

Provisional sur-charger on stamps of the type of 1876 are:—

5 reis (red sur-charge) on 10 reis..... black
 5 " (black " " " 15 " rose
 1½ " (black " " " 20 " red

Ditto, type of 1878:—

5 reis (black sur-charge) on 20 reis..... red
 10 " (black " " " 20 " red
 5 " (red " " " 10 " black

Montevideo.—Has a series of official stamps of the values of 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 50 centesimos and 1 peso.

Norway.—A local stamp for the Tronso by post, 2 ore, brown, was issued Jan. 1st.

Nova Scotia.—See editorial on halved stamps of this Province.

New South Wales.—The following stamps sur-charged "O. S." in red are in use:—5d, green; 9d, red; 10d, lilac. Also, sur-charged "O. S." in black—5 shilling (circular) violet.

Orange Free State.—Provisional—1d on 5s, green and black.

Paraguay.—Provisionals—Our attentive Correspondent at Montevideo furnishes us the following information:—

1 centavo (sur-charged in a large black figure) on a 10 centavos.

2 centavos (sur-charged) on 10 centavos.

The above sur-charges also appear on 5 centavos.

The emission of 1879 is sur-charged in black as follows:—

5 centavos on 5 reals, orange
 10 centavos on 10 reals, brown-violet

The new type, is similar to the first issue except that the values are in the new currency—centavos instead of reals. They are:—1ct., blue; 2ct, red; 4ct. brown.

Peru.—A series of official stamps (for use of the army, civil departments, etc.) is out. The values are:—1, 2, 5, and 10 shali.

A new adhesive for general use is also issued values:—5, 10 and 25 centimes, colors violet, carmine and green respectively. The two series are distinguished by the former having a lion and the latter a sun in the center. The first stamps of the new issue were lithographed and were only used till others printed from copper plates could be prepared. The latter are easily distinguished by a broad border. The lithographic stamps, as they were but a short time in use, are rare and invite the attention of collectors.

Peru.—This country, having by the fortunes of war, lost, at least temporarily, its autonomy, and being practically under the control of Chili, a change has occurred in the postage stamps that are current. When Peru entered the Postal Union her stamps were sur-charged "Union Postale Universale, Peru-Plata." Since the Chilian occupation the word "Lima" takes the place of Peru in the sur-charge. Collectors should also specially note the following sur-charges, specimens of which have reached us from our correspondent:—The 5 and 20 centavos are sur-charged with the Chilian arms over the face of those of Peru. The 5 in red and the 20 in blue. The 5 and 10 centavo unpaid-letter stamps are sur-charged in black in the same way as above mentioned for ordinary postage stamps.

Port Rico.—Like Spain and all her other colonies Port Rico has changed her stamps with the year. Those for the current year are precisely like those in 1881 except that the year is not imprinted upon them.

Queensland.—Provisional—The following fiscal stamps are used for postal purposes:—
 1d (stamp duty) mauve
 6d " dull red
 1s " green
 2s 6d " red
 5s " orange
 2s " blue

Roumania.—Our correspondent has sent us a specimen of the 3 bani, olive-green, cut in two diagonally and used as a 1½ bani. Collectors should cut enough of the wrapper to show the entire post office obliteration as an attestation of genuineness.

Russia.—Provisional—

7 kop on 10 kops..... red and brown
 7 " " 20 " red and blue

St. Lucia.—Provisional—The following have appeared:—"Halfpenny" sur-charged in black on green; "2½d" in black on red. Also a post-card of a new type, value 1½d, brown, red on buff ground.

St Vincent.—Provisional—The current 6d is perforated down the centre and each half sur-charged ½d in red

Straits Settlement.—The 2 cent, brown, is sur-charged in black with the names of the different settlements, viz:—Selangor, Sungi Ujong and Perak. These are only provisional

stamps to be used till the receipt of the regular new issue. They will therefore become valuable in time.

Sandwich Islands.—This kingdom has entered the Postal Union and the new issue is looked for with interest.

Servia.—A series of a new type has been introduced as follow:—Stamps—5, 10, 20, 25, and 50ct, and 1 dinar. Post-cards—5 and 10 paras.

Reply Post-cards—10 and 20 paras.
 Siam.—It will be seen by an article in another column that this kingdom is making arrangements to establish a postal service of its own and specimens of its stamps may be, ere long, expected. Stamp collectors and dealers will look for its appearance with interest and curiosity.

Tobago.—A new series of the following values:—½d purple, 1d chestnut, 4d, green, and 6d ochre. Also a 1½d post-card.

Turkey.—Different sets have been adopted for the following services:—at present they are sur-charged on the adhesives—International, interior only, contraband and Mount Athos Transval Republic.—It is announced that a new series will shortly be issued.

Turks Island.—The stamps now in use are as follows:—1d vermilion, 4d blue, 6d olive, and 2s green.

United States.—On the 5ct stamps the bust of General Garfield will replace that of General Taylor. The design is vignette, three quarter face surrounded by a light and elegant beaded oval. The likeness is strikingly life-like.

Venezuela.—(Escuelas)—The following value have appeared:—5, 10, 25, 50ct, all yellow and orange. 1 and 2 bolivares, blue.

Victoria.—To complete the new series the following new value have been added:—1d black, 2d brown, 4d carmine. 2s blue on green and 5s blue and red.

Uruguay.—A 7 centavos, blue stamp, a 2 centesimos blue post-card and a 2x2 centesimos reply post-cards have been issued. The stamp bears the portrait of President Joaquin Suarez, and the carls the national arms.

Wurtemberg.—A 5 mark, blue is current.

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