



issued, also a 4 ch. single card red brown on buff.

(The new high values) —We illustrate the 1 wen stamp listed in September. The 50 ch. and 2 wen are of somewhat similar device, with the inscriptions and emblems variously arranged.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(A new set).—News of the issue of a complete new series reaches us first from England



where the stamps were printed, to judge by appearances by De La Rue & Co. Our friend Mr. M. D. Senior of New York is cordially thanked for early specimens and the following particulars:—

"The new set for this Republic, which will first be offered to the public on the 15th inst., has been already received here. They are unquestionably the handsomest stamps ever issued by this country. All are printed in two colors, the central design, which is the arms of the country, is printed in a light violet for all values, surrounded by a frame in a different color for each." Our illustration shows the disposition of the frame and inscriptions; the stamps are perforated 14½ and care seems to have been taken to get them well centered, a feature that is characteristic of De La Rue's work. The values and the colors of the outer frames are as follows:—

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| 1 | centavo red. |
| 1 | olive green. |
| 2 | dark green. |
| 5 | red brown. |
| 10 | orange. |
| 20 | dark purple. |
| 50 | grey black. |
| 100 | brown. |

There is also a set of unpaid letter stamps of the annexed type, four values—2, 4, 5 and 10c. all in the same color sepia. (A commemorative set in preparation). Interesting details of a commemorative set to be issued in February, 1902, are given in a separate article by Mr. Senior.



GREAT BRITAIN.—(King's head stamps). As the plates for the new ½d. and 1d. have been registered, and the order to print has been given, the stamps may make their appearance at any time now, as soon as the old stock is exhausted. The design is identical for the two stamps, which would seem to imply a uniform set of all values when required. Mr. R. L. Podesta, of Coventry, England, sends us the following clipping from a local newspaper:

I hear, says the *Post* London correspondent, that the new halfpenny and

the penny stamps with the King's head on them have been printed, and it is possible that they will be issued on the 9th of November—the King's birthday. The colour of the halfpenny stamp is greenish-blue, in conformity with the Postal-Union agreement, and that of the penny stamp is a deep carmine on white. One who has seen the imprimatur sheet at Somerset House tells me that he does not think the likeness of his Majesty a good one, nor the design particularly happy, but those points we should all soon be able to consider for ourselves.

ITALY.—(Completion of the new set.) The new set has been completed by the issue of the following values, October 1st:

- 40c. brown.
- 45c. olive green.
- 50c. purple.
- 1 l. brown and green.
- 5 l. blue and red.

The corresponding values of the old issue become obsolete for postal purposes September 30th, 1902, but may be exchanged at any post office till September 30th, 1903, after which date they shall cease to have any legal value, but may be sold to stamp collectors at such prices as the Government may fix.



JAPAN.—(½ sen in place of 5 rin). The 5 rin stamp of the current set has been replaced by one of equivalent value—½ sen grey. (A commemorative 3 sen). A press despatch informs us of the issue of a 3 sen stamp commemorating the late Prince Kitashirakawa. The stamp will have in the centre the picture of the Formosa Shrine, which is dedicated to the Prince, with the imperial crest beside it surrounded by the letters "Imperial Japanese Post." Its size will be almost the same as that of the postal stamps now in use.

MAURITIUS.—(2c. and 15c. of current type). A 15c. stamp, of the current "arms" type, green with value in orange was issued in July, and at the same time the 2c. lilac with value in violet, reported Dec., 1900, was put in circulation. (Provisional 2c. post cards). The 8c. carmine U. P. U. post cards, single and reply, issued in 1897 have recently been surcharged in black 2 CENTS for local use. As soon as this old stock is exhausted regular 2c. single and reply cards are promised.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—(A new 4 cent stamp). The "Royal Picture gallery" set has been increased by the issue of a 4c. purple with portrait of the Duchess of Cornwall. It was issued about the time of the visit of the royal party in commemoration of that event, but is to be a permanent addition to the set, being a value much needed for double weight letters. Our thanks are gratefully

