

Petropaulovet—both on the eastern Siberian coast received but a single mail a year.

In order to prepay the postal rate between Bermuda and British North America the three cent tariff stamp of Bermuda was prepared. It was issued March 10, 1873, and 9800 were prepared. The demand was much larger than was anticipated and was so near exhausted that on 21st of February, 1874, the Council authorized the over-printing of three pence on a portion of the supply of the one shilling stamp and on March 12 four thousand five hundred were so surcharged. Eight days later a similar number were prepared and on May 9 a similar lot, in all 13500, of which the records only show 12800 being issued. A new supply of three pences was received on July 2, thus terminating the use of the provisional.

The following is said to have been the history of the 2c on the 13c Mauritius issued in 1887. In the early part of July the stock of the 2 cent having run low the post office authorities sent a stock of the 12 centers to the office of the Commercial Gazette at Port Louis to be converted (or possibly preverted) into 2c values. The work not being done in a manner satisfactory to the Postmaster-General, the work was stopped when twenty sheets had been fed to the press. On the morning of the 6th the supply of regular 2 centers having given out, the surcharged ones were placed on sale and so remained until noon, when the incoming mail brought in a fresh supply of adhesives and the surcharges were retired, but forty having been used. The remaining 2360 were soon afterwards disposed of to a syndicate of speculators.

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British North Borneo issued postage stamps during 1899 to the face value of £20,800. Stamps to the value of £800 were used to pay postage, the remainder, representing the sum of £20,000, were sold to philatelists.

Stanley Gibbons has startled the trade here with the announcement that after the end of this year they will cease dealing in entires and will not in future publish a catalogue of them as hitherto. They have a million envelopes, cards, etc., for sale cheap.

Mr. Phillips, the well-known member of the above mentioned firm, starts on a tour through the States very shortly and at the same time he will look in at Montreal and Boston.

As is no doubt well-known by now, New Zealand has decided to inaugurate universal penny postage at the commencement of the next century, although it is estimated that a loss of £80,000 will have to be faced the first year. The stamps are being printed by Waterlows and the following is the description of the design: Color, pink. In the centre stands a draned woman's figure holding in her hand a sceptre. Behind her is a globe typifying Universal Postage, which words are printed in small letters at her feet. Also a ship afloat upon the ocean. At the top is inscribed New Zealand and below "one penny." It is well designed and very aritstic.

Collectors should be on the look-out for any Indian stamps they may now receive as all the colors have been changed and it is easily apt to be overlooked.