

Philippine I.—The *Ph. R.* says that the 2½ blue, that had been surcharged "Recargo de Consumes Habilitado," has been re-issued as a postage stamp. No change in value.

Queensland.—The lines on the 1d. card have almost entirely disappeared, and the card is larger than formerly.

Russia.—Stamps of a new design have been issued. The usual arms in an oval are enclosed in a horse shoe and thus in turn in an octagonal frame. 4k. carmine, 10k. blue, 20k. blue and red, 50k. lilac and green, 1 rouble, brown and orange. The 14k. envelope has been met with of ladies note size.

Shanghai.—The *P. J. A.* has advices that the new issue with watermark is on the way from England. There are two new surcharges. The 100 yellow is surcharged "20 cash" in black; in rectangular frame, containing same value in Chinese characters. and a second surcharge in red "100 cash" diagonally across the stamp. On May 6th, 100 cash blue was surcharged in red "20 cash" horizontally and Chinese characters below.

Sweden.—The 10 × 10 ore card is now rose instead of red. New stamp of 5, 10, 20 ore are expected, also letter cards.

Tasmania.—The ½d. orange of current type is issued, also the 1d. has been locally printed in vermilion.

Turkey.—Mr. Glavany writes to the *Ph. R.* that the Turkish stamps are to be printed on watermarked paper, and the post card is to be white.

Zululand.—There are two varieties of the ½d. on Natal, one with period and one without.

LOCAL NOTICE.—Mrs. J. S. Mason has moved from Toronto to Cleveland, her new address is 1139 Case Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

SUSPICIOUS SURCHARGES.

Guatemala.—In our number for October last we described two surcharged stamps, said by a German contemporary to be genuine. When we chronicled them we said they *might* be all right, but we should not be "surprised to find" that they were all wrong. The latter seems to be the case, as the *Timbre-Poste* states that a correspondent has made enquiries of the Postmaster-General, and finds they are nothing better than *carottes*.

Great Britain.—A correspondent writes: "I have lately had offered to me some British stamps I do not find chronicled in your journal; *e. g.* the 3d. and 1/- of '84, and the current 1/-, with the surcharge 'GOVT. PARCELS,' and the 2/6 surcharged 'I. R. OFFICIAL.'" We have not been so fortunate as our correspondent in having such *rareties* offered to us. Will he kindly inform us where they are to be purchased?—*Ph. Record*.