

New Zealand.

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There will be no remainders of the obsolete stamps of New Zealand. The Postal Department are using every endeavor to dispose of the remainders, in many cases people have been refused a supply of the new issue so anxious have been the officials to get rid of the old stamps first. Only six months supply of the new issue was printed in London, and this is supposed to be almost exhausted. The next printing will be on watermarked paper, and the designs of several of the varieties will be changed. Those on the 1d and 4d will change places, as it has been found too expensive to print such a cheap stamp as the 1d in two colors. Alterations will also be made in some other varieties.

Two distinct shades of color are to be found in the 1d, 2½d and 6d.

General Canadian News.

Under this heading we will give the latest Canadian News. Our readers are invited to send anything that has not appeared in stamp papers and we will give them credit.

The contract between the Dominion Government and the Dominion and Allan Steamship Companies for a weekly mail service between St. John, Halifax and Liverpool, during the coming winter has been signed.

The report that Imperial penny postage and the two-cent rate were to take effect on the Prince of Wales' birthday is inaccurate. Imperial penny postage will go into effect Christmas Day, and the Government has not yet announced its policy in regard

to the domestic rate.

The arrangements for Imperial penny postage are now almost completed. So far as England, British India, Newfoundland and the African protectorates are concerned arrangements to reduce the postage from five cents to two cents, have been completed and will be put into force on the 25th December, Christmas Day, 1898. The following African protectorates will enjoy the reduced rate: British East Africa, Uganda, Zanzibar, British Central Africa, the Niger coast protectorate and the Niger Company's territory. Due notice will be given the public as to the countries or colonies to which the reduced rate will apply.

Canadian private postcards may now be sent to New South Wales.

On and after Jan. 1st 1899, money orders may be drawn in Canada for payment in certain postoffices in Corea.

The following change has been made in the present postal regulations between Canada and other countries of the Universal Postal Union: Engravings or advertisements may be printed on the front or address side of post-cards, whether Official or private, provided they do not interfere with the address. Postcards may also be addressed by means of a small adhesive label, and the sender may, if he wishes, write print or stamp his name and address on the front.

The success which has attended the introduction of the postal note system has far exceeded the expectations of the Postoffice Department. The number of postal notes used in August, the first month under the new system, was 2,773. The number issued in September was 11,999, and this increased to 15,146 during October. There are a greater number of 25 cent notes issued than any other denomination. These re-