

Antigua.

This West Indian island has been a British colony for about 100 years. It contains only 108 square miles, and has a population of about 35,000.

The first stamps were issued here in 1862—two values, 1d., lake; 6d., green. The color of the 1d. was changed to red in 1868, and the 6d. is found in several shades of green.

The design on both these stamps is the same: Diademed profile of Queen Victoria to left, on shaded ground; "Antigua," on solid label, above; value on same below. Stamps issued previous to 1873 are water-marked with a six pointed star; subsequent to that date with a crown and "C.C." In 1880, two new values were issued, 2½ d., brown, and 4 d., blue; and in 1882, a ½ d., green, appeared. In 1884, the color of the 2½ d. was changed to blue, and a 1 d. rose, was issued. These stamps are all of the De La Rue type,—diademed head of Victoria, on octagonal, shaded ground, with ornamented frame; "Antigua," on white label, above; value on same below. This completes the list for this colony up to the present time.—*The Philatelist.*

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