

"The arrangements which Mr. J. S. Moffat, Assistant Commissioner, has during the past month or two been making are now completed, and the 'Protectorate Post' comes into operation forthwith. The former route to the interior, *via* Zeerust, in the Transvaal, has been summarily abandoned, and the post will be conveyed by native runners through Mafeking to Kanya (Gasitsive's), Molepolole (Secheli's), and Shoshong (Khama's) weekly, and from Shoshong to Gubuluways (Lobengula's) fortnightly. The first post under the new arrangement arrived at Mafeking on Monday. Probably Moghudi will be made the postal station after a while instead of Molepolole, the latter not being quite so direct as the former. During the time his Honour remains in the Protectorate settling the Grobelaar incident, special riders will carry despatches supplementary to the above post."

The unappropriated dies are not well adapted for postage stamps. There is no numeral value on them, and the value itself is so indistinct, being of the same colour as the background, besides reading up and down, that we were not "surprised to find" that the authorities are improving Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s double fugitives by surcharging them with the value, of which we may expect to have a goodly number of varieties, such as figure 1 with and without a serif, with long and short serifs, &c.; 2 in Roman, block curly head, curly tail, straight head, straight tail, &c. At present we have only to chronicle the following:

Adhesives. 1 penny, purple, surcharged in black, "1d."
2 pence " " " " red, "2d."

—*Philatelic Record.*

Canada.—The 2c. Registration and 3c. are now issued in bright carmine color. We have seen the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. imperforate on a thin ribbed paper, with perpendicular laid lines.

Danish West Indies.—A new 1 cent stamp is out—1 cent in rose frame of yellow green.—*Ph. Record.*

Dutch Indies.—There is a new 30c. unpaid stamp of same design and color as the others. The 10c. red-brown envelope is found on white paper, and the 25c. lilac envelope is surcharged 15 cts., in black, in large figures.

Formosa.—We give here some information of these stamps taken from an official letter from Formosa to Peking, dated the 14th May, 1888:

"For information, I enclose a copy of the new regulations at present adopted by the Government of Formosa. Under those regulations, the old official mode of sending letters has become a regular postal service for the public. The following are the principal articles:

1st. The mail is carried by carriers on foot.

2nd. The postal routes are divided into spaces of a day's journey, being a distance of from 70 to 100 li.

3rd. Letters are transported at the rate of 20 cash per tael and per stage, with extra charge to places that are not in the post route.

4th. The postage stamps are of two kinds, the official and the ordinary. The first are supplied free to the public officers for the use of official postage, the second are sold to the public.