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" 1896, ½p green.....	05 per 10	" " 1sh olive-green pen cane.....	55 per 10
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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

One of the most important events of the past month, of interest to philatelists, is the sale of the stock of the celebrated Brussels house of J. B. Moens, and the retirement from business of this pioneer in stamp dealing. We learn that the stock which is the accumulation of forty years, has been purchased by Mr. Ruben of Copenhagen. There are few of the older stamp collectors, who have not, at some time, had dealings or correspondence with Mr. Moens, and none who have ever done business with him, but have been impressed with the business qualities, probity and courtesy of the veteran stamp merchant. But it is not only in commercial philately that Mr. Moens has set us so striking an example, for he surpassed *par excellence* as a student and as a master of the science. He is one of the old school who have made philately what it now is, and the oldest of that school. His paper *Le Timbre Poste* is the oldest stamp journal in existence, its Vol. I No. 1 appeared January 1863 and has never missed a month since. In the same year he brought out his illustrated "Album de Timbres-Poste," which has passed through many editions, and for many years was the only printed album, acceptable to advanced collectors. The "Manuel de Moens" was one of the earliest catalogues of stamps and we believe the first in the French language, the third edition appeared also in 1863. We are sure the younger generation of collectors, will heartily join with us, in extending to this veteran worker, our heart felt wishes of a peaceful and well earned repose.

The war fund auction in London is an interesting philatelic event. It was held on March 28th and produced over £1000 for the benefit of the "Patriotic fund." Many of Philately's sons are in the fight in Africa and some have fallen in the fray; this spontaneous contribution for the "absent minded beggar" is evidence of the generous good fellowship which animates philatelists all the wide world over.

Our voting contest is exciting considerable interest amongst our subscribers. If you are for or against the continuance of our monthly chronicle of new issues send us your vote on a post card. The vote will close June 15th and the result will be announced in our July number.

That issue will be the first number of Vol. III, and upon the result of this vote will depend whether we continue our chronicle in the coming volume. At the close of the contest we will distribute to all paid up subscribers who have voted a number of interesting newly issued stamps this will more than repay them for their trouble.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRIA.—Two other values of the unpaid set, 3 and 5 heller, in addition to those listed in February, have appeared. It seems that the entire set was issued unperforated to certain post offices for a few days on their first appearance, owing to the extra rush of work entailed in getting out all the new issues on time.

BOSNIA.—The following values, in addition to the 1, 2 and 3 heller reported last month, will on the authority of several European journals, complete the new set.

5 heller green	25 heller blue
6 " brown	30 " brown
10 " red	50 " violet.
20 " rose	

The *Am. J. of P.* also reports the post card 5 heller green.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—A 2s. value is reported in same design as the other high values, color olive green and black.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 2 c. stamp has been changed in color from lilac and orange to lilac and rose.

BULGARIA.—*Le Timbre Poste* reports the 1 st. and 10 st. in new colors, grey and yellow, there will probably be other changes to adopt the U. P. U. color regulations.

CAROLINE ISLANDS.—The set of

stamps for this German colony reported by us last December, as in preparation, has now appeared. The name of the colony is surcharged on the old issue of Germany on all values from 3 pf. to 50 pf. and on the 5 pf. and 10 pf. post cards.

CHILE.—The first to appear of the new issue, reported in our March number as in preparation, is the 2c carmine, a specimen of which post marked March 21st. has been shown us by Mr. Huguenin. The design consists of profile head of Columbus to left "Chile" above, inscriptions at sides and figure "2" in four corners. As in previous issues the stamp is rouletted.

COLUMBIA REPUBLIC.—The *Am. J. of P.* reports the receipt of a new provisional stamp, 5 c. black on pink, issued by the revolutionary government at Cucuta. No particulars of design are given. Mr. Gregory in his letter from New York to *Mekel's W. S. News*, gives particulars of the design of a type set 10 centavos stamp, coming from the same place, issued by the "Gobierno Provisorio" which government appears to have adopted the old title United States instead of Republic of Columbia.

Panama.—A type set oblong registration label is reported, value 10 centavos, black on light blue.

CONGO FREE STATE.—To conform with U. P. U. regulations the 5, 10, 25 centimes now appear in green, carmine and blue respectively, the central part of the design being printed in black as heretofore. The 50 c. is also changed from green to olive.

COREA.—*Le Timbre Poste* is authority for the report that the stamps of the 1895 set have been surcharged in red with Korean characters signifying "Empire of Corea" the original inscriptions reading "Kingdom." We illustrate the 2 cn. blue, of the new set, full particulars of which are not yet to hand, philatelic correspondents being scarce in that Empire, we hope the new issues will give philately a boom there.

CRETE.—We illustrate two values of the handsomely engraved stamps of this island issued March 16th. The stamps represent the deities of the ancient Greek mythology as given herewith. The 10 and 25 l. bear the portrait of the reigning

prince and the 5 d. St. George and the Dragon.



1 lepton brown	(Hermes)
5 lepta green	(Juno)
10 " red	(Prince George)
20 " carmine	(Juno)
25 " blue	(Prince George)
50 " violet	(Hermes)
1 drachma grey	(Talos)
2 " yellow brown	(Minos)
5 " green and black.	

The values above 20 l. are surcharged in red with the word 'ΠΡΟΣΩΡΙΝΟΝ,' meaning "provisional." This surcharge is to appear on the values which will be used for foreign postage when Crete is admitted to the Universal Postal Union. Our correspondent does not state if they can be used for postage at all before that time. We learn from the *Revue Philatologique Française* that the surcharge was issued in red only for a few days and then changed to black; the first issue being bought up by speculators. It is said that the receipts of the first day's sale at Canea amounted to a sum equivalent to over \$1200.00. After April 14th the stamps are to be used for fiscal purposes, perforated X, the initial of the Greek word "Xartosimon."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—We illustrate the 2p. stamp of the commemorative set. The four values reported in our January number have now appeared in the following colors:

20 centavos brown
50 " yellow green
1 peso black on lavender
2 " bistre.

We have been shown used specimens by Mr. N. Huguenin, president of the Montreal Philatelic Association.



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FEDERATED MALAY STATES.—Three more values of Negri Sembilan are reported with the surcharge as described last month namely the 5 c. 20c. and 50 c. and the Perak \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$25 have also appeared decorated in a similar manner.

FRANCE.—A stamp of the value of 2 francs is to be added to the current set.

GERMANY.—The 1 mark of the new set has appeared of the design and color reported in January, the entire set of the new designs is now in use, except the 2 pf. 2, 3 and 5 marks. The 2 pf. which we reported in February as in contemplation, has since come to hand in the old design and the three high values it is now said will not be ready for circulation till the month of August.

GERMAN NEW GUINEA.—Stamps of the old German type of the 3 pf. and 25 pf. values have been seen with the surcharge "Deutsch-Neu-Guinea" in black. If this is not another "joke" on the part of the Berlin society doubtless the entire set will appear. A 5 pf. post card single and reply is also reported.

GOLD COAST.—The U. P. U. official collections have received the following stamps in new colors 5 sh. green and mauve, 10 sh. green and brown.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The promised new color of the ½ d. stamp is now in vogue. We have received specimens post marked April 17th with Mr. H. L. Ewen's compliments for which he will please accept our thanks.

The following notice was issued to post masters on March 27th.:

"A new halfpenny stamp (green in colour) will be ready for issue to Postmasters, etc., on requisition about the middle of April next. The new stamps should not be sold to any persons before the 17th April. On and after that day they may be sold, when specially asked for, at all offices where they are in stock; but the existing stock of the present (red) halfpenny stamps should be disposed of at each Post Office before the new green stamps are generally sold.

"A new one shilling bi-coloured postage and revenue stamp will also be issued about mid-summer next, when the stock of the present single-coloured one shilling stamp will be becoming exhausted. The stock of the present one shilling stamps should be sold out; but, as these stamps bear a considerable resemblance to the new green halfpenny stamps and as these two kinds of stamps will for some period

to come be on sale together, care must be taken to prevent mistakes. A further announcement will be made stating when the new shilling stamp will be ready for issue."

GUATEMALA.—A German paper reports that the U. P. U. colors were to be adopted on March 15th. All remainders of the old colors to be surcharged "1900-1-centavo" in three lines, for inland use. *Meeke's W.S. News* reports the receipt of a similar surcharge in two lines on the 5 centavos purple.

HONG KONG.—A news band bearing a 2 c. stamp impressed in green has been issued.

JAPAN.—A 3 sen stamp in red of special design is reported in commemoration of the wedding of the Prince Imperial.

LABUAN.—The 2 and 5 c. stamps have been issued in new colors yellow green and light blue. The design remains as before.

MARIANNE ISLANDS.—The set reported in our March number has appeared. It is the old German type 5 pf. to 50 pf. surcharged "Marianen."

MARSHALL ISLANDS.—The spelling of the surcharged name on the stamps for this German colony has been altered to "Marshall" instead of the incorrect Germanized orthography "Marschall" as it appeared on the 1897 set.

MOROCCO. *German Offices.* — The London Philatelist reports 5 pf. and 10 pf. post cards, single and reply, surcharged for these offices.

NEW ZEALAND.—As will be seen by our Australian letter this month some changes have been made in the stamps of this colony. We have received the new 2d. stamp in violet the main features of the design remain as in the 1898 stamp, but the size has been reduced, which has necessitated slight changes in the details. Further particulars will be found in Mr. Gosset's letter.

NIGERIA — The current stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate are reported to be now surcharged "Nigeria" as a consequence of the territory passing under the control of the colonial administration.

NORTH BORNEO. — The 2c. now appears in yellow green and the 5 c. in light blue. Design as formerly.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The 1, 2, 5, 10 and 50 c. U. S. unpaid letter stamps have been surcharged "Philippines."

ST. VINCENT.—All the remainders of the old type, now replaced by the current DelaRue type, have been destroyed except the 4 d. yellow, 6 d. lilac and 5 s. lake.

SALVADOR.—The *Am. J. of P.* states that it has received "the 1 c. of 1898 surcharged "1900" in sans serif numerals" in black.

SAMOS.—*Le Timbre Poste* announces the forth coming issue of a series of type set stamps for this island of the Turkish Empire. The design consists of the coat of arms in a square, with an inscription in Greek characters on the four sides, and value at foot, the whole inclosed in a fancy "trefoil" border. The values are 5, 10 and 20 paras and 1 grosion printed in black ink on grey blue paper for the two lower, and on white paper for the higher values.

SEYCHELLES.—Four new values have been added to the official collections, they are of the current DelaRue type watermark C. A. perf. 14.

6 c. rose

75 c. yellow and violet

1 r. 50 c. grey and red

2 r. 25 c. green and red brown.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The new 1 d. stamp in carmine is to hand surcharged for official use "O. S." Our Australian correspondent predicts the other new stamps, recently issued similarly treated.

SPAIN.—We have been informed that a 15 centimos blue will shortly be issued, bearing the portrait of the King in the uniform of the Infantry Military College.

TRINIDAD.—It is reported that the color of the current 5 shilling has been changed from green and brown, to mauve, and that the 5 d. and 10 d. stamps have been withdrawn from circulation.

URUGUAY.—Another value is to be added to those listed in March, with the surcharge "Oficial" the 1 peso brown and blue.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—We have received the fiscal stamps postally used of the values 1 d. 3 d. and 6 d. with the new watermark "crown W. A." in addition to those noted in our February number.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals

for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—As stamps for the post offices in the Protectorate are supplied by the postmaster at Mafeking, owing to the siege of that town the supply has been cut off, and one, and probably more, of the offices have been using the stamps of British South Africa. This has given the stamp faker a chance to make provisionals out of B. S. A. stamps surcharged "Bechuanaland Protectorate." This surcharged set is simply a fraud, as the B. S. A. stamps actually used in the Protectorate have no surcharge of any kind. *S. G. Monthly Journal* is our authority for this news.

SURINAM.—In order to sell out the stock of the obsolete 40 c. 50 c., 1 g. and 2½ g. with head of the late king, the authorities converted the two lower values into 25 c. and the two higher into 50 c. stamps by means of surcharges, and placed them on sale March 7th. "But the sale was not conducted on the usual simple lines; persons desirous of obtaining these interesting souvenirs of the late king were to make written application for them, stating the number of each variety they wished for. If the total number demanded was greater than the supply, each applicant was to receive a proportion only of what he asked for, but in any case every one who applied was to have at least one specimen; unless, indeed, the number of applicants should be greater than the number of specimens, in which case the fortunate candidates were to be selected by ballot. It is something to know that these precious relics are not to be torn up and distributed in fragments, in case there are not enough to go round! we are not told whether they are to be available for postage, but doubtless very few will be put to so base a use."—*S. G. Monthly Journal*.

VICTORIA.—The Postmaster General of Victoria has decided to issue 40,000 1 d. and 20,000 2 d. stamps of a special military design, to be retailed at 1 s. and 2 s. The proceeds, after deducting the face value, is to be given to the Victorian Patriotic Fund. This has drawn out a vigorously worded protest from the Philatelic Society of Victoria. One of the clauses of this protest ascribes the proposed issue as an attempt to tax one

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PERSONALITIES.

As it is contrary to the policy and principles of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST to engage in personalities, believing that the mission of a philatelic journal is to treat of stamps not persons, we shall we hope for the first and last time notice the personal attacks that have been made on the supposed author of our editorials.

We wish it to be well understood, that this paper is not the organ of any individual, that while our editor takes the legal responsibility for the views expressed in its columns, it is in the strictest sense an impersonal journal, hence it does not necessarily follow that such views and opinions are the personal ones of any member of its staff. We have a settled and well defined aim and policy which we shall endeavor to carry out regardless of what the private opinions may be of any writer in our service. It follows from this that articles praising or blaming the editor by name are distinct breaches of journalistic ethics and would not be resorted to except by persons ignorant of the principles of journalism, and of the dignity of the profession.

We find in the *Adhesive* of April three different views expressed in regard to our paper, all have the same fault,—they are personal. The young man who contributes the Montreal news, as usual writes of what he knows nothing, and ascribes to the pen of an individual, matter, that for all he knows to the contrary, may be written by a dozen different persons. He makes an impertinent allusion to the private business of this supposed writer and tells him the paper is "dry and uninteresting." We have no doubt it is to one who knows as little about stamps or stamp collecting as this writer of Montreal news (?). The Review Editor is kind and complimentary for which we sincerely thank him; he says our paper is "remarkably well conducted," that it contains "various short articles of interest" and quotes one for the benefit of the readers of the *Adhesive*. We would be better pleased if he credited our views to our journal not to the person whom he supposes to be the writer. We now come to the opinion of the editor-in-chief. He admits we were right in drawing his attention to a mis-use of his news columns to exploit private interests, he also admits

that he allowed an article to appear in his columns on a subject concerning which he was not familiar, and which aimed at the pockets of his readers, whom as responsible editor he is bound to protect, he fails to see the difference between an "irresponsible writer" (that is one who has not the responsibility of editorship) and an "irresponsible," that is an unreliable, individual, he is grossly personal in his remarks, and withal he resents our kindly hint to use the "blue pencil" freely. Was it needed before the publication of the April *Adhesive*? A jury of competent journalists, after reading the three contradictory articles in that number will say "Yea" most decidedly. Was it needed in the March issue, where a writer alludes to the Canada 2 c. purple envelope as a "minor variety" and an "error" while any philatelist knows it is neither. What the *Adhesive* lacks is a Philatelic editor, a man who has studied and knows at least a little of Philatelic science, otherwise it will remain a purely literary journal, with no pretensions to instruct or inform stamp collectors on the subject of most interest to them.

We pass over the personalities of the *Philatelic Spectator*, as merely the silly denials of a boy convicted of a theft, but determined to brazen out his fault by falsehood. Any person who will take the trouble to compare the article in the January number of the *P. S.* with our December report of new issues can see that it is copied word for word, without acknowledgement, just as the article on Transvaal stamps in the March issue is stolen *holus bolus* from Mr. Nankivell's London letter in the *Am. J. of P.* and the editorial in the same paper. This bad little boy should go to Sunday School and learn the Ten Commandments.

The *Nebraska Philatelist* rushes to the defence of its smart (?) young man who furnishes it with manufactured news from

Montreal. If its readers enjoy reading fiction instead of stamp news that can help them in the making and arrangement of their collections "they pay their money and they take their choice" it is no business of ours. We have tried to raise the tone of Canadian Philatelic news items, at the earnest request of a large number of prominent Canadian philatelists, who felt that they were misrepresented by the rubbish printed in the American papers as Canadian news. In this respect we have been wonderfully successful, as a comparison of such communications of last year with those now accepted by editors will show. But besides covering its Montreal chicken with its sheltering wings, the *N. P.* constitutes itself both judge, and prosecuting attorney, states what it "honestly" and "personally" believes, relates one or two little bits of hearsay evidence that have not been proved, sums up its case, and appeals to its jury of philatelists for a verdict, *without hearing the defence*, in the case "who was the manufacturer of G. B. Island counterfeits." The seller has admitted the fact of the character of the stamps, but claims he was himself deceived by them, we express no opinion on this point, it may or may not be true, but we like fair play. To appeal for a verdict when the accused is not in a position, from circumstances beyond his control, to produce his defence, may be Nebraska justice but it is not British justice and it was to the latter we appealed. Believers in British justice will say, that our position is simply unassailable, when we condemn as *cowardly*, attacks upon a man behind his back; with those who believe in any other form of justice we do not concern ourselves.

If Mr. C. E. A. Holmes who over his signature in the *Jubilee Philatelist** and the *Mount Royal S. News* indulges in personalities will take the trouble to read these lines, he will also find therein an

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answer to his remarks. We are sorry to learn that this young man, takes back the advice he gave in the *Ohio Philatelist*, and again returns to his old ways of writing things about which he is not perfectly certain. We had hopes for him, but alas we fear he has fallen from grace! The publisher of this paper wishes us to deny that he told Mr. Holmes or any one else the name of the printer who printed the forgeries, for the very good reason that he does not know by whom, where or when they were printed, he merely knows who sold them, and that is all that is known or has been proved to date.

We must apologize for the trial to our readers' patience, in clearing up these various attacks, they were so many that it has taken somewhat more space than we expected, they were forced upon us, but we trust this is the last of them in our columns. In future no personal attacks will be noticed under any circumstances, and having now cleared the deck for action, we shall devote ourselves with renewed ardor to philately we trust for the benefit of our readers. Next month we hope to present an article we have had in preparation for some time on stamp values—who fixes them? dealer or collector? In the mean time those of our readers who would like to present their views on the subject, are cordially invited to make use of our columns.

RALPH W. GOSSET.

Most of our readers will join with us in sincere regret that, with this number Mr. Gosset terminates his very interesting letters on Australian stamp news. This young gentleman, who we believe is only about 20 years of age, is a model correspondent, careful and accurate in all he says, always interesting, never aggressive or personal, his "Australian notes" have been a feature of this journal, and were very frequently quoted, and some

times appropriated by other papers. His news could always be depended upon, and it will be difficult to replace so valuable a contributor.

Mr. Gosset, who is a nephew of the Governor of Cook Islands, goes to that distant Pacific station, to fill a position in H. M. Customs service there, and he promises us news from the islands, as often as there is a mail steamer, which we believe is about once every six weeks. We, and those who have so long read Mr. Gosset's letters with pleasure, join in wishing him all prosperity in his new field, and we hope to soon hear from him there.

Arrangements are being perfected by which our Australian news will be continued by another correspondent.

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body of the community, viz.: Philatelists. We do not think the "tax" will fall on philatelists, as a rule they will not be the purchasers of these labels; if the stamp speculator is badly bitten most philatelists will rejoice; it must be remembered that there is nothing compulsory about buying the stamps so they are not a "tax," and purchasers will mostly be those who have never collected stamps before. If the purchase of these, awakes the desire to possess other stamps, the effect will be beneficial to philately rather than the reverse.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE TRANSVAAL, by Charles Nissen, 106 High Holborn, W. C. London.—This is a handy little catalogue of the South African Republic stamps, in which all the types and surcharges are illustrated, and described. It will prove a useful reference list to those who do not collect the minor varieties, being intended not for the very advanced but for medium collectors.

THE YOUNG STAMP COLLECTOR, *Fred. J. Melville, 32 Ballater Road, Brixton, S.W. England, vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 2 March and April 1900.*—The junior philatelists of England will we hope extend a liberal patronage to this magazine established for the special purpose of fostering their interests. The two numbers before us are excellent, and contain just the right kind of matter to instruct the beginner, and by means of sketches and portraits of young collectors to encourage

emulation and perseverance. Master J. S. Higgins whose biography and portrait appears in the March number is the champion boy collector of Great Britain. He is but 15 years old, but possesses a collection of British stamps of over 5000 varieties including many rarities. He was awarded one bronze and two silver medals at the Manchester Philatelic Exhibition last August. "The Beginner's Guide" is a series of most useful simple, well written articles. We wish the new aspirant a full measure of prosperity and hope it may secure many subscribers in this side the Atlantic, where just such a paper is badly required in the interests of young philatelists.

THE PRAIRIE STATE PHILATELIST. *Prairie State Pub. Co., Chicago, Ill. Vol. 1. No. 2.*—No. 1. of this paper we have not seen, but the number before us is a very meritorious issue for a young journal. It contains items of real interest to philatelists, the kind that instruct and entertain, and in this respect it is far ahead of many of its older, better printed, and more pretentious contemporaries. The article "Stamps of the Far East" is to be commended, as containing just such information as is not generally known, and which cannot fail to excite an interest in these little understood but most instructive stamps. We wish long life and prosperity to the new comer.

AUSTRALIAN STAMP NEWS.

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

Auckland, N Z, 8th March, 1900.

Things philatelic have been very dormant here lately, the outcome, no doubt, of all the interest of the people, (philatelists included), being centered on the war in South Africa. An immense deal of patriotism is exhibited by all classes of the community, hence philately has consequently been very dull.

The "Auckland Philatelic Club," (which adjourned for three months during the summer), will soon start its meetings again; resulting doubtless in a renewed interest amongst the Auckland Philatelists.

The following clipping I take from the "N. Z. Herald" thinking it might be of interest viz :

"A novel representation, on a large scale, of a Victoria Cross, has been made by Sergeant-Major Bezar, of

"Wellington, out of old British stamps. It is 3 ft by 2 ft in size, and the various coloured postage stamps have been tastefully arranged in a most effective manner."

Samoa.—I hear from an authentic source that the New Zealand Government hold all the dies of the Samoan palm set of stamps. So that Davis the late Samoan postmaster cannot have any more printed, nor has Davis any "Star N. Z." watermarked paper. Whether the New Zealand Government will destroy the dies or not remains to be seen. However the fact is that Davis must have ordered before hand a good supply, as he must have had "news" that the Germans were to acquire Samoa.

Perhaps after all the "Palm Tree" set will be worth something in the philatelic market."

South Australia.—I have seen the 1 d. rose (new color) of this place over printed O. S. in thin letters in black, in all probability by this time the other values in new colors will be thus surcharged.

Victoria.—The "war stamps" which I mentioned in my last letter, the Government have definitely decided to issue.

Later—Since writing the above, the following telegram appeared in this morning's "Herald" :

POSTAGE STAMP CHANGES.

(By telegram,—Press Association.)

Wellington, March 8th, 1900.

"The following changes have been made in the postage stamps of this colony:—The ½ d. stamp is now printed in green. The 1 d. stamp has been re-engraved in the design of the 4 d. (White Terrace), and is printed in red. The 2 d. stamp will be printed in violet. The 4 d. stamp is now of the same design as the former 1 d. (Lake Taupo), and is printed in blue and brown. The 6 d. stamp will in future be printed in pink. In the case of the ½ d. and 2 d. stamps, although the design has been retained, several slight changes have been made by the engraver. The new ½ d., 1 d. and 4 d. stamps are now on sale, and the 2 d. and 6 d. will be ready in a few days."

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Cook Islands, in the South Pacific, and will proceed there in a few days time, I will not be in a position to send any more Philatelic Notes relative to the stamps of Australasia, but any thing of an interesting nature in the Cook Islands I will forward it on to the Editor.

RALPH W. GOSSET.

March 19th, 1900.

Since my brother last wrote the new issue of $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1 d. and 2 d. N. Z. stamps have been issued. They are as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ d. yellow green, 1 d. rose lake, 2 d. mauve, which are printed on wove paper and watermarked Star and double lined N. Z. with perforation 11.

The following is a clipping from one of our daily papers: "The Postmaster-General of Victoria has received 120 designs for the special war stamps which it is proposed to issue, and accepted designs for two penny and penny stamps, of which 20,000 of the former and 40,000 of the latter are to be issued."

VIVIAN C. GOSSET.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Bridgeville, N. S. April, 20th 1900.
Editor "Montreal Philatelist,"

I have seen the article in your April number about the Canadian Split Stamps. I got one that came from Cross Roads Country Harbour, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, the date on the envelope is January 9th 1899, there was only one half of a three cents stamp used and it was not surcharged. Thinking there must have been more of them issued from the same office, I wrote to the postmaster at the address mentioned and here is what he has to say about it:

Cross Road, Country Harbor,
April 17th 1900.

H. A. McDonald, Bridgeville,
Dear Sir,—Your enquiry re stamps to hand. At the time you mention the 2 c. postage was given us so suddenly that I was about out and all my neighbour P. M. was also out and as I could only charge the public 2 c. I could not afford to put on a 3 c. stamp so cut 3 c. and 5 c. to about even the thing up and sent them along. 3 or 4 days letters were mailed in this way, but I do not know where they went to. Yours very truly,

E. S. SWEET, Postmaster.

So there are split 1 c. 3 c. and 5 c. provisional stamps which were issued for a few days.

H. A. McDONALD

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

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Rocky Hill, Conn., April 16th 1900.

Some time since, by request of the worthy president of the L. of C. P. and other members, I was asked to accept the position of vice-president of this organization for the United States, and consented to act. As all know, in view of the fact that there are so many societies in existence, the acquiring of new members at present is a slow process. However, let me say that in my opinion the officers of the L. of C. P. are good men, and worthy of support. It will be my aim to help in every way I can. Incidentally, I would state that I probably have many pieces of philatelic literature not at present in the library which I will cheerfully donate to it.

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