

on the authority of *Le T. P.*, we list those we have seen of these new varieties :

1 s. lilac	10 s. red
2 s. slate	15 s. yellow
5 s. green	25 s. blue.

The 10 s. is of a different shade to that issued on pelure paper in 1894. (Scott 39).



CHILE.—We illustrate the new type described last month. The following values have now been seen 1 c. green, 2c. carmine, 5 c. blue and 10c lilac.



COLUMBIA (*Republic of*).—We illustrate the 5 c. stamp issued by the Provisional government at Cucuta. The 5c and 10c are printed in black or pink paper, and as we go to press we hear of a 20c on yellow paper of same type. We have been criticized for listing the stamps of this country under a title which is a correct translation of the Spanish as used on the regular issues of the stamps. The title of the catalogues "Columbian Republic" is not correct and is not found in the Postal Guides or any official document that we know of.

CONGO FREE STATE.—The 10 centimes post cards of the Free State being now admitted to circulate within a zone of 300 marine miles from the frontiers, says *L'Essor Philatelique*, a change in the inscription has been made in the single and reply cards of that value. The new inscription, which is in French, indicates that the use of the cards has been extended to comprise the colonies of Gold Coast on the North and German South West Africa on the South.

CRETE.—The meaning of the surcharge on the new stamps is now satisfactorily explained. The unit of currency on the island is still the Turkish piastre worth 22 lepta, and will so remain for some months to come, until the law adopting the monetary system of the Latin union comes into force. In the meantime the 25 l. stamp is sold for 1 piastre, the 50 l. for 2 piastres, the 1 dr. for 4 piastres, and so on. This necessitates the provisional surcharge of all multiples of 25, which will be discontinued as soon as the new monetary law is promulgated



We illustrate the 10 lepta, the portrait as already announced is that of Prince George. Thesame design also appears on a post card of same value with usual inscriptions in Greek and French, color carmine on buff.

DAHOMEY.—The full set from 1 centime to 5 francs, for this French colony in the regular colors and of the regulation type, has been issued, as we anticipated in our February report.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—What is probably the fore-runner of a new set, has just come to hand a 1 cent green of the same design as the current Denmark (Scott A 7) with the necessary alterations in the inscriptions.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—By an official decree, March 30th 1900, the issue of 100,000 each of ½c and ⅓c stamps, for the prepayment of printed matter, was authorized.

ERITREA.—The Italian government is not to be left behind the rest of the world in booming its colonial possessions. The *Franco-bollo*, informs us that an eminent Roman artist is preparing the necessary designs for an artistic set of stamps, at the request of the Governor of Eritrea.

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—The 1, 2, 5 and 25 c. of Perak have been surcharged in a similar manner to the stamps of Negri Sembilan as previously described.

FIJI.—The *London Philatelist* announces the change of color of the ½d. from grey to dark green, U. P. U. color.

FRANCE.—The 2 franc reported last month, made its appearance on April 19th. It is printed from die 1 (N. below B.) in bistre on light blue. It was first reported that a very limited number of this stamp were to be printed, but our French contemporaries state that 600,000 specimens have been struck off so that it will not be a rarity. The new sets promised for the opening of the Paris exposition have been delayed in preparation. The design of M. Eug. Mouchoir which was that first accepted by the government for the values from 10 to 30 centimes, as announced last January, is now ready in the following colors :

10 c. red	25 c. blue
15 c. orange	30 c. violet
20 c. brown violet.	

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