defeat the object of the scheme. We hear of another scheme in which some really worth-while stamps, from the point of view of the beginner and medium collector, will be included in packets of cigarettes.

We have had to alter our intention of illustrating and chronicling all new issues of foreign countries as well as of British Possessions. We will only chronicle new issues of *all* British Possessions, and of foreign countries in Africa south of the Equator. Overseas foreign countries are responsible for so many new issues that we have not the space to deal with all of them and, in any case, we are sure that our readers agree that the space could be put to better use. We will, however, through the courtesy of the "Philatelic Magazine," continue to publish illustrations of all new foreign issues that are illustrated in that excellent journal.

The South African Philatelist.

June, 1931.

I regret that no issue of the "South African Philatelist" appeared in May. This will not affect your subscription, for you will receive the full number of copies paid for. The reasons for non-publication are: Continued work in putting my large new premises in order, the receipt of large stocks of philatelic goods from overseas and the purchase of several large important collections. As I give personal attention to most of the departments of my business, I could not, even by working day and night, find sufficient time in May to devote to the compilation of the "S.A. Philatelist." However, my work during that month has enabled me to make available to South African collectors the finest stock in the country of albums, accessories, packets and sets of every kind, while the collections purchased now give me a wonderful range of books (which can be sent on approval) of 19th and 20th century Southern Africans of every kind, as well as good books of overseas stamps.

J. ROBERTSON, Publisher

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The Latest Union News

THOSE "ERRORS OF COLOUR."

Rotogravure 6d. pictorial stamps made their appearance towards the end of May. They are very similar in appearance to stamps of the old printing, and are in sheets of 240, the sheet number appearing twice in the right-hand margin. All copies which we have seen have the watermark inverted. The new 2d. rotogravure is also very common with the watermark the wrong way round, and we do not advise readers to pay much over face value for any of the rotogravure stamps with inverted watermark, as the variety is common in all values.

No doubt, the rotogravure 2d. and 6d. stamps will soon be overprinted for official purposes, but we do not see any reason why they should be overprinted for South-West Africa.

In an advertisement in a London journal the 6d. Union pictorial printed in dull red and black is offered as a scarce error of colour at £20 per pair, while the current type 3d. due printed entirely in blue is also offered as an error of colour at £6 per copy. If we named the source from which we have received information that both these varieties are merely colour trials or proofs our readers would, we think, agree with our opinion. Through the courtesy of a collector who has a few copies of these "stamps" our publisher is enabled to offer them to readers as colour trials or proofs at about one-twelfth of the prices asked overseas.

Certain figures, stated to be the number believed to have been "issued" of these labels, have been published. Our enquiries give the number in philatelic hands at slightly higher figures.

In a certain South African town recently some remarkable "varieties" in Union pictorials were on offer and some were actually sold. They comprised Pretoria printed 3d. pictorials produced by the old process with the frame in blue, and 6d. ditto with frame missing and centre in blue. These results can be obtained with the aid of a certain chemical, with which most of our readers have, no doubt, had the misfortune to come into contact. Readers will, naturally, understand the inadvisability of purchasing remarkable varieties of this type without making the fullest investigations in the right quarters. To buy such items without making enquiries may prevent rivals from obtaining them, but may also cause considerable financial loss to the buyer, unless he is lucky enough to get his money back.

We have to withdraw our statement that the final printing of the London printed 2d. pictorial had the centre printed in olive green. The shade of the final printing is a lighter grey-black than usual, and in electric light a greenish tint is apparent, hence our error. In daylight there is no sign of green.



Now that the "permanent" set is in use there is not much to report from this territory. The 3d. roto gravure Union pictorial overprinted "S.W.A." is another poor piece of work, the overprint not being evenly aligned, with the result that its position varies slightly. The plate varieties already chronicled in the overprinted stamps do not occur in the S.W.A. issue. The overprint, by the way, is applied near the centre of the stamps.

One of the most remarkable stamps that has come from this country is the Union 3d. pictorial with the overprint in the centre of the top of the stamp. Each sheet shows two or three missing stops, the stop being in one case missing after the letter "W." These missing stop varieties do not seem to occur in the same positions on every sheet, which seems to indicate that the type was rather loose and continually patched up during the overprinting process.

The following figures are given in the lay press as the total numbers printed of the overprinted air mail stamps: Small overprint, 4d., 24,000; 1s., 14,400; large overprint, 4d., 49,200; 1s. 24,000.

Information recently divulged in the Union Parliament states that sufficient money has been realised from the sale of air stamps, overprinted and new issue, to pay the Government subsidy to the air service for a year. The amount so far obtained from philatelists from the sale of these stamps runs into nearly five figures.

It is good to know that the practice of selling S.W.A. stamps in London (this applied to the new issue only) has been discontinued. The decision has been made a bit late in the day, for many thousands of pounds worth of the new stamps had been sold in London before it was decided to discontinue this practice.

We note that certain overseas philatelists are keeping up the farce of trying to distinguish between the different printings of the overprinted air stamps. Why not distinguish between the different printings of the ordinary postage stamps? Certainly there are differences in different printings, but for how long are they likely to be remembered unless the stamps are spoilt by the number of the printing being written on the back? In the different printings the position of the overprint varies slightly, but not to a sufficient degree to warrant all the fuss that is being made. The ordinary collector should be satisfied to think only of the set with small overprint and the set with large overprint, and leave the hair-splitting to the ultra-specialists.

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The Numbers Printed of all Obsolete Postage Stamps.
(Continued from April Issue).

Types IV and IVa. Gibbons' No. 28, Scott's Nos. 57 and 58. "South West" 16 mm. wide, "Zuidwest" 12½mm. wide, 14mm. between lines of overprint. In Type IVa the overprint is in heavier type than in Type IV.



Type IV.



Type IVa.

| *Value. | Requisition Number | Date of Requisition | Date Received | Date Issued | No. of sheets of 240 stamps |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 2/6 (IV) | 517 | 4-1-24 | 25-1-24 | 29-6-24 | 75 |
| 2/6 (IVa) | 517 | 4-1-24 | 25-1-24 | 1-11-25 | 25 |

The list of numbers printed of Types VI and VIa is a long one, for which we have not sufficient space this month. It will be dealt with in the July issue.

*These headings were accidentally omitted from the instalment in April issue.

An Occasional Smile Makes Life Worth While.

Once upon a time there was a Government Printer who never made any errors in the stamps he printed. He did NOT stay in Pretoria.

Once upon a time there was a stamp issue which pleased everybody.

Once upon a time there was a stamp auction in a certain South African town which did not contain any cleaned Rhodesians.

Once upon a time there was a philatelic editor who did not "lift" his "wisecracks" from other journals—he did not edit "The South African Philatelist."

A Kaffir chief has decided to sell by auction, in sets or singles, his general collection of 99 wives.

RARE UNION ERRORS — PERHAPS!

The following Union stamps have been offered elsewhere as rare errors. I have satisfied myself that they are merely colour trials or proofs. I may be wrong, but have a look at the prices at which I can supply and judge for yourself. I am able to offer these items, through the kindness of the present owner, a collector who is somewhat amazed at the high prices asked for the items.

6d. Union pictorial printed in dull red and black. Offered elsewhere as an error of colour at £20 per mint pair. Offered by me as a colour trial or proof at £1/10/0 per superb mint pair.

5d. postage due, current type, printed entirely in blue. Offered elsewhere as an error of colour at £6 per mint copy. Offered by me as a colour trial or proof at 10/- per superb mint copy, pairs and blocks pro rata.

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ON OPPOSITE PAGE.—New issues from Russia (1905 Revolution Commemorative), Abyssinia, Curacao (air mail), Costa Rica, Iraq, Egypt (Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition), Syria, France (Sinking Fund) and Finland (75th anniversary of issue of postage stamps):



During the month of May I made very considerable additions to my already large stock, stamps and other philatelic goods arriving from inland and overseas countries in letters, bulky parcels and packing cases. It is quite impossible in advertisements to list everything or give even a small idea of the extent of my stock. If what you require is not advertised, let me know, as I may be able to supply it. I specialise in British Southern Africans, but also carry a large range of stamps of overseas countries. That my service is popular is evidenced by the fact that to keep up with correspondence, etc., often means working day and night—I fully appreciate the advantages of attending to orders, etc., promptly.

My general price list contains full details of albums, accessories, and packets stocked by me. Offers of sets, etc., will be made periodically in this journal.

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8 S. Rhodesia, obsolete issue, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- 9d.
 8 N. Rhodesia, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- 1/5
 6 Bechuanaland Prot., current, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. 1/-
 6 pairs S.W.A. (Unions overprinted "S.W.A."), ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. 2/-
 12 singles ditto, Eng. and Afrik. copy of each value 1/3
 4 Union of S.A. roll stamps, perf. x imperf., ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d. 6d.
 4 Union of S.A. 1925 air stamps, used on first flight 1925 cover 25/-
 4 Ditto, used on intermediate 1925 flight cover 20/-
 4 Ditto, used on 1st 1929 flight cover, backstamped 25/-

UNUSED SETS (SUPERB MINT).

8 Liechtenstein, 1920, 3d.; 1 Papua 2d. on 1½d. (just out), 3d.; 1 Iceland air mail triangular, 3d.; 3 Corea, 1885, 3d.; 3 Roumania air mail (just out), 4d.; 1 Papua 3d. air mail, 1d.; 1 Egypt, 10m. Prince Farouk Birthday issue, 5d.; 3 Bahamas current, ½d., 1d., 2d., 5d.; 6 Spain, Madrid Exhibition, 6d.; 5 Montenegro, 1896, 6d.; 6 Montenegro, various, 6d.; 3 Mocambique, d'Albuquerque issue, 6d.; 2 Egypt, Medical Congress issue, 6d.; 2 Australia, Kingsford Smith issue, 2d. and 3d., 9d.; 2 Bahamas, 1d. and 5d. "staircase," current, 9d.; 2 Tanganyika ("N.F." on Nyasaland), ½d. and 1d., 9d.; 2 Sudan air mail, 1/-; 2 Bahamas, 3d. and 5d., 1929, Jubilee, 1/-; 3 Egypt, Prince Farouk issue complete, 1/5; 3 Australia, Kingsford Smith issue complete, 1/9; 9 British Solomon Islands, ½d. to 1/-, current, 3/6.

UNUSED SETS (continued).

9 Bechuanaland Prot., current, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- .. 3/3
 2 Bechuanaland Protectorate, current, 2/6, 5/- 8/9
 3 Bechuanaland Protectorate, postage dues, complete 5d.
 8 N. Rhodesia, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/- 3/-
 2 N. Rhodesia, 8d., 10d., obsolete 2/9
 1 N. Rhodesia, 2/-, obsolete 3/6
 3 N. Rhodesia, 2/6, 3/-, 5/- 12/-
 2 N. Rhodesia, 10/- and £1 33/6
 4 N. Rhodesia, postage due, complete 1/1
 10 S. Rhodesia, obsolete, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1/- .. 5/3
 4 S. Rhodesia, obsolete, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 5/- 13/6
 9 S. Rhodesia, new issue, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1/- .. 4/8
 4 S. Rhodesia, new issue, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 5/- 12/6
 3 Union of S.A., 1925 air mail, 1d., 3d., 6d. 5/-
 4 Union of S.A., 1925 air mail, complete 12/6
 6 pairs S.W.A. (Unions overprinted "S.W.A."), ½d., ½d. (roto.), 1d., 1d. (roto.), 2d., 3d. 1/9
 3 pairs ditto, 4d., 6d., 1/- 4/6
 2 singles ditto, 1/3 with overprint at foot and near centre 3/3
 3 pairs ditto, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- 42/6
 5 singles ditto, postage due, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., complete 1/6
 4 pairs S.W.A. Official, first issue, complete £11/10/0
 4 pairs S.W.A. Official, second issue, complete 10/-
 4 pairs S.W.A. Official, third issue, complete 2/6
 2 S.W.A. air mail, 4d. and 1/-, large overprint 7/6
 2 S.W.A. air mail, 4d. and 1/-, small overprint 10/-
 6 pairs S.W.A., new issue, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 3/3
 3 pairs S.W.A., new issue, 1/-, 1/3, 2/6 11/0
 2 pairs S.W.A., new issue, 5/-, 10/- 33/6
 1 pair S.W.A., new issue, £1 44/6
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 4 pairs S.W.A. official, new issue, complete 1/11
 2 pairs S.W.A. air mail, new issue, 3d., 10d., complete 2/6
 5 singles S.W.A., postage due, new issue, complete 1/3
 5 pairs ditto 2/5
 5 S.W.A. triangulars 2/9

NOTE.—Nearly all values of N. & S. Rhodesia, Bechuanaland, and S.W. Africa can be supplied separately. Prices on request.

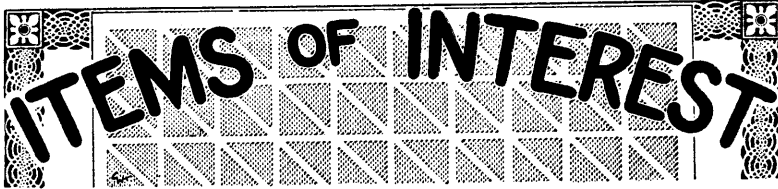
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., has been placed in voluntary liquidation, due, we are informed, to lack of business, for which the depression is partly blamed. There has been no depression in our publisher's business, while reports from England state that, although the depression has hit the smaller dealers who lack capital, the well-established firms have nothing to complain of, due to the fact that they have good supplies of cash and stamps, and have built up such good businesses that they are always assured of good trade. Reports of recent big deals overseas certainly show the hobby to be in a better position than it has ever before been in.

The present manager of the Southern Stamp Co., A. F. Johnstone, has been appointed liquidator of the company at a remuneration of £250, and if, as was proposed at the meeting of shareholders, the stock is disposed of gradually and to the best advantage over a period of about twelve months, he will have earned his remuneration. We hope his efforts to sell the company's stamps, etc., will now be more successful than they appear to have been during the past couple of years, and that the shareholders, who do not seem to have derived much benefit from their shareholdings, will receive some dividend.

A record deal has just been concluded in London, by which Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have acquired the wonderful old-time stock of the firm of W. S. Lincoln, of Holles Street. The stock contains untouched reserves of the stamps of many countries, and some wonderful pieces came to light after the deal was concluded, including unique blocks of early issues. The deal was a cash one, and by it one of London's oldest firms is amalgamated with the oldest firm. The premises in Holles Street have been closed down and the stock transferred to 391, Strand.

Air mail services continue to be opened up over long distances and in remote places, although some of the countries which issue air stamps have no air services, but utilise those in countries through which correspondence has to pass to reach its destination. South African collectors are waking up to the interest of official air stamps, which have fine futures. Nearly every country which has been visited by the Graf Zeppelin has issued air stamps for use on mail matter carried by the zepp. We have to thank Mr. A. A. Rosenblum, of Melbourne, for a cover carried on the first flight of the Australia-England service, and are also obliged to a number of correspondents for first flight covers of various services.

Is Australia having a race with Spain and the U.S.A.? The number of commemorative stamps which it is issuing make one think so. The Kingsford Smiths are very popular. The 6d. value is scarce, as only a comparatively small supply of same was printed and it did not last many hours.

Stamp collecting cannot, in some countries, be undertaken successfully without considering the climate. In the Transvaal, for instance, the climate is usually dry, and this causes heavily gummed stamps to curl, with the result that collectors have sometimes, to prevent damage to their stamps, to mount certain mint stamps in the centre. Overseas philatelists sending heavily gummed mint stamps, or ordinarily gummed stamps printed on very thin paper, such as high value K.E. Natal and

Somaliland, particularly in blocks, to the Transvaal or Orange Free State, should, when mounting them, remember how these stamps curl in the provinces mentioned.

The day after the fall of the Monarchy, republican stamps were issued in Spain, the stamps with portrait of Alfonso being overprinted REPUBLICA. The overprints were applied at Madrid and Barcelona, and other centres, but the Republican Government has put its foot down on this display of enthusiasm and has decreed that Alfonso's features are not to be tampered with, as a "permanent" republican issue is due for early issue. We wonder how much notice Catalonia will take of this decree!

Part 23 of the monumental Kohl Handbook has come to hand. Enquiries for this work should be directed to the British agents, Messrs. Vallancey Press, Ltd., 15, St. Bride Street, London, E.C. 4.

Visitors from all parts of Africa and abroad call on us. A lady from Afghanistan dropped in the other day, while visitors from Australia and America often call in. We are always pleased to meet and chat with philatelic visitors to town.

The "Stamp Collecting" Year Book for 1931 is a commendable production. Thousands of addresses of dealers, philatelic societies, etc., are included. The book may be obtained from the Vallancey Press, Ltd., 15 St Bride Street, London, E.C. 4, at the modest price of 1/2, post free.

Major W. R. Gatt, of 11 Strada St. Ursola, Valletta, Malta, has a large accumulation of philatelic magazines, dating as far back as 1890, which he is willing to give away free to societies and individual collectors, upon receipt of 1/- in unused stamps to cover cost of postage and packing. All languages are represented, so it is advisable for applicants to state which languages they understand.

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 1908. £10. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 82.
- BECHUANALAND.**—1887. £5 Mint. S.G. No. 21.
 Protectorate. Aug., 1888. 1d. Mint. S.G. No. 44b.
 Protectorate, Aug., 1888. 10/-. Mint. S.G. No. 55.
- GOLD COAST.**—1889-94. £1 Green and Red. Mint. S.G. No. 24.
- NATAL.**—March, 1895 1d. on 6d. Mint. S.G. No. 115.
 1902-3. £10. Superb Mint. S.G. No. 145.
 1908. £1/10/0. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 162.
- TRANSVAAL.**—1903. £5. Superb Mint. S.G. No. 560.
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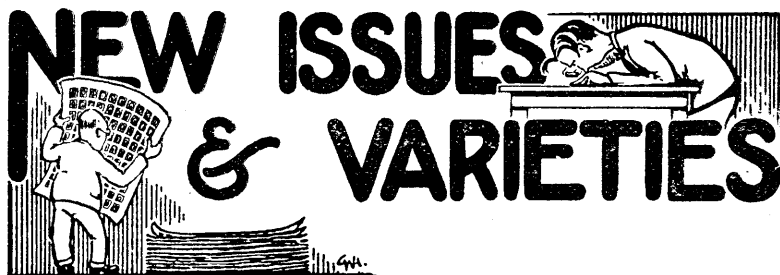
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| 14 ALGERIA. | 10 NICARAGUA, 1894, complete. |
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| 5 ANATOLIA. | 10 NICARAGUA, 1895 service, cpl. |
| 20 AUSTRIA, 1916. | 9 NICARAGUA, 1896, complete. |
| 30 ARGENTINA. | 9 NICARAGUA, 1896 service, cpl. |
| 20 BELGIUM, incl. high vals. | 9 NICARAGUA, 1897, complete. |
| 11 BOSNIA, 1917. | 9 NICARAGUA, 1897 service, cpl. |
| 25 BOSNIA. | 11 NICARAGUA, 1898, complete. |
| 30 BRAZIL. | 11 NICARAGUA, 1898 service, cpl. |
| 5 CARINTHIA (Karnten). | 25 SCANDINAVIANS. |
| 30 CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. | 20 NORWAY. |
| 20 CHINA. | 10 NYASSA, 1901. |
| 4 COREA, 1885. | 7 NYASSA provisionals. |
| 3 CHILI, 1883, peso values. | 10 NYASSA, 1911. |
| 8 ECUADOR, 1892. | 9 NYASSA triangulars. |
| 8 ECUADOR, 1894. | 11 PERSIA, 1911, Ahmed 1-26 chahi. |
| 8 ECUADOR, 1895. | 10 PERSIA, 1911, Ahmed 1-30 kran. |
| 8 ECUADOR, 1896. | 9 PERSIA, 1915, postage. |
| 7 ECUADOR, 1896, postage due. | 4 PERSIA, 1915, ditto, 1-5 kran. |
| 25 ECUADOR, 1892/99. | 9 PERSIA, 1915, service. |
| 5 ECUADOR, 1910, Jubilee. | 4 PERSIA, 1915, ditto, 1-5 kran. |
| 15 EPIRUS. | 9 PERSIA, 1915, parcel post. |
| 9 FIUME, 1924. | 4 PERSIA, 1915, ditto, 1-5 kran. |
| 18 FRANCE, with provisionals. | 7 PERSIA, 1915 provisionals. |
| 25 FRENCH COLONIALS. | 25 ROUMANIA. |
| 4 FRANCE, Rouen air mail. | 6 ROUMANIA, 1905/6. |
| 8 GOLD COAST. | 13 RUSSIA, good values. |
| 10 HONDURAS. | 9 SALVADOR, 1890, complete. |
| 7 INDO-CHINA, 1927. | 10 SALVADOR, 1891, complete. |
| 10 IRAQ. | 10 SALVADOR, 1892, complete. |
| 3 ITALY, Dante complete. | 10 SALVADOR, 1893, complete. |
| 4 ITALY, Manzoni. | 3 SALVADOR, 1893, peso values. |
| 25 JAPAN. | 3 SALVADOR, 1894, peso vals., cpl. |
| 20 JUGO-SLAVIA, good values. | 12 SALVADOR, 1895, complete. |
| 10 JUGO-SLAVIA, 1924 compl. | 12 SALVADOR, 1896, complete. |
| 50 COLONIALS, various. | 12 SALVADOR, 1897, complete. |
| 5 LABUAN. | 12 SALVADOR, 1898. |
| 3 LATVIA, 1923. | 13 SALVADOR, 1910, postage, cpl. |
| 4 LIBERIA, 1886. | 12 SALVADOR, 1910, service, cpl. |
| 5 LIBERIA, 1903, registration. | 9 SALVADOR, 1911. |
| 4 LIBERIA, 1919, registration. | 15 SALVADOR, new issue. |
| 10 LIBERIA, 1920. | 7 SERBIA, 1901, etc. |
| 10 LIBERIA, 1923. | 20 SOVIET RUSSIA. |
| 5 LIBERIA, 1923, Jubilee. | 6 SPAIN, 1928, Catacombs. |
| 5 LIBERIA, 1923, registration. | 9 SPAIN AND COLONIES. |
| 25 MONTENEGRO. | 5 TANNOU TOUVA. |
| 12 MONTENEGRO, 1910. | 20 TRANSYLVANIA. |
| 18 MONTENEGRO, 1921. | 5 TURKEY, 1920. |
| 5 MOCAMBIQUE, 1894. | 5 HUNGARY, 1881, complete. |
| 10 NICARAGUA, 1890, service, cpl. | 10 UKRAINE & SOUTH RUSSIA. |
| 10 NICARAGUA, 1892, complete. | 10 VENEZUELA, 1911. |

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AUSTRALIA.—A new 6d. air mail stamp is to be issued in the near future. Our correspondent, Mr. R. E. Plumridge, says that he will not be surprised if a 1s. air stamp is also issued. It is practically certain that a complete new postage set, in pictorial designs, will be issued this year.

The 2d., 3d. and 6d. Kingsford Smith stamps have been overprinted "O.S." for use by Members of Parliament. This is the first time that Australia has departed from the practice of creating official stamps by puncturing the letters "O.S." in the ordinary postage stamps. It looks as if the Kingsford Smith officials are going to become stamps worth having.

BAHAMAS.—The Crown Agents notify the impending issue of the following new stamps: 3d. purple on yellow in King's Head design for first time; 2s. black and blue, and 3s. black and green in the design of the recent Tercentenary issue, but with the dates removed.

BELGIAN CONGO.—More provisionals, reported by Mr. R. Roberts: 40c. on 35c. green, 50c. on 45c. purple, 2fr. on 1fr. 60c. grey, 3fr. 25c. on 2fr. 75c. purple, 3fr. 25c. on 3fr. 50c. lake. The 50c. surcharge is on S.G. Type 59, the other values being on Type 61 (Stanley issue).

BRUNEI.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies the following new items. Colour changes: 5c. grey, 6c. red; first time script watermark: 25c. purple, 30c. purple and orange-yellow, 50c. black on emerald, \$1 black and red on blue.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Further high values have been printed in the small "Tiger" design for the first time, namely, \$2 green and red on yellow, \$5 green and red on emerald.

HONG KONG.—It is expected that changes in postal rates will result in colour changes in certain values.

HYDERABAD.—"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" foretells the issue of a pictorial set for this Feudatory State, embracing the denominations 4 pies, 8 pies, 1, 2, 4, 8 and 12 annas and 1 rupee.

JAIPUR.—This Indian State has indulged in a pictorial issue to mark the investiture of H.H. the Maharaja of Jaipur as Ruler. There are twelve values, ranging from $\frac{1}{4}$ anna to 5 rupees.

KENYA AND UGANDA.—A 30 per cent. increase in postal rates will most likely result in colour changes and new values in the near future.

MOCAMBIQUE.—Mr. F. de Sales-Souza submits the following new issues: 25c. deep brown (new value), 70c. on 2 escudos, 1E40c. on 2 escudos.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The recently issued air stamps have now appeared on paper watermarked with the arms of the Dominion. It is understood that this watermarked paper will be used for all future printings of postage and air stamps, which have hitherto been on unwatermarked paper. The 6c., 8c. and 20c. postage stamps have already appeared on this paper.

Yet another new pictorial issue is reported by "Stamp Collecting" to be in active preparation.

NEW ZEALAND.—A new set of postage stamps, in pictorial designs, will be issued next year.

A 1/3 (yellow) value has been added to the postal fiscal set and is described as a very crude production.

NIGERIA.—The colour of the 3d. value has been changed to blue.

RUANDA URUNDI.—A definitive issue, to take the place of the present overprinted Belgian Congo stamps, is due for early release. The set will include denominations from 5c. to 20fr. and will be produced by the line-engraved process. Local scenes and allegorical subjects will be used for the designs.

SARAWAK.—"Stamp Collecting" announces the impending release of a complete new issue.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—A discovery of very considerable interest has been made by Mr. G. N. Gilbert, of Westminster, O.F.S. He submits mint copies of the 3d. value of the obsolete issue, one having the design 22½mm. in length and the other having the design 21½mm. deep. We will welcome correspondence on this subject from readers able to give further information.

In chronicling the new issue we omitted to mention that the 2d. and 3d. values are the work of Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, while the King's Head design is the product of Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., Ltd.

TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA.—Due to leakages of unused Official stamps, which were not previously sold to the public, it has been decided to place these on sale to philatelists. The official stamps comprise the postage stamps overprinted "O.S." Due to the big demand new printings and values have appeared.

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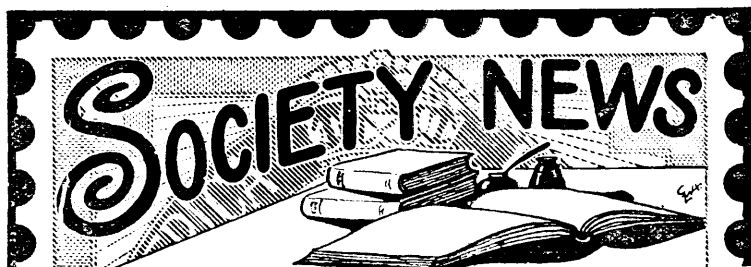
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Large attendances have been a feature of the first meetings of this new Society, which has been formed by amalgamating the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society and the Johannesburg Stamp Club. A very progressive policy is being followed and members can expect many real advantages.

At the first meeting Dr. A. Kaplan showed a very fine collection of mint air mail stamps of the world, while Mr. J. Robertson displayed the celebrated "Saby" collection of Cape triangulars at the second meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting held on June 9 the officers and members of committee elected at the inaugural meeting were re-elected en bloc. The exhibits of the evening were: Siam, by Mr. E. F. Williams; Rhodesia, by Mr. G. J. Houbert; South African air covers, by Dr. J. H. H. Pirie. The collections displayed were of a high order and were fully appreciated by the large assembly of members and visitors.

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President: Mr. W. P. Williams. Honorary Secretary: Mr. W. P. Angus, P.O. Box 588, Durban. We have no information as to when and where the Society meets.

At the meeting held on 6th May Mr. W. Gosling read a short paper on the Heraldry of Rhodesia as shown on the early issues of that country. Mrs. Gosling then displayed her very fine collection of the stamps of Rhodesia, which includes, in addition to the regular stamps, imperforate proofs, forgeries, etc. Some very fine imperforate varieties are also contained in the collection and the display was much admired.

No reports received from other centres.

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SOUTH-WEST AFRICA'S LATEST SURPRISE.

Air Mail Service Now in Operation.

The advent of a "permanent" issue of postage stamps does not mean that S.W.A. has ceased to furnish surprises. The latest surprise is the commencement of an internal air service at short notice. On Friday, July 17th, the S.W.A. postal department announced that the service would be inaugurated, but failed to mention the date. The three following services have come into being:

Windhoek—Swakopmund—Walvis Bay.

Windhoek—Rehoboth—Mariental—Keetmanshoop.

Windhoek—Okahandja—Omaruru—Otjiwarongo—Tsumeb—Grootfontein.

These are three distinct routes and, as far as we are aware, it is not possible to have mail matter transmitted by air from a town on one route to a town on another route. At all towns mentioned above air mail matter will be received and despatched. All air mail matter is postmarked with a special cancellation which bears the name of the town and the words "Air Mail Lugpos," and, of course, the date. In addition, one impression of the ordinary datestamp is applied on the front of all envelopes, while all air mail matter is backstamped at destination.

The first flight on the Windhoek—Grootfontein route took place on August 1st, the return journey being made on August 3rd. The first flight on the Windhoek—Keetmanshoop route took place on August 5th, the first return journey being made the following day. The Windhoek—Walvis Bay route will be inaugurated on August 10th.

Letters are conveyed by air at the rate of 4d. per half ounce, which includes both postage and air fee. Parcel traffic is handled at 1/6 per lb. On air mail matter postage, official and air post stamps may be used indiscriminately in payment of postage, air fees and registration.

The official circular did not mention the fact that aeroplanes would call at Tsumeb. The Director of Posts, Windhoek, confirms that air mail correspondence will be handled at this town. We think that covers posted to and from Tsumeb will be scarce, in view of the error in the official circular.

The postal department makes it known that the service will be a weekly one and will be continued until such time as the Windhoek—Keetmanshoop—Upington—Kimberley service comes into operation. This latter service will only commence when Imperial Airways extend their service to Capetown in December next.

We are officially informed that no special "First Flight" cachets will be applied to air mail matter carried on the first flight on each route. Collectors will, however, appreciate the action of the department in deciding to use special air mail postmarks.

Collectors have the opportunity of acquiring a large number of varieties of first flight covers. They can have covers carried between terminals on the first outward and inward flights or they can obtain covers carried from each town on each route to each other town on the same route. Thus it is possible to obtain (including both the first outward and the first inward flight) 48 different stages. Our Publisher's advertisement in this issue gives a perfect idea of the different kinds of sets of covers which it is possible to obtain.

On account of the short notice given by the S.W.A. administration it was not possible for us to notify our readers in time to enable them to put through first flight covers, although all who have at some time or other purchased stamps from the S.W.A. postal department will probably have received the official circular.

To meet the needs of readers our Publisher sent a number of covers for carriage on the various routes in both directions. Owing to the short notice and omission of Tsumeb from the official circular the preparation of the covers rather upset other work. After all the covers had been prepared for despatch word arrived that Tsumeb would handle air mail. This involved the reshuffling of a large number of covers and the preparation of a further quantity of envelopes, all of which had to be filled, addressed, stamped, checked several times, and finally parcelled and sent off. The publication of this issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" has, consequently, been delayed, but the delay enables us to give additional and up-to-date news, including the information that the first load from Windhoek for towns on the northern route to Grootfontein comprised 1,050 ordinary and 651 registered letters. We hope to publish the figures for the intermediate towns and other routes in our next issue.

EVEN A PHILATELIST ENJOYS A SMILE.

The men who select colour schemes for motor cars must get their inspiration from French Colonials—or South-West Africans.

Several stamped addressed letters were recently found in litter receptacles in Dorking, England, which bear the request "Put your litter here." Evidently Dorking numbers Irish people among its population!

In the U.S.A. air travel is cheaper than macaroni, for the former only costs seven cents per mile.

Perpetual motion first came into existence when the first philatelic society exchange packet was placed in circulation. Slow motion came into being about the same time.

All stamps of mine
Are gen-u-ine,
But I'm a little suspicious
Of my "Post Office" Mauritius.

So the British Solomon Islands have issued a 4½d. stamp. Presumably to save two white men from licking two stamps twice a year.

It has been suggested that the Hoover offer be extended to include the cancelling of all debts as a means of world rehabilitation. We know of some fellows who appear to think that such a plan has been adopted.

The portrait of a very prominent South African philatelist is at present to be found on nearly all the bar windows of Johannesburg. It is the custom of the promoters of boxing tournaments to placard bar windows with details of fixtures and pictures of participants. So it comes that the philatelist referred to is shown in the centre of a bunch of hefty fellows whom he took to the British Empires Games last year.

Interesting Union News

MORE ROTOGRAVURE OFFICIALS.

As stated in a stop press note in our previous issue a new printing of the 1d. rotogravure official stamps has been made. As usual, the overprint reads downwards, but the spacing is now 12½ mm. As before, six Afrikaans and four English stamps show a stop after the word **Offisieel** of the overprint, these, and also the various broken letters, occurring in the same positions as previously. In this new printing all stamps have the watermark inverted, but that does not give them any additional value. Whereas the first 1d. rotogravure official had a letter and sheet number in the right hand margin the latest issue shows only a sheet number.

The 2d. rotogravure pictorials have also made their appearance with the **Official Offisieel** overprint. For the first time in this value the overprint reads downwards and an examination fails to reveal any varieties. The overprint is spaced 21 mm. and the stamps have the normal upright watermark.

The 6d. rotogravure pictorials have also been overprinted **OFFICIAL OFFISIEEL**. Our supply has not yet arrived, but we understand that the overprint is exactly the same as on the 1d. stamp described above and that the watermark is invariably inverted.

Mr. P. Loewenstein reports the 2d. rotogravure postage stamp with the joined paper variety already chronicled in the ½d. and 1d. values. This variety has also been noted in rotogravure revenue stamps.

The information published in our previous issue regarding the so-called "errors of colour" in the 6d. pictorial and 3d. postage due stamps created something of a sensation. Our Publisher's advertisement offering these labels as colour trials or proofs at about one-twelfth of the prices asked elsewhere has, we understand, spoiled the sale in South Africa of these "stamps" at the prices asked by the London dealers who are offering them as rare errors of colour.

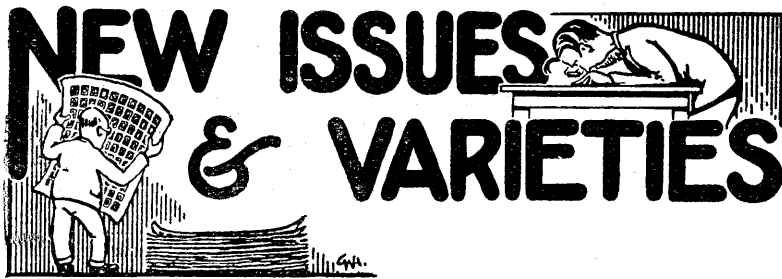
No official confirmation can be obtained of the story that has been told to the effect that these stamps were sold over a post office counter and we suggest that anyone who has paid high prices for these labels should immediately claim a refund from the sellers of cash paid. They will, we understand, have the benefit of an Official statement which, we believe, will shortly be issued.

We wish to make it clear that the so-called errors are not changelings. They were printed in the colours in which they are being offered, with no intention of issuing them in these colours and we have the most reliable authority possible for stating that these labels were never sold over any post office counter. We submit that no one should pay high prices for such stamps unless official confirmation of their issue is produced. In all that has been written in favour of these "errors of colour" nothing in the nature of official confirmation of their issue has been mentioned. Instead, various romantic stories have been published. We are not perturbed by the fact that "used" copies of the 6d. "error" are in existence. It will be obvious to all that there are ways of having postmarks applied.

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AUSTRALIA.—At last this Dominion is to issue a pictorial set, although His Majesty's likeness will not be entirely dispensed with. The following birds and animals will be incorporated in the designs of the new set: Lyre bird, kookaburra, kangaroo, platypus, koala. Mr. Rosenblum assures us that we are to have a really attractive issue (perhaps he selected the designs!) We understand that some values of the new issue are already on sale.

For the new 6d. air stamp the Kingsford Smith design will be used, but the wording and colour will be changed.

We find that only the 2d. and 3d. Kingsford Smith stamps were overprinted "O.S." Only 7,000 2d. and 5,000 3d. were so treated and the stamps were all distributed to Members of Parliament for use on their letters, although how many used them and how many made a nice profit out of this little present from the State is another matter. In future the practice of puncturing stamps with the letters O.S. will be discontinued in favour of overprinting and the overprinted stamps will be sold to all who desire to help Australia out of its financial tangle at face value.

The Sydney Bridge must be a very important affair, for when it is opened three special stamps will be issued, the denominations being 2d., 3d., and—5s.! In these hard times we do not blame those concerned.

Someone in Melbourne was fortunate enough to find a pair of the 2d. K.G. in tête bêche condition in a booklet.

BELGIAN CONGO.—More surcharges: 40c. on 35c. green (woodcarver), 2fr. on 1fr. 75c. blue (Ubangi man).

BRITISH GUIANA.—"Stamp Collecting" gives the designs of the Centenary issue as follows: 1c. green, ploughing rice field; 2c. brown, Indian shooting fish, 4c. red, Kaieteur Falls; 6c. blue, Public Buildings, Georgetown; \$1 mauve, Kaieteur Falls. Another colony which must have a high value in its commemorative sets.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—A colour change, the 50c. value now being printed in black on green paper.

GIBRALTAR.—The surprise issue of the month is from "The Rock," which has issued an attractive large transverse oblong design. King George, in the top right corner, looks down on a view of "Gib" and one of his men-o'-war. The 1d. (red) and 1½d. (red-brown) values are now on issue in the new design.

IRAQ.—New currency will be introduced in November. The units will be fils, darham and dinar, equivalent to a farthing, shilling and pound respectively. When the change of currency will affect the postage stamps is not yet known.

JAMAICA.—New 2½d. and 6d. stamps are about to be issued. The colours of the former will be green and blue and the design a view near Castleton St. Andrew. The 6d. value will be grey-black and purple and will bear a view of Priestman's River.

KENYA.—The commercial community of Nairobi is pressing for the adoption of pictorial designs for the low value postage stamps.

MOROCCO AGENCIES.—A new value here—the 5s. G.B. overprinted "Morocco Agencies."

NEW GUINEA.—Another appeal to collectors for financial help. We are very reliably informed that all values of the current postage stamps have been overprinted with an aeroplane device, for use, naturally, on air mail matter. To us a 1d. air mail stamp seems as useless and unnecessary as a £1 value. A complete new issue of postage stamps, depicting a bird of paradise, is in preparation. No doubt each bird will, in due course, be given an aeroplane. O.S. overprints are, of course, a foregone conclusion. When S.W.A. gets quiet other countries get busy.

NEW ZEALAND.—The "P.M." states that a set of three air stamps is now being printed in England.

NIUE and RAROTONGA.—We have received the 1½d. values of these islands surcharged TWOPENCE.

A resident of N. Rhodesia was recently fined £2 for mailing a letter in a continental square envelope. While we think that justice would have been met by a warning, it is a fact that in countries where the usual 6 x 4 envelopes are in general use envelopes of unusual shape are awkward to handle and usually get badly torn by P.O. string.

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 1908. £10. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 82.
- BECHUANALAND.**—1887. £5 Mint. S.G. No. 21.
 Protectorate, Aug., 1888. ½d. Mint. S.G. No. 44b.
 Protectorate, Aug., 1888. 10/- Mint. S.G. No. 55.
- GOLD COAST.**—1889-94. £1 Green and Red. Mint. S.G. No. 24.
- NATAL.**—March, 1895 ½d. on 6d. Mint. S.G. No. 115.
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- (3) Windhoek—Okahandja—Omaruru—Otjiwarongo—Tsumeb—Grootfontein, and return.

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7. As No. 1, but each cover is franked with 4d. worth of various obsolete and current postage and official stamps.
8. As No. 1, but each cover is franked with 8d. worth of various obsolete and current postage and official stamps. All registered.
9. Short set of six covers from Windhoek to each terminal and vice versa, each franked with set in horizontal pairs of new air stamps. All registered.
10. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with single of 3d. air stamp and postage and official stamps to make up 4d. rate.
11. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with single of 10d. air stamp. All registered.
12. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with both values large overprint air stamps. All registered.
13. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with both values small overprint air stamps. All registered.
14. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with single perforated 4d. triangular.
15. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with two perforated 4d. triangulars (1 Eng. & 1 Afrik.). All registered.

16. As No. 14, but pre-war German S.W. African postcards with the familiar Imperial yacht stamp printed thereon have been used.
17. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with 4d. worth of various obsolete and postage and official stamps.
18. As No. 9, but each cover is franked with 8d. worth of obsolete and current postage and official stamps. All registered.
19. As No. 9, but the covers to Windhoek are franked with a pair of 3d. air stamps while those from Windhoek each bear a pair of 10d. air stamps. The outward covers are registered, the inward ones are not.
20. As No. 9, but customers may have some covers with single 3d. air stamp and some (registered) with 10d. air stamp.
21. Shorter set of three covers, from Windhoek to each terminal, or vice versa. This set can be supplied with any of the kinds of franking mentioned above.
22. Set of 10 covers carried from Windhoek to each of the other ten stopping places or vice versa. This set can be supplied with any of the frankings mentioned above, except No. 1.
23. Set of ten covers carried from Windhoek to each of the other ten stopping places, each franked with single 3d. and single 10d. air stamp. All registered.
24. Set of 24 covers carried on the outward flight on each route from each town to each other possible town on the same route. This set can be supplied with most of the kinds of franking mentioned above.
25. As No. 24, but carried on first inward flight on each route.
26. Special complete coverage set of 48 covers, some franked with complete set second issue officials, others with complete set third issue officials while the balance each bear a pair of ½d., 1d. and 2d. second issue officials. All registered.

My prices for all sets of covers advertised above are very reasonable and will be advised to enquirers. Only a small supply of each kind of set is available.

My price list of single covers will appear in next month's issue, but for the benefit of those who wish early supplies I may say that single covers of all routes and stages can be supplied with any of the frankings mentioned above. In some cases the number of odd covers available with certain of the kinds of franking is small, so early application for prices is advised.

Special sets can be made up, as far as supplies allow, to suit individual requirements, and a wide variety of frankings may thus be obtained. I have a few odd covers with special frankings, such as sets to 6d. and 1/- of obsolete and current postage stamps. A few covers franked with small and large overprint 4d. air stamps, on the same cover or on separate covers, also available. Enquirers should state of which routes or stages they desire covers and which frankings they desire.

NOTE.—As indicated above, all covers franked with 8d. or more worth of stamps are registered. The postal department permits air stamps to be used to cover registration fees, so that a cover franked with a single or pair of 10d. stamps or a single or pair of both air stamps may be registered without extra cost. The authorities also permit postage stamps to be used on covers, exclusively or in combination with air stamps.

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ATTRACTIVE NEW ISSUES.

Quite a number of new issues to illustrate this month. The following are depicted herewith: (1) Roumania (navy jubilee); (2) San Marino (air mail); (3) Norway (cancer hospital fund); (4) & (17) Chile (air mail); (5) Roumania (army centenary); (6) Belgium (express delivery); (7) Persia (new postage design); (8) & (10) Portugal (seventh centenary of death of St. Anthony); (9) Paraguay (navy jubilee); (11) Ecuador (belated centenary commemorative); (12) Roumania (dynasty jubilee); (13) U.S.A. (American Red Cross jubilee); (14) Roumania (air mail); (15) Irish Free State (second centenary of Royal Dublin Society), (16) Roumania (new postage design); (18) & (19) Belgium (new postage designs).



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1932 CATALOGUES

These will be published in Europe in September and supplies are expected to reach South Africa by October 15th. Catalogues ordered through me by August 26th will be sent direct (by registered post) to customers by the publishers overseas, to whom I will send addressed labels, ON DAY OF PUBLICATION, thereby saving time and cost of postage from Johannesburg. Orders received by August 26th will be executed at the following prices:

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| WHITFIELD KING (Whole World, simplified) | 7 | 9 | |
| YVERT & TELLIER (Whole World, in French) | 8 | 3 | |
| SCOTT (American) (Whole World) | 9 | 6 | |

Customers having ledger accounts with me may have the cost of catalogues ordered debited to their October accounts. Others should cause their remittances to be in my hands by August 26th. Cheques must include bank charge (6d.). Postal orders must not be crossed.

The above are also the prices at which catalogues will be supplied "over the counter" after arrival of stocks in Johannesburg. If copies are to be posted from Johannesburg postage, as follows, must be added to above prices: Gibbons' Part I. 8d., Gibbons' Part II. 10d. (or Parts I. and II. posted together 1/3), Gibbons' Combined 1/-, Whitfield King 9d., Yvert & Tellier 1/-. Orders for Scott's catalogue can only be accepted for delivery direct from the Publishers in New York.

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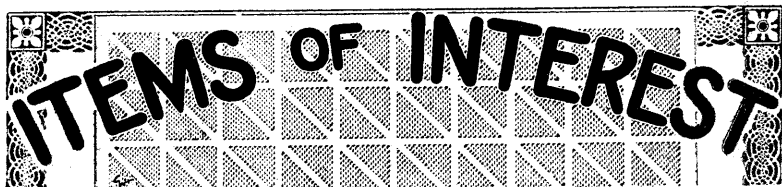
Types VI. and VIa.—Gibbons' Nos. 29-40a. Scott's Nos. 59-80a. Overprint spaced 9½mm., "Zuidwest" 12mm. long. In Type VI. "South West" is 16mm. long and in Type VIa 16½mm. long, the spacing between the words "South" and "West" being ½mm. wider in Type VIa. Types VI. and VIa. occurred on the same sheet and when found thus the overprinting was done with linotype slugs. In some cases Type VI. occurred on the two top panes and Type VIa. on the bottom panes; in other cases the position is reversed. Type VIa., but not Type VI., was also applied to full sheets from a lithograph plate.

Except in the case of requisitions Nos. 626 (2d. value only) and 373 (1/-, 1/3, 10/- and £1 values) all the stamps mentioned below had the typeset (lino. slugs) overprint (Type VI. on one-half of the sheet and Type VIa. on the other half). It therefore follows that, with the exceptions mentioned above, the stamps supplied against all the requisitions mentioned were half VI. and half VIa. The stamps supplied against requisitions Nos. 626 and 373 all bore the lithographed Type VIa. overprint on all stamps in the sheet.



| Value. | Type VI. | | Type VIa. | | |
|--------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | Requisition Number: | Date of Requisition. | Date Received. | Date Issued. | No. of sheets of 240 stamps. |
| ½d. | 371 | 16.11.25 | 9.12.25 | 16.12.25 | 100 |
| 1d. | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 3,000 |
| 2d. | 371 | 16.11.25 | 9.12.25 | 16.12.25 | 1,000 |
| | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 4,000 |
| 3d. | 371 | 16.11.25 | 9.12.25 | 16.12.25 | 200 |
| | 443 | 18.12.25 | 5. 1.26 | 9. 1.26 | 500 |
| | 626 | 9. 2.27 | 24. 2.27 | 27. 2.27 | 150 |
| 4d. | 490 | 18. 1.26 | 28. 1.26 | 31. 1.26 | 250 |
| | 629 | 24. 3.26 | 17. 4.26 | 20. 4.26 | 50 |
| 6d. | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 300 |
| | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 300 |
| 1/- | 371 | 16.11.25 | 9.12.25 | 16.12.25 | 50 |
| | 490 | 18. 1.26 | 28. 1.26 | 31. 1.26 | 150 |
| 1/3 | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 200 |
| | 490 | 18. 1.26 | 28. 1.26 | 31. 1.26 | 400 |
| 2/6 | 373 | 6.10.26 | 5.11.26 | 8.11.26 | 500 |
| | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 300 |
| 5/- | 373 | 6.10.26 | 5.11.26 | 8.11.26 | 500 |
| | 382 | 21.11.24 | 6.12.24 | 9.12.24 | 50 |
| 10/- | 490 | 18. 1.26 | 28. 1.26 | 31. 1.26 | 100 |
| | 490 | 18. 1.26 | 28. 1.26 | 31. 1.26 | 50 |
| £1 | 629 | 24. 3.26 | 17. 4.26 | 20. 4.26 | 20 |
| | 373 | 6.10.26 | 5.11.26 | 8.11.26 | 20 |
| | 443 | 18.12.25 | 5. 1.26 | 9. 1.26 | 25 |
| | 629 | 24. 3.26 | 17. 4.26 | 20. 4.26 | 50 |
| | 373 | 6.10.26 | 5.11.26 | 8.11.26 | 10 |
| | | | | | 10 |
| | | | | | 25 |

The 3d. stamps of Req. No. 629 were in the deep blue and ultramarine shade. The 10/- stamps of Req. No. 373 were in blue and pale olive-green while the £1 stamps of the same requisition were in pale olive-green and red.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

"How to Arrange and Write Up a Collection" is the title of a serial article which commenced in the May number of "Gibbons' Stamp Monthly." It is a timely article, for every dealer can vouch for the careless methods by which many collectors mount and arrange their stamps, to the financial disadvantage of the collector when he comes to sell. There is only one correct way to mount a stamp, and that is to fold over not more than one-third of the hinge (which must be a peelable one) and affix same *lightly* to the stamp, having the fold flush with the top of the stamp. Of the remaining two-thirds of the hinge the bottom half should be moistened *slightly* before being affixed to the page. Thus the middle third of the hinge is left dry, enabling the stamp to be turned over without damage to the perforations. Never thump stamps into the album, as this causes the moisture to spread, resulting in mint stamps becoming affixed to the page with their own gum, and, above all, never use those glassy "pochettes," which, through their tendency to contract, crease stamps housed in them. Above all, avoid cheap evil-tasting hinges, for they are not peelable. Writing-up a collection is an intricate matter which should only be attempted by a collector with a good handwriting or typewriter, and considerable pains must be gone to in arranging the stamps in the most attractive order. Avoid gaudiness when writing-up—simplicity will cause your collection to be much more admired, even if the stamps are not particularly rare.

The Johannesburg "Sunday Times" has lately provided some amusing reading for the benefit of philatelic readers. The 2d. and 3d. values of the new S. Rhodesian set are described by its Bulawayo correspondent as the world's worst stamps, and their withdrawal is urged on financial, as well as on artistic, grounds, because the withdrawal of the stamps would cause all available copies to be snapped up on account of the fact, we are seriously told, that the stamps would attain "a fabulous value at the world's worst stamps." Unfortunately, some simple-minded folk took the story seriously and are bent on laying in a stock of the stamps mentioned.

The same newspaper seems to think that philatelists collect cigarette duty labels. Had it not had this strange idea the "Sunday Times" might have had a most interesting story. It certainly was on the track of something sensational but got on to the wrong road. We suggest that when the lay press gets hold of a stamp story it call in the assistance of an experienced philatelist and so save itself from being laughed at by those who know.

Under the direction of Austria's foremost philatelists an International Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Vienna in 1933. The centre of Continental philately, Vienna, is an ideal venue for a great exhibition and the success of the present venture is a foregone conclusion.

We wish that philatelic auctioneers would use a smaller size page for their catalogues. The present size requires too much folding when used for filling air mail envelopes.

Talking about air mail covers reminds us that when preparing our covers for the first S.W.A. flights we got some real "inside" information about gum. We tasted several different kinds and the kind which had the worst taste was on the overprinted Union air stamps. There's a fortune awaiting the man who invents a moistener that does not get full of dust or wet everything within reach.

Some enterprising Continentals recently got out an issue of stamps on their own. The bogus set was supposed to have been issued by Haggard—a non-existent place.

The Philatelic Society of Johannesburg has acquired a quartz lamp. By the way, if you reside in or near Johannesburg it will pay you to join this real live society. We are looking for a bigger meeting room, the large room at present in use having already been found to be too small to accommodate the large number of members and visitors attending the meetings. Our Publisher will supply information to interested readers.

South Africa has a small philatelic population, Australia has a large one, as also have Canada, New Zealand and India. The finest Colonial philatelic journal comes, not unnaturally, from Australia. The second best is published in South Africa—The "S.A. Philatelist." Strange as it may seem, journals from the other Dominions charge a higher subscription than we do, in spite of the fact that their subscription lists are, naturally enough, much larger. There are many hundreds of collectors in South Africa who do not know what a philatelic journal is. Be a missionary and do them a service by introducing them to the "S.A. Philatelist."

Deal with dealers who "come out into the open." Stamps bought at "cheap" prices from obscure "dealers" may be dear. Spend your money with those who can make good their guarantees. The advertisers in this magazine will, we feel sure, give you a "square deal" every time and can make good their guarantees. We do not accept advertising from dealers known to employ questionable methods. With us the welfare of the collector and the hobby takes precedence over £ s. d.

Our next issue will contain a most interesting article by Mr. G. J. Allis, the expert on Cape triangulars. He will deal at length with that nine days' wonder, the tête bêche pair of Cape "woodblocks" which was recently discovered in London.

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THE NEW ORDER OF THINGS.

In the days, not so long ago, when our Publisher was a youthful general collector, it was something unusual to receive a long new commemorative set. Air mail stamps had yet to be thought of, while few would have thought, in those days, that so many kinds of events would have been made excuses for the issue of special sets.

It cannot be denied that the extraordinary number and varieties of stamps that are issued nowadays do much to popularise the hobby, but those who study the new issue chronicles will surely be beginning to think that the scheme is being carried too far and it is plain that the object of many of the issues of to-day is to obtain money from collectors. A glaring example is the recent flight of Italian aeroplanes to South America, the whole expenses of which, the Italian Government states, were recovered from the sale of a special high value stamp issued "in honour of the event."

Many of us used to point with pride to the fact that the British Empire did not issue unnecessary stamps—only foreign countries did such things. Our new issue chronicles of the past few months show that we need not travel very far from the Union to come to countries which have issued long sets, with unnecessary high values, while it is becoming quite a common occurrence for British Colonies to issue commemorative sets containing a couple of low values and then a jump to a high denomination.

It is, however, quite true that the British Empire has a long way to go to catch up with foreign countries. Recently we have had special sets commemorating exhibitions of all kinds and a host of events which, a couple of decades ago, managed to get along without the financial assistance of stamp collectors. The latest craze is to issue Zeppelin stamps whenever the Graf Zeppelin drops in for a couple of hours, and we have small countries like Iceland and Liechtenstein taking advantage of this opportunity of making a bit of easy money.

A deplorable feature is the fact that special stamps are prepared for philatelic exhibitions held in certain foreign countries. The stamps cannot be bought at face value, as for each set required an admission ticket to the exhibition must be purchased, and as many of these exhibitions appear to be run as private business ventures, the business must be a profitable one to all concerned.

We like commemorative stamps—within reason—but as things are going to-day, how and where is it all going to end—if it ever does?

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“Errors of Colour” Sensation

DRASTIC ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.

As a direct result of the offer by London dealers of the Union 6d. pictorial postage stamps and 3d. postage due labels printed in the wrong colours (which have been fully described and exposed in recent issues of this journal) as rare errors at high prices, very drastic action was taken by the Government during August, following an enquiry by the C.I.D. A prosecution instituted by the Crown resulted in one man being sent to prison for six months. During the hearing of the case the name of a South African stamp dealer was mentioned—in a manner which we do not consider favourable to him.

The prosecution has completely confirmed our statement that these labels WERE NEVER ISSUED OVER ANY POST OFFICE COUNTER and have got into philatelic hands by other channels. Having been given an official K.O., we now expect to see the correct details regarding them published in all important philatelic journals, including those which carried the advertisements in which the labels were offered as errors. We are not conversant with the details of the deal, which evidently took place in London. The dealer there who appears to have purchased the parcel is known personally to our Editor, and we have the highest opinion of him. We also believe that none of the magazines which published the advertisements would have done so had they known the true status of the “stamps.”

It is not our duty to publish sensational reading matter, so we do not propose to fully report the “Stamp Case,” as it has come to be known. Anyone who has read the newspaper reports and is not clear on any points should communicate with our Editor, who is in a position to clear up any knotty problems.

We may mention, for the benefit of those who may have been dubious of our condemnation of the labels referred to, that we are in a position to speak with authority on matters which we raise in our columns. It would be an unwise editor who would rush headlong into print for reasons of trade jealousy or the desire to make a “splash.” Libel actions are easy things to get into and expensive to get out of, and editors know just who has to “foot the bill” when they lose.

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The first flights of the new air service have come and gone—and the covers are nearly all gone, too. Everything went through fairly satisfactorily, the only serious hitch being at Rehoboth. While ordinary letters posted at that town went through correctly the registered letters for Mariental were missent to Keetmanshoop and returned to Mariental by the first return flight the following day. These covers, therefore, have more than usual interest and bear the necessary backstamps to shew what happened to them. The registereds from Rehoboth for Keetmanshoop went to Mariental and as there was no further air connection until a week after they were forwarded from Mariental to Keetmanshoop by rail.



Only two offices did not postmark our letters on the actual date of the flight. As the first flight from Grootfontein to Windhoek commenced early on a Monday morning two offices on that route postmarked the stamps at the close of business on the previous Saturday. Except in two cases the air mail cachet was applied in black. Otjiwarongo invariably used a violet pad, while Keetmanshoop postmarked some covers in violet and others in black. Our illustration shews the special cachet and it will be noticed that the air mail postmark does not shew the date, this being contained in the impression of the ordinary postmark which appears on the face of each air cover. In the air mail cachet the name of the town is across the centre. At some offices the words "Air Mail" appear at the top and "Lugpos" at the bottom, while at the other offices the position of the words is reversed. All air mail is backstamped at destination.

In their catalogue Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., state that the £1 K.G. stamp printed in pale red and green does not exist with Type VI. overprint. We have just seen a pair with this overprint—yes it is genuine—and fancy that it must be rather rare. Another scarce stamp in this issue which is seldom seen is the pale olive green and blue 10s. K.G. with Type VI. overprint, the usual stamp with this overprint is the deeper shade.

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| 200 diff. CZECHOSLOVAKIA | 12 6 | 200 diff. POLAND | 3 6 |
| 150 diff. DANZIG | 5 0 | 300 diff. POLAND | 15 0 |
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CANADA.—The current type 2c. is now being printed in brown. Pending the appearance of a 3c. value in the current type the first type Georgian 3c. was reissued recently.

COOK ISLANDS.—In a letter dated July 15th the Postmaster of Rarotonga informs us that the separate issues for Rarotonga, Aitutaki and Penrhyn Islands are to be withdrawn and replaced by a general issue inscribed "Cook Islands," that is for the values to 1s. Higher values will be provided by overprinting N.Z. stamps "Cook Islands." In the new issue the denominations 1½d. and 3d. will not be included. A case of "as you were."

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—We have received the 10c. value in new colours—purple on yellow.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A large bunch of values has simultaneously appeared on watermarked paper, the latest values being: 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 30c.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 10s. postal fiscal stamp is reported by the "P.M." in the new type first used for the crude 1s. 3d. label recently chronicled.

PAPUA.—The 2d. value is now being printed in red-brown and purple.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mrs. F. A. Yeats shews as the 2d. value of the new issue with the centre in jet-black. We have noted deep and pale shades in the 6d.

SUDAN.—There will be eight denominations in the definitive air mail set, due to appear any day now.

"ERRORS OF COLOUR" SENSATION—(continued from page 85).

As we have previously stated, this journal is conducted entirely in the interests of the hobby and is not influenced by personal feeling, etc. By exposing the "errors of colour" two months before the authorities did so, we consider that we have done a service to those who may have purchased the "stamps" as errors. It is our policy to be of service to philately and its devotees, and readers will be wise if they follow the advice of a well-known Natal collector and "back our remarks every time."

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Embossed Natal Reprints

By PATRICK HAMILTON (in the "Philatelic Magazine.")

I am able to place on record certain facts in relation to the illegal reprinting of the first issues of the stamps of Natal which I feel sure will be of interest to collectors of that colony. It is, I think, generally known that there are three types of reprint, one on paper coloured on the surface only and having a white back; one on paper coloured all through, but being brighter in tint than the originals, and one on paper identical in colour with the original issue. It is with these last that I have to deal, for in mint condition it is *impossible* to disinguish these from genuine originals.

In 1873 the clerk to the Stamp Commissioners of Natal at Pietermaritzburg was exploring a loft in his offices which was used as a store room when he discovered the presses which had been used by Messrs. P. Davis and Sons in printing the 1857-8 issue, together with several sheets of rose, green and blue paper, being the surplus stock handed over to the authorities by the embossers when the Perkins, Bacon stamps came out from England.

Having the place practically to himself, the clerk seized the opportunity and made several sheets of the old stamps with the surplus paper, which when completed were identical with originals. To further give these the label of authenticity, he took them to the Postmaster at Pietermaritzburg and, having handed them in, immediately purchased them back at face value over the post office counter.

Unfortunately for him, however, the fraud was discovered, and both he and the postmaster found themselves up before the Commissioners and were severely reprimanded, the postmaster, however, mitigating his part of the transaction by pleading that as the stamps were supplied him by an accredited official of the Stamp Office—from which supplies normally came—he was not to know that anything untoward was afoot.

It will be seen, therefore, that these stamps are absolutely undecipherable from genuine originals, and no doubt many are reposing in collections to-day.

Another fraud in connection with the presses deposited by Davis & Sons with the Commissioners was practised by this same clerk. The 3d. rose was comparatively common in Natal, having been the rate of postage from Durban to Pietermaritzburg, and could be obtained in fair quantities in used condition at about 10s. each. He obtained a number of these and damped them, then carefully ironing out the embossing, put them under the press and re-embossed them as 1d. rose, which at that time were changing hands at about £2.

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Some twenty years later the same clerk mentioned above was still employed by the Stamp Commissioners and in the early part of 1895 the supply of ½d. stamps ran out in Pietermaritzburg, the fresh supplies coming from England being still at sea. He pointed out to the Commissioners that there were in the store room some 80 (?800—Editor) sheets of the 6d. violet of 1864 (S.G. 24) which had been withdrawn and served no useful purpose, suggesting that these be surcharged as a temporary measure to relieve the situation. This suggestion was carried out, but the clerk, eager to make money, obtained from the printers the date when the surcharged stamps should be ready and delivered to the postmaster. This date was the 12th March, 1895. Accordingly on the morning of this day he and a number of his friends presented themselves at the post office and bought the entire stock between them, thus making an effective corner.

Pietermaritzburg once again found itself without any ½d. stamps, and the Commissioners were compelled to surcharge the current 1d. rose—of which there were adequate stocks to prevent a corner being attempted—which was placed on the market on the 18th of March, six days later.

The clerk and his friends made a handsome profit on their speculation, but his earlier illegal dealings with the stamps of the Colony were remembered and he was summarily dismissed.

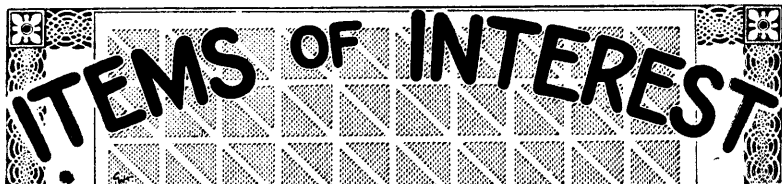
This, therefore, explains the mystery of two provisional issues in a week, the true facts of which I do not think are genuinely known.

We have a surplus supply of envelopes posted at the Durban Philatelic Exhibition, 1928. These bear pictorial and K.G. Union postage stamps and also various values of Natal, Transvaal, O.F.S. and Cape stamps, while a number have postage due stamps. All are cancelled with the special exhibition postmark in red. We have decided to dispose of this surplus supply of covers by sending them FREE OF CHARGE to collectors sending us one or more subscriptions to the "S.A. PHILATELIST" on behalf of friends. The number of covers sent will depend upon the number of subscriptions sent in. We will also send free supplies of these very interesting covers to all readers sending us the addresses of three or more collectors who do not at present subscribe to the "South African Philatelist."

THE 1932 CATALOGUES

are expected to reach South Africa on the following dates:—Gibbons, October 14th; Whitfield King, September 30th; Yvert and Tellier, October 14th or 21st; Scott, end November. My supplies will be among the first to reach this country, and I am now booking orders for despatch on same day as supplies arrive. PRICES:—Gibbons Part I. (British Empire), 7/2, postage 8d.; Gibbons Part II. (foreign countries), 10/10, postage 10d.; Gibbons Combined (whole world in volume), 16/-. postage 1/-; Whitfield King (whole world, simplified), 7/9, postage 9d.; Yvert and Tellier (whole world, in French), 8/3, postage 1/-; Scott (American, whole world), 9/6, postage 1/-.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

We are a bit late again, but think that the very interesting information contained in this issue will be some compensation for the delay.

August is a very dry month in the inland parts of South Africa and mint Colonial stamps curl and assume the shape of cigarettes. When mounting mint stamps one night our Publisher had to fill the room with steam to keep the stamps flat. This reminds us that contributors to sales packets should remember that in his large country the climate varies considerably and to prevent damage to stamps more than one hinge should be applied to large mint blocks, while on no account should those opaque super-peelable hinges be used. Also, too much play of the hinge should not be allowed, otherwise the stamp will get the best of the mount. Stamps in sales packets should not be enclosed in cellophane "pochettes," as hinges do not adhere to them too well.

The 1932 catalogues are expected to reach South Africa about the middle of October and all progressive dealers will be able to supply. Order early to prevent disappointment.

Having bid Alfonso a more or less fond farewell Spain has another excuse for new issues. Don't ask us if she is taking advantage of the opportunity. After half a dozen different kinds of more or less official Republican overprints we are to see the bewhiskered features of a number of old fellows who appear to deserve well of their country.

If the Government is sincere in its desire to economise why does every sheet of rotogravure printed postage stamps have such a huge margin at the foot? With each sheet we get a number of fully perforated stamp size pieces of watermarked paper, so that anyone who feels like making his own stamps can print them on official watermarked paper. Even the blank paper on sheets of almost valueless French Colonials is blotted out with rules—and for good reason too.

The New Guinea air mails have arrived. The ½d. value will be a good stamp as only 500 sheets of same were overprinted—just about enough to satisfy the philatelic demand—the general public will have no use for it. The face value of the set is over £2—not a bad effort for a first attempt.

A good cure for seasickness is: Place a pair of S.W.A. No. 11 and a pair of No. D17a on your tongue and hold your hands behind your back.

We forget just how many hundreds of firms in South Africa are using franking machines. It is a very long list and was published in full in a recent issue of the "Government Gazette."

In the days when members of the U.S.A. Congress were allowed to send and receive mail free of charge they used to send their laundry home and receive it back clean, all carriage being at Uncle Sam's expense.

The lawyers, or, rather, some of them, got a nasty knock recently. The London printed revenue stamps were suddenly withdrawn from sale and demonitised and now only rotogravure printed stamps are on sale. Legal documents must be stamped within 21 days of date of execution, failing which heavy penalties are imposed. As certain documents must be produced to the Receiver of Revenue within a prescribed period those lawyers who "forgot" to stamp documents at time of execution with the London printed stamps are "in a hole," for the rotogravures were not on sale at the time of the date on many documents. We know that some lawyers are finding it cheaper to pay 50 per cent. to 100 per cent. on face for London printed revenues rather than pay the penalties for non-stamping at time of execution of documents.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The Numbers Printed of all Obsolete Postage Stamps.
(Continued from July Issue.)

Pictorial stamps overprinted "South West Africa" on English stamps and "Suidwes Afrika" on Afrikaans stamps. Gibbons Nos. 41-43. Scott's Nos. 85-90.



| Value. | Requisition Number | Date of Req. | Date Received | Date Issued | No of sheets of 240 stamps |
|--------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1d. | 412 | 7-12-25 | 23-12-25 | 1-1-26 | 2,000 |
| | 1 | 1- 4-26 | 12/22- 4-26 | 1-5-26 | 3,000 |
| 1d. | 412 | 7-12-25 | 23-12-25 | 1-1-26 | 5,000 |
| | 1 | 1- 4-26 | 12/22- 4-26 | 1-5-26 | 6,000 |
| 6d. | 1 | 1- 4-26 | 12/22- 4-26 | 1-5-26 | 500 |

As before but English overprint on Afrikaans stamps and Afrikaans overprint on English stamps. Gibbons' Nos. 45-47. Scott's Nos. 85a-90a.

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| 1d. | 421 | 3-11-26 | 2-12-26 | 7-12-26 | 2,000 |
| 1d. | 421 | 3-11-26 | 2-12-26 | 7-12-26 | 10,000 |
| 6d. | 421 | 3-11-26 | 2-12-26 | 7-12-26 | 300 |

(To be continued).

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- Feb., 1896. £10. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 41.
- Aug., 1897. £10. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 52.
- 1d. on 3/-. "PNNEY" error. Mint. S.G. No. 53a.
- March, 1898. 1d. **INVERTED CENTRE**. Unused. S.G. No. 54b.
- 1903-4. £10. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 67.
- 1908. £10. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 82.
- BECHUANALAND.—1887. £5 Mint. S.G. No. 21.
- Protectorate. Aug., 1888. 1/2d. Mint. S.G. No. 44b.
- Protectorate, Aug., 1888. 10/-. Mint. S.G. No. 55.
- GOLD COAST.—1889-94. £1 Green and Red. Mint. S.G. No. 24.
- NATAL.—March, 1895 1/2d. on 6d. Mint. S.G. No. 115.
- 1902-3. £10. Superb Mint. S.G. No. 145.
- 1908. £1/10/0. Brilliant Mint. S.G. No. 162.
- TRANSVAAL.—1903. £5. Superb Mint. S.G. No. 560.
- Wmk. **ANCHOR**. 1d. Red. Superb Used. S.G. No. 579.

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The Cape of Good Hope 4d. "Woodblocks"

MYSTERIOUS SIDE-TO-SIDE PAIR.

By G. J. ALLIS,

*Author of**"The Postal and Postage Stamp History of the Cape of Good Hope."*

The reappearance of "The South African Philatelist" is an event which will, no doubt, be very welcome to the large army of devotees of the hobby throughout the Union. At no time has the need for the regular dissemination of up-to-date and accurate information upon matters of particular South African philatelic interest been greater than it is to-day, and with an ardent hope that widespread support will secure its permanent position as the recognised and authoritative mouthpiece of organised philately in the Union I pass on to the subject of this article.

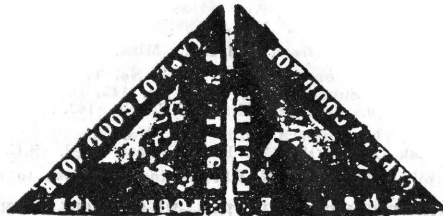
In the February number I noticed the following note on page 18, under the heading "Items of Interest":—

"Have you ever heard of a *tête beche* 'woodblock'? Probably not, as the only pair known in this condition turned up recently in England in a collection that came under Mr. Harmer's hammer. No one seems to know how the remarkable variety came about, and it has become a nine days' wonder among Cape specialists."

Let me preface my further remarks by saying at this point that the discovery of this extraordinary pair of "woodblocks" was made known to me very shortly after the event, and that I was one of the first, if not actually the first, after Mr. Harmer himself, to see it and to give an opinion as to its unquestionable authenticity, and to expound the theory which is generally accepted by the serious philatelic world as meeting the probabilities of the case, as to how this mysterious pair came into existence. This I did publicly in the columns of "Stamp Collecting" on the 13th September, 1930, since which time I have had further opportunities of giving my views on the question through other channels.

When my handbook on "The Postal and Postage Stamp History of the Cape of Good Hope" was published by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., in November last, a good deal of surprise was expressed that no reference is made in the work to this so-called "*tête beche*" pair. The reason for this is the fact (since made known through the medium of "Gibbons' Stamp Monthly"), that when the discovery was made the publication of my Cape book was already so far advanced as to make it quite impossible to insert anything additional.

The whole matter, however, is so extremely interesting to South African philatelists that I make no excuse for now re-stating the circumstances for the benefit of the readers of "The South African Philatelist."



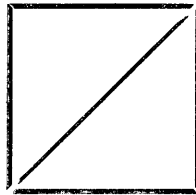
The Mysterious Pair.

Let me at once say that the term "*tête beche*" as applied to this pair of stamps is a misnomer, and that they are not truly *tête beche* in the proper philatelic usage of the term.

The pair consists of two of the 4d. "woodblocks" of 1861, in the milky-blue shade, which, instead of being printed in the usual way base to base in the form of a square, are wrongly printed side to side, forming, together, a triangle approximately twice the size of a single stamp.

So far as is at present known, this pair is unique. Nothing of the kind has ever previously been recorded, and when it is remembered that the various "woodblock" problems have been the subjects of such close and earnest philatelic research, it is amazing that only now, seventy years after the stamps were manufactured, has the fact of the existence of such a pair been brought to light.

Up to the time of this discovery the evidence of all existing pairs and blocks of these stamps, coupled with the circumstantial evidence of the printing plates still preserved in the South African Museum at Capetown, pointed very definitely to the inference that the "woodblock" stamps were all printed in pairs with their bases at the centre of each pair, in the same way as the line-engraved product of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., thus:—



This inference was, under the circumstances, the only possible conclusion which philatelic research could reach, seeing that for seventy years not an atom of evidence, circumstantial or otherwise, was ever adduced to cast any doubt upon it.

It is, of course, a well-established fact that all the "woodblock" stamps of the 4d. value were not printed from the plate of stereotypes which still exists, or from any modification of that plate. They were produced from a small earlier plate, which was dismantled and discarded when the larger plate was assembled. This smaller plate consisted of 24 stereotypes only, and from it the first two deliveries of 4d. "woodblock" stamps were made, consisting of 24,000 stamps in 1,000 sheets of 24 stamps on each. The printings from the larger and later plate consisted of sheets of 128 stamps (two panes of 64) and 120 stamps (two panes of 60), whilst the official reprints of 1883 were, of course, in sheets of 63 stamps on each as the plate exists to-day.

The existing 4d. plate, however, whilst demonstrating the arrangement of the stereotypes as regards the sheets of 128 and 120 stamps and the 1883 reprints, reveals no guidance when we come to enquire as to how the first small plate was made up. No assistance is to be found from perusal of the Government records upon the matter, and it may be pointed out that for the manufacture of these first 24 stereotypes, Messrs. Saul Solomon and Co. made no charge against the Cape Government, their only account in this connection being for the 64 clichés which made up the later and larger plate.

Now it is well known as the result of the researches of Mr. P. L. Pemberton, that the 4d. woodblocks are capable of being separated into three distinct types, which are usually recognisable to the expert eye at a glance. These types are known as Ia, Ib, and II, and it is believed with very good reason that the first small printing plate of 24 stereotypes was composed entirely of types Ia and Ib, probably in equal proportions, i.e., twelve of each type. When this small plate was, as I have previously said, dismantled

some of the stereos upon it were used to assist in building up the larger plate, and can be still identified, and as upon the present plate in the South African Museum there is only one stereo of the type Ib remaining, it follows that any unsevered pair of 4d. "woodblocks" both of which are of type Ib, must have come from a small sheet of 24 stamps produced by the earlier plate.

Both of the stamps of the newly discovered pair which is the subject of our present investigation, are of type Ib, the principal characteristic in their identification being the damaged condition of the letters "FOU" of the word "Four", and we therefore know that they came from the first printing, which, as I have said, was of 24,000 stamps in 1,000 sheets of 24. These stamps were delivered to the Government in two lots. The first lot consisted of 3,600 stamps in 150 sheets of 24 on Saturday, February 23rd, 1861, followed on Tuesday, February 26th by the 850 sheets of the same size, and it is fairly certain that both lots were the work of one printing on or before Friday the 22nd February, the first small lot of which was gummed and dried in time to deliver on the Saturday to meet the great emergency which existed, the following Monday being devoted to gumming and drying the 850 sheets.

Anyone who cares to make the experiment will find that with 24 triangles it is possible to make up a plate which would produce any given number of these side-to-side pairs of stamps, from 1 to 12. Assuming, however, that the extraordinary combination occurred but once on each sheet, 1,000 such pairs must have been made, and the fact that it is only now, after a lapse of seventy years that one such piece has come to light, at once brands it as being something quite abnormal, which could not possibly have run through the whole printing.

It is, of course, true that the emergency conditions which existed in Capetown at the time, might have prompted the cutting up of the sheets into single stamps to meet the urgent demand, which was primarily for 4d. stamps, to a far greater extent than usual, but this would not apply to the up country Post Offices to which the sheets would be supplied intact.

It has also to be remembered that Four Pence was the prevailing inland letter rate, and the comparative present-day rarity of the 4d. stamps in pairs and blocks of four, is evidence of the fact that usually the one 4d. unit of postage was sufficient for franking purposes, which would, of course, mean the automatic cutting up and loss of a great proportion of any side-to-side" pairs contained in the sheets.

All these possible explanations, however, do not combine sufficiently to dispose of the fact that for all these years no other such pair has been recorded.

I submit that it is quite unlikely that this "error" of setting occurred through the printing. The conformation of all hitherto known pairs and blocks tells us that in the arrangement of the stereos on this plate, as on the later one, the plan of the Perkins, Bacon stamps was followed, and it surely hard to believe that the workman would suddenly deviate from this and set up two of the cliches with a patchwork effect. ,

What probably happened is that *during the course* of the printing of the sheets two of the stereos at the corner of the plate became loose, and were hastily replaced and reversed in the process. The stereos on the existing plates are only stuck on to their bases with cement or glue, and there is no reason to think that those on the earlier plate would have been more effectively treated in this respect.

Thus at some time during the printing of the 1,000 sheets, the "side to side" pair came into being, and an unknown number were printed off, of which the recent discovery is the only known survivor.

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"At the request of the Johannesburg Philatelic Society, which was delegated to undertake this duty, the Pretoria Philatelic Society has agreed to organise the South African Philatelic Congress. It will be held at Pretoria on the 3rd, 4th and 5th October next.

"I enclose for your information a copy of the Rules and Regulations adopted at Durban during the last Congress.

"You will see that the Congress is desirous of receiving competitive papers, for which four medals are available, and all societies have been asked to interest their members in this matter.

"As an attraction, the Pretoria Society will hold a modified Exhibition, and a list of the classes is sent herewith. Medals will be provided in each of the classes, and there will be a special medal for the best exhibit submitted in addition. The entrance fee will be five shillings, and only one exhibit may be made.

"Whilst displayed, collections will be under the supervision of two members of the Society and when not displayed will be locked in a steel cabinet kept in a fireproof strongroom, the respective keys being held by different officials. Insurance during transit will have to be arranged by the exhibitor.

"Most collectors have duplicates of value for disposal, and an Exchange and Mart on the lines of a Bourse should be interesting to the majority. Club members visiting Pretoria are invited, therefore, to attend to buy and sell at an Exchange and Mart which is being arranged during the Congress.

"The Annual Boys' and Girls Week, arranged by the Rotary Club, includes a Philatelic Section this year under the supervision of the Pretoria Philatelic Society. Various classes have been provided, for which classes prizes have been allocated.

"The Society itself will stage the Philatelic History of South Africa, with a map showing the positions of the different stamp-issuing territories. The exhibit will commence with stampless covers used in the Cape of Good Hope and Natal before the days of stamps, then Cape triangulars, Natal and suitable selections of the other territories which are within the boundaries of the Union of South Africa, concluding with Union issues.

"On the evening of the 5th October members will adjourn from their meeting to the Boys' Week Exhibition at the Town Hall. An address on stamps will be given and will be illustrated with the aid of a projector."

Copies of the rules and regulations governing Congress may be obtained from the Hon. Organising Secretary. We publish the following details regarding papers which are invited from South African collectors:

Medal No. 1.—To be called the South African Philatelic Research Medal, for the best original research paper on any South African Philatelic subject. In this section South Africa shall be taken to mean any country in Africa lying partly or wholly south of the Equator.

Medal No. 2.—For a paper on "How best to stimulate interest in stamp collecting in South Africa."

Medal No. 3.—For any general paper on any general philatelic subject.

Medal No. 4.—For the best original research paper on any subject not eligible for Medal No. 1.

All essays must be strictly original or must never have been published. Competitors must send in their papers under a nom-de-plume and in a separate sealed envelope and with their name and nom-de-plume.

All papers must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Congress two days before the date of the Congress. Papers must be typewritten and on one side of the paper only.

The Committee have the right to withhold any medal if the entries are of insufficient merit.

List of Classes in Exhibition to be held at Pretoria during the Congress, October, 1931.

Class 1.—Stamps issued by the Union of South Africa or by the preceding territories now forming the Union, viz.: Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal.

Class 2.—Stamps issued by any territory in Africa south of the Equator except those provided for in Class 1. The countries are: Angola, Bechuanaland, Congo, Kenya and Uganda, Nyasaiaand, Portuguese East Africa, Rhodesia, South-West Africa, Swaziland, Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

Class 3.—Any country in Europe.

Class 4.—Any Colony or Dependency of any European State not included in Classes 1, 2 and 5.

Class 5.—Any country on the mainland of North and South America.

Class 6.—Rest of the world.

Note.—Exhibitors may make one entry only. Entrance fee, five shillings.

South African philatelists, this is YOUR Congress! Do not let the Pretorians bag all the medals. Judging by what we have heard at philatelic society meetings, there are many collectors in this country who know exactly what to do to and say about philately in South Africa. Now is their chance to do something for the benefit of the hobby and make a name for themselves. Take a real interest in Congress. Attend it if you can, send in a paper—it will not be lost on the desert air.

The Latest Union News

We have been shewn the joined paper variety in the 2d. rotogravure stamp, the watermark being inverted. The 6d. value with this variety will take some getting. It is anticipated that 3d. and 4d. rotogravure stamps will soon be on issue.

A very fine variety was recently sold over the counter of a small South African P.O. It was not noticed by the P.O. Clerk and went to a non-collector who got into touch with philatelists. It consists of a sheet of 2d. rotogravure stamps with the frame completely missing on 18 stamps and only partly printed on 12 stamps. This variety, which is also known in the 1d. value, was obviously caused through a stray piece of paper being in the roll of paper from which the stamps were printed. We hope to illustrate the variety in either this issue or our next.

In some booklets of rotogravure stamps a peculiarity occurs in the 1d. value. The entire "panes" of six stamps appear to be printed on pink tinted surfaced paper. Actually, the variety is probably caused through the printing plates not being wiped clean often enough.

As prophesied in our previous issue the rotogravure 6d. officials have the watermark inverted and shew the overprint reading downwards, spaced 12½ mm., on all stamps. Four English and six Afrikaans stamps shew the usual variety, stop after OFFISIEEL.

Correspondence

The Editor,

Sir,—Our Society here has received several requests from collectors for information about the “Unofficially Rouletted Double-Heads” of Rhodesia. It may, therefore, be of interest to your readers to know the presumed account of their origin as accepted by this Society.

It appears that an employee of Waterlow's, the printers of the Double-Heads, managed to obtain impressions from the plates on his own paper. These impressions were, of course, in the correct colours as they were done while the stamps were still current. These sheets were then sent to Paris dealers as imperfs., but the dealers were apparently not biting. We are unaware when and how the rouletting was done — it appears to be *perce-en-croix*.

Waterlow's tried to bring the employee to book, but apparently he disappeared and the whole matter was allowed to drop.

It will be seen from this account that the labels cannot be regarded as “unofficially rouletted stamps”; they are labels—in fact, they may be regarded as a type of forgery; for although the correct plates and colours were used, they were illegally printed with the intention of defrauding the public (philatelic public). Anyone acquainted with the Double-Heads will at once recognise the different type of paper used for these labels.

If any of your readers have any further authentic information, our Society would be pleased to hear of it—particularly any information regarding the rouletting. In conclusion it is hoped that this information will correct any misapprehension as to the real nature of these labels.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) L. THORNTON,

Hon. Secretary, P.S. of Rhodesia.

Bulawayo, 8-8-1931.

(We have been shewn a parcel of these stamps and note that they are on the wrong paper and appear to have been amateurishly gummed by hand *after* they had been rouletted. The colours are, in most cases, good.—Editor.)

To date the cruises of the Graf Zeppelin have been responsible for about a dozen Governments issuing between them fifty special Zeppelin stamps. It's good business for those concerned, but we never read in the newspapers how philatelists pay for a good proportion of the expenses of the business trips of the Zepp.

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Important News Re Financial Tangle

PHILATELY, being an international hobby, is very much affected by the present financial mix-up, and it is necessary for those who send money about to be careful to do it in the right way. Great Britain, India, Australia, New Zealand, many of the smaller British Possessions and certain foreign countries are no longer on the gold standard, and their money is worth much less in countries still on the gold standard than it used to be. At present the difference is about 20 per cent. If one wishes to send money to countries off the gold standard, post offices and banks in the Union (which is still on the gold standard) issue the money order or draft for 20 per cent. more than the amount paid in.

British Postal Orders will now only be paid at their full value when cashed in the country in which they are issued, and for this purpose the Union of South Africa, South-West Africa and Bechuanaland Protectorate are considered as one country. When cashed in a different country to that in which they are issued, they will only be paid out at their *sterling* value, which is 20 per cent. less than their gold value. For example, if a postal order for £1 purchased in the Union is presented for payment in Rhodesia only 16s. will be given for it. This is because accounts between governments in respect of British Postal Orders are settled through London.

Therefore, all remittances from the Union, Bechuanaland and South-West Africa to Rhodesia, Nyasaland and overseas countries should be made by money order, Reserve Bank notes, American bank notes, cheque, bank draft or gold, which are worth their full value in countries on the gold standard and 20 per cent. more than their cost price in countries not on the gold standard.

All our Publisher's prices for subscriptions, advertisements, stamps, albums and all accessories are in South African money, and customers residing in the Union of South Africa, South-West Africa and Bechuanaland are *not affected in the least* when buying from our Publisher. They may continue to remit by postal or money orders or cheques. Customers in Northern and Southern Rhodesia, which are also still on the gold standard, are also not affected, except that they should not remit by British Postal Orders. If they remit by any other method they will receive full value for their remittances.

Overseas customers in countries not on the gold standard should note that the difference between the value of their money and South African money is payable by the customer, and it is suggested that as British silver is still accepted in the Union at full face value, its use when remitting to

our Publisher will obviate loss to either side. It should be forwarded, securely packed, by registered post. Gold is, of course, always welcome at full value.

Those residing in foreign countries which are still on the gold standard should note that as South Africa is also still on the gold standard there is no change in the rates of exchange between South Africa and the countries concerned, and remittances should still be made by the same methods, and at the same rates, as before, with the one exception that if bank drafts are used they must be payable in Union money and not "at banker's buying rate for sight drafts on London." The best method to remit is by bank notes or money order.

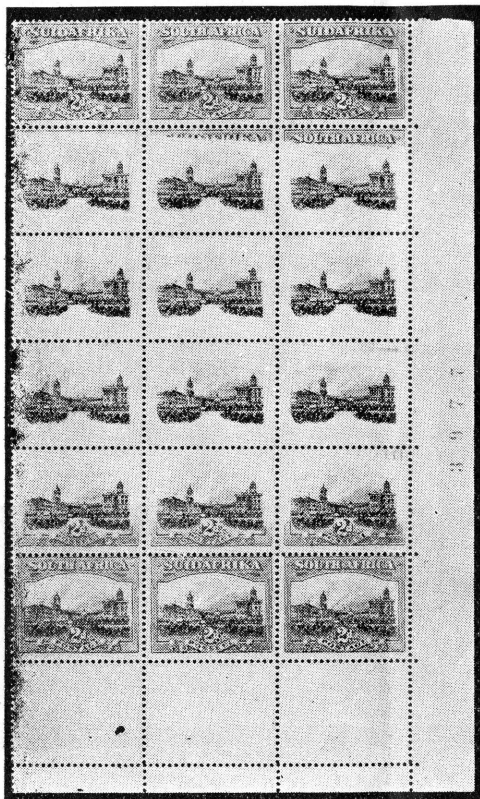
APOLOGIES

It has just been brought to our notice that a misconstruction has been placed on a paragraph which appeared on page seven of our issue of the "South African Philatelist" for February last dealing with Mr. Thos. Wood (E. T. Wood) to the effect that the paragraph imputes dishonourable or dishonest conduct to Mr. Wood. It was not our intention that the paragraph in question should convey any such imputation whatsoever, and we desire to take this opportunity unreservedly of removing any such impression which the paragraph may have given rise to and to express our regret and to apologise to Mr. Wood for any inconvenience or loss which may thereby have been caused to him.—J. ROBERTSON, Editor and Publisher.

It has just been brought to our notice that on page seven of the issue of the "South African Philatelist" for February last there appeared a paragraph referring to Mr. Thos. Wood (E. T. Wood) and that such paragraph has been misconstrued as imputing dishonourable or dishonest conduct to Mr. Wood. As the Printers only of the publication we were ignorant of the fact that the paragraph had appeared, and we take this first opportunity of stating that we had no intention of imputing any such conduct whatsoever to Mr. Wood and desire hereby unreservedly to remove any such impression and to express our regret and to apologise to Mr. Wood for any inconvenience or loss which may thereby have been caused to him.—TECHNICAL PRESS LTD., Printers of the "South African Philatelist."

IMPORTANT.—All my prices for stamps, albums, accessories and catalogues are in Union money. Customers residing in the Union, Bechuanaland and South-West Africa may continue to remit by postal or money orders or cheques, which will, of course, be accepted at full value. Customers in Northern and Southern Rhodesia should remit by cheques, bank notes, money orders or British or Union coin, but *not* by British Postal Order, and their remittances will be accepted at full value. Overseas customers should read the article published elsewhere in this issue.—J. ROBERTSON, P.O. Box 5826, Johannesburg.

Up-to-date Union News



We illustrate the very interesting variety in the 2d. rotogravure stamp chronicled last month. Only the right hand half of the portion of the sheet concerned is depicted. In the left hand half the variety is even more interesting, for a larger number of stamps show the frame completely missing—this will be apparent from our illustration.

There is little other Union news to chronicle this month. Latest supplies of the 2d. rotogravure are very deep in colour—quite a contrast to the pale shade of the early printings.

New booklets of stamps are due for issue soon. They will contain 2d. rotogravure stamps and, probably, ½d. and 1d. stamps. The existing stock of booklets containing ½d. and 1d. stamps only is being disposed of as quickly as possible by being broken up and the stamps used on parcels, etc.

UNION VARIETIES AT KNOCK-OUT PRICES

I have a surplus stock of certain Union stamps (normals and varieties) which I have decided to clear at a very low rate. They will be sold in parcels, at a flat rate of 50 per cent. over face value. The parcels will include only mint stamps in superb condition and NO STAMP HAS A RETAIL VALUE OF LESS THAN 50 PERCENT. OVER FACE VALUE. Many of the contents have a retail value of two, three or more times face, and the parcels will be ideal for resellers or collectors doing business by exchange. The following are some of the contents:

1910 2½d. Sets of corners of K.G. stamps with plate numbers. Perf. by imperf. roll stamps. 1½d. tete-beche. Plate varieties in the K.G. and pictorial stamps (some of these retail at many times face). Inverted watermarks in K.G. stamps. Short "1" and "blob" variety in 4d. air mail. Obsolete officials. De la Rue and obsolete Pretoria printed postage dues. Retouches. Etc., etc.

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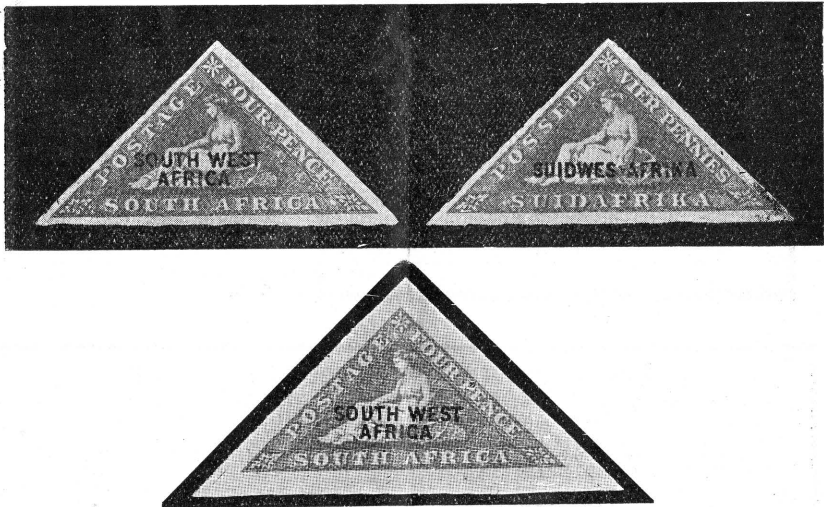
SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The Numbers Printed of All Obsolete Postage Stamps.
(Continued from August Issue.)

Union pictorial stamps overprinted vertically upwards in two lines in blue "South-West Africa." on English stamps and "Suidwes Afrika." on Afrikaans stamps. Gibbons' Nos. 49-54 (Scott's Nos. 93-104).



| Value. | Requisition Number. | Date of Req. | Date Received. | Date Issued. | No. of panes of 60 stamps. |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 2d. | 664 | 28.2.27 | 12.3.27 | 1.4.27 | 4,000 |
| 3d. | " | " | " | " | 4,000 |
| 1/- | " | " | " | " | 2,000 |
| 2/6 | " | " | " | " | 300 |
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The 4d. triangular stamps used in conjunction with Gibbons' Nos. 41—43, 45—47 and 49—54 were overprinted in England by the printers of the stamps, Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. The total quantity sent out from England was 3,000,000. This figure includes all the five kinds of triangulars—Afrikaans imperforate from packets and sheets, Afrikaans perforated, English two-line overprint imperforate from packets and sheets, English two-line overprint perforated, English one-line overprint imperforate from packets. Our illustrations show stamps from packets (narrow margins), stamps from sheet (wide margins), and perforated stamps.



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NEW ISSUES and VARIETIES



BELGIAN EAST AFRICA (Ruanda Urundi).—The distinctive set has now appeared and we hope to illustrate the designs shortly. They are very handsome productions and depict natives, a view and buffalo—a different design to each value. The design of the 4fr. (native with bottles) sounds queer. There are fifteen denominations in the set, from 10c. to 10fr.

MOCAMBIQUE COMPANY.—Mr. Denver E. Whyte, of Beira, notifies the following new values in the current pictorial type: 35c. green, 45c. blue, 70c. brown, 85c., 1E40c. This is all the information which our correspondent gives with the exception that the design of the 85c. shows a native girl's head. The following values were withdrawn from sale on 15th September: 2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 12c., 24c., 25c.

PAPUA.—The 1/- value has been surcharged "Five Pence," pending the preparation of a permanent 5d. stamp. The full set of postage stamps, from 1d. to 2/6, has been overprinted "O.S."

ST. LUCIA.—"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" describes some type-set postage due stamps of local manufacture. The denominations are 1d. black and 2d. black and the labels are not on sale to the public.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mr. L. Thornton notifies the following varieties in the Victoria Falls type of the new issue: 2d. value: Second row, last stamp, left-hand figure of value has a coloured foot; 3d. value: Ninth row, last stamp, left hand figure of value has a white mark coming off the bottom curve and extending to the right. Our correspondent states that these varieties appear only in the early consignments.

SUDAN.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies receipt of the definitive air stamps. The design takes the form of the Gordon Statue standing out against the sky with an aeroplane in the distance. The stamps have been line-engraved by De la Rue & Co. in the following denominations: 5m. grey and black, 10m. carmine and black, 15m. olive and brown, 2p. orange and black, 3p. grey and black, 3½p. purple and black, 4½p. grey and brown, 5p. blue and black. The centre is in the second colour mentioned.

The New Whitfield King

The 1932 Whitfield King is the first of the new season catalogues to arrive. A new and improved style of binding has been used, while the book has grown perceptibly in size. There are nearly 1,000 pages, and the work is wonderful value for money. It is the ideal catalogue for the collector who does not bother about perforation and other varieties.

From the preface we learn that the number of stamps issued to date, as catalogued by Whitfield King, is 53,476. Europe heads the list with 16,751, Africa is responsible for 12,172, Asia 9,730, America 8,945, West Indies 3,212 and Oceania 2,666. Comparison with the figures given in the 1931 catalogue shews that during the past year 1,617 new stamps have been issued, which is a decrease of 39 on the previous year.

We are glad to note a number of price increases in the new edition, some of the prices for Southern Africans, for instance, have previously been on the low side, judging by current prices. Even at the new prices some stamps are very reasonable.

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SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN FIRST FLIGHTS.

A few First Flight covers, also later flights, from ALL routes, are still obtainable. Prices from 1/6 up Most of these covers are franked with the prov. overprints. Immediate application is advisable, as stocks are very small, and of some items only one is in stock. Send want-list or ask for selection, on approval.

CAPE TRIANGULARS.

I have just purchased a very large collection of these, mostly real good copies, and approvals can be sent, against usual references. Prices to suit the times.

A. LICHTENSTEIN, Box 76, Rouxville, O.F.S.

South West African Officials

The object of this article is to place on record an up-to-date list of the official stamps of this country, with details of important varieties and illustrations of the types used. Exhaustive enquiries by people in advantageous positions fail to reveal the existence of forgeries of "officials" which have been issued by the P.O. Contrary to the belief held by some people, it is not an easy matter to forge an overprint. Many things have to be taken into consideration by the forger, and careful examination of forged overprints on stamps of other countries shows that the forger usually overlooks one or two important points. We do not propose to state here all the points that must be taken into consideration to make a fairly good forgery (it is not possible to make a forgery identical in all details with the genuine).

We are, however, of the opinion that there are, or were, in existence bogus varieties of S.W.A. Officials, that is, privately made stamps differing materially from genuinely issued varieties. To call them forgeries would not be correct, for the overprints are quite different to those on genuine stamps and do not resemble them in any way.

The following is a complete list of *genuine* stamps, with important varieties, *known to our Editor*. If any reader has any unlisted varieties which he believes to be genuine we will be glad to hear from him, but before being accepted by us as genuine any unlisted varieties will be thoroughly investigated. It is in the interests of owners of unchronicled varieties to have them formally certified and chronicled.



In self-defence we wish to emphasise our statement above that the following is a complete list of genuine stamps and important varieties

known to our Editor. Broken letters, small stops and other minor varieties are of little account and are, therefore, not considered important varieties. They are, therefore, omitted from the following list.

Type A.—This consists of the words "South West Africa. OFFICIAL" and "Suidwes Afrika. OFFISIEEL" on alternate stamps, in the manner illustrated. It occurs on the London printed ½d. pictorial, the 1d. and 6d. Pretoria printed pictorials and the 2d. King George. In the pictorial values the English overprint falls on English stamps and the Afrikaans overprint on Afrikaans stamps. No important varieties are known to our Editor.

Type B (Second issue).—This is found on the ½d., 1d. and 6d. Pretoria printed and 2d. London printed pictorial stamps and consists of the words "OFFICIAL S.W.A." on English stamps and "OFFISIEEL S.W.A." on Afrikaans stamps. The words OFFICIAL or OFFISIEEL are placed horizontally near the top of the stamp, while the letters S.W.A. are placed horizontally near the foot of the stamp. Except in the 2d. value these stamps do not shew a full stop after the words OFFICIAL and OFFISIEEL. In the 2d. value the words mentioned are found with and without full stop, the missing stop variety being the scarcer. The 1d. value exists with watermark both normal and inverted, the inverted watermark variety being rare, as only one sheet appears to have been issued thus.

Type C (Third issue).—This occurs on the ½d., 1d. and 6d. Pretoria printed pictorial stamps, and consists of the words "OFFICIAL S.W.A." on English stamps and "OFFISIEEL S.W.A." on Afrikaans stamps, the overprint being in two lines reading vertically upwards. Our Editor does not know of any important varieties in this type.

Type D (Third issue).—This occurs on the 2d. London printed pictorial and consists of the words "OFFICIAL S.W.A." on English stamps and "OFFISIEEL S.W.A." on Afrikaans stamps, the overprint being placed horizontally in two lines above the centre of the stamp. The words OFFICIAL and OFFISIEEL exist with and without the full stop, the missing stop variety being the scarcer.

Type E (Current issue).—This overprint occurs on the ½d., 1d., 2d. and 6d. values of the definitive pictorial stamps. It consists of the words "OFFICIAL" on English stamps and "OFFISIEEL" on Afrikaans stamps. In the ½d. and 2d. values the overprint is centrally placed near the foot of the stamp, in the 6d. value it is centrally placed above the middle of the stamp, while in the 1d. it is towards the top left hand corner of the stamp. No varieties in this type have yet been reported to our Editor.

Note.—All overprinted Union stamps have the overprint in black; in the current definitive set it is in red on all values. The only stamps which shew a full stop after the words OFFICIAL and OFFISIEEL are some of the 2d. stamps of Types B and D. We have no record of any rotogravure printed stamps having been used for S.W.A. official stamps.

ABOUT SETS AND NEW ISSUES

I find that price lists of sets of stamps soon go out of date, due to new additions to stock being continually made. The best course, therefore, for interested collectors is to ask for an approval selection of sets of countries in which they are interested. At the present times I have a large variety of sets priced from 3d. to 10s. each. Normal, commemorative and air mail issues are represented, including the very latest issues. Write me, letting me know in which countries you are interested and also stating whether cheap or better class sets are desired.

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Correspondence

The Editor.

Sir,—You have been good enough to forward me copies of your journal for June and July, and I have read your comments on the South African varieties that have been the subject of so much discussion.

The text of your July article conveys the fact that your "exposure" in the June issue scotched at once the sale of any of these varieties in South Africa at enhanced prices, by London dealers.

I feel, however, speaking for myself, and I was one of those that offered them in South Africa, that the London dealer has been given a bad reception over the matter; and, in fairness, I ask that you be good enough to publish this explanation in your columns in your next issue, so far as it concerns myself.

The first notice that I had of these varieties was in the English Philatelic Press and later I saw them mentioned in the columns of the *Rund Daily Mail*. Still further, at various later dates, further information presumably confirming the authenticity of the varieties continued to appear in the Philatelic Press in Great Britain.

I was given the opportunity of acquiring some of these pieces, and, in the best of faith, in view of what had been written and what information I had been able to glean myself, I offered them in turn to my customers, and circularising those collectors whom I thought would be interested in such pieces.

We all know that inverted surcharges, inverted centres and errors of colour do appear at various times, and Post Office authorities do their best to keep the matter as dark as possible.

It stands to reason no one likes to admit a mistake, so until the South African Post Office's official statement appears (which you say is contemplated) I feel that the tone of your remarks should not have been as though the London dealers had been guilty of sharp practice.

So far as I am personally concerned, and it is the policy of most London dealers, I guarantee every stamp that I sell, and I will always willingly refund monies paid for anything that is not as described at the time of sale, and will always continue to do so.

Your remarks and opinions are perfectly justified, if what you say is subsequently substantiated, but I trust that you will allow this letter to appear in your columns, as a reply to your remarks, rather than a defence, so that it is not felt that the "exposure" has exposed a "ramp" that, to my mind, does not, and never did, exist.—Yours, etc.,

M. P. LEVENE.

London,

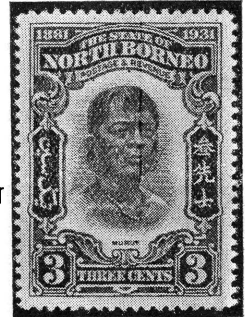
September 1st, 1931.

[In each issue in which the abovementioned stamps were mentioned by us, we published as much information as we could. For us to presume things would be foolish, and we could only deal with the stamps themselves.—Editor.]

We will not be at all surprised if the next commemorative issue from a certain European country is issued to raise funds to build a home for stamp collectors who have become paupers through buying all the previous commemorative junk issued by the country concerned.



STAMP SMILES



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O shed a tear for August Quates,
His liberty is over;
For he collected license plates,
But only on the cover.

—*M.W.S. News.*

It might be a good idea if some expert forger would forge an order from the Spanish Postmaster-General forbidding any further commemorative issues.

Everyone should dress to suit his or her purse. Evidently the Duchess of Alba was "broke" when she posed for Goya—judging by her picture on some values of the Spanish "Goya" set.

An American stamp journal tells its readers that when you get off the steamer at Capetown it is but a few minutes' walk to the Union Buildings depicted on the Union 2d. pictorial. Even the recent Schneider Cup air record pales into insignificance against the feat (no pun intended) of anyone who could walk from Capetown to Pretoria in a few moments.

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The Official Stamps of the Union of South Africa

This article is an attempt to record all known types of overprint and all important varieties in the stamps. The list below includes all normal stamps and important varieties *known to our Editor* and agrees with the list in Gibbons' catalogue and catalogue supplements. Broken letters and such varieties are deliberately omitted, as they are not of much importance.



Exhaustive enquiries fail to reveal the existence of any forgeries of officially used types, but there are stated to be in existence bogus stamps, that is, stamps bearing overprints totally different to those on genuine stamps.

In self defence our Editor reiterates his statement above to the effect that the following is a complete list of normal stamps and varieties known to him. If any reader has items not listed, we will be glad to hear from him and will fully investigate stamps submitted.

In all types the overprint takes the form of the words "OFFICIAL" and "OFFISIEEL" on *each* stamp. In Type A there is a stop after each of these words, but in all the other types there are no stops, except that in Types E, G, H and I a variety occurs in the shape of a stop after "OFFISIEEL" on ten stamps in the sheet. Unless stated otherwise, all stamps have normal upright watermark.

Type A.—Overprint reads upwards, stops after words, spacing between lines of overprint is $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Occurs on both London and Pretoria printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. pictorial stamps and 2d. King George. The 2d. value exists with the overprint in both ordinary and very shiny ink, the latter being rare. The Pretoria printed 6d. is found with both normal and inverted watermark, the latter being very scarce.

Type B.—Overprint reads upwards and is spaced $17\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Occurs on London printed 2d. pictorial.

Type C.—Overprint reads upwards and is spaced 19 mm. Is found on London printed 2d. pictorial.

Type D.—Overprint reads upwards and is spaced $11\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Occurs on Pretoria printed 6d. pictorial.

Type E.—Overprint reads downwards and is spaced $13\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Occurs on Pretoria printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 6d. pictorials. In the first printing of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 6d. values and all printings of the 1d. there were no stops after either of the words of the overprint on any stamps in the sheet, but in the final printing of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 6d. values six English and four Afrikaans stamps on each sheet shew a stop after the word OFFISIEEL.

Type F.—Overprint reads downwards and is spaced 21 mm. Occurs on the 2d. rotogravure pictorial.

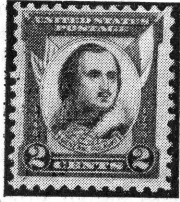
Type G.—Overprint reads downwards. Occurs on the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rotogravure pictorial and various spacings of the overprint occur on the same sheet, the spacings ranging from $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm. to 12 mm. Full particulars of the various spacings will be found in our issue for February last. On six Afrikaans and four English stamps in each sheet there is a stop after the word OFFISIEEL, this variety occurring in the $10\frac{1}{2}$, 11 and 12 mm. spacings.

Type H.—Overprint reads downwards and is spaced $13\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Exists on the 1d. rotogravure pictorial. Six Afrikaans and four English stamps in each sheet shew a stop after the word OFFISIEEL.

Type I.—Overprint reads downwards and is spaced $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Occurs on the 1d. and 6d. rotogravure pictorials with inverted watermark. Six Afrikaans and four English stamps in each sheet shew a stop after OFFISIEEL.

Note.—All overprints are in black ink, and many broken letters are to be found in Types E, G, H and I. In the types which have the overprint reading upwards the word OFFICIAL is at the left and the word OFFISIEEL at the right; in the types with the overprint reading downwards the position of these words is reversed.

In all cases the description "Pretoria printed stamps" means *stamps* printed in Pretoria from the plates made and originally used in England or from duplicates thereof. The rotogravure stamps now in use are from redrawn plates which differ from the earlier plates. One needs only examine the letter R to see that in the original plates it has a curly limb, while in rotogravure stamps it has a straight limb. The difference can be noted by comparing the *stamps* used to illustrate Types A and E with those used in illustrating Types H and I.



ITEMS of INTEREST



A correspondent seeks information concerning a P.O. which was in existence in the Transvaal in Republican days called "Marthinus Wessels Stroom," usually abbreviated to "M.W.Stroom." Can any of your readers say in which part of the Transvaal it was situated and whether a P.O. still exists there under another name?

How's this for cool cheek? We received a letter from Australia on which we had to pay 2d. surcharge. Upon opening it we found a note reading "Please return this envelope to" And the sender did not even have the decency to enclose the cost of returning the envelope.

A Capetown collector, Mr. A. H. Sydow, of Maitland, is the possessor of a very fine Union item, to wit, the centre of a sheet of 9d. Union air stamps showing ten stamps imperforate at the bottom between stamps and central margin. This nice piece came from the "Saby" collection and is the only one of many wonderful pieces which were contained in the collection.

Our monthly supply of blocks illustrating overseas new issues had not arrived from London at the time of going to press, but readers will find many interesting illustrations in this issue.

Judging from what we hear there are a number of readers who do not realise that this journal is an *independent* publication and, as such, its columns are always open to matters of interest to South African collectors and dealers. We are always pleased to receive, for publication, interesting news and correspondence.

Another Bechuanaland mystery. We have recently seen copies of British Bechuanaland No. 15 (1/- unappropriated die design) surcharged £5. The specimens are fiscally used, so it is plain that they were prepared for fiscal purposes. They are, however, inscribed "Postage and Revenue" and, therefore, come in the same category as the 6d. Transvaal and 1d. K.G. Union postage stamps overprinted "Bechuanaland Protectorate," which, although intended for purely fiscal use, are accepted for postage purposes on account of the inscriptions on the stamps themselves. We do, however, think that the "new" discovery is as worthy of catalogue rank as the regular £5 value of the unappropriated die design.

Do not overlook our free gift offers to new subscribers and those sending addresses of or subscriptions for friends. See announcements below and on inside back cover.

We have a surplus supply of envelopes posted at the Durban Philatelic Exhibition, 1928. These bear pictorial and K.G. Union postage stamps and also various values of Natal, Transvaal, O.F.S. and Cape stamps, while a number have postage due stamps. All are cancelled with the special exhibition postmark in red. We have decided to dispose of this surplus supply of covers by sending them FREE OF CHARGE to collectors sending us one or more subscriptions to the "S.A. PHILATELIST" on behalf of friends. The number of covers sent will depend upon the number of subscriptions sent in. We will also send free supplies of these very interesting covers to all readers sending us the addresses of three or more collectors who do not at present subscribe to the "South African Philatelist."

New subscribers desiring back numbers of the new series of the "South African Philatelist" can obtain same from the Publisher while stocks last. The new series commenced last February, and we have a small supply of each issue to date. Some very interesting articles have appeared in recent issues, and copies can be supplied at 3d. each, post free.

We venture to suggest that there are a number of collectors who do not read very carefully the philatelic journals to which they subscribe. Recently some of our readers have reported new issues after they had been chronicled in our columns, while others have asked questions which have been fully dealt with by us. One or two readers have written for our Publisher's price list and, after having received same, write and ask for, say, our prices for loose-leaf albums, which are fully described and priced in the list sent them. Although our office address is clearly printed several times in each issue of this journal, a subscriber now and again calls in and mentions the trouble which he has had to find us because he went to the address which we left last March.

In breaking up a collection formed by one of the best known collectors which South Africa has yet had, we were surprised to note that some mint stamps were partly stuck to the page with their own gum, due to the mount being moistened too much and the stamp pressed down after mounting. One or two collectors have this same unwise habit when they remove and replace stamps in dealers' approval books.

At a recent meeting of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg, a most successful auction in aid of the funds of the Johannesburg Hospital was held. The stamps were donated by members and over £11 was raised. Some items realised more than double retail rates, and we venture to suggest that the high prices were not entirely due to generosity—one or two members appeared to have no idea of the value of some recent issues and bid rather wildly. Our Editor, in attempting to run up prices for the benefit of the Hospital, got caught in his own trap once or twice! Serves him right! Anyway, it was a most entertaining auction and put the members in good spirits.

By the way, the above Society meets in the Conference Room of the Carlton Hotel on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.45 p.m. and has no objection to enrolling new members.

Collectors desiring to order British Colonial stamps direct from the issuing country should, as a general rule, address their letters to the Postmaster-General, adding the name of the country to the address. It is not necessary to include the name of the chief town. Orders to South West Africa should be directed to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, and to the Sudan to the Director of Posts, Khartoum. When dealing with foreign governments there is no hard and fast rule. Some countries supply stamps through their philatelic agencies, while others charge buying commissions.

STAMP ALBUMS AND ACCESSORIES

Christmas is just around the corner and I will have ample stocks of philatelic goods to suit the occasion. My price list of these is contained in my general price list, a copy of which will be sent on request.

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Correspondence

The Editor,

Sir,

Recently I have made a study of Rhodesia, "Admiral" type, single-working plates, viz.: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., and find at least seven different dies were used as follows:—

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|------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| I. | 1913-16 | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 14 and 15 | Right ear shaded and outlined. |
| | 1913-23 | $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 14 and 15 | Left ear shaded but NO outline. |
| II. | 1913-15 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. | $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 | |
| | | 1d. | 14 and 15 | Right ear shaded and outlined. |
| III. | 1914-23 | 1d. | 14 and 15 | Left ear shaded and outlined. |
| | | | | Right ear shaded and outlined. |
| IV. | 1915-22 | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 14 and 15 | Left ear unshaded. |
| | | | | Right ear shaded and outlined. |
| V. | 1917-22 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 14 | Left ear white. |
| | | | | Right ear shaded but NO outline. |
| VI. | 1917-22 | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 | Left ear unshaded and outlined. |
| | | | | Right ear shaded but NO outline. |
| VII. | 1919-22 | 1d. | 14 | Left ear white. |
| | | | | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. |

(b) White Paper.

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| II. | ? | 1d. | 14 | As II. above. |
| III. | 1923-25 | 1d. | 14 | " III. " |
| IV. | 1922 | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 14 and 15 | " IV. " |
| V. | 1924 | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 14 | " V. " |
| VII. | ? | $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. | 15 | " VII. " |

The "ears" only have been studied and it is possible other differences also exist.

The Dies have been numbered according to the earliest and latest postmarked copies in my possession.

Should any brother collector be able to help make the List more complete I should be extremely obliged if he would communicate with me.

Yours, etc.,

(Sgd.) FRED STEPHENS.

Maperera Estate,
Chikwawa, P.O.,
Nyasaland.

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International Exchange Sales Packets broken up recently show very high averages of sales. From one packet original value £116 10s. 4d. the sales were £79 4s. 2d. From a packet value £57 17s. 2d. the sales were £30 0s. 1d. Individual books showed even higher percentages of sales. These figures obviously mean that buying members find many of their requirements in the INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SALES PACKETS.

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We Secure a Great Story for Our Readers

Commencing in our next issue, we will have something very special for our readers. Mr. Gilbert J. Allis, the leading authority on Cape stamps, has written the history of the birth and development of the Cape of Good Hope Post Office. It is a wonderfully complete account, compiled from a tireless search of the official records at Capetown and in Europe. The Cape P.O. goes back to the days of Van Riebeeek, for even in those days there were arrangements for the receipt and despatch of correspondence. The Dutch East India Company used some very interesting and quaint postmarks, while even before the beginning of their rule in the Cape letters were left under specially inscribed rocks that lay on the seashore.

Mr. Allis' serial article will be exclusive to *The South African Philatelist*, and every South African collector should find it of absorbing interest. We feel greatly privileged at being given the opportunity of publishing an article of such great philatelic and historic interest.

The Financial Mix-up.

Since publication of our September issue, North and South Rhodesia have gone off the gold standard, while the Union Government is now imposing a duty of 20 per cent. on all *British* silver imported into the Union. Thus, it is now practically impossible to send money to the Union from countries off the gold standard without paying the difference in the exchange, approximately 20 per cent.

Readers residing outside of the Union who have occasion to send money to this country should obtain particulars from their local bank or post office regarding the best method of remitting.

The Union Government is firm in its decision to remain on the gold standard. Our prices for subscriptions and advertisements and our Publisher's prices for all stamps and philatelic goods advertised in this journal are nett in South African money. When sending approval selections to readers residing outside of the Union our Publisher will state the terms on which business can be done as in the case of approval selections it may sometimes be possible for our Publisher and the customer to share the difference in the exchange. Mindful of their support in the past, we wish to meet customers as much as possible.

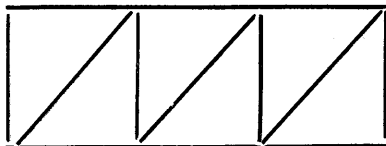
“Sing a Song of Sixpence”

A Philatelic Rbymed Romance

By “GOOD HOPE.”

“Sing a song of Six Pence,” in 1861,
 Merchant ships, deep laden, in all the Seven Seas,
 Some are in the Trade Winds bowling gaily on,
 Others in the Doldrums, flirting with the breeze.
 William Hales went sailing, as sailors have to do,
 Ere he left his Home port, kissed his little son,
 William Hales said “Sonny, I will bring some stamps for you,
 From the lands across the seas, to which I must be gone.
 When the wind has freshened I am sailing to the Cape,
 Underneath the Southern Cross, guarding Table Bay,
 There they have the queerest stamps, such a funny shape,
 Like the paper hats I made for you yesterday.
 Then, when you are older, you will want to know
 Something of these far lands which you have never seen:
 Lands which first were colonised many years ago,
 Owning still allegiance to Britain and the Queen.”

“Sing a Song of Six Pence,” in 1861,
 Sailing Ships in Table Bay, rolling to the swell.
 Table Mountain giant-like, carved in solid stone,
 Guardian of the Southern Seas, like a sentinel.
 William Hales reached Capetown, sailing to the East
 In the early part of March, and without ado,
 (When at last for shore-leave, he found himself released),
 He hied him to the Post Office near Government Avenue.
 In the old Court Buildings (standing still to-day),
 William Hales bought postage stamps, joined together, so:



* Six Pence was the reckoning that William had to pay:
 The postage stamps were “woodblocks,” but this he did not know.
 Carefully he placed them, back on board his ship,
 With his small possessions in his iron trunk.
 (Every sailor carries one on a year-long trip,
 Stowed throughout the voyage underneath his bunk).

*NOTE.—The fact that the 4d. red “woodblock” error of colour is known used together with three 1d. red “woodblocks” in unsevered blocks of four, having prepaid the 4d. letter rate, establishes beyond any reasonable doubt that they were sold over the Post Office counter at the price, and were used for the postal service which their colour denoted.

"Sing a Song of Six Pence," in 1861.

Now the ship is battling round the Cape of Storms,
Sails are blown to ribbons, masts and tackle gone,
Never man saw southern seas in such gigantic forms.
Nature's utmost fury crashes through the gale,
(Fierce unequal contest this with a little ship),
Still she rides it bravely, hoping to prevail,
Flying like a sea-bird to escape the tempest's grip.
All on board is chaos, rollers sweep the decks,
Madly on she plunges round the Cape Point Head;
Coast line ne'er so treacherous, scene of many wrecks,
"Davy Jones'" necropolis, home of countless dead.
Here, beyond the headland, where two oceans meet,
Indian and Atlantic, came one mighty wave,
And ere the toilers at the pumps could gain a safe retreat,
It carried William Hales to rest within a sailor's grave.

"Sing a Song of Six Pence," in 1861.

Like a broken, battered thing into Port Natal,
Rides the storm-tossed little ship, through the gale she won,
Conscious of achievement through conditions critical.
News is sent to England to Mrs. William Hales,
Mourning fell upon her for many years to come.
Afflicted, too, by poverty beneath the load she fails,
Mary Hales the bright and gay, is Mary Hales the glum.
Her husband's few possessions were faithfully restored,
But nought was there of value, except for memory's sake,
And after years of grieving for the mate whom she deplored,
She slept at last her final sleep to nevermore awake.
Meanwhile, William Hales' son had long to manhood grown,
Fought for Queen and country in Africa at last.
When, a broken fighting man, the "exit" he was shown,
He found, as thousands since have done, his usefulness had passed.

"Sing a Song of Six Pence," in 1931,

Came a worn and aged man slowly down the Strand.
Life had had more "downs" than "ups" for William Hales' son,
All his wealth potential, he carried in his hand.
Nought he knew of postage stamps save that he had heard
Cape stamps had a value, some were worth a lot,
Especially the "woodblock" stamps with pattern rough and blurred,
Which seemed the right description of the stamps that he had got.
With hesitant timidity, doubtful yet buoyed with hope,
To a famous philatelic store he made his tardy way,
And placed upon the counter from a faded envelope,
The reason for his visit, to the Management's dismay.
For there with trembling fingers a postal gem he laid,
(No "find" in Cape "triangulars" had ever so far led)
A block of six Mint "woodblocks," in the bright vermilion shade,
And one of them, the ERROR, viz, the Four Pence stamp in RED!

"Sing a Song of Six Pence," in 1931.

Would you know the sequel? Then plainly it appears,
Fortune smiled her brightest smile on William Hales' son
And in a state of comfort he will spend his closing years.
And now to draw the moral, for moral there must be,
Great "finds" in postage stamps will still be made without a doubt,
One never knows what may befall when sailors go to sea,
There's just as good fish in the sea as ever yet came out!
And though this tale of "woodblocks" is only a romance,

Who will be bold enough to say such things may never chance?
 Rich "finds" in philatelic gems are thrilling in their way,
 But "finds" that come from new research are what we need to-day.
 There's lots of "hidden treasure" still waiting to be found,
 But apathy and *laisser faire* will never break the ground!
 Don't leave it all to just a few to tell you what you know,
 Go in and do a bit yourself, there's lots of land to hoe!
 To be a big collector one must use a lot of cash,
 (Where money is no object one may always "cut a dash")
 But the science of philately means more, and be it said
 To be a true philatelist you must also use your head!

Striking New Issues

On the page opposite we illustrate the latest issues from Ruanda Urundi (Belgian East Africa), Switzerland (Charity), Bulgaria (Balkan Olympic Games), Austria (Charity), British Guiana (Centenary), Afghanistan (13th anniversary of independence), Abyssinia, Belgian Congo, Territory of New Guinea, Peru (Philatelic Exhibition commemorative), Russia (Zeppelin North Pole air mail), France, Sudan (air mail), Turkey, Spain (definitive republican issue).

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MINT SETS OF AFRICANS.—These were fully detailed and priced in my advertisement on page 61 of June issue and all the sets mentioned can still be supplied at the prices quoted, except that the prices of the 1925 Union air mail stamps are now; Short set of three (1d., 3d., 6d.) 5/6; complete set of four 15/-.

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When ordering sets and packets please note that postage is extra on orders totalling 3/- or less, while registration (if desired) is extra on orders totalling 15/- or less. Please do not remit in unused stamps and do not cross postal orders.

ALBUMS OF ALL KINDS, ACCESSORIES, DUPLICATE BOOKS, STOCK BOOKS.—These are fully described and priced on pages 2, 3 and 4 of my yellow general price list, a copy of which has been sent to all subscribers to this journal. Further copies obtainable on request.

1932 CATALOGUES.—These are now in stock and can be supplied at the following prices: Gibbons Part I. (British Empire) 7/2, postage 8d. extra; Gibbons Part II. (Foreign Countries) 10/10, postage 10d.; Gibbons Combined (Whole World) 16/-, postage 1/-; Whitfield King (Whole World) 7/9, postage 9d.; Yvert & Tellier (Whole World) in French 8/3, postage 1/-.

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The 1932 Gibbons.

Our welcome annual visitor has again put in an appearance. This year there have been a very considerable number of price alterations. As far as South Africans are concerned, the most notable increases are in the early issues of Natal, but slight rises will be found in the stamps of other countries. In modern issues one or two really sensational increases have taken place, but there have been many reductions in the prices of the more speculative issues. Early issues shew either increases or no change.

Messrs. Gibbons state that the acquisition of two very large stocks has enabled them to reduce their prices—it must be remembered that the catalogue is really their price list. They point out that the collector who finds that some of the stamps which he has not increased in value, should remember that there may be many stamps which he wishes to purchase which have also not advanced in price. The Publishers state that they are sometimes able to disregard the market and keep prices down for the benefit of their customers.

Air stamps are still on the increase—the Union 1925 set is now priced at 35s.

Practically every page in the catalogue shews price changes, and the new edition renders obsolete editions quite useless to those who wish to be reasonably up to date.

We regret that we have not sufficient space to review the excellent Gibbons catalogue at greater length, so will terminate our review by saying that in the foreign catalogue there are no less than 16,000 price changes.

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NEW ISSUES and VARIETIES



BELGIAN CONGO.—A new issue has commenced to appear. The denominations will range from 10c. to 20fr. The 1fr. 75c. value in the design illustrated in this issue has appeared, the colour being chestnut-brown.

CANADA.—The colour of the 5c. air stamp is reported to have been changed to deep yellow-brown. A 3c. red has now appeared in the new K. G. Type.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The colour of the 35c. value has been changed to purple and bright carmine. For administrative and political reasons the States of Perak, Selangor, Pahang and Negri Sembilan are again to be provided with separate issues, while a common air stamp for the whole of Malaya is expected.

IRAQ.—The new issue forecast by us will appear on April 1st next. There will be fifteen values, and the denominations will be expressed in the new currency, filous, fils and dinars. Each value will bear King Feisul's portrait.

KENYA.—Mr. R. Roberts notifies a new shade in the £1 value, namely, paler orange-brown and a clearer centre than before.

MOCAMBIQUE COMPANY.—Mr. Denver E. Whyte sends fuller information regarding the new issues mentioned last month. The colour of the 30c. value has been changed to bright green and black. In the new values the 45c. is in pale blue and shews ivory, while the 70c. brown depicts a man winning gold. The 85c. is in the design hitherto used for the 24c. value, while the 1E40c. is in the same type as the 25c. and is printed in dull blue and black. The two latter types are illustrated above. There is no 35c. value as mentioned last month.

MORVI.—This Indian State has decided to issue its own stamps. There are four low value denominations.

NEW ZEALAND.—Three values have now appeared in the new postal-fiscal arms type, namely, 1s. 3d., 7s. and 10s.

PAPUA.—The surcharged 5d. stamp has been replaced by a definitive 5d., the colours being brown and grey-blue.

SIERRA LEONE.—This colony is to have a complete new issue, in denominations from ½d. to £1. In addition to a portrait of the King, the design will include local scenery.

RUANDA URUNDI.—We illustrate some of the designs of the new issue this month. The denominations range from 10c. to 20fr., and not as stated last month.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—Mrs. F. A. Yeats notifies the following varieties in the 3d. value of the new issue: Bottom bar of first "E" in the word "REVENUE" almost joins the "V" and the last "E" is broken. This occurs on stamps numbers 10, 19, 22, 43 and 46. In the word "RHODESIA" the letters "S" and "I" are joined together. This occurs on stamps numbers 12, 21, 24, 45 and 48.

TANGANYIKA.—Mr. R. Roberts has received the 30c. value in new colours, namely, ultramarine and black.

TRANSJORDANIA.—The *Philatelic Magazine* mentions the possibility of a pictorial issue next year, with the object of attracting tourists.

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ITEMS of INTEREST



One or two of our readers in a position to know have had something to say regarding the article "Embossed Natal Reprints," which was published in an overseas journal and reprinted, in good faith, by us. So much of the article is described as inaccurate that we will be glad if our readers will, in the meantime, completely disregard it. This is not the first time that articles on South African stamps published in overseas journals have caused controversy.

We can always expect S.W.A. to furnish surprises. The latest is in connection with the first flights of the air mail service. It has just come to light that on the first flight from Windhoek to Walvis Bay, Okahandja and Karibib were added to the list of stopping places at the last moment. Mail was exchanged at Karibib, but not at Okahandja. Okahandja is also on the northern route to Grootfontein. Of course, philatelists had no opportunity to send first flight covers to and from Karibib.

Recently we have received several letters from readers asking for our Publisher's prices for Union errors and varieties chronicled by us. It does not follow that because we mention a variety we have some for sale. Many readers notify us of interesting items which they acquire, so that other collectors may know of them. They do not always wish to sell the stamps reported. Stamps which our Publisher has to sell are mentioned in the advertising columns of this journal or are notified to interested collectors.

Mr. H. Mallet-Veale wishes us to state that he has sold his collection of South-West African stamps, and is no longer collecting the issues of that country. His collection was probably the finest in existence, and we understand that it has been amalgamated with a very important overseas collection.

The "Annuaire Mondial de la Press Philatelique" is a magnificently produced volume dealing with the philatelic press of to-day. It contains all details regarding all known philatelic and semi-philatelic journals, and is obtainable at a cost of 25 lire (about 4s. in Union money) from the Publisher at Via Allioni 9, Turin, Italy.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. J. Ritchie, the well-known specialist in Unions, on the recent death of his father, who passed away while on a visit to his daughter in Uganda. Dr. Ritchie was on the staff of the South African College (now the University of Capetown) for fifty years.

The East African Philatelic Society has closed down, and the cash remaining in hand was equally distributed between the Salvation Army and the Tree of Mercy.

The Second South African Philatelic Congress was held in Pretoria early in October, and was fairly successful. The attendances were not large, but the papers read and collections exhibited were of a high standard. Various proposals designed to improve philately in South Africa were discussed, and will be followed up by the permanent executive. We have not been favoured with a report of the proceedings, so can say no more at present.

This year the Christmas stamp which will be on sale at post offices in the Union will be in an entirely new design. The stamps are sold at 1d. each, in aid of a fund to fight tuberculosis. They have no postage value and their use is voluntary. They will go on issue on November 15th.

Our request in our September issue for information regarding a Transvaal post office which was known in Republican days as Marthinus Wesselstroom brought a letter from Mr. J. W. Gehle, of Pretoria, who informs us that the town is now known as Wakkerstroom, having been rechristened after the Anglo-Boer War.

To connect with the existing London-Tanganyika air service, a branch air line is about to proceed up between Zanzibar and Tanganyika. The entire London to Cape service is to be opened in January next. There will be a branch connecting air line from Kimberley to Windhoek, via Upington and Keetmanshoop, simultaneously with the opening of which the present temporary air mail service in South-West Africa will be discontinued.

As the air mail to the South leaves Windhoek the day after the air mail from the North reaches Windhoek, air mail letters for places South of Windhoek received by air from the North are given another trip by air at no extra cost.

The air mail stamps of New Guinea are used in a novel manner. It appears that the roads to the goldfields are even worse than South African roads, and a journey which takes days by road is accomplished in about an hour by aeroplane. Thus, *all* mail matter for the goldfields is sent from the coast by air, and upon the extra charge for this service being paid by the addressee air mail stamps to the value of the amount paid are affixed on correspondence and cancelled.

Whose leg is the editor of a well-known British philatelic journal trying to pull? Perhaps he is trying to trap some editor who "lifts" new issue notes without acknowledgement. He forecasts an issue for the hitherto unknown State of Sesyu, with denominations in filthis and lucres. Even though the Sultan's name is given as Ali Mhon, we do believe that there are some simple-minded editors who will take the paragraph seriously.

Some very fine articles on Southern African stamps are contained in early numbers of *The South African Philatelist*. Practically every kind of South African stamp has been dealt with, and it is unlikely that some of the information published will be printed again for many years. We have a small supply of back numbers of both the old and new series of this journal. Altogether, 78 issues of this journal have appeared, and copies of most of them can still be supplied. Copies of the old series, under which 71 issues appeared, cost 5d. each, while the price of those of the new series is 3d. each. If a dozen or more copies of the old series are purchased the price is 4s. per dozen, postage free.

We can still supply the Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the Union of South Africa, by L. Simenhoff. The price is 5s. per copy, post free.

NEW ISSUES (continued from page 125).

TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA.—The design of the issue commemorating ten years of British administration is illustrated elsewhere in this issue. The postage values range from 1d. to £1. With the exception of the 10s. and £1 values, all denominations have been overprinted "O.S." but all values, and also a 3d. denomination, have been overprinted "Air Mail."

A South West African Forgery

We illustrate a forgery of the Type I 1d. S.W. Africa with inverted overprint. This forgery was in existence in 1927 or 1928, and to make the difference between same and genuine stamps clearer we also illustrate a genuine pair of the inverted overprint and post office "Specimen" copies of genuine normal stamps. To the best of our knowledge all *genuine* copies of the inverted overprint have the overprint badly positioned, that is, the words "Africa." and "Afrika." are in line with the top of the stamp, the other line of the overprint being above the figures of value. This is clearly shewn in our illustration. In the forgery the overprint is exceptionally well-centered. Other important differences are: In the forgery the letters of the words "Africa." and "Afrika." do not fall under the correct letters of the words "South West" and "Zuid-West," while, most important of all, the distance between the words "South West" on one stamp and the word "Zuidwest" on the other stamp is wrong. Other differences in the lettering, etc., will also be noted.

In forging the overprint the man responsible used 1d. stamps of the wrong shade and, in case this should by some remote chance meet his eye, we do not propose to say which is the shade on which all genuine inverted overprints known to us appear.



Above enlarged illustration shews (at top) genuine inverted overprint and (below) forged inverted overprint. At the right post office "specimen" copies of genuine normal stamps are illustrated.

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AIR MAIL SURPRISE

The London to Cape Service

The first flight on the above route was definitely announced for January 20th, but, at very short notice, Imperial Airways decided to run a special flight on December 9th, with the object of bringing out late Christmas mails. The regular weekly service will not commence until January 20th, but the flight commencing on December 9th will be regarded as the first flight.

The change of plans has somewhat upset the plans of those who made arrangements for first flight covers, but in our publisher's case an exchange of cables has probably ensured the despatch of first flight covers from Great Britain to all points in Southern and Northern Rhodesia, the Union and S.W. Africa.

Our readers probably know that an air mail service has been in operation between London and Tanganyika for some months, and the new service is an extension to Capetown.

The stopping places south of Tanganyika are: Mbeya, Mpika, Broken Hill (N. Rhodesia), Bulawayo, Salisbury (S. Rhodesia), Pietersburg, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Victoria West and Capetown. Mails will be picked up and set down in N. and S. Rhodesia, but we have no information regarding rates for correspondence posted in these countries. The Union Government has made known its plans regarding correspondence received in the Union by the special flight and also regarding mail matter posted in the Union for carriage on the final stage of the flight.

The special flight is due to arrive at and depart from the Union stopping places according to the following time table:—

Pietersburg, arrive 19th December, 1.25 p.m.

„ depart 19th December, 2.10 p.m.

Johannesburg (Germiston aerodrome), arrive 19th Dec., 4.35 p.m.

„ „ „ depart 20th Dec., 6 a.m.

Kimberley, arrive 20th December 9.20 a.m.

„ depart 20th December, 10.5 a.m.

Victoria West, arrive 20th December, 12.45 p.m.
 „ depart 20th December, 1.30 p.m.

Capetown, arrive 20th December, 5.40 p.m.

Mails for the Union and South West Africa from overseas and African countries north of the Union will be dealt with at Johannesburg and forwarded to destinations by the most expeditious route. Thus, correspondence for stopping places between Johannesburg and Capetown and towns served through the stopping places will be put back on the Imperial Airways aeroplane when it resumes its journey.

Air mail matter for Upington (C.P.), Keetmanshoop, Mariental and Windhoek (S.W.A.) will be re-sorted at Kimberley.

On the special flight mail will be carried between all Union stopping places at an inclusive rate of 4d. per half ounce. This rate will also apply to air mail matter addressed to and from South West Africa. The air mail fee may be paid in either air mail stamps or ordinary postage or official stamps. An air mail etiquette (label) should be affixed on the face of each letter or the words "By air mail" written on the envelope.

Special instructions have been issued to all Postmasters concerned to give particular attention to air mail matter posted by philatelists "and others." "As a concession" all air mail matter carried on the special flight, no matter where posted, will be back-stamped, and Postmasters have been instructed to see that this is done.

On 19th December an aeroplane will leave Windhoek for Kimberley, stopping at Mariental, Keetmanshoop and Upington. It will carry mail to, and pick up air mail at, these points and will also carry air mail for Victoria West and Capetown, which mail will be put on the Imperial Airways machine when it reaches Kimberley on December 20th. The return flight from Kimberley to Windhoek, stopping at above places, will be made on December 20th, taking air mail for the places named, and picking up air mail at these places.

Our Publisher will be "putting through" air mail covers as follows: all possible stages from London to N. and S. Rhodesia, Union and S.W.A.; from N. Rhodesia to S. Rhodesia, Union and S.W.A.; from S. Rhodesia to the Union and S.W.A.; from the Union to S.W.A.; and from S.W.A. to the Union being represented. Those who wish to arrange their own covers will find the list useful, but they will have to act quickly.

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MPIKA (N.R.) TO all above places, except Mbeya and Mpika.

BROKEN HILL (N.R.) TO all above places, except Mbeya, Mpika and Broken Hill.

SALISBURY (S.R.) TO all places mentioned above which are south of Salisbury.

BULAWAYO (S.R.) TO all places mentioned above which are south of Bulawayo.

PIETERSBURG (TVL.) TO Johannesburg, Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown, Upington, Keetmanshoop, Mariental, Windhoek.

JOHANNESBURG TO Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown, Upington, Keetmanshoop, Mariental, Windhoek.

KIMBERLEY TO Victoria West, Capetown, Upington, Keetmanshoop, Mariental, Windhoek.

VICTORIA WEST TO Capetown.

UPINGTON TO Keetmanshoop, Mariental, Windhoek.

WINDHOEK TO Upington, Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown.

MARIENTAL TO Upington, Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown.

KEETMANSHOOP TO Upington, Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown.

UPINGTON TO Kimberley, Victoria West, Capetown.

It will not be necessary to post covers from points in S.W.A. to points in S.W.A. as a service is already in existence between points in S.W.A., and the first flight took place some months ago.

Readers who send letters to Postmasters at stopping places should see that their covers are "ready to go," although Postmasters will probably be quite willing to stamp letters if the cost of the stamps is sent them by money or postal order or cash. Study the time-table and remember that the rate for letters posted in the Union and S.W.A. is 4d. per half ounce, including air fee and postage. Even if covers have to be transferred from the Imperial Airways machine to the S.W.A. machine, or vice versa, the rate is still 4d. per half ounce.

In publishing the above information we can accept no responsibility for losses or inconvenience caused through changes of plans or through any inaccuracies which there may be in this article. Our information has been carefully gathered from official and other appropriate sources and from a careful reading of published information. We believe the above news to be reliable, otherwise we would not publish it.

Advices from London state that the air mail from London left on time.

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First Flight London to Capetown Air Covers

The first Air Mail left London on December 9th and is due at Capetown on December 20th. Subject to there being no hitch in arrangements which I have made, I will have for disposal a limited number of covers, posted in Great Britain, addressed to all stopping-places in N. & S. Rhodesia, South Africa and S.W.A. Those who have already advised me of their needs will receive approval selections or quotations in due course. Others should write without delay as only a small number of covers will be available.

I will also have a few covers carried between points in N. & S. Rhodesia, South Africa and S.W. Africa.

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Foreign New Issues

Bulgaria (further Balkan Olympic Games designs), Holland, Spain (Pan-American Postal Congress), Jugo-Slavia (showing new official name of the country).



Congratulations to Mr. Gilbert J. Allis. He has been awarded the Crawford Medal for 1931 for his great work on the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope. This is the highest award in British philately, and is given annually out of a bequest left for the purpose by the late Earl of Crawford, at one time president of the Royal Philatelic Society.

We deeply regret to record the death, through a motor accident at Bulawayo, of Mr. L. Thornton, Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia. Mr. Thornton was a promising young geologist, and our sincere sympathy is extended to his relatives and to the members of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia, and other friends.

On account of the considerable amount of space devoted this month to the London to Cape air flight much interesting news is held over.



NEW ISSUES and VARIETIES



ANTIGUA.—"Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" states that a tercentenary commemorative issue will appear next year.

AUSTRALIA.—Messrs. R. E. Plumridge and J. H. Smyth, Ltd., send us copies of the 1d. green with a new multiple watermark, a Crown and the letters "C OF A." As an entirely new pictorial set will be out soon, K.G. and kangaroo values on the new paper will not have a long life.

CANADA.—A new 10c. stamp has appeared, and shews a full-face portrait of Cartier. The colour is deep sage green.

HONG KONG.—Newcomers are: 3c. grey and 5c. violet.

KENYA AND UGANDA.—It is proposed to issue the 10c. value in a new colour when existing stocks are exhausted.

MALDIVE ISLANDS.—Contemporaries state that the new issue will appear this month in the following denominations: 2c., 3c., 6c., 10c., 15c., 25c., 50c. and 1R.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The new issue, expected very soon, will, according to "Stamp Collecting," depict codfish, Princess Elizabeth, Prince of Wales, King George, seal, dog, salmon, Queen Mary, caribou, fishing fleet, boats leaving harbour, and view of Cape Race. Something to please everybody.

NEW ZEALAND.—A new charity stamp has just been issued. We understand that sales of previous issues have been poor. The trio of new air stamps is expected to be issued at about the end of this year.

RAROTONGA.—The original TWO PENCE on 1½d. surcharge was on unwatermarked stamps. Mr. R. Roberts has now received this item on watermarked paper. The watermarked 1½d. was not issued uncharged.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.—The unsold stock of the obsolete issue has been destroyed by fire.

TRAVANCORE.—Following the fashion, this Indian State is to indulge in a bicoloured pictorial set to mark the investiture of the Maharajah with full ruling powers.

The first disaster in the history of the Union air service occurred in November, when a mail plane with the outgoing air mail was wrecked near Capetown. The pilot and two passengers were killed and most of the mail destroyed.

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Another Rotogravure Stamp

LATEST UNION NEWS.

Early in November the 3d. pictorial postage stamp, printed in Pretoria by the rotogravure method, made its appearance. As in the case of the 2d. value, the stamps are printed in unbroken upright sheets of 120 (20 rows of 6 stamps). The watermark on all copies seen so far is inverted. A sheet number and letter A appear twice in the right-hand margin, which would seem to indicate that this value was printed some time ago, before the use of serial letters was discontinued.

The new stamp is not what one might call a superb production. The colours are dull red and dull green.

The Christmas stamp on sale this year was also printed by the rotogravure process by the Government Printer, and, in point of production, is superior to the new 3d. postage stamp. Each sheet of Christmas stamps shows a sheet number twice in the right-hand margin.

The joined paper variety has now been found in the 6d. rotogravure pictorial.

It is possible that a new set of air stamps, in several denominations, will be issued to meet the varying rates which will be in force for correspondence carried on the Cape-London air service.

Some time ago the air fee for letters posted in Britain for carriage on the Union air mail service from Capetown was reduced to 2d. per ounce, but the fee on letters posted in the Union is still 4d. per ounce, which seems a rather strange position.

A proposal is afoot to adopt a new currency (decimal system) in the Union, and if the change is made new stamps for the Union, S.W. Africa and Bechuanaland are a foregone conclusion. Nothing definite has yet been decided.

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The Cape of Good Hope Post Office

HISTORY OF ITS BIRTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

By G. J. ALLIS,

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Cape of Good Hope."*

President, Capetown Philatelic Society, 1914-1918, 1920-1921.

History and romance are at all times so closely interrelated that it is impossible to establish any line of demarcation between the two. History contains much of romance and romance much of history.

The story of the birth and development of the Cape of Good Hope Post Office is no exception to this rule, and as the postal history of any country is to a very considerable extent the surest reflection of that country's commercial rise and progress, no apology is necessary for now presenting in connected narrative form a record which is so full of interest and instruction.

Arrangements designed for the purpose of the interchange of communications between individuals and peoples are as old as recorded history itself. The greetings of the lover of ancient Babylon were conveyed to the object of his affections inscribed upon the surface of a sun-dried brick, whilst the beacon fires of olden times were the means by which messages either of peace or alarm were flashed from point to point with precision and celerity.

Modern methods, whilst not so cumbersome, are, after all, only the result of the development of the original idea along the lines of natural and scientific progress.

The permanent occupation of the Cape of Good Hope by Europeans is an event of comparatively recent date, for it was only in the year 1652 that the original settlement of what has now become the City of Capetown was founded upon the shores of Table Bay by the first Dutch Governor, Johan van Riebeeck. Long before this time, however, Table Valley and many other points along the coast of Cape Colony had been visited and explored by European navigators, and although relics of such expeditions are of extreme rarity there is sufficient recorded evidence definitely to establish the fact of such visits and the names of those associated with the enterprises.

Thus it is known that the actual discovery of the Cape of Good Hope by Bartholomeu Diaz dates back to the year 1485-86.

In 1497-99 Vasco da Gama rounded the Cape and reached India, and from that time Table Bay became a regular place of call for the vessels of many European ports sailing to the East, for supplies of fresh provisions were readily obtained from the natives in exchange for old hoop iron or practically anything of European manufacture, whilst there were adequate and easily accessible watering facilities available from the stream running from the slopes of Table Mountain down to the sea near what is now Adderley Street.

It is to this practice that the original establishment of the Cape Post Office may be traced, for long before there was any attempt made to establish any settlement, it had become the recognised custom amongst the masters of ships calling at Table Bay to bury letters and despatches under rocks found lying about on the sea shore near the watering place, in order that they might subsequently be recovered and taken to their destinations by other vessels which were voyaging in the opposite route.

It is recorded that "the Commanders of several ships *brought with them* large stones of a peculiar shape engraven with the names of their vessels and their Officers, and these stones were left on the shores of Table Bay as indications that beneath them, or buried in a certain direction from them, were letters and despatches." It is, therefore, clear that originally the plan

for the various vessels was for each to have its own separate "Post Office Stone." This practice, however, was certainly not for long adhered to, and, as stated above, convenient boulders lying about on the shore were utilised, and were engraved with the necessary details as to name of ship and master, together with the date of arrival and departure, this work being done on the spot.

A considerable number of these interesting relics have been excavated in Capetown, usually at points more or less contiguous to the old watering place, and many examples are preserved in the South African Museum. Some are inscribed in English, some in Dutch and Danish and one in French.

It is interesting also to note that the original custom of each ship to have its separate stone was not followed, for several of the rocks which have been unearthed have been found to bear two or three different inscriptions referring to various vessels, and bearing dates separated by long intervals. Some of the boulders, also, have their engraved records upon both sides.

It is impossible to be certain when the practice of using these stones for the purpose referred to was first commenced. There is, however, reason to believe that the custom originated at the end of the sixteenth or the beginning of the seventeenth century. From the year 1602 the ships belonging to the English and Dutch East India Companies commenced to call nearly every year at Table Bay. The instructions of the English East India Company to their captains were explicit. They were as follows: "When you arrive at the Bay of Saldania (for such was the then recognised name of Table Bay) you shall make search for letters, and in like manner at your departure thence leaving behind you in like manner fit remembrances of all matters useful."

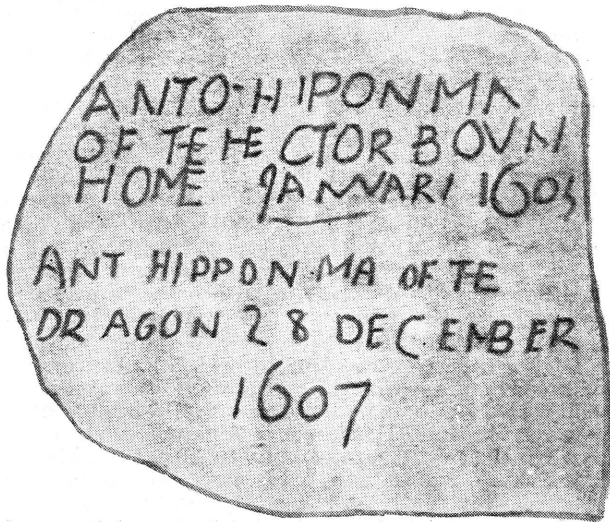
With the establishment of the first permanent settlement in 1652, the method of burying letters would, of course, no longer be necessary, and there is no doubt that when, in 1666, Governor van Riebeeck commenced the building of the Castle of Good Hope many of the old boulders with the ancient engravings upon them, which would be lying about on the shore of Table Bay, were utilised in the construction. Indeed, it is certain that such was the case, for two such stones were discovered some years ago built into the Castle walls. One of these carried three different inscriptions, and was inserted into the wall with the engravings inverted, clearly indicating that it was used for its value as building material, and not with any idea of preservation as an object of particular interest, as in those days, of course, it would not be.

One of the two stones referred to records the visit of the "Hector," Anto Hippon, Master, bound Home January 1605, and is the earliest English inscription so far discovered. On the same stone is also recorded a later visit of the same captain on board the "Dragon" in December, 1607.

The other stone found in the Castle wall is of much later date and, as mentioned, bears three different inscriptions. The principal engraving deals with the visit of the ship "Lesser James," which arrived on the 8th and departed on the 26th December, 1622, and ends up with the words "LOUK WITH THIS LINE FOR LETTERES," a curved line or groove in the rock running along its surface from the word "LINE" down to its edge.

Several other of the inscribed rocks make reference to the fact that letters are buried under them. One dated 1619 records that the "Bull" arrived on the 29th November and departed on the 12th December, and concludes with the words "LETTERS UNDER." Another has reference to the call of the "London" from Surat bound for England in March, 1622, this inscription being completed by the words "HEARE UNDER LOOKE FOR LETTERS," whilst two of the Dutch inscriptions bear the words "SOECKT BRIEVEN" and "HIERONDER LEGGEN BRIEVEN" respectively.

The words engraved on the "Post Office Stone" of the "Lesser James" in 1622, "LOUK WITH THIS LINE FOR LETERES," is regarded as having a special significance. Whilst apparently the usual practice was merely to bury the letters under the rocks and trust to luck that they would not be interfered with by the natives and ultimately reach their destinations, it seems that the captains of the English East India Company's ships had some secret code to indicate the places where their letters were to be found, and that they were not actually placed under the boulders bearing the inscriptions. This would, no doubt, account also for the fact of several English inscriptions being engraved upon the same rock.



Amongst other "Post Office" stones which have now found a fitting home in the South African Museum is one which records the visit of a fleet of six vessels in July, 1624, and in a letter which is preserved in the India Office in London, written by Thomas Kerridge, who was on board one of the vessels, the "Jonas," he states "We anchored in Saldanie Baie (Table Bay) the 19th ditto. We perceived by inscriptions on stones that the 'Dolphin' was departed. She is homeward bound from Surratt this April past, but could not find anye letteres though the inscriptions mentioned some to be there left, which appear plainly to be disinterred and taken hence by the Dutch or Danes, shippes of each having touched there since her departure."

The earliest history of the Cape of Good Hope Post Office as thus briefly outlined is but, of course, a very brief summary of what, related in detail, could such a task be undertaken, would be a long and romantic story of trial and tribulation, success and disappointment of those early pioneer navigators to whom every voyage was for themselves and those who served under them a desperate hazard.

"Freedom of the seas" was, of course, a freedom only to be secured by those strong enough and swift enough to take it, and whilst many grim events which occurred on the high seas in those pioneer days are on record, many a fearsome story remains unwritten for the reason that not a soul remained to write it.

(To be continued).

London Stamp News

By "GOOD HOPE."

It is a remarkable tribute to the vitality of the philatelic hobby, that notwithstanding the continuous though differing phases of financial stress through which the world has been passing since the conclusion of the Great War, its appeal to countless thousands of devotees is now greater than at any previous time, and the stamp trade is in a position of flourishing stability.

London is the hub of the philatelic world, and when we read in the introductory remarks to the newly-issued Gibbons catalogue for 1932 that a greater volume of business has been transacted by that firm during the past year than ever before, we may safely accept the natural inference in its application to the trade as a whole.

No stamp collector need feel the least apprehension as to the security of his holdings. The value of the £ is now an unknown and fluctuating quantity, other forms of security, almost without exception, shew a falling tendency, but postage stamps not only remain stable, but in the main shew pronounced value increases, and will inevitably continue to do so.

And what applies to Great Britain applies with equal force to South Africa. The British Premier has called for "Wise and courageous spending," and there is no form of investment providing so sound a security with the certainty of a profitable ultimate return, as that which is open to the wise and careful investor in philatelic treasure.

A good deal of publicity has been given in stamp journals over here with regard to the recent prosecution of a South African public official for illegal abstraction and disposal of Union stamp proofs. I notice, however, that proofs other than those specifically dealt with in the case referred to are being offered for sale in England, viz.: (London Print) 1d. frame only, in black; 1d. centre only, in black; ½d. black frame with red centre; 1d. black frame with red centre. (Pretoria Print) 1d. red frame with green centre; 1d. orange frame with green centre, and Postage Due 1927 in green, red and grey without value in centre. All these are offered in blocks of four.

South Africa was brought prominently before the eye of the British public on Tuesday, 6th October, for in that great national newspaper *The Daily Express*, with its daily circulation of approximately 2,000,000 copies, there appeared a detailed description of the Union pictorial stamps.

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— Editorial —

It is not often that the Editor of this journal exercises his right to ventilate in print his views on various matters. Rather does he prefer to provide readers with as much interesting news as possible. However, we hope that we will not be out of place in saying a few words once a year.

Looking back on 1931 we can say that the year has been a busy one for energetic dealers—alas, there are too many of the other kind who do the hobby a disservice by always complaining of lack of trade. The commercial community does not view 1932 too cheerfully, but we see no reason why the stamp trade should not do as well as in 1931, with consequent benefit to the hobby as a whole. There are, unfortunately, some collectors who regard all dealers as being “out for all that they can get” and do not realise that the honest, progressive dealer does the hobby many services, for it is largely from him that we obtain so much helpful information—he has the material to examine, the agents to supply him with news of new issues and varieties and is useful in many other ways.

Speaking as one who tries to do all that he can for his customers our Editor knows something of the suspicion with which dealers are regarded by many, the disinclination to answer advertisements because it is suspected that the dealer's goods may not be all that is claimed for them and the way some misguided collectors make the dealer work for his money by putting him to the trouble of rendering accounts month after month for small amounts and then “getting nasty” when the dealer, having already lost all his profit on the deal, mentions legal proceedings.

Unfortunately, there are many dealers in this world who regard the hobby as anything but a hobby and do not hesitate to be dishonest, just as there are collectors who order goods for which they do not intend to pay unless forced to.

Stamp collecting is a hobby. Let us keep out of it the unpleasant features of ordinary business. When you contact with a good dealer remember that he deserves the same consideration as any other trader and that if you treat him fairly he will look after you and do all that he can for you. In the same way the dealer should treat his customers as he would have them treat him.

Changing the subject we would say a few words about this journal. It is published by a dealer because no one else in South Africa seems in-

clined to publish a philatelic magazine. It is not run for profit, but the Publisher is able to bear the loss on production, in other words, he utilises for the benefit of the hobby some of the profit which it brings him. We have several times appealed to our readers for their co-operation in increasing our subscription list, giving the assurance that a larger list of subscribers means a bigger and better journal. The response to our appeals has been disappointing and if any readers did not care to introduce new readers because they thought that the "South African Philatelist" was a purely commercial proposition and could, therefore, look after itself we are sure that, after reading the above lines, they will change their views. The only successful way under present conditions, to reach the majority of collectors in Southern Africa is by a philatelic journal, and we once again appeal to our readers for their assistance in bringing this publication, for the benefit of the hobby, to the notice of as many philatelic friends as possible. Specimen copies and subscription forms will always be supplied free for distribution or posted direct to addresses sent us.

During the last few months the issues of this journal have been late in appearing, but the news has always been fresh. News received up to a few days of publication is included—the delay is not the fault of our printers. We hope for the future to publish during the month for which the issue is dated and assure all subscribers that they will always receive the latest news and the full number of copies paid for.

Analyse the contents of this issue and if you do not think that it is full of interesting topical news, up-to-date illustrations and reliable advertisements—which we commend to your careful perusal—write us—we are always pleased to receive suggestions for improvement.

In conclusion we thank you for your kind attention while the Editor "gets it off his chest" and wish you

A VERY BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS 1932.

THAT GOLD STANDARD.—The Union Government's decision to remain on the gold standard is not popular in many quarters but the difference between the value of British and Union money may not be so noticeable when the new Union currency, now definitely decided upon, is introduced either in 1932 or 1933. Naturally, progressive South African dealers who buy British goods at present rates of exchange will pass on the benefit to their customers and our Publisher is now pricing new stocks of stamps at lower prices than could be charged six months ago. His 1932 price list of albums and accessories, to appear shortly, will shew substantial reductions in prices. Thus, it will still pay collectors to buy in South Africa—they will get the benefit of the difference in the exchange and will be saved the indignity of begging a draft on London from their bank manager. Practically the whole of the British Empire is off the gold standard, so that as new stocks are purchased South African dealers should be able to sell current issues unused at below face value in Union money and our Publisher is already doing this.

When your subscription falls due please renew promptly and so make sure that you will continue to be kept up-to-date in Southern African philatelic matters. Also, please notify us of changes in address.

AIR MAIL NEWS

Save for the fact that the machine was a day late after leaving Kenya the first air mail from London to Cape town went through without a hitch. Capetown was reached in the evening of December 21st.

Covers carried from London to Capetown will never be rare, but those from some of the intermediate stages will turn out well. All correspondence was backstamped, letters for some points being backstamped several times, depending upon how often the mail was resorted. Letters for all Union and S.W.A. points were backstamped at Johannesburg and again at final destination, the second backstamp bearing the same date as the Johannesburg one—December 21st. It is quite interesting to see covers bearing the Johannesburg postmark of 21st December and Windhoek backstamp of the same date.

Khartoum (Sudan) applied an attractive cachet worded "FIRST FLIGHT KHARTOUM TO CAPETOWN" and picture of aeroplane, while at Port Bell (Uganda) the Postmaster applied a cachet bearing a picture of a lion and the words "FIRST FLIGHT PORT BELL."

Except for mail from Kenya no air mail was dropped at Pietersburg, although bags were picked up there. The Pietersburg mail from other countries was included in the Johannesburg mail bags. Covers posted in Great Britain, N. Rhodesia and the Union bear no special postal markings, other than the official air mail label. S. Rhodesia applied a one line cachet worded "EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT" to all covers, this cachet also being applied to a small mail from Nyasaland, which was mailed to, backstamped at, and put on the Imperial Airways machine at Salisbury.

The first flight on the Windhoek-Kimberley route connected with the arrival at Kimberley of the Imperial Airways machine and mails were exchanged there. For this flight Windhoek used the new air mail postmark illustrated in this issue, but Mariental and Keetmanshoop used their original rubber air mail postmarks and also applied the ordinary datestamp to the face of each cover.

Even though air mail covers may bear no special postmarks the time elapsing between the date in the postmark and the date in the backstamp proves carriage by air mail. By ordinary means it takes a letter about 30 days to travel from London to Mpika (N. Rhodesia). By air the journey occupies about nine days. From Uganda to Johannesburg requires a minimum of 10 days by ordinary transport but by air the journey is done in under four days.

We have to correct a mistake in our November issue, in which much information was given regarding the first outward flight; Mbeya is not in N. Rhodesia, but in Tanganyika Territory, although we understand that mails for that point can be transmitted from N. Rhodesia (Kapiri M'Poshi) along the Great North Road via Mpika, the journey occupying about a week in dry weather and as long as three months when the floods are on.

The first flight from Capetown to London is to leave the former city on January 27th, picking up and setting down mails at Victoria West, Kimberley, Johannesburg, Pietersburg (S. Africa), Bulawayo, Salisbury (S. Rhodesia), Broken Hill, Mpika (N. Rhodesia), Mbeya, Dodoma, Moshi (Tanganyika), Nairobi, Kisumu (Kenya), Port Bell, Butiaba (Uganda), Juba, Malakal, Kosti, Khartoum, Kareima, Wadi Halfa (Sudan), Assuan, Luxor, Assiut, Cairo (Egypt). Mails will probably also be set down in Greece, Italy and France, although it is unlikely that mail will be picked up in these countries.

As on the forward flight, mail will no doubt be picked up and set down at all African landing places and there will also be a connection on the Windhoek-Kimberley airline. It will be possible to post letters in S.W. Africa for all Imperial Airways landing places, except Capetown and Victoria West, which are south of Kimberley, as mails will be transhipped to the Imperial Airways machine at Kimberley. There will also probably be a train connection from Nyasaland to Salisbury and possibly from Bechuanaland to Kimberley. Whether mails for the Imperial Airways machine will also be made up in Mocambique and other foreign African countries and railed to an Imperial Airways landing place we do not know, but such a step is bound to come sooner or later.

The landing places on the Windhoek-Kimberley airline are Windhoek, Mariental, Keetmanshoop (S.W. Africa), Upington and Kimberley (Cape Province), mails being picked up and set down at all these points. All the landing places on the Imperial Airways and S.W.A. airlines enumerated above are given in the order in which they are reached by air.

A commercial air service is expected to be inaugurated between Johannesburg and Durban in January and will later be extended to the Belgian Congo. So far, there is no intention to carry mails. Perhaps the promoters have not yet heard how useful stamp collectors are.

LATEST NEWS — JANUARY 12th.—Airmail rates for Capetown to London air service were officially announced to-day, and the delay in publication of this issue enables us to pass the news on to our readers in time for them to stamp their covers correctly. All rates which follow are per half ounce and include both postage and air fees. Registration, if desired, is extra and registration fees may now be paid with air or postage stamps, just as the ordinary charge may be paid with postage and/or air stamps. From S.W.A. to the Union and between Union stopping places 4d.; to S. & N. Rhodesia 5d., to Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika 6d., to Sudan 8d., to Egypt 10d., to all European countries, except Russia, 1s., to Russia 1s. 3d. Letters may also be addressed to all countries in America, North and West Africa, Asia Minor and India, and if additional air mail service is desired by local lines in or to the destination country this may be secured by affixing additional postage stamps to letters in accordance with the schedule which may be seen at any post office. If no additional air service is desired for letters addressed to the places mentioned, letters for the American continent and North and West Africa must be marked "By air mail to London only," and those for Asia Minor and India: "By air mail to Cairo only." For letters so marked the combined air and postage fee is 1s. per half-ounce if the letter is addressed to a British Possession and 1s. 3d. if directed to a foreign country, in which category Palestine and Iraq fall. All the above rates are for letters posted in the Union and South-Hest Africa.

Many readers will have noticed in S.A. newspapers that special envelopes for the first flight from Capetown to London are being prepared in Johannesburg. These are being published by the Publisher of this Journal and readers will find details and prices in his advertisement in this issue. Special envelopes are being sold by the S.A. Travel Bureau at 3d. each, but the inscription on them is vague and incomplete. The envelopes being sold by our Publisher cost 1½d. each, with discounts for 50 or more, and are most attractive, having been designed and produced by men who know their work.

A Johannesburg firm connected with Imperial Airways is giving special envelopes away free, but these simply bear a typeset inscription and name of the firm in black ink and can hardly be called attractive. They appear to be in the nature of an advertisement for the firm.

It is officially announced that the use of air mail stamps in the Union is to be discontinued. No more will be printed and existing stocks will be used up. Air mail stamps may now be used for ALL postage purposes, so exchange club members and others who post registered letters and parcels will be doing their correspondents a favour by using them for postage—up till now used air stamps have been difficult to obtain.



The illustration alongside is of Windhoek's new air mail postmark. The Windhoek-Keetmanshoop and Windhoek-Walvis Bay airlines were discontinued on December 8th and 13th respectively, while the Windhoek-Grootfontein line will be discontinued by the end of January. Thus, the only regular air service in S.W. Africa will in future be the Windhoek-Mariental-Keetmanshoop-Kimberley line.

New Issues (See page 146).



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A HOST OF NEW ISSUES.

The stamp printers have evidently had a prosperous Christmas, judging by the number of new issues which have come to hand. Perhaps stamp collectors are supposed to be in a generous mood when the festive season approaches. We illustrate the following: Germany (charity), French Indo-China, Canal Zone (Air Mail), Switzerland (charity), Italy (Naval Academy commemoratives), China (Sun Yat Sen commemorative), Sweden, New Zealand (charity) Dutch East Indies (charity), Portugal (commemorating 500th anniversary of death of Pereira).



(See also page 145.)

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

The numbers printed of all obsolete postage due stamps.

Type I.—“South West Africa.” and “Zuid-West Afrika.” on alternate stamps. 14 mm. between lines of overprint. Gibbons' Nos. D1 to D9. Scott's Nos. 301 to 318.



| Value. | Requisition Number. | Date of Requisition. | Date Received. | Date Issued. | No. of panes of 60 stamps. |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| ½d. (S.G.D 8) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 100 |
| " " | 608 | 5.3.23 | 24.3.23 | 30.3.23 | 100 |
| " " | 661 | 31.3.23 | 17.4.23 | 20.4.23 | 200 |
| 1d. (S.G.D 6) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 300 |
| " " | 661 | 31.3.23 | 17.4.23 | 20.4.23 | 200 |
| 1½d. (S.G.D 7) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 100 |
| " " | 661 | 31.3.23 | 17.4.23 | 20.4.23 | 200 |
| " " | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 29.9.23 | 100 |
| 2d. (S.G.D 3) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 200 |
| (S.G.D 9) | 110 | 4.6.23 | 14.6.23 | 21.6.23 | 200 |
| " " | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 29.9.23 | 200 |
| 3d. (S.G.D 4) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 50 |
| " " | 608 | 5.3.23 | 24.3.23 | 30.3.23 | 50 |
| " " | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 29.9.23 | 100 |
| 5d. (S.G.D 1) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 10 |
| " " | 608 | 5.3.23 | 24.3.23 | 30.3.23 | 50 |
| " " | 330 | 13.9.23 | 25.9.23 | 29.9.23 | 100 |
| 6d. (S.G.D 2) | 396 | 31.10.22 | 20.11.22 | 1.1.23 | 20 |
| " " | 608 | 5.3.23 | 24.3.23 | 30.3.23 | 50 |
| (S.G.D 5) | 661 | 31.3.23 | 17.4.23 | 20.4.23 | 100 |

Type II.—“South West Africa.” and “Zuid-West Afrika.” on alternate stamps. 10 mm. between lines of overprint. Gibbons' Nos. D10 to D13. Scott's Nos. 321 to 328.

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|----------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| 1d. (S.G.D 13) | No record. | | | | |
| 2d. (S.G.D 11) | 661 | 31.3.23 | 17.4.23 | 20.4.23 | 200 |
| 3d. (S.G.D 12) | " | " | " | " | 200 |
| 5d. (S.G.D 10) | " | " | " | " | 100 |

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

DEATH OF POPULAR COLLECTOR.—We deeply regret to record the passing of another well-known South African collector, Mr. W. Newcombe-Bond, who died at Johannesburg on Dingaans' Day. A very cheery soul, even to the last, he will be missed by the many friends he made in all parts of the Union. To his relatives and other friends we extend our sincerest sympathy. His sister, Mrs. Gosling, is one of the live wires of philately in Durban.

THE SESYU MYSTERY.—The mystery deepens, the lay press is locating the "country" in various parts of the world and passing on the "news" to readers. To tell a joke successfully you must preserve a serious face and the editor of the "Philatelic Magazine" is evidently a past master of this art, for an Australian editor is rejoicing at the way in which the "P.M." man was, in his opinion, "taken in."

REVIEWS.—Philatelic scribes have been busy of late — may they be rewarded in heaven if their efforts here below make them poorer financially. "The Air Mails and Pigeon Posts of New Zealand" is a most comprehensive handbook on the subject indicated in the title. There are many illustrations throughout its 90 pages. Although no price is given we think that a P.O. for 2s. 6d. to Mr. P. R. Jackson, Box 1269, Wellington, N.Z., will bring a copy by return post.

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H. E. SIEGER,—of Lorch, Wurttemberg, is a progressive publisher of air mail catalogues. He has just issued a catalogue of Zeppelin covers at the modest price of 1s. We can supply his general catalogue of air stamps, giving prices for mint, used and "on cover," for 3s.

EXHIBITIONS.—We have already drawn attention to the great international philatelic exhibition to be held in Vienna in June and July, 1933, and now have to pass on the news that the philatelists of Danzig will stage an international air post exhibition in their city next July. If you are interested our Editor will be glad to send you full particulars.

AUSTRALIAN READERS.—To compete with overseas dealers who are now selling unused current issues of Australia, N.Z., and surrounding islands at below their face value in gold Australian readers are advised that in future stamps of the countries mentioned will be accepted by our Publisher in payment of subscriptions, advertisements, stamps, etc., on the basis of £1 face value equals 15s. South African money. Actually, £1 worth of Australasians is worth even less than 15s. gold, but our Publisher is prepared to "stand" part of the difference in the exchange. Only new and recent issues will be accepted.

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The Cape of Good Hope Post Office

HISTORY OF ITS BIRTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

By G. J. ALLIS.

PART II.

The establishment of the first European settlement at the Cape of Good Hope in 1652 was the indirect result of the disaster which overtook the "Haarlem," (one of the most important ships of the fleet owned by the Dutch East India Company) in 1648, when she was driven ashore and totally wrecked during a heavy gale in Table Bay.

For several months the survivors of the crew of this vessel were compelled to live the lives of castaways, and as it is recorded that they were obliged to throw up earth works for protection against the natives, it is to be assumed that during their stay under the shadow of Table Mountain they suffered those privations and anxieties which are usually associated with circumstances of the kind.

Upon their ultimate return to Holland, however, the representations which they made convinced the Directorate of the Company of the desirability, economic and otherwise, of establishing as a permanent settlement under the Company's Charter, what had hitherto only been regarded as a casual place of call under no authoritative or organised system of control.

The duty of carrying this decision into effect was placed in the hands of Johan van Riebeeck, who landed in Table Bay, with a fleet of four ships, during the first week of April, 1652.

The records of the Colony which are preserved in the Cape Archives and which deal with the progress and development of the Dutch settlement for the first 140 years after its foundation, contain very little information with regard to the postal arrangements.

As regards letters for overseas, however, there would no longer be any occasion for the use of "Post Office" stones by the mariners calling at the Bay.

It is known that regular official communication was maintained between Capetown and Wynberg, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Malmesbury, where farm settlements had, in the meantime, been established, by means of despatch riders, who also, no doubt, carried the private mails, but there are no records to indicate the exact nature of the arrangements as between the Government and the public or to show whether such mails were forwarded at regular intervals or spasmodically as necessity required. Neither do the records reveal what charges were made for the services performed.

With regard to official correspondence addressed to the Headquarters of the Dutch East India Company in Holland, the usual, although not invariable system was to forward the same in the first place to the Governor General in Batavia, to whom the governing authorities at the Cape settlement were directly responsible, and, in order as far as possible to make sure of the arrival of a letter at its destination, two copies were, as a rule, sent off by different ships. This plan as regards official correspondence and despatches was adhered to until the latter part of the eighteenth century.

With regard to private letters addressed to oversea destinations, there seem to have been no officially recognised arrangements in the days referred to, and the customary plan appears to have been for the Captains of vessels calling at Table Bay to convey any private correspondence which might be

placed in their charge at the request of the sender, purely as a matter of favour and arrangement, and upon such terms as might be mutually agreed.

This service was often performed either by a member of the ship's crew or by a passenger, for it is on record that letters so forwarded have been found amongst the personal effects of sailors or passengers who had died during the course of the voyage.

So far as the old Cape records shew it was not until the year 1791 that any attempt was made to place the then existing haphazard postal arrangements upon an organised basis.

At that time the Council of Policy, (or, to give it its official Dutch designation, De Raad van Politie) was the ruling authority at the Cape settlement.

This Council consisted of the Governor as President and Councillors who were paid servants of the Dutch East India Company, and who were nominated by that body as members, from time to time as required.

In 1788 the Directorate of the Dutch East India Company in Holland addressed a communication to the Council of Policy dealing specifically with the question of the postal arrangements then in operation, and conveying instructions that consideration should be given to the question of "the establishment of a Post Office for the posting of letters between Europe and the Cape and the Company's possessions in the Indies."

For upwards of three years, however, nothing was done in the desired direction, a fact which may, in part, be accounted for by the circumlocutory system of forwarding correspondence through the Governor-General at Batavia.

The matter was, however, revived in 1791, and at a meeting of the Council of Policy held upon the 26th August of that year a resolution was adopted by which the Council appointed two of its members, (Messrs. J. J. le Sueur and W. F. van Reede van Oudtshoorn) to prepare a scheme for "the posting and receiving of private letters" for the Council's consideration.

The report of this special committee was duly submitted and the proposals therein contained were approved at a meeting of the Council held on the 28th December, 1791.

Steps were immediately taken to bring the new postal scheme into operation, and, without waiting to submit the proposals to Holland for official ratification, the various recommendations of the special committee were acted upon.

These recommendations included the appointment of a Commissioner to personally supervise all postal work, the general organisation of the department being placed in the hands of a Postmaster to operate under the direction of the Commissioner. A Postman was also appointed, who was instructed to make collection of certain specified fees upon the delivery of each letter or packet.

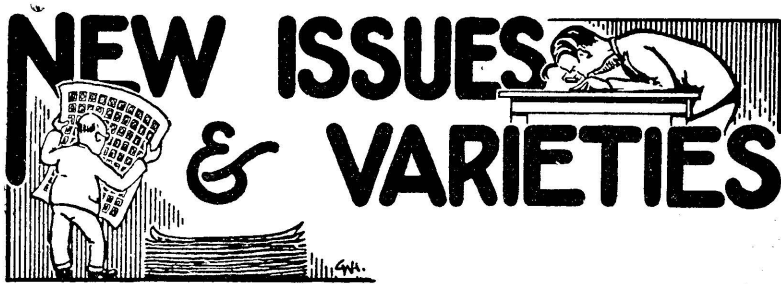
Mr. van Reede van Oudtshoorn was appointed as the first Commissioner Mr. Adriaan Vincent Bergh as first Postmaster and Mr. Aegidius Benedictus Ziervogel as first Postman.

The first Cape of Good Hope Post Office was established in the Castle building, the erection of which was commenced by Governor van Riebeeck in 1666. The apartment which was used for the purpose is described in the old Cape records as the "the lodging of the Dragoons or the Governor's Bodyguard, at this time used as a dispens." (store)

Upon the arrival of mails a notice board was shown intimating the fact of arrival and the time for delivery of the letters.

(To be continued.)

NEW ISSUES & VARIETIES



AUSTRALIA.—The new air mail stamp in the Kingsford Smith design, but with amended inscription, has appeared. It is unwatermarked and is printed in sepia, the denomination being 6d. It may also be had overprinted "O.S." and is in this condition obtainable by the public, who may use it for air mail purposes, just as anyone can use Union Officials for postage purposes. Further values of Australian stamps are to be overprinted "O.S." and placed on sale to the public, while the new postage issue, to appear shortly, will be similarly treated. Of course, all this is not done to "raise the wind"—governments could not stoop to anything so low!

The 1d. and 2d. postage due stamps have appeared with the new multiple "C OF A" watermark described last month.

NEW GUINEA.—The Bird of Paradise set will not have a long life, for both it and the "hut" type are to be replaced by an entirely new "permanent" issue. Even used copies of the high values of the "hut" type fetch double face value in Australia.

NEW ZEALAND.—The atrociously printed 1s. 3d. postal fiscal is now been printed in orange, instead of yellow, while further values to appear in the same (Arms) type are 5s., 8s., 9s., 15s. and £1.

This Dominion has done it again with two awful Charity stamps, not to mention the trio of air stamps, which has at last appeared. The designs are not bad but the production leaves much to be desired. Charity stamps in design illustrated: 1d. plus 1d. red, 2d. plus 1d. blue. Air mail stamps (to be illustrated in a forthcoming issue): 3d. chocolate, 4d. mauve, 7d. cadmium brown.

NORTH BORNEO.—The unsold stock of the 1931 Jubilee Year issue has been destroyed. The practice of cancelling remainders and selling them to the stamp trade has been discontinued.

TRAVANCORE.—Next month we will illustrate the designs of the issue commemorating the investiture of the Maharajah with full ruling powers—he is a big fellow of 19. The denominations are 6 cash, 10 cash, 3 chuckrams. As the printing is execrable we will keep our "cash."

ZANZIBAR.—A locally produced set of postage dues is in use, the denominations being 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15, 20, 21, 25, 31, 50 and 75c. They are type-set labels and, despite the financial stringency—evidently

not common to Zanzibar—are not sold to the public. We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. for this news.

