

STAMP COLLECTOR'S CHRONICLE.

meantime we shall be happy to forward the stamp to any of our more learned contemporaries who may desire it for examination.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A system of sixpenny postal telegrams is soon to be established in this Kingdom.

JAMAICA.

To the *Philatelist* (English) belongs the honor of first heralding a new half-penny stamp for this Island. The color is Carmine on White.

MAURITIUS.

The *Canadian Philatelist* announces two new envelopes for the Mauritius 10d. rose, and 1s. 8d. blue; also a 19d. adhesive in "Morocco color and Gold."

PERSIA.



The annexed cut represents the new set of stamps recently struck for this Government, from a die prepared some seven years ago, but not used until the present.

NEW ZEALAND.

A new set of stamps are in preparation and will consist of the following values. 1d. 2d. 3d. 4d. 6d. and 1s. The colors are not yet definitely known.

RUSSIA.—Locals.

A Local stamp for the district of Boguchar has just come to hand from our St. Petersburg correspondent. The value is 6 kop, black on white. In reference to this local the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* says, "As a postmark it would pass muster but as a stamp it is nowhere."

Local envelopes for Fatejh have also made their appearance, of the following denominations,—4 kop deep blue, and 6 kop carmine.

SWEDEN.

New envelopes and post-cards of the value of 10 ore, are soon to be issued. The two values—9 and 17 ore—wanted to complete the set of adhesives, are announced.

TRINIDAD.

We are in receipt of the 1 shilling stamp of this Island struck in Yellow.

UNITED STATES.

We clip the following telegram from a St. John daily:—

NEW YORK, NOV. 18.

A Washington despatch states that the Postmaster-General will recommend the postal telegraph system, the abolition of the franking privilege, and consolidation of the New York and Brooklyn Post Offices.

THE POSTAGE STAMP TRADE.—It has been generally supposed, by Philatelists at least, that since the demise of the "*Stamp Collector's Gazette*" and the retirement of its editor, Geo. Stewart, Jr., Esq., from the trade, that stamp collecting in the Maritime Provinces had completely died out. This is a grand mistake however, as the large trade at present done by the Foreign Stamp Co, will amply prove. Mr. W. H. Bruce, correspondent of the company, has shown us an order received this week from a German firm amounting to \$110.00 gold. The business done by this firm for the month of October amounts in the aggregate to over \$200. — *St. John Telegraph, Nov. 20.*

THE FRANCO-AMERICAN POSTAL TREATY.—In regard to this treaty a new difficulty has arisen, and one which like all the rest, arises from French 'red-tapeism,' and the difficulty of getting through the Circumlocution Office. In Cabinet council M. Thiers acknowledged the very large deficits in the postal revenue, and reluctantly confessed that there had to be a change. M. de Remusat has favoured a treaty with the United States, and a large reduction of the present rates, on the broad ground of modern progress, and M. Thiers finally came to the same view, on the ground of the importance of the Commercial interests between the two countries. Anything tending to increase the means of intercommunication would tend to increase the general revenue arising from taxes on commerce.— *Paris Correspondence New York Times.*