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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Owing to Christmas Cards, etc., arriving too late to be acknowledged in the January issue, the Editor wishes to take this opportunity of thanking readers for their kind expressions of goodwill.

Unlucky Thirteen?

Thirteen is usually regarded as an unlucky number, but as far as the “South African Philatelist” is concerned, this issue is the thirteenth number of this journal, and can hardly prove an omen of ill-luck, since we are now in a stronger and more flourishing position than ever previously. For other journals it may have proved an unlucky number, since thirteen issues was the highest number reached by any previous South African philatelic publication of which we are aware. We have, therefore, succeeded in beating previous records, and shall continue to do our best to maintain as high a standard as possible. With an increased circulation, and more advertising support, a much larger journal can be produced. Will **you** help us to achieve this?

Article on S.W.A. Stamps.

As promised in the January issue of the “S.A.P.,” an article on the stamps of South West Africa has been written by our Editor (Mr. G. W. Reynolds), but this proved a little too long to be published in full in this issue. Elsewhere, the first portion will be found dealing with the issues, errors, varieties, etc., of Type 1 only, while the remaining instalment, dealing with Types 2 and 3, will appear in the March issue.

Rhodesian Articles by Mr. J. E. M. Coch.

The usual instalment could not be included in this issue, since Mr. Coch has not had sufficient time to prepare it owing to heavy pressure of private business. The articles will, however, be continued in our next issue.

Readers of the “S.A. Philatelist” are asked to kindly send us the names and addresses of any stamp collecting friends who are not subscribers, so that we may send them a free specimen copy. Please be sure to always mention the “S.A. Philatelist” when replying to advertisers.

The Pretoria Society.

The Hon. Secretary of the Pretoria Philatelic Society has been good enough to furnish us with a complete report of the proceedings at the 25th annual meeting of the Society, together with a copy of the President's address, balance sheet, list of members, etc. To publish all this in detail would occupy too much space, but a condensed report will be found in our Society News column. Our hearty congratulations to Major Booth on being elected President.

Mount Currie Locals.

Very little is known concerning these most interesting locals, and we are very pleased to announce that Mr. Emil Tamsen, of Nylstroom, has written an article on these stamps especially for the "South African Philatelist." These stamps are exceedingly rare, while we have been fortunate enough to secure some copies from Mr. Tamsen from which blocks have been made for illustrating purposes. The first portion of the article appears in this issue, and will doubtless be read with much interest.

South African Stamp Auctions.

A year or so ago, when the defunct "Quarterly Review of Philately" was managed by Mr. Robertson, this gentleman held stamp auctions periodically. Apart from two sales of stamps held by local general auctioneers, nothing in this direction has taken place since. We consider there is certainly a good opening for a man with a sound knowledge of philately to organise stamp auctions on proper lines. There is no reason why stamp auctions should not be held regularly in South Africa, and if properly conducted, they should be a great success, especially if catalogues correctly describing the lots for sale are published.

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The Stamps of East Griqualand.

BY EMIL TAMSEN.

What! East Griqualand stamps? Never heard of these before, that is what the reader will say. Well, did you ever hear of Mount Currie Express stamps? No, I did not, will be the answer, except that of a few collectors who have read my articles in the "Philatelic Record" of October, 1890, and "South African Stamp Collector" of March, 1917; under the title of "Mount Currie Express" and "Mount Currie Locals."

It is strange to note how the word "Local" reduces a postage stamp to a lower level, notwithstanding that very many now-called "postage stamps" originally were only issued for local use, and had no franking power outside the country of origin. Typical instances in Africa are early Transvaals, Stellaland, New Republic, Madagascar, Uganda (the type-written series), etc., as well as many other first issues of other countries in the world, and these only received in later years catalogue rank as "postage stamps."

Before discussing this question of "Locals" any further, I will give the history of these Mount Currie stamps, as I originally wrote it for the above-mentioned philatelic papers.

The Mount Currie Express stamps were first noticed in Great Britain during the year 1884; and although I was then, as I am now, an ardent specialist of South African postage stamps, I had not heard of them or seen a single specimen, and I am almost certain that not one in a hundred South African collectors knows anything about them or has ever seen a copy or an illustration. A short history of the issue may, therefore, be of interest to local philatelists.

In the "good old days" some 30 odd years ago, I used to send out circulars offering to buy used South African stamps of all values and issues. Occasionally I "struck oil," but usually only the low denominations of the current set were on offer. I had almost given up hope of getting anything good in this way, so you can imagine my surprise when I received this letter:

Kokstad,

8th August, 1889.

Dear Sir,—

I am in receipt of your circular re stamps. I have a small quantity of what I may safely call the most rare stamps in existence, as there are only two persons in the world who have any similar. The stamp is called the "Mount Currie Express," and is a very small stamp—about one-half an inch square, printed in green, under the authority of Captain Adam Kok, the Griqua Chief during the Griqua occupation of this country. I came across the stamps among the papers of a very old resident, who has since deceased, and in whose estate I was appointed trustee. You will thus see that the stamps have to be sold for the benefit of the estate, and as you quote no price for such stamps, they being, I expect, unknown to you, I shall be glad if you will let me know what you will be prepared to give me per stamp.

I am, yours, etc.,

After carefully perusing this letter, I came to the conclusion that I had come across a good thing. I made an offer to purchase the stamps, which was accepted, the seller promising to obtain as much authentic information in connection with the issue as possible. Eventually, I received the following communication:—

Kokstad, 21st March, 1890.

Dear Sir,—

As far as I can find out, Mr. Darby, the manager of Messrs. Balance & Goodliffe's, who had business in this territory and Natal, employed a native runner who used to go regularly for his post. The inhabitants

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generally used to avail themselves of this opportunity of getting their post carried to and fro, and after some time Mr. Darby found that this runner of his was patronised more than he cared for. He then got verbal permission from the Griqua Government (and, I believe, protection from encroachment) to have these stamps struck off and sold to the public, and the stamp was considered legally recognised by the laws of the country as being of the value of one penny. The stamps were most used between 1874-7.

I am, yours, etc.,

I have a short extract from a newspaper which was published at Kokstad, dated 28th November, 1889:—

“AN EAST GRIQUALAND POSTAGE STAMP.

“Whoever knew that East Griqualand used to have a postage stamp of its own? We did not! but such is the case. A gentlemen in the Transvaal has been in communication with Mr. Zietsman on the subject, and he again has been in communication with Mr. Darby, M.L.C. for Alfred County, with the result that we have been favoured with the following letter for publication from Mr. Darby, which not only explains everything about the stamps, but will be found interesting on other points:—

“Maritzburg,

“4th October, 1889.

“Dear Mr. Zietsman,—

“In reply to your correspondent's queries respecting the stamp referred to by him, viz., a green one with the words “Balance & Goodliffe” inside a network frame, this stamp was issued by me when I was manager of the establishments belonging to Balance & Goodliffe in the several localities in East Griqualand. I forget the exact date, but that can, if necessary, be easily ascertained, for it was prior to that country's annexation to the Cape Colony, and when it looked as if the place would go ahead. There was more wheat grown at that time in one year than there has ever been reaped in any subsequent ten since annexation, when the country did not groan under unfair and ruinous taxation, and there was not so much law, but quite as much justice. I think from the above you will be able to fix the date. My reason for inaugurating the service was that I found it necessary to have regular communication with my base of operations (Natal), and more or less regular posts to the subsidiary establishments in Griqualand itself. A considerable number of the then inhabitants were glad to avail themselves of my runners. I could not decently refuse to forward their letters, and the number of missives sent to me by outsiders to forward on led me to think that my firm might fairly seek to recoup a portion of their outlay. I may say that my expectations were fully realised. This idea was not, of course, an original one, and I fancy that I must have got it from America. My charges were one penny for a half-ounce, if stamped, or sixpence if paid in cash. Of course, this stamp was only good for Griqualand East, there being no other Government postal department in Griqualand East. I never can think of Griqualand East but with a feeling of deep regret that it is treated as it is by its great protector.

“I remain, yours, etc.,

“W. W. DARBY.

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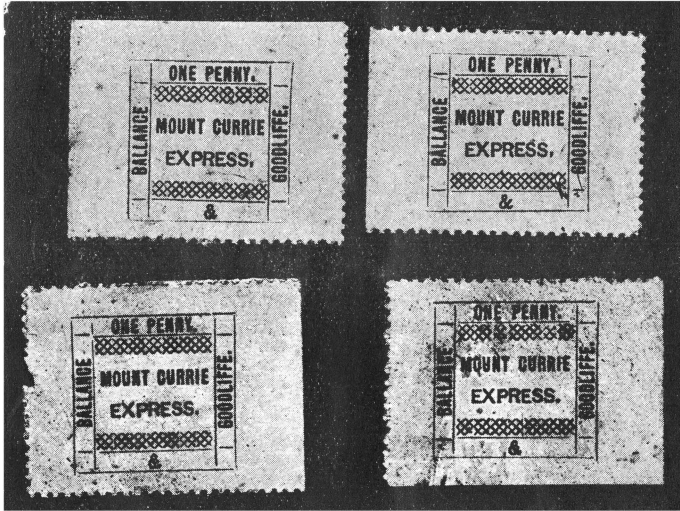
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TRANSVAAL.

The particulars given in the above letters constitute the history of the Mount Currie Express stamps, as far as I know it. As will be seen, the stamps were used for the prepayment of postage, and are without doubt the first "locals" used in this country. In fact, the only other South African locals I have heard of are those in the Northern Transvaal about 1886.



The rare East Griqualand Stamps—illustrating the four different types.

The design is a very simple one, square in a frame of plain lines, measuring outside seven-eighths of an inch wide, by thirteen-sixteenths of an inch high. On the left-hand side of frame is the word "Ballance," on top "One Penny," on right-hand side "Goodliffe," and between these are the words "Mount Currie Express" in two lines. The stamp is square in shape, typographed in green ink on stout white wove paper, perforated $12\frac{1}{2}$.

The sheet consists of twelve stamps, three vertical rows of four stamps; the outside of the sheet is not perforated, thus only the two centre stamps are perforated on all four sides; the other ten are only partly perforated. The four stamps in each vertical row differ one from another in details, whereas the three stamps in each horizontal row are exactly the same. I presume, therefore, that the printer set up originally four stamps from type and printed from these, and afterwards cut them down to twelve stamp sheets and perforated them.

I originally possessed two entire sheets, but took no note of the size of the margins, but I think that the sheets were about square in size.

I will call the different types Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, commencing with the top row. Each stamp has a full stop after "Penny," another after "Goodliffe," and another after "Express." The first two types have long rectangular dots, whereas the third and fourth types have smaller square dots. The difference is so plain that there can be no difficulty in distinguishing types 1 and 2 from types 3 and 4. The sign for "and" ("&") is the same for types 1, 3 and 4, but is different in type 2, so that this latter can easily be distinguished from type 1. This fixes the first two types, but the differences between types 3 and 4 would not be so easy to recognise if the upper network in type 4 did not offer a very striking exception to the other three. The network under "E" of "ONE" and the "NY" of "PENNY" is so misprinted that this type cannot be confused with any of the others. These

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are the main points in which the four types vary, but for the sake of comparison, I will specify the details of each type. These can easily be checked in the above illustration.

Type 1.—Long rectangular dots, the commencing stroke of the “&” is almost vertical, and is curved to the left at the top, the “G” of “Goodliffe” is a little above the top of the lower network; the small line above the left lower corner is in continuation of the line under the lower network; the outside line on the right-hand side of the frame is not parallel with the nearest inner line, but curves outward at the top.

Type 2.—Long rectangular dots as in type 1. The “&” is broader and the commencing stroke slopes to the right at the top; the “G” of “Goodliffe” is level with the top of the lower network; the small line above the left lower corner is higher than the line under the lower network.

Type 3.—Smaller square dots, the “&” is the same shape as in type 1. The “G” in “Goodliffe” is a little higher than in type 1.

Type 4.—Small square dots as in type 3; the “&” as in type 1; the upper network is broken in more than one place, which is not the case in any of the other types; the “G” of “Goodliffe” is on a level with the top of the lower network; the small line above the left corner is lower than the line under the network; the second “E” of “Express” is smaller than the other letters.

(To be continued.)

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Kindly refer to Publishers' Notices elsewhere.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Varieties of the 6d. (Postage).

A rather peculiar variety has been shewn us by Mr. G. van Waart, Pretoria, in which two wavy lines appear across the lower portion of the King's head only. On the same stamp, a small imperfection of printing, somewhat resembling a fern leaf, is found between the right hand figure of value and the second “a” in “Afrika.” The position in the sheet is unknown.

Messrs. Westbrook, Johnstone and others have kindly shewn us another interesting variety of the 6d. On the left of the 5th and 6th stamps in the first vertical row in both the upper and lower panes, the black line of printers' rule (Jubilee line) has failed to print. We understand that although a large number of sheets was examined, only a few sheets were found with this portion of the Jubilee line missing.

Postage Dues.

The 6d. and 1s. De la Rue printing are particularly difficult to pick up, and it was stated in a recent issue of the “S.A. Philatelist” that only 200 sheets of the 1s. Due were printed and issued. We have since been officially informed from the G.P.O., Pretoria, that 500 sheets of 60 of the 5d. Due were printed, of which 200 sheets have been issued to date.

Concerning the 6d. Due, 320 sheets of 60 was the total number printed and issued—220 being the total issued to Union Post Offices, while 100 sheets were overprinted for use in South West Africa. This stamp will certainly prove rare in time.

1½d. Due, New Perforated Issue.

The 1½d. Postage Due has now made its appearance perforated 14. Supplies of this new issue were received by some Post Offices during January, the Johannesburg G.P.O. receiving four sheets on 12th ultimo to complete a requisition. The new stamps are certainly well printed, and are a credit to the Government Printer.

The complete sheet consists of 120 stamps arranged in two panes of 60 (10 x 6). The figure of value is in black, while the frame work or design is identical in detail with the ½d., 1d., and 2d. Dues (perforated issue), the colour being yellow-brown.

The "POSTADE" variety occurs in the first stamp, third row, left pane, while the one perforation is still missing in all stamps of the first vertical row of the right pane. (It will be remembered that in the 6d. Dues issued two months ago these varieties had been corrected.) Supplies of the rouletted printing are now exhausted, of which the total quantity issued was 5,235 sheets of 60.

Synopsis.—12th January, 1924, lithographed at Govt. Printing Works, Pretoria, white paper (Samuel Jones' "non-curling"), no watermark, perf. 14, type as illustrated.

1.—1½d., Black and Yellow-brown.

(a) "POSTADE" for "POSTAGE."

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.**Postage Due, 6d.**

We are in a position to state positively that 100 sheets of 60 of the Union De la Rue printing, 6d. Postage Due, were overprinted with type 1 for use in South West Africa, and that 62 sheets were issued to the Windhoek Post Office on 7th December last. We have been fortunate in seeing and examining three sheets of 60. In the last stamp, 8th row, the error "Wes" for "West" (in the English version) is found, not the slightest trace of the "t" appearing. In other sheets of the Postage Dues in which the "Wes" error was found, the

position was 2nd stamp, bottom row, but in the sheets we have examined, the "t" is not missing, but appears broken. Other minor varieties noticed are:—Dropped "z" (6th stamp, 1st row); in the 5th stamp, 3rd row, the two lines of overprint are nearly 1 mm. closer together than in other stamps of the sheet in the 1st stamp, 7th row, and the 2nd stamp, 10th row, the "t" is broken, presumably owing to the forme not having been locked sufficiently tightly and the type had shifted, so that in quite a few stamps in the sheet, the overprint of various stamps is not horizontally in line.

Some overseas dealers have doubted the existence of this stamp, an illustration of which appears above. It is strange that this stamp should appear with type 1 overprint, at this late hour—especially when practically every value has been issued with type 3.

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New Issues—S. W. Africa (contd.)**Varieties of Type 1 Overprint.**

Mr. M. P. Vallentine, Johannesburg, has kindly shewn us some varieties which have not yet been chronicled. We have seen specimens of the $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d. and 6d. values in which, in the English version, the "t" in "West" has either shifted or failed to print properly, so that this letter appears as an irregularly shaped full stop. This variety, "South Wes.", is certainly very scarce indeed, and occurred twice per sheet—one stamp being in the first vertical row, and the other in the second vertical row of a left pane. The exact position in the sheet is unknown. Mr. Vallentine has also shewn us a similar variety in the Dutch version in the 4d. and 1s. 3d. values, so that "Zuid-West" appears as "Zuid-Wes."

We have also seen specimens of the various values with light and heavy types of overprint, while in some cases a dull grey black overprint appears, and in others a deep glossy jet black overprint is found.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 1d., and 2d. Postage have now been issued with Type 3 overprint. The £1 is the only value in the postage series we have not yet seen with Type 3 overprint.

Mr. M. L. Levitt kindly reports the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. with no stop after "Africa"—2nd stamp, 7th row, lower right hand, plate 5.

RHODESIA.

In the January issue of the "S.A.P.," it was stated on authority of a paragraph which appeared in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons's "Monthly Journal" that the new issue for Southern Rhodesia would make its appearance the 1st of January.

Up to the time of going to press, we have received no news or information from Rhodesia that these stamps have been issued. We should be grateful if Rhodesian readers would advise us promptly and send specimens when the issue does eventuate.

The following New Issue Notes have been kindly furnished by Mr. R. Roberts, 430, Strand, London:—

Gold Coast.—1s., old wmk., on em. paper, die 2, printed from plate 10.

Gold Coast.—2s., new script wmk. paper, die 2, printed from plate 10.

Mauritius.—K.G. Rs. 2.50, script wmk., Sept. 11th, 1923, printed from plate 10, sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), two controls at bottom of sheet only.

Morocco Agencies.—Oct. 26th, 1923, 50 centimes on K.G. Great Britain 5d.

Nigeria.—Nov. 8th. 4d., n.y.p., script wmk., printed from plate 10, sheets of 120 (two panes of 60), two controls at bottom only.

Zanzibar.—1913 type, script wmk., 10 Rs., green and brown; 20 Rs., black and green. This is the first issue of this type.

FOREIGN.

Latvia.—Mr. George H. Jaeger, Libau, has shewn us specimens of the 1, 2 and 4 santimi of the current Arms type, overprinted with a design resembling a Maltese Cross with wreath, and the initials "L.K.I.S.," and below "KARA INVALIDIEM, s10s," in three lines. This belated "war" issue is a genuine official edition in favour of Latvian invalids who suffered in the Great War.

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SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

By G. W. REYNOLDS.

Owing to the confusion due to the frequent changing of the type of overprint used for the stamps of South West Africa, the following check-list, with a few brief explanatory notes, may be helpful to those collectors who have experienced a little difficulty with the novel stamps issued by the Mandated Territory.

The stamps of the Union of South Africa were valid in the late German South West Africa from the date of occupation of the country, namely, as the Union Forces occupied each town from September, 1914, until 31st January, 1923. The overprinted issue was first placed on sale as from the 1st January, 1923, but the public were permitted to use Union issues or exchange them for Protectorate issues for one month only after that date. After the 1st February, correspondence, etc., franked with Union stamps was surcharged. Prior to the issue of the overprinted stamps, details for competitive designs were published in the "Union Gazette," but cancelled four days later.

In the first type of overprint, a type-set forme was used, but this wore badly, thus causing many varieties of broken type, faulty printing, etc. When the various errors, such as "Wes", etc., were discovered by collectors, the original proofs were brought out and examined, but found to be flawless. In some instances, evidently owing to the forme not having been locked sufficiently tightly, apparent broken letters and imperfect stops are found. When it was known by the authorities that sheets had been discovered with inverted overprints, the entire stock in Pretoria was carefully examined for errors, and any defective sheets were destroyed. At the same time, postmasters in the Protectorate were officially warned on no account to issue or participate in the sale of any sheet of stamps with the overprint inverted under pain of instant dismissal.

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It is of interest to note that the 1½d. and 2½d. values were not overprinted owing to the rates of postage having been altered, while the 3d. value is in blue to conform to U.P.U. colours. I have seen specimens of most of the values in which light and heavy types of overprint are found, while specimens of most of the values are to be obtained with a dull grey black or deep jet black overprint. The following is a check-list of Type 1, excluding shades and unimportant trivial varieties:—



Type 1 Overprint, also illustrating the "Wes" and "Africa" varieties.

(a) Type 1. (as illustrated above), Overprint 15 mm. apart, Type-set, issued 2nd January, 1923.

(a) POSTAGE.

1.—½d. Green.

- (a) "Wes" (No. 236 in sheet, and not plentiful by any means).
- (b) "Wes." (for "West," English version). This variety was found twice per sheet of 240, one stamp in the first vertical row and one in the second vertical row, left pane, exact position not known to me. This variety was caused presumably by soft type wearing badly, or perhaps by the "t" having shifted, so that only the lower portion of this letter printed, and appeared as a badly formed full stop. This variety is very scarce indeed, and as far as I know, is only known in the ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., and 6d. values, specimens of which I possess.
- (c) "Africa", or "Afrika" only.
 Note.—One sheet only was found with the overprint so much displaced that "South West" or "Zuid West" appeared in the margin above the top row of stamps, thus causing the 12 stamps of the bottom row to appear with "Africa" or "Afrika" only. The rest of the stamps consequently shew "Afrika" (in Dutch) above "South West" (in English), and "Africa" (English) above "Zuid West" (Dutch).
- (d) Inverted overprints—either done to order, or else undestroyed printers' waste. These stamps never saw the inside of any Protectorate Post Office.
- (e) No stop after "Afrika" (second stamp, 7th row, lower right pane, plate 5).

2.—1d., Carmine Red.

- (a) "Wes"
- (b) "Wes."

Note.—Caused by soft type wearing badly. The "t" completely missing is a rarity; usually the "t" appears as a badly formed full stop. Position: 2nd stamp, 2nd row, lower left pane.

- (c) "Africa"—once per sheet in later printings only of Type 1 overprint. Position:—5th stamp, 10th row, lower left pane. When supplies ran short, about 2,000 sheets were overprinted, and a few hundred sent to the Protectorate to meet urgent requirements.

South West Africa (contd.)

When this variety was noticed by the authorities, the whole bottom row was torn off the remaining sheets and destroyed, and these incomplete sheets were issued. This variety should prove a rarity.

- (d) No dot above "i" in "Zuid"—very rare.
 (e) "Afrika"—capital "K" instead of small "k" appears, as if a wrong font was used, but caused by upper portion of downstroke of the "k" not having printed.
 (f) Overprint inverted—not genuine. See remarks under ½d. above.
- 3.—2d., Dull Purple.
 (a) Overprint inverted—genuine. One sheet only, 240 stamps was found.
 (b) "Wes." See remarks under ½d. (b) above.
- 4.—3d., Blue.
 (a) "Wes."—extremely scarce in this value, position unknown. See remarks under ½d. (b) above).
- 5.—4d., Orange-Yellow and Green.
 (a) "South Wes." for "South West." See remarks under ½d. (b) above.
 (b) "Zuid-Wes." for "Zuid-West." Caused the same way as explained under the ½d. (b) above. The variety "Wes." in the Dutch version is very rare, in fact, I only know of it in this value and the 1s. 3d.
- 6.—6d., Black and Violet.
 (a) "uid" for "Zuid." Once per sheet, position being 3rd stamp, 8th row, lower right pane. Usually a small portion of the "Z" is found; the "Z" completely missing is a rarity.
 (b) "Wes." See remarks under ½d. (b) above.
- 7.—1s., Orange-Yellow.
- 8.—1s. 3d., Violet.
 (a) Overprint inverted (240 only, i.e., one sheet).
 (b) "Zuid Wes." See remarks under 4d (b) above.
- 9.—2s. 6d., Purple and Green.
- 10.—5s., Purple and Blue.
 (a) No stop after "Africa".
- 11.—10s., Deep Blue and Olive Green.
 (a) No stop after "Africa".
- 12.—£1, Green and Red.
 (a) No stop after "Africa".

I have seen most of the various values in which the overprint is not horizontally in line with that of adjacent stamps. I possess specimens in which the overprint on stamps in the first vertical row is 1 mm. lower than others in the sheet.

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- 13.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (Pretoria printing, perf. 14, no wmk.).
- (a) "Wes" (No. 56), scarce.
 - (b) Spaced "Af rika". This occurred in later printings only, and is very scarce indeed. Position is 5th stamp, bottom row, left pane.
 - (c) No stop after "Afrika"—this also occurred in a few sheets of later printings, and is very scarce. Position is 1st stamp, 6th row, left pane.
 - (d) "POSTADE" for "POSTAGE"—once per sheet, constant, 1st stamp, 3rd row, as in Union of S.A.
- 14.—1d., Rose-red (Pretoria rouletted printing, no wmk.).
- (a) "Wes" (No 56 in sheet).
- 15.—1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Black and Yellow Brown (Pretoria rouletted printing, no wmk.).
- (a) "Wes" (No. 56).
- 16.—2d., Black and Bright Violet (Union De la Rue printing).
- (a) "Wes" (No. 56).
- 17.—3d., Black and Bright Blue (De la Rue printing).
- (a) "Wes" (No. 56).
 - (b) Very "thick" downstroke of "d" (No. 4 in sheet).
 - (c) "d" higher and nearer the "3" (last vertical row).
- 18.—5d., Violet and Black (Transvaal issue, Mult, C.A.).
- (a) "Wes" (No. 56).
 - (b) No stop after "Africa" (very rare).
 - (c) "Africa" or "Afrika" only. (Exactly the same as described under 1b above).
- 19.—6d., Red Brown and Black (Transvaal issue, Mult, C.A.).
- (a) "Wes" (No. 56).
- 20.—6d., Black and Slate (Union of S.A., De la Rue).
- (a) "Wes" Sixth stamp, 8th row.

Note.—The De la Rue 6d. Union should prove rare. The total quantity printed for the Union was only 320 sheets of 60—220 sheets being issued to Union P.O.'s, while 100 sheets were overprinted for use in S.W.A. These were first issued on 7th Dec., when 62 sheets were issued to Windhoek.

The 1s. Due was not issued, despite the fact that it has been chronicled in more than one Stamp Journal overseas.

(To be concluded.)

SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

Johannesburg United Philatelic Society.

Pres., Mr. C. W. Reid. Hon. Sec., Mr. M. P. Vallentine, P.O. Box 4967. Meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday in the Board Room, Trust Buildings, Fox Street, at 8 p.m.

At the meeting held on 8th ult. some new issues of various countries were shewn. "The Question of Collecting Inferior Specimens" was the subject of a well written paper by Mr. Houbert, who gave some very good reasons why only fine copies of stamps should be collected. The meeting was not entirely with him in his views, several members proving that it would be almost impossible to obtain perfect copies of some stamps, and advocated including an inferior specimen. This would prevent eye-sores in the shape of blank spaces in a collection until such time as perfect copies could be obtained.

Pretoria Philatelic Society.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant.

ANNUAL MEETING.

A special meeting was first called to deal with two notices of motion:—
(1) It was carried that meetings will be held on first and third Monday of each month in future, and not the second and fourth as heretofore. (2) A motion re auctions was dropped.

The business of the 25th annual meeting was then proceeded with. Mr. van Malsen, in his Presidential address, stated that the membership roll was very satisfactory, and on several occasions meetings were attended by distinguished visitors, including Messrs. J. E. M. Coch, G. W. Reynolds, C. E. Donne, and others, which encouraged fraternal feelings among members of the different societies.

The annual dinner held on 19th Feb. was a complete success, while at nearly every meeting papers had been read and collections shewn by members.

After referring to the Library Fund, free raffles and exchange packets, the President referred to the Society's Reference Collection, which had been so ably cared for by Mr. Chas. Hand, and expressed the Society's appreciation. The balance sheet was quite satisfactory, although there was rather a long list of outstanding subscriptions, mostly from country members. Mr. van Malsen proceeded:—"I cannot refrain from mentioning in my report the excellent services rendered to Philately in general and to Societies in particular by the Editor of the 'S.A. Philatelist' (Mr. G. W. Reynolds), and the writer of Tuesday's articles in the 'Rand Daily Mail' by 'Perforation.' It was with great pleasure that we welcomed these adverts last year, and we have not been disappointed. The journal is everything that was expected of it, and the articles in the 'Mail' always make interesting reading."

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—President, Major E. G. A. Booth; Vice-President, Mr. Giovanetti; Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. E. C. Westbrook; Exchange Supt. and Librarian, Mr. H. P. de Boom; Curator, Forgery Collection, Mr. Blockey; Curator, Reference Collection, Mr. C. Hand; Executive Committee, Messrs. Obermeyer and Klagsbrun.

It was decided that the annual dinner be held on Feb. 18th, tickets 3s. 6d. each, and it is hoped that members of the Johannesburg District Societies would roll up.

Mr. L. Gillen and Rev. J. A. Girdler were elected members, while a Committee meeting was held on Thursday, 10th Jan., to arrange a syllabus.

Philatelic Society of Rhodesia.

Pres.: Mr. L. H. Whitmore. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The regular monthly meeting was held on December 20th in Scott's Buildings, which will in future be the permanent meeting place.

Mr. Whitmore contributed an ably prepared paper on "Specialising and Its Dangers," and in his good-humoured manner rubbed it into the specialists. Messrs. Thornton and Scott-Russell replied, and spoke in support of specialising, a very enjoyable evening being spent by all.

Reports have not yet reached us of the meeting due to have been held third Tuesday in January, when Mr. Thornton was down for a paper on Irish Free State issues.

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President: Mr. C. E. Donne. Hon. Secretary: Mr. Thos. Wood, Box 47, Boksburg. (Meetings held at Transvaal Hotel, third Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.)

There was a good attendance at the meeting held on 16th January, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent.

The following shewed pages of interest:—Messrs. Wood, Hagger, Johnstone, Larsen, Bowyer, Kent, Robertson and Donne.

The subject for the evening was an exhibit by Mr. A. F. Johnstone of his collection of the Union of South Africa. This was much admired by those present, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the exhibitor.

“Portuguese Africans,” by Mr. Markewitch, is the subject for the February meeting.

Cape Town Philatelic Society.

At the usual fortnightly meeting held in the Railway Institute on 13th December, a competition for juniors was held. The prize kindly offered by the President, Mr. W. Ashmead, was won by Master H. Scott. The President called upon Mr. C. Smithers to exhibit his collection of stamps of South West Africa. A remarkably fine range of mint and used stamps, from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 10s., was displayed, including many errors, such as “Wes”, spaced “Af rica,” broken and misplaced letters too numerous to mention, etc. Mr. Smithers was congratulated on the neatness of the mounting and writing up of the collection.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Our Royal Philatelist.

Our good friend, Mr. C. B. Mowbray, Port Elizabeth, writes that it has occurred to him that perhaps the various S.A. Philatelic Societies should unite in some way to mark in a fitting manner the visit of our Royal Philatelist, the Prince of Wales.

This could take the shape of an invitation to become Hon. Patron of the various Societies, or perhaps a superb wood-block could be presented as a memento.

We heartily commend the idea to the various Secretaries of South African Philatelic Societies.

Rhodesian Article by Mr. Coch.

We are very sorry to have to disappoint our readers again, but with pressure of business and private affairs, Mr. Coch has been unable to contribute a further instalment on Rhodesia for this issue. We have every hope that the next issue will see the resumption of these articles, and that they will be continued without a break until their completion.

Excellent Idea from Pretoria Society.

The Pretoria Philatelic Society, on the suggestion of Mr. Klagsbrun, is endeavouring to arrange a visit to the Stamp Printing Department of the Government Printing Works, Pretoria, and Mr. Hand has promised to interview the Government Printer in this connection. We sincerely hope that this visit can be arranged, and that when arrangements are made, Societies on the Reef will be informed, so as to enable local members to attend.

Society Started at Maritzburg.

On Monday evening, 11th ult., five philatelic enthusiasts met at Pietermaritzburg for the purpose of forming a Society, and it was decided to do so. Another meeting was due to have been held before the end of the month, while we understand that in future, meetings will be held on second and fourth Mondays in each month.

It is hoped that philatelists in and near Maritzburg will help the newly formed Society along and make it a complete success, while any further particulars will be given willingly by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. F. Mortimer, 217, Alexandra Road, Maritzburg.

Proof!

Mr. M. L. Levitt, Windhoek, South West Africa, writes as follows:—"Regarding the advert., I will be pleased to support the 'S.A.P.' with another twelve months' contract, and have much pleasure in enclosing my cheque for this purpose. I must say that as an advertising medium, your paper has more than fulfilled its claim. I have had correspondence from all parts of South Africa, and also from England and America."

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The Stamps of East Griqualand.

BY EMIL TAMSEN.

(Continued from page 6.)

The stamps are well printed, and only the eye of a philatelist will notice the differences I have described. It would be of interest to know who the printer of these stamps was: probably a Durban or Maritzburg printing office. It would also be of interest to find used copies, especially on whole cover. Personally, I have never heard of any, although, judging from Mr. Darby's letter, a fairly large quantity of these stamps must have been printed and used, he having apparently the only available postal communication and official authority to use stamps and charge for them. Even allowing only a weekly mail, these for three years would require a lot of stamps. It is a pity that there were no collectors about in those days to save a few stamps. The two sheets and a few loose stamps I bought in 1889 are evidently the only ones saved, and these are now scattered over the world. The vertical strip of four stamps in the Tapling collection (now in the British Museum, London) came from one of my sheets, and is, I believe, the only one in existence, the other stamps being disposed of separately.

Now, as regards the status of these stamps, are they postage stamps or private locals?

The definition of the philatelic term "local" is a difficult one. I have not had time to look up references, but I think that the explanation given by Mr. Poole in his "Standard Philatelic Dictionary" is as good as any it reads:—

"A local is a stamp issued under official or private auspices, but having its franking power limited to a prescribed district or country. Stamps issued by countries which do not belong to the Universal Postal Union might well be called locals"

Now as to the facts of the issue of the stamps in question. Adam Kok was the Paramount Chief of East Griqualand; he gave permission to issue stamps and run posts, there being no other postal institution in the country. The stamps were used from 1874 to 1877.

Griqualand East was annexed by the Cape Government on 16th July, 1876 or 1879—I take the year 1876 as being correct, because with annexation the Cape Government would provide postal facilities and stamps, and thereby do away with Mr. Darby's post as unnecessary.

The carrying of mail must have been a profitable one to Mr. Darby, or else he would not have gone to the expense of having special stamps printed, the printing of which must in those days have been much more expensive than at present. Mr. Darby acted as postmaster (although in his letter he does not say so), but he appears to have sold stamps to the public to be used at their convenience. He also provided the means of carrying the mails, and certainly did not cater for stamp collectors!

Take the Swaziland stamps. The King of Swaziland sold the postal and telegraphic rights of this country to a private person, who, instead of working the concession himself, sold same to the Government of the South African Republic. That this Government acknowledged the rights of the King to run his own post is clearly shewn by their issuing special stamps for use in that country alone by overprinting the S.A.R. stamps with "Swaziland." Had they thought otherwise, then there would have been no need for the overprint. That Swaziland stamps were accepted as having franking power by the other S.A. Colonies, I take it is only due to the stamps having originally been S.A.R. stamps. I doubt very much whether any postal convention was ever entered into with them and Swaziland.

These stamps are on all fours with the East Griqualand stamps, but being plentiful, are brought up in the catalogues.

Suppose for argument's sake that Mr. Darby, instead of working the post himself, had sold his rights to the Natal or Cape Governments, and these Governments had overprinted their stamps, they would not be called locals!

Further, compare the East Griqualand stamps with those of Fiji Islands issue of 1870-1, and to those of Samoa 1877, 1887-95, 1899, to those of Shanghai, to those of Terra del Fuego, what is the difference? Only that by being plentiful they get catalogue rank.

I have purposely omitted to refer to stamps issued by Postal Authorities for only inland use, as, for instance, Afghanistan, Colombia, Hawaii, Swiss Cantonal, Hamburg, Bremen and small German States, some Sweden, the Postmaster stamps of U.S.A., etc.; all these are local stamps, but have catalogue rank.

The above facts I think clearly prove that the stamps of East Griqualand are as good postage stamps as the others, and I fully believe that if they were not so very scarce, only being discovered ten years after being obsolete, they would have been catalogued long ago. But now, why should a dealer catalogue a stamp which he cannot buy? That, however, should not prevent a collector of South African Stamps to place a copy in his collection; the only trouble is to get it!

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

BY G. W. REYNOLDS.

(Continued from page 13.)

Before dealing with Types 2 and 3 overprint, I have to mention that since publication of my notes on Type 1 overprint, I have received a lot of correspondence to the effect that I have omitted some varieties.

I should like to make it clear here that I have purposely omitted a host of varieties which I could only regard as being trivial and unimportant.

After all, I think that if collectors are going to take notice of every tiny little trivial imperfection of printing, then philately would develop into an unnecessary source of eye-strain and drudgery, instead of being a source of pleasure.

The following items are additions to those varieties already mentioned under Type 1 overprint:—

Postage.—£1, green and red, "Wes." for "West." the position in the sheet of which is unknown to me.

Postage Dues.—

- (1) 2d. De la Rue printing, blunt foot of "2" is found first stamp, first row, left pane, as in Union of S.A.
- (a) Inverted "p" for "d" is occasionally found 3rd stamp, 9th row, left pane, as in Union of S.A.
- (b) Slanting "d" in figure of value, last stamp, 9th row, left pane, as in Union of S.A.
- (2) 5d. Transvaal printing with multiple C.A. watermark. In the last stamp, bottom row, right pane, the variety inverted "p" for "d" is always found.

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TYPE 2 OVERPRINT.

Since the type-set overprint proved so unsatisfactory owing to the type being of soft material and wearing badly, it was resolved that future overprints should be lithographed. In the second type, the two lines of overprint are much nearer than formerly, and are 11 mm. apart only, while I know of no important varieties in this or Type 3 overprint. As a matter of fact, Type 2 was produced mainly to supply orders from overseas dealers, owing to supplies of the first overprint being inadequate to meet their orders. In fact, as far as some values are concerned, the first that South African collectors heard of them was from English dealers!

The following is a check-list of Type 2, excluding shades:—



Type 2, lithographed at Government Printing Works, Pretoria, 11 mm. between the lines of overprint, as illustrated above.

(a) Postage.

- 1.—5s., Purple and Blue.
 - 2.—10s., Deep Blue and Olive Green.
 - 3.—£1, Green and Red.
- The above were issued about May, 1923.

(b) Postage Dues.

- 4.—1d., Rose Pink (Pretoria rouletted printing, no watermark). Evidently an extremely small quantity of these were printed, since this stamp is particularly difficult to pick up, in fact, I only possess a single used copy.
- 5.—2d., Bright Violet (De la Rue printing).
 - (a) Blunt foot of "2" (No. 1).
 - (b) Slanting "d" (No. 54).
 - (c) Inverted "p" for "d" (No. 51).
- 6.—3d., Black and Bright Blue (De la Rue printing).
 - (a) Very thick downstroke of "d" in the figure of value (No. 4).
 - (b) "d" higher and nearer the "3" (last vertical row).
- 7.—5d., Violet and Black (Transvaal issue, mult. C.A.).
 - (a) Inverted "p" for "d" in figure of value (No. 120).

The above are the only values I know of which have appeared with the narrow type of overprint, and I am convinced that the Postage Dues especially will prove very scarce.

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TYPE 3.

It is really surprising the way the authorities have chopped and changed about with the overprint of Union stamps for use in the Protectorate. It appears that the reason why the last change was made was on account of an official circular from the Prime Minister's Office stating that the words "Zuidwest" should be one word, and that all official documents and printings must follow that ruling. This circular was issued in August, and the first value to be issued with Type 3 overprint was the 10s., which was on sale in Windhoek the end of August. At the time of writing, the types of overprint on sale and the different stamps overprinted are rather a mixture, but I am officially informed that all values with Type 3 overprint will be placed on sale as existing stocks of the previous types become exhausted. The English version of Type 3 overprint is exactly the same as Type 1, but the Dutch version has been altered so that "Zuidwest" is in one word. The two lines of overprint are very slightly less than 15 mm. apart, and are lithographed in contrast to Type 1, which was type-set. At the time of writing, the following is a check-list of values which have so far made their appearance.

(C) Type 3, overprint 15 mm. apart, lithographed, English version as Type 1, Dutch version with "Zuidwest" in one word. Issued Aug./Sept., 1923.

(a) Postage.

- 1.—1d., Carmine-Red.
- 2.—2d., Dull Purple.
- 3.—3d., Blue.
- 4.—4d., Orange-Yellow and Green.
- 5.—6d., Black and Purple-Violet.
- 6.—1s., Orange-Yellow.
- 7.—1s. 3d., Violet.
- 8.—2s. 6d., Purple and Green.
- 9.—5s., Purple and Blue.
- 10.—10s., Deep Blue and Olive Green.
- 11.—£1, Green and Red.

(b) Postage Dues.

- 1.—½d., Black and Green (Pretoria printing, no watermark, perforated 14).
- 2.—1d., Black and Rose Pine (Pretoria printing, no watermark, rouletted).
- 4.—(a) 6d., Black and Red Brown (Transvaal issue, mult. C.A.).

Type 3 overprint has been definitely decided upon by the authorities as permanent, and those values which have not yet appeared with this type of overprint can be expected before long. I certainly consider that the stamps of South West Africa will prove a fine investment, especially in view of the fact that the new Union issue should be ready before long. When this new issue does appear, it can be assumed that it will be used for overprinting stamps for South West Africa as existing stocks of overprinted stamps are used up. I possess or have actually seen all the varieties, etc., mentioned above, and should any readers be in a position to add to the above check-list, especially as far as Type 2 is concerned, excluding unimportant trivial varieties, I should be pleased to hear from them.

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P.O. BOX 1076, JOHANNESBURG.**

NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Kindly refer to Publishers' Notices elsewhere.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Varieties of Paper.

We have on various occasions come across different thicknesses of paper used for the various values. Especially in the 14 x imperf. roll stamps. the difference in thickness of some of the papers used is very marked indeed.

Mr. Fred Stephens, Nyasaland, has shewn us two specimens of the current 1½d., in which there is a most distinct difference in the paper.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

A very interesting error of setting has been brought to our notice by Mr. O. G. Penny, Port Elizabeth.

Our correspondent possesses a 3d. (Postage), 1st Type of overprint, in which there is a distinct hyphen between the words "South West." Unfortunately, the position in the sheet of this variety is unknown, but it is certainly very rare.

A variety of faulty printing has been shewn us by Mr. J. P. Preston, Kingwilliamstown. The specimen sent, a 2d. Postage, the word "Africa" appears with the first four letters broken, due to faulty printing.

We have had little news direct from the Protectorate lately, but in "Stamp Collecting" of 19th January, the 6d. Due is reported with Type 1 overprint on the Pretoria printing, perforated, but no watermark. Surely this has been confused with the 6d. De la Rue, which was chronicled in last month's "S.A.P." The 6d. Due, local printing, has NOT been issued with any type of overprint, but we should not be surprised to see this stamp with Type 3 overprint before long.

The £1 has been issued with Type 3 overprint. The ½d. Green is the only value (Postage) not yet issued with Type 3, while we understand that there is still a large stock of this stamp still on hand with Type 1 overprint.

Mr. J. G. Louw has shown us a 4d. Postage, Type 1, with a minute stop above "I" in "Zuid," also a 3d. Blue, Postage, Type 1, with the stop after "Africa" dropped, and like a comma.

Mr. M. D. Holmes, Elandshoek, has kindly shewn us a lower right-hand pane of the 1d. Postage with Type 1 overprint, in which in the second stamp, first row, a very "thin Z" in "Zuid" is found. This "thin Z" is quite distinct, and much thinner than any other "Z" in the sheet. Our correspondent also mentions that this thin "Z" variety is to be found in the ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., and 3d. Postage Dues, all Type 1 overprint, of course, the position being second stamp, first row. Another variety shewn us by Mr. Holmes is to be found in the first stamp, bottom row, upper right pane of the 1d. Postage, in which a very minute stop only appears over the "i" in "Zuid."

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S. AFRICA.

New Issue Notes (contd.)

RHODESIA.

Our good friend, Mr. L. H. Rivers, Umtali, writes:—"With reference to hand-painted Rhodesian stamps ("S.A.P.," page 146), I have come across a block of four of the 2d., Black and Brownish Grey, die I., and perf. 14 (S.G. 210), misplaced high, and painted in between the bottom of the King's portrait and the word "RHODESIA."

"The Postmaster has advised us as follows:—

"On and from the 16th January, 1924, raw gold will be accepted for transmission through the post within Southern Rhodesia at the parcel post rate of 1s. for the first lb., and 6d. per lb. thereafter, up to a weight limit of 30 lbs., plus 4d. registration."

"In November last the authorities discontinued accepting gold over 11 lbs. Before that it used to be 1d. per ounce up to any amount, as you know.

"The 10s. denomination is therefore the highest value of postage stamp, genuinely postally used, which can be obtained now."

Referring to the touching up noticed on a block of four £1 Rhodesians, die. 1, perf. 14, mentioned on page 130 of the November issue, Major W. E. Perry, Survey of India Offices, Dehra Dun, U.P., India, writes:—

"The block Mr. Higlett refers to is evidently one offered to me some time ago by a well known London dealer, and it was I who brought the matter to the latter's notice, since he had not spotted the touching up before sending me the stamps. Whether the touching up was done by the printers, as is suggested, is a matter of opinion, but the block contained another variety. The variety is a re-touch of the head-plate, causing a very distinct smudge on the left side of the King's nose as you look at the stamp. This occurs in the 8th stamp of the 3rd row, and no doubt is a distinct variety, since I have another copy in my collection."

An interesting Rhodesian item has been shewn us by Mr. J. E. M. Coch, in the shape of a block of four of the £1 double head, perf. 14, carmine and reddish mauve (the colours of the 10d. value). We have never seen this error of colour chronicled before, and we have our doubts whether this item was ever sold across the counter of a Rhodesian Post Office. If any reader can give us authentic information concerning this item, we should be pleased to hear from him.

Mr. Coch has also shewn us a vertical pair of the 3d. brown red and slate blue of 1897 (Waterlow printing), imperf. between, also a vertical pair of the 1898-1902 2s. 6d. bluish grey, also imperf. between.

The above three items have also been brought to our notice by Mr. L. H. Rivers, Umtali, together with an additional error, viz., a pair of the £1 grey purple (S.G. 113). The upper stamp has the usual "RHODESIA" overprint, which is missing from the bottom stamp. It is understood that a total of only ten such stamps are in existence.

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NORTHERN RHODESIA.

A correspondent has kindly shewn us a letter received from the Postmaster General in connection with the new issue of stamps. The letter reads as follows:

General Post Office,
Livingstone,
Northern Rhodesia,
24th January, 1924.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 22nd instant regarding a new issue of stamps for Northern Rhodesia being in course of preparation, and that such will be on sale at the B.S.A. Co's. Offices in London, and in reply to inform you that no advice upon the subject has been received in this office.

It is, however, extremely unlikely that the statement contained in the latter part of your letter has any foundation in fact. As you are doubtless aware, the Administration of this Territory comes directly under the Crown on the 1st of April next, from which date, in accordance with the usual practice, all supplies will, I have no doubt, be obtained through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. So far as I am aware, the suggestion of "speculation" in postage stamps by the British South Africa Company is also entirely unfounded.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) H. A. BALDOCK,
Postmaster General.

KENYA AND UGANDA.

The Rs. 50, script paper, issued a few months ago, is undoubtedly a very rare stamp. It may be remembered most of the new issue services claimed to have distributed this stamp to their customers taking up to that value, but in recent letter from Mr. W. Tunstall, Nairobi, our correspondent states that the Post Office authorities only supplied the dealers with ten copies each.

We are informed by Mr. W. Tunstall that the new stamped (embossed) envelopes have been placed on sale.

Our correspondent also mentions that the new 4s. stamps is not likely to be issued for a long time.

NYASALAND.

Mr. Fred Stephens kindly sends us two specimens of the 2d. Postage, script paper, the first being an early shade, while the other is the present shade, which is of a much deeper slate than previous.

NIGERIA.

Mr. R. Roberts, 430, Strand, London, has shewn us a specimen of the 3d. on white paper, script watermark, but the colour is blue-purple. Sheets consist of 120 stamps (two panes of 60), control at foot only, plate 9, die 1.

Mr. Roberts queries whether this is not an error of colour.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Half a sheet of the current 5d. was recently found in a London Post Office **without any watermark**, and these were eventually acquired by Messrs. Chas. Nissen, who are retailing the stamps at £2 2s. per copy. The other half had already been sold before the discovery was made.

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After 1898, though the tax payable was not altered, the Government decided that it was unnecessary to place stamps on the receipts, and as a consequence the tax receipts were printed with the value on them, and any fines due were acknowledged by a further receipt, on which the sum was written.

The 1903 issue, therefore, had no 3s. value, but a 4s. stamp was introduced; this, however, was for use on foreign parcels. The 3s. values of the previous issues were very little in demand, except for revenue purposes as described above, but owing to the large amount of natives paying stocks, great quantities were printed. When a shortage of 1d. values occurred, the 3s. value was the first brought into use with a surcharge (1898); Gibbons omits the date, and places this stamp under the 1897 issue. Thus collectors may make an error in thinking that it was issued towards the latter part of 1897, which is incorrect, as I have heard of no known used copies with this date on.

Now, take the cancellation used on these stamps. This consisted of two concentric circles, the inner one having a diameter of 25 mm., the outer one being 34 mm., the lettering between the two reading: BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA, in capital letters, with a star-stop after each word, and across the centre of the inner circle the name of the place where the tax receipt was issued. I may mention that the majority of copies I have seen have the word BLANTYRE or ZOMBA. The height of the lettering is in all cases 3 mm., and is stamped in black on the stamps in the same way as the genuinely used postal copies.

In several cases, I should say in the majority, the date of issue has been written in ink by the receiving officer, as a general rule in black ink, but I have seen red inked dates on a few copies.

The highest value I have fiscally thus used is the £1 value of the 1895 issue, and the lowest the 6d. value of the 1897 issue.

I have further not as yet come across any of the 1892-93 Provisionals thus used, but I have undoubted genuine postally used copies of the 4s. on 5s., but of the 3s. on 4s. I have only mint copies, and have never seen this value genuinely postally used in any collection I have examined.

In conclusion, I should like to warn anyone buying these stamps from anyone stating that they are genuine, and that owing to the fact that the postmark (?) had no date on it, the date had to be written in ink!

I have until lately had many of these fiscals in my album, and the cancellation has always been a mystery to me until a few weeks ago.

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THE NEW RHODESIAN ISSUE.

Although various dates have already been mentioned as to when the new stamps for Southern Rhodesia will make their appearance, it would appear that 1st April is the date as far as is known at the moment. A special message emanating from Salisbury on 7th February, and published in the local press, reads:—

“ With the coming into being of the new Colony of Southern Rhodesia there are to be many changes, one of which is in connection with the postage stamp. The change to be affected will not in any way alter the design of the present stamp. The King's head will be retained as at present, but the words ‘British South Africa Co.’ will be substituted by ‘Southern Rhodesia.’ The colour of all the stamps is to be as at present, with the exception of the 3d. stamp, which in future will be dark blue instead of buff. A 1½d. postcard will replace the old penny one. Only one new stamp will be issued, and it will prove of considerable use to the business man, more especially for telegrams, which it is stated was the primary consideration of the department when the arrangements were made. This stamp is to be for the amount of 1s. 6d., and the colour will be that of the present 3d. stamp, buff. The new issue is to be made on April 1, as far as is known at the moment. In the meantime, steps are being taken to destroy all the present stamps on hand, the number of which is believed to run into several millions. As in the standing issue of stamps, the revenue stamps in the new issue will be slightly larger than the ordinary postage stamps. The object of the 1½d. postcard is to conform with the regulations of the Postal Union, which demand that postage on foreign postcards will in future be 1½d., instead of the old face values of the cards.”

In connection with this new issue, the Secretary of the Rhodesian Society stated that the stamps would be on sale in London some time in February, while Mr. W. Morsman, in a letter to the Editor, says he has received a letter from a prominent firm in England stating that they had been informed that they would be able to obtain their supplies of the new issue in London as heretofore from the Chartered Company. Mr. Morsman sent a copy of the firm's letter to Sir Charles Coghlan, and also stated that if this procedure was adopted it would be manifestly unfair to the citizens of Rhodesia. The Philatelic Society of Rhodesia have also written letters of protest against this procedure to Sir Charles Coghlan and the Postmaster General, but the only satisfaction obtained was to receive the usual stereotyped reply that the matter was receiving attention.

As far as the new issue is concerned, this is as much as we know at the moment, but we hope that Rhodesian readers will be good enough to give us full information as soon as the new issue does eventuate.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

Johannesburg United Philatelic Society.

Pres., Mr. C. W. Reid. Hon. Sec., Mr. M. P. Vallentine, P.O. Box 4967. Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday in the Board Room, Trust Buildings, Fox Street, at 8 p.m.

At the meeting held on 22nd January, Mr. Wertheim took the chair in the absence of Mr. Reid, and extended a hearty welcome to Mr. I. Glasser on his return from overseas.

The following alteration in the syllabus is notified:—11th March, competitive exhibit of African stamps; 25th March, visit of Pretoria Society; 8th April, visit of East Rand Society.

East London Philatelic Society.

President: Mr. W. B. Lloyd. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. B. Levy, Box 372, E.L. Meetings held in Mr. Courlander's Office, third Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Junior Society meetings held at Selborne College, last Friday each month.

There was a good attendance on 18th January, when Mr. W. B. Lloyd resigned his position as President of the Society owing to his departure for Capetown, but stated that he still wished to remain a member of the Society. Mr. Lloyd's resignation was received with much regret, since the Society could ill afford to lose such a good member.

Mr. Carnell gave an excellent display of O.F.S., including many of the rarer errors and varieties.

A junior evening will be held a few months hence, and it was decided that the Society donate a "Cosmos" loose leaf album as one of the prizes. Mr. Courlander kindly promised to donate a fine album as a special prize for the neatest and best arranged collection.

On 15th February, the usual monthly meeting was held in the Sons of England Hall, the Vice-President, Mr. J. Carnell, presiding over an attendance of 14. Mr. Courlander gave a very fine display of Rhodesians, and a number of rarities was shown, including a pair of the 1/- 1898 issue, imperforate, and the ½d. on 1d. Livingstone Provisional with inverted overprint.

The next meeting takes place on 21st March, and will be devoted to the junior members of the Society. Prizes will be awarded for the neatest and best arranged collections.

Members are asked to note that future meetings will be held in the Sons of England Hall.

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Philatelic Society of Rhodesia.

Pres.: Mr. L. H. Whitmore. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The regular meeting was held on 17th January, Mr. Whitmore in the chair. Mr. Thornton read a paper on the postage stamps of the Irish Free State, which was thoroughly enjoyed, especially since Mr. Thornton illustrated the various printing and differences with specimens from his own collection. The paper was presented to the Society, while the contributor was accorded a well deserved and hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Whitmore exhibited his collection of Cape stamps and also his general collection of African stamps, which contained many specimens of the early issues.

It was stated that the new Rhodesian issue of stamps would be on sale in London during January, and the Society have addressed letters of protest against this procedure to Sir Charles Coghlan and the Postmaster General. The usual official reply was received, namely, that "the matter would receive attention."

Pretoria Philatelic Society.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant.

On 21st January, Mr. Chas. Hand read a paper on the Pretoria Philatelic Society, which led to much discussion and suggestions as to ways and means of still further improving the Society.

Mr. Obermeyer exhibited Australasia, while Mr. Hand shewed some of his Transvaals. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. C. Westbrook) exhibited a collection of entires with Union stamps used (without overprint) in German South West Africa during the war. The postmark of nearly every town was represented.

On 18th February several of the members arranged to visit the Johannesburg Society on 25th March as follows:—Major Booth will read a paper on forgeries; Mr. Hand, who will give a paper and exhibit errors; Mr. Obermeyer exhibiting African Colonies; Mr. Watson exhibiting Great Britain; Mr. van Malsen exhibiting Holland; and Mr. Westbrook.

Several suggestions in connection with further popularising the Pretoria Society were then called for, and Mr. Klagsbrun suggested arranging a visit to the Government Printing Work Stamp Department, and Mr. Hand promised to interview the Government Printer in this connection.

Mr. A. Watson was elected delegate to the Glasgow Congress.

ANNUAL DINNER.

This very successful function was held on 18th ult., one version, according to Mr. E. C. Westbrook, being:—

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President of the Jups	Mr. Reid.
Sir Scribbler Penwiper	Mr. E. C. Westbrook
The Story Teller	Mr. Donald Robertson.
Masters of Ceremonies	Messrs. Obermeyer and Klagsbrun.
Proprietor of Dining Room	Mr. John Setzler.
Press Gang	Messrs. Reynolds, "Perforation" and "Detector."
Beauty (?) Chorus	Messrs. Oelrich, Watson, Pallotta & Co.
Scene Shifters	Messrs. A. F. Johnstone, J. E. M. Coch, and Valentine.
Incidental Music by	The Waiters—introducing "What'll."

SCENE.—The Dining Room of the Standard Bar, Pretoria.

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Mr. Scribbler Penwiper extolled the glories of the Press Gang and their deeds of derring do, and the Press Gang individually blew their own trumpets. Their leader, Reynolds of the big pocket, lamented its emptiness at times, but expressed his bloodthirsty determination to carry on after sitting in the "13th Chair" (brave and noble dollar snatcher). (Oh! what a nasty one!—Ed., "S.A.P.")

"Perforation" deplored the fact that although thrice invited, he only had one meal, but hoped to live long enough to enter the free list for many another year. "Detector," another of the gang, related how he had roved in a few Philistines off the beaten track by the light of the "Star of —" (sorry, I mean "Jewburg.")

The Story Teller related the tragedy of how "Flying Fox" lost his tail polishing the radiator of a racing Ford, and many of the Beauty Chorus spent their time listening to the tragedy of the Cape Express as it roared and rumbled to its fate at the tremendous rate of six miles an hour through the Free State, attracted by a red light in front. Only Watson knows the secret of that terrible tragedy.

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Much interest and pleasure were evinced as the exhibits were passed round.

P. N. Barfoot, Esq., President, thanked Mr. Donne for the displays and paper, which had been enhanced by Mr. Donne being a stranger and a visitor, complimenting him upon the method of arrangement and the general appearance of the stamps, and was cordially supported by the members present.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Spurious Rhodesian Stamps.

The Rhodesian Society has asked us to sound a note of warning concerning a number of spurious stamps which are suddenly making their appearance. Collectors are to be warned of any freak colours, etc., that they may be offered, while the Society is busy preparing a check list of all genuine stamps of the territory, which list, when completed, will be forwarded to the “S.A.P.” and other journals for publication.

No Penny Post Yet.

“There is to be no 1d. Postage yet,” was the information vouchsafed to Brig.-General Byron, who desired to know whether the re-introduction of 1d. Postage was receiving the favourable consideration of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and if so, when the reform was likely to take place. “The Government regrets that it is not possible to re-introduce 1d. Postage at present,” replied the Minister in the House of Assembly recently.

Good News from Rhodesia.

We are pleased to state that as a result of the energetic action taken by the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia, assurances have been received from Sir Charles Coghlan and the Postmaster General, who have issued instructions for all stocks of stamps to be sent to Rhodesia, and that no stamps will be sold out of the territory. This information will doubtless be welcomed by collectors, as there will now be no fear of the stamps being looked over before they reach Rhodesia.

“SUPPORT RHODESIAN INDUSTRIES.” is the slogan postmark noticed on letters received from Bulawayo recently.

Our grateful thanks are tendered to Mr. A. Gillespie-Young, Bulawayo, for sending us the names of sixteen people interested in philately, and to whom specimen copies of the “S.A. Philatelist” have been posted. If readers will kindly assist in a similar manner, it will help a great deal. Please remember that with a larger subscription roll, a larger and better journal can be published. Will you therefore kindly drop a line to the Editor and send him the names of your stamp collecting friends to whom specimen copies can be posted. Write now, while the thought is fresh in your mind.

RHODESIA.

By J. E. M. COCH.

(Continued from page 158, Vol. I.)

CHAPTER XII.

"SMALL ARMS" ISSUE, OVERPRINTED "RHODESIA"— 15th APRIL, 1909.

This is the first set of stamps of this territory bearing the official designation "RHODESIA." In every step taken by the Chartered Company, the guiding hand was that of Cecil Rhodes, a fact which received recognition when by a proclamation of the 3rd May, 1895, the Company's territory received officially the name of "Rhodesia." Cecil Rhodes died on the 26th March, 1902. It was seven years later that the Company decided that the stamps should bear the official designation of the territory. In this connection, I quote the following extract from a letter received from the British South Africa Company: "The overprinting in question was occasioned by the fact that up to the year 1909 the name of the territory had not figured on any of the Company's postage stamps. In order to meet a general wish expressed to this effect, and in view of the approach of a new issue in 1910, it was decided that the remaining stock held of the 1898 issue should be overprinted "Rhodesia," pending the issue in contemplation, and referred to above."

Although it was not until 1909 that the name of the territory figured on these stamps, the Post Office cancelling stamps with the word RHODESIA have been in use since the early part of 1897.

In addition to the stamps of 1898-08 being overprinted, four new denominations—5d., 7½d., 10d., and 2s.—were included in this series, being extemporised by surcharging the 6d., 2s. 6d., 3s., and 5s. respectively. These values were required to meet new local requirements.

The stamps were overprinted by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London. Old stocks on hand in the Company's London Offices were first overprinted, and when these became exhausted, special printings of certain values appear to have been made for the overprinting—particularly the ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., and 1s. values. These are found in shades, difficult to describe, which do not appear in the original issue, and are on whiter paper.

The overprinting was done from stereotypes, and as is usual in stereotyping, innumerable minor varieties of the overprint are found—i.e., the occurrence of thick and thin lettering, merged stops and letters, etc., which are fairly regular on the overprinted sheets.

The overprinting was applied to sheets of 240 stamps (four panes), except in the case of the 7s. 6d., and pounds' values, which were in sheets of sixty.

It would appear that sufficient type was set up to cover a horizontal row of ten stamps, and from this six stereotypes were taken. There are minor differences of the overprint in every stamp in the top row of each pane of sixty stamps.

The word Rhodesia is in fancy type measuring from 16 to 17 mm., followed by a full stop. In the first overprinting, the chief variety is the missing stop after Rhodesia, which occurs in every stamp in one vertical row of six stamps, in all values up to 10s., excepting the 7s. 6d. In some pane, in one vertical row, only the faintest indication of a stop is found, and only one stamp in that row in which the stop is entirely absent. Another variety is found in the ½d. and 1d. values of the first printing, in which the word Rhodesia is dropped on one stamp in the pane, making the vertical spacing between the two overprints slightly over 1 mm. larger than the normal. These errors were rectified in subsequent printings. The above remarks do not apply to the 7s. 6d. and pounds' denominations, and the surcharged values—5d., 7½d., 10d., and 2s. In the case of these stamps, sufficient type was set up to cover five stamps only, and from this twelve stereotypes were taken. The chief variety occurs in the 7½d. In every stamp in the fourth and eighth vertical row there is a dot under the "d" of 7½d.

To give a detailed description of the many minor varieties occurring in the overprinting of the whole of this issue would occupy far too much space, and my notes are therefore confined to the more generally known varieties.

The following is a synopsis of varieties and date of issue:—



Types: "Small Arms" issue, overprinted "RHODESIA" in black fancy type, as illustrated above. Printed and overprinted by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London.

Perforations: 14 to 15 by single line machine.

Paper: White thick soft wove. No watermark. Gum: Colourless.

Date of issue: 15th April, 1909.

- 1.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Yellow-green.
 - (a) Blue-green (2 shades).
 - (b) Bright blue-green.
- 2.—1d., Red (two shades).
 - (a) Carmine red.
 - (b) Pale carmine-red.
- 3.—2d., Brown.
 - (a) Dark brown.
- 4.— $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., Blue (two shades).
 - (a) Deep cobalt (two shades).
- 5.—3d., Claret.
 - (a) Deep claret.
- 6.—4d., Olive.
 - (a) Pale olive.
- 7.—6d., Mauve (two shades).
 - (a) Reddish purple.
 - (b) Dull purple.
 - (c) Brownish purple.
- 8.—1s., Bistre.
 - (a) Bistre-buff.
 - (b) Deep bistre-buff.
- 9.—2s. 6d., Bluish-grey.
 - (a) Slate-grey (two shades).
- 10.—3s., Violet.
 - (a) Deep violet.
- 11.—5s., Orange.
 - (a) Deep orange.
- 12.—7s. 6d., Black.
 - (a) Grey-black.
- 13.—10s., Dull green.
- 14.—£1, Grey-purple.
- 15.—£2, Brown.
- 16.—£5, Deep blue.



- 17.—5d. on 6d., Mauve.
 (a) Reddish purple.
 (b) Dull purple.
 (c) Brownish purple.
 18.—7½. on 2s. 6d., Bluish-grey.
 (a) Slate-grey.
 19.—10d. on 3s., Violet.
 (a) Deep violet.
 20.—2s. on 5s., Orange.
 (a) Deep orange.

The 7s. 6d. denomination was not on regular sale for long. The £2 value is a scarce stamp, and postally used copies are very seldom seen.

VARIETIES OF THE OVERPRINT.

- 1.—Spaced overprint in the ½d. and 1d. values. This can only be recognised in a block or in pair with normal.
- 2.—No stop after "RHODESIA," in all values up to 10s., except the 7s. 6d., £1, £2, and £5.
- 3.—Square, round, raised, and merged stops—all values.
- 4.—Thick and thin letters.
- 5.—Merged or joined letters.
- 6.—No serif to right of apex of "A" in ½d., 1d., 6d. and 1s. values.
- 7.—The first foot of "R" in "RHODESIA" varies; in some, one foot curls up, and in others it is open.
- 8.—No serif at the top of "R" in "RHODESIA" in the ½d. and 1d. values.
- 9.—5d. on 6d., short serif to foot of "d," which is turned up.
- 10.—7½d. on 2s. 6d., dot under "d."

The above are a few of the innumerable minor varieties of the overprint, mentioned merely as an illustration.

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(To be continued.)

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Plate Flaws.

Mr. M. D. Holmes has shewn us a block of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Plate 6, in which the plate flaw previously mentioned in the "S.A.P." is to be found in the first stamp, 7th row, lower left pane. In the right hand shield containing the figure of value in the stamp immediately below, i.e., first stamp, 8th row, another distinct plate flaw is found. In the same block we notice that in the first stamp, bottom row of the sheet, the letters "GE" of "POSTAGE" are joined at the top.

Mr. Chas. Hand informs us that the "POSTAGE" variety in the current Pretoria printed Postage Dues has been corrected in the 1d. and 2d. values.

14 x Imperf.

Mr. C. B. Mowbray, of Port Elizabeth, has shewn us a current 2d. roll stamp with a complete perforation on right side.

Perforation Varieties.

A variety of perforation consisting of one perforation missing has been shewn us by Mr. Mowbray. In a strip of ten pairs of the current 1s. Postage, each stamp has one perforation missing—last perforation at foot of stamp on right hand side. The only other values we know of with similar perforation varieties are the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d., and 6d. Postage, apart from the perforated issue of the Pretoria printed Postage Dues.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

Another Inverted Overprint?

Mr. Oswald Marsh, "The New Issue Man," of 26, The Avenue, Norwood, London, S.E. 19, reports that he has the 6d. Postage value with no dot on "i" in "Zuid," the position in the sheet being first stamp, 7th row, lower left pane. Mr. Marsh also reports the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Postage Due, Type 1 overprint (Pretoria perforated printing), with overprint inverted. We have never seen or heard of this variety before, and have written to our correspondent for further particulars.

Imperf. Varieties.

We had heard rumours that the 1d. Postage Dues was known imperf. between, but had chronicled nothing, owing to our not actually having seen specimens. Mr. M. P. Valentine has kindly shewn us a horizontal strip of three (first three rows of the pane), also a block of six (last three rows of the pane), of the 1d. Postage Due, Pretoria rouletted printing, first type of overprint, containing imperf. varieties. We understand that only one sheet was discovered, in which four out of the seven vertical rows of roulette were missing. The rouletting is missing at the left side and the first vertical row, between the second and third and fourth and 5th vertical rows, and at the right side of the last vertical row. Consequently the following varieties are obtainable:—10 stamps imperf. left side between stamp and margin; 20 pairs imperf. between horizontal pair; 10 stamps imperf. right side between stamp and margin.

Collectors can take this information as being absolutely authentic, since the Editor possesses actual specimens of these stamps. We have also seen the no stop after "Afrika" variety, position in the sheet being first stamp, 6th row.

NEW ISSUE NOTES (South West Africa)—contd.

Our Windhoek correspondent, Mr. M. L. Levitt, reports that he has obtained a few panes of the 1d. Due, rouletted, first type of overprint, with one stamp on the pane without stop after "Afrika." Mr. Levitt mentions that he has examined a quantity of sheets, but that this variety is not constant in every sheet.

Mr. M. L. Levitt has also shewn us four panes of the current $\frac{1}{2}$ d., first type of overprint, with one stamp in the pane shewing the variety no stop after "Afrika" (Dutch version). This variety is found in the second stamp, 7th row, of the lower right pane. Mr. Levitt mentions that he had this no stop variety in Plates 5 and 6, but that it does not occur on every sheet, although it is fairly constant.

Major C. M. S. Forsbrook has kindly shewn us a block of four of the 1d. Postage Due with type 3 overprint. The overprinted stamp is the Union of S.A., Pretoria rouletted printing.

On examining the overprint of the 1d. Due, rouletted, type 3, we observe that the overprint is type-set, whereas all the postage values, type 3, the overprint is lithographed. We wonder whether the authorities have once again changed their minds, and have now decided that overprints shall be type-set, or whether the sheets of Postage Dues, being smaller than the postage values, will be type-set, and the postage values lithographed as at present. The latter suggestion seems the more feasible, and we would welcome any information on the subject from readers.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mr. A. C. Thornton, Bulawayo, reports the 6d., die III., toned paper, imperforate, and mentions: "This was brought down from Shamva by a friend who is not a Philatelist, but he saw this interesting item, and was good enough to save it for me. He could give no information as to what became of the balance of the sheet."

Messrs. A. C. Thornton and L. H. Whitmore have kindly sent copies of the following Government notice:—

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS,

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POSTAL NOTICE No. 6 OF 1924.

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 April, after which date they may be exchanged for stamps of the new issue until 30th September, 1924.

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

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General Post Office,
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NORTHERN RHODESIA.

So Northern Rhodesia is not going to be a Crown Colony after all, but a Protectorate only. We wonder whether the stamps of Great Britain will be overprinted similarly to Bechuanaland Protectorate, or whether the new Protectorate will have a distinctive issue of its own.

KENYA AND UGANDA.

Our East African correspondent, Mr. W. Tunstall, informs us that the last of the East Africa and Uganda remainders were destroyed the end of last year, although no official announcement to that effect has been made. **Mozambique Company.**

The 12c. Black and Brown, same design as the 8c., is reported by Mr. L. H. Rivers.

Egypt.

Messrs. Bright & Son write :—"It may interest you to know there has been two settings of the 10 mil. Lake Egyptian with 'O.H.E.M.S.' overprint."

The first setting, which presumably is very scarce, had a very short life. The varieties contained in this setting were No. 86 in the sheet, wide space between 'E. & M.' No. 94 with the two dots at bottom left corner of the overprint below the level of the Arabic character on its immediate right, otherwise type 2 as listed in Bright's Catalogue.

Another variety found in the first setting only is one stamp with the two dots under the second line of the Arabic overprint omitted, this occurs once on the sheet, and is corrected in the second setting, as also is the wide space between 'E. & M.'

The second setting, type 2 variety, appears on No. 93 on the sheet instead of 94, as in the first setting."

PALESTINE.

Messrs. Bright & Son write :—"We have recently found a copy of the 20 piastres, Palestine Arabic overprint, 10 mms. long, issue of 1920, perforated 14. This stamp was not previously known, except perforated 15 x 14; we presume it must be an exceedingly scarce thing, as we have had a good many of these stamps through our hands, and we have never before seen a copy, although it has been out for over three years."

POLAND.

Messrs. Bright & Son write :—"In a mixed lot of used Polands we discovered a copy of the 1 mark Fortress type in a rose red colour, evidently an error in the colour. Same is on vertically laid paper, perf. 11½, and we have never seen the stamp before, neither can we find any record of its existence."

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"We were interested in your article on South West Africans which appeared in the "S.A.P." and Gibbons' "Monthly Journal" just published.

We notice, however, that you state that in type 1 the distance between the overprint is 15 mms.; as a matter of fact, the difference between the overprint is $13\frac{1}{2}$ mms., and your measurement is not the difference between, but includes the width of the bottom line of overprint, which is somewhat misleading. The same applies to type 2, which is exactly 9 mms., not 11 mms. between.

In type 1, your No. 6, you omit the AIRICA variety in the 6d.; this, of course, is on the original Union stamp, and not the overprint; strictly speaking, it is a broken "F," but we believe your collectors recognise it.

We have also the variety "Wes." on your Nos. 1, 4 and 5; the error of course is a defective "T," but it has the appearance of a stop, most of the "T" being missing. In type 2, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, we have had the variety no stop, which exists once on the sheet. We notice you list this under type 1, but not under type 2; we have not had type 1 in sheets, and cannot say whether it exists in both printings, or whether you have made a mistake and credited it to the wrong printing.

Type 3.—We have now had all values except the $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; no doubt you have also had them in South Africa. We have also had No. 2, the 4d. value without stop, but not constant on the sheet."

SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

Pretoria Philatelic Society.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.

Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant.

At the meeting held on Monday, 3rd March, a letter of thanks and appreciation was read from the Johannesburg Society, who requested that a visit to the Pretoria Printing Works should be a combined one of members of the Pretoria and Johannesburg Societies. A letter from the Queensland Philatelic Society was read, tendering greetings and mentioning the visit of Mr. Grace, Business Manager, who offered to lecture in Pretoria. Major Booth read a very interesting paper on the stamps of the U.S.A., while Messrs. Klagsbrun and Westbrook rose to the occasion in the discussion which followed. Mr. Obermeyer exhibited his collection of U.S.A., which was greatly admired.

Major Booth presided over a good attendance on 17th ult. Owing to the absence on municipal duties of Mr. J. D. Robertson, the company was extremely disappointed at not hearing a paper read by him. A paper from Mr. Robertson is always breezy and bright.

Mr. Obermeyer exhibited his collection of Rhodesia, and Mr. Giovanetti his Union of South Africa, in blocks, panes, sheets, etc. Both collections were highly appreciated.

Subscriptions are coming in very nicely, and new members are constantly joining from town and country.

Twelve of the members are getting their shaving tackle, etc., in order in preparation of the visit to the Johannesburg Society on March 25th, and some are shewing signs of excitement, especially as regards the journey by 'bus via Halfway House.

The usual auction terminated a very enjoyable evening.

(This journal was already in the press when members of the Pretoria Society paid the Johannesburg Society a visit, but a full report of this very pleasant function will appear in our next issue.—Ed.)

Philatelic Society of Natal.

Pres.: Mr. W. P. Williams. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. F. Skinner, Box 588, Durban. Meetings held at Y.M.C.A., Esplanade, first Wednesday each month, at 8 p.m.

Owing to ill-health of the Hon. Sec., reports of previous meetings have not been published. At the annual general meeting the President's report shewed a healthy state of affairs, while the membership is over 100, and the financial position sound.

Mr. W. P. Williams, F.R.P.L.S., was re-elected President; Mr. C. F. Skinner, Hon. Sec.; Mr. J. Hobbs, Hon. Treass.; and Mr. A. H. Lovejoy, Hon. Exchange Supt. On account of the calls of business, Mr. Norman was unable to accept re-election, and received a hearty vote of thanks, as did the other officers for their services during the year.

A feature of recent meetings has been the exhibit of members' specialities, and at the next meeting uncatalogued varieties will be displayed, all of which members appear to be possessed of quite a considerable number.

Philatelists spending their holidays in Durban from time to time will always receive a hearty welcome.

Philatelic Society of Rhodesia.

Pres.: Mr. L. H. Whitmore. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo. Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The usual meeting was held on 21st February, when before a good attendance of members and visitors, Mr. Rogers gave his paper on Belgian Congo, which contained a considerable amount of interesting information, while the various surcharges, etc., were exhibited. Messrs. Thornton and Rogers promised to collaborate and forward the paper to the "S.A. Philatelist" for publication.

It has come to the notice of the Society that a large number of spurious stamps of Rhodesia are suddenly making their appearance, and collectors are warned to be wary of any freak colours, etc., that may be offered. The Society is busy prepping a check list of all genuine stamps of Rhodesia, and request all collections to forward any authentic information regarding Rhodesian stamps to the Secretary. Information is particularly required concerning imperforate varieties, errors of colour, etc., and when this list is completed it will be forwarded to the "S.A.P." and other leading philatelic journals of the world for publication. The Society has received letters from Sir Charles Coghlan and the Postmaster General stating that instructions have been given for all stocks of stamps to be sent to Rhodesia, and that in future no stamps will be sold out of the territory. This means the B.S.A. Co.'s offices in London will not supply dealers overseas.

Philatelists' Exchange Club (S.A. Branch).

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

During the period June, 1923, to March, 1924, sixteen packets have been put into circulation to the value of £1,485. Seven of these packets have since been broken up, and have shewn good sales. The first packet was sent out in June last, with 13 names on the postal list, whereas there are now 43 members seeing these packets locally. The value of packets has increased a great deal. Packets are fully insured against loss, but do not circulate outside the Union and Rhodesia.

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Grahamstown Philatelic Society.

Pres. : Rev. E. B. Ford. Hon. Sec. : Mr. Barry May, Box 40, Grahamstown.

By the courtesy of the Committee of the Public Library, permission has been given to the Society to hold its meetings in the Committee Room at the Library, where the first quarterly meeting of the year was held on 29th February.

The Secretary's report for the year 1923 and financial statement indicated a sound position, but a few additional members would be welcome.

After the election of officers—the President and Hon. Secretary being re-elected—and other business, Mr. E. B. Ford read a short but interesting paper on recent issues of the United States, and displayed a good collection of these stamps.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor, the "S.A. Philatelist."

STAMPS ATTACHED TO OLD CAPE NEWSPAPERS.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any of the readers of the "S.A.P." have come across, and been puzzled by, the stamps found on old Cape newspapers of nearly a hundred years ago.

These impressions, which were probably produced by a metal hand stamp, are in red brown ink. The design, measuring 3 by 2½ cms., shews a well-defined crown over a floral decoration with the words "Cape of Good Hope" above and "One penny" below. There is a similar design bearing the words "One half-penny."

These stamps are commonly found impressed on the newspapers themselves, and were this so in all cases they would not have attracted my attention. But I have for long possessed portion of the first page of the "Cape Frontier Times," published in Grahamstown on the 16th November, 1843, and addressed to the Civil Commissioner, Somerset, to which is gummed a piece of white paper impressed with the one penny stamp. On the face of it here was an adhesive stamp used to pay postage ten years before the appearance of the Cape Triangular. When a little while ago a friend showed me half a dozen similar stamps, including one of the value of a half penny, which he had found gummed to copies of the same paper printed in the early forties, I really began to think that I had discovered a new Cape of Good Hope postage stamp.

Search among the early statutes seemed to support the theory that the stamps were indeed postage stamps. Thus I found that in 1826 an ordinance had been issued "for the better regulation of the Post Office in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope," Section 10 of which provided that "from and after the commencement of this ordinance, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster General, and the several Postmasters in this Colony, and they are hereby required to demand and receive for each printed newspaper or journal one penny, to be paid on being put into the Post Office." This ordinance was repealed by Ordinance No. 1 of 1846, but the latter re-enacted the provisions relative to newspapers. There was an addition which strikes one as curious.

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CORRESPONDENCE—contd.

It was that newspapers had to be posted within even days of publication, after which they became liable to the letter rate, viz., 4d. per half oz. Perhaps it will be of interest to record that it was this Ordinance, No. 1 of 1846, which first made provision for the preparation and use of postage stamps in the Cape Colony. Section 8 reads: "It shall and may be lawful for the Governor to provide or cause to be provided proper and sufficient discs or implements for expressing and denoting any rate or rates of postage for the time being, chargable and payable under the provision of this Ordinance, and when and as soon as such discs and implements shall be provided, to announce by his proclamation in the Government Gazette that stamped covers for letters and stamps to be affixed to letters will be issued to the public."

One fact puzzled me. Some of the papers bore a half-penny stamp, a rate of postage unknown in the Colony until the seventies.

In reading the Post Office Ordinance, I came across the expression "newspaper or other printed paper liable to stamp duty." This suggested a clue, and in searching the records I discovered Ordinance No. 26 of 1826, which seems to explain the whole position. The object of the ordinance was to levy a stamp duty on printer newspapers. It provided for a duty of 1d. on any newspaper not exceeding one sheet, and $\frac{3}{4}$ d. for every additional half sheet. Further, it provided that any person who brought paper to the Stamp Office to be stamped, or who bought stamped paper, should receive a discount at the rate of 10 per cent. on payment of £10 and upwards.

It seems clear, therefore, that the stamps I have described were used to pay stamp duty on the papers on which they are impressed, or to which they are affixed.

Box 40, Grahamstown.

BARRY MAY.

Dear Sir,—About three years ago, when the "Quarterly Review of Philately" was being published, I answered two advertisements from men in Bohemia, and sent them stamps by registered letter. One denied that he had received the letter, and I was obliged to go to the Post Office to prove that he had. I sent stamps a long while ago and have received no reply. I sent a book of stamps, registered, to the other man, and have likewise received no answer.

I think there should be some means of advertising these men, and if a paper accepts advertisements, they cannot be responsible for the value of stamps sent, but they can prevent others being in, and keep a black list always in the paper of all names of those who behave in this manner. No honest advertiser would object to this.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Floreat Philatelia.

Philately seems to be advancing by leaps and bounds in Africa, and two new Philatelic Societies have been formed. Mr. W. Tunstall reports that philatelic enthusiasts in Nairobi, Kenya, have decided to form a society, to be called the Kenya Philatelic Society, while Mr. J. P. Preston writes that the Kaffrarian Philatelic Society has been formed in Kingwilliamstown, C.P. Mr. A. Johns, of Dale College, Kingwilliamstown, was elected President, and Mr. Preston Hon. Secretary.

We wish the newly formed Societies every success, and will be pleased to publish reports of their meetings, and to extend every possible assistance.

More Forgeries.

The American Stamp Dealers' Association have been chiefly instrumental with the assistance of the Argentine authorities and the United States Post Office Department in rounding up Peter Hiordin for forging postage stamps of various countries. This individual was one of the greatest philatelic crooks who have operated during the past decade, and has duped stamp dealers the world over with bogus Paraguayan stamps, both “normal” and with centre inverted.

Mr. Louis Gillen, of Pretoria, states that he and several others have been “bitten.”

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Do it now while the thought is fresh in your mind, since this offer will be withdrawn immediately the few copies we have at our disposal are finished.

Missing!

There are quite a few interesting articles, etc., due to have been published in this issue, but pressure of space has prevented this. One particular article held over is one by our Editor dealing with differences observed in the head-plate of the various denominations of the Union of South Africa. We ought to double the size of the paper to get these articles in, but cannot do so without more readers and more advertisements. Will YOU help us to get them.

Philatelic Book-plates.

The collection of book-plates is an interesting pursuit, and in following up this form of collecting, Mr. Stanley Phillips (Editor of Gibbons' "Monthly Journal") is devoting a special section to Philatelic Book-plates. If any reader of the "S.A. Philatelist" has a philatelic book-plate, Mr. Phillips would very much appreciate a copy for inclusion in his collection. Letters should be addressed to him at 391, Strand, London, W.C.

Wembley Stamps.

Specially designed stamps a little larger than the present Great Britain issue will be sold at the Empire Exhibition. These stamps will not be sold anywhere else, but will be available for letters posted anywhere in Britain.

Two New Forgeries of the Orange Free State.

In "Stamp Collecting" of March 22nd, Mr. Leon de Raay exposes two new forgeries of the Orange Free State. The first is the 1d. on 3d. with double surcharge, in which all the second surcharges are of a different fount and different ink, which can readily be detected when an enlargement is compared with an enlargement of the genuine. The second forgery is of an entirely different nature, and is the 2½d. on 3d., with thick "V" and level stops. This forgery was also discovered by comparing enlargements with enlargements of the genuine.

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Rhodesian Reminders—The Truth.

So many inaccurate reports and unfounded rumours have been spread recently concerning the sale of various Rhodesian reminders, that we now publish authentic details of what actually transpired. In Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' "Monthly Journal" for April, an Editorial appears on the subject of Rhodesian Reminders, and we take this opportunity of acknowledging the source of our information.

Stated as briefly as possible, the facts are as follows:—

The British South Africa Co. approached Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for advice concerning the disposal of the reminders of all past issues of the Company. In view of the large stocks, they were informed that it was impossible to sell them all at face value, and were advised by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons to burn them. This advice was not acceptable, and in view of the amount of money invested in these stamps by collectors, Messrs. Gibbons had to consider which was the best way to safeguard the interests of such collectors. Since **the stamps had to be sold**, it was merely a question for Messrs. Gibbons to take or leave them. If they were left, the stock might very easily get into the hands of those who would consider nothing but their own interests, and who might very easily cause a severe slump. Messrs. Gibbons, therefore, made an offer for the entire stock of stamps, which was accepted. Then arose the important question of the demonetisation of the stamps, which had of necessity to take the form of a cancellation in order to prevent the stamps from being used for postage. It was eventually decided that the Company themselves should cancel every stamp on their own premises and with their own cancelling stamps, everything being carefully checked, and not one single unused stamp escaping. The number of complete sets of all the issues is not very high. No reminders of the current King's portrait type were either offered or available.

As far as

ERRORS AND VARIETIES

are concerned, the only ones found in this purchased lot were:—

- 1896 issue, 3d. One sheet was found with the bottom row only, imperf. between.
- 1897 issue, 8d. One sheet of this value was found after cancellation with the top row part perf.
- 1898 issue, 2/6. Two portions of different sheets were found imperf. between, to the number of eighty pairs.
- 1905 issue, 1s. A sheet was found imperf between.
- 1909 issue, £1. A sheet was found the bottom row of which was without the overprint "RHODESIA."

With the exception of the 8d. variety of the 1897 issue, the other varieties mentioned above were found by the B.S.A. Co., and had been put aside by them, but these stamps were sold at face value in unused condition.

Recapitulating the position, Messrs. Gibbons state:—

(1) The entire stock of stamps had to be sold. (2) It could be purchased either cancelled, or after demonetisation in unused condition at less than face value. (3) Considering the interests of collectors, Messrs. Gibbons decided it was best that the matter should be handled by themselves, since they were in a position to safeguard those interests, which were further protected by their decision to have the stamps cancelled.

We have no fault to find with Messrs. Gibbons' action, and whether collectors like it or not, the stamps were coming on the market, and we consider that of the two evils Messrs. Gibbons chose the lesser. The whole stock was re-sold by Gibbons to another firm of dealers.

As far as the B.S.A. Co. is concerned, we do not think they have played the game to collectors, since had all the stamps been destroyed the Company would only have lost the nett cost of production, which would have been a small figure.

RHODESIAN REMAINDERS—contd.

A most unsatisfactory part of the transaction is that the Company procured from Rhodesia various postmark chops of different towns and used these with various ante-dated postmarks. However this matter may have been regarded by the officers of the Company at the time, we consider that ante-dating postmarks in this manner is not only unfortunate and improper, but involves a deception upon collectors of used stamps.

Used stamps are official documents, and we cannot see how anyone can justify the application of the postmark dated 1913, or some other date, in 1923. It is an absolute abuse of the official evidence of the postmark.

1910 £1 ERROR OF COLOUR.

Concerning this stamp, the facts are as follows:—

In October, 1910, 500 stamps out of 550 printed were despatched to Southern Rhodesia in the first consignment of the then new issue, and were returned to London the following December, owing to a similarity in colour to the 10d. denomination. The total of 550 stamps was included in the figures given to Messrs. Gibbons in connection with the sale of the remainders. The best offer the Company obtained for the misprinted £1 stamps was a stiff price for two sheets of 50 stamps, conditional upon the absolute and guaranteed destruction of the balance. It is, therefore, quite correct that the stamps are an error of colour, and equally correct that only 100 exist. As far as the status of this stamp is concerned, we consider it is that of many other stamps which have been given catalogue rank, namely, a stamp prepared for use but never issued.

It is most unfortunate that the entire stock was not destroyed, but the result will be that all unused stamps of Rhodesia will appreciate immediately, while there will probably be a falling off in the price of all used issues.

RHODESIA.

By J. E. M. COCH.

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CHAPTER XIII.**“DOUBLE HEAD” ISSUE—11th NOVEMBER, 1910.**

On the 11th November, 1910, an entirely new set of stamps was issued, comprising seventeen values from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to £1. The stamps, which are large and oblong in shape (measuring 35 mm. by 23 mm.), bear the portraits of Their Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary. Inscribed in two lines at the head are the words “BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY,” and at the foot “RHODESIA,” with the values in figures in the two upper corners. This set is commonly known to collectors as the “Double Head” issue.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS,
S. Rhodesia.

POSTAL NOTICE No. 28 of 1910.

NEW ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

It is hereby notified that a new issue of Postage Stamps, bearing the effigies of Their Gracious Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary, will be made on the 11th November, 1910.

The stamps are of the following denominations, namely:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1s., 2s., 3s., 4s., 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., and £1.

G. H. EYRE,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Salisbury, 10th November, 1910.

Although the 4s. denomination was listed in the Postal Notice, no such stamp was ever issued. The stamps were line-engraved, and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London, on thick soft-wove paper. There were several printings of all values, resulting in a wide range of colours and shades. In the last printings the plates were badly worn, and these can easily be distinguished from the earlier printings by the absence of a portion of the finer engraved lines.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. values, which are in single colours, were printed in one operation from single working plates. It is interesting to note that these three values were printed in both fast and fugitive inks. Certain printings will bear soaking in water without any ill effect, while in others the colour will run.

The remaining values—2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., and £1—which are in two colours, were printed in two operations, from double working plates, namely—one “head-plate” being used for all these values, and a separate “duty-plate” for each denomination. The colours are fugitive, and great care must be exercised when handling, especially when soaking the stamps from the paper.

In determining shades of this issue, it is undoubtedly safest to trust only to the evidence of mint specimens, as used copies are often misleading especially when allowed to become saturated with moisture.

This is the first issue of Rhodesia in which one finds the printer's guide line of a dot and line, thus —.—.—., on certain stamps in each sheet of the bi-coloured series—a mark which has often puzzled collectors. This is a “guide line” on the “head-plate,” and is used as a guide by the transfer operator in his adjustment of the plate before each impression.

In certain values, particularly the 10d., 5s., 7s. 6d. and £1, the paper appears to be toned. Such, however, is not the case. In this respect I quote the following extracts from “Postage Stamps in the Making,” by Fred J. Melville:—“When the stamps are bi-coloured or produced in two printings, register is not always possible owing to the ever present and uneven shrinkage of the paper when drying. It also follows that as each printing requires a damping of the paper before the impression can be taken, the fast colour will be done first, otherwise the colour would run. This is the reason why so many line-engraved stamps have either the vignette or the frame printed in black, the black being printed first as it stands the second wetting. The recent wonderfully bi-coloured stamps of Rhodesia appear to us to be an example of what colours will not successfully combine or contrast in stamps printed with intaglio plates. The colours of several of the values have run and saturated the paper, and it is only to be supposed, in fairness to the printers of them, who have prepared some of the hand-somest stamps we know of in “taille-douce,” that they were not consulted as to the suitability of the colours selected by the B.S.A. Coy. If the paper be too wet when the impression is taken, the colour is apt to impart a tone to the whole of the paper, and similarly if the plate is not thoroughly wiped and polished, some of the ink left on the surface of the plate will impart its colour to the paper—due either to the wash from the plate or to the spread of the natural colour of the stamp.”

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A. J. STOREY,
BLANTYRE, NYASALAND.

RHODESIA—contd.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. values were printed in sheets of 100 stamps—ten rows of ten, while all the other values were in sheets of fifty—ten horizontal rows of five. The margins are plain, except for the imprint "Waterlow & Sons, Limited, London Wall, London, E.C.," in the centre of both upper and bottom margins. The sheet number is printed in black, and found in some values in the lower right-hand corner of the margin, while in others it is found in the upper right-hand corner.

The following is a synopsis of varieties and date of issue:—



Types as illustrated above. Line engraved, and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London. Perforated by single-line machines. Paper: White thick soft-wove. No watermark. Gum: yellow. Date of issue: 11th November, 1910. (Heads in first colour).

(a) Perforated 14.

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|---|--|
| 1.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Yellow-green (shades).
(a) Apple-green.
(b) Olive-green.
(c) Bluish-green.
(d) Dull green.
(e) Deep green. | 8.—6d., Brown and Brownish Purple.
(a) Brown and claret.
(b) Brown and reddish purple.
(c) Brown and plum. |
| 2.—1d., Bright carmine.
(a) Carmine lake.
(b) Pale rose-carmine.
(c) Rose-red. | 9.—8d., Dull Purple and Greyish Purple.
(a) Dull purple and purple.
(b) Greenish black and purple. |
| 3.—2d., Black and Slate-grey.
(a) Black-purple and slate-grey.
(b) Deep black and dark grey.
(c) Black and grey.
(d) Black and slate.
(e) Black and grey-black.
(f) Deep black and brownish-grey. | 10.—10d., Scarlet and Reddish Mauve.
(a) Carmine and deep purple. |
| 4.—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Ultramarine.
(a) Dull blue.
(b) Chalky blue. | 11.—1s., Black and Deep blue-green.
(a) Black and pale blue-green.
(b) Grey-black and blue-green. |
| 5.—3d., Purple and ochre.
(a) Purple and yellow-ochre.
(b) Magenta and yellow-ochre.
(c) Claret and yellow-ochre. | 12.—2s., Black and ultramarine.
(a) Black and dull blue. |
| 6.—4d., Deep Green and Orange (Green backs).
(a) Black and orange.
(b) Grey-black and orange. | 13.—2s. 6d., Black and Lake.
(a) Black and crimson.
(b) Black and carmine.
(c) Sepia and crimson.
(d) Sepia and carmine. |
| | 14.—3s., Deep Blue-green and Purple
(a) Deep blue-green and lilac. |
| | 15.—5s., Vermilion and Green.
(a) Vermillion and yellow-green.
(b) Scarlet and yellow-green. |
| | 16.—7s. 6d., Carmine and Pale-blue.
(a) Carmine and blue.
(a) Carmine and bright blue. |

- 7.—5d., Brown-purple and Olive.
 (a) Purple-brown and pale olive
 (worn plate, thin 5).
 (b) Lake brown and olive.
 (c) Purple-brown and ochre
 (colour of 3d.)
- 17.—10s., Deep Myrtle and Orange.
 (a) Blue-green and orange.
- 18.—£1, Carmine-red and Bluish
 Black.
 (a) Red and black.
 (b) Rose-scarlet and grey-
 black.

There are intermediary shades of the colours mentioned above in all values.

Note.—The £1 is only known in the three shades of black, namely—black, bluish-black and grey-black. No other colour was ever sold across a Post Office counter in Rhodesia.

Good postally used copies above 2s. are scarce, particularly the 7s. 6d. and 10s. values.

(To be continued.)

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We would direct the attention of readers to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' advertisement on the outside back cover of this issue, in which their well-known Imperial Album is advertised.

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Kindly refer to Publishers' Notices elsewhere.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THE NEW ISSUE.

"The Postmaster General states that some time ago the Government approved of new designs of a pictorial description for certain denominations of Union postage stamps, and these stamps, which cannot as yet be produced in South Africa, are now under order from Overseas.

"It is understood that among the designs that have found favour are a springbok head, Van Riebeeck's ship, and the wildbeesten of the Natal Coat of Arms. It is not likely that the new stamps will be on sale to the public for some weeks."

The above message appeared in the Johannesburg "Star" of April 17th.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

The New Issue.

We have to tender our best thanks to Messrs. Thornton, Whitmore and Barbour, of Bulawayo, and Mr. Rivers, of Umtali, for kindly sending specimens of the new stamps which were issued on 1st April last.

The stamps are very similar to the previous issue of Rhodesia, with the exception that all values bear the words "Postage & Revenue" in a semi-circle above the King's head in place of the previous "British South Africa Company," while the design at the foot has been altered, so that the words "Southern Rhodesia" are in a label occupying the whole width at the foot of the stamp. The stamps are exceedingly well-printed, and general definition is very clear, while colours are very much richer and brighter than formerly. The new stamps are exactly the same size as the old issue, with the exception that the figures of value in the upper corners are larger than formerly.



The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., and 3d. are from single working plates, while the remainder of the issue are in two colours and printed from double working plates. The single working plates are, of course, from a new design, while the heads of the bi-coloured values are from the original Die 1, only the King's left ear has been faintly outlined.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. values are in sheets of 240, the remaining values being in sheets of 60.

Synopsis.

1st April, 1924, type as illustrated, white paper, colourless gum. No watermark. Perf. 14. Engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd.

- 1.—From single working plates:—
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Deep green.
 - 1d., Bright rose red.
 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., Brown.
 - 3d., Deep blue.
- 2.—From double working plates, head in first colour:—
 - 2d., Black and brownish grey.
 - 4d., Black and orange-red.
 - 6d., Black and reddish-mauve.
 - 8d., Deep lilac and grey green.
 - 10d., Blue and bright rose.
 - 1s., Black and light blue.
 - 1s. 6d., Black and chrome-yellow.
 - 2s., Black and chocolate.
 - 2s. 6d., Blue and grey-brown.
 - 5s., Blue and bright blue-green.

Revenue Stamps.

Mr. A. C. Thornton has also sent us a copy of Government Notice No. 151, dated 21st March, 1924, in which it is stated that a new issue of revenue stamps will be on sale from 1st April.

The new issue consists of the following denominations:—3s., 7s. 6d., £1, £5, £10, £20, and £50.

We have just come across a copy of the "Rhodesia Herald" of February 7th, in which it was stated that Rhodesia was about to be supplied with new postage stamps printed for the first time on "Government watermarked paper." This we understand occasioned an enquiry from the Department of Treasury, who confirmed this statement. All of the new values we have seen ourselves are devoid of watermark, but we would welcome any information on this subject from any of our readers.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

Referring to the variety "hyphen between South West," i.e., "South-West," Mr. Lichtenstein mentions that this is to be found in the 1d. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rouletted Postage Dues, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Pretoria perforated Due, Type I. overprint, the position in the sheet being fifth stamp, top row.

In our April issue, mention was made of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Postage Due with inverted overprint. We have since been in communication with Messrs. Oswald Marsh, London, who have shewn us actual specimens. One pane (60 stamps) was issued from the Windhoek Post Office. The inverted overprint error is on the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Postage Due, Pretoria perforated printing, Type 1 overprint.

GREAT BRITAIN.

With the change of printers, as could be expected, a new type of watermark for the stamps of Great Britain has appeared. This consists of a small crown over G V R in sans serif capitals. The first of the new Waterlow printings commenced to make their appearance on March 1st last.

KENYA AND UGANDA.

Our East African correspondent, Mr. W. Tunstall, states that the 12c. stamp is again on sale, after having been withdrawn for some little while, and mentions that he has seen copies in a grey-black which most likely belong to the printing which arrived after they were withdrawn from sale.

“ ERRORS.”

(A paper read by Mr. Chas. Hand at the Johannesburg Philatelic Society on Tuesday, March 25th, on the occasion of a visit from members of the Pretoria Society).

“The search for variations in Union issues has come into such prominence recently that I thought a few notes on errors might not come amiss on this occasion. This subject allows of almost indefinable treatment, but will only be briefly touched upon by me now.

The first error to be considered is that of the designer, for example, the Shaft Issue of the Transvaal, where the whole emission needed correcting owing to the ignorance of the designer, or the more recent 2½d. stamp of Jamaica, in which the Union Jack is incorrectly shewn.

Assuming that the designer has done his work correctly, the next person to have a shot at error making is the engraver or lithographic draughtsman, and for notable examples of success, the Sydney views shew what can be done by an engraver, while the 1866 issue of Uruguay by the lithographer.

We will take it that the designer and the engraver were unsuccessful in deviating from the straight path, and now turn to the plate maker. He may manage to go all out and get a design into the wrong plates, as was done in the woodblock issue of the Cape and in other cases, or he may simply insert one specimen sideways or upside down. The 1s. Transvaal tete-beche illustrates the latter. Perhaps the platemaker has attended a Philatelic Society's annual dinner the night before, when his unsteady hand makes a re-entry a necessity—the St. Helena stamps shew what is meant.

At last we come to the printer, who, poor devil, is execrated in public and secretly blessed when we secure one of his masterpieces. He has various inks that smudge and give us missing letters, inks that depart from standard colours and give us scarce varieties, and if we go by the microscopic studies of our Union collectors, inks that attract flies and give us dots on the stamps. He then has perforating machines which do not perforate, and hopeless watermarked paper that will not stand the right way up at times. Afterwards he is required to overprint with type fixed in clitches which will not hold, or type which will not wear, but breaks; upon gummed stamps which cannot be made to lie flat. Is there no wonder that the last named can hold his own with all persons previously mentioned.

Next we come to the errors of the poor forger, who always gives the game away in some manner or other.

Last of all, we come to the errors of the poor man in the street, who is being instructed weekly by “Perforation.” For instance, only last week a reverend gentleman showed me specimens of the 1d. Great Britain, 1881 issue, which he assured me were worth £1 a piece. As the quoted “Perforation” as his source of information, I could not contradict such an authority!—We pity the compositor when “Perforation” gets hold of him.—Ed.)

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These few notes are written with a view to helping the collectors of those countries where the same issue is used for both postal and fiscal purposes, and are the result of intensive study of the issues pertaining to Rhodesia.

The writer found upon taking up specialism in the stamps of Rhodesia that there were offered to him by quite reputable dealers, stamps with a slightly altered appearance generally, now known to have been cleaned. A chemical and microscopic study revealed certain alterations which were effected in the otherwise apparently genuine stamp. Of course, different methods of cleaning produce different results, some very hard to detect, but in the process two or more of the following appear—generally more than two:—

1.—Brown Streaks and Marks.—Caused by the incomplete removal of ink (initials or dates).

2.—Scratches on Face of Stamp.—Caused by a pen.

3.—Accentuation of the Texture of the Paper.—This appears in all issues, and may be plainly seen when the specimen under test is placed beside a normal stamp of the same issue. A very powerful magnifying glass should be used.

4.—Slight Fading of Colour, accompanied by a small Accentuation of Definition.—The fading is sometimes difficult to detect, especially in the early issues, and the accentuation of definition is usually in proportion to the fading.

5.—Accentuation of Definition, as seen from the back of stamp.—Comparison must be made with a normal stamp of the same issue to thoroughly appreciate this effect of cleaning.

6.—Fatty Marks.—On white lettering or on white spaces on the stamp, even on the narrow white borders of letters and figures, fatty marks appear. This is not always present, but can be found on cleaned stamps of all issues.

7.—Fixing of Fugitive Colours.—This applies particularly to the so-called "Admiral" issue, and where other methods of detection fail, this may often be found. Test by moistening a minute portion of the colour and rub gently. If genuine, a running of the colour immediately takes place, and if the operation is very carefully done the colour dries back, leaving the specimen uninjured.

8.—Absorption of Water.—Specimens have been observed to absorb water very rapidly, very much after the way benzine is absorbed in testing

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watermarks. It is not advisable to test for this where fugitive colours exist, except after No. 7 above has been carried out, otherwise a normal specimen may be irreparably damaged.

9.—Re-gumming.—Where cleaned stamps have been re-gummed, this may often be detected in one of the following ways:—

- (a) Appearance of gum on the face of the stamp.
- (b) Appearance of gum around edges of perforation.
- (c) Types of gum different from normal, e.g., white used instead of yellowish or vice versa.
- (d) Penetration of gum to face of stamp, giving rise to minute fatty marks—see No. 6 above.

In conclusion, it may be stated that some stamps have been known so perfectly cleaned and gummed as to deceive almost anyone.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

Pretoria Philatelic Society.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant.

At the meeting held on 8th inst., Major Booth was in the chair, supported by fourteen members. Capt. J. C. Normington was proposed for membership, while Mr. Pethick gave an exceedingly interesting paper on the Yellow and Green papers of the George issues, illustrated with mint specimens. Mr. Pethick also exhibited his Edwards and was heartily thanked by all present.

There was a very fine attendance of members and visitors at the "open" meeting held on April 21st.

Mr. Hand discoursed on the early Transvaal issues, and explained the methods of detecting forgeries, and how to distinguish the various printings, following up with interesting remarks concerning overprints, later issues, C.S.A.R. stamps and the Pietersburg emissions.

Major Booth thanked the speaker on behalf of those present, and discussion was entered into on the various points raised, in which Messrs. Klagsbrun, Westbrook, Valentine and others participated.

Mr. Hand followed up with an exhibit of his magnificent Transvaal collection, every item being perfect, and the writing up particularly well done. This splendid collection more than merited the close attention given to it by all present.

Philatelic Society of Rhodesia.

Pres.: Mr. L. H. Whitmore. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The eighth regular meeting was held on 20th March, in Scott's Buildings, Mr. L. H. Whitmore in the chair. The Secretary notified that His Excellency, Sir John Chancellor had presented the Society with a block of sixteen Red Cross Stamps of Trinidad, and it was decided to place them in the Society's Collection. The Chairman then read a paper by Mr. Mallet-Veale, entitled "The Care of Rare Stamps and Why," which contained some very useful hints and information to collectors. The question arose concerning the number of spurious Rhodesian stamps that are suddenly making their appearance in England, all nicely post marked to order. These stamps are of appecular colour, and the Society has had numerous complaints concerning them. Mr. Thornton, with the assistance of Mr. Coch and other Rhodesian specialists is preparing a check list of all genuine Rhodesian stamps, also a black list in which will be tabulated stamps purchased out of this territory which are of a freak variety. When completed this will be published in book form.

Johannesburg United Philatelic Society.

Pres.: Mr. C. W. Reid. Hon. Sec.: Mr. M. P. Valentine, P.O: Box 4976
Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday in the Board Room, Trust Buildings, Fox Street, at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 25th March, was a gala night for the Society, when Messrs. Booth, Hand, Obermeyer, Klagsbrun, van Malsen, Westbrook, Watson, Palotta, Giovanetti, de Boom, Hawke and Caplan journeyed across from Pretoria to pay the Society a visit.

The ordinary business was shelved, and the evening devoted to the visitors.

Major Booth, who replied to a hearty welcome extended the visitors, read a carefully prepared paper on "Forgeries" which evinced a thorough grip of the subject, while the exhibition of the Pretoria Society's Forgery Collection added considerably to the interest.

Messrs. Obermeyer and de Boom exhibited their splendid collections of Holland.

Mr. Chas. Hand read a most humorous paper on the subject of errors, in which the designer, engraver, plate maker and printer came in for a good share of criticism.

After refreshments had been served, Mr. A. Watson was called upon to exhibit his really magnificent collection of Great Britain. To adequately describe this superb collection would be well-nigh impossible. Suffice it to say that page upon page, and album upon album of the choicest and most superb items imaginable were shewn. Mr. Watson received a well deserved vote of thanks.

Mr. C. E. Donne, President of the East Rand Society, was present, also Mr. A. C. Thornton, Town Engineer of Bulawayo, and a very prominent philatelist, who was introduced by Mr. Coch. In replying to the President's welcome, Mr. Thornton expressed the wish that the Society would one day visit them in Bulawayo.

An auction was held, prices realised being very poor, except for a block of four Union 1s. Dues, which brought 10s.

Mr. Reid expressed the Society's gratitude for the trouble taken by the visitors to come across and make the evening such a tremendous success.

In the course of his reply, Major Booth thanked the Society for the hospitality extended, and pointed out how beneficial to philately as a whole these inter-town visits were.

East London Philatelic Society.

Pres.: Mr. W. B. Lloyd. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. B. Levy, Box 372, East London.
Meetings held in Mr Courlander's Office, third Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Junior Society's meetings held in Selborne College, last Friday each month.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Society was held on March 21st, there being a fair attendance.

A letter was received from Mr. J. P. Preston, Kingwilliamstown, informing us that it was the intention of collectors there to form a Society, and asking us for information regarding the formation of a Society. The Secretary informed the meeting that he had forwarded the necessary details to Mr. Preston.

During the evening a competition was held for the junior members, twelve juniors taking part. The following were the prize winners:—Over 14 years, 1st, J. D. Brown; 2nd, C. Storey; 3rd, L. R. Pitts. Under 14 years: 1st, S. Bucholtz; 2nd, S. Blumenthal, 3rd, J. Lewis (age 8 years).

East Rand Philatelic Society.

President: Mr. C. E. Donne. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Thos. Wood, Box 47, Boksburg.
Meetings held at Transvaal Hotel, third Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

The East Rand Society have held two meetings this month, a junior evening on April 14 and the regular meeting on April 16th.

On April 14th, about twenty junior competed in four classes: under 12, under 15, and under 18, for general collections, and a fourth class for a collection of one country.

The judges were Messrs. Reid, Downing, Johnstone, Robertson, Wood, Doyle and Donne, while Miss Knight presented the prizes. Votes of thanks were passed to Miss Knight, the judges, the East Rand Society and the exhibitors.

At the monthly meeting on April 16th Mr. Donne read a paper and shewed his collection of St. Helena, for which a vote of thanks was passed. The meeting was not well attended, owing to the Monday meeting, but was most enthusiastic.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Rhodesian Society's Check List.

Mr. A. C. Thornton has kindly furnished us with a copy of the official Rhodesian Check List, drawn up by Mr. J. E. M. Coch and himself. Each claims that the other did the greater amount of work, but both are to be heartily congratulated on drawing up a remarkably accurate and complete check list of all errors, varieties, etc., of Rhodesian issues. Unfortunately, this check list is too bulky to be published in the "S.A.P."

The Johannesburg Society.

We are delighted to hear that Mr. J. E. M. Coch has been elected President of the Johannesburg Society for the ensuing year. Mr. Coch requires no introduction to readers of the "Philatelist," since month after month his excellent articles of Rhodesian issues have appeared in this journal. The Society should undoubtedly advance by leaps and bounds, since Mr. Coch is not only one of our foremost authorities on stamps, but is a business man of no mean ability.

Thanks.

Our grateful thanks are tendered to those many readers who, in response to the paragraph in last month's issue, furnished us with the names of stamp collecting friends to whom specimen copies of the "S.A. Philatelist" were forwarded. The result has been good, many new subscribers having been enrolled, while the free copies promised of Mr. Reynold's "Union" handbook have of course been posted.

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Mr. Roberts' "Foreword."

We have received the April issue of this publication, and were greatly surprised at the interesting contents. Although this is a house organ, it contains most interesting information on Great Britain (surface printed), Ceylon (Georges), New Egyptian stamps, Kuwait, and a very interesting and instructive article on South West Africa. Full particulars of Mr. Roberts' New Issue Service, price list, and a copy of the "Foreword," may be had free, on request, direct from Mr. R. Roberts, 430, Strand, London, W.C.2.

East London Society.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. Dalby on being elected President of the East London Society for the ensuing year. The Secretary is one of those unfortunate individuals who usually hears all the grumbles, but rarely a word of praise. Mr. J. B. Levy was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and is one of those hard working individuals that no society can afford to lose.

RHODESIA.

By J. E. M. COGN.

(Continued from page 55.)

CHAPTER XIII.—continued.

"DOUBLE HEAD" ISSUE—11th NOVEMBER, 1910.

(b) Perforation 15.

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| 19.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Blue-green.
(a) Yellow-green.
(b) Olive-green.
(c) Dull green.
20.—1d., Carmine.
(a) Carmine-lake.
21.—2d., Black and Slate-grey.
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(a) Magenta and yellow-ochre.
Intermediary shades are found in all the above values. | 24.—4d., Black and Orange.
25.—5d., Purple-brown and Olive.
(a) Purple-brown and pale olive
(worn plate, thin 5).
26.—6d., Brown and Brownish
Purple.
27.—1s., Black and Blue-green.
28.—2s., Black and Ultramarine.
29.—£1, Carmine Red and Bluish-
black. |
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(c) Perforation 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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| 30.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Blue-green.
(a) Yellow-green.
31.—1d., Bright Carmine.
32.—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Ultramarine. | 33.—8d., Dull Purple and Greyish
Purple.
(a) Dull purple and purple. |
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(d) Perforation 14 x 15.

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| 34.—3d., Purple and Ochre. | 35.—4d., Black and Orange. |
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(e) Perforation 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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| 36.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Yellow-green.
37.—1d., Rose-red. | 38.—4d., Deep Green and Orange.
(a) Green and pale orange. |
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VARIETIES—Single Working Plates.

Interesting varieties occur in the first printings. In the 29th stamp of the sheet (9th stamp in the 3rd row) there are two dots under "d" in the right-hand value tablet. This only occurred in the first printing, and was subsequently rectified. This variety is found in perf. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$, 14 and 15. In the later printings, from worn plates, there are distinct signs of retouching of the value tablets.



“ Double Dot ” Variety. Broken Bar Variety.

The 1d. plate is full of minute flaws, and I think, with a complete sheet as a guide, it is possible to reconstruct a sheet. In the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th stamps in the eighth row (Nos. 81, 82, 83, 84 and 85 of the sheet) the bar is broken immediately below and between “OD” in “RHODESIA.” No. 81 shows the bar slightly broken and the lower serif of “D” is absent, while in the others the break is very clear and the serif of “D” is not missing. This variety is found perf. 13½, 14 and 15. Another variety occurred in No. 87 (7th stamp in the 9th row): there is a blob under the King’s right eye, which gives it the appearance of a squint. This was rectified in subsequent printings, and the retouched stamp can be distinguished by a heavily shaded background to the left of the King’s head. This stamp is found perf. 13½ and 14, and is printed in a fast colour.

The following are a few minor varieties which are constant. The numbers denote the position of the stamp on the sheet.

- No. 28.—Dot to right of King’s head, between frame and head.
- No. 36.—Dot between frame and Queen’s head.
- No. 56.—Line on Queen’s right shoulder, near lower part of frame.
- No. 93.—Heavy dot on inner left frame.
- No. 97.—Dot on Queen’s temple.

In the 2½d. value, there is a heavy dot between frame and the Queen’s head in the second stamp of the top row. This variety is constant.

All the above varieties are found in perf. 13½, 14 and 15.



Showing “ Ear Mark ” in pair with normal.

Double Working Plates.

In the “head-plate” of the first printings, there is a heavy horizontal line across the lower portion of the Queen’s right ear, illustrated above. This occurred in the second stamp of the top row, in all values printed from the double working plates. These are all perforated 14, except the 8d., which is found perforated 13½ and 14.

IMPERFORATE VARIETIES.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Imperforate.

£1 Imperforate.

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HEADPLATE VARIETIES OF THE 3d. BLACK AND ORANGE.

By G. W. REYNOLDS.

I have in my collection a few copies of the 3d. Black and Orange, presenting striking differences in the details of the King's head, for which I am rather at a loss to account. First it was thought that more than one headplate had been used for printing the heads of the various bi-coloured values, which would account for these differences, but it can easily be proved that from the very commencement only one headplate has been in use for all bi-coloured stamps and those printed from separate head and duty plates.

However, before entering into a discussion on the subject of these differences, let me first state what the differences are. Below is a photo of two 3d. Black and Orange stamps, the left stamp being the type usually met with, and which will be referred to as the "normal" stamp, and the right stamp, for the sake of comparison only, is referred to as "Die 2."



The chief difference, in the heads only, which will readily be noticed, are:

NORMAL.

- 1.—The lines of shading extend over the whole forehead, giving it a uniformly shaded appearance.
- 2.—The shading below the eye is fairly even.
- 3.—The moustache and beard are fairly evenly shaded.
- 4.—The shading around the lobe of the ear is fairly even.

DIE 2.

- 1.—The lines of shading cease about 1 mm. from the front of the forehead, thus giving the forehead a decidedly "whitish" appearance.
- 2.—Some lines of shading are absent, leaving a white patch below the eye.
- 3.—Some lines of shading are absent, giving the moustache and beard a "whitish" appearance.
- 4.—The shading is irregular, leaving a pronounced white semi-circle around the lobe of the ear.

Other differences may also be seen, but the chief difference is that the "Die 2" stamp is irregularly shaded, and of a distinctly whiter appearance than the normal. This is certainly not the result of under-inking or faulty printing.

Now, if more than one headplate had been in use for printing the heads of the doubly printed values, one would expect to find this "Die 2" head in other values as well, but after examining many mint shades, and thousands of used specimens of the various values, I cannot trace this "Die 2" head in any other value except the 3d. Black and Orange. The nearest approach to a "Die 2" head to be found is in some specimens of the 1s. 3d., but this is of no assistance, since the 1s. 3d. is printed from a single plate.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 1s. and 1s. 3d. values are printed from single plates, and sheets of these values only bear a single jubilee line, while the bi-coloured values (3d. Black and Orange, 4d., 6d., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., and £1) are printed from separate head- and duty-plates, sheets of these values consequently having two jubilee lines. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Blue and 3d. Blue are also printed from two separate plates, with two jubilee lines. The outer jubilee line, also the control or plate number, is always in the colour of the head. Now, if the outer jubilee line (headplate) is examined, a small break is found below the second stamp of the bottom row, lower left pane, while a "thinning" and somewhat similar break is found above the first stamp of the first row, upper left pane. Apart from Plate No. 1 only having appeared, these breaks are consistently found in the headplate jubilee line of every value printed from two plates. This clearly proves that the same headplate has been used for all the doubly printed values.

Is it possible that a second headplate was prepared, and that only a few sheets of the 3d. Black and Orange were printed from it? If this were the case, then the "Die 2" head would indeed be a rarity. Then again, if a new "Die 2" headplate had been prepared, one would naturally expect to find it used for the 3d. Blue, which was issued in October, 1922, but this is not the case, since the 3d. Blue has the same head and the same jubilee line breaks as the other doubly printed values.

Messrs. J. Preston and A. Johns, both of Kingwilliamstown, C.P., who also possess specimens of this "Die 2" head, both assure me that the stamps were purchased locally in June, 1922, and that every stamp of the sheet was the same. This effectively disposes of the possibility of it having been a variety peculiar to a single stamp only in the sheet.

After having minutely examined the normal and the "Die 2" head, I am convinced that the "Die 2" head has been produced from the same original, and that the absence of shading causing the "whitish" appearance of the forehead, beard, etc., was caused by faulty reproduction in which some of the finer detail was lost.

This "Die 2" head has interested me a great deal, and should any readers possess specimens of other values, apart from the 3d. Black and Orange, or could furnish me with further information, I would indeed welcome hearing from them.

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SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

TYPE 1 OVERPRINT.

Some time ago mention was made in this Journal of Type 1 overprint with shiny black ink, and this led us to investigate. We can now state definitely that Type 1 overprint (Zuid-West with hyphen, spaced 14 mm.) is found in some values lithographed, as well as the usual type-set overprint. Most of the specimens we have seen with the shiny black ink are lithographed, and we have specimens of the $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 4d. and 6d. In addition to these, Mr. R. Roberts, in his April "Foreword," chronicles the 1s., 1s. 3d., and 2s. 6d. with Type 1 overprint lithographed. We have specimens of most of the values with the overprint in a deeper, blacker ink than usual, but these must not be confused with the lithographed overprint, in which a shiny, jet black ink is found.

POSTAGE DUES.

The 2d. Postage Due, Pretoria perforated printing, no watermark, has now been on issue in the Portectorate for a few months, and as we omitted to chronicle this stamp at the time, we now do so.

Sheets are the same as in Union of South Africa, namely: two panes of 60, while the first stamp, third row, has the variety "POSTADE" as well as the missing perforation variety in each stamp of the first vertical row of the right pane.

The overprint is Type 1, and is type-set. Mr. Lichtenstein and others have kindly shown us specimens.

Inverted Overprint.



In our April issue mention was made of the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Postage Due with inverted overprint. We have since been in communication with Messrs. Oswald Marsh, London, who have shewn us actual specimens. One pane (60 stamps) was issued from the Windhoek Post Office. The inverted overprint error is on the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. Postage Due, Pretoria perforated printing, Type 1 overprint, and is here illustrated.

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Mr. L. H. Rivers, of Umtali, has kindly shown us specimens of various newly issued stamps of this territory as follows:—

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AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.

Messrs. Bright & Son inform us that they have noticed a very distinct error in the recently issued 6d. brown kangaroo stamp. This has the left leg to the kangaroo completely broken in half, which it is understood occurred only in the first printing, and has since been corrected. It is the top right-hand stamp in the sheet.

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ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner, held at the Regent Buffet last month, was very well attended, and a complete success.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, Mr. Reid proposed "The Hobby," and apologised for the absence of Mr. Reynolds and others, mentioning the good fellowship resulting through these meetings. He thought that the present apathy among collectors was caused through wireless, but hoped it was only a passing phrase, and suggested the continental system of holding meetings where formal business is omitted. He suggested that the question of Rhodesian remainders be thrown open for discussion after the toasts. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Waring, and suitably replied to by Major Booth, the President of the Pretoria Society. Mr. Klagsbrun, founder of the Johannesburg Society many years ago, proposed "The Philatelic Societies," while Mr. J. E. M. Coch, in proposing "The Philatelic Press," mentioned that we required a powerful press to further the interests of the hobby, and appealed for better support of the "S.A. Philatelist." This journal had now been in existence for sixteen months, and had done a great deal to advance the interests of philately in South Africa. Articles by "Perforation" and "Detector" in the daily press were doing excellent work, and he wished them a long and prosperous future. "Perforation" and "Detector" suitably replied.

The discussion on Rhodesian remainders was then opened by Mr. Coch, who was followed by Major Booth and Messrs. Klagsbrun, Hand, Obermeyer, Vallentine, Reid and Pethick. The general disgust of collectors was expressed in no uncertain manner, and it was suggested that certain catalogues, journals and dealers be boycotted. It was considered that the placing of these ante-dated cancelled-to-order remainders constituted an absolute fraud, apart from involving a deception upon collectors. It was decided to send a letter to the Philatelic Congress at once, and a united protest to all philatelic publications.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting was held in Trust Buildings, Fox Street, on 13th ult, the President, Mr. C. Reid, in the chair. Resignations were received from Messrs. Alec. Kaplan and H. L. Kaplan. The President then read his report for the year, pointing out that there were 78 members on the roll, and that 23 meetings had been held. The balance sheet was adopted.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were:—Pres., Mr. J. E. M. Coch; Vice-Pres., Mr. C. W. Reid; Hon. Sec., Mr. Mark Rose; Hon. Treas., Mr. Houbert; Hon. Librarian, Mr. Robertson; members of Committee, Messrs. Johnstone, Reynolds, Glasser, Hammerschlag, Searle and Donne.

After thanking members for the honour bestowed upon him, the new President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and hoped something would be done by all members to increase the interest of meetings.

The question of Rhodesian remainders was then thrown open for discussion, and it was unanimously decided to send strong protests to the B.S.A. Coy and Stanley Gibbons. The harm had been done, and nothing could now be done to rectify matters, but it would probably prevent a recurrence of this sort of thing in the future. Mr. Reid suggested that the Society should try and get the authorities to deface all the old plates, and the matter was left to the incoming Committee to be dealt with.

PHILATELISTS' EXCHANGE CLUB (S.A. BRANCH).

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

During the period April 15th to May 15th, two packets were put into circulation, to the nett value of £325 0s. 4½d. One packet has been broken up, valued £72 1s. 7½d., with £18 7s. 7d. sales. There are now ten packets in circulation.

(Reports from Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth unavoidably held over.—Ed., "S.A.P.")

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Pres.: Mr. F. E. Dalby. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. B. Levy, 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 fourteenth annual meeting of the Society was held in the Sons of England Hall on Friday, 25th April, Mr. Carnell in the chair.

In moving the adoption of the various reports, the Chairman congratulated the Society on the progress made in the last twelve months, and deeply regretted the departure of Mr. Lloyd, who has taken up his residence in Capetown. The Secretary and Exchange Supt. were heartily thanked for the work done by them on behalf of the Society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mr. F. E. Dalby; Vice-Pres., Mr. C. A. Bell; Exchange Supt., Mr. F. W. Bucholtz (re-elected); Hon. Sec. and Treas., Mr. J. B. Levy (re-elected); Committee, Messrs Carnell, Courlander, and Gilbert.

It was decided to leave the arranging of the syllabus over until the next meeting.

In the course of his report, the Exchange Supt. stated that sales from packets during the year amounted to nearly £50, Rhodesia being the most popular country.

The Junior Section held nine meetings during the year, and is now firmly established.

KENYA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

A meeting of the East African Philatelic Society was held on 25th April, when the rules were passed and officers and a committee elected for the ensuing year.

Arrangements were made to hold one meeting per month for the time being, at the homes of the various members, and to vary the locality as much as possible, so as to give everyone a chance to attend.

For the benefit of country members, arrangements are being made to get an exchange packet going as soon as possible.

East African residents are strongly urged to get into touch with Mr. W. Tunstall, P.O. Box 212, Nairobi, who will be pleased to furnish all particulars.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. L. H. Whitmore. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The tenth regular meeting was held on the 17th April, Mr. Thornton in the chair in the absence of the President. Owing to political fever and the Easter holidays, the attendance was not large.

Mr. Thornton stated that during his recent visit to Johannesburg, he had the pleasure of attending several philatelic meetings, and spoke of the very kind manner in which he was received and entertained.

The Secretary they read a letter from a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, in which members were warned to beware of any 1910 issues imperf., as official information was forthcoming that they were reprints, and particularly mentions the 3s., 10s., and £1.

Mr. Thornton then informed the Society that the Rhodesian Check List had been completed, and the Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Thornton for the very clear and concise manner in which the list had been prepared, and expressed the grateful thanks of the Society.

KAFFRARIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. A. Johns. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. P. Preston, Kingwilliamstown.

The usual monthly meeting took place at the Border Club Room on 7th ultimo. Mr. H. Eave took the chair in the absence of Mr. Johns, who was indisposed.

Business discussed was mostly in connection with exchange of duplicates, and it was resolved that members should bring duplicates and collections along at the next meeting.

A syllabus has been drawn up, and the Society particularly wishes to thank Mr. J. B. Levy, Secretary of the East London Society, for very valuable assistance rendered. Mr. Levy has done a great deal to help the Society along.

The next meeting is due to be held on the second Thursday in June.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Gibbons' Catalogues.

The following paragraph is taken from a recent issue of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' "Monthly Journal":—

"Owing to the fact that it would now be impossible to publish Part I., British Empire Part I., until July, it has been decided to postpone publication till the beginning of next season (September or October). Part II., Foreign Countries, will, it is hoped, be published towards the end of the year."

"Aut Scissors Aut Nullus."

A prominent English stamp journal, under the heading of "News from South Africa," recently published reports from the Johannesburg, Pretoria, East Rand, Cape Town and Rhodesian Philatelic Societies, all of which was "lifted" word for word from the "S.A. Philatelist." It is gratifying to see that our journal is taken so much notice of by other papers, but at the same time it would do no harm to acknowledge the source of the information.

Back Numbers.

With the exception of Vol. 1, No. 1, we still have a small supply of all back numbers of the "S.A. Philatelist." Those readers who have recently subscribed, and others who wish to complete their files of the "S.A. Philatelist," can obtain back numbers at 6d. per copy. Since our stock is rather limited, early application should be made.

Correction.

In our last issue, under the small adverts. column, an unfortunate printer's error occurred. The advertisement offering used stamps by weight should have been Box 166, Pietersburg.

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SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

POSTAGE DUES—VARIETIES.

Although some, if not most, of the varieties mentioned hereunder are well known to collectors of this country, we are pleased to print the following interesting letter from Messrs. Bright & Son:—

“ We have just been examining a supply of the Unpaid Letter Stamps overprinted South West Africa, and find quite a number of varieties.

In case some of these may be new for your journal, we are giving you details of the varieties, both in the overprint and in the plate varieties of the original stamp.

½d., Type 1 Overprint.—No stop after “ Afrika ”, No. 31. Dropped overprint out of alignment, Nos. 29 and 30, 35 and 36, 41 and 42, 47 and 48.

Plate Varieties.—“ Postade ” for “ Postage ”, No. 13. “ N ” of “ Union ” touching frame, No. 47. Broken “ P ” in “ Of ”, No. 38.

1d., Type 1 Overprint.—“ Wes ” variety, No. 56. Dropped overprint out of alignment, Nos. 35 and 36, 41 and 42, 47 and 48, 53 and 54, 59 and 60. Very small round stop after “ Africa ”, Nos. 25, 38 and 60.

Plate Varieties, 1d., Type 3 Overprint.—“ Af ” in “ Africa ” in top label joined. White ball for “ O ” in “ Of ” in top label, No. 34. Stroke through “ N ” of “ Betalen ”, and broken stop after “ D ” of “ 1d. ” No. 29.

1½d., Type 1 Overprint.—“ Wes ” variety, No. 56. Stop between “ South ” and “ West ”, No. 5. Small round stop, Nos. 25 and 38. No stop after “ Afrika ”, No. 31. Raised stop, No. 44, sometimes before as small stop after “ T ” of “ West. ” Dropped overprint out of alignment, Nos. 35 and 36, 41 and 42, 48 and 47, 53 and 54, 59 and 60.

Plate Varieties.—“ U ” of “ Union ” touches frame, No. 58. “ T ” of “ Postage ” touches frame, No. 7. Flaw in Plate No. 21.

2d., Type 1 Overprint.—No stop after “ Afrika ”, No. 31. Two stops, No. 25. Dropped overprint out of alignment, Nos. 29 and 30, 35 and 36, 41 and 42, 47 and 48. Short tail to “ S ” in “ South ”, No. 51.

Plate Varieties.—“ Postade ”, No. 13. “ F ” in “ OF ” cut in two, No. 56. “ Sooth ” for “ South ” in top label, No. 3. Broken “ O ” in “ Of ”, top label, No. 38.

3d., Type 2 Overprint.—No stop after “ Afrika ”, No. 31. Stroke after “ Afrika. ” No. 57.

Plate Variety.—“ D ” higher and closer to figures 3, right-hand vertical row of sheet.

5d., Type 1 Overprint, on Transvaal.—Stroke after “ West ”, No. 31. Broken “ A ” in “ Africa ”, No. 23.

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Brighter Stamp Meetings.

Having attended meetings of most of the Philatelic Societies in South Africa, I have been struck with the enthusiasm displayed at some—and the deplorable lack of it at others. My object in penning these few lines is to offer a few suggestions for making stamp meetings brighter, which will make for larger attendances, and help to popularise our hobby.

First and foremost, get right away from the vestry meeting idea, and cultivate the spirit of a social club. What scares off the average collector most is the terrible atmosphere of solemnity which pervades the proceedings of most societies. After all, the chief object of a meeting is to share the pleasure and interest of a mutual hobby, and not to be court martialled for some slight levity.

Routine business should be reduced to a minimum. Lengthy minutes and ponderous utterances from the chair are really not necessary, and might well be reserved for committee and annual general meetings. The Chairman must maintain discipline, and not allow proceedings to become dreary by allowing members to argue away from the point, which prevents adequate time and appreciation being given to the display, or paper, which forms the real attraction of the evening.

Junior Members.—The younger members must, of course, be taught on the right lines, and every encouragement should be given them. If a separate evening can be devoted to juniors, so much the better; if not, then a separate part of the hall or meeting room should be reserved for them, and a certain amount of time devoted in which questions can be asked or stamps shown. It is discouraging for enthusiastic seniors to have most of the time monopolised by the juniors, and this keeps away many ardent collectors who would otherwise attend.

Competitions.—The more frequently competitions are held, the better. Nothing creates enthusiasm and keenness more than the spirit of trying to beat "the other fellow." Prizes must, of course, be awarded, though gold medals are by no means essential. Philatelists are not "pot hunters," so a certificate issued by the Society would be valued just as much.

Papers and Displays.—These are most important, and should be obtained as often as possible. I am certain that members would be only too pleased to display their collections, and chat about their best items or give papers, if approached to do so. I am sorry to say that in one particular society I visited I noticed some members who were so uninterested during a paper that they were holding a monthers' meeting of their own at the other end of the able! If people of this type cannot listen and sit still, or keep quiet, if only out of courtesy, well, let them go home—the sooner the better. Six keen members around a table make for a far brighter evening than a few dozen apathetic ones.

Dealers.—I know of one particular Society where dealers are excluded from holding office of any kind. Why? Surely a dealer who is constantly handling stamps is a well informed person, and usually has a better general knowledge of the hobby and business management than the average collector.

If a dealer attends meetings, he should do so as a member of the society, and not in his professional capacity, and should consequently be eligible for any official position.

The Syllabus.—I do not think it a wise policy to draw up a syllabus for a whole year ahead, since many unforeseen circumstances may prevent a member from giving a paper or display on due date. If the syllabus is drawn up every three months, or six months at the outside, there is a much better chance of it being adhered to.

Annual Functions.—It is certainly most advisable that an annual function of some kind be held. This could take the shape of a dinner, dance, smoking concert or anything of a social kind for a re-union. Functions of this nature bring members in closer contact and do a tremendous amount of good for infusing fresh enthusiasm.

Don't think the whole onus rests with the overworked Hon. Secretary, who hears all the grumbles, but rarely a word of praise. It is for YOU to do YOUR part. The deplorable apathy of some members is responsible for the dry rot that is slowly destroying some of our societies. If you derive pleasure and enlightenment from your society's meetings, let all your philatelic friends know about it. There are many collectors who, for various reasons, read no stamp journal and belong to no society. Get them interested, and if distance prevents them from attending, enrol them as country members, but rope them in.

Finally, be a "Booster." Boost the hobby, boost your particular Society. **Action counts.**

G. W. REYNOLDS.

OUR RHODESIAN ARTICLE.

The Rhodesian Remainder scandal has just about killed Mr. Coch's enthusiasm for Rhodesia, and we do not blame him.

However, owing to pressure of private affairs, Mr. Coch has been unable to let us have an instalment of his popular Rhodesian this issue, but we hope to continue as usual next month.

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The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Kindly refer to Publishers' Notices elsewhere.

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$\frac{1}{2}$ d., Plate 7.

Plate No. 7 of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Postage was on sale at the G.P.O., Johannesburg, the latter portion of last month.

This plate number was reported by Mr. Rademeyer some months ago, but this is the first time we have known it issued at any Transvaal Post Office.

The shade is a little lighter than usual, while careful examination of a complete sheet fails to reveal any errors or varieties.

Inverted Watermarks.

Mr. J. Chamberlain, F.R.P.S.L., of Vryheid, Natal, has shewn us a specimen of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 14 x imperf., with inverted watermark. The stamp sent for inspection was a used specimen, postmarked "Durban," date not shewn.

We have frequently seen specimens of 14 x imperf. values with inverted watermark, conveniently manufactured with a pair of scissors, but this is the first occasion on which we have seen the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. with inverted watermark genuinely 14 x imperf.



The New Issue.

We are not yet in a position to make a definite statement on this subject. The Postmaster General recently stated that new designs of pictorial description had been approved of, and these were now on order from overseas. We have no idea as to the designs by overseas competitors, but we illustrate here the design submitted by Mr. Johnstone, of Bloemfontein, who was the only competitor in South Africa to secure a prize.

Varieties, Etc.

Mr. A. F. Johnstone informs us that the 2d. Postage is now making its appearance in a deep plum shade, Plate No. 1.

Mr. J. B. Levy, the energetic Secretary of the East London Society, has brought to our notice an interesting plate flaw in the current 1d. Postage. This flaw is to be found in some sheets of the 1d. in the 5th stamp, 7th row, top right pane, Plate No. 7, and consists of a pronounced white patch after the word "POSTZEGEL."

A variety we have not seen before has been shewn us in the 1d. Postage by Mr. H. M. Snoek, of Vereeniging.

In the word "of" of the inscription, evidently owing to over-inking combined with some foreign matter on the plate when printed, the letter "f" has failed to print, thus only the letter "o" appears.

Referring to the missing portion of the Jubilee line between the panes of the 6d. Postage, which was chronicled in the "S.A. Philatelist," Vol. 2, page 6, we have seen the same thing in sheets of the 4d. Postage. The headplate Jubilee line is missing at the left of the first stamp in the sixth row at the upper right pane, and also at the left of the first stamp, seventh row of the lower right pane. This refers to the double Jubilee lines which are found in the narrow margins between horizontal panes.

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SOUTH WEST AFRICA.**New Issue Notes—continued.**

Messrs. R. Roberts and Whitefield, King & Co., Ltd., report the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green and black, and the 1d. red and black, Postage Dues, with type 3 overprint, viz., 14 mm. apart, and "Zuidwest" in one word. They are the Pretoria printing, perforated, no watermark.

A Mystery.

Some time ago, on the authority of an official letter from Pretoria, it was stated in this journal that supplies of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Union of S.A. Postage Due, De la Rue printing, with springbok's head watermark, were exhausted in June, 1922, and that the total quantity received and issued was 1,553 sheets of 60.

In view of the above, we were astonished to notice in the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly," dated 10th May, that Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. report this $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Due overprinted with Type 3 (Zuidwest).

Evidently some mistake in the chronicling has been made, but we have written to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., and on receipt of their reply, will advise readers accordingly.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mr. A. C. Thornton, Bulawayo, has kindly shown us specimens of a lighter shade of the 1d., and also a lighter shade of the 5s. than those of the stamp first issued.

Varieties of perforation have not been long in making their appearance, and our esteemed correspondent, Mr. A. C. Thornton, reports that one sheet of the 1d. has been found in which the top row of the bottom panes is imperf. between stamp and the central margin. This means to say that twelve stamps are so far known imperf. top x perf. 14.

Mr. Thornton also reports that the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., perf. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$, has been discovered imperf. between horizontal pair, but did not mention what quantity was found.

NYASALAND

Mr. Fred Stephens, of Chiromo, has kindly shown us a specimen of the 1s. Black on blue paper, mult. C.A. (S.G. 97), with inverted watermark, and mentions that this is the first Nyasaland stamp he has so far found with inverted watermark.

KENYA AND UGANDA.

Mr. W. Tunstall writes that quite a few of the low values are at present appearing with purple cancellations, and states that these are not fiscals, but come from Uganda Railway Station, where the population is insufficient for a regular post office to be established, so that the station master sells stamps, and collects and delivers letters.

MALTA.

Mr. R. Roberts, 430, Strand, London, reports the 1d. violet, change of colour. Sheets consist of 160 stamps arranged in two panes of 80 as before, Plate No. 1 controls at bottom outside corner of each pane.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

GRAHAMSTOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Rev. E. B. Ford. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Barry May, Box 40, Grahamstown.

The quarterly meeting of the Society was held in the Public Library on the 16th May, the Rev. E. B. Ford being in the chair.

The question of the disposal of the Rhodesian remainders was fully discussed. It was felt that there might be some reply forthcoming to the allegations contained in the article by "Perforation" in the "Rand Daily Mail." On the other hand, it was pointed out that the apology of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons in the "Monthly Journal" of 1st April last, was so disingenuous and unconvincing, that it left the impression that there was more to follow, which it would be unpleasant for holders of Rhodesian stamps to hear. Finally, the following resolution was passed: "If the facts relative to the disposal of the Rhodesian remainders are as stated by 'Perforation,' this Society expresses its disappointment and disapproval of the part played by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons in the transaction."

The proceeding closed with the giving of a description, accompanied by numerous stamps in illustration, of the pictorial and commemorative issues of the United States.

PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. B. N. Barfoot. Hon. Sec.: Mr. W. J. Campbell. Meetings held 15th of each month, (16th or 17th, when Saturdays, Sundays or holidays intervene.)

The annual meeting of the Society was held on 15th May, when Mr. Barfoot was re-elected President, and Mr. Campbell Hon. Secretary. The resignation of Mr. A. W. Glover was received with very much regret. Mr. Glover has been Exchange Supt. for the past seven years, and his loss to the Society will be severely felt.

A communication has been received from "Perforation" on the subject of Rhodesian remainders, which the Committee has been requested to attend to.

A letter was produced by Mr. Glover from Mr. J. W. Dye, late President of the Society, and American Consul in Port Elizabeth. Mr. Dye, who is now Consul at Juarez, Mexico, was a very well respected member of the Society and is a keen collector.

JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. J. E. M. Coch. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Mark Rose, P.O. Box 4967.

Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday in the Board Room, Trust Buildings, Fox Street, at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, 10th June, Mr. C. E. Donne afforded the Society an absolute treat with a paper and exhibition of Seychelles. Mr. Donne's paper, which dealt with the history, change of ownership, Governors, etc., of this country, apart from being most interesting, reflected the writer's complete grip of the subject. The exhibition of stamps of Seychelles which followed was a real eye-opener, and was remarkably complete, in fact, only 23 stamps were missing, and included in these were some of the modern George paper varieties. The collection was remarkably well mounted and written up.

Mr. Glasser shewed the differences between Die I. and Die II., while Mr. Williams, from Salisbury, displayed his Rhodesians. An item of great interest included in this exhibit was the 4d. Cape overprinted "British South Africa," i.e., the rare error, "Company" omitted, of which only six copies are known.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. L. H. Whitmore. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.

Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The usual monthly meeting was held on 15th May at Scott's Buildings, Mr. Whitmore in the chair.

Mr. Young received a hearty vote of thanks for a very interesting paper which dealt with different discoveries made by philatelists, in which many interesting events were recalled by the production of cuttings from old papers.

The Chairman then exhibited the Society's collection of mint copies, which have all been presented to the Society by the B.S.A. Co. There are still a few gaps to be filled, and the Chairman made an appeal to members to do their best to bring the collection up to date.

Members were then notified by the Chairman that the next meeting would be the annual meeting, and hoped that a good attendance would result.

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EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. F. E. Dalby. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. B. Levy, 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 East London Philatelic Society was held on June 20th, there being a fair attendance.

A letter was received from the Johannesburg Philatelic Society, enclosing a letter which they had sent to the various philatelic papers in England and America, protesting against Stanley Gibbons' action regarding Rhodesian remainders. They asked us to do the same. It was decided that the East London Philatelic Society send a letter of protest to the B.S.A. Company, London, and that a copy of the letter be sent to the Johannesburg Society. Mr. Levy gave a display and read a paper on the stamps of the Union of S.A., which was much enjoyed by all present.

A small auction was then held, after which the meeting closed

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.

Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant.

A very interesting meeting of the Society was held on Monday, 16th June, when Mr. Klagsbrun gave an excellent paper on "Specimen Stamps," and displayed part of his wonderful collection of specimen stamps. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and, needless to say, Mr. Klagsbrun was the recipient of a very hearty vote of thanks. The matter of the postmarking of the Rhodesian remainders was very keenly discussed. Subscriptions are coming in well, and the Society is still going strong.

EAST AFRICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Rev. J. W. Hunt. Hon. Sec.: F. V. Preston, Box 6, Nairobi.

In addition to the officers quoted above, Mr. W. Tunstall is Hon Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the Exchange Branch, while the Committee consists of Messrs. R. W. A. Miller, E. Shirley, and P. A. McElwain.

Thirty prospective members are in view, and the Society is endeavouring to obtain a room somewhere in the town where meetings can be held regularly.

The subscription is 5s. per year, and 2s. 6d. entrance fee.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL.

Pres.: Mr. W. P. Williams. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. F. Skinner, Box 588, Durban.

Meetings held at Y.M.C.A., Esplanade, first Wednesday each month, at 8 p.m.

Their onthly meeting held on the 7th May was presided over by Mr. W. P. Williams, and proved of more than ordinary interest, on account of the display by Mr. Chamberlain of his collection of Natal stamps.

Mr. Chamberlain's collection was written up in very close detail, and contains numerous varieties, dating from the first provisional issue in 1857 of embossed stamps, and was written up in a remarkable manner, representing something like two years' work, shewing the history of each stamp and surcharge. Needless to say, the meeti g passed a hearty vote of thanks.

At this meeting a communication was received from "Perforation" regarding the purchase by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of the remainders of Rhodesian stamps, particularly in regard to the action of the B.S.A. Co. in cancelling these stamps by the method adopted of cancelling them with ante-dated postmarks. As it was felt that it is now too late to do anything, the meeting resolved that no action be taken.

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In June, 1923, there were 13 seeing members in South Africa only, whereas this number is now 54, with a possible of 70.

To those collectors who are interested in exchanging stamps direct with other reliable collectors in all parts of the world, the Club will be found the best medium. Full particulars will gladly be furnished by Mr. L. Gillen, Box 293, Pretoria.

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Ditto, laid paper, 1d. red, double print ...	12	10	0
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CORRESPONDENCE.
To the Editor, the "S.A. Philatelist."

RHODESIAN REMAINDERS.

Dear Sir,—I have been instructed by my Committee to write to you with regard to the disposal of Rhodesian remainders to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., by the British South Africa Company, and shall be glad if you will publish this letter in your widely read paper.

Collectors in South Africa protest in the strongest possible terms against the method adopted in cancelling these remainders with the original post cancelling stamps. Practically all the old post-cancelling stamps in Rhodesia have been collected and ante-dated to coincide with the period of issue, thus perpetrating a fraud on collectors, as genuinely used specimens cannot be detected from those cancelled in London.

Surely, if Messrs. Gibbons had the interests of collectors at heart, and seeing that the stamps had to be sold, a distinguished cancellation could have been used for the purpose, as was done in the cases of Labuan, North Borneo, and St. Helena.

Then again, there are many varieties of perforation, some of which are not even mentioned in Gibbons' statement, now being offered to collectors at fabulous prices. We fail to see how these can ever rank as postage stamps, as none were ever sold in any Post Office in Rhodesia. Surely such scraps of paper as the so-called £1 error of colour could have been relegated to the dust bin, which is a fitting receptacle for them.

The whole transaction, to our mind, is the biggest blot in the history of stamp collecting, and has done the hobby irreparable harm. The question now arises: What is going to be the ultimate fate of all the old plates used in the printing of the stamps of this new "Seebeckized" country? Are they also going to be offered to the highest bidder? It is to be hoped that some steps will be taken by philatelists throughout the British Empire to prevent such a sale. If not, we may expect a re-printing of all issues. We understand that the Rhodesian Philatelic Society attempted some years ago to secure the plates for the Bulawayo Museum, but without success.

Could not steps be taken to persuade the B.S.A. Company to hand over these plates, duly defaced, to the Rhodesian Society or the Rhodesia Museum in Bulawayo?

I trust that in the interests of the hobby you will give this letter the same publicity as was given Stanley Gibbons' statement.

Yours faithfully,
MARK ROSE.

Hon. Secretary, Johannesburg U. P. Society.

(We entirely endorse our correspondent's views, but, unfortunately, anything that may be said or done now cannot undo the harm which has already been done. Since the stamps were on the market to the highest bidder, and bearing in mind that they could have been purchased in mint condition or cancelled, we think Messrs. Gibbons chose the lesser of the two evils by having the stamps cancelled, which at any rate preserves existing mint copies. We do, however, think that the action of the B.S.A. Co. in using old cancelling stamps of different towns, and ante-dated to coincide with the period of issue, involves a deliberate deception upon collectors.)

Answers to Correspondents.

V.W., Johannesburg.—The name "Seebeck" applies to the stamps of certain South American Republics, viz., Ecuador, 1893-96; Honduras, 1890-95; Nicaragua, 1890-99; Salvador, 1890-99. Mr. Seebeck was a printer who contracted to supply these Republics during the years mentioned with a fresh issue of stamps yearly, free of all charge, on the condition that at the end of each year they should be obsolete, and that he should have the right to take over all unsold stock as his own property, to be disposed of as he thought fit. Seebeck then sold the stamps to dealers and collectors at a price under face value.

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Those S.W.A. Overprints.

Our feelings were somewhat mixed when we heard that still another overprint has made its appearance. Although this new type, which is bolder and clearer than formerly, has only so far made its appearance in the 2s. 6d., it is not unreasonable to expect all the values with this new type in due course. This, then, means to say that collectors will have no less than four different types of overprint to collect, which is totally unnecessary for a territory which has only been issuing stamps for such a short period.

To review events up to date, the original Type 1 (Zuid-West) appeared type-set with innumerable broken letters and errors, while a few values appeared with a lithographed overprint. Then followed Type 2 narrow overprint, which was type-set, after which Type 3 (“Zuidwest” in one word), the Postage series being lithographed, and the Dues type-set. Now we hear of a fourth type of overprint. Originally the change to Zuidwest in one word was made at the instance of a circular from the Prime Minister’s office, and we can only attribute the other changes to the fact that the Pretoria Printing Works have evidently endeavoured to improve upon the overprint. All these changes, however, necessitate an unnecessary outlay of money by philatelists, and it is a great shame that one permanent type of overprint cannot be decided upon and adhered to. Or, is it possible that the authorities have an eye to the revenue accruing from sales to philatelists? We hope not, but it would certainly appear that element has not been overlooked.

Rhodesian Forgery.

In the Society News column of this issue, in the report received from the Rhodesian Philatelic Society, it is stated that a letter had been received from a member in England sending information of the greatest interest to Rhodesian specialists. The most interesting is that the Livingstone Provisional half-penny on 1d. is being offered in England with forged inverted surcharge. If any reader of the “S.A. Philatelist” is in a position to show us a specimen of this forgery we would be glad to have it, so that it can be illustrated, and full details given for the benefit of stamp collectors.

Rhodesian Errors.

In our April issue, readers were warned to beware of any freak colours which were then making their appearance.

We have been asked to state that this paragraph was not intended to refer to the 1910, £1, error of colour.

The 1d. Postage Due of the Union of South Africa

ROULETTED ISSUE—THE THREE PRINTINGS.

By J. B. LEVY.

The first issue of the 1d. Postage Due, Pretoria printing, rouletted, took place on October 3rd, 1922, and up to now I have seen three distinct printings of this value.

The stamps are printed at the Government Printing Works, Pretoria, in sheets of 60 (10 horizontal rows of six), on white wove paper, having no watermark, and are rouletted between 7 and 8. The colour of the stamp is dull rose, the value being inserted in black.

The following are the chief differences in the various printings:—

FIRST PRINTING.

- 1.—In the 6th stamp, 3rd row, there is a white patch in the bottom right-hand corner, directly above the last "A" of "AFRIKA."
- 2.—In the 2nd stamp, 4th row, there is a full stop after "UNIE."
- 3.—In the 5th stamp, 4th row, there is a break in the leaves above the "d" of "1d."
- 4.—In the 1st stamp, 7th row, the leaves below "UNION OF" are practically unshaded.
- 5.—In the 5th stamp, 8th row, there is a full stop after "DUE."

SECOND PRINTING.

- 1.—In the 3rd stamp, 3rd row, there is a white flaw in the leaves directly above the "R" in "AFRIKA."
- 2.—In the 3rd stamp, 4th row, there is a flaw in the outer frame below the last "A" in "AFRIKA."
- 3.—In the 5th stamp, 5th row, there is a break in the outer frame below "I" of "ZUID."
- 4.—In the 3rd stamp, 6th row, there is a flaw between the leaves and the bottom left-hand ornament, directly above "UNIE."
- 5.—In the 1st stamp, 7th row, the top limb of the "U" in "DUE" is bisected.
- 6.—In the 1st stamp, 8th row, the leaves at the bottom, above "AFRIKA," are practically unshaded.
- 7.—In the 3rd stamp, 8th row, the bottom outer frame below "AFRIKA" is broken in three places.

THIRD PRINTING.

- 1.—In the middle of the right margin there is a small red circle, which does not appear in the first or second printings.
- 2.—In the 4th stamp, 2nd row, there is a full stop between "TE" and "BETALEN."
- 3.—In the 1st stamp, 3rd row, the top outer frame is broken above "U" of "SOUTH."
- 4.—In the 1st stamp, 4th row, there is a flaw in the leaves above "I" of "UNIE."
- 5.—In the 5th stamp, 10th row, the "AF" of "AFRICA" appear to be joined together.
- 6.—In the 6th stamp, 10th row, the top part of the figure "1" is thicker than usual.

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RHODESIA.

By J. E. M. COCH.

(Continued from Vol. 2, page 68).

CHAPTER XIV.—REMAINDERS.

Having completed my notes on all the issues of Rhodesia up to the 1910 (Double Heads) issue, I think this an opportune moment to pass a few remarks concerning the sale of remainders of this country.

As early as July, 1923, certain dealers in England were approached by agents of the British South Africa Coy., with a view to disposing of the remaining stocks of stamps held by the Company. From various reports which have reached me, and I have no doubt as to their authenticity, it would appear that a certain number of all the provisionals were included in the stock offered for sale. The whole stock, we are informed, comprised some millions of stamps of all issues from 1891 to 1910, and had been on offer to the stamp trade for some time before the final deal was effected with Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. The first details of the transaction were disclosed in an editorial in the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" of the 29th March, 1924. This was followed by an explanatory statement by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., in their April "Monthly Journal," and published in all the leading philatelic journals in Great Britain.

According to Gibbons' statement, the following complete sets were found in the entire stock:—

1891 issue	...	...	...	...	269 sets.
1895 issue	...	...	...	...	1,080 sets.
1897 issue	...	...	...	...	408 sets.
1898 issue	...	...	...	...	406 sets.
Victoria Falls	...	...	...	...	116 sets.
"Rhodesia" overprint	...	...	...	...	271 sets.
1910 issue	...	...	...	...	174 sets.

It was stated that the total stock was 2,700,000 stamps (mostly low values), and that no remainders of the 1913-22 (King's portrait) type were either offered or available for sale. It was also stated that the only varieties found were:—

1896 issue.—3d. One sheet was found with the bottom row only, imperf. between.

1897 issue.—8d. A sheet of this value was found, after cancellation, with the top part perf.

1898 issue.—2s. 6d. Two portions of different sheets were found imperf. between, to the number of 80 pairs.

1905 issue.—1s. A sheet was found imperf. between.

1909 issue.—£1. A sheet was found the bottom row of which was without the overprint "RHODESIA."

I quote the following extract from Messrs. Gibbons' statement:—

"With the exception of the variety of the 8d., 1897 issue, the few varieties enumerated above were found by the British South African Co. and were put aside by them, and we were able to acquire these stamps at face value, in unsold condition.

With regard to the 1d. value of the 1910 issue (wrong colour), the facts are as follows:—

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“ Rhodesia ”—contd.

In October, 1910, 500 stamps out of 550 printed of this value were despatched to Southern Rhodesia in the first consignment of the then new issue (1910), and were returned to London in the following December owing to a similarity in colour to the 10d. denomination.

The above-mentioned quantity was returned to stock, and the total of 550 stamps was included in the figures given to us in connection with the sale of the remainder. Since postal cancellation in this case would have caused great confusion, we agreed to the destruction of 450 of these stamps on condition that we were allowed to retain 100 in unused condition.”

In addition to the above varieties, I have seen the following—all post-marked and fully gummed, which must have been found among the remaining stocks:—

- 1898-1908.—3d. Imperforate right side between stamp and margin.
- 4d. Imperforate right side between stamp and margin.
- 4d. Imperforate top between stamp and margin.
- 2s. 6d. Imperforate top between stamp and margin.

It would be interesting to know what other varieties were found amongst this lot, also the exact number of provisionals.

The B.S.A. Company had decided to sell these stamps for the best price obtainable, and it was inevitable that they would have come on to the market eventually. The only redeeming feature in the transaction is that the whole lot was not sold in mint condition at under face value. I understand, however, that a small parcel was disposed of at less than face value.

Several South African Philatelic Societies appealed to the B.S.A. Co. not to dispose of any remaining stocks, at the same time pointing out that thousands of collectors had purchased unused stamps from the Company for which no service has been rendered, and that if the stamps were sold at under face value, an injustice would be done. Their appeals were, however, ignored by the Company.

It hardly seems conceivable that a Company like the B.S.A. Co., with such large interests, could stoop to such practices in order to obtain a few paltry pounds.

The most unsatisfactory part of the whole business, and one which I consider to be the greatest blot in the history of stamp collecting, is the method adopted in obliterating these stamps with the original old post-cancelling stamps. All the old post-cancelling stamps used in Rhodesia were obtained for this purpose, and ante-dated to coincide with the date of issue—for instance, we find the first Waterlow printing (1898) postmarked “ Gwelo —Matabeleland—15th May, 1898,” etc., etc.

They were not satisfied with using the same date for a particular issue—the dates were repeatedly changed, and even the time. One will find the Buawayo postmark with 11 a.m., 5 p.m., etc. It is practically impossible to distinguish these postmarked remainders from genuinely postally used copies—thus perpetrating a deliberate deception upon collectors of used stamps. Who advised the Company in this matter? Surely there were other obliterating stamps available for the purpose. A distinguishing cancellation could easily have been used, as was done in the cases of Babuan, North Borneo and St. Helena. In Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, the following note appears under British North Borneo:—“ Many stamps of North Borneo were cancelled to order in London with an oval obliteration of thick bars. For those who wish to fill up their collection with this ‘ Rubbish,’ we have a certain number in stock, at from 1d. to 6d. each. The prices quoted in the ‘ used ’ column are for stamps used in Borneo, postmarked with a circle containing name of town and date.”

It will be interesting to see if a similar note will appear under Rhodesia in their next catalogue!!

I fail to see how anyone can justify the application of a postmark dated 1898 on stamps sold in 1923 or 1924; it is a deliberate abuse of the official evidence of the postmark.

Another point, and one of no little significance, is the manner in which the various “ varieties ” were sorted out and laid on one side. If it was

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decided to cancel the whole stock, why were the "varieties" not treated in a like manner, or, better still, destroyed?

We are told by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons that these varieties were purchased by them at face value. A few weeks after the deal, these "varieties" were offered to collectors at fabulous prices—not by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., since this firm re-sold the entire parcel.

The most glaring "variety" to my mind is the so-called £1 (1910 issue) error of colour. This is a stamp (if one may call it such) which was never issued, and can hardly rank as a postage stamp. There were 550 of these labels in stock, and it was decided to destroy 450—leaving a balance of 100—why was a portion only destroyed and not the lot? The reply is obvious—we now have another "great variety" of this country, and collectors will have to pay an exorbitant price, if they desire to see such "rubbish" displayed in their collections.

A lot more could be said, but I have been so thoroughly disappointed and disgusted with the whole affair that I hardly feel like discussing it at all—hence my remarks are by no means as complete and as denouncing as they might be.

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Kindly refer to Publishers' Notices elsewhere.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Interesting Error in 2d. Due.

Mr. E. Nicholls, of Maritzburg, has brought to our notice a most interesting error in the 2d. Postage Due. A local collector possesses a block of six of these stamps, in which the top three stamps have no figure of value, the "2d." appearing on the back of the stamp, gummed side.

It is quite obvious how this error arose. Since this stamp is printed from separate frame and duty plates, a portion of the sheet must have been folded over when the figures of value were printed, thus when the sheet is unfolded the space for the figure of value appears blank, with the figure of value consequently appearing on the gummed side.

The position in the sheet of the stamps without figure of value is the last three stamps of the top row.

1½d. Due—Freak.

Mr. Louis Gillen has shewn us a peculiar freak of printing in the 1½d. Postage Due rouletted printing. Our correspondent has shewn us a block of eight, in which the figure of value is misplaced downwards over a quarter of an inch. The peculiar thing is that the rouletting is in register with the figure of value, hence when the stamps are severed, the figure of value appears in the centre of the stamp together with a portion of the frame of two stamps.



A similar freak, but in the 1d. Due, is here illustrated.

Inverted Watermarks.

Mr. A. F. Johnstone informs us that in a reel of the 1d., 14 x imperf., recently purchased at the G.P.O., ten stamps in the reel were found with inverted watermark.

Minor Variety.

A minor variety of the current 1d. has been discovered in Plate No. 7 by Mr. Arthur Boddy, of Cape Town, who shews us a specimen in which there is a distinct white full stop between the words "UNION" and "POSTAGE." We understand that this variety occurs once per sheet of 240 stamps, but whether constant or not, we cannot say.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

Still Another Overprint!

We have been informed that still another type of overprint has been employed for the stamps of this country, and that so far this new type has been found in the 2s. 6d. value only. In this new Type IV. overprint, the letters are a little larger and bolder and better spaced, and cleaner cut than formerly. We hope to illustrate this new type in our next issue, and give fuller particulars.

Mr. C. Neuberg, Windhoek, shews us specimens of the current 1d., Type III. ("Zuidwest" in one word) with different types of overprint. In the one specimen the letters are much thinner and stops smaller, while in the other the letters are a little bolder.

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NEW ISSUES (S. W. Africa)—contd.**More Varieties of Type 1.**

Our esteemed correspondent, Major L. J. Worthington, Leek, Staffordshire, has kindly shown us specimens of some interesting varieties which have hitherto not been chronicled in this country. Major Worthington shews us two strips of six of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Postage, last row, bottom left pane, of Plate No. 5. Overprint Type 1. In one strip the second stamp shews a variety with space between "r" and "i" of "Africa," thus this word appears "Afr ica." Evidently this was noticed and the type closed up in later printings, but the full stop was left where it was, hence in the second strip shewn us, the stop is spaced away from the last letter "a," while the first letter of "Africa" appears almost immediately below the letter "S" of "South" above.

In our New Issue Notes for S.W.A., which appeared in last month's issue, concerning the chronicling by an overseas paper of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Union of S.A. Postage Due, De la Rue printing, with springbok's head watermark, supposed to have been overprinted with Type 3, we have been in communication with Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co., who state that this stamp was chronicled in error, and that their remarks were intended to apply to the Pretoria printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d., perforated. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. De la Rue was exhausted in June, 1922, and this stamp has consequently never been issued with any type of overprint for S.W.A.

All stamps of the postage series which we have so far seen with Type 3 ("Zuidwest" in one word), have the overprint lithographed. In the Postage Dues, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Pretoria printing perforated, and the 1d. Pretoria printing rouletted, have also appeared with Type 3 overprint, but type-set and not lithographed as might be expected.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Another imperf. variety has come to light, and Mr. A. C. Thornton reports that the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. has been found imperf. bottom, being the bottom row of the top pane of the sheet.

A printing flaw in the current 8d. has been brought to our notice by Mr. A. Gillespie-Younge. Our correspondent mentions he has obtained a specimen in which the right half of the King's cap has failed to print—a white unprinted patch appearing.

Mr. C. Rogers, Bulawayo, reports that the following imperf. varieties have so far been found in the current issues:—1d. imperf. top, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. imperf. between, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. imperf. bottom.

It is understood that only a small number of each of these varieties has so far been found.

TANGANYIKA TERRITORY.

Mr. A. Lichtenstein, Rouxville, O.F.S., writes:—"In a recent supply of current issues from the G.P.O., Dar-es-Salaam, I found all the cents' values and the 1s. and 5s. stamps with the ordinary multiple script watermark upright. The remaining values, however, namely, 2s. 3s., 10s., and £1, had the watermark sideways. Can perhaps any of your readers furnish information about these watermark varieties?"

KENYA AND UGANDA.

Our East African correspondent, Mr. W. Tunstall, writes:—"I have lately seen the 20c. in a very distinct brownish shade, also on examining a large block of the 12c., I was surprised to find that one of the marginal lines was missing. This is the only value I know of without double jubilee lines around each pane."

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. C. Thornton. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Society took place at 8 p.m. on 15th July, at Scott's Buildings, Mr. Whitmore presiding over a good attendance. It was proposed that a Shield be presented to the Girl Guides' Association as a mark of appreciation for the loan of their rooms in which to hold meetings. Enquiries have been made, and illustrations submitted to the Officers of the Girl Guides' Association, and they had chosen one which had been ordered from England.

The Secretary then read a letter from a member in England, which contained information of great interest to Rhodesian specialists, as follows:—1913 issue is being re-touched, and specially mentions the 5d., 3s., and 7s. 6d., all perf. 15; also that the inverted surcharge Half-penny on the 1d. is being forged in England, and in a subsequent letter stated that he had offered to him a 4d. 1910 sepia and orange, perf. 14 x 15, and on making close examination of the stamp, found that the old perforation had been carefully cut away, and the perf. 15 substituted. This fraud was only discovered after careful examination and measurement, and it was found to be an eighth of an inch short.

The balance sheet was presented, and disclosed a good financial position. The Chairman read his report on the work accomplished during the year. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Chairman, A. C. Thornton; Vice-Chairman, L. H. Whitmore; Secretary, C. Rogers; Sales Supt. and Treasurer, A. G. Young; Committee, Miss A. Bateman, and Messrs. Fox and Scott-Russell. Mr. Whitmore congratulated Mr. Thornton on being appointed Chairman, and also the Society on obtaining such a live member of the Society to take that important position. Mr. Thornton's work in the past to bring the Society to the front rank is well known. A letter was read from the Johannesburg Society requesting co-operation in registering strong protests against the action of the B.S.A. Co. and their sale of remainders, also to try and make some arrangement by which the old plates might be taken over by the present Government and presented to the Museum, thus rendering impossible the re-printing of the old issues.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Whitmore for the excellent work he had done, and the way he had helped the Society along from the start.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant

Owing to a very cold winter's evening, there was only a poor attendance at the meeting held on 7th ult. Country members, by paying postage both way, can now reap the benefit of the Society's Library. Mr. Chas. Hand contributed an excellent paper on "Unpopular Countries"—India, overprinted for various Native States, etc.—and pointed out why they should be collected. Prices were low, only small numbers printed, and absence of forgeries were some reasons advanced, with which members were in agreement. The paper was illustrated with a collection of these stamps. Mr. Hand also interested listeners with a paper on the recently discovered 2 Dies of the Cape Triangulars. It seems strange that this should only be found out sixty years afterwards. Mr. Obermeyer exhibited his Cape of Good Hopes, while the meeting terminated with the usual auction.

EAST AFRICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Rev. J. W. Hunt. Hon. Sec.: F. V. Preston, Box 6, Nairobi.

At the meeting held at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday, 27th June, two new members were elected, making a total of twenty-seven on the roll up to the present. The Secretary stated that arrangements had been made to hold meetings at the Y.M.C.A. in future, and it was hoped that this would lead to better attendance. Nairobi is so scattered that it is difficult to get members together.

Mr. McElwaine read a paper on the significance of the designs of British Colonial stamps, dealing with the different historical events recorded by many issues for the West Indies, the changes in the form of government and amalgamation of Colonies shown by those of Canada, Australia, South Africa, etc., also the commerce, industry, geographical features, etc., indicated by the stamps of many Colonies. Mr. McElwaine was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for a most interesting paper.

KAFFRARIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. A. Johns. Hon. Sec.: Mr. J. P. Preston, Kingwilliamstown.

The monthly meeting was held in the Border Club Room at 7.30 p.m. on 10th July, Mr. A. Johns in the chair. A very interesting evening was spent, since Mr. Johns exhibited his very fine collection of S.W. Africa, which included the rare 2d. and 1s. 3d. in pairs with inverted overprint, and many other interesting items. After a few further remarks on the exchange basis, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Johns, and the "S.A. Philatelist" was recognised as the official organ of the Society.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

Perhaps on this occasion I will be permitted to deviate from the usual Editorial "we," since since my message this time is a personal one.

After twenty years in Johannesburg, I am taking over the management of the Durban branch of Messrs. H. T. Reynolds & Co., which necessitates, of course, my permanent residence in Durban in future.

It is, unfortunately, impracticable for the Editor to be in Durban and the publisher in Johannesburg, hence I have been reluctantly compelled to relinquish the Editorship of the "South African Philatelist."

This journal has now reached its twentieth issue, and watching each new issue and helping the cause of philately, has been no small pleasure to me, and it is no small sense of regret I feel at now having to sever my connection with the journal I have helped to build up.

However, this cannot be avoided, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my very sincere thanks to all readers, advertisers and other supporters who have contributed towards the success of this journal.

Needless to say, I will at all times welcome a line from collectors in a purely private capacity, and such letters should be addressed to Box 457, Durban.

Mr. H. Blom will now assume the management of the "S.A. Philatelist," and advertisers, readers, Society Secretaries, and other supporters are asked to address all communications to him, Box 5826, Johannesburg, in future.

In conclusion, I would again like to sincerely thank all those who have helped to make this journal the success it is, and to express the fervent hope that under Mr. Blom's able guidance, our little journal will continue to flourish.

"Who's Who in Philately."

We have been informed by the Publishers that the 1925 new edition of this important annual directory of the stamp world will make its appearance on 1st October.

RHODESIAN IMPERFORATES.

In a recent letter to the Editor, our good friend, Miss Florence Williams, writes:—"It has occurred to me that your readers may be interested to have a complete list of imperforate varieties in my collection to date. The following is a detailed list:—

- 1898 Issue.—1d., imperf. right side. Current issue:
- ½d.—Imperf. on right side, two shades, toned paper.
 - " at top, toned paper.
 - " at bottom, toned paper.
 - " at bottom, white paper.
 - " at top, white paper.
 - " on right side, white paper.
 - " between vertical pair, white paper.
 - 1d.—Imperf. right side, carmine, toned paper.
 - " felt side, carmine, toned paper.
 - " at top, rose red, toned paper.
 - " at bottom, rose red, toned paper.
 - 1½.—Imperf., at top, toned paper.
 - " at bottom, toned paper.
 - " left side, toned paper.
 - " between horizontal pair, toned paper.
 - " between vertical pair, white paper.
 - 2d.—Horizontal strip of 3, with all stamps imperf. between.
 - 6d.—Horizontal pair, partially imperf. at top.
 - 1s.—Impert. left side, toned paper.
 - 1s.—Vertical pair, imperf. between, white paper.
 - 2d.—Vertical pair, twice perforated.

Our correspondent continues:—"The best item in my opinion is the 2d. strip of three stamps with no perf. between. As far as I know, only one sheet was found, and the error occurred in all six rows, and the three stamps of each now left side of the sheet."

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

Mr. Mallet-Veale, Prieska, writes:—"Re South-West Africans, I have recently come into the possession of a complete right and left hand pane of the 5d. Postage Due, Type I. overprint, and notice a couple of unchronicled varieties. Left-hand pane: Nr. 15, inverted "p" for "d" of 5d.;

34, "Scouth" for "South"; Nr. 41, Transvaal barred out; Nrs. 48 and 56, "t" of "West" missing; Nr. 56, "Arrica" instead of "Africa."

I should very much like to know if Nr. 41, i.e. the word "Transvaal" barred out, is constant, as it must be a bit of a rarity.

There are several minor varieties. such as broken letters, not worth mentioning.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

By G. W. REYNOLDS.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining from overseas a copy of Tender No. A 2771, regarding the supply and delivery of postage and revenue stamps, and stamped stationery. This tender gives full details of instructions to tenderers, designs, arrangement of sheets, etc., of the proposed new issue of pictorial stamps for the Union. It will be remembered that the Union Government recently held a competition for designs for the new series of stamps for the Union, and that one prize was awarded locally, while the remaining prizes were awarded to prominent firms of printers overseas. When the new stamps are prepared, sheets will comprise the same number of stamps as at present, but will be printed alternately in English and Dutch, similar to the overprinting of S.W.A. stamps. This means, of course, that one stamp will be entirely in English, while the next will be entirely in Dutch. The contract specifies that only the best materials shall be used in the production of stamps, while the gum must be of the best and most suitable quality, and free from poisonous and deleterious matter. The stamp impressions must be of the very best finish and quality throughout, while ink used by be single fugitive, not soluble in water, and to be secure against any attempt to remove a post mark impression made with Post Office cancelling ink. The paper used must be to sample, which is the present kind with one springbok's head per stamp. The following paragraph contained in the contract is of particular interest:—

"After the paper entered on Schedule "C" (the paper now in use) has been consumed, the watermark on the new edition of stamps will be different to that shown on the standard sample. It will consist of a springbok's head repeated all over the paper, so that one size of paper can be used for all sizes of stamps.

It would therefore appear that after a certain quantity of the new design has been printed, we can expect a change in watermark, from a single springbok's head per stamp, to what we may call a multiple springbok's head watermark.

The contract also gives the following estimate of annual requirements:—

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It will be noticed that the 1½d. and 2½d. denominations are not included. Regarding the 1½d., it is surprising to see this value omitted, since foreign postage is 3d. for the first ounce, and 1½d. for each additional ounce; presumably if the weight exceeds one ounce a 1d. and ½d. stamp will be used to make up the amount. The 2½d. stamp is, of course, no longer required, owing to the foreign rate having been altered to 3d.

The following is the estimated annual requirements for Postage Dues:—

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NOTES ON NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

The Editor particularly wishes to obtain the earliest information of New Issues, etc. Kindly refer to Publishers' Notices elsewhere.

GREAT BRITAIN—WEMBLEY STAMPS.

It has been reported in overseas newspapers that since the Wembley stamps have been issued, the sales have amounted to 400,000 stamps per week, or well over five millions to date. An average of 30,000 letters and cards is sent from the Exhibition daily. It is estimated that the postal business is the equivalent of that of a self-contained city of 60,000 inhabitants, and it takes up the whole time of the postmaster and forty assistants.

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SPECIALISING AND ITS DANGERS.

In attempting to write a paper on this subject, I must own up at once to being a general collector, and have been so from the commencement of taking interest in postage stamps, now some 50 years ago.

You will, therefore, gather that I am not in favour of specialising, and much less to-day, in view of the extraordinary extent to which it is being carried.

A general collector, however, does specialise to a certain extent, such as watermarks and colours, and possibly in perforations, but he does so only when such changes in colours or watermarks are quite distinct from any previous issue.

What possible interest can there be in collecting an additional issue in which the only difference from the previous one is in the perforations? There is no enhanced value attached to such an issue on account of its differing number of holes around it, for as you all know the perforation is there to facilitate the separation of one stamp from another. Furthermore, any such different perforation is more likely due to the change of the printer, as he may not have a machine with the same number of punches per inch.

Although it is to be admitted that a specialised collection of any particular country is useful for the general collector's reference, it appears to me that the ultra-specialist, as he exists to-day, has gone mad.

Instead of collecting specimens of each fresh issue, what do we find in his album.

We see the same stamp, or stamps, repeated throughout his book in all kinds of condition and form, and I enumerate some of his particular whims, as for instance:—

In mint and used condition;

In pairs and blocks of 4, or any other number he fancies, even to half-sheets in mint condition;

In strips, either vertical or horizontal;

Also with one or more sides, or the top or bottom unperforated.

There is also another vagary in which he indulges, and here he is in his true element, and that is in the collection of "ERRORS," writ large, consisting of "double printings," or double overprints and surcharges, variations in the paper used by different printers, and also in the colour of the adhesive, also stamps printed on a corner of a sheet that has accidentally been turned up in feeding the sheet into the press, and the stamp appears on the back of the turned-up corner instead of on the "front" side. He also collects inverted and reversed watermarks (the former being due to the wrong end of the sheet being fed into the printing machine, and the latter being due to the sheet being fed in the wrong side uppermost).

He also has a penchant for "ear marks," and any other accidental defects printed from the plates; also he collects omissions of punctuation and also when the letters of an overprint or surcharge are not equally spaced or not in a straight line.

Differences in shades of colour are also a tempting subject, and the specialist even goes so far as to specialise on one stamp only. For instance, some of us are acquainted with a gentleman whom we will call the Super-Ultra-Specialist, who took our 1d. "Admiral" stamp, and submitted many thousands of copies to a water colour artist with the request that he pick out any varieties in colour that he could find. According to his instructions he was able to select several hundreds of varieties, which were duly mounted close together in a special book of no inconsiderable size and bulk.

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in the 100 Reis, Head of Liberty type, Brazil stamp, but this is again excelled by another Super-Ultra-Specialist, who devoted his life to collecting 40,000 varieties of Montenegro stamps.

What possible use or benefit can this be to philately?

Reverting to the matter of collecting "Errors," and the varieties I have enumerated, I think you will all admit that they are due solely to the printers' carelessness, and the gross want of supervision by the postal authorities, for these "errors" are, after all, nothing more or less than "defective" stamps which should never have been issued to the public; but the specialist is always on the look-out for such "freaks" to add to his collection, with, I presume, the sole object of keeping up his interest in that particular country he has adopted as his fetish.

With regard to that part of the title of this paper, viz., "The Danger of Specialising," I consider the specialist is more likely to do harm to philately generally on account of his concentration on one country only, and I can only recommend him to mend his ways.

He can direct his efforts towards any particular quarter of the globe, and he will find he has quite enough to do in collecting without including "freaks" and other monstrosities, and he would become a useful member of Philatelic Societies, instead of being as he is now, a Society by himself.

In thanking you for your kind attention to my remarks, I trust that I have not trodden too heavily on anybody's toes.

My criticisms have been directed solely with the object of shewing up the idiocyncrasies of the specialist wherever he exists, and I am sorry to say their name is "Legion."

(Signed) L. H. WHITMORE.

Paper read before Philatelic Society of Rhodesia recently.

RHODESIAN POSTMARKS.

Mr. A. C. Thornton writes:—"Mr. A. C. Baxter informs me that he was P.M.G. in Bechuanaland in 1888, and was responsible for the inauguration of the runner post to Bulawayo, at that time Lobengula's headquarters. The Rev. Moffat was his Bulawayo postal agent, and current stamps of Bechuanaland were in use up to 1890.

As Mr. Moffat's letters to him were always headed "GUBULAWAYO," he, in ordering the post cancellation stamp for the new agency, naturally ordered one reading "GUBULAWAYO BECHUANALAND." Mr. Moffat, on receipt of this, filed out the "BECHUANALAND," giving the explanation to the P.M.G. that if Lobengula saw this, he would think it was a ruse to place him in King Khama's dominion. Hence the postmark "GURULAWAYO" only. Later, after 1890, the postmark was "BULAWAYO MATABELELAND."

Apparently Mr. Moffat, in heading his letters "GUBULAWAYO," was simply using a native term meaning "at Bulawayo," or "at the place of slaughter."

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Items of Interest from the various Centres.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. C. Thornton. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

Our hearty congratulation to our good friend, Mr. A. C. Thornton, on his being elected President of the Rhodesian Philatelic Society for the following year. Mr. Thornton, who has always extended considerable support to the 'S.A. Philatelist,' possesses a remarkable collection of Rhodesian stamps, apart from those of other countries, and we wish him and the Society the best of luck for the coming year.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Major Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m., Market Restaurant

A very interesting meeting was held on Monday, August 4th, when Major Booth presided over a fair attendance.

Mr. Gillen read an interesting paper on "The running of Stamp Exchange Packets," which was much appreciated, and contained many useful hints, which resulted in a discussion on the subject. The result was that in future the Society's packets will be insured in transit, regular monthly packets, better stamps in the packets and quicker circulation. Mr. Gillen also exhibited his collection of Greece, Malta, and other colonies, and, being neatly arranged, was much admired.

A pleasant evening terminated with the usual raffles and auctions.

Major Booth, on the 21st ult., read a very interesting and instructive paper on O.F.S., supporting his remarks with plates and specimens, which were greatly appreciated. A discussion was entered into, the result of which went to show that Gibbons are not always correct in their catalogues.

Mr. Obermeyer and Mr. Giovanetti both exhibited O.F.S. and O.R.C.

At auction, bidding was brisk, and a fine lot of stamps were disposed of. The free raffle, which was a 5s. K.G. Bechuanaland, was won by Major Booth.

PHILATELISTS' EXCHANGE CLUB (S.A. BRANCH).

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

During the period May 15th to July 15th, four packets were put into circulation to the value of £388 13s. 2d. Two packets have been broken up value £259 19s. 4d., with £68 12s. 5d. sales. There are now 14 packets in circulation fully insured against loss. There are still vacancies for both contributors and buyers. The variety of stamps circulated will prove of interest to advanced, medium or junior collectors. Further details from Mr. L. Gillen, P.O. Box 293, Pretoria.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. F. E. Dalby. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. B. Levy, 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 was held in the 15th August. There was a fair attendance, Mr. F. E. Dalby presiding. Two new members were elected. Mr. L. Thornton (a visitor) gave a very fine display of the stamps of the British Pacific Islands, the collection being particularly strong in Cook Islands, Fiji and Samoa.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Thornton for his fine display.

AUCTIONS AND ROMANCE.

The auctioneers who first introduced stamp auctions in England, Messrs. Water Bull & Co., have been acquired by Harmer Rooke & Co., Ltd., the stamp auctioneers of Fleet Street.

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The auctions are not altogether without the element of romance. Only a few days back, a collection was brought into Harmer, Rooke's Fleet Street sale rooms, the owner desiring advice. He was told that it would realise about £15, the only stamp of note being a blue Cape woodblock, apparently worth about £5. It was left for sale, and on later examination the auctioneer discovered it was the rare 1d. error printed in blue.

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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

South African Aerial Mails.

We are given to believe, from Press reports, that the Government is at last going to take some action in this matter. During the Session of Parliament just ended, much was said on the subject by various members. It transpired that in the previous Budget provision was made for experimental flights, but someone spotted the item and drew a pen through it. It is now announced that the Government is conferring with two aeroplane companies to see what can be done in the matter.

The Real Spirit.

It is becoming quite a common thing in the Transvaal for the members of a Philatelic Society to charter a bus or fill up a couple of coupés in the train and pay another Society a visit. There have been visits from every Society to every other Society, and exceedingly pleasant evenings have been spent. On the 17th ultimo a 'busload of Pretorians journeyed over to Boksburg, and all who were present at the meeting will look back on it with pleasant memories.

In the other provinces it is well nigh, if not entirely, impossible for Societies to exchange visits owing to the distances which separate the various cities in which philatelists foregather.

The Rhodesian Check List.

The Secretary of the Rhodesian Philatelic Society informs us that a London publishing house has expressed its willingness to undertake the publication of the Rhodesian Check List drawn up by Messrs. Thornton and Coch.

This news will give pleasure to collectors of Rhodesians, who will now have the opportunity of possessing copies of this valuable work.

The above Society has also written to H.E. the Governor and to Sir Charles Coghlan, requesting their assistance in obtaining the old stamp-printing plates from the B.S.A. Co.

A FORGERY OF THE 1/- SWAZIELAND

By C. B. HARDENBERG (Lourenco Marques).

Through the kindness of Mr. Charles Hand, of Pretoria, I was recently put in possession of a forgery of the 1/- Swazieland, which I think is a close enough imitation to deceive the average collector. I can find only very few references to forgeries of the stamps of this country; Earée, in the 3rd edition of "Album Weeds" (November, 1905) states that he had not seen any, but he mentions several forgeries and bogus stamps of Swazieland from an article in the former "South African Philatelist." None of these, however, show any resemblance to the stamp I have received, and I will therefore describe it so as to put collectors on their guard.

The specimen is peculiar, in that both the design and the overprint are forged, and very cleverly, too. A careful examination shows the following differences between the genuine and the forgery:—



GENUINE.

Paper.—Well pressed, smooth surface, showing a clearly printed design.

Colour.—Yellowish green, as per Stanley Gibbons' colour chart.

Design.—a. The 1 in the right top corner shows straight sides and a clearly defined top serif, similar to that of the 1 in the left top corner.

b. The G in Postzegel has the end of the upper curve cut off parallel to the cross-stroke of the foot of G.

FORGERY.

Paper.—Less smooth and design therefore less clearly impressed.

Colour.—More approaching Stanley Gibbons' bright green, the fact of the stamp being slightly off colour was the first difference observed by Mr. Hand, and aroused his suspicion.

Design.—a. The serif of the 1 in the right top corner is not clearly defined; the figure is slightly wider at top than at the bottom, and is different from the 1 in the left top corner.

b. The end of the upper curve of the G in Postzegel is cut off straight across, thus making an angle of about 30 deg. with cross-stroke at foot of G.

A FORGERY OF THE 1/- SWAZI LAND.—Continued.

c. The second E in Postzegel has large cross-bars, the middle one shorter than the top or bottom one; an imaginary line connecting ends of top and bottom bar would run parallel to the following L.

d. The E in Republiek is thick, the horizontal bars are full and square, the middle bar inserted a little above the centre.

e. The K of Republiek is full, the various strokes thick and with straight sides and ends.

f. The G in Shilling is nearly closed, with the cross stroke at foot prominent.

g. The feet of the eagle have each three distinct toes, the middle one projecting prominently downward.

h. The left upper quarter of the shield has 15 vertical strokes.

i. The hip of the resting lion is prominent, making an abrupt change in the direction of the line running from the end of the mane to the tail of the lion.

j. The face of the lion is natural, narrowing towards the mouth; the mane is increasing in width downward to where it reaches the back.

k. The vertical line separating left and right upper quarter of the shield is smooth and clearly defined, the horizontal lines to the right do, for the most part, not quite touch it, or, if they do, they remain thin and clear.

l. The Boer with the gun is looking straight forward, the face is fairly clear.

m. The lower half of the shield is evenly shaded with thin diagonal lines.

n. The hind corner of the wagon is distinct and sharply rectangular.

o. Top line of the tent of the wagon is thin.

p. The two lines of shading on the lower part of the tent of the wagon are thin, separate and extend beyond the centre of the hind wheel.

c. The second E in Postzegel has short top and middle bar, the middle one as long as the top one; an imaginary line connecting ends of bottom and top bars would not be parallel to the L, but would deviate considerably to the left.

d. The E in Republiek is spindly, the middle leg very thin and inserted at the centre.

e. The K of Republiek is thin, the various strokes threadlike, and with ends rounded off.

f. There is a wide space between the ends of top and bottom curve of the G, its foot is only a small blotch, making the letter like a C.

g. The feet of the eagle with indistinct toes, the middle toe nearly missing.

h. The left upper quarter of the shield shows 16 vertical strokes.

i. There is no prominent hip; the line from the back descends to the tail in an unbroken curve.

j. The face of the lion is distorted like a man with puffed cheeks, and a ring beard around it.

k. The dividing line between left and right upper quarter of shield is thick and rough, the horizontal lines to the right of it run all into this line and are thickened at the ends, giving the impression of a shading to right of this vertical line.

l. The face of the Boer is a mere blotch, but he appears to be looking to the right.

m. The shading is uneven, especially noticeable behind the lower part of the tent of the wagon, and the lines are coarse.

n. The hind corner of the wagon is a mere blotch, the line of demarcation is curved.

o. Top line of wagon thick.

p. The two lines of shading on the lower part of the wagon tent are short, thick, partly confluent and do not extend behind the centre of the hind wheel.

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A FORGERY OF THE 1/- SWAZIELAND.—Continued.

q. There is a short line of shading on the ground behind the front wheel.

r. The upper line of the scroll above the word "maakt" is continuous.

s. The shading of the right curled over part of the scroll is distinct, and to the right side of the scroll.

t. The G in "magt" has a distinct foot.

There are still other differences, especially in the shading of the flags, which are more easily perceived than described (see illustration), but those mentioned will be sufficient to tell the forgery. Owing to the overprint being centrally placed, the lower part of the lion and the Boer figure, also the small central shield, could not be examined in detail.

Overprint.—The overprint is of the correct length, but the letters appear to be slightly higher in the forgery than in the genuine stamp. Other differences are:—

GENUINE.

1. The S is wide, with the middle stroke nearly horizontal.

2. The a's in Swazieland have a straight downstroke, without serif or curve at the bottom.

3. The sloping stroke of the Z is thicker than the horizontal strokes.

Perforation.— $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, large holes.

Gum.—The gum on the genuine stamp is slightly yellowish and evenly applied. The forgery examined was without gum, so that no comparison could be made.

FORGERY.

1. The S is narrow, with the middle stroke sloping upward at an angle of about 45 degrees.

2. The a's in Swazieland have a curved serif at foot.

3. The horizontal strokes are as thick, if not thicker, than the sloping stroke of the Z.

Perforation.—13, small holes.

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RHODESIA.

VARIETIES OF 6d. ADMIRAL, 1913-1924, ISSUE.

(A recent address to the members of the Rhodesian Philatelic Society by the President, Mr. A. C. Thornton).

This short address is not a paper but merely a resume of the varieties of the 6d. Admiral of the late issue, which may be of interest to collectors in general and specialists in Rhodesia in particular.

There is no need to reiterate the various dies; they are too well-known to you all and would be wearisome.

Let us consider the dies in their usual order.

Die I.—All known varieties of this die are perf. 14—perf. 15, die I., being unknown—however, as the other dies exist in both perfs. it is possible die I., perf. 15 may yet be discovered and would be a rarity. Apart from the many shades there is only one variety I have so far discovered and that is the one with the King's collar left butterfly shaded. I have seen others of this variety and therefore consider it must have been constant, although I do not know the position on the sheet, and the fault was probably rectified at an early date.

Die II., boasts of no varieties other than shades.

Die III. **Toned Paper.** Varieties of shades are found perf. 14 but there are several interesting errors, namely:—(a) Imperf. discovered at Shamva some time in February this year, and (b) Imperf. between horizontal pair, I have no details of this. (c) Double impression head. This was found amongst a parcel of stamps purchased locally, and to my mind is one of the best of the varieties.

An interesting combination of dies I. and III. has come to light. The cap is die III. while the King's left ear is of the die I. type. It may safely be assumed that a number of the variety were printed as several copies are known.

White Paper. Both perf. 14 and perf. 15 are known, the latter in one shade only while in the former two shades are known. The only variety so far discovered is the "Rhodesia" larger than normal on No. 1 of 4th, horizontal row, first mentioned by Mr. L. H. Rivers of Umtali. There is no doubt but that this 6d. stamp of the 1913-24 issue makes a very interesting study and perhaps some member who has made a special study of other issues or of a single stamp of other issues will give us the benefit of his research.

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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.

AUSTRALIA.

Recently the new 1d. green appeared on multiple watermark paper, and now our correspondent, Mr. Wm. P. Trahair, of Sydney, has kindly sent us specimens of another surprise issue in the shape of the 1½d. red, without any watermark. These were placed on sale at the G.P.O., Sydney, on August 14th. Our correspondent does not know whether this is a provisional or not, but states that fair supplies have been received.

MAURITIUS.

Mr. R. Roberts, of London, advises the issue of a new 50 R. stamp, large arms type, similar to S.G. type 45, except that the central shield has been re-engraved. There are many differences in the new shield. The stamp is printed in lilac, with the exception of the inscription of the value, which is in green on a white tablet. Script watermark.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mr. L. H. Rivers shews us an interesting block of the current 8d., from which it appears that the original perforation failed to register, and the sheet was re-perforated, but in addition the impression of the first attempt can be clearly seen.

Another imperf. ! Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. inform "Stamp Collecting" that they have a sheet of the 6d. value shewing the ninth and tenth vertical rows imperforate between. Thus there are six horizontal pairs imperforate between.

GIBBONS' CATALOGUE, 1925,

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., inform us that the new edition of their British Empire Catalogue will definitely appear on September 30th, and that although the work has been thoroughly revised, they are able to announce a welcome reduction in the price, which is now 6s. 6d. (net), postage extra.

Apart from many important price alterations, and the usual careful revision, a number of lists have been re-written. Australian Commonwealth has been improved, Bahamas has been entirely re-written, the lists of New Zealand, first type, have been arranged in more correct chronological order, and Rhodesia has been considerably added to. Straits Settlements has been re-written on the lines of a study by Mr. E. D. Bacon, C.V.O., which appeared in the "London Philatelist." The Tasmanian pictorials are now more correctly listed. Trans-Jordania has had full justice done to its complicated but interesting issues; and Victoria now includes full lists of stamps on the three different types of "V and Crown" paper, while the list of the "Emblems" type has been re-arranged. Careful attention has been given to Modern Colonials, and a new system of notifying the various coloured papers has been adopted.

Part II., Foreign Countries, will be published early in 1925, but in view of the heavy additions, both of new issues and of ex-enemy war issues, it has been found impossible to reduce the price, which remains at 10s. (net). As the volume will probably run to over 1,100 pages, it is not dear at the price, as it is an invaluable work of reference.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. C. E. Donne. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Thos. Wood, P.O. Box 47, Boksburg. Meetings held third Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Transvaal Hotel, Boksburg.

On the 17th ultimo the above Society held one of the most interesting meetings in its history. The occasion was a visit by the members of the Pretoria Philatelic Society, twelve of whom came over, while a number of other visitors were present.

After the Pretorians had been entertained to dinner, Mr. Hand set the ball rolling with some interesting notes on the two dies of the Cape triangulars, and passed round specimens for comparison. He also shewed the forgery of the £5 K.E. Transvaal.

Next came Mr. Klagsbrun with a very interesting paper on "Specimen Stamps." He shewed the African portion of his collection of these stamps. This section occupies two large albums, and his collection is, undoubtedly, the finest in the country. Mr. Hand followed with the Pretoria Society's reference collection of mint British Colonials. The face value of this collection runs into three figures, and there are many rare items. Our Pretoria friends are very proud of this asset.

Mr. de Boom's collection of Holland and Colonies was next laid on the table and much admired.

The Pretorians were very heartily thanked for the treat they had provided and the meeting terminated with a number of speeches on the evening's exhibits, members and visitors both hoping that more visits will be arranged.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. C. Thornton. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo. Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

At the meeting held on August 21st, Mr. Thornton, President, who occupied the chair, exhibited the competition "Philatelic Shield" to be presented to the Girl Guides Association in recognition of their kindness in placing their comfortable rooms at the Society's disposal.

Mr. Rogers then delivered a paper entitled "Stamp Tales," in which he made reference to famous discoveries, collectors' and dealers' disappointments and the many amusing errors made by engravers from time to time. Mr. Thornton made a strong appeal to other members to contribute papers and promised a paper on the Admiral type of Rhodesian stamps.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Rogers.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (Sales Packet Branch), P.O. Box 2948, Johannesburg.

During the period August 10th to September 22nd, three packets were placed in circulation, their total net value being £213 19s. 2d. Sales are reported to be very brisk.

PHILATELISTS' EXCHANGE CLUB (S.A. BRANCH).

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

Between July 15th and September 15th four packets were put into circulation, to the net value of £492 2s. 5d. Four packets have been broken up, with £143 11s. 9d. sales. There are now twelve packets, net value £1,305 17s. 3d., in circulation.

(Reports from East London and Johannesburg arrived too late to secure insertion).

CORRESPONDENCE.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA, TYPE III. OVERPRINT.

The Editor, "The South African Philatelist."

Sir,—I have been trying in a limited way to get together a complete collection of S.W.A. stamps. Everything has gone fairly smoothly until Type III. appeared, but let me explain.

To take only the postage values, and starting with the:

1d. lithographed. This value has two different sizes of overprint; small letters and larger and bolder type.

2d. lithographed. I have only seen the bolder type.

3d. lithographed. This I have in both types of lettering.

4d. lithographed. This in only the bolder type.

6d. lithographed. I have this in both types of lettering.

1s. lithographed. In both types of lettering. Type-set, in bold lettering.

2s. 6d. lithographed, in bold lettering. Lithographed in very bold and clear lettering.

All the above are known as Type III., i.e., Zuidwest in one word, with the exception of the 2s. 6d., very bold and clear lettering, which is known as Type IV.

I have as yet had no opportunities of examining the 5s., 10s. and £1 values to see if any differences exist in these.

Of the above, the 1s. type-set is the most interesting; the overprint is in very light grey-black ink, and is totally different to the lithographed issue.

Now that I have attempted to divide up the Type III. overprint into its various groups perhaps someone more competent than myself will continue and let us know what further varieties exist.

Hoping that collectors of S.W.A. may benefit by my attempt at research.

Yours, etc.,

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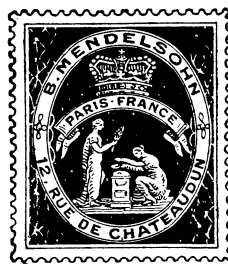
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TOPICS OF THE MONTH.

South West Africa.

Still they come! Apparently the Government Printer is still experimenting, for in this issue we chronicle several new varieties of overprints. The new 'red Gibbons' lists well over 100 varieties of this country's stamps, and—still they come!

New Issues Galore.

During the period November 1st, 1923, to September 18th, 1924—not quite eleven months—no less than 2,185 new issues appeared, according to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. This is a great increase on any previous year. South West Africa cannot say that it did not do its little bit towards swelling the total.

Gambia.

In our next issue we hope to publish the first instalment of a serial article on the popular stamps of this country. The article will be from the pen of Mr. A. F. Johnstone, who needs no introduction to specialists in this country.

The New Union Issue.

A speech at Durban the other day by the Postmaster General gives some definite information regarding the above. The present Government was, he said, considering the issue of a new set of stamps. The designs would be pictorial, depicting the agriculture, industries, etc. of the Union. It is not too late for members of the public to submit suggestions for designs.

It was hoped, said the P.M.G., to print the new stamps in Pretoria when the Government Printing Works are enlarged.

The new Government has, apparently, decided to go into the matter afresh, and, in consequence, it will be several months before our new issue materialises.

The matter of a commemorative issue on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales has, according to the P.M.G., not been discussed, but if such an issue were to take place, the necessary steps would have to be taken without delay.

The 1/- Swaziland Forgery.

It is unfortunate that the overprint in last month's illustration did not shew up well, although the stamp itself reproduced perfectly. However, the S's in the genuine and the forgery are easily discernable, while the second a in the genuine may easily be compared with the first a in the forgery.

The writer of the article is a keen specialist in this country, and is desirous of receiving unrecorded information regarding its stamps. Letters addressed to Mr. C. B. Hardenberg, P.O. Box 255, Lourenco Marques, will be gratefully acknowledged.

While on the subject we may state that it is not at all unlikely that copies of the forgery described last month, but without overprint, are being offered as 1/- South African Republic stamps.

SPECIALISM.

The anti-specialist has had his say and it is but fair that the other side of the question should be ventilated—at any rate it is to be hoped that the Editor of the "S.A. Philatelist" will look upon it in this light.

Out of all the specialists, ultra-specialists, super-ultra-specialists and hyper-super-ultra-specialists it is extremely likely that more than one has been seized with the desire to take up the cudgels against Mr. Whitmore's attack. It is therefore equally likely that the cogency of the arguments advanced below by a very modest collector-of-the-stamps-of-one-country can be eclipsed, but there is just the chance that (in the absence of anything better) they may be considered worthy of publication.

(1). Which is better—to build a modest house of three rooms, complete with the latest fittings, etc., or to lay a part of the foundations of a palace of which even the design is not, and never can be, complete?

(2). Which is better—to know a smattering of everything or a great deal of one thing? Is the general practitioner a better man than the Harley Street specialist

(3). Is not a knowledge of "freaks" and "errors" essential in any branch of knowledge where these variations occur?

The writer collects the stamps of one country partly because he likes doing it and partly because a complete house of even as few as three rooms is of more value as an asset than the bare foundation of a larger building, and, with all due deference to Mr. Whitmore, he will (according to the resolution formed many weeks ago) continue to do so with extra-hyper-super-ultra-special attention to the halfpenny stamp of the next issue. As Mr. Whitmore despises errors and freaks he might send along to the writer any that he may find; they will be thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged.

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AN INTERESTING ENTIRE OF NATAL.

Under this heading in the May, 1923, issue of the "Philatelist," a paragraph appeared stating that we had seen an envelope which had gone through the post presumably when no stamps were available for postage. The cancellation was "Durban, 22nd Mar., 95," underneath which was written in ink, "One $\frac{1}{2}$ d. received in money, J. W. Coleman, Postmaster of Durban." In this connection our staunch friend and supporter, Mr. J. Chamberlain, F.R.P.S.L., Vryheid, Natal, has kindly written and supplied the following interesting information:—

Re "The Interesting Entire of Natal," referred to in the May, 1923, number, I am surprised that this "PROVISIONAL" is not more widely known, although they are none too plentiful, and many collectors do not even worry about them, even "specialists" often times give them a miss.

They were issued during a temporary shortage of the provisional "HALF" on 1d. of 1895, at the Durban P.O. for three days, viz., 20th, 21st and 22nd March, 1895. The (Royal) Philatelic Society, London, deal with it in their work, "Africa," Part 2, the following being an extract therefrom:—

"Issue XXIX., March 18th, 1895. One value. The 1d. of Issue XXI., surcharged in the Colony, for use as a half-penny stamp. The surcharge consists of the word "HALF" in fancy capitals, measuring $11\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

" $\frac{1}{2}$ d., black surcharge on 1d., carmine rose.

"Remarks.—The supply of this provisional stamp became temporarily exhausted, two days after its issue, at the Durban P.O. Envelopes, etc., were thereupon inscribed by hand, in ink, "One halfpenny (or halfpenny) received in money," and signed by Mr. Coleman over a violet hand-stamp, "POSTMASTER OF DURBAN." We have seen such envelopes postmarked Durban, March 20th and 21st, 1895, and the system is said to have been in vogue there for three days."

As you will observe, the third date was not mentioned by Mr. Bacon when he wrote this, some time prior to 1900, and it was not for many years that I was able, after much research, in tracing the date of the other issue; but some two years ago I was presented with a specimen by Mr. Riches, of Durban, who desired to assist me in my work of collating the history of Natal stamps, and this is dated 22nd March, 1895, which proves that the system was in vogue for three days at the Durban P.O. Some eight or nine years ago I obtained from Mr. J. W. Coleman, the Postmaster of Durban at the time of issue and until after Union, all the information relating to them, and he told me he was not aware of any other official than himself being empowered to frank prepaid articles, and this is of particular interest, as there is in existence another specimen with the same wording and signed "J. C. Pratt, P.M.," bearing the Howick Rail, Natal, postmark, dated 23rd March, 1895. I do not doubt that this may possibly have been authorised, seeing these provisional stamps were in such great demand—for speculative purposes—and might easily have been bought up at that office, which at that time was a sub post office under Pietermaritzburg, from whom authority might possibly have been obtained. I made every endeavour to obtain information from Mr. Pratt, but without result.

To bear out the contention that the Howick provisional might be regarded as bona fide, I would mention that the Natal Government Gazette, dated April 2nd, 1895, had the following notice re Issue XXIX.: "The Government, having reason to believe that the present abnormal demand for the recently overprinted stamps (of which upwards of 1,500,000 have already been issued) is for speculative purposes, the public is hereby warned that the Government has taken steps to secure an unlimited supply of stamps the same as those recently issued. (Signed) J. Chadwick, Postmaster-General, G.P.O., Natal, March 30, 1895."

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"B-r-r-r, don't worry me, I'm busy," so said a stamp dealer when the editor strolled into his shop the other day. The reason for the friendly greeting was obvious. The 1925 edition of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' British Empire catalogue had arrived and Mr. Dealer was deeply engrossed in noting alterations in prices. As mentioned in our last issue there have been many price alterations, while all new issues have been included. Several countries have been re-written, while others have been considerably added to. We extend a cordial welcome to our ever-growing friend, and can supply copies at 7/6, postage 6d. extra.

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"Grosser Ganzachen-Katalog, 1924."

Edited by Dr. Phil. Siegfried Ascher, Berlin, for the Berlin Society of Entires. Published by Robert Noske, Borna, District of Leipzig.

We have received Section II. (Canada to Faridkot), of this well-known work on "entires." The issues of the various countries are exhaustively described. Sections IV. to VI. are in preparation. The price of the Section under review is one mark, plus 40 pfg. for registered postage.

A "THREE-CORNERED" AUCTION.

On September 12th, Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., of London, auctioned no less than 228 lots of Cape Triangulars. We have only space to mention a few of the prices realised.

1853, paper deeply blued, 4d., brilliant unused	£10 0 0
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,, ,, 4d. deep blue, fine used	15 0 0
1863-4, De la Rue, 1/- bright emerald green, brilliant mint pair	12 10 0
,, ,, 1/- pale emerald green, brilliant mint block of four	16 0 0

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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.

ASCENSION.

Mr. R. Roberts, of London, reports receipt of the new permanent issue for this island. Same design as St. Helena 1922 issue, printed in sheets of 60 (12 x 5) from Plate I., four controls, two at top and two at bottom, second stamp from each corner.

The set comprises eleven values, namely:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-, 2/-, 3/-.

AUSTRALIA.

Contrary to expectations, another value has been issued on unwatermarked paper, namely, the 1d. green. Messrs. Bright & Son, of London, inform us that the reason for the use of unwatermarked paper was the shortage of paper caused by delayed shipments from England. To provide for immediate wants, local paper was made, machine gummed by printers. The supply lasted only seven to ten days, the numbers printed, including spoils, being roughly 240,000 of the 1d. green and 13,000,000 of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. red. The new supply of watermarked paper has since arrived, and is now in use. Most of the unwatermarked stamps were sent to country post offices, evidently to keep energetic philatelists from besieging the chief post offices. Australian collectors are busy trying to locate the unwatermarked 1d. stamps, which have proved elusive.

NORTHERN RHODESIA.

A striking new series of postage stamps is in active preparation for this Crown Colony, the former "Admiral" type, with modified inscription, having been retained by Southern Rhodesia. The projected set comprises the values of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 10d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 7s. 6d., 10s., and 20s., the pence denominations being of the ordinary postage size, and the shillings ones slightly larger. The design consists of a medallion of the King's head surrounded by representations of local fauna and flora.

These stamps will be available for revenue as well as postage purposes, but separate high value revenue stamps, in large format, will be issued for £2, £5, £10, £30, and £50.—*Stamp Collecting*, 11/10/24.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

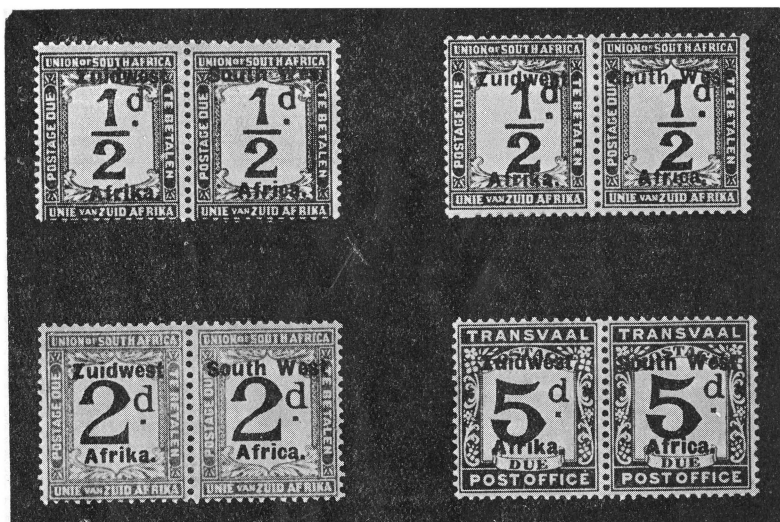
In our last issue we chronicled the 8d. value with a variety of perforation, namely, through the original perforation failing to register the sheet was reperforated, but in addition the impression of the first attempt is clearly visible. Mr. Arthur C. Thornton of Bulawayo, now reports having come across the 1d., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and $1\frac{1}{6}$ values with this same variety of perforation.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

We have to thank Mr. A. Lichtenstein, of Rouxville, for copies of the 1d. Postage Due, Pretoria perforated printing, with Type III. overprint. This, we understand, was printed some time ago but has only just been placed on issue.

On page 95 of our August issue we chronicled the 1d. postage, Type III. overprint, with different types of overprint. Mr. Lichtenstein sends us examples of the 4d. postage, Type III., in the thin lettering with smaller stops.

From the same source and from Mr. S. A. Maggs, of Tweespruit, we have some interesting items in Postage Dues with the Type IV. style of overprint, all of which are illustrated herewith.



They comprise

On Pretoria perforated printing:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ d., spacing between lines of overprint, 14 mm. (the original Type IV.)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ d., spacing between lines of overprint, 12mm.
- 2d., spacing between lines of overprint, 10 mm.

On Transvaal Stamp:

- 5d., spacing between lines of overprint, 10 mm.

Mr. Mallet-Veale, of Prieska, informs us that in addition to the 5d. Postage Due, Type I overprint with the word "Transvaal" barred out on stamp No. 41, left-hand pane, he has also come across the 6d. Due (Union) of the same issue with the words "Union of South Africa" barred out. This also occurs, he says, on stamp No. 41, left hand pane, the error "Wes" being found on No. 48.

An error crept into the above correspondent's notes on page 102 of our September issue, regarding the 5d. Due, Type I. overprint. The variety on No. 34 of the left hand pane is "Scuth," not "Scouth," and Messrs. Bright & Son, of London, inform us that the "c" is really a defective "o." Our friends also inform us that on a left hand pane in their possession, stamp No. 56 has a slightly faulty "f," which could not be called an "r." On sheets they have examined this same stamp has a broken "t" followed by a dropped space.

Mr. A. E. Witherick of 12, Meriden Street., Coventry, England, has forwarded us the rules of his well-known exchange clubs, namely, the Coventry and North Warwickshire Stamp Exchange and the Wholesale Stamp Exchange. He will be pleased to forward particulars regarding the above to persons interested. A copy of his retail price list may also be had on request.

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GREAT BRITAIN. TÊTE-BECHE ERRORS IN THE CURRENT 1½d.

There has been considerable consternation in official quarters over the chance discovery that one or more sheets of the current 1½d. value have recently got into circulation with some of the stamps inverted. We first heard of the error a few weeks ago, when a Croydon reader informed us that an acquaintance of his, while stamping letters in the local post office, noticed that one vertical row in the lot he was using was inverted in relation to the rest of the sheet.

Knowing our correspondent was interested in stamps he kept a block to show him, and used up all the remainder, not being versed in stamp lore! This particular block consists of four stamps, the two left-hand ones normal and the others upside down, forming two horizontal tête-bêche pairs.

A few days later our informant told us that, to his great surprise, he had received a call from the Secretary's department of the G.P.O., who was trying to trace how the stamps in question came into the hands of the public. It appears that a certain dealer was offered quite a number of these stamps some weeks ago. Our correspondent writes:—"The official wanted to know how I got them. I told him who gave them to me—a clerk in a city office who noticed them as he was stamping some letters, and only just kept the four as a curiosity, using up the remainder. My friend got them from his principal, who had himself obtained them from a client, who will in due course be asked to say 'where he got them,' and so on. It appears that either a number of sheets were sent out with others in error, or else there was some leakage. The official favours the view that these sheets, which were only intended for booklets, got mixed up with some of the normal ones, but the error should have been discovered at once, as the sheets are larger than the others."

The authorities are, we gather, considerably annoyed over the matter, and want to get at the bottom of it. Meanwhile we hear that, already, one block containing the tête-bêche errors has changed hands for £18!—"Stamp Collecting," 18/10/24.

THE EARLY BIRD.

At least one Johannesburg dealer was "caught napping" on "catalogue day." No sooner had he opened his shop than in strolled a collector anxious to see Rhodesians. A number of approval books were produced, the contents thereof being priced according to Gibbons' 1923 catalogue. The customer proceeded to purchase, at half the marked catalogue price, the dealer's stock of certain values of the above-mentioned country. Mr. Dealer became suspicious, and, rather too late, remembered that the new edition of Gibbons' catalogue was due to arrive that day. His suspicions were confirmed when, later on in the day, his copy arrived, and he now realised that his astute customer had received his new Gibbons' before he—the chagrined dealer—had opened his place of business that day. The stamps which, that morning, had parted company with his approval books had increased in price by about 100 per cent.

An editor of a philatelic journal has good opportunities of forming a collection of postal freaks. A couple of weeks ago a post card from India, which was delivered to us, was addressed "The Stamp Collector, The Stamp Exchange, Union of South Africa."

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

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Pres.: Major E. G. A. Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, P.O. Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m. at Market Restaurant.

Although the weather was unfavourable there was a good attendance at the meeting held on October 20th

Mr. Watson, who had proceeded overseas as the Society's delegate to the Glasgow Congress was welcomed back. He brought with him a very fine range of early British stamps to add to his wonderful collection.

Two new members were elected.

Major Booth gave some very interesting notes on the Sydney View and laureated types of N.S.W. stamps. Messrs. Hand, Obermeyer and Klagsbrun also spoke on these stamps.

Collections were exhibited as follows:—Mr. Giovanetti, Georges; Mr. Obermeyer, Pietersburgs; Mr. Westbrook, Cape, O.F.S. and Natal; and Mr. Klagsbrun a further portion of his magnificent "Specimen" collection. All the displays were rich in rare items.

All those who had contributed towards the evening's entertainment were cordially thanked.

The Society will visit the Johannesburg Society on January 13th, 1925, and are expecting an early visit from the latter.

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.

The Annual General Meeting of the above Society was held on October 15th, there being a good attendance.

The report of the outgoing President shewed that the Society had made excellent progress during the past year, having enrolled several new members, while there was a useful bank balance.

The election of President went in favour of Mr. Thos. Wood, while the meeting decided that Mr. Donne do the Secretarial work during the ensuing year.

The new Secretary then shewed his magnificent collection of Union stamps; controls, shades, errors and varieties of all kinds being well represented.

Mr. Donne was cordially thanked for the treat he had provided and the meeting closed with a general discussion.

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.

Owing to the indisposition of the President, Mr. Thornton occupied the chair at the meeting held on September 19th.

Mr. T. A. Harper gave a very excellent display of early imperforates, there being nearly 100 of them and every stamp in perfect condition.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Harper for his display.

The Society regrets to report the loss, by death, of one of its foundation members, Mr. A. G. McDonald. The late Mr. McDonald's collection of Maltese stamps was awarded a Gold medal at the exhibition held in Durban some years ago.

JOHANNESBURG UNITED PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Mr. J. E. M. Coch. Hon. Sec.: Mr. Mark Rose, P.O. Box 4267, Johannesburg:

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

At the meeting held on October 14th, Mr. W. G. M. Vogts shewed a portion of his magnificent collection of British Africans. Mr. Vogts possesses a considerable number of extreme rarities and members are, therefore, always very keen on examining his stamps.

A hearty vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. C. Thornton. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

At the meeting held on September 18th, Mr. Thornton, President, read a paper on the 6d. Admiral type of Rhodesia (published in last month's issue of the "S.A. Philatelist").

It is only when a super-specialist discourses on a particular stamp that one realises the many minute varieties that occur in our issues.

The only regret that the meeting had was that the general collectors were not present in full force, as a lively discussion on the evils or benefits of specialising was anticipated.

The chairman exhibited his collection of Rhodesians, which includes many desirable items.

At the next meeting Miss Bateman will read a paper entitled "Hints to Beginners," while the Secretary will speak on the subject of the recovery of the old Rhodesian stamp printing plates.

**THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (Sales Packet Branch),
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A further packet, net value £80, 4/-; and strong in South African stamps, was placed in circulation on October 15th. The manager will be pleased to forward full particulars to philatelists desirous of buying or selling stamps.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

CAMBRIDGE, June 22nd to 25th, 1925.

The provisional programme provides for reception of delegates by the Cambridge Philatelic Society, business meetings, visits to places of interest in Cambridge and a banquet. It is expected that the Fellows' Garden of Sidney Sussex College will be lent for a garden party, or, alternately, an excursion to Ely by motor boat or char-a-banc will be arranged.

Papers of great philatelic interest will be read at this Congress by:—

Lieut.-Colonel Arthur S. Bates, D.S.O., T.D., F.R.P.S.L.

W. Buckland Edwards, Esq., President of the City of London Philatelic Society.

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Probably there will be a reception by the Mayor or Vice-Chancellor.

In the event of the garden party being arranged, the Ely trip might be taken as an alternative.

The University Union Society has granted the use of the Debating Hall for the business meetings of the Congress, and has given permission for gentlemen attending the Congress to use the premises of the Union Society (including reading rooms, lounge, etc.), on the introduction of a member.

MOCAMBIQUE COMPANY.

Mr. L. H. Rivers, of Umtali, informs us that, at the time of writing (November 2nd), there is a stamp famine in Beira. Postage, therefore, has to be paid in cash when posting correspondence, and letters coming through bear a red circular paid stamp, inscribed "Correio" at top, "Pago" in the centre, and the amount of postage at the bottom. A fresh supply of stamps is expected daily.

Please mention the *S.A. Philatelist* when answering advertisements.

THANKS!

STOP PRESS.**NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES.****SOUTHERN RHODESIA.**

Mr. C. Rogers, Hon. Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia, informs us that he has seen four pairs of the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. value imperforate between, but does not say whether they are vertical or horizontal pairs.

Mr. Rivers informs us that the 6d. value is now appearing in black and lilac; and the 5/- in deep blue and pale turquoise, while he obtained a few copies of the 2/6 denomination in blue and brown.

SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

A further batch of new issues in Postage Dues is chronicled in "Stamp Collecting" of October 18th. The items, which all bear the Type IV. style of overprint, are:

On Pretoria perforated printing:

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 12 mm. between lines of overprint.

6d., 14 mm. between lines of overprint.

On De la Rue printing:

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The festive Season will soon be upon us and we
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friends and supporters

A Merry Christmas and a Bright New Year.

PASSING OF TWO WELL-KNOWN PHILATELISTS.

Philately has sustained a severe loss by the death, at Capetown, on November 18th, of one of its most enthusiastic devotees, Sir Howard Gorges.

Sir Howard had a very distinguished official career, and although a very busy man found time to gather together a magnificent collection of Cape triangulars, which he disposed of a few years ago to another well-known collector of these stamps.

He never lost touch of philately and was only too pleased to answer any queries put to him.

The other noted philatelist to pass on is Mr. Hugo Griebert, one of London's veteran stamp dealers.

His research work on the early issues of many foreign countries is remembered by all philatelists. His monumental monographs on Uruguay and Spain bear testimony to his genius.

Mr. Griebert's death will be widely regretted.

OUR FREE GIFT.

We are still presenting new subscribers who ask for it with a copy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds' handbook on the Postage Stamps of the Union of South Africa. A very large number of collectors have taken advantage of this offer, and, in consequence, our stock of this handbook will shortly be exhausted, so if you are not a subscriber, become one without delay.

The Seychelles and their Stamps.

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

When I promised this Society a paper on the stamps of Seychelles, I little thought that the difficulty would be the lack of postal history, but, in the course of my worryings, I have been unable to obtain any postal history outside Stanley Gibbons' catalogue.

I wonder how many of you know anything about Seychelles at all? Frankly, beyond their geographical position and a few small facts, I knew nothing a month ago, for which reason a very short history of the islands themselves may be acceptable to you.

The Seychelle Islands lie in latitude 4° and 5° South. They consist of the Amirantes, Colmoledo, Providence, Aldabra and Coetivy groups, the total area of which is 156 square miles, the population in 1916 being 24,000, males and females being about equally divided.

The largest island is Mahé, 55½ square miles, the capital, Victoria, having an excellent harbour.

The islands were discovered in 1505, but were not defined until 1743, when Labourdonais, French Governor of Mauritius, charted them; they became known by his name from this time.

Subsequently the name "Labourdonais" was changed to Seychelles, in honour of Moreau de Séchelles, Controller General to Louis XV., which name they have retained ever since.

The next event of importance in the history of these islands is their capture by H.M.S. Orpheus in 1794, during the war arising out of the French Revolution. They remained under British occupation until, by the Treaty of Paris, 1814, they were definitely ceded to Great Britain.

They were administered and ruled by the Governor of Mauritius until 1903, when they were constituted a separate Crown Colony with Governor, Executive Council and Legislative Council.

In spite of the good harbour Seychelles is not a very easy place to visit, and although the climate is healthy and there are no hurricanes, few ships call owing to the isolated situation of the islands.

The British India Co. sometimes call, and the Messagerie Maritime Cie. keep up a somewhat irregular service. The chief exports of the islands are coconut oil, vanilla, copra, guano and whale oil.

The coinage is rupees and cents., similar to that of Mauritius. Postage stamps were first issued in 1890.

Dealing with the postage stamps of Seychelles, my only source of information has been Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, so that I am afraid that I cannot place any new information before you. I will, therefore, briefly run through the issues, making a few comments to explain the exhibit. Members will be able to obtain full details by referring to a catalogue. I do not claim that my collection is, in any way, complete, but I hope that it contains enough to show the types of the various issues.

1st issue. April 5th, 1890. Printed by De la Rue, watermark Crown C.A. Perf. 14.

In this issue, as in so many British Colonies, there are two plates; in Plate I. there are lines of shading in the middle compartment of the diadem, which are absent from Plate II. Plate I. are considerably scarcer than Plate II.

In January, 1893, new values were required, and these were obtained by surcharging stamps of both plates. Errors of surcharge exist with surcharge inverted and surcharge double.

In November, 1893, a permanent issue appeared for these new values, all of which were printed from Plate II., same watermark and perforation.

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THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

The following notes on Gambia and its postage stamps are probably far from complete, and I shall be grateful to any reader who will supply further information on any point of interest, especially with regard to early postal history and the cameo issue of stamps.

The Crown Colony of Gambia is the oldest British possession on the West Coast of Africa. It consists of a narrow strip of territory on both banks of the Gambia River, extending from the mouth of the river to a point about 250 miles inland, with an average width of about six miles on each bank. The total area of the colony is only some 3,700 square miles, and the population, roughly, 200,000, of which about 200 are European. The capital is Bathurst, situated on a small island (St. Mary) at the mouth of the river.

The first record we have of the Gambia is its discovery, in 1447, by a Portuguese navigator. One hundred and forty years later Queen Elizabeth granted a charter to a company formed to trade with the country, and in 1686 Fort James was built at the mouth of the river by British traders—probably slave traders.

The Treaty of Versailles (1763) recognised Gambia as a British possession, and for many years it was administered from Sierra Leone, in fact, it was not until 1888 that it became a separate Crown Colony with a Governor appointed by the Crown and assisted by local Councils.

With regard to the early postal history of the Colony, I have been able to obtain very little information. It is practically certain, however, that the "ship letter" system was made use of for the conveyance of mails. Under this system letters were handed to the Captain of a passing ship, with sufficient money for postage plus one penny per letter. This extra penny the Captain retained, and posted the letters at the first port of call where a regular postal service was available.

Subsequent to the opening of a post office at Freetown, Sierra Leone, about 1860, it is probable that letters were sent here franked with Sierra Leone stamps. This would continue till 1869, when Gambia issued her own stamps.

The colony joined the Universal Postal Union in 1879, and adopted Imperial Penny Postage in 1898.

(To be continued.)

SEYCHELLES—Continued.

On August 1st, 1896, two values were required, and again recourse was had to surcharging the previous issue, the 18 c. value being known surcharged double.

In 1897 to 1900, we have a new issue, the lower values of which were printed from Plate II., while the higher values have a white shield for the value, these also being surcharged in 1901; the inverted and double surcharge varieties again exist, while, in one case, we have the bars while the "3 cents." is omitted.

In June, 1902, we have a fresh set of surcharges from any of the older stamps, with varieties: narrow "0" in "30," narrow "5" in "45," and surcharge double.

In June, 1903, we get the first issue of King Edward, wmk. single Crown C.A., the 15 c., 18 c., and 45 c. having been surcharged for 3 cents.

In 1906, the second Edward issue, watermark multiple Crown C.A., appeared.

In 1912, the first George issue came out, while in 1917-20 we have an issue to replace this, which bear the words "Postage and Revenue" instead of "Postage."

In 1921 most values appeared with script watermark.

In 1922 we have a few colour changes and new values.

Further values are expected on script watermark paper.

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IN THE SORTING ROOM.

Illustrations by courtesy of the Johannesburg "Star."

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.

According to the "Stamp Collector," this country is about to break out afresh. It is stated that the mandated provinces of Urundi and Ruanda are about to be supplied with separate sets of postage and postage due stamps, while the Katanga is also to have its own stamps. The above issues will be manufactured by overprinting the current Belgian Congo stamps, the postage dues being treated in Brussels and the postage values in New York. In passing it may be mentioned that the stamps overprinted "Est Africain Allemand, etc." were recently withdrawn from circulation.

GAMBIA.

The 1s. value has appeared on script watermark paper, says Mr. R. Roberts, of London. Same format as before, sheets of 60 (12 x 5) from Plate 6, head plate No. 3.

GOLD COAST.

From the above source we have advice of the 5s. script watermark, Die 2, same colour as before, but printed from Plate II., sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60 divided), four controls, second stamp from each corner.

Also issued 15s. script, Die 2, same colours as before, printed in panes of 60 from left hand side of the sheet, Plate II. Sheet number over right hand top corner stamp.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A 2s. 6d. postage due stamp has been issued, colour orange on yellow. The words "Postage Due" have been replaced by "To Pay."

MAURITIUS.

Mr. Roberts reports receipt of the 1 Rupee black on green with script watermark. Die 2, printed from Plate II., sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60) with dividing gutter between. Four controls, top and bottom, second stamp from each corner.

NIGERIA.

Mr. M. D. Holmes, of Elandshoek, advises having received the following items from Nigeria about the middle of last month:—

- 6d. dull and bright purple, Plate II., script watermark, Die 2. (The previous script 6d. was Die 1.)
- 4d. jet black and red on pale yellow, Die 2. (The previous 4d. was grey black and red on pale yellow.)
- 1/- black on emerald, script watermark, Die 2.

SIERRA LEONE.

Mr. M. D. Holmes reports having received the following from Freetown: 2s. very deep purple and blue on blue, script watermark. The words "Postage and Revenue" are thin and not nearly so clear as the previous 2s. script. In the words "Sierra Leone" and "Two Shillings" most of the letters seem to have the serifs missing.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mr. L. H. Rivers, of Umtali, has come across the 2d. value with the perforation peculiarity mentioned on page 130 of our last issue.

HIGH PRICES FOR CLASSICS.

Mr. H. R. Harmer, of 6, 7 and 8, Old Bond Street, London, W. 1, recently obtained some very high prices for a number of rare items which came under his hammer.

The following are a few of the prices obtained by him:—

	£	s.	d.
Natal, 1908, £1 10s., mint	...	22	10 0
New South Wales, "Sydney View," 3d. yellow-green	...	15	0 0
New South Wales, "Sydney View," pair of above stamps	...	35	0 0
New South Wales, "Sydney View," another pair	...	33	10 0
New South Wales, "Sydney View," 3d. emerald green	...	14	10 0
Roumania, Moldavia, 81 parale, unused	...	470	0 0
Switzerland, Geneva, half of "double Geneva," used on entire	...	32	0 0
British Guiana, 1858-9, 1 c., brownish-red, S.G. 15	...	18	0 0
Great Britain, 1840, 1d. black, Plate XI., mint, block of 4	...	105	0 0
Ionian Isles (3d.), orange and (1d.) blue, used on entire	...	20	0 0
Mauritius, 1859, Greek border, 2d. blue, used on dated entire	...	14	10 0
Newfoundland, 1860, 4d. orange-vermillion, brilliant copy with large margins (Cat. £15)	...	14	0 0
Sweden, 1872, the rare "Tretio" error, unused, corner perf, missing	...	24	10 0
Sweden, 1855, skilling banco, blue green, two copies used together on piece, one stamp perf. short	...	20	0 0
Saxony, 3 pf, red, large margins	...	31	0 0

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, "S.A. Philatelist."

Sir,—It would appear from the current issue of your useful little magazine that the stock of varieties of the South-West Africa stamps is not yet exhausted. Would it not be possible to have a variety whereon the Dutch overprint, "Afrika," be printed with a "C," and vice versa?

I shall be only too glad to give suggestions regarding other varieties should the printer run out of ideas in this matter of assisting specialists to "specialise."

HINTS TO PRINTERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED:

Carefully remove all ink stains and tobacco juice from the mouth; place the stamps one at a time on the tongue face upwards, and, with a swaying motion of one finger on the stamp, remove all traces of the gum. Carefully replace all 240 stamps face downwards on the "blanket," and impress the overprint on back of stamp; re-gum stamps. Should the quantity of gum absorbed by the printer exceed the blood supply, coagulation may set in, in which case a little lubricant should be applied to dissolve the gum.

After half-an-hour's practice sufficient ideas will have been visualised to carry the printer through all stages of variety—variety stages not referring to the "Empire."

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SOUTH AFRICAN AIR POSTS.

The Union Government is still considering the practicability of air mail services between the various South African cities, and it is possible that its decision will be announced very shortly.

Meanwhile, South African philatelists would be well advised to turn their attention to the souvenirs of the few exhibition flights that have already taken place in this country. We refer to the Kenilworth-Muizenberg and Muizenberg-Kenilworth air mails of 1911-1912; the Johannesburg-Pretoria flights of 1920 (in aid of the S.A. Red Cross), and the Capetown-Johannesburg attempt of February, 1920.

The first and second named air posts are fairly well known, but we cannot say that for the last-named.

It is the custom of philatelists to despatch large quantities of postcards and envelopes by "first flights" and exhibition air mails, but this does not seem to have been done in the case of the Capetown-Johannesburg attempt. The reason is obvious; the collecting of air-post covers was practically unknown in South Africa in 1920, and overseas collectors did not receive warning of the impending flight.



The following is a description of this air mail; the illustration is of the only souvenir of it known to us.

The Handley-Page aeroplane "Pioneer" left Capetown at 6.20 a.m. on the 15th February, 1920, and was expected in Johannesburg at 6 p.m. the same day. She carried ten passengers (including one lady), mails and cargo.

The plane ran short of fuel and later developed engine trouble, the flight being abandoned near Beaufort West, C.P., and the mails sent from that place to Johannesburg by rail.

The letters carried bore 2/1 in postage stamps, which were cancelled with the ordinary postmark, while on the envelope the words "Carried by aeroplane," (in two lines of capitals), and "Handley-Page South African Transports, Ltd." (in capitals within a circle), were impressed by rubber stamp in violet. The majority of the letters carried were greetings from two Capetown milling firms to their Johannesburg customers.

Some of the envelopes which contained these greetings may still be in existence; if so, the owners are very silent about their possessions.

WHY THE PRINCE ABANDONED STAMP COLLECTING.

Edward, Prince of Wales, multitudinous as are his interests, is not a stamp collector, according to Mr. Charles J. Phillips, veteran philatelist of London and New York, who addressed the Canadian Philatelic Society at its annual dinner held at the Hotel Elliot recently. Once, Mr. Phillips said, the heir to the throne knew the joy of obtaining a rare specimen. Whilst he was an undergraduate at Oxford, he, like other members of the royal family, was a purchaser of large quantities of stamps, but his interest waned, and the orders he was accustomed to place with Mr. Phillips' firm fell off, and eventually ceased altogether. One day the Prince came into the office to arrange for the disposal of his collection. "Why," Mr. Phillips asked, "are you doing this?"

The answer was: "What's the use? I can't compete with the old man. He always gets first choice."

"When I was in London," Mr. Phillips, who was a vendor to the royal family, went on, "our firm used to send any new thing likely to be of interest for His Majesty's approval. After the war broke out, the equerry came one day and said, 'I have the King's commands that you are not to send any more stamps. He feels that he shouldn't buy during the war.' That lasted for about six months, and then the equerry came again, and gave us this message: 'The King wants you to resume sending him stamps. He wants stamps for relaxation, and must have them.'"—"The Canadian Stamp Collector."

FOURTEEN MILLION STAMPS AT WEMBLEY.

To-day (November 1st) is the last day of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley—for the present year, at any rate. By Thursday, October 23rd, the special commemorative postage stamps sold there numbered 14,000,000, and the Post Office has cancelled 741,000,000 stamps with the special advertisement postmark. These huge figures were quoted by Sir Robert Donald in the Civic Hall, Wembley, last week. The total number of visitors to the Exhibition had exceeded seventeen millions a few days ago; thirty millions had been hoped for, but, of course, the weather has done its very worst.—"Stamp Collecting."

REVIEWS.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Pres.: Major E. G. A. Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, P.O. Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m. at Market Restaurant.

There was an exceptionally good attendance at the meeting held on November 17th.

A very interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. Obermeyer which, although intended as an advice on collecting for beginners, could be very well assimilated by adult collectors as well as beginners. An interesting discussion followed.

The exhibit of the evening was "Britannias," and Messrs. Giovanetti and Westbrook shewed some fine items, which evoked keen appreciation.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to auctions, etc., and some fine stamps changed hands.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RHODESIA.

Pres.: Mr. C. Thornton. Hon. Sec.: Mr. C. Rogers, Box 738, Bulawayo.
Meetings held third Tuesday each month, Scott's Buildings.

The meeting held on October 16th was well supported, and Mr. Thornton occupied the chair.

The Secretary read some letters from Sir John Chancellor on the subject of the recovery of the old Rhodesian stamp printing plates.

Miss Bateman read a paper, entitled, "Hints to Beginners." This very interesting paper was discussed at great length.

Mr. A. G. Young was down for a paper at the November meeting.

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.

There was a fair attendance at the November meeting, when the President, Mr. Thos. Wood, read an excellent paper on "Haiti," and exhibited his collection of the stamps of this once troubled, but now fairly quiet, republic.

The sad fates of its numerous Presidents were mentioned, while Mr. Wood considerably enlightened the members' knowledge on the subject of its history. The collection shewn was greatly admired, being very representative.

A visit will shortly be paid to the Pretoria Philatelic Society.

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.

Mr. C. P. Skinner was down for a paper on and display of Greece at the second November meeting, but being away from town was unable to attend. Mr. C. E. Donne filled the breach by discoursing on Cyprus. He also shewed his splendid collection of this island.

The large number of members present shewed their appreciation of Mr. Donne's kindness by a very interesting discussion.

The Pretoria Philatelic Society will be visited on December 15th, and a return visit will be paid by the Pretorians on January 13th.

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

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

During the period Sept. 15th to Nov. 15th, six packets were placed in circulation to the total net value of £751 12s. 1d. Three packets, valued at £311 15s. 7d., have been broken up, sales being £124 11s. 2d.

The local membership is now 103 strong, but there are still vacancies for a few buying members. Particulars may be had from the Exchange Supt.

THE TWO GEORGIAN DIES.

Now that the two Dies of the Georgian Colonial stamps are listed in the Gibbons' Catalogue, many collectors will be hunting through their albums to see which Die they have got in each stamp. The differences are not hard to see. In Die I, the second (thick) line below the name of the country is cut slanting where it breaks to admit the crown, while in Die II, it is cut square. In Die I, the inner top corners of the labels bearing the words, "POSTAGE & REVENUE," are square, while in Die II, they curve parallel to the inner frame line. The white line at the foot of the bust is level in Die I., but curves upwards at the right in Die II. On the outer curve of the spiral ornament in each bottom corner there is a projecting bud in Die I., which is absent in Die II. The illustrations in the introduction to the new Catalogue make the differences very clear.—"Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal."

NEW ISSUES—(continued from page 142).

SEYCHELLES.

Mr. R. Roberts reports the issue on script watermark paper of the following values:—

18c purple on yellow, 75c black on green, R1. 50c purple and blue on blue.

All Die 2, printed from Plate II. in sheets of 120 (2 panes of 60) divided by narrow margin. Four controls, top and bottom, second stamp from each corner.

SOCIETY NEWS—(continued from page 147).

THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (Sales Packet Branch),

P.O. Box 2948, Johannesburg.

Three packets were placed in circulation last month, their total net value being £220 5s. 4d. There are at present six packets, total value £465 19s., in circulation.

The packets are strong in medium and better-class British Colonials in general, and British Africans in particular.

CUM GRANO SALIS.

"Union" Specialist (at dorp post office): "Have you any stamps?"

Postmaster: "Yes."

"Union" Specialist: "Good, I'll take them."

Although the above is said to be true, we will not vouch for its authenticity, but we do know of a collector who bought a Mocambique post office out of postage due stamps—and was thanked for doing so.

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OUR NEW EDITOR.

When I assumed the editorship of this journal I little thought that before long it would be my turn, too, to send a personal message to supporters of this magazine. The occasion has arisen, and this month I have to introduce a new editor and publisher to you. Increasing pressure of work has made it impossible for me to control the destinies of the *South African Philatelist* any longer.

During the brief period that I edited this journal, I received the whole-hearted support of subscribers and advertisers alike, and it is with considerable regret that I sever my connection with it.

The hard work put in by Mr. Reynolds has helped to make this magazine one of the leading British Colonial philatelic journals. South African philatelists owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Reynolds for all he has done on their behalf.

I wish to sincerely thank all those who have helped to make the *Philatelist* the success it is, and take this opportunity of wishing them health and prosperity in the year which has just opened.

The new editor, Mr. J. Robertson, is known to all readers. The founder of the *Union Philatelist* and the *Quarterly Review of Philately*, the predecessors of the *South African Philatelist*, he has laboured much in the cause of philately in South Africa, and I have no hesitation in saying that under his able guidance this journal will continue to flourish.

In conclusion, I wish to add that I shall always welcome purely private communications, which should be addressed to 8a, Bellevue Street, Troyeville, Johannesburg.

H. BLOM.

I have to thank Mr. Blom or the kind way in which he has introduced me to the readers of the *Philatelist*, and I can assure them that my aim will always be to produce a first-class magazine, worthy of the perusal of all classes of philatelists.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not pay a tribute to the work done by him and Mr. Reynolds in the cause of philately. Wherever a philatelic journal is published there is considerable activity in the stamp world, and the active state of South African philately bears tribute to the energy displayed by these two gentlemen.

If what I can do is of benefit to philately, I shall be amply rewarded. Supporters may rest assured of my best endeavours on their behalf, and I know that I shall always receive from them the same hearty support which they accorded Messrs. Blom and Reynolds.

My best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to you all.

J. ROBERTSON.

The Postage Due Stamps of South-West Africa.

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

The study of these stamps, with their numerous minor varieties in the stamps themselves (of Transvaal and of the Union of South Africa) and in the overprints applied to them, is, in some ways, of greater interest than that of the corresponding series of postage stamps, for the following reasons:—

(1) All were overprinted in panes of sixty only, except for some few values with later overprints, which were in sheets of 120 stamps, whereas the postage adhesives were overprinted in full sheets of 240, except in the case of the second (narrow) overprint.

(2) The highest value is only 6d., which permits of a collection attaining a reasonable degree of completeness at a comparatively moderate cost, while the set of postage stamps includes many high values up to £1.

(3) The overprint was probably applied at comparatively infrequent intervals to batches of panes, thus giving more consistent and defined varieties of "settings," while the overprinting of postage stamps would doubtless be at more frequent intervals, which would cause varieties due to wear, shifting, and resetting of the type to alter frequently, making it more difficult to divide such sheets into defined settings.

The following notes are not expected to be quite exhaustive, but are a chronicle of varieties which the writer has actually seen, with an attempt to divide them into so-called "settings" and "stages," previously published lists having only given a disconnected capitulation of the more important varieties seen in each value. The settings are arranged in as near chronological order as possible, and details are given of the plates of 1d. and 1½d. rouletted, and of the left and right panes of other values which have been found.

Before dealing with the overprints, a check list is given of the principal varieties which occur in the panes of the stamps themselves, viz.:—

- 5d. Transvaal. Left panes.
- (a) So-called inverted "p" for "d" on No. 15.
- 5d. Transvaal. Right panes.
- (b) Bent foot to "d" on No. 1.
 - (c) Thin foot to "d" on No. 19.
 - (d) Stubbed foot to "d" on No. 57.
 - (e) Longer foot to "d" on No. 60.
- 6d. Transvaal. Left panes.
- (a) Retouched loop to "6" on No. 6.
 - (b) Slightly thicker "d" on No. 6.
- 6d. Transvaal. Right panes.
- No varieties.
- 2d. Union, De La Rue. Left panes.
- (a) Blunt foot to "2" on No. 1.
 - (b) Thinner "d" without top serif on No. 11.
 - (c) So-called inverted "p" for "d" on No. 51.
 - (d) Slanting "d" on No. 54.
- 2d. Union, De La Rue. Right panes.
- (e) Bent downstroke to "d" on No. 42.
 - (f) Slightly thicker "d" with slightly bent downstroke on No. 60.
- 3d. Union, De La Rue. Left panes.
- (a) Small projection from left side of lower claw of "3" on No. 2.
 - (b) Thick downstroke to "d" on No. 4.
 - (c) Stubbed foot to "d" on No. 33.
 - (d) Nick in side of "d" on No. 55.
 - (e) "d" in all stamps of last vertical row higher and closer to the "3."
- 3d. Union, De La Rue. Right panes.
- (f) Blunt foot to "3" on No. 2.

- (g) Slightly bent downstroke to "d" on No. 35.
 (h) "d" in all stamps of last vertical row higher and closer to the "3."
- 6d. Union, De La Rue. Left panes.
 No details available. Probably none were overprinted.
- 6d. Union, De La Rue. Right panes.
 (a) Stubbed foot to "d" on No. 15.
 (b) So-called inverted "p" for "d" on No. 21.
 (c) Thinner downstroke to "d" on No. 58.
- 1d. (? and 1½d.) Pretoria lithographed, rouletted. Plate "A."
 (a) Stroke through "n" of "betalen" on No. 29.
 (b) Solid white "o" in "of" on No. 34.
 (c) Joined "Af" in "Africa" on No. 59.
 (No such panes of 1½d. have yet been seen overprinted.)
- 1d. and 1½d. Pretoria lithographed, rouletted. Plate "B."
 (d) White leaf under "te betalen" on No. 18.
 (e) White stop after "due" on No. 47.
 (f) Coloured circle in left margin.
- 1d. and 1½d. Pretoria lithographed, rouletted. Plate "C."
 (g) Half white leaf above "te betalen" on No. 21.
 (h) White stop below "postage" on No. 15.
 (i) Partly white leaf below "postage" on No. 33.
- ½d. Pretoria lithographed, perforated. Left panes.
 (a) Plate flaw "postage" on No. 13 (corrected in later printings).
 (b) Broken "o" in "of" on No. 38.
 (c) Second "n" in "Union" touching the frame on No. 47 (corrected in later printings).
- ½d. Pretoria lithographed, perforated. Right panes.
 (d) Broken "v" in "van" on No. 41 (corrected in later printings).
 (e) Broken "f" in "of" on No. 56.
 (f) One perforation hole missing between each stamp in the first vertical row of stamps (corrected in later printings).
- The ½d. occurs in three varieties of gum, viz.:—
 (1) Opaque white gum.
 (2) Semi-transparent gum.
 (3) Green showing brightly through to back, as though aniline. This has been seen throughout in a pane, and also occurring only in a small portion of a pane which elsewhere had opaque gum. The 1d. perforated has also been seen in this latter form.
- 1d. Pretoria lithographed, perforated.
 Plate flaws (a), (b), and (e) occur as in ½d. above, but not (c) nor (d) in any panes seen. Only the missing perforation hole variety (f) has so far been seen.
- 1½d. Pretoria lithographed, perforated.
 Only right panes have been seen overprinted, in which plate variety (e) only occurs, together with the missing perforation hole variety (f).
- 2d. Pretoria lithographed, perforated.
 Plate flaws (a), (b), and (e) occur as in ½d. above, but not (c) nor (d) in any panes seen. A black hair-line occurs on No. 7 of right panes in early printings only. Plate flaw (a) was corrected in later printings. Both varieties of perforation exist.
- 6d. Pretoria lithographed, perforated.
 Plate flaws (b) and (e) only occur as in ½d. above. Only the normal perforation exists.

In describing the spacing between lines of overprint, some confusion has been caused owing to some chroniclers measuring to the bottom of the lower line of type, instead of to the top of the small letter "a" in "Africa," from the bottom of the upper line of type. Although the former is perhaps simpler, the latter appears to have become standardized, and is therefore used in the following notes; the difference between the two methods is 1½ mm.

VARIETIES OF OVERPRINTS.

First Overprint. January, 1923, wide spaced, 14 mm. between lines,
 "Zuid-West" two words.

The stamps which exist with this overprint are:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Pretoria, perforated; 1d. rouletted; $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rouletted; 2d. De La Rue; 2d. Pretoria; 3d. De La Rue; 5d. Transvaal; 6d. Transvaal; 6d. Union, De La Rue.

The overprint can be divided into five main settings, A, B, C, D, and E, with sub-stages in these settings, as follows:—

Setting (A). Type-set.

Main varieties, which are constant, are:—

- (a) Faint "hyphen" between "south" and "west" on No. 5.
- (b) Smaller stop on No. 25.
- (c) Faulty stop on on No. 38 (see below for stages of this).
- (d) "t" missing from "west" on No. 56 (re which see below).
- (e) Smaller stop on No. 56.
- (f) Smaller stop on No. 60.

And sub-varieties (which are not constant except, perhaps, i, ii, v, vi, viii, xi, xii, xvi, xvii, xix, xx, and xxiii):—

- (i) Thinner downstrokes to "z" on No. 2 (a distinguishing mark of this setting).
- (ii) Nick in left side of "A" on No. 2.
- (iii) Space-mark before "south" on No. 13.
- (iv) ":-" or ":" space-marks before "Africa" on No. 13.
- (v) White dot in "Z" on No. 14.
- (vi) Space-mark before "south" on No. 20.
- (vii) Space-mark between "south" and "west" on No. 20.
- (viii) Faint white dot in "t" in "west" on No. 23.
- (ix) Space-mark after "west" on No. 23.
- (x) ":" space-mark before "Africa" on No. 24.
- (xi) ":" or " ." space-mark before "Africa" on No. 25.
- (xii) White dot in "u" on No. 31.
- (xiii) Space-mark before "south" on No. 32.
- (xiv) Flaw in "st" in "west" on No. 32.
- (xv) " ." space-mark before "Africa" on No. 37.
- (xvi) Space-mark after "west" on No. 41.
- (xvii) Nick in right side of "w" on No. 44.
- (xviii) Space-mark between "south" and "west" on No. 49.
- (xix) White dot in "h" on No. 51.
- (xx) Faint mark over space between "south" and "west" on No. 51.
- (xxi) Cut through second "A" in "Africa" on No. 51.
- (xxii) Space-mark after "west" on No. 53.
- (xxiii) Short left leg to "A" on No. 55 (in this position, a distinguishing mark of this setting).
- (xxiv) Space-mark after "Africa" on No. 59.
- (xxv) Space-mark after "west" on No. 60.

The values which occur in this main setting (A) (which was also used for overprinting some bottom right panes of postage stamps) are:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (right panes), 1d. rouletted (plates "A," "B," and "C"), $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rouletted (plate "B"), 2d. De La Rue (left panes), 3d. De La Rue (right panes), 5d. Transvaal, and 6d. Transvaal. The 5d. and 6d. in this setting are included only from chronicle elsewhere, and cannot, therefore, be included in the following check lists of the three stages.

This setting is divisible into three main stages, viz.:—

- (A 1) Small dropped stop on No. 38.

Thin space-mark after "West" on No. 56 (but not constant on 1d.)

This occurs in 1d. rouletted. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. rouletted, 3d. De La Rue.

- (A 2) As (A 1) but with additional variety, viz.

"Afrika" spaced thus: "Af rika" on No. 59. This occurs in $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

- (A 3) Stop missing on No. 38.

No space-mark after "wes" on No. 56. This occurs in 2d. De La Rue.

(To be continued.)

Under the "Harmer."

Please excuse the pun; it's that Christmas feeling again.

The following prices were obtained by Mr. H. R. Harmer, of London, at his auctions held on October 20th and 27th:—

British Guiana, 1858-9, 1 c. brownish-red, S.G. 15, unused ...	£18 0 0
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East Africa and Uganda, 1919, 4 c. on 6 c., Mint horizontal strip of five, surcharge misplaced, two with surcharge omitted ...	5 10 0
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East Africa and Uganda, 1919, 4 c. on 6 c., Mint vertical pair with surcharge omitted on face but sideways on back ...	9 15 0
Ionian Islands, ($\frac{1}{2}$ d.) orange, and (1d.) blue, used together on entire ...	20 0 0
Natal, embossed 3d. rose, enormous copy used on small piece ...	4 10 0
Nevis, 1876, litho., 1s. pale green, variety imperf., superb Mint horizontal pair, with margins ...	9 0 0
South Australia, 1887-95, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ — $12\frac{1}{2}$, £10 bronze, unused, part gum ...	16 0 0
Tobago, Nov., 1880, 1d. on half of 6d. orange, superb, used on small piece ...	6 15 0
Tobago, 1886-89, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 6d. orange brown, variety figure further from word, superb used ...	4 10 0
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THE STAMPS OF GAMBIA.

By A. F. JOHNSTONE.

(Continued from December issue.)

Early in 1869 Gambia issued its first postage stamps—a modest set of two values only. They are thus described by the "*Philatelist*" for March 1st, 1869:—

"In a central circle is Queen Victoria's coroneted head in white relief; in straight bands above is Gambia; below, the value, which, as well as the spandril ornamentation, is embossed in white. The stamp is nearly square, and the specimens possessed by our correspondent are imperforate."

The stamps were printed and embossed in sheets of fifteen only, three rows of five, by Messrs. de la Rue & Co., the printing being done first. The small size of the sheet was no doubt due to the difficulty of embossing over a large surface (the embossed stamps of Great Britain were produced one at a time). White wove paper was used, and the stamps are not watermarked or perforated. The colour of the gum varies from pure white to yellow, the latter, however, probably being due to the hot, damp climate. The colour of the 4d. value varies from deep to pale brown, that of the 6d. from deep to pale blue, the latter shade being scarce.

Both values can be found with the embossing double, and there was a curious defect in the plate of the 6d., the stamps of the top row being $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. taller than those of the second and third rows, *i.e.*, $22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. instead of 22 mm. Stamps No. 1 and 5, however, only measure 22 mm. on their outside edges and the top edges slope upwards towards the middle of the plate, the slope in No. 1 being less pronounced than in No. 5, which measures $22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. on the left and 22 mm. on the right. This is the well-known "sloping label" variety, and only occurs in the 6d. value. There are also minor varieties consisting of slight variations in the shape of the curl at the back of the hair and the presence or absence of a small spot of colour near the top of the hair directly above the curl. Both values exist overprinted "Specimen."

Forgeries of these stamps are to be found. In those which I have seen the colour is quite good, but the white circle is rather narrow, while the lettering and spandril ornaments are too heavy, and in every case the embossing has been very slight.

In 1874 a change was made in the paper used for these stamps, the well-known Crown and C.C. paper being brought into use, although it was really quite unsuitable for the purpose. This paper was made for sheets of 240 stamps in four frames of 60, and had the watermarks arranged accordingly. Each frame (10 rows of six watermarks) was enclosed in a single line frame; down the centre of the sheet was a blank space about half an inch wide and across the centre the words "Crown Colonies," which words were repeated twice along each side of the sheet. These sheets were cut up into ten small sheets to fit the Gambia plates of fifteen stamps, with the result that two sheets out of every ten bore the words "Crown Colonies" across the middle row of stamps, while the top and bottom rows of the same sheets have the normal Crown and C.C. watermark. It is not often that a complete watermark is to be found on one stamp, and a few sheets must have been fed into the press upside down, also a few with the wrong side of the paper upwards, as the watermark is found both inverted and reversed.

The colour remains as in the first issue and the stamps are still imperforate. Both values are known with double embossing and the sloping label variety becomes slightly more pronounced.

(To be continued.)

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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.

"The African World" (London) publishes an exclusive cable announcing the decision of the Union Government to issue a special postage stamp to commemorate the visit of the Prince of Wales this year.

The denomination of the stamp to be issued is not stated, but it will probably be twopence, this being the postage on letters addressed to places within the South African Postal Union and to British possessions. The Prince arrives at Capetown on May 30th.

According to "Perforation," of the "Rand Daily Mail," a Capetown philatelist is in possession of a block of four of the 2d. postage in imperforate condition. This is indeed a novelty, and it would be interesting to know what has happened to the others which must have been issued.

MOCAMBIQUE.

A supply of the current 30 centavos and 60 centavos postage stamps was recently converted into provisional postage dues by surcharging the former value "Porteado 20 c." and the latter "Porteado 50 c."

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mr. L. H. Rivers, who is at present on a visit to Johannesburg, shews us a mint copy of the 1½d. value, which appears to shew a clear albino die impression in addition to that bearing ink.

Mr. A. C. Thornton has come into possession of a strip of the 1d. denomination unperforate at bottom. The strip is from the middle of the sheet (bottom row, top panes).

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

It's a hard task, my masters, but we must chronicle this territory's numerous varieties. Here's another bunch to keep things warm, the items being reported by Messrs. Mallet-Veale and Lichtenstein and other readers:

- Postage Due Stamps. Type I overprint.
- 2d., Pretoria printing, "Union of South Africa" barred out and no "t" in "West." Nos. 41 and 48, left hand pane, respectively.
- 3d., second stamp, last row, right hand pane, shews "Wes" error and small stop after "Africa."

Postage stamps. Type III. overprint.

In this type the following varieties are reported in the thin lettering with small stops:—2d., 3d., 4d., 1s., 1s. 3d. We have seen copies of most of these.

1d. Postage, Type I. An interesting variety.

Mr. Mallet-Veale shews us a copy of the above stamp with the Dutch overprint on which the "r" in "Afrika" has failed to print. The specimen before us is postmarked "Outjo."

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THE STAMPS OF CYPRUS.

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

During the past year it has been my privilege to read you papers on the stamps of two small islands, and now I am tackling a third; on this occasion my problem is of a far different order from my former ones, for both St. Helena and Seychelles were discovered in the neighbourhood of 1500 A.D., while the island of Cyprus is noted for its antiquities.

Cyprus was known, was inhabited and had a civilisation prior to written history, and to give you some idea of its antiquities I am going to quote you two facts, not because they are the most wonderful in its history, but because you are very unlikely to find them in any text book.

Some years ago a friend of mine read a paper on the ruins at Great Zimbabwe, in which he drew certain conclusions as to the date and probable builders of that fortress and temple. Even were I capable of giving you his evidence it might not interest you, and would certainly not be to the point at which we are aiming to-night, so I will merely give you his rough conclusions on certain points.

The builders were civilised, because there are signs of orientation in the building; they were skilled miners and seamen. The latest workings there in the mines are about 1000 B.C.; the Great Building being, probably, 2,000 years older than this. These deductions were made from orientation and other clues.

Now, it is quite certain that Great Zimbabwe was not the first building erected by these people, whom he called "Hittites," in what is now Rhodesia; the chain of forts or places of refuge between these and the coast being of a considerably earlier date. These Hittites were a pre-Arian civilisation which flourished on the shores of the Mediterranean before our earliest ancestors left their original home in Asia. They had ceased to exist as a people before written history, or even legend enlightens us as to the state of Europe, but they leave us deduced history in the remains of their buildings.

In the islands of Cyprus and Sardinia and, according to the Hon. A. Wilnot, in his book "Monomotopo," in Asia Minor, there are buildings so similar to these forts between Zimbabwe and the coast as to make it certain that they are the work of the same people, a Mongolian or Semitic people who flourished at least 5,000 years ago.

This sounds a bit ancient, especially for a paper before a Philatelic Society, but, at the risk of boring you, I want to go still further back into the past.

In about 1907, a friend of mine residing in Sussex, discovered two earthenware spoons of the crudest description; he had no idea to what period they belonged as no others existed. At his request I photographed them, after which they were placed, I believe, in the County Museum at Lewes Castle.

In 1920 I was again with my friend, and referred to these two spoons, when he told me that they were now dated beyond dispute. Another had been discovered in the island of Cyprus; they were the only known examples in the world of Neolithic pottery, and his two were in the British Museum. I have brought the photo with me in case it may prove of interest to you, and I tell the story to show that, at one time at least, the inhabitants of Cyprus were akin to the inhabitants of the British Isles, though many different races have risen and fallen during the intervening centuries.

Before passing on to the history of the stamps, I feel that I should like to touch on a very few points in the history of the island in comparatively modern times. The island was once famed for its copper mines, which were farmed by Herod the Great, the name "Cyprus" being probably from a Greek word meaning copper.

Christianity was introduced into Cyprus by St. Paul, while Barnabas was born there. Almost every nation which borders on the Mediterranean Sea has, at some time, held Cyprus. King Richard I., on his way to the first Crusade, conquered the island and was proclaimed king, but only held it for about two years. Changes cannot go on for ever, and the fate of Cyprus was to be conquered by the Turk in 1571, part of whose empire it remained until the Great War in 1914.

There have been many disputes over the geographical classification of Cyprus. Most philatelic geographers classify Cyprus with the European countries, whereas the geographers include it in Asia, to which continent it admittedly belongs. So great an authority as Mr. Westoby sets the geographers at defiance and included it in his work on the adhesive stamps of Europe, but he explained, or rather contended, that there was no solid reason why its geographical position should interfere with its postal history, which is certainly European—meaning, presumably, its use of British stamps overprinted Cyprus.

There, again, we philatelists further defy the authorities by having always included it amongst British Colonials, though it was a part of the Turkish Empire until 1914, before which its citizens were, in no sense, British. Of course, our excuse was that it was administered as a Crown Colony, and that, being British, we were unlikely ever to hand it back to Turkey.

Great Britain obtained the right to occupy Cyprus by the terms of a defensive alliance signed at Constantinople on June 4th, 1878, between Great Britain and Turkey, the conditions being that it should be restored to the Turkish Empire when Russia restored Kars and Batoum. For the privilege of governing the Cypriotes we were supposed to pay the Sublime Porte a yearly tribute of £78,000, as well as £5,000 as compensation for Crown lands and a little matter of 2,166,220 okes of salt. I use the term "supposed to pay" because, as a matter of fact, no actual money passed, as there was a fairly big score against Turkey which this tribute was helping to liquidate.

Prior to our occupation of Cyprus, Turkish stamps were used in the island. Letters for Smyrna were carried by the vessels of the Asia Minor Steamship Company, which issued two postage stamps of the values of 1 and 2 piastres, printed in black on green. Unused specimens are to be seen in the Tapling collection.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Items of Interest from the various Centres.

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Pres.: Major E. G. A. Booth. Hon. Sec.: Mr. E. C. Westbrook, P.O. Box 831, Pretoria.
Meetings held first and third Mondays, 8 p.m. at Market Restaurant.

On December 15th about fifteen members of the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society attended a meeting of the Pretoria Society. The visitors were welcomed by about twenty Pretorians, and a most interesting evening was spent. Collections were exhibited by the Johannesburgers as follows:— Mr. C. E. Donne, Cyprus (with paper); Mr. I. Glasser, Irish Free State (and paper on same); Mr. W. Vogts, British Africans; Mr. A. F. Johnstone, Gambia; and Mr. J. E. M. Coch, Rhodesia (double head issue). The excellent displays were much appreciated by the Pretorians, and a number of speeches followed the exhibits. The usual free raffle (a Mint 10s. Togo on Gold Coast) was won by Mr. Johnstone.

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.

There was a good attendance at the meeting held on December 17th, when Mr. C. E. Donne, the secretary, read a most interesting paper on the stamps of Cyprus (published in this issue). His collection of this island's stamps was much admired, the various issues being well represented. Pages of interest were shown by most of the members present.

The Johannesburg Society will pay the East Randites an official visit at the January meeting, while it is understood that the East Rand philatelists will go over to Pretoria this month.

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 usual meeting of the above was held on December 9th, when there was a good muster of members. The exhibit of the evening was Greece, and one volume of Mr. C. P. Skinner's magnificent specialised collection of this country was shown. Mr. Skinner is an acknowledged expert on Greece, and his exhibit was much appreciated by the members present.

Much to the regret of the Johannesburg collectors, Mr. Skinner left for London on December 15th, where he is taking up an important appointment. An enthusiastic American, Mr. Skinner made himself very popular with South African philatelists during his stay in this country.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (Sales Packet Branch), P.O. Box 2948, Johannesburg.

This club placed two packets, net value £135 3s., in circulation last month, while two packets were broken up. The August I. packet, value £59 14s. 5d., shewed sales amounting to £23 2s. 2d. (38.69 per cent.), while sales from the August II. packet, value £48 9s. 6d., amounted to £16 6s. 4d., or 33.66 per cent. There are at present seven packets, net value £541 7s. 7d., in circulation. (Continued on next page.)

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Meetings held first Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Y.M.C.A., Esplanade.

The adjourned annual meeting of the above was held on December 3rd, when the vice-president (Mr. Bond) presided, in the absence of Mr. P. Williams, the president.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was:—President, Mr. P. Williams; Vice-presidents, Messrs. W. N. Bond and W. J. Norman (re-elected), with the addition of Messrs. A. Law, S. Rogerson, and T. Glen; Secretary, Mr. G. A. Kirk; Treasurer, Mr. J. Hobbs; Exchange Superintendent, Mr. A. H. Lovejoy; Committee, Messrs. C. Riches, R. G. Webb, W. L. Burne, R. Peckover and R. W. Watkins.

A draft set of new rules for the exchange section was considered, and, with minor alterations, they were adopted. These rules, it is hoped, will quicken the exchange system, and also afford ample security to members submitting stamps. The reports of the secretary, treasurer and exchange superintendent were adopted, and a vote of thanks to those gentlemen for their work during the past year was passed. The financial position showed a balance on the year's working, and the secretary reported a net gain of nine members, the total now standing at the century mark. The proposal to inaugurate a philatelic library was agreed to in principle, and referred to the committee for them to draw up a scheme for submission to the next meeting.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

Yes, you expected this territory to be to the fore again, and we have not disappointed you, but, please, do not be alarmed, it is not another new overprint—we have better news for you.

In this issue we publish the first instalment of an exhaustive article on the Postage Due stamps of this country. This article, which appeared in *Stamp Collecting*, the well-known London weekly, of November 22nd and 29th, is from the pen of Major L. J. Worthington, known to all specialists in South West Africa.

His notes, says Major Worthington, involve much detail and apparent glorification of unimportant type flaws, but this, he continues, is necessary if the history of the overprint plates is to be reconstructed, and the existence of a record of distinguishing marks of different printings can turn minutiae from being an aimless and wasteful eye-strain into a definite system of plating.

Followers of the stamps dealt with will be grateful to Major Worthington for collating such useful information. After reading his article their path will be much easier.

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Referring to the "barred out" variety which exists on the 2d. (Pretoria printing). 5d. and 6d. (Union of South Africa) postage dues with Type I. overprint, we have lately seen specimens of this variety. The "barring out" consists of a faint broken line along the top of the stamp, and in each case occurs on stamp No. 41, left hand pane. The "Wes" error on No. 48, left hand pane, is indisputable on the 2d. value before us, but on the 5d. and 6d. values seen by us a small portion of the "t" is visible.

The minor varieties which exist in the unoverprinted Pretoria printed postage dues also exist, of course, in the stamps overprinted for South West Africa. Quite a bunch of these varieties has been reported to us, but as they are already known we do not propose to mention them.

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

