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We wish to purchase at all times stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, Newfoundland, and Old Issues of Canadian stamps. Highest cash prices paid. 'This Office.

NEW ISSUES.

Ceylon—The 2½ rupee stamp has been surcharged "40 cents" and the 2-cent card "12 cents."

Cyprus—The one half piastre is issued in yellow.

Grenada—A new series appeared some time ago: 1½ penny, green; 1 penny, rose; 2½ pence, blue; 4 pence, grey; 6 pence, lilac; 1 shilling, violet.

Norway—Two new stamps have lately been issued having the same design as the 2 ore. They are 5 ore, rose, and 8 ore, grey.

Tasmania—A new stamped envelope, value, 2 pence is now in issue.

Tobago—The 6-pence stamp has been surcharged "2½ pence" in black.

U. S. of Colombia—A new series has lately appeared as follows: 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, red; 2½ centavos, violet; 5 centavos, blue; 10 centavos, orange; 20 centavos, brown; 1 peso, lilac.

NOTES.

When answering advertisements which appear in this issue, please mention the "MONTHLY ECHO."

We have also some splendid specimens of N. S. and Nfld. stamps to dispose of. If you need any write us.

In the late exhibition of stamps held in Vienna, four hundred and fifteen varieties of Persian stamps were displayed.

The government of the Sandwich Islands has applied for, and been granted permission to have its silver coined at the San Francisco mint.

The early Prince Edward Island stamps were engraved by Charles W. King of London, and were authorized by George Dundas, Esq., Lieutenant Governor in 1860. They were issued January 1, 1861.

There are two distinct dies of the latest engraved 10 cent Confederate stamp, and collectors by examining their specimens

will notice the difference in the shape of the neck and the arrangement of the hair in the portrait. There is also a variety with an engraved line drawn around the margin of the stamp.

The presence of some recognition of God on American coinage was first suggested to the director of the mint twenty-two years ago by a foreign missionary, who told him that he was perpetually being asked by Moslems if Americans did not worship the women on their coins, and, if not, why they did not recognize their God, then.

PRINTING OF U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

—The printing of revenue stamps was begun by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in 1877, the work having previously being performed by the bank-note companies. Since that time there have been delivered to the Internal Revenue Bureau 2,544,000,000 stamps. The Bureau has sold more than 2,361,000,000 stamps. The inventory of stamps on hand discloses the fact that not one single stamp is missing. The stamps which the Bureau has sold have all been sent away by registered mail. Not a single package has been lost during the entire time; one or two packages have gone astray, but they have been traced up with but little delay.

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