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Air Mails to Commence Immediately.

UNION'S MINISTER OF POSTS SPRINGS A SURPRISE.

We certainly expected that a definite pronouncement regarding Air Mails in South Africa would be made by Mr. Thomas Boydell, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs for the Union, during the next session of Parliament (which commences on the 22nd instant), but we did not expect to have an elaborate and well thought out scheme dumped on us with the suddenness with which Mr. Boydell did the deed.

The first service will commence on March 2nd, and will connect Capetown with Durban. The object of this experimental service—for such it is—is to facilitate the receipt and despatch of European mails. It will be possible for members of the public in Mossel Bay, East London, Port Elizabeth and Durban—at which place planes will stop—to receive their inward European mail a few hours after the mail boat is berthed in Capetown, and to despatch their outward mail much later than they are required to do at present, provided, of course, the necessary extra fees are paid.

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Postcards, 1d. each; letters, 3d. per ounce; parcels, 6d. per lb.

The air mail fees on inland mail matter and matter for the outward European mail will be prepaid with

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The Postage Due Stamps of South-West Africa.

By Major L. J. WORTHINGTON (In *Stamp Collecting*).

(Continued from January issue.)

Setting (B). Type-set.

Main varieties, which are constant, are:—

- (a) Stop missing in No. 31.
- (b) Raised "f" on No. 41.
- (c) Overprints out of alignment, particularly between fourth and fifth stamps of fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth rows (see below *re* ninth and tenth rows).

And sub-varieties (which are not constant except i, ii, and vii):—

- (i) Dot over "i" in "Africa" on No. 12 worn in its top left corner.
- (ii) White dot in "z" on No. 19.
- (iii) Space-mark after "Africa" on No. 25.
- (iv) Shorter bottom stroke to "z" on No. 31.
- (v) Space-mark after "west" on No. 41.
- (vi) Faint stop after "west" on No. 44.
- (vii) Stop after "Africa" touching the "a" on No. 53.
- (viii) "i" and its dot joined, or nearly joined, on No. 54.

The values which occur in this main setting (B) are:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (left and right panes), 1d. rouletted (plate "B"), $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rouletted (plate "C"), 2d. Pretoria (right panes), 5d. Transvaal (right panes), 6d. Transvaal (left panes).

It is divisible into six main stages, viz.:—

- (B 1) Overprints in alignment between fourth and fifth stamps of ninth and tenth rows. This occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d. Pretoria (believed to belong to this stage), 5d. Transvaal.
- (B 2) Overprints out of alignment between fourth and fifth stamps of ninth and tenth rows. This occurs in 1d. rouletted, 6d. Transvaal.
- (B 3) As (B 2) but with additional variety, viz.
"frica" dropped on No. 44 (giving the appearance of a raised stop). This occurs in $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rouletted.
- (B 4) As (B 1) but with additional variety, viz.
"Africa" spaced thus: "A frika" on No. 59. This occurs in 5d. Transvaal and 6d. Transvaal.
- (B 5) As (B ?), but with additional variety, viz.:
Spacing between lines of overprint only 12 mm. on No. 1 and normal 14 mm. on remainder. This occurs in 6d. Transvaal.
- (B 6) As (B 5), but with additional variety, viz.:
Spacing between lines of overprint only 12 mm. on No. 1, 16 mm. on No. 7, and normal 14 mm. on remainder. This occurs in 6d. Transvaal.

In (B 1) and (B 6) but not in (B 2) nor (B 3), the overprints are out of alignment between the first and second stamps of the third and fourth rows.

SETTING (C). Type-set.

Main varieties, which are constant, are:—

- (a) Raised "f" on No. 41.
- (b) Slightly flattened left side to "s" on No. 37.
- (c) Shortened lower loop to "s" on No. 51.
- (d) Overprints generally in moderately good alignment, slanting slightly upwards from left to right on the last two rows.

And sub-varieties, which are constant:—

- (i) Dot over "i" in "Africa" on No. 12 worn in its top left corner.
- (ii) White dot in "z" on No. 19.
- (iii) Shorter bottom stroke to "z" on No. 31 (though only just perceptibly so).

(iv) Slight groove in right side of "d" on No. 59.

This setting is closely connected with (B 1), the essential difference being that the bad alignments of setting (B) are now corrected, and it might be made into another of setting (B), though, in view of the fact that the forme was evidently deliberately touched up to correct the alignment, making this into a separate setting, conveniently serves to divide settings (B) from (D).

The minor variety, negligible in itself, of the stop touching the "a" on No. 53 in setting (B), does not occur in setting (C), and was mentioned only as being a distinguishing mark of setting (B) for small bottom right corner blocks.

The only value occurring in this main setting (C) is 2d. Pretoria. It is divisible into two stages, viz.:—

(C 1) (a) Stop missing on No. 31.

(b) Faint space-mark after "Afrika" on No. 31, which gives the appearance of a raised stop.

This occurs in 2d. Pretoria (left panes).

(C 2) (a) Normal stop on No. 31.

(b) No space-mark after "Afrika" on No. 31.

This occurs in 2d. Pretoria (right panes).

As in setting (B), the overprint is decidedly type-set and fairly heavily applied, giving a distinct "cut" to the paper, while the "f's" are coarsely printed, with but little gap between the top loop and right cross-bar.

SETTING (D). Type-set (? or stereotyped).

Main variety, which is constant, is:—

Raised "f" on No. 41.

No sub-varieties occur.

The values which occur in this setting are:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (left and right panes) and 6d. Transvaal (right panes).

Despite the recurrence of the raised "f" variety, this setting has many differences from setting (C).

The overprint is grey-black, lightly applied without giving a "cut" to the paper, except from a few stops; the alignment is extremely regular; "f's" are clearly printed with a distinct gap between the top loop and right cross-bar; the dot over the "i" in "Africa" on No. 12 is not worn but prints fully square.

Regarding the nature of this setting, see notes following setting (G) of the second (narrow) overprint.

SETTING (E). Type-set.

Main varieties, which are constant, are:—

(a) Dropped "z" in "Zuid" on No. 6.

(b) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 37.

(c) "t" missing from "West" on No. 48.

(d) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 56.

(e) Space-mark after "West" on No. 56.

And sub-varieties, which are constant:—

(i) Overprint set slightly closer on No. 17.

(ii) Left half stop only on No. 22.

(iii) Top half stop only on No. 27.

(iv) Short left leg to "a" on No. 28.

(v) Broken "i" in "Africa" on No. 40.

(vi) Split stop on No. 51.

The values which occur in this setting are 5d. Transvaal (left panes), 6d. Union, De La Rue (right panes).

This setting was apparently issued very late, after the appearance of first values with the third (Zuidwest) overprint. It would appear as if the type were set up afresh specially for this printing, as the letter "a" with short left leg, which occurred on No. 55 in the original setting (A), now occurs on No. 26; some of the "f's" print clearly, others coarsely, the general overprint being greyish-black.

(To be continued.)

THE STAMPS OF CYPRUS.

(A paper read beefore a meeting of the East Rand Philatelic Society by C. E. Donne.)

(Continued from January issue.)

The taking over of the government of Cyprus was an accomplished fact before it had dawned on the intelligence of the British Government that the Cypriotes, although not greatly addicted to the habit of letter writing, would need postage stamps. As a temporary measure ordinary British stamps were supplied for the purpose; later, in February, 1880, a special overprint of the name "Cyprus" was applied to these, and in 1881 the first distinctive stamps for the island were supplied from the factory of Messrs. de la Rue.

THE UNOVERPRINTED BRITISH STAMPS.

Messrs. W. Bernstein and Chas. Nissen, in their article on British stamps used abroad, give the following:—"These uncharged British stamps were available for internal postage, this being the only instance in the history of "Used Abroads" where such was the case."

Does not this fact make the British stamps with Cyprus postmarks stand out from the others of the same class as belonging absolutely to the country of use? I hold that, from July, 1878, the date of the annexation, until the time when the overprinted stamps were issued, the ordinary British stamps *were* also the stamps of Cyprus, and I think that no collection of the island's stamps can show any claim to completion unless it includes stamps of this period which, being distinguishable only by their postmarks, must necessarily be collected in a cancelled condition.

The numbered postmarks allocated to the various town in Cyprus were as follows:—

942.—Larnaca (Sea Port).

969.—Nikosia (Capital).

974.—Baffo.

975.—Famagusta.

981.—Limasol.

982.—Kyrenia.

D 47.—Polymedia.

D 48.—The Army Headquarters Camp.

Another office number, it appears, was allocated:—

098.—Platres, but no specimens of this cancellation are known to exist.

The following values and plate numbers are known with the various Cyprus postmarks:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. Red.—Plates 13, 14, 15, 19.

1d. Red.—Plates 81, 95, 102, 105, 109, 115, 118, 123, 170, 171, 174, 179, 184, 190, 192, 195, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 206, 207, 209, 210, 212, 213, 215, 218, 221.

2d. Blue.—Plates 14, 15.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Lilac Rose.—Plates 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Blue.—Plates 20, 21.

4d. Sage Green.—Plate 16.

6d. Grey.—Plates 15, 16.

1s. Green.—Plate 13.

1s. Brown.—Plate 14.

BRITISH STAMPS OVERPRINTED.

February 5th, 1880, was the first date on which British stamps with the overprint "Cyprus" were supplied in the island, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. being the first to arrive, followed by $\frac{1}{2}$ d. red, 1d. red, 4d. sage green, 6d. slate, 1s. green, 30 paras on 1d. red, halfpenny on 1d. red in three types.

Here is a detailed list of the whole overprinted series, given in the order of actual issue, together with the plate numbers of the several values:—

2½d. Lilac Rose.—Plate numbers 14, 15.

¾d. Red.—Plate numbers 12, 15, 19.

1d. Red.—Plate numbers 174, 181, 184, 193, 196, 201, 205, 208, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220.

4d. Sage Green.—Plate number 16.

6d. Slate.—Plate number 16.

1s. Green.—Plate number 13.

30 paras on 1d. Red.—Plate numbers 201, 216, 217, 220.

Halfpenny on 1d. Red.—Plate numbers 174, 181, 201, 205, 208, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220.

The type of the overprinted name "Cyprus" is identical on all these values except the ¾d., for which a shorter and more compact overprint was necessitated by the smaller size of the stamp. The Egyptian capitals used for the overprinting of all the values except the ¾d. are 2½ mm. in height, and the length of the overprint is rather more than 16 mm. On the ¾d. value the height is 2 mm. nearly and the length only 13 mm.

Of the "Cyprus" 2½d. lilac rose one need only say that of the two plate numbers 14 and 15, the latter is conspicuously the scarcer in used condition. As regards the unused, the balance was, to a great extent, redressed by a fairly large remainder of plate 15.

The Cyprus ¾d. red exists on three plate numbers 12, 15 and 19, the last mentioned being the rarity of the series in both used and unused condition.

Thirteen plate numbers were employed for the Cyprus 1d. red, and the passing years have witnessed many chops and changes in the market valuations of these stamps. The great rarities, undoubtedly, are plates 174, 184, 193 and 196, and next to these one would place plates 208 and 220. The belated discovery of the existence of plates 193 and 196, with the Cyprus overprint, according to a story given on credible authority, was brought about in a very curious way. An American philatelist, who called on a London firm of stamp dealers years ago, asked that a sheet of the 1d. Cyprus stamps in each plate number might be supplied to him. This was done, and the stamps included plates 193 and 196, the sheets, by the way, being supplied at the all round rate of 6s. per 100 stamps. Eventually these sheets came to be framed and hung on the walls of the Collector's Club, New York, and it was then discovered by an observant member that the sheets included plates 193 and 196, which had never been catalogued and, up to that time, were not known to exist.

Of the 4d., 6d. and 1s. stamps with the Cyprus overprint one need only say that they are scarce and growing yearly scarcer.

We now come to the 30 paras on 1d. red and the beginning of the errors. The double surcharge, one being inverted, exists on plates 216 and 220. There is also the so-called error of "80" for 30 on plate 216, but the 8 is merely a badly formed 3. Among normal specimens the outstanding rarity is plate 217.

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 - (c) **Pretoria Perforated Issue.** Complete sheet (120), ¼d., second printing. See "S.A.P." No. 8, page 107.

J. RITCHIE,

P.O. Box 743, JOHANNESBURG.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

BELGIAN CONGO.

The promised distinctive set of stamps for Ruanda and Urundi is now on issue. Fortunately one set is to suffice for the two provinces; previous information stated that each province was to have its own set. The current postage and postage due stamps of the Belgian Congo have been utilized and overprinted "Ruanda Urundi" in two lines. The postage set comprises twelve values (5c to 10 francs), while of postage dues there are six denominations (5 c. to 1 franc).

It is reported that the colours of the 50 c. and 75 c. postage stamps of the Belgian Congo are to be changed to chocolate and blue respectively to conform with the U.P.U. colour scheme

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

Before we chronicle any further new issues from this territory it is necessary to break up the various overprints in the Type IV. style, otherwise confusion might result. We propose to describe the overprints referred to as follows:—

All with "Zuidwest," 12 mm. long and "South West," 16 mm. long.

14 mm. between lines of overprint. Type IV.

12 mm. between lines of overprint. Type V.

9½ mm. between lines of overprint. Type VI.

The stamps previously described as having 10 mm. between lines of overprint really have a spacing of only 9½ mm.

From Mr. A. Lichtenstein, of Rouxville, we have a pair of 3d. postage due stamps with another new type of overprint, as follows:—

"South West," 15½ mm. long, "Zuidwest," 12 mm. long, 12 mm. between lines of overprint, thin lettering. This newcomer is best described as being Type VII.

Mr. P. H. v. d. Made, of Windhoek, kindly submits a pair of 2d. postage stamps bearing the Type VI. overprint. The specimens before us are postmarked "Otjiwarongo, 2 Jan., 1925."

Mr. M. A. L. Tothill, a Capetown enthusiast, recently showed us a sheet of 1d. postage stamps, Type III. overprint, and we noted that the overprint was in varying degrees of thickness, the lettering being thicker at the top of the sheet than at the bottom. This must not be confused with the Type III. style of overprint in thin lettering, which is obviously a distinct setting, and which we propose to call Type IIIa.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

An interesting variety was recently brought to our notice. The find is a block of four 2d. postage from the right bottom corner of the sheet with a white patch diagonally across the bottom right corner of the last stamp.

The figure of value and part of the design are therefore missing. The variety was obviously caused by a stray piece of paper getting in the way.

A registration envelope with the impression of the stamp in albino has been shown us by Mr. M. A. L. Tothill.

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THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

(Continued from January issue.)

Early in 1879 Gambia was admitted to the Universal Postal Union, and in June of the following year issued a new set of stamps comprising seven values, as follows:

- ¾d. orange.
- 1d. lake.
- 2d. rose.
- 3d. ultramarine.
- 4d. brown.
- 6d. blue.
- 1s. green.

There are several shades of each value. The design remains the same as that of the previous issue, as also the paper on which the stamps were printed, i.e., Crown and C.C. In the earlier printings the watermark is vertical, but in later printings sideways, as it was found that a sheet of C.C. paper would provide twelve small sheets (instead of ten) by printing sideways. Stamps are to be found with the watermark inverted, also with portions of the words "Crown Colonies" and division lines of the panes. This issue is perforated 14, and two machines were used—single line and comb. Most of the stamps with vertical watermark are single line perf. and vary considerably in size, while those perforated with the comb machine are all the same size. Block and pairs can generally be distinguished by the position of the holes where the lines of perforation cross. For printing the sixpenny value the same plate was again used and the defect in the top now appears to have increased with every printing, as the sloping label variations are more pronounced than in the previous issue. I have not seen a complete sheet of the sixpenny printed from the original plate so cannot say whether the embossing plate was also defective. Can any reader supply this information? All values of this issue exist with double embossing, and the halfpenny is to be found with double perf. at top and sides. All values can also be found overprinted "Specimen," in fact all the regular issues of Gambia exist in this condition.

(To be continued.)

TWO INTERESTING VISITORS.

Last month we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. D. Field, of London, who have been spending a few months at the Cape.

Mr. Field is, as readers know, one of London's old-established stamp dealers, while Mrs. Field is well known as the owner of a magnificent collection of Cape triangulars.

Doctor's orders brought Mr. Field to this country, and we are very pleased to know that the extremely healthy atmosphere of the Cape Peninsula has benefitted his health very considerably.

Much to the regret of philatelists, Mr. Field is, owing to the aforementioned doctor's orders, unable to visit any other part of South Africa.

Mrs. Field very kindly shewed us her wonderful Cape triangular collection. It contains a splendid array of all issues; shades, errors, large blocks and entire sets being in profusion, and every stamp is in first-class condition.

The members of the Capetown Philatelic Society have had the good fortune to view Mrs. Field's collection on two occasions.

Our visitors leave for Madeira on the 20th instant, where six weeks will be spent before returning to London.

We wish Mr and Mrs. Field a pleasant journey to Madeira and the best of holidays there.

During Mr. Field's absence from London his business is under the able management of Mr. Greenway.

A Busy Day in a Stamp Shop.

"Good morning! Do you buy stamps?"

"Oh, no!" said the dealer, "we have most of them given to us; the rest we make with a printing press beneath the counter."

"I have quite a lot of stamps, collected by my grandpa, who died last year, poor dear. He thought a tremendous lot of them, but of course couldn't take them with him," sighed the damsel.

"No, they don't stand the heat too well," replied the dealer.

"What is the Blue Mauritius worth? I think I have one. And, oh! are stamps marked with a blue pencil any good? I've got a lot of stamps issued a hundred years ago; are they valuable? What's the black stamp worth with the Queen's head on? Oh, I don't know what country, the top's torn off. Triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps are the rarest, are they not? Why are they made with only three corners? To use less paper! How interesting. Where do you get all your stamps from? Have you got a collection of your own? I suppose you have a lot of stamps in it—how ripping!"

"Oh—er—yes! yes! no! yes! perhaps!" sighed the dealer, wiping his brow and gasping for breath.

"And, oh! I hope I'm not worrying you, but if I brought my collection in, would you value it for me? I think it should be worth a large sum. I've spent quite a lot of money buying packets, and I have saved all the stamps from the letters that come to the office. Oh, I say, what a ducky little chap that saxe-blue one is. Could I have it? Oh, thank you."

The dealer spends five minutes taking the stamp from the showcase and knocks down half his stock in doing so.

"Sixpence for one stamp?" gurgled the flapper. "I think I'll wait until Saturday. If I don't come in you'll know I can't afford it; and do you exchange stamps? I have about fifty penny New Zealands. Could I get an album for them? Oh, what a pity; I did want a new one, too. What sort of gum do you use to put stamps in the book with? Hinges! What are they? Things you put doors on with? Oh, little pieces of paper! How silly of me," giggled the budding philatelist.

"What's a watermark? How extraordinary, I thought they were marks left on the stamps after they had been soaked in boiling water. There's quite a lot to learn about stamps, is there not? I'd love to work in a stamp shop, it must be simply ripping. What do you keep the stamps in those big books for? I thread all my duplicates on cotton, it keeps them better together. I suppose you make a lot of money out of stamps? I never buy many now. I think dealers are such pests, they never seem to pay attention to my requirements. I see they are having a big stamp exhibition soon. I suppose you'll win a lot of prizes? How stunning! I may put some of mine in. I don't know yet. Could I have some of those sticky things—you know, the thingamies—hinges I think you called them? Thanks awfully. If they stick well I'll get a threepenny packet. Must I lick them, or is it necessary to use paste?"

"No!" said the dealer, disappearing into the strong room, "the best method is to use a fire hose."

"Brute!" gasped the lady.—*New Zealand Stamp Collector.*

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. J. E. M. Coch. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Mark Rose, P.O. Box 4967, Johannesburg:
Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

The second January meeting was attended by a good muster of members. New issues and varieties of Trinidad, Palestine, South-West Africa, the Union and Rhodesia were exhibited by Messrs. Glasser and Robertson. Mr. Wood then read a most interesting paper on the stamps and postal history of Egypt. His representative collection of this country's stamps was much admired. Several interesting entires were also shown by him. The meeting closed with a general discussion.

THE EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. Thos. Wood. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. E. Donne, P.O. Box 2, Benoni.
Meetings held third Wednesdays, 8 p.m. in Transvaal Hotel, opposite Boksburg Station.

On January 14th the Johannesburg Society paid the above Society its promised visit, and the result was a very crowded house. Most of the visitors exhibited very interesting collections, and the displays were much appreciated by the East Randites. The visitors were heartily thanked for their kindness in coming out to Boksburg.

CAPETOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Major Milligan. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Comyns, c/o. Ordnance Depot
Portsworld Road, Capetown.

Meetings held at Railway Institute, first and third Thursdays at 8 p.m.

There was a good attendance at the meeting held on January 22nd. In the absence of the President (Major Milligan), Mr. Meyer occupied the chair. Two visitors, Messrs. J. Robertson of Johannesburg, and L. Gillen of Pretoria, were cordially welcomed by the Chairman. Mr. K. Alexander's magnificent collection of Morocco Agencies was laid on the table and much admired. The collection is strong in all issues and contains a large number of "entires." A brisk auction was held, the hammer being wielded by Mr. Ashmead.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. F. E. Dalby. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. B. Levy, P.O. Box 372, East London.
Meetings held in Sons of England Hall, third Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Junior Society's meetings held in Selborne College last Friday each month.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Society was held on Friday, January 16th. Mr. Dalby presided, and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Mr. J. Carnell gave a very fine display of the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope. There were a good number of pages of triangulars, which included a number of rarities, but the palm must be given to a superb pair of the Id. "woodblock" on piece of original. The next meeting takes place on February 20th, when there will be a display of rarities by members and a "spotting" competition.

STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUE, Part II., Foreign Countries, 1925 Edition.

By the time this appears in print the above indispensable work will be off the press. It is going to be a "bumper" edition, and the numerous new issues which have appeared since the last edition was published will make our friend very stout.

THE PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY VISITS JOHANNESBURG.

We left Pretoria a happy little band of philatelists punctually at 6.20 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th January, after losing twenty minutes whilst one of our party was counting his cash. A horrible feeling of nausea crept over us nine miles from town when our off hind wheel expired with a sickening hiss. It is wonderful how Nature levels things up, however, as we were lucky to meet with our second and third "burst" at the Halfway House. Johannesburg was reached without further mishap at 8.35 p.m., and we were met by our genial friends, Messrs. Coch, Donne, Vogts, and about twenty other collectors, who gave us a hearty welcome.

The preliminaries over, Mr. Chairman Coch called upon Mr. Andrew Watson for his paper and exhibit. An exceedingly interesting paper was followed by a grand display of the line-engraved stamps of Great Britain, which aroused keen enthusiasm.

Mr. Chas. Hand followed with an entertaining paper and display of fourteen pages of rare stamps of the Transvaal—extreme rarities—with histories.

Major Milligan then exhibited his magnificent collection of Canada, showing proofs, essays, rare pence issues in shades, etc., a collection practically complete with the exception of the greater rarities.

An interesting display of the stamps of Italy and Colonies, being a portion of Mr. Westbrook's specialised collection, terminated the proceedings. The exhibitors were heartily thanked by the many present. Mr. Watson responded on behalf of the Pretoria Society, and extended an invitation to members of kindred societies to attend the annual dinner of the Pretoria Philatelic Society, which is to be held on 16th February, at the Standard, Pretoria.

We again boarded our bus and hastened home. Pretoria was reached at 1.20 a.m., and we all went to bed with pleasant visions. E.C.W.

Air Mails to Commence Immediately—continued from page 1.

Special Air Mail Stamps.

The Minister of Posts has approved of a design for air mail stamps, and these are now being printed, and are expected to be ready by the end of this month. They will be of denominations to suit the various charges.

We understand that the Government Printer, Pretoria, will be responsible for the printing of these stamps.

Should the stamps not be ready before the service commences, mail matter may be franked, pending their appearance, with ordinary postage stamps and marked "By Air Mail," or words to that effect.

An appropriately worded "sticker," which is now on issue, may be used in lieu of a written inscription.

The reason that the air mail is being confined to the Capetown-Durban route for the present is because the train journey is slow compared with the Capetown-Johannesburg route.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE AIR MAIL.

The first flights in each direction of the Capetown-Durban Air Mail were a complete success, the aeroplanes doing the journeys well within the scheduled time. Weather conditions have been unfavourable, and during trial flights, two machines were wrecked. Owing to fog, Mossel Bay has been cut out of the route, and the aerodrome removed to Oudtshoorn. Mails between every two points possible on the route were carried on the initial flights.

The Government will not, of course, derive any profit from the Air Mail, the service being, as stated before, purely experimental. The public has shewn great interest in the venture, and members of Parliament are asking for services from Capetown and Durban to Johannesburg.

Capetown and Durban post offices are advertising the Air Mail by means of an advertising postmark, which reads "Air Mail Saves Time," "Lugpos Bespaar Tyd." A picture of an aeroplane appears under the English inscription and also under the Afrikaans version.

The Air Mail stamps are now on issue; for particulars see New Issue Chronicle. Our illustration shews the new stamps, and also the etiquette (printed in black on orange) issued by the Post Office. A large number of these stamps has already been sold, and they have been much discussed.

A COMPETITION.

Readers all have their views on these stamps. Some will, no doubt, maintain that as ordinary postage stamps are available for payment of Air Mail fees, their issue was unnecessary, while others will be pleased at their issue. Here we have the opportunity for a competition. To the subscriber who sends in the best argument in favour of these stamps we will award two years' subscription to the "S.A. Philatelist," and to the senders of the two next best arguments one year's free subscription each. Similar prizes will be awarded to the senders of the three best arguments against the issue of the Air Mail stamps. Only registered subscribers to, and advertisers in, this journal may compete. Non-subscribers may send in their subscriptions with their letters, and should they be successful in winning prizes their subscriptions will be extended to the value of prizes won.

Letters should be as brief as possible, and entries must be received by the Editor not later than April 5th. The results and winning arguments will be published in our next issue.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

BELGIAN CONGO.

Several values are now on issue in new colours as follows:—30 c. olive, 50 c. orange-brown, 75 c. blue.

A new value, design male native head (profile), has also been issued, 40 c. mauve.

All the above have also been overprinted RUANDI URUNDI.

GOLD COAST.

Script watermark, 1/- on emerald, 2/6. Printed in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), from plate II., die 2, four controls, one at second stamp from each corner.—R. Roberts, London.

MAURITIUS.

Our good friend, Mr. R. Roberts, of London, reports receipt of the 5 rupees green and red on yellow paper, wmk., script C.A., Die 2, printed from Plate II., in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), with four controls, one at second stamp from each corner.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. Mallet-Veale, we are able to give a copy of an official notice which appeared in the "Northern Rhodesia Government Gazette" of 15th January, 1925:—

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.

Postal Notice No. 2 of 1925.

POSTAGE STAMPS—NEW ISSUE.

It is hereby notified for public information that the new issue of postage stamps 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 the 30th September, 1925.

Public attention is especially drawn to the fact that mail matter posted after the 30th September, which bears stamps of the old issue, will be surcharged.

The new issue consists of stamps and embossed stationery of the following denominations:—

Stamps:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- and 20/-.

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H. A. BALDOCK,

Livingstone, 8th January, 1925.

Postmaster-General.

The new stamps will be illustrated in our next issue. The design will be a medallion of the King's head surrounded by local flora and fauna, and the stamps will be watermarked Script C.A.

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.

From Mr. Fred Stephens, of Chiromo, we have a copy of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value with script watermark inverted and reversed.

RHODESIA.

For some little time now copies of the 1d. value arriving on letters from Livingstone have been in aniline rose red, the design showing very clearly through on back.

Mr. Arthur C. Thornton has unearthed a copy of the 2½d., small arms type, overprinted "Rhodesia," with an interesting variety, namely, comma instead of full stop.

SIERRA LEONE.

Change of colour, 1½d. red, script wmk., Die 2, printed from plate II., in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), four controls, one at second stamp from each corner.—R. Roberts, London.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Our energetic correspondent, Mr. Arthur C. Thornton, of Bulawayo, writes: "Recently the ½d. imperf. between vertical pair from the top row of sheet was discovered at Filabusi, and the ¾d. imperf. bottom from the bottom row of sheet was found locally."

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

Another bunch of varieties, just when we are short of space, too.

Type I.—Mr. Mallet-Veale, our energetic correspondent at Prieska, reports the following varieties in this type:—

½d. postage, shiny black ink, double overprint.

¾d. postage due, double overprint.

2d. (Pretoria), 5d. (Transvaal), and 6d. (Union) postage dues, spacing 15 mm. instead of 14 mm. on Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 of left and right hand panes in the case of the 2d., left hand pane in the 5d., and right hand pane in the 6d.

In the 2d. due (Pretoria printing), the "barred out" (No. 41) and "Wes" (No. 48) varieties chronicled by us as existing on left hand panes, also exist on right hand panes, according to our correspondent, Mr. A. Lichtenstein, of Rouxville, who concludes from this that this overprint was applied in panes of 60.

Type IIIa.—All values of postage stamps are now reported to be on issue with this overprint.

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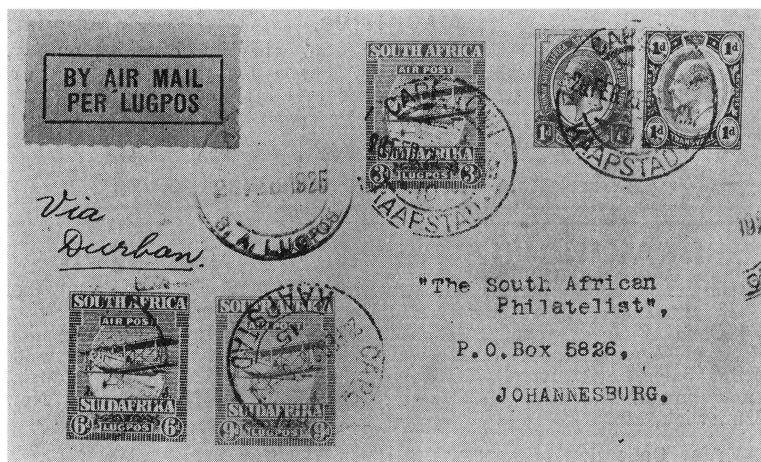


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New Issues and Varieties (continued from page 15).

Type VI. (9½ mm. spacing).—We have already chronicled the 2d. postage with this overprint. The "Philatelic Magazine" now lists the 1d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6 and 10/- values with this type. In a letter to Mr. A. Lichtenstein, Col. Venning, Director of Posts in S.W. Africa, states that the only postage stamp to receive this overprint is the 2d. value.

In the "Philatelic Magazine" Messrs. Ewens state that only a small quantity of stamps received the Type VI. overprint, and it appears to us that the supply was quickly distributed to post offices without being seen by the Director of Posts. (It will be remembered that the postal authorities disclaim all knowledge of Type II. being applied to the 1d. rouletted, although it has been proved that this stamp did receive the Type II. overprint).

The 2d. value is easily obtainable; we have been receiving copies on correspondence during the past few weeks.

In this overprint, Messrs. Ewens report two varieties, namely: (i) "A" in "Africa" in wrong font, with long curved right limb, and (ii) inverted "h" for "u" in "South." These varieties, they say, occur in all values. Mr. Tothill, of Capetown, complains of numerous broken letters.

Type VII. (12 mm. spacing, thin lettering).—A new setting of this overprint appears to have been made, says Mr. A. Lichtenstein. The first four rows of a left hand pane of 3d. postage dues in his possession make him believe this. The blunt claw to "3" occurs frequently, sometimes on the lower claw and sometimes on the upper, while on some stamps the "3" is entirely devoid of serifs.

The overprint shews the variety short "i" in "Afrika." Our correspondent also has this same variety in the same position on the ½d. due, Type IV.

Plate Flaws, ½d., Pretoria Printing.—These, adds Mr. Lichtenstein, have now all been corrected.

Messrs. Ewens state that they have received official information to the effect that there is unlikely to be any more overprinting, as a pictorial set is to be issued. One can never tell what to expect from S. W. Africa, but we will give a sigh of relief when the pictorial set eventuates.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Air Mail stamps, issued 25th February, 1925. four values—1d. red, 3d. blue, 6d. purple and 9d. green. Printed in sheets of 120 (two panes of 60, one above the other), design as per illustration, perf. 12, wove paper; no watermark. We understand that these stamps were produced for the Government Printer by the "Cape Times," Ltd. The perforation tends to bear this out. It is stated that only a small supply was produced, and that future printings will be made by the Government Printer in Pretoria. If this happens, we may expect, among other differences, a change of perforation to 14.

A very interesting variety has been brought to our notice by our good friend, Mr. J. Ritchie. He possesses a lower right pane of the 1d. postage, plate 7, which bears, down the middle of eight stamps, a white stripe about ¼ inch wide. The variety was obviously caused by a strip of paper being on the plate during printing.

From Mr. C. M. Marais, of Rouxville, we have a novel variety in the 1d. postage due, Pretoria perforated printing. Part of the frame of the top of one stamp and the bottom of another is missing, a large white blotch taking its place.

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By Lieut.-Col. L. J. WORTHINGTON (*In Stamp Collecting*).

(Continued from February issue.)

ERRORS OF THE FIRST OVERPRINT.

Apart from type varieties as above, the only two errors seen are:—

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ d. with overprint inverted.
- (2) 5d. Transvaal with overprint set low, so that the top row of stamps received only the overprint:—

“SOUTH WEST” “ZUID-WEST” &c.

And the lower rows:—

“AFRICA” “AFRIKA”
 “ZUID-WEST” “SOUTH WEST” &c.

And the bottom margin:—

“AFRICA” “AFRIKA” &c.

These stamps, from the right pane, would appear to be from setting (D).

The 5d. has also been referred to with “Africa” “Afrika” etc. only in the top row of stamps, but whether this is a separate error or whether it is an incorrect deduction from having seen stamps with the “Africa” over “Zuid-west” overprint is not clear.

SECOND OVERPRINT. April, 1923, narrow-spaced, 10 mm. between lines, “Zuid-West” two words.

The stamps which exist with this overprint are:—1d. Pretoria rouletted, 2d. De La Rue, 3d. De La Rue, 5d. Transvaal. Of the 1d. rouletted I know of only one pair and a single used copy. Official circles disclaim any knowledge of this value having received this overprint, but it seems that this stamp definitely exists with the second overprint.

The overprint can be divided into two main settings, (F) and (G)—to carry on the lettering from the previous overprint—which are very similar to (C 1) and (D) respectively. Seemingly the same forme of type was used, the spacing between the lines of overprint only being rearranged.

SETTING (F). Type-set.

Main varieties, which are constant, are:—

- (a) Missing stop on No. 31.
- (b) Raised “f” on No. 41.

And sub-varieties, which are not constant, except i and ii:—

- (i) Dot over “i” in “Africa” on No. 12, worn in its top left corner.
- (ii) Shorter bottom stroke to “z” on No. 31 (not always distinctly so).

(iii) Faint space-mark after “Afrika” on No. 31, which gives the appearance of a raised stop.

(iv) Space-marks after “West” and “Afrika” on No. 57.

(The varieties white dot in “z” on No. 19 and slight groove in right side of “d” on No. 59, of setting (C 1) do not recur.)

The values which occur in this setting, which is decidedly type-set, are:—2d. De La Rue (right panes) and 3d. De La Rue (left panes).

Setting (G). Type-set (? or stereotyped).

Main variety, which is constant, is:—

- Raised “f” on No. 41.

No sub-varieties occur.

The values which occur in this setting are 3d. De La Rue (right panes), 5d. Transvaal (right panes).

This setting (G) appears to be similar in all respects, except for the spacing between the lines, to setting (D), and some interest attaches to these two settings.

One would at first be inclined to say that they were both lithographed, and in fact the second (narrow) overprint has been referred to in some earlier chronicles as being lithographed, though there is no doubt that setting (F), at any rate, is not lithographed.

The reason for referring to them as lithographed is the clear and accurate printing in greyish-black ink, without appreciable "cut" to the paper, and also the apparent fact that postage stamps with the first (wide) overprint, which originally were overprinted from type-set plates, later had the overprint applied in shiny enamel black ink from a lithographed plate.

Alternatively, in view of the fact that a slight "cut" is given to the paper by some of the stops, it has elsewhere been suggested that an electro. or, more probably, papier mâché stereos were prepared from a carefully checked type-set forme.

It is of interest to note that two, in themselves very trivial, sub-varieties are constant throughout settings B. C. D. F. and G., viz.:—

(i) Slight groove in the left curve of "e" in "West" on No. 14.

(ii) Slight nick in the left side of "i" in "Afrika" on No. 31.

This would appear to prove that, in fact, only three real settings, i.e., complete rearrangements of the whole of the individual pieces of type, other than knocking-up and respacing of the type *in situ*, exist with "Zuid-West" in two words, viz.:—

(1) Which produced (A).

(2) Which produced (B), (C), (D), (F) and (G).

(3) Which produced (E).

In which case

(1) Was the type-set forme originally used for overprinting some bottom right panes of postage stamps.

(2) Was a different type-set forme (as regards only the raised "f" on No. 41 does it resemble the forme used for overprinting some bottom left panes of postage stamps) which received a number of knockings-up and respacing.

(3) Was a late thorough reshuffling of the type in the forme.

It is somewhat difficult to explain how *both* the wide and the narrow overprints exist in both the lighter and the heavier settings, but a similar difficulty applies also to the stereo theory. It may be that a type-set forme—(2) above—was kept from which rapidly wearing stereos were made, or it may be that the lighter overprints were made from a thoroughly cleaned type forme. No doubt better information can settle this point.

It might be mentioned here that the only postage stamps which exist with the second (narrow) overprint, viz., 5s., 10s., and £1, appear to have been overprinted only with setting (F), the full sheets of 240 stamps being first divided into panes of sixty stamps.

(To be continued.)

THE FIRST AIR AUCTION.

The first auction devoted entirely to air mail stamps and covers was held by Mr. H. R. Harmer on January 19th, and many air stamp specialists were present.

Following are a few of the prices realised:—

Australia, 1914, flown card with violet cachet, £12 10s.

French Guiana, 1921, Champion's No. 6, unused tete-beche pair, £18.

Germany, Borek-Bruck, complete mint sheet of 10 (Champion's No. 2), £12 10s.

Newfoundland, 1919, "Hawker," a flown copy on entire, £45.

New Zealand, 1898, 1s. blue-green (Ch. No. 2), used on entire, £12 12s.

Russia, 1924, Consular stamps of Russia over-printed for use in Berlin, complete set, superb mint, £36.

Switzerland, Vevey-Villeneuve, superb flown card (1913), £25.

United States, July, 1919, "R.34" Trans-Atlantic flight, superb, £32.

Uruguay, 1921, 25c. brown, variety black overprint, mint, £10.

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Nabha, 9 pies	0	8
New Zealand, 50 different	2	0
New Zealand, 75 different	4	6
New Zealand, 100 different	9	0
Dutch Indies, 1915, ½c. to 1g., set of 20	1	0
Dutch Indies, 1921, set of 7 surcharges	1	6
India, O.H.M.S., 2r. to 25r. (6)	20	0
Malay States, 1900, \$1, \$2, \$5 (3)	30	0
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THE STAMPS OF CYPRUS.

(A paper read before a meeting of the East Rand Philatelic Society by
C. E. Donne.)

(Continued from February issue.)

The "Halfpenny" on 1d. red was supplied locally and in a hurry, in February, 1881, as the result of the exhaustion of the stock of the small $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps, of which only 143 sheets (68,640 stamps) had been sent to the island. The surcharge of the word "Halfpenny" was at first roughly lithographed, and as the overprint of the first type measured $18\frac{1}{2}$ mm. in length (as against the total width of the stamp design of only 19 mm.) it is not surprising that a large majority of the specimens show the surcharge imperfectly applied. Some two months later there was a revision of the surcharge; it was shortened to $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and on some specimens measures only 16 mm., the impressions, according to Westoby, being made by means of steel hand stamps. Still later there was a further shortening of the surcharge to 13 mm., lithography being again resorted to. There were thus three very distinct types of this surcharge, and it will be convenient to list them here together with the plate numbers in which each is known.

Type I.—Long Surcharge. Plates 174, 181, 201, 205, 208, 215, 216, 217, 218, 220.

Type II.—Medium Length Surcharge. Plates 201, 216, 218.

Type III.—Short Surcharge. Plates 201, 205, 215, 217, 218.

Throughout, but more especially during the printing of No. III. type, the surcharge was of the crudest description; not only are there double and triple surcharges, but specimens exist whereon four distinct applications of the surcharge can be detected. These freaks are almost invariably found in unused condition only, the postal authorities of the island having held them back from circulation, only allowing them to go forth as part of the remainders sold to the stamp trade.

(To be continued.)

TWO INTERESTING RUMOURS.

The Prince of Wales lands at Capetown on April 30th, and we have good reason for believing that on that date penny postage in the Union will be restored. Interviewed on the subject of a return to penny postage, Mr. Boydell, Minister of Posts, recently declined to commit himself. The expected Prince of Wales commemorative stamp will, we understand, be of the denomination of 1d., and will, according to our information, appear on the date H.R.H. lands, the date on which we expect to have penny postage again.

Rumour is also persistent in declaring that some few months ago the Union Government took delivery of a new pictorial issue of stamps, but that they will not be issued. Instead, the rumour goes, another new set is being prepared, and will be ready this year.

Mr. Johnstone, through having to depart on a holiday, was unable to prepare an instalment of his article on the stamps of Gambia for this issue. It will appear next month.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. J. Donald Robertson. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, 73, Union Buildings, Pretoria. Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., at Market Restaurant.

The annual dinner of the above Society was held at the Standard Restaurant at 8 p.m. on the 16th February, 1925. Twenty-five keen philatelists sat down to a first-class "table" presided over by Mr. J. D. Robertson. There were five members of the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society present, and also one visitor. Toast list:—"The King," "Our Guests," "The Pretoria Philatelic Society," "The Press," Mr. Robertson being responsible for the first two toasts, Mr. Obermeyer the third, and Mr. Klagsbrun the fourth. Mr. Robertson proved himself to the hilt, and his amusing references, anecdotes, etc., kept the gathering in the highest spirits.

Messrs Coeh (President, J.U.P.S.) and Reid responded happily to the toast of "Our Guests," and reminiscent responses to the toast of the Society were made by Messrs. A. Watson, Giovanetti, Caplan and De Boom.

To the toast of "The Press," Mr. J. Robertson (editor of the "S.A. Philatelist"), "Perforation," of the "Rand Daily Mail," and Mr. Van Malsen, of the "Volkstem," suitably replied.

In the presentation of the "Chas. Hand" Cup to Mr. Westbrook, Mr. J. D. Robertson excelled himself in his highly amusing remarks, so much to the merriment of the party that even the recipient had to stifle his risible faculties to suitably acknowledge the presentation, which also became brimful of sparkling spirit—temporarily.

The Secretary was surprised into accepting a gift of a fine box of cigars as a token of esteem from the members of the Pretoria Philatelic Society, which, being totally unexpected, was the more appreciated, and a brief acknowledgment made.

The dinner was undoubtedly a huge success, without a dull member present. Mine host spread a splendid table; the menu card was excellently got up, and included an enlarged representation of the famous £5 King's Head Transvaal Forgery, and genuine comparisons, and the whole arrangements were perfect.

At 11.20 p.m. all present reluctantly rose to depart, and the Johannesburgers were cheered off in their car on their return to the Golden City.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. F. E. Dalby. Hon. Sec.: M. J. B. Levy, P.O. Box 179, East London.

Meetings held in Sons of England Hall, third Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Junior Society's meetings held in Selborne College last Friday each month.

At the meeting held on February 20th there was an excellent attendance. Mr. Dalby presided. There was a display of rarities by some of the members. Mr. Harper showed early French imperfs., German States, Natal K.E. high values, and Early Victorians. Mr. Thornton exhibited O.F.S. errors and varieties. Interesting items shown by Mr. Dalby included a block of four 1s. green Cape triangulars, mint; a pair of East Africa and Uganda 4 c. on 6 c., with control, having overprint on back; £1 double head Rhodesia, error of colour; and a block of eight 2d. S.W. Africa overprint inverted.

The "spotting" competition provided the members with much enjoyment in their endeavours to find out to which countries the stamps belonged.

The March meeting will be devoted to the Juniors, who will compete amongst themselves for prizes donated by the Seniors. The Society has donated a copy of Gibbons Part I. catalogue as first prize.

(Continued on next page.)

GIBBONS' CATALOGUE, 1925—Part II., Foreign Countries.

The Foreign portion of the Gibbons Catalogue was published on February 16th, nearly three years having elapsed since the last edition of this volume was published. In the interval there has been an enormous output of new issues, with marked fluctuations in the prices of war and post-war issues. The period has also been marked by the decision of the publishers that they will no longer bar the war-times issues of ex-enemy States from their catalogue.

As a consequence, the new edition of "Gibbons, Part II.," is of exceptional interest, containing, as it does, full lists of all the ex-enemy issues, and of the multitudinous new issues of the past three years, with accurate quotations of their present values. The prices of the older issues have also had to undergo very careful and exhaustive revision in practically all countries.

With so much general revision to be done, the re-writing of lists has been limited to the provision of an entirely new list of Persia, based on the researches of three leading specialists, who have provided collectors with a list which will give them a reliable guide to the issues of this interesting country.

The price of the catalogue remains at 10s. (postage, U.K., 9d., abroad, 1s. 1d.), while copies interleaved for taking notes or pasting up supplements can be supplied at 16s. 6d. (postage extra).

The publishers make the important announcement that Part II. will henceforth be published annually on the same day as Part I. Arrangements are being made for publication at the beginning of October in each year.

Another important innovation will be the inclusion in the *Catalogue Supplements* which appear in each number of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* of a list of price alterations which have taken effect since the publication of the catalogue, so that users may be able to keep their catalogues up-to-date in every particular. The first list appears in the March issue of the *Monthly Journal*.

Society News (continued).**JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**

Pres.: Mr. J. E. M. Coch. Acting Hon. Sec.: Mr. I. Glasser, P.O. Box 4967, Johannesburg.

Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

At the second February meeting a good attendance of members was recorded. The Union Air Mail was discussed, while Mr. Glasser, as usual, exhibited the latest new issues.

A display of British Colonials was then given by Messrs. Beuthin and Glasser. The exhibition was much appreciated by the members, and a vote of thanks to the owners of the collections was carried.

THE EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. Thos. Wood. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. E. Donne, P.O. Box 2, Benoni.

Meetings held third Wednesdays, 8 p.m. in Transvaal Hotel, opposite Boksburg Station.

At the February meeting Mr. Wood, the President, was again to the fore with a most interesting paper. The country selected this time was Newfoundland, and Mr. Wood gave, in addition to details of the stamps, much interesting postal history. His representative collection was much admired, and he was cordially thanked for the treat provided.

In an advertisement in this issue, The Old Stamp Shop introduce themselves to readers. The manager, Mr. Conrad F. Jacobs, has been known to us for many years as an expert on the stamps of most countries, and the firm possesses a very representative stock.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Some Date!

There was trouble for a postal clerk in the Pretoria Post Office on March 26th last. Letters postmarked (by hand-stamp) at 6 p.m. on that day bore in the cancellation the date "37 Mar. 1925"!

Penny Postage and New Stamps.

In introducing the Budget this month the Minister of Finance for the Union stated that penny postage would be restored on January 1st next. This rate would only apply to letters addressed to places in the Union and S. W. Africa. Letters for countries outside the Union will have to be stamped as at present. The rate for inland postcards will be reduced to 3d. on the above date. The return to penny postage would, said the Minister, result in an annual loss of £400,000, but the first year's loss would be only £100,000, as the Minister of Posts proposed to celebrate the event by the issue of a pictorial set of stamps. This statement will be of interest to philatelists, who, apparently, are expected to provide the difference of £300,000! In this connection it must be remembered that the stamps will be alternately English and Dutch in the sheets, as is done in South West Africa. The new set will be an expensive one for philatelists!

It will take some months to prepare the new stamps, but they will be on issue by January 1st next.

The farthing rate on newspapers weighing up to 8 oz. posted in bulk is being restored this month.

Our Competition.

A number of subscribers were prevented from entering our competition through unusual circumstances. Owing to severe floods in Northern Natal and South West Africa at the end of last month, these parts were cut off from the Union for several weeks. In order to allow all subscribers in South Africa to enter our competition on the subject of the air mail stamps, the closing date for entries has been extended to May 17th. Full particulars were given in our last issue, and if you have not sent your entry in, there is still time.

A New Club.

The Mauritius Philatelic Exchange Club was recently founded, and it is hoped that it will shortly develop into a Society. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. J. P. Tomkins, Vacoas. We wish the Club all success.

South-Wests at Auction.

Mr. H. Mallet-Veale sends us a list of prices recently obtained at London auctions for South-West African varieties. A pair of 1d. postage, Type I., inverted overprint, realised 15s., while a block of four of the 2d. value with the same variety found a new owner at £2. Still with the same variety a block of four 1s. 3d. went for two guineas.

A Find Indeed.

A prominent Durban philatelist, Mr. J. Gordon Lowe, is reported to have discovered, during a recent visit to Mauritius, a copy of a "Post Office" Mauritius. It is stated that the stamp was found in a box of cheap stamps purchased by Mr. Lowe, and is reported by a correspondent as being a very poor copy. We have no reason to doubt the discovery, and we heartily congratulate the fortunate finder.

The Air Mail.

The loads carried on the Air Mail from Capetown to Durban and vice versa have fallen off very considerably in size, but the venture will definitely be run for a few months. Some hangers were recently destroyed by fire, together with a portion of an aeroplane, and there is no doubt now that the venture is proving a losing business. The Air Mail stamps are selling fairly well.

In a letter to us the Postmaster General states that letters for conveyance by Air Mail must be posted in and addressed to towns on or near the route. The information to the effect that mail matter may be posted at and addressed to towns up country, given us by the Acting Secretary, G.P.O., Pretoria, is, says the P.M.G., incorrect. The cards and covers sent by us on the first flights were addressed to Johannesburg, and went by air from Capetown-Durban safely enough, but in view of the statement since made by the P.M.G., it is inadvisable for philatelists to go by the information previously given by the Acting Secretary.

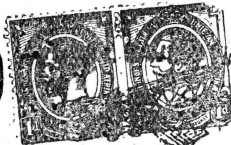
Doings in Mauritius.

Writing from Vacoas, our correspondent, Mr. J. P. Tomkins, gives some interesting news. He states that recently 125,000 copies of Gibbons' No. 213 (15 cents blue) were destroyed by fire on account of its similarity in colour to the 20 cents stamp. About 20,000 copies of Gibbons' No. 207 (4 cents, bi-colour) were unearthed in the Treasury on March 2nd last, and were placed on sale in various post offices. They were promptly snapped up.

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

MOCAMBIQUE.

The fourth centenary of the death of Vasco da Gama was commemorated by Mocambique in a very modest way. The 80 centavos pink, Ceres type, was issued last December overprinted in two lines in green, "Vasco da Gama 1924."

NORTHERN RHODESIA.

The distinctive set of stamps and postal stationery was duly issued on April 1st. Our first copies were sent us on the day of issue by Mr. K. Morgans, of Livingstone.

The stamps are very attractive and have been line-engraved by, we believe, Messrs. De la Rue & Co., Ltd. The pence values are in the usual small size, and are printed from single working plates, while the shilling denominations are slightly larger and bi-coloured.

The same design is common to all values, and is also used on the postal stationery.



In the low values the colours are more in accordance with the Universal Postal Union colour scheme than is the case with the Union stamps. The 1/2d. value is deep green, the 1d. deep brown, the 1 1/2d. deep red, the 2d. bistre, and the 3d. blue.

We are informed by Mr. H. Mallet-Veale that the B.S.A. Co. stamps (showing King George as Admiral) are now unobtainable at post offices, all supplies having been called into the Treasury at Livingstone on March 31st.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The 1d. and 3d. Air Mail stamps have each appeared in two shades. There are many minor varieties in these stamps, particularly in the 9d. value, dots and small white lines which should not be there appearing on a few stamps in each sheet.

The Air Mail stamps were printed by the "Cape Times," Ltd., and no quantities of stamps printed can be given as fresh supplies are being printed as required. Three printings have already been made of the 1d. value.

Regarding the forthcoming pictorial set, see under "Topics of the Month" in this issue.

In a letter to the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society, the Minister of Posts states that there will be no special stamp to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales.

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New Issues and Varieties (continued from page 27).**SOUTH WEST AFRICA.**

From Mr. H. Mallet-Veale we have a pair of the ½d. Pretoria perforated printing, with Type I. overprint double. The colour of both the overprints is of the same intensity, and the only difference that we can find between the above pair and other copies bearing the Type I. overprint which we have examined is that on all the copies examined by us the length of the words "South West" varies from 14 mm. exactly to 14½ mm., while on the pair with double overprint the length of the words mentioned is exactly 15 mm.

Mr. Mallet-Veale (and the Editor) would like to know if any reader can furnish any information regarding this double strike.

Our correspondent also sends us a block of four 1d. postage, Type I. overprint, shewing an interesting variety, the word "Africa" on one stamp being shifted 1½ mm. to the left. The position in the sheet is the stamp over the control in the bottom left pane. Mr. Mallet-Veale states that he has this variety in the ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. postage stamps, all bearing the type-set (dull black ink) Type I. overprint.

He further writes: "2d., Pretoria printing, Type I. I have recently received half of a left hand pane, in which the value (2d.) on the top six stamps shows a double impression. I may mention that this variety and that of the ½d. postage, Type I. with double overprint, which you chronicled last month, are both genuine, as they were received by me from the Windhoek P.O. With my last consignment from Windhoek I received the ½d. Due, Type V. (spacing 12 mm.), in a dark chestnut shade—and a very blurred printing it is. This is a right hand pane shewing the missing perforation.

We find that we omitted to chronicle the 1d. Postage Due, Pretoria perforated printing, with Type IV. overprint, and now formally do so.

Last month we mentioned various postage stamps as existing with Type VI overprint. We now find that on the stamps listed last month, the words "South West" are ½ mm. longer than in Type VI., making the length of these words 16½ mm. It is therefore necessary for us to find a new name for this latest overprint, and we propose to dub it Type VII. This necessitates our altering the number of the type mentioned on page 7 of our February issue as Type VII. to Type VIII.

The 2d. value, however, exists with both the Type VI. and Type VII. overprints—Mr. Mallet-Veale shews us examples. We have been shewn specimens bearing the Type VII. overprint by Mr. I. Glasser, of Johannesburg, who received them from New Issue Services in London.

Our chronicle of postage stamps with the above overprints stands as follows:—

Type VI.—("South West," 16 mm. long, 9½ mm. between lines of overprint): 2d.

Type VII.—("South West," 16½ mm. long, 9½ mm. between lines of



Type VI.

overprint: 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1s. 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d., and 10s.

Lieut.-Col. Worthington states that Type VII has no varieties in common with Type VI.

The stamps with the Type VII. overprint do not appear to be on issue in S.W. Africa, and in this connection Mr. M. L. Levitt, of Windhoek, states that quantities were sent to London on requisitions from dealers. These stamps will, he says, only be issued in S.W. Africa as stocks of previous types are used up.

Lieut.-Col. Worthington queries our chronicle of the 3d. postage due with what we referred to in our February issue as Type VII., but now call Type VIII., saying that the stamps seen by us probably bear the Type V. overprint chronicled by us last November. This value certainly exists with Type V., but the overprint which we refer to as Type VIII. is in thin weedy type, and the words "South West" are only 15½ mm. long. The spacing between the lines of overprint is 12 mm., as in Type V. So far we have only seen the 3d. Due with this Type VIII.

The Unissued Postage and Revenue Stamps of the South African Republic.

By EMIL TAMSEN.

During the sitting of the Volksraad of the South African Republic in the winter of 1899, the then Postmaster General, Mr. I. van Alphen, proposed that in future all postage and revenue stamps should be printed locally, instead of being ordered from Holland, as had been the case hitherto, and that a special watermarked paper be employed for the printing of these stamps.

The Volksraad approved of the idea, and passed a resolution to that effect, and empowered the Postmaster General to make the necessary preparations.

The order to submit designs, create the dies and make the printing plates was placed with a firm in Pretoria, whose work is a very creditable effort of local art, as the two designs illustrated here will show.

The first design (Type I.) is of the usual size, 18 x 22 mm.; it shows the bust of President Paul Kruger (a good likeness) wearing the green Presidential sash, with the Republic's Coat of Arms embroidered thereon. Over his right shoulder, at the top of the stamp, is a flying band bearing the inscription POST EN STAATSZEGEL; below the bust in another band stands the inscription Z. AFR. REPUBLIEK, and at bottom of stamp is a blank space, in which the value was to be inserted.



Type I.

Type II.

The second design (Type II.) is of the revenue stamp size, 22 x 30 mm. It has the Coat of Arms of the Republic in the centre, surrounded by a double circle, in which stands the inscription, ZUID-AFRIKAANSCH REPUBLIEK; on top of the stamp, in a straight label, stands POST EN STAATSZEGEL, and at bottom of the stamps is a blank space for insertion of the value.

These two types show a vast improvement of appearance on the 1896 issue, and when printed on watermarked paper, would have been ideal stamps. Another improvement is the combination of postage and revenue in one stamp, allowing any to be used for either purpose; this had not been the case before.

Personally, I also consider the word Staatszegel an improvement on the word Zegelregt, which the Republican revenue stamps bore, and far better than our present word "INKOMST," on the current revenue stamps of the Union.

The idea of the two types was to use the smaller size (Type I.) for all lower denominations from ½d. to 1s., and the larger size (Type II.) for the higher values, 1s. 6d. to £20. The plates were to consist of 60 impressions; the colours of the stamps were to be the same as those of the 1896 issue. These colours were to be uniform for all South African States and Colonies; the values were to be printed in green ink as formerly.

The State Printing Works in Pretoria, then already a large establishment capable of turning out finest printing work, was to print and perforate these stamps.

(Continued on next page.)

THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

(Continued from February issue.)

We now come to the last cameo issue of this country, that of 1886-87. These stamps were printed from the same plates as the previous issues, but in different colours and on Crown and C.A. paper. The watermark is always sideways, and the normal position is with the Crown on the right of C.A., reading downwards, but most, if not all, values can be found with the watermark inverted. Other watermark varieties are portions of the words CROWN AGENTS and division lines of the panes; these occur in all the values. All values also exist with the embossing double, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1s. values can be found with double embossing, one inverted. These stamps are perforated 14, a comb machine being used, but all values are known imperforate in unused condition only. Colour trials exist of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d. and 1s. values; these are perforated 12.

With this issue a new value was introduced for the U.P.U. foreign postage rate, the value being expressed as $2\frac{1}{2}$ PENNY on the stamps, making in all eight values as follows:—

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. grey-green and myrtle-green.
- 1d. carmine and crimson.
- 2d. orange (pale to deep).
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. ultramarine (pale to deep).
- 3d. pearl-grey and slate-green.
- 4d. brown.
- 6d. olive-green, slate-green, bronze-green.
- 1s. violet and deep violet.

In some sheets of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., the second stamp has a long left leg in the M of Gambia, while in the 5th stamp the right leg is long and curved. I have two complete sheets, one of which has the variety and the other is perfectly normal—not a trace of either long leg. At first sight it would appear that these are printed from two different plates, but this is not the case, as there are several minute defects common to both sheets. The sloping labels again occur in the 6d. olive-green and bronze-green, but not in the slate-green. The defect in the old 6d. plate became so bad that a new plate was made (probably about 1897) and printed in slate-green only, while, so far as I can ascertain, the old plate was never printed in this colour. It is probable that a careful examination of sheets of these stamps would reveal small constant defects, by means of which single stamps could be assigned to their correct place in the sheet—the 1d. values certainly can be plated, but I have not so far been able to examine the other values carefully enough to say the same of them. (To be continued.)

The Unissued Stamps of the S.A. Republic (continued from previous page.)

The special watermarked paper was ordered in England from a well-known firm of paper makers. The watermark consisted of three letters, ZAR, thus: ZA the foot of the Z joined to the left leg of A, and to the top

R of R, producing a clear, well defined and easily noticed impression. The watermarks were so arranged that one should fall on each stamp; the margin of the sheet had ZAR in block type once on each side.

This watermarked paper never reached Pretoria owing to the outbreak of the 1899-02 war. It was left in London, and later sold to a firm of auctioneers there, who printed their catalogues on this paper. A few sheets were sold to collectors.

In the middle of 1899, the postal authorities in Pretoria had a stock of the 1896 type stamps on hand, which was estimated to last for eighteen months till the end of December, 1900. By that time the new stamps were to be ready for issue on January 1st, 1901, to inaugurate the present century. But it was not to be. In October, 1899, the war broke out, and when the century arrived we had the 1896 issue overprinted V.R.I., and later E.R.I., in use for the Southern Transvaal occupied by the British, and the last Republican stamps of 1901, the so-called Pietersburg issue, in use by the Boer Government in Northern Transvaal, and President Kruger in exile!

The Postage Due Stamps of South-West Africa.

By LIEUT.-COL. L. J. WORTHINGTON.

(Continued from March issue.)

(Further information regarding the fourth, fifth and sixth overprints having come to my knowledge, I have, since writing my article in "Stamp Collecting," revised the portion of same dealing with these types. The information given hereunder is up to date.)

Errors of the Second Overprint.

The 3d. exists in setting (F) with the overprint much out of alignment sideways, as much as the "Sou" and "A" printing on the stamp to the left of the stamp intended.

Third Overprint. September, 1923. Type-set (? or stereotyped), "Zuidwest" one word, 13½ mm., spacing between lines of overprint, letters close together, "South West" measuring 14 mm. and "Zuidwest" 11 mm.

The values which occur with this overprint are ¾d. (left and right panes); 1d. rouletted (plate "A"); 1d. Pretoria, perforated (left panes); 6d. Transvaal (left panes).

There is only a slight amount of "cut" to the paper from the type. It should be noted that a lithographed plate was used for giving the postage stamps a similar overprint in full sheets of 240 stamps, but these Postage Dues are certainly not lithographed.

No overprint varieties worth mentioning occur, except for a space-mark after "West" on No. 53, which is not constant.

Fourth Overprint. 1924. Type-set (? or stereotyped), "Zuidwest," one word, 14 mm. spacing between lines of overprint, letters wider spaced, "South West" measuring 16 mm., and "Zuidwest" 12 mm., with "Africa" and "Afrika" similarly longer.

The values which occur with this overprint are ¾d., 1d. and 6d. Pretoria perf., in unsevered sheets of 120 stamps. Neither the POSTAGE variety on No. 13 of left pane or the missing perforation hole variety on right pane occur (at any rate in the ¾d. and 6d.)

For this overprint two separate 60-set overprint plates or formes were used, probably bolted together to print full sheets of 120 stamps at one time. These are best dealt with separately, calling them "overprint plates 'A' and 'B.'"

In overprint plate "A" the following varieties occur:—

- (i) Slight nick in right side of "d" in "Zuidwest" on No. 14.
- (ii) "i" in "Afrika" pointed and slightly shorter at bottom on No. 21.



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(iii) Very small white spaces at the bottom of the left leg in "h" in "South" on No. 36.

In overprint plate "B" there were no sub-varieties of any degree.

For this 14 mm. spaced overprint, plate "A" was on the left of plate "B," the former overprinting the left pane and the latter the right pane.

Fifth Overprint. Late 1924. As fourth overprint, but 12 mm. spacing between lines of overprint.



The values which occur with this overprint are $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Pretoria perf. (right panes; with the missing perforation hole variety), $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. Pretoria perf. (right panes), and 3d. (left panes). The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is here chronicled on the authority of the illustration in the "South African Philatelist" of 1st November, 1924, page 131.

The overprint was applied 60-set, sheets being divided into panes of 60 stamps before being overprinted.

The overprint contains the three sub-varieties referred to under overprint plate "A" of the fourth overprint, though a little more accentuated, the foot of the "i" in "Afrika" on No. 21 losing its point, and so becoming shorter still, and the "h" in "South" on No. 36 losing the lower part of its left leg.

The same type as used for the fourth overprint was obviously employed, directly or indirectly, for this printing also, with the overprint slightly closed up between lines.

Sixth Overprint. Late 1924. As fourth overprint, but $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm. spacing between lines of overprint.



The values which occur with this overprint are 2d. Pretoria (in unsevered sheets of 120 stamps, without POSTAGE variety), and 5d. Transvaal (left panes).

As occurred in the fifth overprint, the same overprint plate "A," and in this case, overprint plate "B" also, were used, with a still further contraction of the spacing between the lines.

The 5d. was overprinted in panes of 60 stamps with overprint plate

"B," which originally had no sub-varieties, but now shows a nick through the left leg of the "w" in "Zuidwest" on No. 14.

The 2d. was overprinted in full sheets of 120 stamps, but the position of the overprint plates was reversed, "B" (with its nicked "w") overprinting the left pane, and "A" the right pane.

(To be concluded.)

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Kenya and Uganda, 1919, 4c. on 6c., mint, horizontal strip of six, two stamps and part of margin surcharged on back, no surcharge on face	9	9	0
Kenya and Uganda, 1919, 4c. on 6c., surcharged on back, mint	3	3	0
Southern Nigeria, 1907-10, £1, superb used	3	3	0
Ceylon, 1857, 8d. brown, large margins on three sides, a trifle shaved at top	25	0	0
Cayman Islands, 1907, ½d. on 5s., variety, surcharge double (S.G. 21), superb mint	13	0	0
Cayman Islands, 1908, 1d. on 4d., surcharge inverted, mint	10	10	0
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Items of Interest from the various Centres.

JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. J. E. M. Coch. Acting Hon. Sec.: Mr. I. Glasser, P.O. Box 4967, Johannesburg.

Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

There was a fair attendance at the second March meeting.

The air mail was much discussed, after which details regarding the annual dinner were settled. This will be held at the Regent on Wednesday, May 6th, and all members are asked to attend. Ladies and non-members are also cordially invited to participate. Tickets (12/6 double, 7/6 single) may be obtained from any officer of the Society or from the Editor of this journal.

At the meeting abovementioned members of the East Rand Philatelic Society exhibited portions of their collections. Mr. Wood was responsible for excellent papers on and exhibits of Newfoundland and Columbia, while Mr. Robertson amused the gathering with a display of quaintly addressed envelopes.

CAPETOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Major Milligan. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Comyns, c/o. Ordnance Depot Portsworld Road, Capetown.

Meetings held at Railway Institute, first and third Thursdays at 8 p.m.

On Feb. 26th, Mr. Smithers exhibited his magnificent collection of Australasia and New Zealand. A fine lot of early N.Z. was noticed, while the issues of that country from 1882 onwards were shewn complete. The Oceanic Dependencies were also shewn complete, and the exhibitor was cordially thanked by the members.

At the first March meeting a very fine display of the stamps of Austria, Hungary and other Central European States was given by Mr. Isaakson. It took some time for the members to examine the whole of the collection, and they much appreciated Mr. Isaakson's kindness.

PHILATELISTS' EXCHANGE CLUB (S.A. Sales Packet Branch).

Hon. Supt.: Louis Gillen, P.O. Box 293, Pretoria.

During the period December, 1923, to November, 1924, 25 packets were put into circulation, and particulars as to value and sales of those which have completed circulation are as follows:—

	Value.			Sales.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December	201	5	4½	51	12	1½
January	259	19	11½	68	12	5½
February	332	7	11	94	10	6
March	323	15	1	80	7	10½
April	198	13	2	63	9	1
May	324	19	10	98	10	0
June	324	15	4	92	6	9½
July	159	1	11	55	3	0
August	241	12	6	39	16	2*
September	378	19	8	73	12	6*
October	192	10	4	29	19	7*
November	273	13	1	22	3	1*
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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Stamp News by Wireless.

The Johannesburg United Philatelic Society is to be congratulated for several steps it has taken lately to advance the interests of the hobby. It has now arranged with the A. S. & T. Broadcasting Co., Ltd., Johannesburg (JB), for ten minute talks on stamp collecting to be broadcast by members of the Society. The talks will be either fortnightly or monthly (this has yet to be decided), and the first chat took place on the 20th inst., when Mr. J. E. M. Coch delivered a highly interesting paper on the growth and attractions of the hobby.

Future speakers will include Messrs. Glasser, Hand, Westbrook, Vallentine and Robertson. As soon as a definite programme is drawn up it will be published in this journal. The talks will, however, always be mentioned in the JB programmes.

Now then, Capetown and Durban, there are broadcasting stations in your towns, and it ought to be an easy matter for you to arrange stamp talks by wireless.

Greetings to the Prince.

South African philatelists are all exceedingly delighted to have such a distinguished visitor as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in their midst, and the news that he is having an enjoyable time has caused all-round satisfaction.

At the annual dinner of the Johannesburg Philatelic Society, held on May 6th, the following telegram was despatched to our distinguished visitor :

"Johannesburg United Philatelic Society at annual dinner desires to convey respectful greetings to your Royal Highness as son of the most distinguished collector in the world, on behalf of philatelists of this city."

The following reply was received :

"The Prince of Wales sends grateful thanks to the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society for their good wishes."

Junior Societies.

We are indeed gratified to note the progress being made by junior collectors at the local High Schools. Societies have been formed at the Jeppe and Germiston High Schools, and meetings are attended by from thirty to fifty boys. Many interesting collections have been exhibited, while schoolmasters and other adults often put in an appearance.

Durban Enthusiasts.

Our good friend, Mr. Percy C. Bishop, informs us that one of the features of the meeting of the Philatelic Society of Natal, held on May 6th, was a proposition that a representative collection of the postage stamps of Natal be formed for presentation to the Durban Municipal Museum.

Mr. Bishop, who brought the matter forward, urged that such a collection would be of great historical as well as philatelic interest, and would form an additional attraction for Durban's fine civic museum. It would be of perennial interest, both to resident and visiting philatelists. The belief was expressed that the Corporation would be ready to accept and suitably house the collection when formed, and that the philatelists interesting themselves in the movement might count upon the sympathy and co-operation of Mr. E. C. Chubb, the Borough Curator. The chairman of the Society, Mr. W. Percy Williams, spoke in support of the scheme, which found general acceptance among the members. At the next meeting the matter will be further discussed and a special committee formed.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Bishop on bringing the matter forward, and sincerely hope that by the co-operation of Durban and other philatelists the Durban Municipal Museum will shortly contain a highly interesting collection of the stamps of the Garden Colony. Collectors willing to assist should communicate with the Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Natal, P.O. Box 588, Durban.

How the Post Office Loses Money.

The reports of the Auditor-General of the Union of South Africa always make interesting reading. In the report for 1923-24, we find in the section dealing with the Post Office that three natives got into the postal agency at Winklespruit outside of office hours, and made away with stamps and postal orders valued at £53 16s. 9d. The postal orders were not much loss. as what use are unstamped and uninitialled orders? Stamps mysteriously disappeared from a packet forwarded by the Controller of Stores to the Postmaster at Germiston on September 12th, 1923. Police investigation proved fruitless.

Mutilated coins deposited at public telephone call offices resulted in a loss of no less than £72 14s. 10d., while damage to and theft of telephone apparatus caused a sum of £123 2s. 2d. to be written off.

An official and his wife were convicted of theft and forgery in four cases of Savings Bank defalcations, for a total amount of £302 18s. 3d. A Grade P assistant in the Parcels Branch of the Johannesburg Post Office was arrested on a charge of withholding the cash collections of customs duties on overseas parcels and secreting the relative parcel advises at his house. The total shortage was £738 19s. 8d., and the officer got six months' imprisonment.

That "Post Office" Mauritius.

Mr. Percy C. Bishop, in the course of an interesting letter, confirms the discovery of a copy of the 1d. "Post Office" Mauritius, by Mr. Gordon Lowe, of Durban. The specimen is a poor one, badly gashed and heavily postmarked, but it is on a piece of original envelope. Mr. Lowe has taken his treasure to London, to astonish the philatelists there. The copy should, says P. C. B., realise £500 or more. It appears that Mr. Lowe bought a box or trunkful of stamps in Mauritius for £400, and in addition to finding the above stamp, discovered several "Post Pairs," including a few early impressions. Most of the stamps in the box were exceedingly common varieties, but Mr. Lowe undoubtedly made a good purchase.

The Air Mail.

The South African Air Mail is running smoothly, and not once has the mail boat been missed, although on one occasion the aeroplane arrived at Capetown only ten minutes before the mail boat departed.

The special postmark, which was formerly applied by a rubber hand-stamp, is now being impressed on mail matter by means of a more satisfactory metal die. This new postmark bears the same wording as the previous one, with the exception of the addition of the letter A for forenoon and P for afternoon.

Where Are They?

A newsy letter is to hand from a correspondent in Reunion. He states that about four months ago a case containing 50,000 copies of the 2 francs stamps, surcharged "25 centimes," was discharged from a ship and placed on the quay. It immediately disappeared, and no one seems to know what has happened to it! The newspapers are silent on the matter. Last year the two and five francs stamps of several French Colonies were surcharged "25 centimes," but only a small number of stamps was sent out to the Colonies, the bulk of them being sold direct to dealers in Paris. The Postmaster-General of the Cameroons refused to issue the supply sent him, saying that he did not consider it fair to send only a few hundred copies out and sell the balance in Paris to philatelists. We would not be at all surprised to learn that the mysterious Reunion stamps were actually sold en bloc to speculators and exported from the island!

Pilfering in the Post.

Our Reunion correspondent further states that last year, following complaints from large firms in France, an enquiry was held into the working of the Postal Department on the island. It was proved, he says, that registered letters and parcels valued at about 1,250,000 francs were missing. The pilfering has, says our correspondent, been going on for two years or more, but up to the present no one has been convicted, and probably nothing more will be heard about the matter.

"Suidafrika" versus "Zuid Afrika."

Readers will have noticed that on the Union Air Mail stamps the Dutch equivalent of South Africa is given as Suidafrika, and not Zuid Afrika, & s on the postage and postage due stamps.

The Union's second official language having recently been changed from High Dutch to Afrikaans, the latter language was used on the air post stamps. It can confidently be stated that the promised new issue of South African stamps will be worded in English and Afrikaans.

Regarding the postage due stamps, we would not be at all surprised if in the near future these appear with the inscriptions in English and Afrikaans. In fact, we think that we are correct in saying that this must legally be done.

Johannesburg at Cambridge.

For the third year in succession the Johannesburg Philatelic Society has sent a delegate to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, which will be held at Cambridge this year.

This year's delegate is our old friend Mr. Cecil E. Donne, whose articles on the stamps of Cyprus and Seychelles have been enjoyed by readers of this magazine.

Johannesburg and Paris.

This month one of the greatest international philatelic exhibitions yet held took place in Paris. Philatelists from far and near journeyed to the French capital to see a magnificent array of stamps. Although none of its members were able to attend, the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society did its bit to help the great event. The Society donated an expensive medal to be awarded for a collection of, or containing stamps of, British South African Colonies.

New York, 1926.

In October of next year a great philatelic exhibition will be held in New York. America's foremost philatelists are on the various committees, while philatelists all over the world will be competing in the various classes. The judges will come from from all important countries—it is intended to have one from South Africa. Full particulars regarding the exhibition may be had from the Secretary of the Exhibition Committee, Mr. Chas. M. Ams, 101, Park Avenue, New York City.

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COMING CHANGES IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The following news, sent to the Johannesburg "Star" by its Parliamentary correspondent at Capetown, will be of considerable interest to collectors of South-West Africans:—

"The following are the essential features of the preliminary draft of the Constitution for South-West Africa.

"The territory is to be governed by a body of eight, one of whom shall be the Administrator. Three of the members shall be nominated, and one of them shall be a public servant representing the Department of Native Affairs. The other four members are to be elected by the Legislative Assembly, but need not be members of that body.

"The Assembly will consist of 18 members, six to be nominated by the Government of the Union. The others will be elected by the registered voters.

"The territory will be divided into 12 constituencies, containing, as far as may be possible, an equal number of voters. The delimitation will be carried out by a lawyer and two ordinary citizens.

"The Assembly elects its own president and regulates its own procedure. Estimates are submitted to it, and in this way it will have an opportunity of discussing all questions of public importance, including those on which it is not empowered to legislate, as they are reserved for treatment by the central authority. These questions are native affairs, railways, public service, mines, posts and telegraphs, justice, immigration, defence, currency and Customs.

"Moreover, the Government has reserved for the space of three years the following subjects: Settlement, education, police, land bank, and militia.

"Subjects reserved can from time to time be delegated by the Government to the Assembly. If those reserved for three years only are not voluntarily delegated at the expiration of that term, a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Assembly may demand the transference.

"German is to be recognised in the Assembly as well as in the Courts.

"This draft Constitution is to remain in force unamended for three years. After that period the Government may introduce alterations at the request of at least two-thirds of the Assembly. The clause permanently reserving the subjects mentioned for Government control will, however, remain in force as long as the Constitution itself stands."

What effect will the forthcoming change of government have on the stamps of this territory? The following are our conclusions: When the change comes into force, we believe that a permanent set of stamps, in pictorial design, will be issued. Pending the issue of that set the current Union stamps will continue to be overprinted. We do not think that the forthcoming Union pictorial stamps will be overprinted.

In view of the recent change in the second official language of the Union, will the overprint on the Union stamps be changed to English and Afrikaans? This is another question which will be asked, and the answer is a difficult one. A set of definitives could be prepared at fairly short notice if the work was done in South Africa. If a permanent set is issued, we believe that an attempt will be made to do the work in this country, inasmuch as the Minister of Finance for the Union recently stated that an attempt would be made to print the new Union stamps in South Africa.

If the new set is issued at an early date, we do not think that the wording of the overprint will be changed, but if it is to be a matter of about a year before the definitives appear, we think that, pending their issue, the Afrikaans version of South-West Africa will appear on the stamps of South-West Africa.

HELD OVER.—The following are unavoidably held over till next month: Concluding instalment of Lieut.-Col. Worthington's article, New Issues and Varieties, and other items. We shall have a lot to say about South-West Africa next month!

THE PERFORATED ISSUES OF PRETORIA PRINTED "POSTAGE DUE" STAMPS.

By J. RITCHIE.

The first value issued of the series was the ½d., and the following printings may be distinguished, all in sheets of 120, two panes, each 60, no watermark.

The varieties given to distinguish the printings are general to all values. There are other varieties which occur only on individual values.

A.—GREEN, FIGURE OF VALUE GREYISH-BLACK.

VARIETIES:

- (a) 3rd stamp, row 1, left pane. Flaw in top of U of SOUTH (almost appears as SOOTH).
- (b) 4th stamp, row 2, left pane. Small full stop after DUE.
- (c) 1st stamp, row 3, left pane. POSTADE for POSTAGE.
- (d) 2nd stamp, row 7, left pane. OF as JF.
- (e) 5th stamp, row 8, left pane. 2nd N of UNION touching the frame.
- (f) 5th stamp, row 7, right pane. Broken V of VAN.
- (g) 2nd stamp, row 10, right pane. Broken F of OF.

B.—GREEN, FIGURE OF VALUE BLACK.

VARIETIES:

- (a) 3rd stamp, row 1, left pane. Flaw in top of U of SOUTH (almost appears as SOOTH).
- (b) 4th stamp, row 2, left pane. Small full stop after DUE.
- (c) 1st stamp, row 3, left pane. POSTADE for POSTAGE.
- (d) 2nd stamp, row 7, left pane. OF as JF.
- (e) One missing perforation in each horizontal row of holes in first vertical row of stamps, right pane.
- (f) 2nd stamp, row 10, right pane. Broken F of OF.

C.—GREEN, FIGURE OF VALUE BLACK.

VARIETIES:

- (a) 3rd stamp, row 1, left pane. Flaw in top of U of SOUTH (almost appears as SOOTH.)
- (b) 4th stamp, row 2, left pane. Small full stop after DUE.
- (c) POSTADE error corrected.
- (d) 2nd stamp, row 7, left pane. OF as JF.
- (e) Missing perforation hole corrected.
- (f) 2nd stamp, row 10, left pane. Broken F of OF.
- (g) **Two** perforation holes beyond stamps in each horizontal row on the left side of sheet (left of left pane); both other printings have only one perforation.
- (h) Gum usually slightly yellow.

All the above printings have small coloured rings, and large round coloured dots in both right and left margins, and the top margin unperforated, the perforations continuing through the bottom margin.

The 1d. value appears in printing B and C, colour red, black figure of value.

The 1½d. value appears in printings B (and C?), colour pale brown, black figure of value.

The 2d. value appears in printings B (and C?), colour purple, black figure of value.

The 6d. value appears in printing C only, colour grey, black figure of value.

It will be noted that the 1½d. and 2d. values, printing C, are in brackets in above list. I have no sheets of this printing in these values, and in trying to get them found that the 2d. value, at least, is now printed in another printing, D.

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DISCERNMENT.

By E. C. WESTBROOK.

I expect a good many of you have been to the pictures lately, and being philatelists, your powers of discernment are naturally somewhat acute. The film shown was "The Old Homestead"—a comedy-drama of the period about 1870. How many of you noticed its faults? Do you remember the scene just before Uncle Josh went to New York. He was given a letter by Reuben's sweetheart to give to Reuben if he was found in New York. When Uncle Josh reached New York he did not find Reuben, but the tramp whom he had previously befriended, to whom he gave the letter to hand to Reuben should the tramp ever come across him. The tramp found him in a Chinese gambling den, and gave him the letter, which on a "close-up" view was very nice and clean, and bore two United States stamps, issue 1890 and **postmarked**—further comment is unnecessary.

Fault No. 2.—The night scene outside the store—a motor car whizzed past—in 1870!!!

Fault No. 3.—Inside the store the money was locked in a "combination" safe—in 1870!!

This, of course, is discernment.

The Perforated Issues of Pretoria Printed "Postage Due" Stamps.

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This printing is in the same colours as the others, but a new plate appears to have been made, as all errors have been corrected which occurred on previous printings, and furthermore, the coloured rings and circles in the margins no longer occur, these margins being quite plain.

The perforation is the same as printing C, also the gum.

Presumably all other values will ultimately appear in printing D.

In the sheet of 2d., printing D, that I have, the following minor varieties may be found:—

- (a) Row 4, stamp 2, left pane. Marked white break in frame above I of ZUID.
 - (b) Row 6, stamp 1, left pane. Flaw (white spot) in side of top of figure 2.
 - (c) Row 1, stamp 1, right pane. Slight flaw in E of TE.
 - (d) Row 1, stamp 4, right pane. Broken N of VAN.
 - (e) Row 6, stamp 1, right pane. Broken A of POSTAGE.
- (a), (c), (d), (e) are plate flaws, and may turn out to be characteristic of this printing; (b) would, if constant, of course only be found on this value (2d.).

I have the following sheets complete:—

½d. : printing A, C.	Missing : B, D?
1d. : printing B, C.	" D?
1½d. : printing B.	" C?, D?
2d. : printing B, D.	" C?
6d. : printing C.	" D?

and would be pleased for information as to whether printing D occurs as yet in ½d., 1d., 1½d., and 6d. values, and printing C in the 1½d. and 2d. values.

Complete sheets of the printings that I have not got are particularly wanted.

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THE STAMPS OF CYPRUS.

(A paper read before a meeting of the East Rand Philatelic Society by
C. E. Donne.)

(Continued from March issue.)

DISTINCTIVE STAMPS FOR CYPRUS.

The authorities soon perceived that postage stamps bearing the values in pence and shillings were an anachronism in a country traditionally accustomed to paras and piastres. Already this had been tacitly admitted by the issue of stamps of the value of 30 paras. Accordingly July 1st, 1881, saw the emission of stamps showing the head of Queen Victoria, printed by De La Rue from their stock dies and bearing the values $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, 1, 2, 4 and 6 piastres, followed, in 1882, by a provisional surcharged stamp, 30 paras on 1 piastre rose. Of these, so far as specimens watermarked Crown C.C. are concerned, there is nothing of great moment to say.

In 1882 it became necessary to adopt some means of differentiating between the $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre green and the 2 piastres blue, which were very frequently confused when viewed by artificial light. This necessity called forth the $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre overprinted $\frac{1}{2}$, one of the most interesting of all the issues of Cyprus.

Usually there are three types of the $\frac{1}{2}$ on $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre listed, but unquestionably there are four very distinct varieties to be found.

Type I. is the first form of the surcharge adopted by the postal authorities, the work of surcharging being done on the island.

Type II. is the holder De La Rue overprint that superseded Type I. One may sub-divide Type II. into (a) and (b), the former showing a space of 8 mm. between the two overprints of $\frac{1}{2}$, and the latter a space of only 6 mm., (a) is found on both C.C. and C.A. watermarked stamps, but (b) on the stamps watermarked C.A. only.

Type III. shows a thicker "1" in the first $\frac{1}{2}$ of the overprint.

Type IV. shows a numeral "1" of an altogether different character in the second $\frac{1}{2}$ of the overprint.

In 1882 the paper watermarked Crown C.A. came into use, and stamps of the following values were issued:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ piastre green, 30 paras violet, 1 piastre rose, 2 piastres blue, 4 piastres olive green, 6 piastres grey, 12 piastres brown orange, all of which exist in the well-known De La Rue dies I. and II.

These were replaced in 1894-6 by stamps from die II. printed in two colours, watermark Crown C.A. and perforated 14, the issue consisting of:—

30 paras violet and green, $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre green and carmine, 1 piastre carmine and ultramarine, 2 piastres blue and maroon, 4 piastres sage green and maroon, 6 piastres sepia and green, 9 piastres brown and carmine, 12 piastres brown-orange and black, 18 piastres slate and brown, and 45 piastres purple and ultramarine.

In 1903 these stamps were replaced by a set of very similar design bearing the head of King Edward, watermarked Crown C.A. as before. At varying dates between 1904 and 1910 the stamps of Cyprus appeared on paper watermarked multiple Crown C.A.

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STOP PRESS.

AIR MAIL IMPERFS.

Mr. W. R. Long informs us that he has obtained copies of the 9d. Union Air Mail stamp, from the left side of the sheet, imperforate between stamp and margin. The 3d. air stamp with this same variety is chronicled in the "Philatelic Magazine."

An article listing all the varieties in the Air Mail stamps will appear in our next issue.

A strange mixture is to hand from South-West Africa. The sad tidings will be given in full next month.

THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

(Continued from April issue.)

In January, 1898, the "Government Gazette" of the colony published the following notice: "Withdrawal of present issue of Gambia Postage Stamps. On the 1st May, 1898, the present issue, if not previously exhausted, of all denominations of Postage Stamps in the Gambia that are then in the hands of the Government will be destroyed, and a complete new set of stamps will then be put into circulation." And so passed the handsome cameo design which had done service for nearly thirty years. The reason for the change was probably one of economy, as the small sheets of embossed stamps must have been expensive to produce. The new set was printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., from the general key plate in use for a number of other colonies, and the design consists of a profile portrait of Queen Victoria facing to the left, in a circle, the background being composed of fine horizontal lines. On each side and across the top of the circle are plain tablets, the top tablet containing the name of the Colony, the side tablets the word "postage," reading upwards on the left and downwards on the right, the angles between the circle and tablets being filled by ornaments. At the bottom a lozenge shaped tablet containing the figures of value, with ornaments at each end of the tablet. In these stamps the key plate prints all except the name of the colony and the value, and so can be used for as many colonies as desired. The name and value are inserted by a second printing, and in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. values are the same colour as the design, in the other values different. They were printed in sheets of 120, two panes of 60, and the watermark is Crown and C.A., perforation 14. The values remain as in the last issue, as follows:—

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green,
- 1d. carmine,
- 2d. orange and mauve,
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ultramarine,
- 3d. mauve and ultramarine,
- 4d. brown and ultramarine,
- 6d. olive green and carmine,
- 1s. violet and green.

Plate 2 was used for all values, and also plate 3 for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 3d.—the latter can only be distinguished by the shade in the absence of the plate number, which was placed in the margin above and below the second and eleventh vertical rows of stamps. There are no varieties of any consequence except in the 3d. value, which exists imperforate. A few essays are known in which the design in printed from the key plate, and the name and value inserted by hand. These essays are scarce; only a few were prepared.

(To be continued.)

The Stamps of Cyprus (continued from previous page.)

In 1912 the issue of King George appeared, the design remaining very similar to and the watermark the same as the King Edward issue.

1921-23 saw the introduction of the multiple script C.A. paper, but still no change in design.

In 1922 colours were changed and eight new values were added, while a new set in a new design appeared last year.

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REVIEWS.

Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, 1925 Edition. Part II., Foreign Countries.

Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391, Strand, London, W.C. 2. Price 10/-, postage 1/1 extra.

"Better than ever," say the publishers, and we agree with them. Although our green friend has grown in size to 1,133 pages, its price has not been increased. Owing to the use of thinner paper than usual, the book is little, if any, thicker than previous editions.

All issues of ex-enemy countries have been included, while some of the war and post-war stamps of Europe have dropped in value. Some countries, however, such as Danzig, shew increases in prices.

Early issues, particularly of non-European countries, pursue an upward tendency—the Siamese "horseman" and Red Cross issues being examples.

With the help of Captain Oldfield, Col. Napier and Mr. E. W. Arnold, Persia has been re-written. The later issues of the Portuguese Colonies show many decreases in prices, and rightly so, as various old issues, which were at one time comparatively scarce, were re-issued by the postal authorities. The issues in the Ceres (current) type have slumped considerably owing to the fall in the value of the Portuguese currency. The various issues in this type are properly classified into their varieties of paper, perforation, etc.

In future Part I. and Part II. of Gibbons' Catalogue will appear simultaneously on October 1st in each year. In addition to the ordinary editions the catalogues may be had interleaved with plain paper, while another innovation will be the issue of both parts in one volume. The interleaved and "two in one" editions will only be supplied if ordered before publication.

"Stamp Collecting for All," by Stanley Phillips; published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391, Strand, London, W.C. 2. Price 1/3, post free.

There are, unfortunately, many collectors, most youngsters, but sometimes adults, who make mistakes in their collections which are, to the expert, often a source of amusement. Such things as fiscals, "cut squares," and unofficial "stickers" sometimes disfigure album pages. Then there is the person who uses stamp edging for the manufacture of hinges. Again, some stamps have an uncanny habit of getting mixed up with the stamps of another country.

There is no excuse for mistakes such as the above. There are several ridiculously cheap handbooks which tell the beginner everything he needs know about how stamps should be collected.

The latest book on the subject is from the pen of Mr. Stanley Phillips. Well-printed and copiously illustrated, "Stamp Collecting for All" deals with all accessories required, describes every kind of postage stamp, gives translations of foreign inscriptions on stamps, and, in short, gives all information required for the formation of an interesting collection.

"Dutch Philatelic Directory," 3rd Edition. Published by K. A. Heijmans, Vijverhofstraat 161, Rotterdam. Price 2.75 florins (approx. 5/-).

Not only does this directory give names and addresses of dealers and collectors in Holland and Colonies, but it contains a very lengthy list of philatelists in nearly every country in the world. Full particulars of philatelic societies and journals are also given, and the collector or dealer who transacts business with oversea countries will find this work a real help.

"Kohl's Handbook." Verlag Kohl's Briefmarken-Handbuch G.m.b.H., Friedrichstrasse 162, Berlin, W. 8.

We have received the fifth part of the second edition of this well-known work. The section under review takes us from Charkari to Denmark, the issues of the countries included being exhaustively described. The price of each section of this handbook is mk. 1.95 (2/-), post free.

Under the Hammer.

The following prices were obtained by Mr. H. R. Harmer, London's West End auctioneer, in sales held recently:—

Bushire, Sept., 1915, Coronation 9ch., unused, slight thinning ...	£14	0	0
Bushire, Sept., 1915, Coronation 10ch., unused, part gum ...	11	0	0
Bushire, Sept., 1915, Coronation 12ch., part gum, slight thinning	12	0	0
Bushire, Sept., 1915, Coronation 24ch., unused, part gum ...	14	10	0
Cyprus, 1922-23, obsolete wmk., 10s. and £1 mint ...	14	0	0
France, 1 franc, carmine-brown, mint vertical pair ...	17	10	0
France, 80 c., carmine, strip of three, shewing tête-beché pair, creased ...	17	10	0
Sudan, S.G. No. 103e, mint ...	7	7	0
Sudan, S.G. No. 156b, mint, from top of sheet ...	5	10	0
New South Wales, 1855, 5d. dull green. S.G. 114, brilliant copy with very large margins ...	16	0	0

OUR COMPETITION.

Possibly owing to the fact that once the Union Air Mail stamps were issued nothing that could be said for or against their issue would be of any avail at this late hour, there was not a large entry in our competition. No reader wrote against their issue, while only a few wrote in favour of these stamps. The number of entries received does not justify more than one prize being awarded, and that—two years' free subscription to this journal—goes to

REV. EDWARD B. FORD,

S. Barnabas Mission, P.O. Morija, Basutoland.

His entry obviously means that the Air Mail stamps will, at any rate, give philatelists something new to get mildly excited over, and improve their powers of observation by searching for varieties!

Mr. Ford writes:—

“I am in favour of the issue of Air Mail stamps by the Union Government because:

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. I. Glasser. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. Robertson. P.O. Box 4967.
Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m., in the Board Room, Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

The annual dinner, held on May 6th, is conceded by all who were present to be one of the most successful functions yet held by the Society. The gathering was most representative, and several ladies were present.

The Air Mail was responsible for quite a happy thought in the manufacture of the menu cards. On the front of each card was an Air Mail stamp and an Air Mail label, the two being cancelled with a "postmark" in which was inscribed the name of the Society, and the date and time of the dinner. The various good things were set forth in philatelic phraseology, while on the back of the menu was a circular "postmark," bearing the words "Passed by Censor." The presence of this "postmark" caused general satisfaction, the members being assured that the weirdly described dishes were quite fit for consumption!

After the good things had been stowed away and cigars lighted, the various toasts were proposed and replied to. The toast list was as follows: "The King," "Our Guests," "The J.U.P.S.," "The Hobby," "The Press," and "The Ladies." Our Editor turned a brilliant carmine shade when he heard the kind remarks made concerning the "South African Philatelist."

A message of greeting in the shape of a telegram was despatched to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. J. Donald Robertson. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, 73, Union Buildings, Pretoria. Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., at Market Restaurant.

Quite an interesting meeting was held on April 20th, the subject of the evening's exhibits being "My most interesting stamp, and why." Mr. Watson, the noted G.B. specialist, shewed the £5 Q.V. orange, used, which he had been hankering after for years to fill a blank space. Given him by his wife as a birthday present, it surely represented some self sacrifice on the latter's part. Major Milligan shewed a 24 c. green British Guiana, which started his specialism in Canada.

A discourse on an orange Kings head, first issue Norway, which got him a "licking" in his early days, was given by Mr. Westbrook. Mr. J. Donald Robertson spoke of his "forged" 1s. New Zealand, which is not a forgery. Others who exhibited were Messrs. Klagsbrun, Hand, De Boom and Caplan.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr F. E. Dalby. Hon. Sec.: M. J. B. Levy, P.O. Box 372, East London.
Meetings held in Sons of England Hall, third Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Junior Society's meetings held in Selborne College last Friday each month.

The fifteenth annual meeting was held on April 17th, there being a good attendance. The various reports were adopted.

The Junior Section is making excellent progress, this being due to a great extent to the enthusiasm shewn by Mr. J. P. Shingler, Hon. Secretary of this section.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the hard working Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. B. Levy.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. F. E. Dalby (re-elected); Vice-President, Mr. W. R. Gilbert; Exchange Supt., Mr. F. W. Bucholtz (re-elected); Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Levy (re-elected); Committee, Messrs. Thornton, Bell and Harper.

A very interesting syllabus has been drawn up for the coming year.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Coming Changes in Mauritius.

Our good friend on the island, Mr. J. P. Tomkins, writes as follows : "Postal rates are, I am informed, to be changed on 1st October, and, so far as I can glean, the following scripts will become obsolete :—4 cents. green, 6 c. violet, 10 c. grey, 12 c. red (Arms), and 20 c. blue.

"The undermentioned scripts may return : 4 cents. bi-colour, 15 c. blue, and new values will probably appear for 10 cents. red and 3 cents. green. Possibly in the near future some of these will be superseded by a pictorial issue, but it is rather premature to say any more about them."

JB and the J.U.P.S.

The second broadcast stamp chat arranged by the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society took place on June 17th, when Mr. M. P. Vallentine gave an able discourse on the objects, aims and advantages of stamp collecting.

There is no doubt that these talks by wireless are doing considerable good, and the thanks of philatelists are due to JB for making it possible for them to take place. Thanks are also due to the J.U.P.S. for arranging these interesting chats on the hobby.

It has been arranged to broadcast one talk per month, most probably between the hours of 9 and 10 p.m. on the third Wednesday. Our Editor will take his seat before the microphone on July 15th, at 9.30 p.m.

A Great Find.

What is stated to be the most valuable postage stamp "find" for probably the last twenty-five years has recently taken place in England.

The stamps unearthed are mostly large blocks and sheets of early imperf. and perf. stamps and their value is estimated in five figures. We hope to give further details in our next issue.

Meanwhile we remark "Who says the day of 'finds' is past?"

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of
New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned,
as required.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Air Mail Imperfs.

In addition to the varieties chronicled in our last issue, we now hear of the existence of the following peculiarities:—

1d., Imperforate at side (right or left not stated).

9d., Imperforate at bottom.

The Air Mail stamps have been withdrawn from circulation, but no details are at the moment available as to what is to become of the remainders.

NEW ZEALAND.

Our correspondent at Invercargill, Mr. J. Broadley, states that on the occasion of the International Exhibition to be held in Dunedin next November, there will be a special issue of postage stamps. No details regarding denominations are available as yet, but it is stated that the stamps will only be obtainable at the special Exhibition Post Office.

MALTA.

This island, very much in the philatelic eye at present, has just issued a very crude set of postage due labels. They are type-set and imperforate with enormous margins and tête bêche varieties all complete.

Our energetic correspondent, Mr. R. Roberts, of London, writes:—

“The stamps are imperf., type-set in sheets of 168, printed in settings of 42 clichés repeated four times. The stamps in each half sheet are printed in opposite way about, that is, those in the right hand half are normal, those in left hand half are inverted, so each sheet has the two middle rows tête bêche. There are thus only fourteen tête bêche varieties in each sheet of 168.

All on plain wove unwatermarked paper. The coloured papers are coloured right through.

½d., black on white.

1d., black on white.

1½d., black on white.

2d., black on white.

2½d., black on white.

3d., black on drab.

4d., black on straw.

6d., black on straw.

1/-, black on straw.

1/6, black on straw.

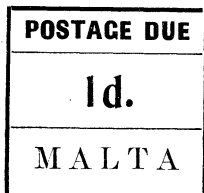
Our illustration is not an exaggeration!

NYASALAND PROTECTORATE.

A new value, namely, 1½d. light brown, will be on issue very shortly.

Mr. Fred. Stephens, of Chiromo, kindly submits the following varieties:

1d., K. G., shewing faint re-entry, particularly noticeable in “1d.”
(Our correspondent sends two copies, postmarked at different offices.)
3d., K. G., shewing faint line of colour running through “3d.” in top left-hand corner.



SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Another imperforate in the 1½d. value! Mr. Arthur C. Thornton, of Bulawayo, writes: "This is imperf. right from the left centre vertical strip across the sheet."

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein submits a pair of ½d. postage, Type I, from top left-hand corner of the sheet, with plate No. 5, showing "ou" of "South" out of alignment on stamp No. 1, and "Wes" error on stamp No. 2. He asks if the "Wes" variety is known in this position. We have seen stamps from the same position in the sheet as those our good friend submits, but the "Wes" variety was not so pronounced—part of the "t" was visible.

Mr. Mallet-Veale reports receipt of the 2d. postage, Type I, with overprint in oily black ink, the ink showing through back of stamps. He also states that he has the 1½d. Pretoria rouletted Due, Type I, with similar varieties to those found on the 5d. of this issue, as detailed on page 17 of our March issue, namely, misplaced overprint, shewing "Africa" above "Zuidwest" and "Afrika" above "South West." In the 1½d. value, however, the overprint is misplaced to the top of the sheet (in the 5d. it is misplaced to the bottom of the sheet), with the result that the stamps in the bottom row of the sheet bear "Africa" or "Afrika" only. The variety, no stop after "Africa," is present, but the "white leaf" peculiarity is absent.

Now we come to a lovely mix-up. In our April issue we chronicled the following:—

Type VI. ("South West," 16 mm. long, 9½ mm. between lines of overprint): 2d. postage.

Type VII. ("South West," 16½ mm. long, 9½ mm. between lines of overprint): 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1/-, 1/3, 2/6 and 10/-.

The Type VII. stamps have been duly chronicled by London journals, but not a word has been said about postage stamps with the sixth overprint.

Further values bearing Type VI. have been reported to us by correspondents. All the blocks bearing this overprint which we have seen are from the bottom of the sheet, and all stamps with Type VII. seen by us are from the top of the sheet.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein suggested that the two varieties occurred on the same sheet, while certain suspicions which we had have been proved to be true.

We have examined a complete sheet (240 stamps) of the 1d. value, and find that the two original Type VI. formes (each 60 set) have been used in conjunction with two new formes to overprint full sheets.

The stamps in the top half of the sheet differ from those in the bottom half, in that in the former the spacing between the words "South" and "West" is 2½ mm., while in the bottom half the spacing is 2 mm.

In his article in our April issue, Lieut.-Col. Worthington lists the varieties found in the two plates of the Type VI. overprint.

In the bottom left hand pane of the sheet of 1d. postage stamps examined by us, varieties (i) and (iii) of Plate "A" occur in the identical positions mentioned by the above gentleman. Thus Plate "A" is on the left and Plate "B" on the right.

The position is certainly an extraordinary one. If we are not to spoil our own and other journals' chronicles, we must say that the bottom of the sheet bears Type VI., and the top Type VII., in all the values mentioned above!

But we have not finished yet! When a further supply of the 1d. postage due (Pretoria perforated) stamps was required, the two new (so-called Type VII.) formes were used to overprint sheets of 120 stamps. This variety is reported by Messrs. H. Mallet-Veale and A. Lichtenstein.

South-West Africa.

THE INVERTED AND DOUBLE OVERPRINTS.

Mr. W. Percy Williams, President of the Philatelic Society of Natal, writes: "I am advised by the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, with reference to S.W.A. overprints, that the question of the inverted overprint on the 2d. stamps, which were supposed to have been on sale at one of their offices, was fully investigated, but he was unable to obtain any reliable information, and the matter was dropped. He also advises me that no stamps bearing double overprints have been sold in S.W. Africa."

Now, if the S.W.A. Government can make a definite statement regarding the double overprints, why cannot it make a similar statement regarding the inverted overprint on the 2d. postage?

Governments are loth to admit mistakes on their part, and if some postmaster issued errors accidentally, we imagine that it would be a difficult matter to get the Government to admit the mistake.

It is generally admitted that the 2d. postage with inverted overprint was sold in the ordinary way of business over a post office counter, and our belief that the stamp was genuinely issued is not going to be shaken by a vague statement that no reliable information could be obtained.

Coming to the double overprints, it has been stated by several collectors that they were genuinely so overprinted by the Government Printer, Pretoria, but were not issued. They were, we are told, condemned, but, somehow or other, they came into the possession of philatelists.

We are expecting further information on the subject before our next issue goes to press, and we shall pass same on to our readers.

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The Varieties on the Union Air Stamps.

By PHILATELIST (in the "Cape Times.")

Having been through complete sheets of all values of the South African Air Post stamps, and having carefully examined every stamp, I submit the following list of minor varieties, some of which are constant and some of infrequent occurrence, whilst, with the exception of possibly three, all are of unimportance. Strange to say, most of these occur on the 9d. value.

One Penny.—

Second stamp, 6th row, top and bottom panes. The d of 1d. in left circle of value is crooked and has no serif. This is constant, and occurs twice in a complete sheet.

Lower pane, fourth stamp, 1st row: sloping top to A.

Lower pane, 10th stamp, 5th row: top of R in "Suidafrika" open.

Lower pane, 8th stamp, 8th row: bottom of d in left figure of value open.

Threepence.—

10th stamp, 3rd row: face of airman solid.

8th stamp, 6th row: upward line of 4th upward support from left waves and curves over 4th line of background.

Lower pane, 3rd stamp, 3rd row: reversed h for d in left circle of value.

Lower pane, 6th stamp, 4th row: reversed h for d in left circle of value.

Lower pane, 6th and 10th stamps, 6th row: reversed h for d in right circle of value.

Upper pane, 1st stamp, 6th row, and 10th stamp, 4th row: reversed h for d in right circle of value.

Ninepence.

Dot between "air" and "post." Very slight and not constant. I am unable to give the position, as I have only seen single examples. I am unable to find it on any of the sheets I have examined due to an intrusive speck of dirt.

First stamp, 5th row, both upper and lower panes. There is a retouch or there has been an accidental scratch to the plate. This consists of three white scratches continuing the fourth upright right to the bottom of the body of the machine.

Sixth stamp, 5th row, both panes. An important variety. The white line below "lugpos" extends right through the left circle of value. This is constant and occurs twice in a sheet.

R in "Suidafrika" imperfect. Position in pane unknown.

There may be other minute differences, but variations of any sort are exceedingly hard to find. Creditable to the producers and entirely as it should be. The two constant varieties in the 9d. are both good ones and collectable. Incidentally, the 3d. blue has appeared in two shades.

(The above are, of course, the varieties on the stamps themselves. We have chronicled various imperforate varieties which have come to our notice.—Editor, "S.A. Philatelist.")

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THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

(Continued from May issue.)

The issue of 1898 was in use for four years only, being replaced in 1902 by a set bearing the head of King Edward. The design remained the same as in the previous issue, except that the King's head is on a solid background. Watermark, values and colours also remain as before, with a new value (2/-) added. Some three years later three new values made their appearance, 1/6, 2/6, and 3/-, so that the complete issue is as follows:

- ½d. green,
- 1d. carmine,
- 2d. orange and mauve,
- 2½d. ultramarine,
- 3d. purple and ultramarine,
- 4d. brown and ultramarine,
- 6d. sage-green and carmine,
- 1/- violet and green,
- 1/6 green and carmine on yellow,
- 2/- deep slate and orange,
- 2/6 purple and brown on yellow,
- 3/- carmine and green on yellow.

With regard to the 1/6, 2/6 and 3/- values, only 6,000 of each are supposed to have been printed, but as none of them are really scarce stamps, I think this is a mistake. Especially does this apply to the 2/6 and 3/- values, as a large number of them (3,780 and 4,500 respectively) were afterwards used for ½d. and 1d. provisionals.

In 1904 a new paper came into use, the well-known multiple Crown and C.A. watermark paper. The first value to appear on this paper was the 1d., followed early in the next year by three new values: 5d., 7½d. and 10d. These odd values appear to have been issued for payment of insurance fees on parcels. During this and the following year the new paper came into use for all the remaining values except 1/6, 2/6 and 3/-. This, by the way, appears to be further evidence against the statement that only 6,000 of each of these values existed in the previous issue.

The complete issue on multiple Crown C.A. is, then:

- ½d. green,
- 1d. carmine,
- 2d. orange and mauve,
- 2½d. ultramarine,
- 3d. purple and ultramarine,
- 4d. brown and ultramarine,
- 5d. grey and black,
- 6d. sage-green and carmine,
- 7½d. green and carmine,
- 10d. olive-brown and carmine,
- 1/- violet and green,
- 2/- deep slate and orange,

Both of these issues were printed by Messrs. De la Rue and Co., in fugitive ink on ordinary paper (not chalky surfaced) and are perf. 14.

In April, 1906, the stock of ½d. and 1d. stamps became exhausted, and to supply the demand for these values till a new stock could be obtained from England, two provisionals were issued. The stamps used for this purpose were the 2/6 and 3/-, single C.A. The former was surcharged HALF PENNY in two lines in block capitals, with two bars cancelling the original value. The overprinting was done half a pane at a time, i.e., five horizontal rows of six stamps, and in rows 1, 2 and 5 the upper bar is 5 mm. from the bottom of the letters; in rows 3 and 4 it is only 4 mm. below the letters. The issue consisted of 3,780 stamps, and there is only one variety of any consequence—a broken E in PENNY, making the word

(Continued on next page).

The Postage Due Stamps of South-West Africa.

By LIEUT.-COL. L. J. WORTHINGTON (in "Stamp Collecting.")

CONCLUSION.

It remains to be seen what further varieties of overprint the future will bring.

An attempt to bring the postage issues into a semblance of order would be a more formidable task, due to the sheets being four times as large, the values so much higher, and the number of sheets printed so much greater. Here the best one could hope to do would be to select certain of the more interesting blocks of the sheet in which the more important changes occurred, and trace out the changes occurring in each such block separately, without going into the question of inter-connection.

Such blocks would be from the left side and bottom of the lower left panes, and the top and bottom of the lower right panes.

The writer of these notes would be very pleased to receive particulars of any additions or corrections, and to hear from other collectors particularly interested in these issues and working on similar lines, as several pieces are still required to bring his collection up to the standard aimed at.

Acknowledgments are due to Mr. G. W. Reynolds for certain information included in his articles, and to several dealers for their kindness in allowing their stocks to be carefully examined.

(Since writing his excellent article, certain further information has come to Col. Worthington's notice. He is preparing an addenda, and this will appear in an early issue.—Editor.)

The Stamps of Gambia—continued from previous page.

read PFNNY. For the 1d. the 3/- single C.A. was used, 4,500 of these stamps being overprinted ONE PENNY in one line in small capitals. One pane was printed at a time, and the only variety is a double surcharge. The printing was done in Bathurst, and these provisionals were withdrawn from issue on the 23rd of April, on the arrival of a fresh supply of ½d. and 1d. stamps from England.

The next change was made in 1909; design, watermark and perforation remained as before, but colours were changed, and the 1/6, 2/6 and 3/- values reappeared. The set is:

- ½d. blue green,
- 1d. red,
- 2d. grey,
- 3d. purple on yellow,
- 4d. black and red on yellow,
- 5d. orange and purple,
- 6d. dull and bright purple,
- 7½d. brown and blue,
- 10d. pale sage-green and carmine,
- 1/- black on green,
- 1/6 violet and green,
- 2/- purple and bright blue on blue,
- 2/6 black and red on blue,
- 3/- yellow and green.

Again, Messrs. De la Rue & Co. were the printers, and ordinary surface paper was used. In most of the values of these three issues, there are a few shades, but I have not seen any other varieties.

(To be continued.)

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Air Mail Discontinued.

The South African Air Mail is no more. The last flight (from Cape-town to Durban) took place on June 15th.

From the start it was obvious that the venture would be a financial failure. Durban business houses made good use of the service, but very little matter for transport by aeroplane came from the United Kingdom.

The general public does not know that were it not for the philatelists the Air Mail would have an absolute fiasco, as far as the loads carried are concerned. The man in the street knows little of how the Post Office carries on its business, and is slow to grasp any new service introduced. It is generally stated by philatelists that at least 95 per cent. of the mail carried by the air service was posted by stamp collectors. This does not mean that the mails were always heavy; in most cases they were light, but on an average we think that the above percentage is correct.

One must also not forget the thousands of pounds worth of air mail stamps sold to collectors.

All praise is due to the pilots of the aeroplanes, who showed wonderful efficiency, and got the mails through in very quick time under all sorts of conditions.

The Air Post stamps have been withdrawn from circulation, and it will be interesting to know what is to become of the remainder. Will they be destroyed or kept in stock on the off-chance that air mails will be re-started in the future, when they could be re-issued?

The Union Government has received offers to conduct air mails from private aeroplane companies, and the matter is under consideration.

A Four Figure Collection.

WONDERFUL DISPLAY AT THE J.U.P.S.

One of the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society's members, Mr. W. G. M. Vogts, recently acquired, at a price stated to be over £2,000, a magnificent collection of South African stamps. As the sale took place in Johannesburg, the event was one of great interest to local philatelists.

Mr. Vogts was kind enough to exhibit the collection in its entirety to Rand philatelists at a meeting held under the auspices of the above Society on June 2nd.

There was a record attendance of members and other philatelists, and they certainly saw many gems.

In the collection were such items as the "Woodblock" retouched corner in pair with normal; pairs and strips of Natal "embossed" used on entires; a wonderful array of early Transvaals; Cape triangulars in singles, pairs and blocks; surcharged Cape rectangulars in profusion; rarities in British Bechuanaland, Griqualand West and Rhodesia, and a fine range of O.F.S. and Natal. The shewing of complete mint sheets of various issues of the erstwhile South African Colonies brought the display to a close.

The display was the subject of several speeches, and Mr. Vogts was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the treat that he had provided. In the course of his reply, Mr. Vogts asked the collectors present to remember that the putting together of the collection that they had seen that evening was the life work of another man.

“ A Stitch in Time — .”

The Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Natal writes as follows: “ At a recent meeting of our Society Mr. Williams exhibited a number of sheets of the transparent paper, similar to that used for making “ pochettes,” and sometimes used for interleaving stamp albums, which had been affected badly, apparently by the damp atmosphere, and pointed out that paper that is capable of absorbing moisture from the air is liable to cause irreparable damage to stamps. It is evident from Mr. Williams’ experience that extreme care must be used in choosing the quality of paper used for the purpose of inter-leaving albums, as well as the transparent paper pockets so popular among many philatelists.”

Several readers of this journal, when interviewed on the subject, stated that they had for some time used transparent “ pochettes,” which had not soiled stamps in the slightest degree. Other readers, however, who had, not knowing the danger of some classes of paper, bought “ pochettes” without the exercise of any particular care, would have nothing to do with them, as spots of oil appeared on the stamps enclosed in them.

REVIEWS.

“ **The A.B.C. Descriptive Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the Continent of Europe and its Colonies.**” Published by Bright & Son, 164, Strand, London, W.C. 2. Price 3/6, post free.

The thirteenth edition of this useful work had just left the press. It has naturally increased in size, but the price has been reduced.

The check lists of many modern issues are very complete; such countries as Poland, Portugal and Colonies, Danzig, Russia and Ukraine having received special attention.

Bearing an attractive blue cover, the volume fits one’s pocket comfortably.

“ **Complete List of K. G. Dies I. and II.**” R. Roberts, 430, Strand, London, W.C. 2. Gratis.

This is indeed a handy catalogue of the two Georgian dies, the prices given being those at which Mr. Roberts can supply the items listed. As its title shows, the list is complete up to the time of going to press.

A copy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds’ well-known handbook on the postage stamps of the Union of South Africa is presented free to all new subscribers to the “ S.A. Philatelist ” asking for it.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

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Pres.: Mr. I. Glasser. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. Robertson. P.O. Box 4967.
Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m., in the Board Room, Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

NEW J.U.P.S. OFFICERS.

At the annual general meeting held on May 12th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. I. Glasser; Vice-President, Mr. J. E. M. Coch; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. Robertson.

The Committee will be elected at the next ordinary meeting.

The President's report for the past year shewed that there had been a falling off in attendances at meetings, but otherwise the Society was in an excellent position. The balance sheet was adopted, while the reports of the Exchange Superintendent and Librarian were quite satisfactory.

EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. T. Wood (to whom communications should be addressed at P.O. Box 47, Boksburg.)

Meetings held third Wednesday each month, at 8 p.m., in the Transvaal Hotel, opp. Boksburg Station.

At the May meeting a good muster of members listened to an interesting discourse by the President on the points of interest in stamps which are not usually given much thought. Mr. Wood illustrated his chat by passing round various neatly mounted stamps.

As Mr. J. M. Coch's broadcast chat on the hobby was to take place during the evening, Mr. A. F. Johnstone brought his two-valve set to the meeting, and after sundry disagreements with various pieces of furniture, Mr. Robertson erected a satisfactory indoor aerial. Mr. Coch's talk came through perfectly, and was much appreciated by all present.

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Cape of Good Hope, 1855-58, 4d. deep blue, fine copy, lightly cancelled	34	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1863-4, 1d. carmine-red, used, marginal pair, superb	7	10	0
Mauritius, 1848, "Post Paid," intermediate impression, 2d. blue on blue, S.G. 16, superb	28	0	0
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India, Service, 4 as. purple, S.G., 517, superb used	6	10	0
Nova Scotia, 1d. red-brown, horizontal pair, frame a trifle touched	11	11	0

South Africa at New York.

Mr. Emil Tamsen, the veteran South African philatelist, has accepted an invitation to judge British African stamps at the great exhibition to be held in New York in October, 1926. This news will cause great pleasure among South African philatelists and we heartily congratulate the exhibition authorities on making such an excellent choice.

Stamps for the Prince.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

The J.U.P.S. Medal.

The silver-gilt medal awarded by the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society for the best collection of British South African stamps exhibited at the Paris Exhibition, was won by a well-known British philatelist, Mr. R. F. A. Riesco. It was Mr. Riesco's magnificent Capes which won him the medal.

A few days before the Exhibition, this gentleman absent-mindedly left his collection in a train. A large reward was offered, and the Capes were returned to their owner within a couple of days.

South African Air Mails.

The Port Elizabeth correspondent of "Die Burger" understands on reliable authority that there is every possibility of the Union Government coming to an arrangement with a British Company to conduct air mails between Capetown, Durban and Johannesburg. It is stated that passengers will also be carried, and that there will be two flights per week from Capetown (one to Durban and one to Johannesburg), with corresponding return flights.

If definite arrangements are made, it is probable that German "Junker" planes will be used, an annual subsidy of £6,000 granted to the aeroplane company, and a start made with the service early next year.

No ¼d. Stamps.

A couple of journals have obtained the impression that because the newspaper postage in the Union is now ¼d., there is to be a stamp of that denomination.

In order to have their publications carried at the ¼d. rate, publishers must open a deposit account with the Post Office, and the account is debited with the amount due on each posting. The publisher marks on the wrappers the words "Newspaper postage paid," and no postmark of any kind is applied by the P.O.

The Wireless Talks.

The third broadcast talk on stamp collecting was sent through the air by J.B. on July 15th. Our Editor discoursed on many points connected with the hobby. The President of the J.U.P.S. (Mr. I. Glasser) is down for the next talk, which will take place on August 12th, at 9.30 p.m. Don't forget to "listen in."

Greenland.

A distinctive set of stamps for this country is foreshadowed by "L'Eche de la Timbrologie." Greenland is under Norwegian protection.

The Esquimos will have the opportunity of a welcome diversion from their present monotonous existence by searching for broken letters and missing perfs., after the manner of our Union and South-West specialists!

The Science of Philately.

For several years philately has been a sub-section of the Chair of History at the Maryland Academy of Sciences at Baltimore. This sub-section has now been constituted a full section of the Academy, with a Chair of Philately. Mr. C. Lat. Wilhelm, a prominent American philatelist, fills the chair with the title of Professor of Philately.

A Word to Publishers.

If your journal is worth reading it is worth while seeing that your readers receive their copies safely. It is a marvel that some papers reach us at all, so weak are the wrappers used. On many occasions a wrapper has been placed in our postbox bearing the inscription, "Found without contents." Last month an expensive handbook consigned to us parted company with its covering, with the result that only the latter came to hand.

The Printer's Joke.

If Jules Verne were alive to-day, he would be interested in a paragraph in a recent issue of a London philatelic journal. The information is given that a new air mail route is "27,000 miles long," and the 'planes do the journey in 2½ days.

In an advertisement in another paper, the advertisers are stated to specialise in 10th century stamps. We have not sent our "want list" in yet!

Those "Pochettes."

Mr. Arthur C. Thornton, of Bulawayo, writes as follows: "In the last issue of the 'S.A. Philatelist,' you had some very interesting notes with reference to 'pochettes.' Several of my friends have suffered by using these as stated in your article. It may be of interest to some to know that the transparent inter-leaving sheets used in making up stamp parcels by the printers are very effective as a protection, and are used by many local enthusiasts with success."

The "Stamp Collecting" Year Book.

We have received the first (1925) edition of this work. It is a most useful list of stamp dealers, societies, journals, exchange clubs, philatelic terms, etc. As most of the dealers listed are recent advertisers in prominent journals, the book is very up-to-date. Its price is the modest one of 1s. (cloth bound, 2s.), net, and it is published by "Stamp Collecting," 89, Farringdon Street, London, E.C. 4.

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- Imperf. top from the top row of the bottom panes.
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$1\frac{1}{4}$ d. VALUE.

- Imperf. left from the left row of the right panes.
- Imperf. between horizontal pair.
- Imperf. top from the top row of the bottom panes.
- Imperf. bottom from the bottom row of the top panes.

6d. VALUE.

- Imperf. between horizontal pair. (Discovered overseas).

1s. VALUE.

- Imperf. right from the right margin of the sheet.

USED GEORGIANS.

It is really surprising (writes Mr. Douglas B. Armstrong, in his journal, "The Stamp Collector") how hard to come by are postally used specimens of current Colonials above the 3d. value. I refer, of course, to the Crown Colonies and Dependencies, and not to the self-governing Dominions, such as Canada, New Zealand and South Africa, whose higher values are always with us. Most catalogues err on the side of underpricing modern Colonials used. The knowing ones are asking and getting well over catalogue for fine used copies of current and recent Seychelles, Solomons, Falklands, Gambia and the like. The few parcels that have come on to the market lately have all been snapped up at prices that would stagger the "half-cat." merchants. Generally speaking, all used high value current Colonials are underpriced, and are worth picking up at anything from two-thirds to full catalogue.

THE ROYAL TRAIN POSTMARK.



One of the features of the Royal train, in which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales travelled while on his recent tour of South Africa, was the special post office on the train.

The postmark used by this P.O. is a very interesting and attractive one, and is illustrated herewith. In the oval are the words, "South Africa, Royal Tour," and "Koninklike Toer, Suidafrika." The oval is surmounted by the Union Coat of Arms. We are indebted to Messrs. Watson and Du Plessis for several covers posted on the Royal train.

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South-West Africa.

THE INVERTED AND DOUBLE OVERPRINTS.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

The June issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" is as interesting as ever, but I would like a certain paragraph on S.W.A., on page 52, corrected. I certainly cannot let it pass without comment, as it appears that to collectors it is rather misleading. It refers in general to the inverted and double overprints of Type I.

To separate, and take the inverteds in order of denominations first:—

Postage Stamps: ½d. Green.—No information available; probably printer's waste that has leaked out.

1d. Red.—Genuine. I hold a guarantee from a Paris firm of repute to say that a complete pane came to them direct from Windhoek. The guarantee was sent with a block of four I ordered from them.

2d. Purple.—One sheet sold over the counter at Usakos; one sheet sold over the counter at Windhoek; one sheet, of which I have a corner block of four with control, bought from a London dealer of repute, who states that they came from Windhoek in a parcel of stamps ordered.

1/3 Violet.—Issuing office unknown, but undoubtedly emanated from S.W.A.

Postage Due: ½d. Black and Green, Pretoria perf.—One pane from Windhoek.

That clears up the inverteds, and now for the double overprints.

Postage Stamps: ½d. Green.—One pane sent to me direct from Windhoek P.O.

1d. Red.—No information available, probably printers' waste—obtainable in England now.

Postage Due: ½d. Black and Green.—No authentic information except a letter sent to me from a London dealer, from which the following is extracted:—

"Thanks for your letter with observations re measurements of S.W. Africa. I am afraid, however, that I cannot agree with you that the slight difference in measurements proves conclusively that the stamps are forged. I have measured up all I have in stock, both inverted and ordinary, including a complete sheet of ½d. postage due, and I find many different measurements in the sheet. For example, "South West" measures 13½, 14, 14½, and 14¾ mm., and these on a lightly printed sheet. I have some heavily printed blocks in stock, which I have measured with corresponding stamps bearing lightly printed overprints, and I find that the heavy print accounts for a difference of ¼ to ¾ mm.

"When I purchased the stamps, I received a guarantee which I confirmed by sending specimens to the experts in London, and I received the opinion that they were genuine, but it was stated that none of the inverteds had been genuinely issued, but were printers' proofs, which ought to have been destroyed.

"I think in a case like this every man is entitled to his own opinion, and if your opinion is that they are bad, you must return them and receive your money back."

Before the misplaced overprints are questioned, let me mention that the following have all come from S.W.A. direct:—Postage: ¾d., 1d. Postage dues: 5d. (Transvaal), 1½d. (Pretoria rouletted).

(Continued on page 72.)

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

BELGIAN CONGO.

With the avowed object of raising funds for the erection of a war memorial at Leopoldville, two special stamps are (according to the "Stamp Collector") to be created, both of 25 centimes face value, the one inscribed in Flemish and the other in French, which will be sold at a premium of 100%. The total issue will consist of 600,000 stamps, a small proportion being overprinted for use in the mandated provinces of Ruandæ and Urundi.

MOCAMBIQUE.

Six stamps, to commemorate the memory of the Marquis de Pombal, were recently issued by Portugal, three being postage stamps, all of the face value of 15 c., while the other trio are postage due labels, each of the value of 30 c., made by overprinting the postage stamp types.

Remembering her Colonies, Portugal sent supplies of these stamps to each of them, the inscriptions of the names of the Colonies being suitably altered.

We, therefore, chronicle Moçambique's sextette:

Postage Stamps.—Large transverse upright format, value and name, "Moçambique," printed by a second operation. Three designs, but same value (15 c.), and colour (brown) in each case.

Postage Due Stamps.—As postage stamps, but value 30 c. in each case. Overprinted "Multa." Colour: Brown for all three stamps.

We understand that all letters posted on one particular day, and addressed to places within the Colony, had to bear a "Pombal" stamp. If this was not done, a surcharge of 30 c. was exacted from the addressee, and a "Pombal" postage due stamp affixed to the envelope.

All the above stamps were sold at double face value.

More Novelties.—A bunch of provisionals has recently been issued by most of the Portuguese Colonies, all being 40 centavos stamps, created by surcharging the various 400 reis provisionals of 1902. Moçambique's duet is as follows:—

Overprinted "Republica," and additionally surcharged "40 c." in black on 400 reis on 50 reis, and 400 reis on 80 reis stamps of 1902.

Mr. Theodore Champion gives the numbers printed as 13,000 and 23,000 respectively.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

In their "Monthly Journal," Messrs. Stanley Gibbons report the inspection by them of a copy of the 2s. denomination on distinctly toned paper.

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From Mr. R. Roberts, of London, we have news of the following novelties:—

Script wmk., $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 1d. red. Printed 240 set, combined plates 7 and 12, the top panes (Plate 7) being Die I., and the bottom panes (Plate 12), Die. II.

2d. grey, 3d. violet, Die II., plate 2, printed 120 set (two panes of 60), four controls.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

A variety of the 6d. postage due, Type VI., is reported by Mr. J. B. Levy. On a copy in his possession the A in Afrika is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. taller than on the other stamps. On all other stamps examined by him the top of the A is just a fraction below the top of the t, whereas on the stamp mentioned above it is above the top of the f.

Mr. Levy adds that he has an unused pair of the 1d. rouletted due, Type II. (S.G. D. 13). They were obtained by him, he says, from the Postmaster at Windhoek a couple of years ago. He asks if any other readers have copies of this stamp. We know where a used copy reposes—it was shewn us recently.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.**Air Mail Imperfs.**

Mr. L. Simenhoff reports that he has copies of the 9d. value imperforate at bottom, as listed in our last issue. His copies are from the bottom row of the top pane of the sheet. He was also fortunate enough to acquire copies of the 1d. value imperforate at left side (first vertical row).

Our chronicle of the Air Mail imperfs. now stands as follows:—

Imperforate at left side, first vertical row of sheet: 1d., 3d., 9d.

Imperforate at bottom, bottom row of top pane: 9d.

An Interesting Development.

A Limited Liability Company, dealing exclusively in stamps and philatelic accessories, has not previously existed in South Africa. The Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., has taken over the assets of the Southern Stamp Co., of Durban, and has opened offices in Johannesburg.

It speaks volumes for the stability of philately in South Africa when a band of enthusiasts have confidence enough to form a limited company, and we feel sure that their expectations will be realised.

The Directors are well known to us, while Mr. C. F. Skinner, the Managing Director, needs no introduction to our readers.

The progressiveness of the new firm is demonstrated in the fact that they are endeavouring to win new recruits to the hobby by organising a competition with large prizes. The competition will appeal mainly to the younger generation, and, being a decidedly simple one, is sure to be well supported. Those entering the competition will gain, perhaps without knowing it, much useful information as to how and what to collect, and will in most, if not all, cases become the advanced collectors of to-morrow, of whom there can never be too many.

Eh!

A Berlin journal chronicles a 1s. South African air mail stamp, while a London contemporary gives the Afrikaans inscription in the special post-mark as "S.A. Lugpost." Needless to say, we cannot boast of a 1s. air stamp—yet; while there is no "t" in the Afrikaans portion of the special cachet.

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Violet Cancellations on British African Stamps.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

Somehow or other there always seems to be a bias against these violet cancelled stamps, most of which come off parcels, and have therefore done postal duty. But why? The postmarks can as a rule be recognised from those of a fiscal or revenue nature, and they are certainly easier to detect than some of the neat round black marks now being used in various Government offices and on the railways, especially if only part of the frank has touched the stamp.

Gradually the Railways and Government offices are adopting this cancellation, which is similar to that used in Post Offices, and is hard to detect on the stamps of countries which have only one series for both postage and revenue.

One sees exchange sheets with perfectly good stamps cancelled with the violet parcel postmark, and no one seems to wish to take the stamps, although they are in fine condition and priced at a mere fraction of the catalogue value? What is the reason?

One can hardly imagine the average collector thinking that these stamps have done fiscal duty. If the postmarks were heavy or blurred on the stamps, it would seem reasonable that the stamps should be left severely alone, but with a light neat mark the stamp would look better than one torn or heavily cancelled in black. Yet there are in many collections inferior stamps, the image or design of which can scarcely be distinguished; still the collector will persist in leaving everything with a violet cancellation mark on it alone.

Take some collections of Kenya and Uganda, and look at the higher rupee values. These are printed in doubly fugitive ink. Look at the stained and blurred copies on the page, and yet it is almost certain that the collector has, or at some time had, these high value stamps with a light violet postmark, but has turned them down in favour of inferior copies with a black mark over the greater portion of the stamp, and hiding most of the design.

I once saw such a collection, and the collector had a nice little lot of duplicates that had come off parcels, and were not heavily cancelled in violet. On asking him why he did not include these in his album, in place of the dirty copies there, he informed me that these stamps looked as if they had come off bank documents, and were therefore fiscals.

On another few pages I found Unions, with the "C.T.O." cancellation, and a pair of 5/- values used on a parcel posted in Johannesburg, and having a violet cancellation; this, I was informed, was only placed in the album as a stop-gap!

Pages of West Africans were noticed with coloured (red, green and blue) pencil marks across the face, and these I was told were stamps that had come off registered letters and packets.

Others again shewed that they had been liberally smeared with gum, and looked rather sorry for themselves. My informant told me that the reason for this was because in damp climates the gum on the stamps had a tendency to deteriorate, and that they had, therefore, to be well and truly stuck down.

(To be continued.)

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Belgian Congo: Numbers Printed.

The above country, being very popular in South Africa, the following list of numbers printed (published in the "Philatelic Magazine") will be of interest:—

RED CROSS ISSUE OF 1918.

Face value.	Premium.	Colour.	Printed.
5c.	10c.	green	250,000
10c.	15c.	carmine	250,000
15c.	20c.	green	200,000
25c.	25c.	blue	150,000
40c.	40c.	brown-red	150,000
50c.	50c.	"	100,000
1 fr.	1 fr.	olive-yellow	50,000
5 fr.	5 fr.	orange	15,000
10 fr.	10 fr.	green	7,500

JUNE, 1909, ISSUE, "CONGO BELGE" (S.G. Nos. 62-66.)

- 5c. green (200,000).
- 10c. red (200,000).
- 15c. yellow (100,000).
- 50c. olive (175,000).

The 15c. exists in a very pronounced yellow-brown. This is four times as scarce as normal. The quantity given includes both shades. These stamps were overprinted TAXE in six different types, and this has diminished the supply. The 15 c. is the rarest.

International Philatelic Exhibition.

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The following news has been issued by the Publicity Committee:—

The estimated expenses of the exhibition will be between \$35,000 and \$40,000. This amount will have to be secured from three main sources: (1) Contributions, (2) rentals, (3) membership.

To date, pledges received approximate \$12,000, of which less than one-quarter has actually been paid in.

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Rentals.—Income from this source is undetermined, as plans and specifications have not yet been completed.

Membership.—Every philatelist is asked to lend his support and show his interest in the forthcoming exhibition by becoming a member of the Association. Application blanks may be obtained from the Treasurer.

The Finance Committee desires it to be understood that all moneys received are for the exclusive use of the exhibition.

A copy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds' well-known handbook on the postage stamps of the Union of South Africa is presented free to all new subscribers to the "S.A. Philatelist" asking for it.

Under the Hammer.

The following are selected from lists of prices recently obtained by Mr. H. R. Harmer, the West End auctioneer:—

	£	s.	d.
Holland, 1867-71, perf. 10½ x 10, Die II., 15 c., chestnut, fine...	8	8	0
Holland, 1867-71, perf. 14, white paper, Die II., 25c., purple, very fine, cat. 90s.	8	0	0
Dutch Indies, Marine Insurance Stamps, 1921, complete mint set	5	5	0
Jamaica, 1920, obsolete wmk., 10s., superb mint block of 4 ...	3	3	0
Gibraltar, 1903, £1 superb, reg. pmk.	7	0	0
Great Britain, I.R. Official, Q.V., 10s., ultramarine ...	4	5	0
Great Britain, Board of Education Official, Q.V., 1s., very fine ...	5	0	0
Irish Free State, 17-9-1922, ¾d., inverted overprint, mint ...	3	5	0
Irish Free State, 17-3-1922, Thom printing, 2d., inverted overprint, mint ...	2	10	0
Trans-Jordania, May, 1923, Independence set, mint ...	3	10	0

The Inverted and Double Overprints of S.W. Africa (contd. from page 65).

All Governments can make mistakes, but to make a general statement and say that "no stamps bearing double overprints have been sold in S.W. Africa," is not correct.

I have no desire to dispose of any of my ¾d. postage with double overprint, but it is genuine in that it was sent from the Windhoek P.O. in a large batch of stamps that I ordered, and so can be considered a true variety.

The 1d. postage with inverted overprint was condemned in the "S.A. Philatelist" months ago, but I hold that this stamp should also find catalogue rank.

I regret the length of this article, but the various overprints of this interesting stamp-issuing territory are already so complicated that before it is too late let us clear up all doubts as to what is genuine and what is not.

RHODESIAN PROOFS AND ESSAYS.

A highly interesting article on the above, illustrated by two plates, appears in the June issue of "Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal." All the proofs of the B.S.A. Company's issues are described and illustrated, while the likenesses of the unaccepted essays are most interesting.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

South African Air Mails.

An elaborate air mail scheme is discussed in the Johannesburg "Star." Briefly, it deals with the possibility of transferring inward European mails to aeroplanes at Walfisch Bay. The mails would then be taken to Johannesburg, and even Durban, by air. Outward mails would be taken to Walfisch Bay by aeroplane, and there placed on the mail steamers.

This scheme would also enable mails from and to South West African towns to be sent by air. The journey would be done within a day, as against the present several days journey.

If the scheme discussed is adopted, certain alterations in the times of arrival and departure of the mail steamers would be necessary if the service is to be of real benefit.

South-West Africa.

In this issue we publish the first instalment of a splendid article on the postage stamps of the above territory. Written by that recognised expert, Lieut.-Col. L. J. Worthington, the article first appeared in "Stamp Collecting," the well-known London weekly.

As South West Africans have numerous devotees in this country, we feel sure that specialists in these stamps and others will welcome the re-printing of Col. Worthington's notes, which will be of great reference value, and which will be fully illustrated.

The New Union Stamps.

The new issue will definitely appear on January 1st next, according to the daily papers. The King's head will not appear on the stamps. Instead, designs appropriate to South Africa will be used.

Some values of the current issue are worth investing in.

The Postage Stamps of South-West Africa.

By LIEUT.-COL. L. J. WORTHINGTON (in "Stamp Collecting.")

(Since it appeared in "Stamp Collecting," this article has been slightly revised.)

The original type-set forme used for overprinting the postage stamps was, from very early in its use, so full of imperfections, which rapidly increased owing to the soft nature of its metal, that it is impossible to attempt to describe the changes taking place in it in a sequence of defined stages of the overprint as a whole, similar to that adopted in the case of the Dues

Only a bare list of the multitudinous varieties which have been observed will, therefore, be given, together with particulars concerning those which seem the more interesting ones. A large number of those listed are of no real philatelic interest.

In the case of the later overprints, several broken letters may be found, but as it would appear that the overprint plates for these were not of the same nature as the original type-set forme, and that, in these, broken letters are in most cases due more to imperfect inking than to flaws on the plate, no mention will be made of them unless they are constant.

Unfortunately, there has been a good deal of diversity in the numbering of the different types of overprints. The numbering adopted in these notes will, it is hoped, cause a minimum of confusion.

FIRST OVERPRINT.

January, 1923, "Zuid-West," two words; 14 mm. spacing between lines of overprint.

This overprint is divided into two sections, (a) type-set, with dull black ink, and (b) lithographed, with shiny enamel jet black ink.

TYPE-SET OVERPRINT.



Type I

For the purpose of chronicling the positions of varieties, each pane of sixty stamps is considered separately, and the stamps numbered from 1 to 60 by their position on each pane.

The values which exist with this overprint are: $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (Plates 5 and 6), 1d. (Plates 6 and 7), 2d. (Plates 1 and 2), 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., and £1. In some few sheets the 2d., Plate 1, has the top margin imperforate and the bottom margin perforated, a very unusual occurrence in De La Rue printings.

A 240-set forme of type was set up for overprinting complete sheets of stamps at a time, and it would appear that only the one forme was used until replaced by the lithographed plate.

Top Left Panes.

The following varieties have been noted:—

- (i) No right cross-stroke of "f" on No. 10.
- (ii) Flat sided top of "S" on No. 12.
- (iii) Dot under "r" on No. 14.
- (iv) Thin lower loop of "S" on No. 25.
- (v) Broken right leg of "k" on No. 31.
- (vi) Cut through "t" on Nos. 35 and 43.
- (vii) Bent "r" on No. 35.
- (viii) Thin left leg of "A" on No. 43.
- (ix) Broken "r" on No. 48.
- (x) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 60.
- (xi) Space mark before "South" on Nos. 24 and 36.
- (xii) Space mark after "West" on Nos. 35, 36, 46, 49, 51, 53 and 58.
- (xiii) Space mark consisting of one or more dots before "Africa." on Nos. 10, 24, 29, 34, 36, 37 and 48.

All the above varieties are of but little interest.

Top Right Panes.

The following varieties have been noted:—

- (i) Broken stop on No. 14.
- (ii) Missing right stroke of "t" in "West" on No. 17.
- (iii) Broken top of "h" on No. 17.
- (iv) Mark between "South" and "West" on No. 41.
- (v) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 47.
- (vi) Smaller dot over "i" on No. 55.
- (vii) Broken "r" on No. 56.
- (viii) Space mark before "South" on Nos. 46, 56 and 58.
- (ix) Space mark after "West" on Nos. 49 and 56.
- (x) Space mark consisting of two or more dots before "Africa." on Nos. 8 and 39.
- (xi) Space mark after "Afrika" on No. 18.

All the above varieties are of but little interest, except (vi), which occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 4d. and 1s. 3d., the last three values also being found with the dot entirely missing, presumably from the same position; (vii), which also occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 4d. and 1s. 3d.

Bottom Left Panes.

The following varieties have been noted:—

- (i) Flaw in top of "A" on No. 2.
- (ii) Faint dropped stop, in the form of a short thin oblique line, on No. 3.
- (iii) Broken "S" on No. 5.
- (iv) Stubbled foot of "Z" on No. 7.
- (v) "t" missing from "West", or appearing as a dot, on No. 8.
- (vi) Flaw in centre of "W" on No. 8.
- (vii) Smaller stop on No. 12.
- (viii) Shorter "t" in "West" on No. 12.
- (ix) Broken "i" on No. 13.
- (x) Partly broken top of "f" on No. 15.

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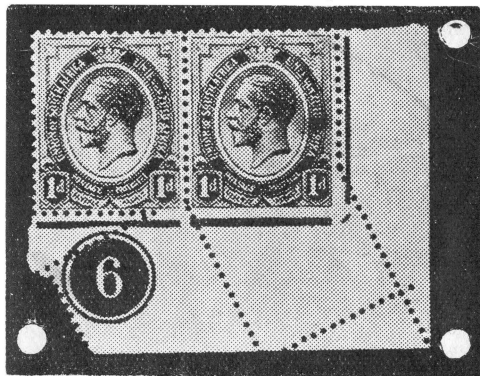
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.



A very interesting variety has come into the possession of our Editor. It is a corner block of the 1d. value; plate 7, shewing the corner stamp almost entirely imperforate along the bottom. The variety was caused through a portion of the sheet having been turned over while being perforated. The variety is of the same nature as the one illustrated herewith, but is from the bottom left corner of the sheet. Union imperforates are very seldom met with.

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

The 5/-, 10/- and £1 values are now on issue with watermark upright, instead of sideways as previously.

ZANZIBAR.

The current set of stamps will be withdrawn on December 31st next, and a new set issued the next day.

MOCAMBIQUE.

This territory seems to be enjoying itself. In June there were great celebrations in Lourenco Marques, the reason being that it was fifty years since President MacMahon, of France, settled the dispute between Portugal and Great Britain as to the ownership of certain territory near Delagoa Bay.

Of course, the celebrations would have been incomplete without a long set of special stamps. The labels bear various designs, but the inscription, "Correios Mocambique, 1875-1925, Assistencia Social," is common to all.

The amount realised by the sale of these stamps is said to have been handed over to the Central Commission of Social Assistance.

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10 and 20 escudos	Bust of Viscount Piava Manso	20,000 each.

The above stamps were only available for use on internal correspondence on June 23rd, 24th and 25th.

And that's that! Now for some more. Two provisional Postage Due stamps have been created by overprinting the current Ceres type.

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A GREAT STAMP FIND.

Discoveries of rare stamps that have lain hidden away for many days often take place. Did not a Durban philatelist recently unearth a "Post Office" Mauritius? And was not a "Brattleboro" discovered by a rag-picker?

The "find" concerning which we write to-day puts the discoveries referred to above in the shade.

In 1864 a young man sent remittances to various Colonial postmasters, and received in return sheets of wonderful early issues. The youth heard the call of the Army, and put the stamps carefully away. He never looked at them again. What happened to the young man we do not know.

A few months ago a titled lady residing in Mayfair, London, was searching in an attic for some papers when some stamps caught her eye. She brought to light the stamps laid aside by the young man of 61 years ago, and shewed them to her husband. There are many people whose knowledge of stamp collecting is limited to the idea that old stamps are valuable. The titled lady and her husband belonged to this group. They therefore invited Mr. H. R. Harmer, the Bond Street auctioneer, to see the lot, and eventually placed the stamps in his hands for sale by auction.

They will come under Mr. Harmer's hammer in October of this year, and will, without doubt, provide one of next season's auction-room sensations, for the stamps, which were originally bought for less than £30, are expected to realise approximately £15,000.

We have before us an inventory of the stamps included in the find, and mention hereunder a few of the items.

British Columbia, 1861, perf. 14, 2½d., reddish-rose, complete sheet of 240 with margins (four panes of 60), and a part sheet of 118 with margins.

Ceylon, 1858, ¾d., imperf. on white glazed paper, complete sheet of 120 with full margins, and a sheet from which two stamps have been removed.

Grenada, 1861, no wmk., 1d. green, six complete sheets of 120, each with full margins, and a broken sheet of 96.

Natal, 1863, thick paper, no wmk., perf. 13, 1d. lake, four blocks of 15 each, two blocks of 12 each, three blocks of 9 each. These stamps are all from the same sheet. They were cut apart through the perforation with scissors, and it has been possible to re-arrange the blocks in their original order.

Natal, 1864, wmk. CC, perf. 12½, 6d. lilac, mint block of seven.

Queensland, 1862-63, thick paper, no wmk., 1d. orange-vermillion, part sheet of 92, perf. 12½ square by pin perf. 12, and an almost complete sheet of 229, mixed perfs. In the small part sheet of 92 1d. and others, the square holes and pin perf. appear to be part of the same line.

Queensland, 1862-63, thick paper, no wmk., 2d. blue, square perf. 12½ by pin perf. 13, part sheet of 106 with margins, and shewing 2 vertical pairs imperf. between. Also corner block of 16 with margins.

Ditto, 3d. brown, perf. 12½ by 13, block of 49 with margins.

Ditto, 6d., yellow-green, perf. 12½ by 13, block of 22.

Western Australia, 1854, 4d. blue, corner block of 12 with margins, shewing two marked transfer varieties, S.G. g and i.

Ditto, 1861, clean-cut 14-16, 2d. blue, block of 49.

Ditto, 1864, no wmk., perf. 13, 1d. carmine-rose, corner block of 80 with margins.

Ionian Islands ($\frac{1}{2}$ d.), orange, complete sheet of 120 and block of 59.

Ditto (1d.), blue, two complete sheets of 120 and broken sheets of 119, 100 and 96.

Ditto (2d.), carmine, eight complete sheets of 120 and broken sheets of 117 and 114.

Thurn and Taxis (Northern District), 1859-60, $\frac{1}{4}$ sgr., pale red, block of 104.

Ditto, ditto, 2 sgr. rose, block of 35.

Ditto, 1862-64, $\frac{1}{3}$ sgr. blue-green, block of 65.

Ditto, ditto, $\frac{1}{2}$ sgr. orange, block of 90.

Ditto, ditto, 1 sgr. rose, block of 40.

Hamburg, Bergedorf, Lubeck, Finland, Sweden and Austrian Italy, pairs, and small and medium sized blocks.

The sheet of British Columbia is unique, both the Ceylon pieces come under the same category, whilst in the latter case, until the discovery of these sheets, the size of the sheet and the setting was entirely unknown. This shows of how great importance the find is to specialists. All the Queensland pieces are absolutely unique, only small blocks of the Brisbane printing having previously been known. These items give important clues as to the manner in which the local perforations were effected.

According to leading German experts, the Thurn and Taxis pieces are unique in every case. The blocks of 1d. lake, 1863, Natal, will be of special interest to South African collectors, and we hope that some of these pieces will find their way out here. The sheets and blocks of the Ionian Islands are also of great interest.

There are also many large and small blocks of early Europeans.

Altogether a magnificent find, the memory of which will live for many a day.

DEATH OF MR. V. A. MARKEWITCH.

We deeply regret to announce the death, on August 4th, of Mr. V. A. Markewitch, a well-known Johannesburg philatelist.

Until recently the deceased gentleman was a collector only, but latterly he conducted the business of a stamp dealer in Johannesburg.

The late Mr. Markewitch's collections of Russia, Russian Offices Abroad, and Portuguese East Africa were practically complete, while he had a very fine stock of nearly every country in the world.

Of a quiet disposition, Mr. Markewitch had a very large circle of friends, who will join with us in expressing deepest sympathy to his wife and family in their sad bereavement.

At the funeral the philatelists of Johannesburg were represented by Messrs. Vallentine and Robertson.

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Violet Cancellations on British African Stamps.

By H. MALLET-VEALE.

(Continued from July issue.)

A very surprised collector listened whilst I quietly told him that the coloured pencil marks on the stamps were caused by telegraph clerks when they stuck the stamps down on telegraph or cablegram forms, and the heavy gum was also only found on stamps that had done duty on these forms. The usual black cancellation is, of course, also found on the stamps, and that no doubt gives rise to the theory that the stamps come off registered letters and packets.

I am told that to collect the stamps off telegram and cablegram forms is better than to collect stamps with the violet cancellation. Certainly they look better, and there would be no objection to the collecting of them were it not for the fact that in most cases they have been stolen when the forms should have been destroyed.

As a really good bit of logic, the following was put to me:—

Because stamps are collected off letters, and letters are messages, therefore stamps off cable and telegraph forms, always provided that they are legitimately obtained, are collectable, as cables and telegrams are also messages—there is no difference. If the stamps, instead of being placed on the forms in the office of origin, were stuck on the envelope when the said messages were delivered to the addressee, then surely the stamps would be collectable. Why, yes, This is all correct, and I had to admit it, but when I was told that both the monies received for stamps on letters and for the stamps on telegrams and cables was revenue, and that revenue stamps were never collected, also that the words fiscal and revenue were almost of the same meaning, I felt that the argument was getting a bit complicated, and that it had best be dropped, or I would find that a case was being made for the inclusion of stamps issued solely for revenue purposes in the album, and probably only on the strength that these stamps were sold over the post office counter. But I had to admit that according to the rules of logic, cable and telegraph cancelled stamps, if not actually acquired by theft, could and no doubt would find a place in the stamp album.

But to get back to the original subject. In many cases, these violet marks on the parcel stamps do look like the rubber stamp used by tellers in the banks, and in the case of letters posted at railway post offices, one sometimes sees a large oval cancellation on the stamp where the railway rubber stamp has been used. Many stamps of Rhodesia are found thus, and in the case of certain railway post offices in Uganda, just a rubber stamp with the name of the place in large capital letters is used—this is also in violet. These stamps certainly do look as if they had been fiscally used, and if collectors showed any eagerness in acquiring them, unscrupulous people could take advantage of the collector and foist fiscals on him. Still, the discerning collector will never be bitten.

It is hardly worth while describing the various violet post-marks used in the British Colonies on the West or East coast, nor those used in the Union. All are well known and common; that used in Uganda has been described, and that in Rhodesia as well, though, to make it plainer, it is best described as looking very much like that on the envelope of any Government department—just the same size rubber stamp, naturally the wording is different.

The true philatelist should collect these violet cancelled stamps just the same as any other postally cancelled in black stamp. But where he has a page where all the stamps are already cancelled in black, he should try to get the black postally used copy to complete, or if the rest of the stamps are mint, he would get a mint stamp as soon as he can.

If, however, the majority of the stamps were cancelled in violet, it would be better if he could shew all with the violet mark. British Colonies in Africa are not the only ones with this coloured postmark; it is also found on stamps of other countries in Africa, for example, Madagascar and the Spanish Colonies on the West Coast also use it.

And just a final word on other cancellations. Most of the older Colonies, especially on the West Coast, have used a red post-mark on their first issues of stamps. Do not discard this when a stamp with a black cancellation is obtained; the red postmark is the rarer of the two.

Next, Gold Coast. Some of the earlier stamps shew a black or grey-black oval cancellation, very small, however. This is a genuine postal cancellation, and not fiscal, as is generally thought, and is much sought after by specialists.

Lagos.—At one time stamps of the Gold Coast were allowed to be used there on account of a shortage of stamps in the former territory. Certain stamps of the Gold Coast issue of 1876-79 are found with a large "L" inside a diamond grille—black postmark.

Let me trust that these notes on postmarks will be of some use, and that they will tend to increase the study of same.

It is not only the stamp that is always the rarity—in many cases the postmark plays a very important part, and always "Knowledge is power," and knowledge cannot come without careful study and research. More pleasure is obtained from the hobby of stamp collecting by the latter two, than by just aimlessly sticking a lot of scraps of paper in an album. Just as well stick in a lot of cigarette cards or scraps.

I am not advocating that everyone must be a specialist, but to see a Transvaal or Natal stamp with a Capetown postmark on it, placed under Transvaal or Natal, does seem a bit odd and out of place. The stamp would be correctly placed under the Union of South Africa.

Of Union stamps used in South West Africa, these are found with both a light blue and magenta postmark. Do not discard these, as they are quite genuine.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

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Pres.: Mr. I. Glasser. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. Robertson. P.O. Box 4967.
Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in the Board Room,
Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

A highly interesting meeting took place on July 11th, when "spotting" and general knowledge competitions took place. In the spotting competition, a dozen stamps, mounted on a card, were exhibited. The essential portions of the stamps were covered with strips of paper, and members "placed" the stamps to the best of their ability. Mr. C. F. Skinner correctly placed the most stamps, Mr. M. P. Vallentine taking second place.

Mr Robertson, who mounted the stamps, naturally did not enter the competition, and seemed to enjoy the whole thing as much as those who did.

The general knowledge competition contained some posers, but it was thoroughly enjoyed by the members. Thirty questions were read out, and Mr. J. Robertson "obtained the highest marks," as one member put it, Mr. Vallentine again being second.

Societies which complain of dull meetings should try a couple of these competitions.

Two new members were elected at the above meeting, while another three philatelists were proposed for membership.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. Arthur C. Thornton. Hon. Sec.: Mr. A. C. Durant. P.O. Box 738,
Bulawayo.

Meetings held third Thursdays, Scott's Buildings, 8.15 p.m.

The second annual general meeting was held on June 26th, there being a good attendance of members.

The reports of the President and Hon. Treasurer shewed that the Society was in a sound position.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Arthur C. Thornton; vice-President, Mr. W. Scot-Russell; Hon. Sec., M. A. C. Durant; Hon. Treas. and Exchange Packet Supt., Mr. W. Morsman. The Committee is now composed of Messrs. Whitmore, Fox, Younge and Morsman, and Miss Bateman.

The business of the meeting over, Mr. Thornton exhibited the latest imperforate varieties of Southern Rhodesia, which were much admired.

At the meeting held on July 16th, the principal business discussed was in connection with the Exchange Packets and methods of dealing with them. Mr. Morsman, the Exchange Supt., reported that he had sent out two packets for July, and hoped to equal that figure every month.

Mr. W. Scot-Russell then exhibited his very fine collection of the stamps of British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate, which is very strong in rare items. The exhibitor was very heartily thanked for his kindness.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Tristan d'Acunha.

The late Captain Scott's famous ship, the "Discovery," is now on its way from England to the South Atlantic. It is carrying mails for Tristan, and will call at Capetown for correspondence for the island. Tristan receives about two mails in three years.

The "Pochette" Controversy.

While examining the collection of mint Georgians belonging to Mr. C. F. Skinner, we noticed that most of the stamps were enclosed in transparent pockets. Asked if his stamps suffered by their use, Mr. Skinner stated that he had come across a grade of "pochette" which did not affect his stamps in the slightest extent. Some of the stamps shewn us had, said our good friend, been enclosed in transparent pockets for several years without suffering any damage.

It is evident that there are "pochettes" and "pochettes." A good "pochette" is a comparatively expensive item, but it is certainly better to pay a little more and get the best.

The Bisected Union 1d. Stamps.

A correspondent writes to ask why these are not catalogued, as is the case with several other British Colonial and foreign bisecteds.

It will be remembered that when the postage rate on letters was raised from 1d. to 1½d. some years ago, a couple of dorp post offices ran out of ½d. stamps, and used bisected 1d. stamps. This was done without the permission of the P.M.G., and, if we remember rightly, the postmasters concerned were reprimanded. Some collectors, in search of freaks, passed letters bearing bisected stamps through the post. In some cases, the idea worked; in others, there was a penny postage due to pay.

It will, therefore, be seen that as the bisecting was not in any way officially authorised, these split stamps are not entitled to catalogue rank.

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BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

The 2d. value is now on issue with the Waterlow watermark (GvR in block letters, and Crown.) The Crown is not in block letters, as stated by a well-known London contemporary!

KENYA AND UGANDA.

Philatelists who must have complete sets will find it rather expensive in the case of this country.

The following new values in the current types are about to be issued.

2/-, 50c., brown; 4/- grey; 7/-, 50c., orange; £2 green and purple; £3 purple and amber; £4 black and "brilliant rosa"; £20 red and green; £75 purple and grey; £100 red and black.

The above stamps will all bear the script watermark.

MALTA.

The "tram ticket" postage dues chronicled in our June issue have been replaced by a set of London-printed stamps. The denominations remain as previously, but each stamp is in a distinctive colour.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.

According to "Stamp Collecting," fresh printings of all values are already on order. We are not surprised; the set is selling like hot cakes—to collectors. Meanwhile, shade experts, get ready!

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

A new kind of variety has been shewn us by Mr. C. W. Reid. While being perforated by the printers, a block of sheets of the 1½d. value apparently forgot to move up one, with the result that between two horizontal rows there was a clean-cut double perforation.

Mr. Reid's copy is used on an envelope, and the peculiarity occurs along the top of the stamp. We wonder what has happened to the other copies of this perf. 28.

Mr. A. C. Thornton asks us to add the following variety to the list of imperforates published last month: 1d., imperf. between horizontal pair. This was the only pair on the sheet, being numbers 4 and 5 in the second bottom row of the bottom right pane.

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Government selling Stamps which cannot be used

THE AIR MAIL REMAINDERS.

When we read in the "Government Gazette" that the Union Air Post stamps were still obtainable at face value from the Pretoria Post Office, we thought it possible that the Government had decided to emulate the example of other countries, and allow the Air stamps to be used for ordinary postage purposes.

We, therefore, addressed the Secretary, G.P.O., Pretoria, on the subject, and the following is extracted from the reply of the Assistant Secretary: "In reply to your communication of the 28th ultimo, I beg leave to inform you that Air Mail Stamps cannot at present be used in prepayment of ordinary postage, nor will they be valid for that purpose after the sale has been finally discontinued, or at any other future date. Air Mail stamps will be obtainable at the Pretoria Post Office until 31st October next." The Assistant Secretary's letter is dated September 4th.

Now, we did not think it possible that our Government would stoop to selling stamps which cannot be used to prepay postage. Even the "Seebecks" of Central American Republics were sold much below face value, and in any case these republics had an unenviable record. But in the present case we have a Government which has always enjoyed a clean record stooping to selling at face value stamps which can serve absolutely no purpose.

Why are the Air Mail stamps still on sale? Is the man in the street going to write to Pretoria to procure a few, to retain as curios or anything else? We need not answer our question. If any non-philatelists wished to preserve sets, they would have bought them when the stamps were on general issue. The Government is willing to take collectors' money and give them in return little pictures gummed on one side and perforated all round, which the said Government declares are not valid for any postal purpose.

This is a regrettable state of affairs. In view of the fact that ordinary postage stamps could have been used in payment of air mail fees the issue of Air Mail stamps was unnecessary. But the Government is not satisfied with reaping a rich harvest from the sale of these stamps; it wants to obtain still more money from their sale, although the stamps are now reduced to the state of serving no purpose.

We shall be very pleased to have the views of our readers on this matter. We would like to publish their views, and if any of them do not desire their names published, we shall respect their wishes.

From Prague.

We have received a copy of the "Review of International Peace," with the request that we review same. It consists of a bulky set of twenty-seven papers on various branches of public life, such as State Organisation, Social Politics, Commerce, Advertising, Statistics, Religion, Sample Fairs and Life. There is one paper on Philately; it gives a general review of the hobby. The articles are in various European languages; only a couple of them are in English, but translations may be had free of charge. The address of the publishers in Slezska ul, 1739, Prague XII., Vinohrady, Czecho-Slovakia.

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Edited by that expert philatelic writer, Mr. Fred. J. Melville, the 1925 edition of the "Whitaker of the Stamp World," has just made its appearance. It is a work which should be in the possession of every medium and advanced collector—and juniors, too, for that matter.

The following are a few of the contents of our blue friend: Full reports of the Ferrari sales, names and addresses of well over 200 philatelic journals, directory of 300 Societies and Clubs, "Aero-Philately in 1924," full particulars of philatelic honours, list of the world's public stamp collections, details of recent discoveries and new stamp-issuing States, and numerous articles.

The most useful portion of the "Annual" is undoubtedly the index to philatelic literature for 1923 and 1924. Covering 38 pages, the index embraces all the British, British Colonial and American journals that contain information of reference value.

The Italian Philatelic Annual. Second edition, 1924. Published by Editrice Filatelica, 19, Corso Francia, Turin. Price, Lira 12.

Another excellent year book, but of a different nature to the one mentioned above. It consists mainly of several hundreds of pages of addresses of Italian philatelists. We have not previously seen in one volume such a long list of collectors, and the publishers deserve credit for compiling such a splendid list. Full particulars are also given of Italian philatelic societies and journals.

The annual is splendidly produced, and can be read with ease by persons unacquainted with the peculiarities of the language of the Romans of to-day.

The Kohl Philatelic Handbook. Compiled by Dr. Herbert Munk. Published by Verlag Kohl-Briefmarkenhandbuch, Friedrichstrasse 62, Berlin W. 8.

Section six of the second edition of this work has come to hand. It continues Denmark and takes us as far as Germany. The price of this section is 2/- post free.

We are pleased to know that the progressive Collectors' Club of New York is negotiating for the rights to translate the work into English, and we hope that their efforts will meet with success.

The Overprinting of S.-W. African Stamps.

By "A SPECIALIST."

With reference to the overprinting of Union stamps for South West Africa, I have it on good authority that the overprinting has been done by two processes only (not three, as has been stated), viz., (i) direct from type, and (ii) from a lithographic plate. Stereo plates have not, up to the present, been used for the overprinting in question.

In regard to the dullness of the ink used on some stamps, and the glossiness of the ink on others, this is accounted for by the fact that a proportion of what printers call "thinner" is used for work produced from litho. plates. In other words, the dull ink specimens are those produced from letterpress (i.e., type), and the "glossy" specimens those produced from lithographic plates.

The Postage Stamps of South-West Africa.

By LIEUT.-COL. L. J. WORTHINGTON (in "Stamp Collecting.")

(Continued from August issue.)

BOTTOM LEFT PANES (Continued).

- (xi) Broken top of "f" on No. 16.
 - (xii) Broken "i" on No. 20.
 - (xiii) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 20.
 - (xiv) Smaller stop on No. 20.
 - (xv) Broken "t" on "West" on No. 25.
 - (xvi) Broken "r" on No. 25.
 - xvii) Missing right stroke of "t" in "West" on No. 28.
 - (xviii) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 29.
 - (xix) Broken "h" on No. 29.
 - (xx) Broken "W" on No. 30.
 - (xxi) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 37.
 - (xxii) Raised "f" on No. 41.
 - (xxiii) Broken top of "f" on No. 44.
 - (xxiv) Partly broken top of "f" on No. 49.
 - (xxv) Mark over hyphen in "Zuid-West" on No. 50.
 - (xxvi) Smaller stop on No. 51.
 - (xxvii) Pointed foot of "f" on No. 53.
 - (xxviii) Partly broken top of "f" on No. 49.
 - (xxix) "Africa." spaced thus: "Afr ica." on No. 56.
 - (xxx) "Africa." spaced thus: "Africa ." on No. 56.
 - (xxxi) "Africa" positioned to left on No. 56.
 - (xxxii) Mark between "South" and "West" on No. 56.
 - (xxxiii) Broken dropped "t" in "West" on No. 56.
 - (xxxiv) Dropped stop on No. 60.
 - (xxxv) Error "Afr.ica" on No. 60.
 - (xxxvi) Space mark before "South" on Nos. 8, 12, 15, 20, 25, 29, 37, 44, 46, 49, 58, and 60.
 - i(xxxvii) Space mark before "Zuid" on Nos. 9, 18, 40, 50, 54, 57, and 59.
 - (xxxviii) Space mark after "West" on Nos. 9, 11, 15, 17, 24, 27, 34, 36, 37, 39, 44, 49, 51, 54, 57, 58, 59, and 60.
 - (xxxix) Space mark before "Africa." on Nos. 13, 44, 51, 56, and 60.
 - (xl) Space mark consisting of two or more dots before "Africa" on Nos. 3, 8, 12, 20, 22, 24, 25, 29, 36, 37, 46, 49, 58, and 60.
 - (xli) Space mark after "Africa." on Nos. 20, 32, and 51.
 - (xlii) Space mark consisting of two dots after "Africa." on No. 56.
 - (xliii) Space mark before "Afrika." on Nos. 19 and 33.
 - (xliv) Space mark after "Afrika." on No. 59.
- To select the more interesting of the above:—
- (ii), (iii), and (iv).—Occur in all values, and are apparently constant, except in some sheets of 1d.
 - (v).—Has only been seen in some sheets of ½d. ("Wes.") and 1d. This "Wes" variety (English overprint) in the 1d. is given catalogue rank in Gibbons. On this stamp the "Wes" variety is probably somewhat rarer than the "Wes." variety.
 - (xi).—Is known as the "Arrica." variety, and occurs in some sheets of ½d., 1d., 4d., and 1s. 3d.
 - (xiii), (xiv), and (xv).—Occur in all values as so-called "Wes." varieties (English overprint) and are probably constant except in some sheets of 1d. On No. 20 it is the top of the "t" which is missing in all values except 1d., in which it is the bottom of the "t" which fails to print. The ½d. also exists in this latter state, but is rare.

- (xx).—In some cases it is the left side of the "W" which is broken, in others the right side.
- (xxi).—Only the lower curve of the "t" prints in this variety, which occurs in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2d., and probably all sheets of 4d., 6d., 10s., and £1. This is another "Wes." variety (English overprint). In some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d., and probably all sheets of 2d., 3d., 1s., 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d. and 5s., the "t" is normal.
- (xxii).—Has only been seen in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 4d., and 1s. 3d.
- (xxiii).—Is another "Arrica." variety, as in (xi) above, and occurs in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1s. 3d.; 4d. may also exist, but it does not appear to occur in 1d.
- (xxix) and (xxx).—Have only been seen in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- (xxxi).—Occurs apparently only in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 4d., and 1s. 3d.
- (xxxiii).—In this it would appear that the "t" had dropped and prints only in its lower curve. It occurs, apparently, only in some sheets of 4d. and 1s. 3d. It is given catalogue rank by Gibbons as "Wes" variety (Dutch overprint), but it should rather be termed a "Wes. variety."
- (xxxiv).—Occurs in some sheets only of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 4d., and 1s. 3d., and probably all sheets of 3d., 6d., 1s., and £1. The stop is normal on some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 4d., and 1s. 3d., and probably all sheets of 1d. and 2s. 6d. Sheets of 5s. and 10s. have not been examined for this variety.
- (xxxv).—Occurs in some sheets of 1d. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. has been referred to elsewhere as existing, but is without further confirmation, and must be extremely rare if it actually does exist.

Regarding the "Wes" and "Wes." varieties (v), (xiii), (xv), (xxi), and (xxiii) above, see notes following particulars of bottom right panes.

Bottom Right Panes.

The following varieties have been noted:—

- (i) Nick in left side of "A" on No. 2.
- (ii) Faint "hyphen" between "South" and "West" on No. 5.
- (iii) White dot in "Z" on No. 14.
- (iv) White dot in "t" in "West" on No. 23.
- (v) Smaller stop on No. 25.
- (vi) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 32.
- (vii) Faint stop, rarely missing, on No. 38.
- (viii) Broken top of "h" on No. 41.
- (ix) Nick in right side of "W" on No. 44.
- (x) White dot in "h" on No. 51.
- (xi) Faint mark over space between "South" and "West" on No. 51.
- (xii) Cut through "a" on No. 51.
- (xiii) Faint "hyphen" between "South" and "West" on No. 53.
- (xiv) Short left leg of "A" on No. 55.
- (xv) Broken "t" in "West" on No. 56.
- (xvi) "t" missing from "West" on No. 56, in some cases "Wes" being followed by a thin space mark.
- (xvii) Smaller stop on No. 56.
- (xviii) Smaller stop on No. 60.
- (xix) Space mark before "South" on Nos. 24, 37, 41, and 49.
- (xx) Space mark before "Zuid" on No. 40.
- (xxi) Space mark after "West" on Nos. 27, 36, 39, and 53.
- (xxii) Space mark consisting of two or more dots before "Africa." on Nos. 8, 24, 25, 37 and 49.
- (xxiii) Space mark before "Afrika." on No. 2.
- (xxiv) Space mark after "Afrika." on No. 42.

It will be noticed that practically all the varieties previously mentioned as occurring in Setting "A" of the Dues occur in this pane of postage stamps, though there is no marked trace of thinner "Z" on No. 2, but such has been reported in some few panes of 1d.

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Gibbons Catalogue, 1926.

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As far as bulk is concerned, the special thin paper on which the Publishers are printing the new edition of the Catalogue has solved the problem for years to come. The new Part I. or Part II. will slip easily into the overcoat pocket, while the combined "whole world" will not strain it.

There were well founded grumbles anent the quality of the illustrations in the 1925 edition, the deficiency being due, as already explained, to the paper then used. This year the very special paper used shows up the illustrations to full advantage, while hundreds of *clichés* which were beginning to show signs of wear have been replaced by new ones.

Apart from these improvements, catalogue users will chiefly be interested in the matter of revision. Those who have been intending to "make do" with the 1925 edition for a couple of years will change their minds when they learn that the new Part I. (British Empire) shows over 5,000 *prices altered or added*, and over 1,000 new stamps or new items of information, while in Part II. there are no less than 13,400 *additions or alterations of prices*, while over 3,000 new stamps or new items of information are included.

The new edition shows some interesting changes in the lists. British and Irish *controls* are now priced with perf. and with imperf. margins. *Australian Commonwealth* has been further revised; the recent issues of the *Hejaz* have been fully dealt with; and the intermediate dies of the *Georgian Ceylons* are now listed. *Irish Free State* and *South-West Africa* have received special attention. In *Western Australia* the transfer varieties of the 4d., blue, 1854, are now correctly listed.

As some confusion was caused by the method of distinguishing between Dies I. and II. of the Georgian key-plate type in the last edition, the simple expedient has now been adopted of making all stamps with old wmk. Die I., and all with Script wmk. Die II., "unless otherwise stated."

In Part II. the most important feature has been a very careful revision of the lists of *Portugal and the Portuguese Colonies*, by the leading expert, Mr. J. N. Marsden, in consultation with Lieut.-Commander F. H. Napier, R.N. As this group occupies nearly a hundred pages, an appreciable fraction of the entire volume has been dealt with in this revision.

A good deal of new information has been added, and particular attention has been paid throughout to descriptions of stamp designs, and the inclusion of names of designers, engravers, and printers.

Owing to the heavy revision, and the cost of printing on the special thin paper it has been found impossible to reduce the prices of the 1926 edition of the Gibbons' Catalogue, which are as stated in Messrs. Gibbons' advertisement in this issue.

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THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

BY A. F. JOHNSTONE.

(Continued from June issue).

In May, 1912, the following official notice appeared:—"Notice is hereby given that the new postage stamps, stamped envelopes and post-cards of the Colony, bearing the effigy of His Majesty King George V., will be placed on sale on the 1st September next. The stamps, etc., bearing the effigy of the late King Edward VII., which may be in stock on the 31st August next, will be destroyed on that date.—Central Post Office, Bathurst, Gambia, 28th May, 1912."

The new series of stamps was printed from a new key plate of similar design to the Edward issues, but bearing the head of King George facing left on a background of solid colour. The watermark is multiple Crown and C.A., and the perforation 14. The set consisted of 16 values, to which, in 1922, a 17th was added, viz., 5/-, values and colours being as follows:—

- ½d. green (shades).
- 1d. red (shades).
- 1½d. olive and green.
- 2d. grey.
- 2½d. ultramarine.
- 3d. purple on yellow, lemon, orange-buff and pale yellow.
- 4d. black and red on do. do.
- 5d. orange and purple.
- 6d. purple and violet.
- 7½d. brown and blue.
- 10d. sage green and carmine.
- 1/- black on green and emerald.
- 1/6 violet and green.
- 2/- purple and blue on blue.
- 2/6 black and red on blue.
- 3/- yellow and green.
- 5/- green and red on pale yellow.

There are quite a few shades of most values, but I have not seen, or heard of, any watermark varieties.

In 1921 some of the old values and one new one appeared with the new multiple Crown and script C.A. watermark, as follows:—½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 7½d., and 10d., all in the old colours, and the new value of 4/- black and red. In this series, I have two watermark varieties, 7½d., with watermark reversed, and 4/-, watermark inverted, and should be glad to hear of any other varieties which may exist. This set had a very short life, for in the following year the Colony issued a set of picture stamps, and again added yet another new value, 10/-. There are two designs, one, from ½d. to 10d., consists of the head of King George, facing left, on a shield surmounted by a crown; on the left of the shield is a palm tree, at the foot of which stands an elephant. At the top of the stamp on the left are the words, Postage and Revenue, on a solid straight tablet, and Gambia in a curved and sloping ornamental label; while along the bottom the value appears in words in a solid straight tablet, to the left, and in figures in a plain square in the bottom right corner. In the higher values, 1/- to 10/-, the stamps are larger and the King's head is placed in the centre in an oval surmounted by a crown, along the top the words Postage on the left and Revenue on the right, palm trees and an elephant at sides, the value in figures in squares in both bottom corners, and between the squares the name of the Colony over the value in words. These stamps are line engraved, the head and shield or oval being in black on all values.

The set is as follows:

Multiple Crown and C.A.:—

- 4d. red on yellow
 7½d. chocolate on yellow.
 1/- purple on yellow.
 5/- green on yellow.

Multiple Crown and Script C.A.:—

- ½d. green.
 1d. brown.
 1½d. scarlet.
 2d. grey.
 2½d. yellow.
 3d. bright blue.
 5d. sage green.
 6d. claret.
 10d. blue.
 1/- purple on yellow.
 1/6 blue.
 2/- purple on blue.
 2/6 deep green.
 3/- magenta.
 4/- brown.
 10/- sage green.

It will be noticed that the 1/- old watermark has been replaced by a similar stamp on the new paper, and presumably the other three values will follow suit. The 1/- old watermark exists with watermark inverted, and there are several shades of most of the values.

This completes the issues of this most interesting Colony. From an initial issue of two values to the current one of 19 is fairly rapid progress, but let us at least be thankful that the Colony has not experimented in the realms of higher finance with stamps of a face value of £5, £10 or even £50, as a certain other African Colony has done. Next month I shall say a few words about the postmarks of Gambia.

(To be concluded.)

At Auction.

The following prices were recently obtained in auctions held by Mr. H. R. Harmer, of Old Bond Street, London, W.:—

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Great Britain, 1840, 2d. blue, block of 4, cut into at right
Irish Free State, Rialtas overprint, 10d., mint corner block of 4 with control Q21, perf. margin
Nauru, 1916-23, Waterlow printing, 10/- deep blue, mint

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

THE EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. T. Wood (to whom communications should be addressed at P.O. Box 47, Boksburg.)

Meetings held third Wednesday each month, at 8 p.m., in the Transvaal Hotel, opp. Boksburg Station.

On August 19th, there was a very large attendance of members and friends. After five new members had been elected, the Chairman called upon Mr. J. Robertson to produce his "bag of tricks." Mr. Robertson announced that he had arranged "spotting" and general knowledge competitions, and the members forthwith got to work with pencil and paper. A most interesting and amusing period followed. Mr. T. Wood "bagged" the "spotting" prize, while in the other competition he tied with Mr. C. F. Skinner for first place.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President: Mr. F. E. Dalby. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. P. Shingler, P.O. Box 372, East London.

Meetings held in Sons of England Hall, third Fridays, at 7.30 p.m.

At the Meeting held on August 21st, a moderate but enthusiastic number of members met to debate "Early Issues versus Georgians." Mr. Buchholz, who possesses an almost complete collection of mint Georgian Colonials, proved his case most ably, and showed by catalogue figures the large increases in the M.C.A. and Script watermark issues of Malta, Barbados, Bahamas, Gambia, etc.,

Early issues were championed by Messrs. Dalby, Thornton, and Carnell. They emphasised the beautiful designs on early issues. That early issues were an attractive investment was proved by the "Mayfair" find, which original cost £30 and is now worth £15,000.

After each member had spoken, the President said that he would not call for a vote as there was a strong case for collecting either group.

The resignation of Mr. J. B. Levy as Secretary and Treasurer on account of business reasons was accepted with much regret. Mr. Levy has been a most capable and enthusiastic official for the past five years and the present satisfactory state of the Society is due in a great measure to his energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Levy was unanimously elected an honorary life member of the Society.

The Postage Stamps of S.-W. Africa—(Continued from page 91.)

To select the more interesting of above:—

- (i).—Is not constant.
- (ii).—Is apparently constant.
- (vii).—The faint stop probably occurs in all values, and is nearly constant. Only in some sheets of 1d. is it entirely missing, though $\frac{1}{2}$ d. has also been so chronicled. Only in some sheets of 1d. has it been seen of normal size.
- (xiii).—Occurs in some sheets only of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and 2d.
- (xiv).—Is apparently constant, except in some sheets of 1d.
- (xv).—In this the lower half only of the "t" prints, in which form it occurs in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d., and 1s., and probably all sheets of 6d. and £1. (See note following.) The "t" is normal in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 4d., and 1s., and probably all sheets of 1d., 3d., 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d., and 5s. Sheets of 10s. have not been examined for this variety.

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Customs Duty on Stamp Albums.

The new customs duty on stamp albums imported into the Union of South Africa is 40 per cent. for loose leaf albums, and 35 per cent. for the fixed leaf variety. The duty was formerly 17 per cent. on British albums and 20 per cent. on foreign.

Philatelists are a prolific source of revenue to the Government, yet they have to pay double the duty paid by the autograph nuisance, who gets his albums through at 20 per cent.

Representations are being made to the Government with the object of having the customs charges reduced or removed.

Overseas manufacturers supply tens of thousands of albums to all parts of the world, and are, therefore, able to sell their goods at a much lower rate than South African manufacturers could even giving the latter the benefit of the high duties.

For customs purposes loose leaf stamp albums are in the same class as loose leaf account books, but, taking all the circumstances into consideration, they should not be in that class, but should be treated independently.

The Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., who are large importers of albums, have addressed communications on this subject to the Minister for Finance, the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, and the Commissioner of Customs. Copies of their letters have been sent to all South African Philatelic Societies, and, as the matter is one that affects every philatelist in the country, we hope that they will write to the appropriate authorities asking for a reduction of the duties at present imposed.

The Minister of Posts has written to the Southern Stamp Co. saying that, as the matter is not one that is dealt with by his Department, he has passed the letter sent him on to the Minister for Finance. He does not say whether, seeing that his department receives enormous sums from philatelists, he is in favour of a reduction of duty.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

We have two interesting varieties from Mr. R. Peinke. The first is a 2d. postage, shewing a large white circle under the "d" of 2d., on the right hand side of the stamp. Our correspondent does not remember the exact position of the variety, but states that he obtained a copy from each of nine sheets, from the bottom right pane.

The other peculiarity is a 1d. Pretoria perforated postage due, shewing the A of POSTAGE partly missing, only the right leg and a very small portion of the left leg being visible. This variety, our subscriber states, occurs in the same position as the postade variety was found in, in the ½d., 1d. and 2d. values. An examination of the stock in the Johannesburg Post Office failed to reveal any copies of the above variety, so it is apparently not constant.

Owing to a recent revision of postage due charges, the 1½d. due is no longer required, and probably no further printings of this stamp will be made, either for the Union or for S. W. Africa.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

More novelties from Rouxville. Mr. A. Lichtenstein kindly submits copies of the ½d. and 3d. postage stamps bearing the current narrow overprint, namely, 9½mm. spacing between lines of overprint, top half sheets having "South West" 16½mm. long, and lower half sheets having the aforementioned words 16mm. long.



Type VI.

Lt.-Col. Worthington, our good friend across the water, writes:—"I hope that you will cancel the allocation of Type VIII. to the weedy 3d. due, and I think it preferable to combine Types VI. and VII., making the 16mm., Type VI. and the 16½mm. Type VIa., leaving Type VII. as the allocation for the next main difference of overprint which may appear."

We agree with our correspondent's suggestion and, consequently, the "weedy 3d. due" becomes Type Va. and our Types VI and VII should now be understood to be Types VI. and VIa., seeing that the two varieties occur on the same sheet. The 1d. Pretoria perforated due, chronicled by us as bearing Type VII. is, therefore, Type VIa., it being overprinted from the two upper 60-set formes used on the postage stamps.

"With reference," continues Col. Worthington, "to Mr. Levy's note regarding a taller 'A' in 'Afrika,' on 6d. Due, Type VI. (does he not mean Type IV.?), I find that this minor variety occurs on stamp number 21, of what I referred to in the 'S.A. Philatelist' of April, 1925, page 32, as 60-set overprint, plate 'B,' and, as such, it is to be found in the ½d., 1d., and 6d., of Type IV, 2d. and 5d. of Type VI. and all the Type VI. postage. It is not always a very distinct variety, but is useful along with several others of no particular interest in themselves, in proving the continuity of use of a particular overprint plate."

Still from the same source we have news of the belated re-appearance of the 1½d. rouletted, Type I., but this time from Setting E. Our correspondent's copies are from Plate "A." As in other values of Setting "E," the "Z" is dropped on No. 6, while on No. 48 the "t" is missing from "West." The sub-varieties (i.) to (vi.) occur, but the "t" is round on Nos. 37 and 56, and there is a thin line over "South West" on No. 41. A space mark, thus ;, occurs before "Africa." on No. 22, and on the same stamp the stop is very faint. In a later letter, Lt.-Col. Worthington advises receipt of the 3d. Due also with Type I., setting E.

BELGIAN CONGO.

The special War Memorial issue, of which we recently gave advance notice, has now been placed on sale. It is in the pictorial type of the 40 centimes stamp of the 1910 issue, but with the value altered to 25c. The following inscriptions in French and Flemish occur upon alternate stamps in the sheet (another disciple of S.W. Africa!): "Campagnes Coloniales, 1914-1918, Congo Belge," "Koloniale Veldtrochen, 1914-1918, Belgisch Congo."

The stamps also bear a surcharge of 25c., which, it is stated, goes to the War Memorial Fund.

25c. plus 25c. carmine and black (inscriptions in French).

Do. do. (inscriptions in Flemish).

We learn from Mr. Champion's Monthly Bulletin that the 20c. stamp of the current series is sold out, and as this value is, owing to alterations in postal rates, no longer required, its colour, olive-green, will be transferred to the 30c. Of the 20c. value 350,000 copies were printed, adds Mr. Champion, but, out of that number, 250,000 were overprinted for Ruanda-Urundi.

MOCAMBIQUE.

An unusual variety is to be found in the recently issued 40c. on 400rs. on 80rs. provisional. According to a correspondent of "Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal" stamp number three in the top row of the sheet had the "a" of "Republica" omitted, and the truant letter was inserted by hand.

NEW ZEALAND.

A novel "watermark" is noted on copies of the 1d. Universal just to hand. The usual watermark design is printed in blue on the back of the stamp. Just before this idea was adopted, watermarked paper was fed into the printing machine sideways, with the result that wild watermark varieties occurred.

NIGERIA.

The 2/6 denomination, Die II., is now on sale with script watermark.

RUANDA AND URUNDI.

The two Belgian Congo War Memorial stamps listed above have been overprinted for use in this mandated territory.

The changes in the 20c. and 30c. values of the current series of the Belgian Congo will probably also be reflected in the emissions of Ruanda-Urundi.

TANGANYIKA.

Copies of the 1/- and 2/- values are to hand with the script watermark upright.

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THE ROYAL TRAIN IN RHODESIA.



Mr. A. Lichtenstein informs us that covers posted on the Prince of Wales' train while it was in Rhodesia, and which were received by him, bore the same postmark as that which was applied to letters while the train was in the Union

Here we have an unusual situation, namely, a partly Afrikaans postmark on the stamps of a country whose official language is English only, and the Union's Coat-of-Arms post-marked on the stamps of another country.

The Mayfair Find—and another.

It will be noted from one of Mr. H. R Harmer's advertisements in this issue that the sale of the whole of the stamps comprised in the now famous Mayfair "find" has been fixed for Monday, November 9th next.

At the above sale the results of another find, scarcely less romantic than the Mayfair find, will be sold. This further discovery consists of some wonderful sheets and part sheets of the rare numeral issue of Uruguay (1866-67) which, it will be remembered, were lithographed in Glasgow by the old established firm of Maclure, Macdonald & Co.

Mr. Harmer has also succeeded in securing some other unique items which have never been offered at auction before, including such remarkable pieces as a block of 18 Malta 4d. brown imperforate, a complete sheet of the 1d. lithographed Trinidad (1860), a unique mint corner block of 25 Ceylon 10c. on 64c. red brown, perf. $14 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, a superb lower half sheet of 50 (two panes) of the 15 cents orange-yellow first issue of Holland, in glorious colour, a mint block of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rose-red Great Britain, including the OP-PC error, and many other notable items.

Mr. Harmer's claim that at no sale in the history of stamp auctions have so many unique items been offered, bids well to be substantiated on Lord Mayor's Show Day this year.

The New Union Stamps.

Interviewed a few days ago by a representative of the Johannesburg "Star," Mr. Thomas Boydell, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, stated that a supply of new Union stamps, to be issued on January 1st next, had already been printed in London, but as an up-to-date stamp printing plant was being established in Pretoria, the Union will, in a few months, be printing all its own stamps.

This means that the new set will be more expensive than ever for the philatelist. To have a complete showing it will be necessary to have pairs (the stamps will be alternately English and Dutch in the sheets) of all values of the London printing and later, pairs of the stamps printed in Pretoria. The local product will differ from the overseas printing in several details such as perforation, quality of paper, gum and shades. Possibly the locally manufactured stamps will bear the multiple watermark mentioned on Official authority several months ago.

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The Postage Stamps of South-West Africa.

By LIEUT.-COL. L. J. WORTHINGTON (in "Stamp Collecting.")

(Continued from September issue.)

Bottom Right Panes—continued.

- (xvi).—Occurs with the "t" entirely missing in some sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., while in some sheets of 2d. the "t" is also entirely missing, but "Wes" is followed by a thin space mark which might easily be mistaken for a broken "t."
 (xvii) and (xviii).—Are apparently constant in all sheets, including those of 1d.

THE "WES" VARIETY.

On page 384 of the 1925 edition of Gibbons' catalogue, it is noted that the "Wes" variety occurs in the Dutch overprint on the 1s. 3d., in both Dutch and English on the 4d., and in the English only on the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d. and 6d. The source of this note is Mr. Reynolds' original article in the "South African Philatelist," and it is perfectly clear on reference to it that the inclusion of the 3d., 4d. and 6d. refers only to the "Wes." varieties (xiii) and (xv) of the bottom



Showing the "Wes" error.

left panes, which varieties present information shows exist in all values.



Showing the "Wes." variety.

The actual position regarding the "Wes" and "Wes." varieties is as follows:—

English Overprint.

- "Wes" occurs only in $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on No. 56 of bottom right panes, and in 1d. on No. 8 of bottom left panes.
 "Wes", followed by a thin space-mark, occurs only in 2d. on No. 56 of bottom right panes.
 "Wes." occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. on No. 8 of bottom left panes.

"Wes." occurs in all values, except 1d., on Nos. 20 and 25 of bottom left panes.

"Wes." occurs in 1d. on No. 25 of bottom left panes. (On No. 20 about a third of the "t" prints in all cases; on No. 25 over half of the "t" prints in all values. These positions cannot be called good examples of the "Wes." variety.)

"Wes." occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 10s., and £1 on No. 37 of bottom left panes.

"Wes." occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d., 6d., 1s., and £1 on No. 56 of bottom right panes, but in this position in these values about half of the "t" prints.

Dutch Overprint.

"Wes." occurs in 4d. and 1s. 3d. on No. 57 of bottom left panes.

In most cases these varieties occur only in some sheets of the various values.

It would seem to be quite sufficient to give catalogue rank to the two values with "Wes" variety only. If "Wes." varieties are also to be included, it is difficult to know where to draw the line, but the best examples of these are $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 10s. and £1 (English overprint), and 4d. and 1s. 3d. (Dutch overprint).

It will be noticed that the 1d. (and possibly also the $\frac{1}{2}$ d.) is the only value which occurs, in some sheets, with the overprint reasonably free from flaws, though many space-marks occur. Probably this was the first value to be overprinted when the type was fresh, though supplies issued several months later with a deep black overprint, concurrently with the shiny ink overprints of several other values, were also fairly free from flaws.

The 1d. has been chronicled with dropped "rica," but without its position being stated.

The check lists above can hardly be expected to be quite complete, but are probably nearly so.

LITHOGRAPHED OVERPRINT.

It is stated that a 240-set lithographed plate was made for the overprinting of later supplies with the first type of overprint, probably intended to obviate the large number of flaws occurring from the type.

Such overprints are in a shiny enamel jet black ink, and they are practically free from flaws, while the several constant smaller stops of the type-set overprint now appear of full size. The following values so exist:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 1s. 3d., and 2s. 6d. The 2d. is not included in Gibbons's note, but does exist, though the shininess of the ink is not so apparent as in other values. It is often difficult to decide to which of the two printings individual specimens of some values belong, the letterings of the two printings being identical.

Certain official reference was made at the time regarding the intention of adopting the process of lithography for future overprintings, but it is by no means self-evident that lithography was the actual process used for these shiny ink overprints. They are certainly of interest, but can only be treated as varieties of the first overprint.

Errors of the First Overprint.

Inverted overprints occur in 1d., 2d., and 1s. 3d. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. has also been chronicled, but it is without further confirmation, and some doubt has been expressed regarding the genuineness of such $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d., it being stated that they are unauthorised issues of printers' waste, and never saw the inside of a post office in S.W. Africa. Perhaps the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is more open to such doubt than the 1d.

Specimens of the 2d. have been seen which have the appearance of being forgeries, the words "South West" being longer than normal, and the shade of purple being paler than that of copies taken from the genuine sheet, which, it is stated, was issued at Usakos.

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Items of Interest from the various Centres.

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Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in the Board Room,
Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

At the meeting held on September 22nd a large muster of members and visitors gathered to inspect Mr. M. Frenkel's wonderful collection of Transvaals. Pages of all issues were spread out and much appreciated by the gathering. The stamps were all in superb condition, while errors and scarce varieties abounded. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the exhibitor.

During a general discussion the article in the September issue of the "S.A. Philatelist" on the subject of the sale of the air mail stamps by the Government long after the air post service had been discontinued was responsible for a severe condemnation, by the members, of the Government's action. It was felt that the continued sale of the above stamps placed the Union Government in a very undignified position. Our Editor's remarks on the subject, published in our last issue, were endorsed by the members and visitors present.

THE GERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President: Master Keith Acutt. Hon. Secretary: Master M. Austen,
P.O. Box 265, Germiston.

Conducted on Mr. Fred J. Melville's principle, the above Society is doing good work to advance the hobby among the scholars of the G.H.S. A very active exchange department is conducted, while the Society is hard at work forming a library of philatelic works. Competitions are held regularly and good prizes awarded. The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to hear from persons interested in the Society.

THE CAPETOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President: Mr. H. Meyer. Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. Comyns, U.D.F.,
Ordnance Depot, Fort Knokke, Capetown.

Meetings held at Railway Institute, first and third Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

On September 10th the exhibit of the evening was Seychelles and Mr. K. Alexander displayed his very complete collection of that island's postage stamps. The exhibition drew much praise from the members present and a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Alexander.

At the meeting held on the 24th ultimo, Mr. R. W. Hazell exhibited his magnificent collection of Capes, which is particularly strong in singles, pairs, and blocks of triangulars, including "woodblocks." The error, 1d. blue, is not missing from Mr. Hazell's collection—it is a superb copy. Our Editor had the pleasure of examining this collection last January and congratulates the Capetown Society on their good fortune in being able to see such a wonderful lot of Capes.

Stamps and Wireless.

Mr. C. F. Skinner broadcast an excellent stamp chat from J.B. on Wednesday, October 7th, and we noticed in the broadcasting programme that under the announcement of Mr. Skinner's talk, the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd., had an advertisement occupying two-thirds of a page. We hope that both the talk and the advertisement were instrumental in gaining new recruits for the hobby.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Christmas Presents.

With the festive season approaching, the minds of many of our readers will be centred on the question of what to give young and old friend collectors. Now is the time to decide the question, and no one need look far for suitable presents. A perusal of the advertisements in this issue will suggest many suitable gifts. Advertised goods are always best, and it is in the interests of collectors to deal with firms whose announcements appear in the "South African Philatelist." Neither they or the recipients of the presents will have any faults to find with the goods supplied.

Visitors to Town.

We were pleased to meet our old friend, Mr. Percy C. Bishop, recently, when he paid his first visit to the Golden City as the representative of the "Natal Advertiser" during the Parliamentary tour of the gold mines. Looking as fit as ever, Mr. Bishop had many interesting matters relating to the hobby to discuss. We hope to see him here again very shortly.

Another welcome visitor was Mr. A. J. Storey, of Blantyre, Nyasaland. A collector of medium and rare items, Mr. Storey is ever on the look out for items that are missing from his collection. He, too, was as pleased as ever to chat about the Royal Hobby.

Our Editor is always pleased to meet subscribers when they visit Johannesburg, and would welcome a line in advance.

The Seventh Broadcast Talk.

On November 5th, Mr. Thos. Wood, President of the East Rand Philatelic Society, came to JB to give his chat on philately, but the throat affection from which he was suffering made it impossible for him to deliver same. Our Editor, therefore, read the paper prepared by Mr. Wood. A large number of philatelic "listeners-in" testified to the excellence of the paper.

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

We were recently shewn a strip of ten 1d. perf. by imperf. stamps, with the watermarks inverted, which a young Johannesburg philatelist had the good fortune to discover in a roll of stamps in a city office. These ten stamps were the only ones in the roll to bear inverted watermarks, but at least 48 strips of ten must have been issued thus, no doubt one strip in each of 48 rolls. A demand for 1d. rolls suddenly sprung up, but no further inverteds came to light.

Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein submits two envelopes posted at East London by business firms at the same time. Each bears a halfpenny stamp, one in an extremely light shade and the other very dark in colour.

Writing on the subject of the Air Mail stamps, our correspondent states that the "solid face to airman" variety is practically the rule in the 6d. value, and of very frequent occurrence in the 9d. denomination. Mr. Lichtenstein adds: "Has it ever struck you that Mr. Airman—as far as discernable—has distinctly Jewish traits?"

We are informed by Mr. C. L. Larsen, of East Rand, that the rolls of the 1½d. denomination are being broken up, and the stamps sold singly, at several small post offices. The "roll" stamps are, of course, perf. by imperf.

Our good friend, Mr. J. Ritchie, writes: "Re note in October issue regarding defective A of POSTAGE DUE. This, I think, you will find comes from right pane, row 6, No. 1, and indicates that the 1d. due is now printed in printing D (see my article in May, 1925, issue, where I mention this defective A as occurring in the 2d. due, printing D, in this position.)"

"Stamp Collecting" (October 24th) states that it is able to say definitely that at least one of the new Union stamps will be triangular in shape. Attempts have been made in South Africa to obtain information from the Government as to what the new stamps will be like, but beyond vouchsafing the news that the set will be pictorial, the authorities have not disclosed any details.

"Stamp Collecting's" information was probably obtained from the High Commissioner's office in London.

It would be an extraordinary proceeding for a British Dominion to, in this age, issue a three-cornered stamp, and we are of opinion that such a label would be intended for some special postal service, such as registration or express delivery.

We hope to illustrate, or give full details of, the new stamps in our next issue.

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The 1d. value is now on issue with the new Waterlow watermark (Control A 24). Contemporaries seem to have had luck with this territory, as the new stamp is listed by one as being "overprinted with the new watermark."

MAURITIUS.

Some interesting information is to hand from our correspondent on the island, Mr. J. P. Tomkins. He states that the following new issues are at the time of writing (October 8th) on their way to the island:—

- 3 cents, myrtle green.
- 15 cents, blue.
- 10 cents, scarlet.
- 20 cents, lilac.

These stamps are required in consequence of a reduction of postal rates which took effect on October 1st. If the same types are used for the new printings as for the previous issues, the 15 cents will be a re-issue, and the 10 cents and 20 cents new colours. The 3 cents stamp will also be a re-issue, but with script watermark.

The above changes were exclusively forecast in our June issue.

MOCAMBIQUE.

Our thanks are due to Mr. G. R. de Lange, of Moamba, for sending us complete sets of the Marquis de Pombal stamps, chronicled in our July issue. These were in use from October 11th to 13th. During that period inland letters had to bear one of the 15c. postage labels. If this was not done, a fee of 30c. was exacted from the addressee, and a "Pombal" postage due stamp was affixed to the envelope. It was originally intended to sell these stamps at double face, but this does not appear to have been done, as our correspondent supplied us at face value. Lisbon dealers announced their intention of boycotting the various "Pombal" issues if the Government persisted in their intention of charging double face value, so apparently philatelists have won the day.

We are informed that the MacMahon Award Jubilee set is not yet on issue, and Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. state that they are informed by the Postmaster of Lourenco Marques that the stamps were not delivered to time by the printers, but another correspondent informs them that the High Commissioner for the Colony has forbidden the issue of the labels on the ground that the set is a commercial speculation. Another reason was suggested by one of our readers, but, in the absence of proof, we do not care to mention it, and must, perforce, leave our readers to draw their own conclusions.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

A number of interesting shades are to hand from our good friend, Mr. A. Morgan, of Bulawayo, namely: 4d. black and light orange-red, black and deep orange-red; 6d. black and dull mauve, black and bright mauve; 1/- black and light blue, black and deep blue.

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Published at the beginning of the British stamp season, the new "Standard" is as welcome as its predecessors were. The 1925 edition contained 718 pages of prices; the new edition comprises 776 pages, while there are 100 new illustrations, making 5,600 in all.

Last year the publishers commented on the fact that there were very few alterations in prices, but they have since found it necessary to make a thorough revision throughout the catalogue; thus many changes in quotations will be found. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. believe that the new prices fairly represent current market value.

Coming to the countries of interest to South African philatelists, we find that South West Africa has been re-arranged and extended so that all the more important varieties of overprint are included. The numerous broken letters and other varieties are not listed, but the publishers state that they can supply most of them.

Under South Africa, we find that the 2½d. Commemorative is quoted at 1/- unused and 4d. used. The 1/3 denomination is listed at 1/- used, the 5/- at 1/6, and the 10/- at 2/6. At present these values fetch almost these prices, and as they, in common with the rest of the current set, will shortly be obsolete, we predict that they will very shortly realise full catalogue value. Now that the air mail stamps are obsolete, they are worth purchasing at Messrs. Whitfield King's prices of 2d., 5d., 9d. and 1/- respectively for the four denominations. The 5d. postage due is very reasonable in price at 8d., as the small stock on hand in post offices will very soon be exhausted.

Whitfield King & Co's. catalogue is eminently suited for the general collector. Considering the great number of stamps that are illustrated and priced, it seems rather remarkable that the publishers are still able to include the whole world in one volume of very handy pocket size.

The Postage Stamps of South-West Africa.

By LIEUT.-COL. L. J. WORTHINGTON (in "Stamp Collecting.")

(Continued from October issue.)

Second Overprint.

April, 1923, "Zuid-West" two words; 10 mm. spacing between lines of overprint.

This is a 60-set overprint, type-set, which occurs only in 5s., 10s., and £1. It is very free from flaws, evidently from a harder metal. Sheets were divided into panes of sixty stamps prior to overprinting, and the only variety noted is a missing stop on No. 31 of each pane, apparently constant.

Gibbons intended to give catalogue rank to this missing stop variety, but added it mistakenly to the list of the first overprint instead of to that of the second overprint.

This type-set forme was set up for overprinting further supplies of these three high values of postage stamps and of some dues in order to fill the unexpectedly large indents from overseas.



Type II.

Type III.

Third Overprint.

September, 1923, "Zuidwest" one word; 13½-14 mm. spacing between lines of overprint; letters close together, "South West" measuring 14 mm., and "Zuidwest" 11 mm.

This change was due to official instructions regarding the correct translation into Dutch of "South West". The overprint was again 240-set, and has been referred to as a lithographed plate, which is no doubt correct.

It occurs in ½d. (Plates 5 and 7), 1d. (Plates 6 and 7), 2d. (Plates 1 and 2), 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., and £1.

Two sets of all values, except the 2s. 6d. (which only occurs with the early overprint), can be made, early printings having the letters in fairly bold type, and later printings being in thinner type, not so heavily inked, with smaller stops. This is probably only due to normal wear. No varieties of any note occur, though some broken letters can occasionally be found, probably due to the ink not adhering to the plate, e.g., broken "a" and missing stop on No. 6 of bottom right panes of some sheets of 4d.

A correspondent of the "South African Philatelist" states that he has copies of the ½d., 1d., 1s., and 10s., which appear to have the overprint type-set, similar to that used for the corresponding issue of the Dues.

Fourth Overprint.

1924, "Zuidwest" one word; 14 mm. spacing between lines of overprint; letters wider spaced, "South West" measuring 16 mm. and "Zuidwest" 12 mm.

This occurs in 2s. 6d. only, which was not overprinted in full sheets of 240 stamps. Only bottom right panes have been examined, but it is possible that, like the $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d., and 6d. Dues which occur with the same overprint, 120 stamps were overprinted at a time, in which case one would expect to find on the left panes the same varieties which occur in the left panes of these Dues, viz. :—

- (i) Slight nick in right side of "d" on No. 14.
- (ii) "i" in "Afrika." slightly broken at the bottom on No. 21.
- (iii) Very small white spaces at the bottom of the left leg and in the curve at the top of the right leg in "h" on No. 36 [which varieties (ii) and (iii) became more prominent when the spacing was narrowed for the fifth (12 mm. spacing) and sixth ($9\frac{1}{2}$ mm. spacing) overprints of the Dues.]

No information is available as to the nature of this overprint plate, but it would appear to be either a type-forme, or a stereo from type, and not a lithographed plate.



Type IV.



Type VI.

Sixth Overprint.

January, 1925, "Zuidwest" one word; $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm. spacing between lines of overprint; letters wider spaced, "South West" measuring 16 mm. or $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and "Zuidwest" 12 mm.

So far, no postage stamps exist with the fifth overprint, as applied to the Dues, which overprint was identical with the fourth, except for alteration of the spacing between lines to 12 mm.

This sixth overprint is divisible into two varieties, upper half sheets having "South West" measuring $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and lower half sheets only 16 mm., the difference occurring in the space between the two words.

It is, perhaps, more convenient for the present to refer to the 16 mm. as Type VI., and the $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm. as Type VI. (a), instead of Type VII.

This overprint occurs in $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d. (Plate 6), 2d. (Plate 2), 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 1s. 3d., 2s. 6d., and 10s.

Several broken letters may be found, but they are not constant, and are probably only due to uneven inking, though two minor varieties are constant, viz. :

- (i) Mark joining the right foot of the "A" to the foot of "f" on No. 11 of the top left pane.
- (ii) Oblique mark under the right foot of "u" on No. 8 of the top right pane.

(Continued on page 119).

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The Postmarks of Gambia.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

The earliest postmark to be found on the stamps of this colony consists of a circle about 20 mm. in diameter, in which is a control letter at the top, the word Gambia and the date in two lines. This occurs in both black and red. It was soon superseded by a slightly larger circle with "Gambia" at the top and "Paid" at the bottom, both curved to fit the circle, while in the centre are a control letter and the date, again in two lines. It is in red, and can be found on stamps of the first issue. The control letters are A, B, and C, and this cancellation appears to have been in use till about 1887, when the colour was changed to black. A similar postmark can be found with the word "Unpaid" instead of "Paid." About 1892 the postmark was again changed, being replaced by a circle (22 mm.), with Bathurst at the top and Gambia at the bottom, both curved, and the date as before. There are two varieties of this postmark, consisting of large and small lettering. It occurs in black, and is still in use, with the difference that the control letter has been replaced by a six-pointed star. There is a similar postmark (circle 24 mm.), in which the words "Macarthy Island" replace the word "Gambia."

The registered cancellation, which came into use about 1901, consists of a large ellipse with "Registered" above, and "Gambia" at the bottom, both curved, and a control letter and the date in the centre. The control letter, B or C, is often found either upside down or reversed. The registered postmark is not, however, invariably used on registered letters; I have had several from Bathurst bearing the ordinary "Bathurst Gambia" cancellation.

I have a specimen of the 1d., 1898, issue, postmarked "Received Gambia," with six-pointed star and date exactly as in the ordinary obliteration, but cannot say whether this is really a postal cancellation or not.

Another common postmark consists of seven parallel bars arranged to form a circle about 19 mm. in diameter. This is found on the stamps of the 1874 to 1898 issues, but I have not seen it on anything later.

The last cameo issue is also often found defaced with four concentric circles, the largest of which is 18 mm. in diameter.

The remaining cancellation, which I have seen only on stamps of the last issue, consists of two large concentric circles, between which are "T.P.O." at the top, and "River Gambia" at the bottom, the date being in the centre.

Many of this colony's stamps, in common with other West-Africans, are found with the "Paquebot" postmark, and I have seen a few postmarked "Freetown."


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Owing to the shipping strike the catalogues were nearly a week late in arriving, so our review of them could not be prepared in time for this issue of the "S.A. Philatelist." It will appear in our next number, but in the meantime we would remind readers who have not yet obtained their copies to do so without delay. Prices will be found in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' advertisement in this issue.

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Ditto, plate 1a, an unused horizontal strip of 9, rather creased ...	34	0	0
Ditto, plate 1a, mint horizontal strip of 6, shewing slightly worn plate, cut into at left	34	0	0
Ditto, plate 1a, mint example with margin of sheet shewing in- scription	7	10	0
Ditto, "V.R.," from the imprimateur sheet, unused superb ...	19	0	0
South Australia, 1/- orange, very fine, on dated entire ...	12	0	0
Mauritius, 1859, Greek border, 2d. blue, vertical pair, superb ...	20	0	0
Malta, 1922, Self-Government, wmk. CC., 10/-, off centre, mint ...	4	10	0

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The Postage Stamps of S.-W. Africa—(Continued from page 115.)

The overprint applied to the lower half sheets is the same as that applied to the 2d. Due, Type VI.; that applied to the upper half sheets has also been applied to the 1d. Due, Type VI. (a); in this case being used as a separate 60-set overprint plate.

Except where reference is made to chronicle elsewhere, all the details above are from actual examination of the stamps, but acknowledgment is due to Mr. Reynolds's early researches published in the "South African Philatelist," which paved the way for a more complete study.

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Items of Interest from the various Centres.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

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There was a fair attendance at the October meeting. Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Chairman referred to the loss by Mr. Morsman of his daughter, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Morsman the sincere sympathy of the members on his sad bereavement.

As the present meeting place is required for other purposes, it was announced that the Committee will arrange for a new venue.

Mr. Rogers exhibited his practically complete collection of the stamps of the Belgian Congo, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

THE CAPETOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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At the second October meeting a member exhibited a very fine collection of Cyprus and Lagos, in which were some rare items in early issues, while the later issues of Cyprus were nearly complete.

At the previous meeting, Mr. A. L. Tothill displayed his collection of South-West Africa. Having had the pleasure of viewing this collection, we can declare it to be one of the finest of the country named in existence. Details of the errors and varieties included are too numerous to mention here; Mr. Tothill lacks very few of the rarities, indeed. Every issue is complete and represented by pairs and large blocks. Mr. Tothill was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for the treat that he had provided.

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At the second October meeting, Mr. C. E. Donne was welcomed back from his trip to the United Kingdom, where he represented the Society at the Cambridge Congress. Mr. Donne gave an interesting chat on his, and other people's, doings at the University centre, and read the winning paper in the Bates' Prize Competition, which was of great interest. As Mr. Donne remarked, we in South Africa read of the famous personages in British philately; at a congress, one meets them.

We have received from Messrs. H. E. Harris & Co., of Boston, Mass., a copy of the special fall (autumn) issue of their Bi-Monthly Journal. Containing 64 large pages and about 100 illustrations, the number prices stamps of nearly every kind by singles, dozens, hundreds and by weight. A large selection of sets and packets is also listed, while there are a number of interesting articles. In their advertisement in this issue, Messrs. Harris & Co. invite requests for copies.

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The Closing Year.

Another year is drawing to a close and Christmas will soon be upon us. During the past twelve months philately in South Africa has made excellent progress. The issue of special Air Mail stamps was the outstanding philatelic event of the year in this country, and it directed considerable attention to South African philately. The impending new issue, Northern Rhodesia's first set, and the avalanches from South-West Africa have all helped to focus attention on this part of the world.

South African philatelic societies appear to have had a good year, while dealers have had little to complain of. The formation in Johannesburg of a limited liability company dealing exclusively in the needs of collectors is a good omen.

As for ourselves we feel quite contented. Our subscription list has grown by leaps and bounds, while not more than 5 per cent. of our readers have failed to renew their subscriptions when they fell due. Advertisers have continued to support us well, while a number of new contracts were booked.

We take this opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to advertisers and subscribers for the support that they have given us during the past twelve months, of which we hope to receive a continuance during the coming year. They have done much to make the publication of the "S.A. Philatelist" possible, and we

Wish them all A Very Merry Christmas and All Happiness and Prosperity during the Year about to dawn.

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Specimens sent will be paid for or returned, as required.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

No advance copies of the new stamps are being distributed by the Government, but we are able to give the following definite information:—

Four values have, so far, been received and will be on issue on January 1st at Money Order Offices which has specially requisitioned them. They will not be on sale at small offices until, probably, some weeks later.

The four denominations which will be obtainable and their designs are as follows:— $\frac{1}{4}$ d. green (Springbok's head), 1d. red (Van Riebeeek's Statue), 2d. bi-coloured (Union Buildings), 4d. blue, triangular and imperforate (copy of the Cape triangular).

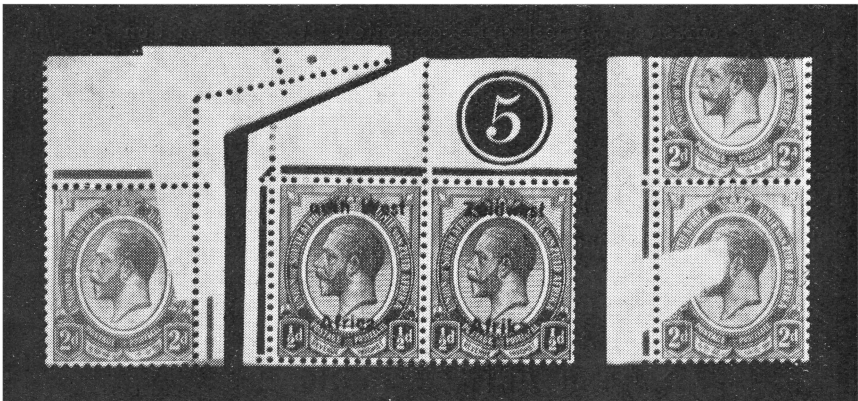
The three lowest values are the same shape as the current stamps. We do not know the correct colours of the 2d., but understand that they are blue and red. The 4d. is a big surprise, not only is it triangular and imperforate, but the supply received is made up entirely of single copies.

We also understand that a new watermark, namely, the multiple springbok's head mentioned by us some time ago, is being employed for the above stamps, but even the present watermark would be multiple on the 4d. stamp.

The stamps are, except in the case of the 4d., inscribed in alternately English and Dutch in the sheets; the 4d. value will be obtainable in either English or Dutch, but, obviously, not in pairs.

Two further values, 3d. and 6d., will be available towards the end of January, but no details are available regarding them.

Subscribers who desire copies of the new stamps promptly should ascertain whether they will be obtainable at their Post Offices. If they cannot be had orders may be sent to us, in which case five per cent. (to cover expenses) and return postage should be added.



Through the courtesy of Mr. Alex. Bronks, of Johannesburg, we are able to illustrate two freaks in the current 2d. value. The first was caused through the corner of the sheet having been turned over; the unprinted portion of the stamp appears on the reverse side of the corner of the margin (marked in illustration with a dot). The second freak was caused through a stray piece of paper being on the sheet.

MAURITIUS.

Pending receipt of the new stamps chronicled last month and also a new printing of the 12 cents in grey on Script paper, several provisionals were issued on November 5th and we are indebted to Mr. J. P. Tomkins, of Vacoas, for examples.

They comprise stamps of the Arms type (Script wmk.) surcharged with new values in two lines, the original denominations being barred out with a heavy rule, as follows:

3 cents on 4 cents, green; 10 cents on 12 cents, red; 15 cents on 20 cents, blue.

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SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

The current set of postage stamps (9½ mm. spacing between lines of overprint and known as Types VI. and VIa) is shown in the 1926 Gibbons' catalogue as Nos. 29-36, but, owing to an unfortunate printers' error, they are therein grouped as Type V. This mistake will, Lt.-Col. L. J. Worthington understands, be corrected by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., to show these stamps as Type VI. No postage stamps, of course, exist with the fifth overprint.

The 5s. value has now appeared with the sixth overprint, leaving only the £1 deficient in the set, and Lt.-Col. L. J. Worthington points out that this value exists with the same setting as the other values with this overprint, namely, "South-West" 16½ mm. long on top half sheets and 16 mm. long on bottom panes, and also in a new setting with the two 120 set plates reversed, giving "South West" 16½ mm. long on bottom half sheets and 16 mm. long on top panes. It would appear that the two 120 set plates were separated after a supply of the 5s. value had been overprinted to overprint sheets of 120 postage due stamps and then joined together in the opposite manner, after which a further supply of 5s. stamps was treated. It is

quite possible, comments Lt.-Col. Worthington, that further overprintings of other values will be found with the reversed setting.

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New Issues and Varieties (*Continued from page 123*).

A very interesting piece is in the possession of Mr. Alex. Bronks, of Johannesburg. It consists of a top left pane of the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Type IIIa with "S" completely missing on the first stamp, while only small portions of every other "S" in the first vertical row print. We illustrate the portion of the pane which shows the missing "S."

CYPRUS.

The following stamps are about to be issued in the new colours quoted: $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, green; $\frac{3}{4}$ piastre, black; $1\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, red; 2 piastres, orange and black.

The above will all be on Script paper, as also will a new value, $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastres, blue.

MALTA.

A complete new issue is being printed for this island, the denominations and designs being:

$\frac{1}{4}$ d., $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 4d., $4\frac{1}{2}$ d., and 6d., King's head; 1/- Malta harbour; 1/6, St. Publius; 2/-, Notabile; 2/6, Gozo boat; 3/-, Neptune; 5/-, Megalithic monument and 10/-, St. Paul. The Script paper will be used for all values.

TANGANYIKA.

As a result of a reduction in postal rates the colours of several low values have undergone a change and are now as follows (the giraffe's head remaining in black in each case): 5c., green; 10c., gold; 25c., blue; 30c., mauve. Copies are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.



New S.W.A. (Type VIa) and Mauritius Issues.

AERO-PHILATELY.

This branch of philately has made tremendous strides during the past few years, and its devotees are now numbered in thousands. Those who took up the collection of flown covers and air stamps when they first began to attract attention have no cause to regret their action. Many items which were at one time practically unsaleable are now commanding high prices.

In South Africa there are several very fine collections of air items. We recently had the pleasure of examining that belonging to Mr. L. Gillen, of Pretoria. The albums examined contained hundreds of covers from all parts of the world—private, official and semi-official flights all being well represented. Mr. Gillen possesses a number of very rare souvenirs of early flights, which he had the good fortune to pick up when prices were low.

To illustrate the popularity of this branch of the hobby, we would state that the "Shenandoah" covers shown us were purchased for about 2/6 a few months ago. They are now being snapped up at over £1 each. The rarer covers have appreciated in value in a similar degree.

Those anxious to take up a fresh side-line of philately can do worse than collect "aeros." At a later date we propose to publish a special aero number, but in the meantime those interested would be well advised to purchase one of the several air stamp catalogues which have been issued. Details of these may be had from our Publisher.

Current Topics.

Our Christmas Number.

For this, our Christmas issue, we have prepared a very interesting bill of fare, which will, we feel sure, be appreciated by our readers. There are no specialised articles this month. Instead, many interesting short articles and notes appear. After all, this is the festive season and we believe that this month's news is the most suitable for the occasion.

A Free Trip to the New York Exhibition.

With a view to assisting the publicity of the forthcoming New York International Philatelic Exhibition, the Council of the Junior Philatelic Society, London, has decided to inaugurate a world-wide competition, the first prize in which will be a free trip to the New York Exhibition in October next. The prize will be the largest and most valuable ever offered in a stamp competition, and will be guaranteed by the Junior Philatelic Society. It will be open to collectors everywhere, and may be won in Britain, Europe, Africa, or any part of the world.

Full particulars of this interesting and important competition will be published in our next issue.

A Big Deal.

The entire stock-in trade and collections of the late Mr. V. A. Markewitch have been acquired by the Southern Stamp Co. (Africa), Ltd. Thus this firm's already large stock has been augmented by a very valuable and representative selection of stamps.

Philatelic Christmas Gifts.

We may be pardoned for repeating ourselves, but we again advise readers to give philatelic Christmas gifts to collecting friends, and to buy the presents from advertisers in the "S.A. Philatelist." There will then be satisfaction on both sides.

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Afrikaans in Rhodesia.

On reading the note is our October issue regarding the use of the Royal Train postmark on Rhodesian stamps Mr. Bertram L. R. Fox, of Bulawayo, brings to our notice the fact that a parallel is to be found in the case of the Parliamentary Tour postmark. This bears the inscription "Parlementer Toer" in two lines at the top and "Parliamentary Tour" at the bottom, also in two lines, the date being in the centre. The English wording is upside down to fit the circular postmark.

This cancellation was applied to South African and Southern Rhodesian stamps. English being the only official language in Southern Rhodesia, the postmark under mention is, with the Royal Train cachet, of more than usual interest.

High Price for a "No Value."

A mint block of four with side margins of the well-known "no value" error of Gibraltar was knocked down at a London auction a few weeks ago for £225. The catalogue value is £28 per stamp. The buyer is a well-known advertiser in the "S.A. Philatelist," Mr. T. Allen, who specialises in rare British Colonials.

Postal Union Changes.

In this issue we chronicle changes in the colours of a number of British Colonial stamps. The changes are the result of revised rates for international postage which were put into effect by the Universal Postal Union on October 1st last. The **minimum** rates which may now be charged for international postage are as follows:—

Letters: 2½d. for the first oz., and 1½d. for each additional ounce.

Post cards: 1½d. each for single, 3d. each for reply paid.

Printed Matter: ¾d. per 2 ozs.

We have expressed the charges and weights in British Currency; the U.P.U. uses the Metric system. Although it is not compulsory for governments to reduce their rates to the above minimum charges many of them have already adopted these rates. Inland postal charges have been reduced as a result. The only change that has so far taken place in South Africa has been the reduction of the minimum tax on insufficiently prepaid matter from overseas from 1½d. to 1d.

South African Air Mails.

Unofficial information states that an arrangement has been made with a German company to conduct air mail services in the Union, beginning early next year. If this news proves to be true the routes will probably be Johannesburg-Capetown and Johannesburg-Durban.

Another "Find."

While on his way back to England from South Africa a few months ago our good friend, Mr. David Field, stopped at Madeira for a few weeks. It was there that he came across a great hoard of old stamps. A resident on the island had been accumulating items for many years, and Mr. Field purchased the entire accumulation. It filled his largest trunk and comprised box upon box of old and middle issues, as well as thousands of entire franked with old issues. As the accumulation would take months to go through Mr. Field sold the whole lot outright to a London philatelist. Other "finds" of early issues are reported from Vancouver and Montreal.

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The Popularity of Cape Triangulars.

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In our June issue we gave details of a wonderful collection of early South African stamps, which was acquired by Mr. W. B. M. Vogts, of Johannesburg. After retaining some specimens for his collection, Mr. Vogts sent the balance of the Cape triangulars to Mr. H. R. Harmer, the well-known London philatelic auctioneer, who disposed of them at a recent sale.

In view of the fact that the stamps under mention are very popular in South Africa, and also because those mentioned above were the property of a Johannesburg philatelist, the sale is of considerable interest to collectors in this country. We are, therefore, pleased to mention hereunder some of the prices obtained by Mr. Harmer for Mr. Vogts' triangulars.

SEPTEMBER, 1853 ISSUE (Paper deeply blue)

1d. brick red, fine, with good margin and light cancellation (cat. 50/)	... 5 15 0
Ditto, a block of 4, with good margins and light cancellation (cat. £10)	... 14 0 0
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Ditto, another lightly cancelled block of 4, one stamp close, otherwise fine	... 14 0 0
Ditto, an unused block of 4, with part gum, cut into one side, but of fine colour and good margins (cat. £80)	... 70 0 0
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1855 8 ISSUE (White paper)

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1d. deep rose-red, block of 4, with large margins all round, one stamp minutely torn and inkstained at back, otherwise very fine (cat. £8)	... 18 10 0
6d. slate-lilac, mint copy, with fine colour and margins (cat. £10)	... 11 0 0
1s. yellow-green, fine pair, light cancellation, and large margins (cat. £6 10s.)	... 21 0 0
1s. dark deep green, an unused marginal pair, with part gum and large margins on all sides, very fine (cat. £10)	... 18 10 0

WOODBLOCKS

1d. vermilion, slight paper flaw, otherwise fine, with margins, light cancellation, and brilliant colour, (cat. £18.)	... 26 10 0
1d. vermilion, a slightly creased pair, with large margins and light postmark, very fine appearance (cat. £36.)	... 45 0 0
1d. carmine, unused copy, cut into at bottom left, but having good margins	... 25 0 0
copy, with large margins two sides, deep colour and light cancellation (cat. £15)	... 23 0 0
4d. pale blue, a fine used copy on letter, with large margins all sides, showing part of adjacent stamp (cat. £10.)	... 32 0 0
4d. deep blue, full colour, and lightly cancelled, very slightly thinned in margin only (cat. £40.)	... 46 0 0
4d. pale blue, the rare retouch at right-hand lower corner, small margins and light cancellation, slight crease (cat. £55.)	... 42 0 0
4d. pale blue pair, one stamp retouched, cut into, but lightly cancelled (only two pairs known to exist)	... 53 0 0

1863-4 (De La Rue) ISSUE.

1d. brownish-red, an unused block of 5, with good margins (cat. £12 10s.)	... 11 5 0
4d. slate-blue, rare shade, large margins and lightly cancelled (cat. £3)	... 8 0 0
1s. emerald green, fine unused pair, with part gum, (cat. £16)	... 11 10 0

The above prices prove several things, namely, that Cape triangulars are as popular in the United Kingdom as in South Africa, that they are still holding their own against classics of other colonies, and that early issues in fine condition and in pairs and blocks realise, in many cases, considerably over catalogue value. The prices given should also be a good guide in determining the approximate values of Cape triangulars in various stages of "condition."

The 1926 Gibbons'.

Parts I. (British Empire) and II. (Foreign Countries). Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391, Strand, London, W.C.2. For prices see advertisement in this issue.

When purchasing a "Gibbons" one has now a variety of editions to pick from. There are the ordinary "red" and "green" catalogues; there are these volumes interleaved with white paper for making notes or pasting catalogue supplements on, and there is the "whole world in one volume" edition. The uninterleaved catalogues are thinner than usual owing to the use of a very fine thin paper, which shows up the illustrations to full advantage—a large number of which are from new blocks.

The catalogue user will find a great deal more to interest him in the new Gibbons than is indicated by the summary of the important alterations given in the Introduction. Much revision has been done, with marked results on the value of the work as a whole.

We will first deal with the Part I. This shows a fair proportion of rises in the Georgian issues, and the upward tendency is spreading to the Edwardian issues of a number of colonies. There are few price changes in the older emissions, the early stamps of Canada being amongst the few that are affected. The Australian Commonwealth list, revised in part in the last edition, has now been more thoroughly rewritten, while there are welcome improvements in the Irish Free State section.

The South-West African lists are very complete, a large number of varieties are listed in addition to the normal stamps. There are all round increases in the prices of the issues of this territory. In Type I. the 5s., 10s. and £1 denominations are listed at 30s., 60s. and £6 per mint pair respectively. The quotations for the postage stamps with the second overprint prove the rarity of these items, the three values being priced at £2, £3 and £10 per mint pair respectively. The missing stop-variety is quoted at almost double these figures. The postage dues also show remarkable increases, the 3d. Type I. being listed at 25s. per pair, and the 5d. Type II. at 80s. The rarest item, the 1d. rouletted, Type II., is unpriced.

Under Union of South Africa we observe that there are no alterations in the prices of the postage stamps. The Air Mail adhesives are listed at 3d., 8d., 1s. 3d. and 2s. respectively, which proves that this set is a good investment. The 5d. due is priced at 1s., the 6d. at 2s. 6d. and the 1s. at 10s.

The Rhodesian list is most interesting, there are many increases, while new blocks illustrating the three dies of the Admiral issues have been made.

The foreign catalogue shows revision of a general nature. Many alterations have been made in the middle and later issues, which seem to fairly represent market fluctuations. Early issues of Belgium, Bavaria, Roumania, Denmark and Russia show many increases. On the other hand, we find that used copies of many of the early stamps of France have dropped. Most of the early and middle issues of Portugal and Colonies have risen in value. The scarce early emissions of China show an upward tendency, as also do early Japanese.

The first issue of the U.S.A. shows increases, as also do the 1858 issue of Uruguay and the early emissions of Hayti and Guatemala.

Modern issues of a number of countries are on the up grade, this is particularly noticeable in many New Europeans. The prices, now that these issues are becoming stabilised, reflect the popularity of many of these items.

We have also received a copy of "Stanley Gibbons' Illustrated Guide for Stamp Collectors." This booklet illustrates, describes and prices all philatelic accessories stocked by Messrs. Gibbons, and also contains particulars and prices of many sets and packets. Copies may be had free of charge.

Important!

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Chapter IV., "Philatelic Aspects of the Find," contains much useful information that has come to light as a result of the find, and copies are given of letters from Postmasters giving particulars of the stamps forwarded to the philatelist of the sixties who possessed a foresight such as very few collectors of the period had. The letters show that a number of rare items were not included in the find. No trace of them could be found.

Mr. Melville's next article deals with the "Montevideo" find, which comprised wonderful sheets and part-sheets, and also some of the original dies, of the 1866-67 issue of Uruguay. Much information, which was previously a matter of conjecture, has been obtained from this discovery. Next follows a description of the collotype plates included in the work, and a complete illustrated catalogue of the sale.

At the back of the book there is a gusset pocket containing twelve large collotype plates showing about forty of the rarest items. Many of these illustrations are natural size.

The pages of this work measure 12in. x 11in., and the whole is bound in a substantial and attractive red cloth cover. Owing to the costly nature of the work the edition is limited, and those interested would be well advised to procure their copies without delay.

The Postage Stamps of Rhodesia. An Official Check-List. Compiled by a Committee of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia. Published by Harris Publications, Ltd., Windsor House, 46, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. Price 1/2, post free.

At long last we have a handbook on Rhodesia, and the check-list before us in indeed a mine of information. The issues of this ever popular country and all varieties known to the compilers are listed, while there are numerous excellent half-tone illustrations. Indeed, the lists are so complete that the work is of the greatest interest and utility to all interested in Rhodesians, and at the extremely low price of 1/2, post free, there should be a big demand for copies of this book.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein has recently moved into new premises, where he will always be pleased to meet collectors passing through Rouxville. He carries a fine stock of stamps and accessories and can produce a 1d. "Woodblock" error, catalogued at £200. His two-page advertisement in this issue reflects his progressiveness and readers can, with confidence, order any of the goods advertised.

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The popularity of Union stamps well merits the publication of a new handbook on them, and we understand that no pains will be spared to make the new work as complete with news and illustrations as possible. In order to obtain all possible available information Mr. Ritchie would be glad if collectors of Unions, and others, would communicate to him at P.O. Box 26, Maraisburg, Transvaal, the existence of any official varieties, freaks or errors they may have or know of for inclusion in the handbook. Information is particularly desired regarding any plate numbers which exist with watermark inverted or "inverted perforation" (that is, top margin of sheet unperforated and bottom margin perforated) other than those mentioned in Mr. Reynolds' article on page 163 of Vol. 1, No. 12 of the "S.A. Philatelist."

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We are indebted to the Old Stamp Shop for a copy of an attractive calendar, which they have issued for the year 1926.

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JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. I. Glasser. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. Robertson. P.O. Box 4967.

Meetings held second and fourth Tuesdays, 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Basement, Trust Buildings, Fox Street.

The members of the East Rand Philatelic Society paid an official visit to the J.U.P.S. on November 24th. Mr. Donne exhibited his very fine collection of Seychelles, which contains many errors in the local surcharges and other desirable items. A small, but attractive, selection of the embossed stamps of Great Britain was shown by the East Rand President, Mr. A. F. Johnstone, who also read an interesting paper on these stamps. Then followed a highly interesting paper on and display of Hayti by Mr. Thos. Wood. The breezy way in which Mr. Wood had handled the historical portion of his paper, and the learned way in which he described the stamps was much appreciated by all present. The exhibition was very representative and included many interesting varieties.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL.

President: Mr. W. P. Williams. Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Williams, P.O. Box 588, Durban.

Meetings held at Y.M.C.A., Esplanade, first Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

This Society held its Annual General Meeting on November 4th, there being a good attendance. The Annual Reports submitted by the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Exchange Superintendent were read and adopted, as was the Financial Statement. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to these officers for their work during the past year. It was resolved that an Honorary of £10 10s. be voted to the Hon. Exchange Superintendent for his work during the past season.

Dealing with the past years' work the Hon. Secretary's report showed that the meetings practically half of the town members attended, which is quite satisfactory in view of the impossibility of arranging a meeting night suitable to every member. The membership now totals 92. Thanks were extended to the press for the publicity given the Society.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—President, Mr. W. P. Williams; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. J. Norman, T. Glen, S. Rogerson, W. L. Burne and J. Gordon Lowe; Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Williams; Hon. Treasurer and Librarian, Mr. M. Rose; Hon. Exchange Superintendent, Mr. A. H. Lovejoy; Committee, Messrs. C. Riches, K. W. Watkins, R. G. Webb, R. Peckover and F. C. Mackay. H.E. Prince Arthur of Connaught was re-elected Patron of the Society.

THE EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President: Mr. A. F. Johnstone. Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. L. Larsen, 28, Angelo Deep, East Rand.

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 19th. The reports of the past year's work were very satisfactory indeed. The finances of the Society were in such a good state that it was unnecessary to call up any subscriptions during the past twelve months. Mr. A. F. Johnstone was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year and Mr. R. N. Randell, Vice-President. Mr. C. L. Larsen was appointed Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. A vote of thanks to Mr. Thos. Wood, the retiring President, for the work that he had done for the Society was carried with applause. Messrs. Donne and Larsen, the retiring Hon. Secretary and Acting Hon. Secretary respectively, were also heartily thanked for the good work that they had done.

