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Interesting Notes.

Argentine Republic has issued a new series of stamps. The steel engraving represents the republic sitting, the right arm resting on the national shield, with the River de la Plata and a rising sun, as a background; above is the inscription "Republica Argentina." And paper of these stamps has on the back a sun as water mark. The values of these stamps are 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 30 and 50 centavos; they are printed in one colour each, and bear in the lower corners the value in figure and in the middle the word 'centavos'. The stamps of 1, 5, 10 and 20 pesos are larger and printed in two colours. They have the value in the left upper corner in figures and in letters at the base.

The colours are: 1 centavo, bistre; 2 centavo, green; 5 centavo, indigo; 10 centavo, carmine; 12 centavo, dark green; 16 centavo, sky blue; 20 centavo, orange; 24 centavo, dark carmine; 30 centavo, violet; 50 centavo, rose; 1 peso, Prussian blue; 1 peso, green and black; 5 peso, orange and black; 10 peso, green and black; 20 peso, carmine and black.

It is reported that the South American Bank Note Company has a new set in preparation for Brazil; if so this may account for the numerous surcharges on old stock now being issued. The latest to hand is the 100 reis envelope, real surcharged, 200 reis in blue.

The 50 reis adhesive (Scott No. 115) now comes perf. 5J to G and the 200 r of same type, P and Qx11J. An unperf letter stamp of the 1895 type (Scott U 2) value 300 reis blue, perf., has been issued. Many errors of surcharge in the 1899 series, as was expected, are now cropping up.

The supply of the 15c Canada stamp, which in varying shades of lilac has done duty since 1868, is said to be at last exhausted. It is probable that no more will be issued, as since the adoption of the 2c domestic rate it is but little required.

The colour of the Canada 2c letter card has been changed from green to carmine and the 1c from black to green.

It is said that a serious error has been made in the die of the special-delivery stamp of Cuba. The inscription at the bottom contains the word "immediata." The correct form of the word in Spanish is "inmoliata." An error of this nature will certainly be corrected, and the stamp in the current form is likely to be valuable, as special delivery forms are of limited use.

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