

CANADA.—(*Official denial of a reported immediate new issue.*) The following official despatch from the Post Office Department has been issued.

Ottawa, Jan. 30. — The Postmaster-General authorizes a denial of the statement that he is consulting with the contractors for printing postage stamps, with respect to the design of a new issue. Canada is the only British colony possessing stamps on which are engraved a portrait of the late Queen as she appeared at the time of the jubilee. In every other case Her Majesty is represented on the stamps as a young woman. For many reasons, and especially in view of the long and glorious reign of the late Queen, it is considered desirable that the present stamps be retained. It is likely that the Postmaster-General will await the action of the Imperial authorities before coming of any decision regarding new stamps for Canada.

CEYLON.—(*Official 4c. and 12c.*) The 4 c. yellow, and 12 c. green and carmine, issued in 1900, have been surcharged ON SERVICE.

CHILL.—(*Provisional 5 centavos.*) We hear that a new type of revenue stamp, engraved by Waterlow & Son, 5 c. blue, has lately been used for postal purposes, during a temporary shortage of the regular 5 c. postage stamp, *Mekeel's W.S. News* reports the provisional employment of the 1899 30 c. rose surcharged with a large "5" and thus used as a 5 c. stamp. From the *S.C. Fortnightly* we learn that this provisional was issued December 28th and that the total number to be surcharged, according to official decree, is 1,750,000.

CHINA.—(*New Post Cards.*) The 1 c. card single and reply of Japanese manufacture has now been replaced by similarly designed cards engraved by Waterlow & Sons, the inscription being changed as on the adhesives to read CHINESE IMPERIAL POST.

COREA.—(*Provisional 1 on 5 Poon*) The 5 poon green of 1895 has been surcharged 1 poon, in a similar manner to the 25 p. reported in September last.

COSTA RICA.—(*New Pictorial Set.*) As our January number went to press, we received from Mr. Huguenin, two envelopes mailed at San Jose, January 11th, on which were 5 c. and 10 c. stamps of new designs, evidently forming part of an entire new set. The engraving and style seems to indicate that they

are made by Waterlow & Sons. The 5 c. is oblong and has a view of Puerto Limon in black, the frame being light blue; the 10 c. with yellow brown frame, and a central portrait in black of Branlio Carvillo, is of the usual rectangular shape. We have since obtained a complete set which comprises besides the above:—

- 1 c. green, Statue of Juan Santa Maria.
- 2 c. red, Juan Mora.
- 20 c. maroon, National Theatre.
- 50 c. lilac and blue, Jose M. Castro.
- 1 colon bistre, Bridge of Birris.

The colors are those of the outer frames the central vignettes are black except on the 50 c.

CRETE.—(*50 lepta in new color.*) In our October number we reported on the authority of *L'Essor Philatelique* that the 5 l. had been changed from green to pale blue. A Parisian correspondent informs us that it is the 50 l. that has been changed from violet to ultramarine.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(*¼c. and ½c. Commemorative.*) The ¼ c. and ½ c. stamps announced in our number of June last, have been issued in the commemorative type, as well as in the new "map" type, they are printed in black, the design of the 5 c. jubilee has been used for the ¼ c., and that of the 1 peso for the ½ c. They have been seen imperforate and perforated 11½c. From the *Philatelist Francais* we learn that the new map series have been suppressed and the stamps, plates and dies have been destroyed. It seems the stamps exaggerated the area of the country at the expense of the neighboring Republic of Hayti, which felt insulted by the issue of these stamps, and demanded their suppression.

FERNANDO PO.—(*Provisional 50 c. on 4 c. 1890.*) The omission of a 50 c. value from the set dated 1900, as listed in our November number, is somewhat surprising, as the necessity for that value had already been felt. Another variety is now reported, the 4 c. orange of 1899 surcharged with the circular type used in 1884-87 HABILITADO PARA CORREOS 50 CENT PTA. This surcharge is found in violet and in green, and specimens have been seen doubly surcharged in the two colors.

FINLAND.—(*New issue of Russian type.*) As we announced some months ago, the stamps so long in use bearing the Finnish coat of arms have been suppressed. A set, identical in design with

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