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Imperial Penny Postage.



Herewith is represented to our readers a fac-simile of the new two-cent stamp that will appear to commemorate the inauguration of Imperial penny postage, which goes into effect on Xmas Day.

The rate will be two cents per half ounce on letters going between Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, Newfoundland, India, British Central Africa and British East Africa.

It is expected that this reduced rate will be accepted by all other British Colonies in a short time.

The Newspaper Stamps of France.

If we open the Standard (Scott's) Catalogue at "France," we will find the following under the heading:

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.

	Unused	Used
No. 252, 2c rose,	\$50.00	\$50.00
253, 2c blue,	3.00	3.00

PERFORATED.

No. 254, 2c rose,	\$ 1.25	.75
255, 2c blue	.50	.30

I do not intend in this article to criticise this catalogue, which from several points of view, is certainly one of the best published, as in my opinion a catalogue should not be a guide of what to collect, as the collector is the only one privileged to say what he will or will not collect. A catalogue should be what the name implies, a "chronicle of what is in existence," and the one mentioned is certainly one of the most complete issued.

But I will respectfully submit to the collecting public the following observations regarding these so-called newspaper stamps, and, before going farther will say that, in my opinion, they have no value, and are out of place in a collection of postage stamps, as they were never used to prepay postage on newspapers. In fact, they were not issued for that purpose.