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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

As we anticipated in our last number more new issues than ever are to be launched this year. Those already reported are rapidly coming into use, and are being purchased in enormous quantities for collections. A correspondent writing to *Even's Weekly Stamp News* from Frankfort states that 5000 of the new German post cards were placed on sale there Dec. 28th and in five minutes they were all sold. Besides our regular report of new issues this month we hear that complete new sets are now in preparation for Bosnia, Belgium and Crete. It is also rumored that France is to advertise its numerous small colonies by new issues of different designs for each, depicting scenery, history, native habits, resources, industries, etc., etc. Germany is now having a taste of how new issues *pay*, so the appetite once acquired, it would not be at all surprising to have similar German colonials in the near future. If this goes on the annual catalogues will soon be as large as a Family Bible. Old time Philatelists will kick and ignore all new issues, the younger generation will be in ecstasies of delight at the pretty pictures, shrewd dealers will reap a rich harvest from both, and in our estimation the true mission of stamp collecting,—that of an educator—will be greatly advanced.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. — It is announced that the colors of the new 10c. and 30c. are to be changed on account of similarity of color with the 1c. and 5c.

AUSTRIA. — The new stamps are announced, with value expressed in the new currency. In design, they are practically the same as the former issue, with the exception that the word "heller," appears



above and below the Emperor's head in place of "Kreuzer," and on the higher values, "Kronen" is substituted for "Gulden." There are several new values in the set, which consists of the following:

1 heller, violet	30 heller, red violet
2 " grey	40 " light green
3 " brown	50 " blue
5 " green	60 " brown
6 " orange	1 krone, rose red
10 " rose red	2 " grey violet
20 " red brown	4 " light green
25 " dark blue.	

Unpaid letter stamps, 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 40, 100 heller, all in dark brown.

News-paper Stamps:

2 heller dark blue,	10 heller brown
6 " orange	20 " red

The 5, 10, 25 and 50 heller, and 1, 2 and 4 krone will be surcharged with their equivalent value in Turkish money, for the Austrian post offices in the Levant.

The value on all stamps on envelopes, post cards, letter cards, wrappers, telegram, and telephone cards, will also be changed to the new currency, and will be in the same colors as the corresponding values of adhesive stamps.

The design of the unpaid letter stamps remains unchanged, with the exception of the word "heller" instead of "kreuzer." The news-paper stamps however, bear the head of Mercury with figures of value in the four corners, they are of square shape.

The 1, 3, 5, 6 and 25 hellers are already in use. The other values will appear as soon as the old stock has been reduced.

The old stamps, will be accepted for postage, or may be exchanged for the new issue up to December 31st 1900.

BAVARIA. — The German papers announce new stamps of the values 2, 30, 40 and 60 pf. of the same design as the current set. It seems the Bavarian authorities have declined to place their pos-

tal administration under the control of the German Imperial Post Office Department.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—A 1d. news band in carmine on buff paper, and a 1/2d. post card green on white have appeared. Both are of the current type of the adhesives.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—A 4d. registration envelope printed in blue has been issued to supersede the temporary one surcharged on the Cape of Good Hope envelope.

CEYLON.—A 12c. stamp, olive green and carmine for double rate Imperial penny postage letters has been issued of same design as the rest of the current adhesives, also a 6c. post card carmine on white, single and reply with stamps of the 1895 envelope type (Scott E 10). *Even's Weekly Stamp News* states that a 6c. letter card is also to be issued, and that this new postal stationery is being manufactured by the Ceylon Government printing office.

COLUMBIA REPUBLIC.—In addition to the two provisionals chronicled last month from Cartagena, a set of four values has been issued of similar design, bearing a surcharge of horizontal wavy lines. They are very poorly executed by lithography and are pin perforated. The values and colors are :



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| 1 centavo | brown on buff |
| 2 | black on buff |
| 5 | purple on green |
| 10 | red on salmon. |

Mekeel's Weekly also reports another provisional from the same locality consisting of the Bolivar 1891 1 centavo black, of which it is said 4000 were used, mostly on newspapers, the wavy line surcharge was applied, after the stamps were affixed to the wrappers, by a rubber hand stamp.

DAHOMY.—A 25 centimes stamp black on rose, and a 5c. envelope yellow green are reported, of the regular French Colonial type. They are doubtless the fore-runners of a complete set.

ECUADOR.—It is announced that the 1 sucre revenue stamp of 1896, has been surcharged 10c. for postal use. There are two varieties, a black surcharge and a double surcharge blue and black.

EGYPT.—*French offices.* The set of French stamps reported last month, surcharged "Alexandrie," turn out to be only for the French post office in the City of Alexandria. The *P. J. of G. B.* reports a similar set surcharged "Post Said" and it is stated that each French office in Egypt is to have a set, should this turn out to be a fact, the stamps would only find their proper place in a collection of "Locals." Local issues always are limited in quantity, as regards actual postal requirements, the authorities are constantly running short of one or more values and resorting to surcharged makeshifts; hence the indifference with which most collectors regard them. The Post Said post office seems already to have run out of the 25 c. value for two varieties of surcharge are reported 25c. on 10c. in words only and also in words and figures. They were not old in that state but affixed to letters handed in at the post office, and 2000 are said to have been so used.

FRENCH SOUDAN.—This colony has ceased to exist as a separate administration, and the stamps in consequence have been suppressed.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 5c. light yellow green is gradually coming into use in the various French possessions; Martinique, Mayotte and Senegal are the latest places reported to have adopted it.

GERMANY.—A new value for printed matter 2pf. gray is to be included in the new issue. A 5pf. post card of the new type was issued Dec. 28th for use only on and after Jan. 1st. but up to the time of our going to press no others of the new stamps had come to hand.

HUNGARY.—The stamps with values expressed in the new currency, reported in our December issue are now appearing.

The design consists of a large Imperial crown surmounted by an Eagle with outspread wings, in a circle. Above is the inscription "Magyar Kir. posta", with value bel w. The 1 heller grey and 25h. blue are the only specimens reported as yet.



MACAO.—A 1 avo post card made by surcharging the 2 avos card "Provisorio" and the new value, is reported.

MADAGASCAR.—A 5 franc stamp has been issued for this colony of the regular colonial type, violet color, name in blue.

MOROCCO. *German Offices.*—The stamps reported in our December number as expected, have made their appearance. They are the 1889 German stamps surcharged with "Marocco" and value in black. The set consists of:—

3 centimos on	3 pf. brown
5 " "	5 " green
10 " "	10 " carmine
25 " "	20 " blue
30 " "	25 " orange
60 " "	50 " brown.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr Gossett sends us specimens of the unpaid letter stamps, they are fully described in his monthly letter in this issue, also the new post cards 1d. color changed from blue to green; $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2d. envelopes are also on the *tapis*.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—A $\frac{1}{4}$ tanga green on buff post card is reported.

QUEENSLAND.—The new $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp described in our January issue appears impressed on a news band.

RHODESIA.—The 1d current type is now used on single and double post cards, pointed in carmine on white.

ROUMANIA.—The 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bani black stamps surcharged in red 1 ban are now in circulation.

SARAWAK.—The 3c. post card is now surcharged 4c, the equivalent of 1 penny. The current adhesives 2, 4, and 10c. have also been changed to Postal Union colors, green carmine and blue respectively.

SEYCHELLES.—A 15c. stamp blue for Postal Union rate to foreign countries has been received for the official collections.

SIAM.—We are informed by Mr. S. Hood Beng of Bangkok that a new set was issued in Sept. 1899 comprising the following values 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12 24 and 64 atts. We have not yet received full particulars, but hope to give further details in our next.

SOUDAN.—On account of Mahommedan objections to the cross the watermark on the "camel" set has been changed to a star and crescent.

TRINIDAD.—3 pence surcharged on 5 pence, lilac and violet has appeared in official collections.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—In a recent consignment of postally used fiscal stamps from this colony we found several of the 1 shilling with the new watermark "Crown W. A.", and we notice that the *P. J.* of *G. B.*, also reports the 2s. 6d. with that watermark. The rest of the set will no doubt be printed on this paper when fresh supplies are required.

WURTEMBERG.—Since Jan. 1st. this Kingdom has relinquished its independence of the German Empire in postal affairs and will issue no more stamps, all post offices coming under Imperial rule will hence forth only use German stamps.

SAMOAN ISLANDS AND STAMPS.

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

Lying between $13^{\circ} 30'$ and $14^{\circ} 20'$ South Latitude, and between 169° and 173° West Longitude, is a group of Islands called the "Navigators" or more commonly known as "Samoa." Of late some interest has been aroused in the Australian colonies as regards these islands, as by cable from home it has been announced that Great Britain has ceded her interests in the group to Germany, so I will endeavour to give a few notes in regard to them.

On an old Dutch chart made in or about 1730, in the latitude and longitude already mentioned, was a group of Islands marked "Baumann's Islands", which were discovered by a Dutch sea captain by the name of Roggeveen, in 1722. Nothing further was heard of them until a later date when a Frenchman—Bougainville—made them definitely known. He was so impressed with the skill by which the natives managed their boats and canoes, that it induced him to name them "*Iles des Navigateurs*", by which name they have been known since—Samoa being the native name of the group. Later on, the Islands were visited by that famous navigator, La Perouse. He took shelter in one of the Bays called *Asu*, or "Massacre Bay" as he called it, for there he lost two of his chief assistants De Lamanon and De Langle also a boat's crew. The Islands lie about 420 miles North East of the Fijian group: they are thirteen in number, and are all pretty well populated, although some of them are really nothing more or less than barren rocks. Out of the whole group, only three (3) are of any importance viz :

Savaü, Upolu and Tutuila. The largest of these three is Savaü, with an area of 700 square miles. The Island is barren; and lofty mountains are scattered all over it. The soil is very dry and unfertile. On this Island no streams or rivers exist, the nature of the soil will not allow it, as all moisture is absorbed at once and hence none can collect. Very little trade is done with this island, the coastline is very bad there being only one harbour.

Upolu, the second largest (550 square miles), is—like Savaü—very mountainous but of quite a different character, the mountains being well wooded and watered, and the land very fertile, upon the island are several large streams. On a well protected bay on the north of this Island is the chief town of the whole group, i. e. —Apia—. It is a port of call for the mail steamers plying between Frisco and New Zealand. In 1879 a treaty was formed between United States, Germany and Great Britain, in connection with the governing of this Island, and consequently since then it has been controlled by a municipality organised and directed by the consuls of the three nations mentioned.

The area of the third Island—Tutuila—is 55 square miles, it being 17 miles long and 5 broad. A splendid harbour (*) Pango-Pango almost cuts the island in halves. Some people reckon this as one of the best and safest harbours in the Southern Pacific. In general character this Island resembles Upolu as regards fertility, etc.

The Samoans are of a very fine physique, very few of the natives of the other South Sea Islands coming up to them in that line.

In 1830, John Williams introduced Christianity in the group. The inhabitants of Upolu embraced the faith very quickly and on that island they are for the greater part, all Christians. The natives are indolent, lazy and by no means industrious or persevering. In fact in 1881, the various white planters had to import about 2000 labourers from the other Pacific Islands, (chiefly from the Line Is., New Hebrides and New Britain Is.) to do the work of planting, etc. as the Samoans were too independent to hire themselves out to work. The Samoans are warlike and for some consi-

derable time past—since about 1860—the different chiefs have been engaged in a series of petty wars, which have decimated their numbers to a great extent, viz :— native population in 1840 was 56,000; in 1872—35,000; and in 1880—30,000.

The fertility of the two Islands of Upolu and Tutuila has induced numerous European, (mostly German,) and United States capitalists to invest money in these Islands, which has been the means of building up a large trade in the group, with New Zealand, Australia and the United States. Much of the land originally belonging to the natives has passed into the hands of foreign capitalists and residents. The chief articles of export are cotton, coffee, breadfruit, and chief of all, dried coconuts (copra); sugar, maize, and fruit are also grown for local consumption. The Hamburg firm of J. C. Godeffroy and Son do the largest trade with these islands.

By the latest news from home it is stated that Great Britain and United States have relinquished their interests in the two large islands of Savaü and Upolu and have given Germany absolute possession of same. United States in return gets possession of the smallest of the three chief Islands viz :— Tutuila; while Great Britain gets in return—as her share—undisputed possession of the Solomon group viz :— Ysabel, Choiseul and the smaller shortlands, and I believe the British protectorate is to extend over the Banks' and Santa Cruz groups also. Germany always claimed an interest in the Tongan group, certainly her interests there were as large as Great Britain's; and now that she gets Samoa definitely; Great Britain gets the German interests ceded to her in the Tongan group. England will no doubt establish a protectorate over these Islands also. *Stanley, Gibbons & Coy.* always classified *Tonga* under British possessions in their albums and catalogues but by what authority, I know not; however *now* they are right in doing so.

While Germany, Great Britain and United States had a protectorate over the Samoan group, each nation named controlled a post office of their own, and only letters that did not pass through one of these three offices, found their way into the office of the "*Lo al Postmaster*," (a Mr Davis) who ran *his* postoffice as a

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(*) "Pango Pango", for description of this harbour see "New Zealand and the South Sea Islands" by Meade, 1870.

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Editorial.

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CANADIAN STAMP DEALERS.

An entirely unwarranted attack upon the honesty of dealers and collectors in this country has lately been inaugurated by a certain section of the American Philatelic press, fostered we have no doubt by the irresponsible correspondence from Montreal, to which we alluded in our last number. Exaggerated reports, based on

a partial and superficial knowledge of facts, and false surmises stated as truth, we have no doubt have started this campaign. As long as such attacks were confined to the columns of the juvenile papers, unpleasant as they were, we considered them beneath notice, reminding us of the yelping of impotent curs. Unfortunately however an attack now comes from another quarter, which is more deserving of attention.

In the January number of the *Philatelic West* Mr. R. L. Payne president of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, addressing the members of that society, after speaking in deservedly complimentary terms of our friend Mr. W. Kelsey Hall as a reliable Canadian Dealer, adds. "I wish I could add more, but my experience with Canadian dealers has been unfortunate, and I am glad to be able to give one."

Mr. Payne is a man of mature age, a stamp collector for over forty years and is much respected by all who have had any dealings with him, and we are loath to believe that this is intended as a deliberate attack on the honor of Canadian dealers. However he may have intended it, any reader of the address can only extract one meaning, namely that Canadian dealers are with one exception unreliable. We are quite sure that the one excepted gentleman will be the first to repudiate such an aspersion. Mr. Payne is an Englishman, and as such born with the English love of fair play, no man educated at Eton could be without it, but he forgets his early principles, when because he feels sore over some unfortunate transaction with one Canadian dealer or more, he deliberately attacks, in an official communication to be widely read, the whole body of Canadian stamp dealers, than whom none stand higher in the Philatelic world for fair dealing and integrity. We have had our black sheep, one or two deliberate swindlers, a few who have without business experience or qualifications taken up the stamp business and failed, others

who not having sufficient ready capital have bought more than they could pay for and have had to ask an extension of time from their creditors, we have also had and still have our boy dealers who with youthful enthusiasm advertise more than they can supply; but are not these classes to be found every where, and in proportion to population what country has been most prolific in their production? Does Mr. Payne and the horde of irresponsible scribblers maintain that it is Canada? Let them do so and we can name twenty such cases, in our own limited experience, of another nationality to every one of Canada.

We are aware that considerable dissatisfaction occurred a couple of years back, over the supply of unused Jubilee stamps, but this was caused by circumstances entirely beyond the Canadian dealers' control, and affected dealers in other countries precisely in the same way; still even then we know of many cases, where Canadian dealers supplied these stamps at an actual loss in order to satisfy their customers, and after the brief period of reckless speculation had passed, orders were all filled at reasonable prices. Some who wished to speculate then, and were disappointed that Canadian dealers would not consent to a speculation at their own expense, have been since abusing us in Canada.

It would be out of place here and unnecessary to mention names, but there are in all our principal cities, from Charlottetown and Halifax in the East to Victoria and Vancouver in the West, responsible men who deal in stamps, of whose probity and honor it would be superfluous to speak, who are known the world over, who are in every way reliable, and by whom Philately is honored in counting them amongst its votaries. Let Mr. Payne or any other stamp buyer simply use a little common sense and business judgment, as to whom to deal with,

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purely speculative and commercial concern without any Government control. Certainly he possesses an eloquently worded "concession" from the late "King" Malietoa authorising him to establish a post office, but the native government of the island does not include the post offices. However the King's concession enabled Mr Davis to carry on a private post office and to call himself the "Local Postmaster." Every possible pretext he has had for making changes or issuing a new stamp, he has taken advantage of. When he started this post office in 1887, he began by issuing a set with "Palmtrees" thereon. Of nearly all the values of this palmtree set there exist several shades, especially in the 1d and 2d values; the shades of the latter value varying from the darkest orange brown to the lightest canary yellow. The stamps are printed by the New Zealand government printer at Wellington, which accounts for their being on watermarked paper (*Star and N. Z.*) This individual has made a "big thing" out of selling his stamps neatly cancelled to order in sets, at a discount off face and he has also "Rung the changes" on "Provisional" stamps with numerous overprints. One of his latest speculations was to change the ½d dull purple to green, and the 1d blue green to red brown, "in conformity with the rules of the Postal Union Congress." His stamps not being recognized by the Postal Union the said rules do not affect him any more than the man in the moon. On account of the recent troubles in Samoa a conference was held at Apia by the delegates of the three "protectorate" powers, who formed a "Provisional Government," until something definite was decided. This gave the "Local Postmaster" a chance to bring out something new and he accordingly issued the palmtree set with the surcharge "Provisional Government" thereon with no authority whatsoever from that government.

We may now, with safety, write "*Finis*" to all these speculative stamps sold by Mr Davis, as his issues will be abolished, and in—all probability—German stamps surcharged "Samoach," which is I believe the Teutonic form of the word, will be issued. The United States will, no doubt issue a series very likely after the style of the Cuban set of surcharged stamps, for the island of Tutuila. It

now remains to be seen whether Great Britain will issue any stamps to advertise the islands, she has just acquired. At the present time, at the Islands Chiseoul and Ysabel, there are not many white residents, but now England has them, it might be an inducement for planters and traders to establish themselves there. All those collectors who go in for only Great Britain and her colonies, and who have been putting aside Samoan stamps, in case that some day Samoa should become a part of *Greater Britain*, have only been saving up in vain, as now Samoa is "German" and the stamps to be used hereafter will not be British articles, but will be "*Made in Germany*," and collectors will not want "Some more" (Samoa).

Samoa, farewell! — a *long* farewell!



Here is a good specimen of the ignorance sometimes displayed by the non-collector. This letter was actually received from Bolton this morning (Thursday).

"Mrs. X. has a penny red stamp sent through the post in November, 1869. It is not much marked by the post-office stamp and is in good preservation. Mrs. X. would sell the stamp for a *good price*."

The italics are ours.—*Ewen's W. S. News.*

LADYSMITH'S PIGEON POST. — It is entirely owing to the love of Natal Englishmen for the old-country sport of pigeon racing that the government has been able to organize a pigeon post to and from Ladysmith. M. Arthur Hirst, who has been asked to take charge of it, is a Yorkshireman who has settled at Durban and imported "homers." With several of his compatriots he last year established a society to encourage the sport, and he has won a prize in races from Johannesburg to Durban, a distance of 300 miles.—*London Leader*

STAMPS USED BY TOMMY ATKINS.— It is interesting to watch the progress of our troops by the postage stamps they use. At first letters received at home bear the stamps of the Cape; then appear those of Natal, and in the first stages of the war, stamps of our own country.

Now, however, these seem to be exhausted and as the men are up country and most of them far away from any post-office, all that appears on their letters besides the address is the postmark described above, with "1d." to pay on delivery. *The deficient postage, in a case like this, is not, of course, charged double.*—*Ewens W. S. News.*

The attention of Canada's Postmaster General is respectfully drawn to the concluding paragraph of the foregoing item. Please take the hint.

AUSTRALIAN STAMP NEWS.

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 23th 1899.

The two chief items of conversation in this town at present are the "Elections" and the "Boer War." The former were held on the 6th inst. amid much excitement. Now they are properly over people are settling down again to their normal state of mind. The chief Philatelic news from New Zealand this month is the issue of "Postage Due" Stamps. It has been rumoured for some months past that these would soon be issued, but beyond that, nothing of a definite character was heard until the issue of the New Zealand Government gazette appeared on October 19th 1899, when regulations were gazetted authorising the issue of the above named Series of Stamps. The official proclamation in the usual form appeared on page 1,032 of the gazette just mentioned.

These regulations state neither the designs nor the values to be issued, but of course now that they duly appeared on the 1st of this month the designs are well known. They are printed in green, except the value which is red, on "Star N. Z." paper and are perforated 11 all round. At the bottom of the stamp are the words "Postage Due." The value is printed in red in a circle which is above the words "Postage Due", under the value in the circle are the initials "N. Z.". Around the inside of the line forming the circle is another circle of fancy work. Four triangles fill up the space in the corners of the stamp outside the circle. (I enclose you a specimen.) As far as I can glean the set comprises the following values: ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 10d (?) 1 sh. and 2 sh.. I have seen all the above except the 10d. I am not quite certain as to the authenticity of this value as yet.

Our 1d post card is printed in dark green now, instead of blue as formerly. It is also been made larger in size it is now 5½ x 3½ inches which is about half an inch larger all round than the old blue one. The green Cards have in the left hand lower corner a picture of some large town or other place of interest in New Zealand, I believe there are about a dozen varieties of views.

It is also rumoured that we are to have stamped envelopes soon. The correspondent of the "Australian Philatelist," in Wellington states that the values are to be ½d, 1d and 2d. But he does not say what the designs or colours are to be.

Recently I had an opportunity of seeing some high value unused duty stamps of this Colony. They went up in value to £500, (all adhesive stamps). Any amount over that figure if it is a large sum a special stamp is printed for the deed or probate, or whatever the document may be, (except annual licences). The high value duty stamps thus issued are always printed in gold.

In Christchurch some little while back some large estate was put through the court for probate, and the duty thereon was £60,000 for which amount a special stamp was printed in gold. In Nelson also a stamp for £12,000 was affixed to a deed of some large estate. Duty stamps of £500 value and downwards are always kept in stock; over that amount they have to be specially printed in gold.

The following are the colours of the high values as kept in stock, viz:

£500 Blue	£400 Pink
300 Light Brown	200 Green
100 Lilac.	

I noticed in the £500 stamp three distinct shades and two in the £300.

The following is a list of all regular values now issued:

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
500		0			1			5
400		8			1			0
300		7						15
200		6						10
100		5						9
50		4	10					8
45		4	0					7
40		3	10					7
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There are several other values existing beside those in the above list, but these are the regular kinds used at the present time. Of course in some stamp offices some odd values may be found still such as 6s. 8d., 13s. 4d., 2s. 10d., etc. On such Legal Documents as Licences, annual Licences, etc., the stamp on same is always embossed on the deed. I have in my possession a £200 embossed stamp off an annual Licence. On promissary notes the duty stamp is embossed also the same on B ink cheques—1d. value—.

Samoa.—Of the recent developments in this place I have written a few notes in another article. I had shewn to me a few days ago by one of our dealers here the complete set of the "Provisional Government" surcharge of Samoa. They comprised the following (all palm tree type except the 5d. which is the oblong horizontal one Flag type):

Red Surcharge,	Blue Surcharge.
½d. green new colour	1d. Lt red brown new colour
2d. orange	5d. deep red
2d. yellow	6d. dk brown
4d. blue	1s. bright rose
2s. 6d. violet	

The post master at Samoa (Mr Davis) issued the ½d. green and 1d. red brown in "conformity with the Postal Union Congress Rules"!!

(The aforesaid post master is a private individual and he, no doubts conducts the post office as a commercial concern). The surcharged provisionals are of quite a different shade to the other "palm tree" type being of quite a brighter colour.

Cook Islands.—The surcharges at this place have been absolutely sold out and none whatever are now procurable at the post office. The ½d. dark blue bird (Torea) type is now on sale in its place, as previously advised in the "notes." It is probable that the ½d., 1d. and 2½d. will be changed into the postal union colours viz:—Green, Red and Blue. Considering the changes that have taken place here lately in the stamps viz:—1d. blue changed to brown, 1d. blue surcharged ½d., and the appearance of a new ½d. blue bird type, it is not improbable that the colours might be changed, at least I should not be surprised to see them come out in the colours mentioned, as in some of these small places the "sale of postage stamps" has much to do with the making up of the Revenue.

Tonga.—The surcharge I advised you of last mail is not much in demand in this town, as no doubt a good stock of them exist.

South Australia.—The ½d., 1d. and 2½d. are now on sale in the postal union colours and are perforated 13, and watermarked "Crown and S. A." The 2d. has been changed in colour from brown to deep mauve, which colour makes it look a fine stamp, it has the same perforation and watermark as those just mentioned.

Some varieties of perforation have appeared here lately in the high values viz:

10 s.	} perf. 11½ x 12½
2 s. 6d.	
5 s.	} perf. 11½ with large holes
£1	

Victoria.—The ½d., 1d. and 2½d. have all appeared in the postal union colours; and the 1½d. has been changed from green to red on yellow (formerly the colour of 2½d.)

New South Wales.—The government of this Colony lately destroyed most of the dies of the obsolete stamps. Mr Basset Hull of Sydney writes an excellent article (giving full particulars of same) to Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, October number.

New Zealand.—Re. 4d. brown and blue, perforated 11, and unwatermarked I have had a great number of requests from U. S. A. and Canada for same. I may state that this stamp was on sale in Wellington only, for one hour, and was immediately withdrawn on account of similarity with the penny stamp, not many found their way to Auckland however. At the present time they are selling in this Colony for something like 3s. each unused. Collectors think that the next lot issued will be on watermarked paper, hence their reaching that figure. So those people asking me for them will see that they are by no means easy to obtain.

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- No. 32. H. Gremmel.

I am pleased to report that since the announcement of the appointment of Mr. W. Kelsey Hall as our President, I have received several very encouraging letters which show the popularity of this gentleman and the satisfaction generally given by the appointment.

I should now like to see the members showing a little more interest in the society by looking up new members,

Members would also do well by taking advantage of the Sales Department which is now in running order.

H. SMITH, Sec. ; Sales Supt.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

At a meeting of the trustees., Mr. J. S. Dalton, was appointed to fill the position of Auction Mgr., left vacant by the resigning of Mr. James Wurtele. Mr. Dalton is experienced in this line, his business being a mail auction one.

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AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

488 McLaren St.

Ottawa, Can., Jan. 25th 1900.

Fellow Members of L. of C. P.

You will see by this number, that my name appears as Auction Manager. Mr Wurtele—the former mgr.—announced in the last O. O. that he did not have enough time to give this department ; he was, therefore, good enough to hand it over to me.

When possible, I will hold sales that the members will appreciate. This department should not be neglected, but should receive the aid it deserves

I will make up a sale as soon as I receive a sufficient number of lots, which, I hope, the members will send in as soon as possible. The rules of this department have been published in the July-August number of the M. P.

I must ask, all members to please send their stamps immediately.

Hoping to receive the required aid of all members. I remain

Fraternally yours, J. SYDNEY DALTON.
Auction Mgr. L. of C. P.

FIELD NOTES.

BY RUDOLPH C. BACH.

The field postal service is conducted by the Military P. O., Battalion from England, which is made up of P. O. Emploÿés only.

Military Field Post Office No. 1 is situated at DeAar Junction, 501 miles from Capetown and the advance base of supplies. No. 2 is at Orange River, also a supply depot. The delivery of home mails to the troops in the field is made with wonderful despatch and accuracy. It must not be forgotten, that there are not only a large number of regiments in the field, but that they are scattered in battalions all along the front.

English stamps are used by the Military Field P. O. and stamped entire covers with readable cancellations will surely become rare, as the supply of English stamps is already exhausted. Only ½d. 1d. and 2½d. stamps are used.

I am making a collection of Army Telegraph Cancellations. These are very interesting on the entire active service envelopes.

We can expect new stamps for the Transvaal and Orange Free State soon, and probably there will be more surcharges. Amongst a Boer convoy captured at Modder River were over 10,000 stamps, unluckily they were destroyed before I got wind of the affair, I got the news from a wounded man, who was in the capture. I then spoke to a Field P. O. man, with whom I had become acquainted, and who was going up, and he promised to do all he could for me, but I receive a letter to-day, stating that they had been destroyed.

I expect we shall go to the actual front soon. We have had two or three little skirmishes and out post firing and I have heard the "blue beans" sing about my ears but—never touched me. We work a lot, build railroads trenches, forts, etc. The grub is good, better than we got in Canadian camps.

I have to thank many U. S. and Canadian friends from the bottom of my heart for their kind letters, it is pleasant to think that all have not turned against me on account of the misrepresented G. B., is. affair. When I get back I shall refund every cent on them. It is not much any way, and all my creditors will be satisfied in full.

Belmont, Griqualand West,

Dec. 16 1899.

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