

Newfoundland.

By CRESCENT.

Did the readers of the *ADVOCATE* ever notice the originality of the Newfoundland stamps. Take for instance the late issue—the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Dog's head, the 1 cent Prince of Wales, the 2 cent Codfish, 3 cent Queen Victoria, 5 cent Seal and 10 cent Whale, all representing the different occupations, pursuits, etc., etc., of the game little colony. The Cabot issue—1 cent Queen, 2 cent Cabot, 3 cent Cape Bonivista, 4 cent Newfoundland sport, 5 cent mining, 6 cent logging, 8 cent fishing, 10 cent ship, etc, all serve to advertise the country to a great extent besides making it interesting and instructive to the philatelist. And here comes the advantage of collecting to a geographical student. Perhaps all collectors do not get all these stamps but a catalogue only costs a trifle and from a perusal of it now and then he can learn as much as in his text book, although perhaps he does not comprehend it and never thinks he got it from his stamps. The new issue is slowly coming out and from all indications it will be fully as interesting as its predecessors. I have seen the 1 cent, 2 cent and 3 cent which have the profiles of the Queen, Prince of Wales and Princess of Wales and I believe it is the intention of displaying the Royal Family in set. However time will tell and all active collectors should meantime keep an eye on St. Johns.

New Zealand.

By INVERTED WATERMARK.

The new issue for New Zealand was placed on sale throughout the colony. The same day a great rush took place for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ p error. The Government did all in its power to keep the stamp from being bought up by speculators. On the first day of sale no one was allowed to buy more than sixty specimens, on the third day this was reduced to twelve, and within a week the whole supply was practically exhausted.

A large proportion of the issue has fallen into the hands of non philatelists for speculative purposes, and I know of several having in their possession some hundreds, and who will perhaps never place them on the market.

Looking at the number issued (only some 300,000) which is very small, the stamp must become very valuable. I consider that only a small quantity were used, and I think the stamp will be far better canceled than unused. The error was replaced by the corrected spelling "Wakatipu." About the same quantity was printed. This supply is now getting low, and it is reported that the next printing will be on watermarked paper. If so, it will make three different varieties of $2\frac{1}{2}$ p within a space of six months.

Peru.

WILLIAMS & Co.

The 1c green was put into circulation September 27th.

On Sept. 19th orders were sent to New York for 50,000 each of the 5 and 10 sols stamps. These will soon be in use.

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