

announces a sale by auction on January 15th of all remaining stock of obsolete issues.

**GOLD COAST.**—(*Provisional 1d.*)—*Ewen's Weekly* reports the current 6d. lilac and mauve surcharged ONE PENNY. Another reported surcharge is ONE PENNY on the 2½d lilac and blue, and it is stated that as in the case of Seychelles all the remaining stock of Queen's heads is to be cleared out by surcharging to make room for a new issue of King Edward stamps in January.

**GUATEMALA.**—(*More provisionals.*)—A correspondent of *Mekel's Weekly* announces that the promised pictorial set which we reported in our June number, is not to appear till March next, meanwhile surcharging of old stock goes on. Revenue stamps are now being made into postage stamps by the surcharge CORREOS NACIONALES, 1901, and a new value where the former value was too high for postal duty. 5 centavos has been surcharged in black on 1 peso rose, 10c on 50c orange, and 50c on 10 pesos green. The 1c blue revenue stamp has also been surcharged in red but without any change of value.

**HUNGARY.**—(*Re-issue of the 6 filler.*)—The 6 filler of the current type originally issued in brown lilac, but withdrawn from circulation some months ago, has been lately re-issued in olive-yellow.

**LEEWARD ISLANDS.**—(*King Edward stamps ordered.*)—By an order-in-council dated September 3rd, it was directed that a set of postage and revenue stamps with head of King Edward shall be issued on or about January 1st, the values to be ¼d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 6d., and 5s. Post-cards, ¼d. and 1d., single and reply. Wrappers, ½d. and 1d., Envelopes, 1d. and 2½d and registration envelopes. We shall probably hear of similar issues from all the other colonies shortly.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—(*New 2c post card.*)—The first King Edward post card has appeared from the ancient colony. In design and inscription it is the same as that issued in 1880, but the 2c stamp of 1897 replaces the portrait of Queen Victoria.

**PARAGUAY.**—(*A new 1 peso.*)—The *Am. J. of Ph.* reports the issue of a 1 peso stamp of the same general design as the stamps of the 1892 issue. We learn from *L'Echo de la T.*, that the new stamp bears the portrait of General Eguzquiza. It replaces the 1 p. olive of the figure type of 1892.

**REUNION.**—(*Provisional, 5c and 15c.*)—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* reports the issue on September 28th of 50,000 each, 5c on 40c, 5c on 50c, 15c on 75c and 15c on 1 fr. They were required owing to the 5c and 15c values becoming exhausted, and delay in getting a fresh supply ordered some months back from the minister of the Colonies, Paris.

**ST-PIERRE AND MIQUELON.**—(*Parcel Post Stamp, 10c.*)—The current 10c adhesive has been surcharged COLIS POSTAUX to be used for packets sent by parcel post.

**SERVIA.**—(*Provisional 15 paras.*)—The plate of the 15 par. lilac, having become useless from wear, and a considerable sur-

plus stock of the 1 dinar red on blue remaining on hand, it was decided to surcharge the latter with the lower value in black ink. A provisional 15 par. consequently made its appearance September 29th.

## REVIEWS.

We have received for review a copy of the third edition of Whitfield, King & Co.'s "Universal Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World," which comprises all postage stamps known to be issued to the end of October, and gives the market value of each. The work is certainly "up-to-date," including the new issues of Bulgaria, Italy, Newfoundland 4c., etc., listed only last month.

The following statistics, compiled from the catalogue, may not be uninteresting. The figures comprise only standard varieties of postage stamps and do not include postcards, letter cards, stamped envelopes or wrappers. All minor varieties of perforation, paper and shade also are not catalogued.

The total number of all known postage stamps issued by all the Governments of the world up to the present time is 16,081.

Of this number, 141 have been issued in Great Britain, and 4,342 in the various British Colonies and Protectorates, leaving 11,739 for the rest of the world. Dividing the totals amongst the Continents, Europe issued 3,823, Asia 2,966, Africa 2,775, America, including the West Indies, 5,268, and Oceania, 1,249. A comparison of these figures with those published in April, 1900, will show that 1,455 new varieties of stamps have been issued throughout the world in the space of eighteen months.

The Republic of Salvador has issued more varieties of postage stamps than any other country, the number being 403. Next in order comes the United States with 303, Spain with 293, followed by Nicaragua with 279, the Philippines 228, Uruguay 221, Victoria 220, Cuba 217, and Mexico 214.

Boyaca, Poland, Tierra del Fuego and Wadhwan have each found a solitary specimen suffice for their postal needs.

The published price of the book is 1s 3d., or interleaved and bound in cloth, gilt, 3s 6d. It can be supplied by our publishers at 40c. duty paid in Canada, or \$1.10 for the interleaved edition.

We have to thank the publishers for a copy of the American edition of "Stanley Gibbons' Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of the British Empire." This edition is exactly the same as