

BRITISH COLONIALS.

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III. Falkland Islands.

These islands lie northeast of Tierra Del Fuego. The principal islands are East and West Falkland and King George Island.

The stamp issues have been six in number and of two designs only.

The first issue, 1873, consisted of four values, 1d, 4d, 6d and 1 shilling. These were on plain paper without watermark. None of these are very rare. They are good stamps and command a fair price but still remain within the reach of the average collector.

In 1884 the 1d and 4d were issued with crown and C A watermark.

Later, 1886, they were discovered with watermark sideways. Very fortunately for philatelists this error in watermarks is plentiful so that the stamps are cheap.

In 1891 to supply a demand for 4d stamps a split provisional was made. It consisted of the 1d claret cut in halves and surcharged 4d in black ink. It is scarce on the original cover but can be had at a low price in an unused condition. Care should be taken in buying this stamp that a genuine surcharge is secured.

In 1891 a reissue of the first design was made but in a new set of colors and two of the original values omitted and two new ones added. The ones omitted are the 4d and one shilling stamps; the ones added are 4d green and 2½d blue. This set is watermarked Crown and C A.

Containing so few varieties a complete collection of these stamps can be made quite cheaply.

Philatelic Pencilings.

By CANUCK.

The following varieties in Canada stamps have come under my notice since last month.

A copy of the 3c green third issue Bill stamp penmarked 1868. Both Adams and Ketcheson catalogue this issue as 1869.

A distinct paper variety in the current ½c, a thick wove paper on retouched die.

A copy of the 3c 1872 a distinct brown shade on original cover. As it was among a lot of correspondence from an old Toronto bank I have reason to believe it a genuine shade uncatalogued.

The 3c current issue entirely black on hard paper.

The following was sprung on me when I applied at the P. O. for Jubilee stamps, "We have received official notice from Ottawa to the effect that only one complete set of Jubilee stamps will be sold to each person in order to keep them out of the hands of stamp collectors.

Your correspondent was an interested spectator of the proceedings at the Toronto general P. O. on the morning of June 19th. The Jubilee stamps were advertised to be placed on sale at 9 A. M. but long before that hour a large crowd had gathered, all anxious to obtain the first consignment. The P. O. officials found it necessary to call four policeman to preserve order. When the long looked for 9 o'clock arrived there were at a low estimation 500 people waiting. All the prominent collectors and dealers were present. One enterprising dealer was seen handing out circulars and cards.