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## NEWS OF THE MONTH

We present a very interesting budget of news this month in regard to new stamps. The new Bulgarian set has appeared, also that of the Dominican Republic, with a promise of another commemorative set in February, that looks to be of an extremely speculative character. The Italian set has been completed, a commemorative stamp is promised from Japan, and another has appeared from Newfoundland with the first philatelic portrait of the future Queen of Great Britain.

We alluded some time ago to the practical demonetization of the dollar values of the Canada jubilee stamps. We hear of several lots unloaded by speculators at 40c for the \$1.00 and from 50c to 80c each for the \$2.00 to \$5.00. Other speculators, we learn, have had their holdings cancelled by the post office, and are selling the used stamps for what they can get for them in that condition. We do not know what quantity has been so put upon the market, but know of one individual interested to the amount of several thousand dollars face value who has made the sacrifice.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

**BENGAZI.**—(1 *piastro* stamp). We illus-



trate the 1 *piastro* stamp surcharged in red on the new 25c. Italy for the post office established in Tripoli, at Bengazi, an important sea port on the northern coast of Africa.

**BULGARIA.**—(The new set).—The new stamps were issued as announced in our



last number, on Oct. 13th. They are printed in St. Petersburg and form a very handsome set. The design, which we illustrate, is the same for all values; the figures in the upper corners are in the same colors as the portrait of Prince Ferdinand, which is that

given first in the following list; the frame is in the second color mentioned. Perf. 12½.

- 1 st. black and purple.
- 2 " blue and olive.
- 3 " black and orange.
- 5 " brown and green.
- 10 " brown and rose.
- 15 " black and lake.
- 25 " black and blue.
- 30 " black and bistre.
- 50 " brown and blue.
- 1 l. green and vermilion.
- 2 l. black and red.
- 3 l. red brown and grey.

**CANEA.**—(1 *piastro* stamp).—The Italian government is reported to have decided to



provide all its foreign offices in the Levant with 25c. stamps surcharged with the name of each office. Several post offices are shortly to be opened in Albania, from which these provisionals may be expected. We illustrate that for the office at Canea in the island of Crete, the surcharge is in red on the 25c. blue.

**COLOMBIA.**—(Panama registration stamp).—The long oblong 10c. registration label is now printed in red on white, instead of black on blue, green.



(Cartagena provisionals). We illustrate the 1 and 2c. provisional stamps, described last month.

**COREA.**—(Post cards 1 and 4 *cheun*).—1 ch. cards single and reply have been