

BRITISH GUIANA.—(*5c. in new colors.*) The 48c. stamp of the current type has just appeared printed in black, with the words POSTAGE AND REVENUE, and the value in mauve. The 96c. stamp is also to be issued shortly in new colors.

BRITISH NEW GUIANA.—(*Pictorial stamps and cards.*) A set of seven stamps and two post cards for this country was



first noticed in the Queensland exhibit at the Glasgow Exposition. The stamps are all of the same design, the centre printed in black, depicts a native sailing vessel or canoe in a colored frame containing the inscriptions, and figures of value. The stamps are oblong, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 1 inch in size; watermark, a Maltese Cross, perf. 14, a post office was established at Port Moresby, by the Queensland authorities some time ago, as noted in our July, 1900, number, but Australian Federation has not included this country, so a separate set of stamp has been considered necessary. The following are the values and colors of the frames:—

3d green	4d brown
1d carmine	6d green
2d mauve	1s vermilion
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d blue	

Post cards 1d vermilion and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d blue, with stamps of the same design.

BULGARIA.—(*The reported new set.*) In August we mentioned the report of an English journal that a new set had actually appeared, the report was not correct, but we learn that a set with portrait of Prince Ferdinand is ready and will come into use October 15th. Further details next month.

CANADA.—(*The so-called re-engraved stamps.*) Several of our contemporaries have drawn attention to what they call "re-engraved stamps" of the current issue, the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 cents being described as a trifle shorter and wider than usual.

We have examined a large number of these stamps and find that the design of the majority measures 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 18 M.M., but have found some measuring 21 by 18 M.M. and 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ M.M., that is, a proportion of stamps come with the design either $\frac{1}{2}$ M.M. shorter or narrower than the normal size, never both shorter and narrower. We submitted specimens to the American Bank Note Co., the printers of the stamps, and they inform us that there has been no re-engraving, but that the slight deviation of size is due to shrinkage of the paper. Another expert states that the stamps are diminished only one way because paper shrinks only in one direction. He also states that a greater shrinkage will occur in a sheet of paper on the top of a printed pile, because it dries quicker than a sheet

at the bottom, where shrinkage would be barely perceptible.

CANTON.—(*5c. grey.*) In the sets first issued of the new French office at Canton, listed last month, the 5c. stamp was surcharged on the old blue Indo-China stamp, but shortly after the current 5c. grey made its appearance with the surcharge.

COLOMBIA REPUBLIC.—(*Cartagena provisionals.*) From Mr. M. D. Senior of New York we have received specimens of provisional 1 and 2 centavos. The stamps are very poorly printed in black ink, the 1c. on white and the 2c. on deep rose paper, and roughly perforated. The stamps are surcharged in violet by means of a hand-stamp, with a double lined oblong frame 85 M.M. long by 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ M.M. wide, containing the letter "S" repeated fifteen times. One printing of this hand-stamp extends over five stamps; the three middle ones show the top and bottom double lines, while the two end stamps show the top, bottom and side lines. There is also a variety of the surcharge with three horizontal lines at the bottom. These stamps were supplied by a local contractor for \$2,400 Colombia currency, for 2,000 sheets of 100 of each denomination, which is 40 per cent. of their face value. What these provisionals were specially required for we have not been able to ascertain, but as large quantities are already in stamp dealers' hands, it is quite possible they may be primarily intended to raise funds for the war from stamp collectors.

GERMANY.—(*Reported change of type.*) It is reported that dies are now in preparation for a new design for the stamps from 2 to 80 pf. similar to that of the current issue, but with the head of Germania smaller.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*King's head's stamps.*) Following the announcement of the approval of the 1d. stamp last month, comes the news that the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. of similar design has also been approved, and that printing has already commenced.

HONG KONG.—(*4c in new color.*) The color of the 4c has been changed to the U. P. U. shade—carmine rose.

JAMAICA.—(*1d pictorial in two colors.*)



The change of color announced in our August number has been effected, the pictorial 1d being now issued in two colors, red and black. We have to thank Mr. N. Huguenuin for specimens.

NETHERLANDS.—(*Change of color.*) The 3c. stamp of current type has been changed in color from orange to green.