

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

THE INSURANCE STAMPS OF MAURITIUS.

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The Mauritius Revenues form a very pretty set, but the prettiest of all are the Insurance stamps. They are very interesting, and are, with a few exceptions, inexpensive. I will now endeavour to describe these interesting stamps, and I have added their present market value, as given to me by a correspondent in Mauritius.

The first issue of insurance stamps appeared in March 1869. It consisted of the letters INCE surcharged in black on the postage stamps. Perforated 14, and wmk'd crown and C.C. In April, 1869, one month later, this issue was withdrawn, and in its place appeared the "Internal Revenues," surcharged INCE.

In February 1878, when the coinage was changed to cents, the Internal Revenues were surcharged INCE and the new value in cents. There are two varieties of surcharge, one 9 mms high, the other 6 mms high. In June 1879, the present issue appeared. The Internal Revenues were surcharged INSURANCE, in black. These stamps are very pretty and form an attractive set.

CATALOGUE.

March 1869, surcharge INCE in black, Per. 14, Wmk. crown C.C. on:

3d rose, postage stamp.....	\$1 00
6d green " ".....	1 00
1 shilling yellow postage stamp....	1 50
4 shilling mauve " ".....	4 00

April 1869. Internal revenue stamps surcharged INCE in black, Perf. 14, Wmk. crown C.C.:

3d blue.....	\$ 50
6d ".....	60
1s brown.....	1 00
2s ".....	1 50
3s ".....	1 00
4s ".....	1 50
5s ".....	2 00
10s ".....	4 00
20s violet.....	10 00

Same. Watermarked Crown C.A.:

6d blue.....	\$5 00
1s brown.....	5 00
2s ".....	5 00

Internal revenue stamps surcharged INCE and new value in cents, in black, wmk. crown C.C., perf. 14:

	Surcharge	
	9 mms high	6 mms high
13c on 3d blue.....	\$2 00	\$4 00
26c " 6d ".....	1 00	4 00
39c " 1s brown.....	1 00	4 00
52c " 2s ".....	2 50	5 00
1R 56c on 3s brown.....	2 00	5 00
2R 8c " 4s ".....	3 00	6 00
2R 60c " 5s ".....	4 00	10 00
5R 20c " 10s ".....	4 00	10 00
10R 40c on 20s violet.....	10 00	10 00

January 1879, value in cents, surcharged INSURANCE, in black, perf. 14, wmk. crown C.A.:

13c orange.....	\$ 50
26c pale blue.....	50
39c chocolate.....	50
52c carmine.....	40
1R 56c green.....	50
2R 8c blue.....	50
2R 8c deep violet.....	3 50
2R 60c orange.....	75
5R 20c orange.....	1 00
10R 40c mauve.....	2 00

ERRORS AND MINOR VARIETIES.

There are many such, but I will just describe those in my collection. They are all of the last issue.

13c orange surcharged INSURANCE, P instead of R.

13c orange surcharged INSURANCE, inverted V instead of A.

2R 8c blue surcharged INSURANCE, C dropped out.

My correspondent informs me that while printing these stamps, the C on one plate dropped out, and it was not discovered until quite a few had been printed.

Newfoundland has issued its first revenues. We have not yet seen them, but they are said to be magnificent stamps. They were printed by the American Bank Note Co. at Ottawa.

One review editor, in reviewing the M. wanted us to devote most of our space to revenues. Sorry we can't oblige you, we would like to, though.

Revenue Collector's desiring a catalogue, can obtain Walter Morley's "Catalogue of the Revenue stamps of the British Colonies," from the publisher of the Montreal Philatelist at 60c, each.

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