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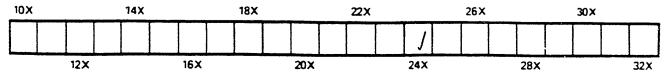
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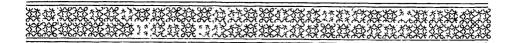
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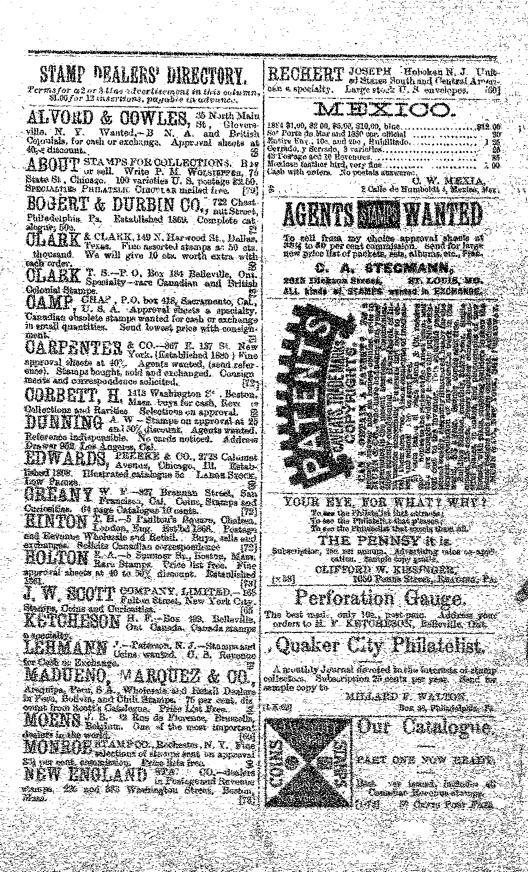
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THE STAMPS OF THE REPUBLIC OF COUNANI.

A brand new State, calling itself the Republic of Counani, has appeared upon the scene, and not only assures us that it has been in existence eight years, but during that period has had *three* issues of postage stamps, and prefers a claim to be admitted within the Universal Postal Union! The scene is laid in a tract of country between French Guiana and Brazil, the ownership of which appears to have been disputed by the Governments on both sides for some years, but it is of too insignificant importance ever to have been settled.

We transcribe below a letter which the *Timbre-Poste* has recently received from the brother of the President of this Republic (who is a Frenchman), together with the remarks of M. Moens thereon, and we think few will disagree with his scepticism as to the actuality of the whole business. The fiasco of his Majesty Mari, King of the Sedangs (who was also a Frenchman), is so recent an episode in philatelic history, that we incline to the belief that this occidental republic is about as genuine as the Oriental kingdom, and that the president of to-day may be a member of the family of that blighted monarch of two years ago.

PARA, 30th July, 1873.

Mr. J. B. MOENS, Brussels.

At the request of one of my friends, Mr. M. F. Antimes, I write this letter to you on the subject of the Republic of Counani and its stamps.

This Republic—which, as Henri Coudreau puts it, has nothing to do with comic opera—is a fine country, and one which really exists and is rapidly coming to the front, although it has not yet been officially recognized by all the Powers.

It was proclaimed in 1886 at St. Marie de Counani, on the River Counani, by the heads of the villages in the territory, which was formerly known by the name of "The Franco-Brazillian Contested Territory. These heads or chiefs met in a general assembly, and elected as President of the Republic Mons. Jules Gros, a French Notary, who unfortunately was unable to do much that was expected of

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him, as he died in December, 1889. The affairs of the Republic were administered after 1889 by a Committee of the Grand Council, with Captain Trajano as President and Captain Vasconselles as Vice-President.

At this time (October, 1892) the Grand Council met again at Counani ; on the 2nd October, 1892, appointed as President Mons. Adolphe Brezet, my brother, a captain in the State service. I do not want to tell you what he did or what he left undone. I will only state that his principal object was the development of his new country, aud that he endcayoured to get the Republic of Counani recognised officially, and that by the end of the year it will probably be included in the Universal Postal Union.

The climate of the country, although it is in the torrid zone, is a healthy oneless pervaded by fevers, and more bracing than the North of Brazil or French Guiana.

Europeans are easily acclimatised, and the inhabitants are fond of their country, and have a distinct partiality for the French. Living there is relatively cheap. Game is abundant; sheep and horned cattle thrive, as well as horses, which are found in large troops round about Calsocne and in the interior districts.

The fishing and shooting is excellent. The natural productions are caoutchouc, coaco, oil-producing trees, vanilla, sarsaparilla, quinchona, coffee, &c. The mineral wealth is as varied as can possibly be found in a single country; coal, quartz precious stones, iron, copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, and many others are there. The old "El Dorado" of the Spaniards was wholly situated in the Republic; its centre was in the Cumuco-Hamacs, at a hill which is now called "Crevaux."

The country has a magnificent water supply ; among the rivers are the Oyapock, Cachipour, Ouassa, Counani, Calsevene, Mayacari, or Great Tatarougal, all of which run into the sea; and the Jary, Araguary, Trombellas, &c., which run into the Amazon. The courses of all these rivers are long, and many of them are deep.

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Justice is dispensed by various courts. Military service is compulsory, and based on the Swiss system. The postal service is carried on efficiently and regularly. Its head office is at Counani, with sub-offices in all the chief places in the districts, and there are offices in nearly all the communes.

Up to date there have been three issues of stamps—the first under the Presidency of Jules Gros, in June, 1887; the second in January, 1893; and the third in last June. Official stamps were also issued last month; viz., the third issue surcharged "PRESIDENCE." These stamps have been viry badly designed, and there is a proposal for a new and better issue, which will be as follows:

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(Signed) A. BREZET.

Our correspondent further adds the following stamps :

Issue of June, 1887.

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100 copies only were printed; very few, as the second issue did not appear till five and a half years afterwards.

According to Larousse, the Counani Star, was designed by J. Gros, the first president; it had only four points, and not five as the one on the stamp has.

Issue of January, 1893.

Same type, except that the Star is larger. There is a date in the centre, and the angles have a white point instead of the St. Andrew's Cross; printed in black on coloured paper.

District (of Courpipi			11. 1	• -
"	Carl	•	5 C.,	Diack	on white.
"	Cachipour		5 c.,	"	magenta.
	Ouassa		5 c.,	"	pale blue.
"	St. Marie	-	5 c.,	14	
"	Laugune	•			orange.
	Zuugune	·	5 c.,	••	green.

150 of each of the above were printed.

Issue of June, 1893.

There is no difference between the stamps of the issues of June, 1893, and those of January of the same year, except that there is one more stamp.

Calsoene . 5 c., black on red.

200 of these stamps were printed, which were probably included in the next issue as well.

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Courpipi	•	5 c.,	black o	on white; bla	ck surch	arge.
Cachipour	•	5 c.,	"	magenta	"	0
Calsoene		5 c.,	"	red	"	
Ouassa	•	5 c.,	"	pale blue	"	
St. Marie	•	5 c.,	"	orange	"	
Lagune	•	5 c.,	• •	green	+4	

The stamps of the Presidency we see are printed in six colours. We don't know the reason of this at all.

It is scarcely necessary to state that we have no belief in these stamps, although they exist cancelled in various ways. They have no trace of gum, although they have been used and the paper used in the 1887 issue is the same as that used for the 1893 issue. If M. Brezet would oblige us with full information about these mysterious stamps we would only be too pleased to find that our suspicions have been unfounded. We conclude with some lines by M. Larousse, which are certainly not calculated to inspire confidence in these stamps: "Neither France nor Brazil is willing to recognise this new State, and the French Official Journal of the 11th September, 1887, publishes a short note, but a severe one, to the effect that the existence of this new so-called Republic of Counani constitutes a violation of the rights of two great Powers."—Stamp Netws.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

So the members of the C. P. A.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., March 24th, 1894.

GENTLEMAN,—I regret very much that the executive officers have had to resort to extreme measures in the case of Mr. H. A. Fowler, counterfeit detector, but it appeared necessary to do so for the good of the Association. There are still a number delinquents both in the matter of dues and payment of Exchange Accounts under Mr. Ketcheson's administration. Several of the creditors have written to me about the payment of their balances but of course I can't pay unless I get the funds. I would ask your attention to the following:

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

Schultze, J. E.—Box 2123, Montreal.

RESIGNATIONS.

No. 259, Kerr, John.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Pitblado, J., Box 1289, Winnipeg.

Scott, F. J., Drawer 1295, Winnipeg.

Dingman, E. W., Box 189, Winnipeg.

References for all of the above, C. M. Taylor and T. S. Clark,

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QUEBEC, March 21st, 1894.

To the Members Canadian Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN, -Re: removal from office of Henry Ades Fowler.

In view of the representations which have been made to us, and after due reference to the Trustees of the Association we have concluded to remove Henry Ades Fowler's name from the list of officers of the Association. The charges made are of such a nature as to establish the fact that he has made use of his official position to mislead and defraud intending candidates for membership.

We trust that our actions in this matter will readily meet with the approval of the members, as it is only by decisive and speedy action that we can maintain the name which

the Association has attained, and by which give ample proof that we are determined to deal with such matters in the manner most beneficial to the Association.

We regret that it has become necessary to resort to severe measures, but the charges are of such a serious nature that expulsion is the proper and only course to take.

Re : appointment of Mr. J. J. Codville, as Counterfeit Detector.

We have pleasure in notifying the members that we have appointed Mr. J. J. Codville as successor to H. A. Fowler, and in so doing have selected a gentleman well known and an active worker. This appointment is made to take effect from this date.

We remain, gentlemen, yours very truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE, President.

T. S. CLARK. Sec. Treas. Canadian Philatelic Association.

To the Members Canadian Philatelic Association.

GENTLEMEN,-Re:Exchange relations between the Birmingham Philatelic Society and the Canadian Philatelic Association.

We have much pleasure in drawing your attention to the above mentioned Exchange, which will be conducted, subject to the Rules which you will find submitted herewith.

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We take the present opportunity to place on record the valuable services rendered by Mr. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, P. E. Island, late Vice-President of the Association, who has been indefatigable in his efforts, and through whose instrumentality the matter has

We have but to remind the individual members of the desirability of sending in good stamps only, and which will meet with the approval of the members of the Birmingham Society, and also to request a careful consideration of the rules and a strict compliance with the same.

Trusting this matter will meet with your approval,

We remain, Gentlemen, yours very truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE, President.

T. S. CLARK, Sec. Treas. Canadian Philatelic Association.

THE home of Mr. Samuel H. Taughinbauh, living on the Kurtz property, north of town, yesterday noon, was the scene of a very pleasant home wedding, the parties being his oldest daughter, Miss Annie C, and Mr. R. M. Miller, of New Chester, this county, publisher of the Weskly Philatelist and The Collector, and Secretary of the Sons of Philatelia. Rev. H. C. Shindle, of New Chester performed the ceremony. Miss Ida S. Taughinbaugh, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. A. R. Longanecker groomsman. The wedding march was rendered by Mr. Matthew Kemp, of Hazleton. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of valuable and useful presents .- Gettysburg Compiler.

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Mr. R. Baldwin a visitor with Mr. Lowe,

Scotts Catalogue ordered for members, received and distributed.

Mr. Weatherston asks that each member contribute something in the way of Philatelic Literature to the Library.

Moved by J. S. Wilson and seconded by W. J. Wells that the Committee appointed to look after duty on Postage stamps make further efforts to have duty removed. Carried.

Copy of the Official Organ of the Dresden Philatelic Society was received and handed to the Librarian.

G. A. LOWE, Sec'y.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21ST.

President Brouse in chair. Owing to illness of Geo A. Lowe, W. S. Weatherston was appointed Secretary for the eveniug.

15 members present.

Vice-President Walker as Chairman of the sub-Committee on duty on postage stamps submitted a report. It was resolved that the Chairman of the Committee again bring the matter before the notice of the Controller of Customs.

Following gentlemen were proposed for membership:

Mr. G. Warren proposed by W. H. Brouse, seconded by Harton Walker.

Mr. R. Baldwin proposed by G. A. Lowe, seconded by Harton Walker.

Several members submitted for opinion of genuineness, early issue of Hawaiian and Brazilian stamps.

Moved by F. A. Fleming, seconded by W. J. Wells, that Secretary provide Librarian with a suitable album for counterfeit collection. Carried.

Mr. W. S. Weatherston exhibited new issue of U. S. postal card.

Mr. Crombie showed the new set of Br. North Borneo, chronicled in Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal in January last.

Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal received and Secretary instructed to acknowledge receipt with thanks of Club.

G. A. LOWE, Sec'y.

MEETING OF MARCH 7TH.

Vice-President Walker in chair. 14 members present.

Letter was received from President expressing regrets at being unable to attend meeting.

Report of Committee on Customs Duty on Postage Stamps was read and Sec'y was instructed to forward following letter to Minister of Customs, also one to Mr. H. F. Ketcheson for insertion in Official Organ.

TORONTO, March 7th 94.

Hon. N. Clark Wallace, Controller of Customs, Ottawa.

DEAR SIR :--You will possibly remember receiving a petition from the Toronto Philatelic Club praying that the duty on postage stamps be taken off and they be placed on the free list. Subsequently you will remember Mr. W. H Brouse and Mr Walker, our President and Vice-President, waited upon you at the Custom House here and had an interview with you in the premises.

Enquiry was made recently at a meeting of our Club and consequently I was directed to communicate with a view of bringing the matter of the petition again before your notice.

We trust that the petition may be favorably considered as we understand a revision of the tariff is likely to be had at the approaching session of Parliament.

Apologizing for encroaching upon your valuable time, believe me to be

Yours truly,

GEO. A. LOWE, Sec'y.

Mr. J. W. Barry showed complete sets of Hawaiian Provisionals.

Mr. McKenzie also showed some fine sheets of B. N. A. stamps,

Mr. Allison donated a fine lot of stamp papers for the Library.

GEO. A. LOWE, Scc'y.

AT the annual meeting of the British Guiana Philatelic Society held in Demerara on Jan. 5th, the following officers were elected :—President, J. Rodway; Vice-President, T. A. S. Quail; Secretary, M. Lovell; Treasurer, F. dos Neves e Mello; Librarian, Mr. De Silva. The president in his report congratulated the Society on its steady progress, the membership having reached sixtyone (8 foreign), and the financial position being perfectly satisfactory. He further reported that the Council of the Society had suggested to the Post-master-General the desirability of issuing stamps to commemorate the tercentenary of Sir Walter Raleigh's first voyage to Guiana.

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The Quebec Philatelic Club.

President, MR. M. JOTEPH. Vice-President, MR. D. MITCHELL. Secretary-Treasurer. MR. J. S. O'MEARA. Exchange Superintendent, MR. C. A. BISHOP. Librarian, MR. F. O. JUDGE.

QUEBEC PHILATELIC CLUB.

QUEBEC, P. Q. 14th March 1894.

The March meeting of this club was held at the residence of Mr. N. McLeod. The following members were present: Messrs. Joseph, Mitchell, Miller, O'Meara, Bishop, Turner and Iudge.

Dr. Henry Jevers having been proposed for membership at the last meeting was duly elected a member of the Society.

It was agreed to hold an Auction at the next meeting and Mr. O'Meara was appointed Auctioneer. The members were asked to send all lots for sale, to him.

Various other matters having been brought before the meeting and discussed, It was adjourned.

FRED O. JUDGE, Sec-Treas.

THE NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE, AND ITS NEW STAMPS.

The Niger Coast Protectorate, known until the end of 1893 as 'Oil Rivers,' comprises the territory lying between Lagos and the Cameroon Mountains, formerly called Calabar in English maps. The sea line extends from about 5 to 9 degrees East Longitude, and forms the northern coast of the Bight of Biafra. This territory contains the towns or stations of Old Calabar, head quarters, New Calabar, Brass, Bonny, Benin, Opobo and Warree. All these places used the English stamps, surcharged 'Oil Rivers Protectorate' until the end of the year 1893, and all genuinely used stamps should bear the name or date stamp of one of these places. On January 1st the new emission superseded these surcharged stamps, and bore the name 'Niger Coast Protectorate.' It is evident that the change of designation was only made subsequent to the engraving of the plates, as the name 'Oil Rivers' is distinctly visible on each value, the letters being cut through with a series of parallel lines to render them less noticeable, while the new name, cvidently an after idea, is engraved in a straight line along the top of each stamp, and completely outside the design. The first mail leaving the Protectorate this year was despatched in the s s. Gaboon, which sailed about January 8th, the mails reaching London on February 6th 1894. Sometime towards the end of 1893, a provisional halfpenny was made. It consisted of the one penny stamp (Oil Rivers Protectorate) overprinted with a diagonal straight line from the right top to the left bottom corner, and with the inscription 1/2 d. on either side in a parallel direction to the diagonal dividing line. These stamps had a very limited issue, and were only used in Old Calabar, hence they are scarce. The specimen we have seen is postmarked 'Old Calabar River, September 19th, 1893.' We are given to understand that a company known as the Niger Company exercise a right of trading in these parts and use for postal purposes the ordinary English stamps, unsurcharged. This company must not be confounded with the Niger Coast Protectorate. For the sight of the used stamps of Niger Coast, and much of the information above given we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. C. A. Cole, Colchester, who kindly sent us specimens and official correspondence.-Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser.

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A SCHEME is on foot in London, Eng., to establish a "stamp exchange" as a meeting place for dealers and collectors, to be known as the "The British and Foreign Stamp Exchange." The following information is taken from a circular received by us :- A few large Stamp dealers in connection with some Collectors, wishing for a place where they could meet and transact business, otherwise than in their offices, are about to open the above Exchange, and wish to get the general opinion of the Stamp dealing and collecting public. The Exchange will be opened adapted to the general ideas of its members, and your views are solicited. All business connected with the above, will be transacted by the Secretary only, who will be responsible. The objects of the Exchange, are :-To obtain and furnish comfortable offices in the City of London, so as to give all interested in stamps, a place where at they can meet and discuss business, or anything connected with stamps. For foreign visitors to have a place to come to, where they can have their letters sent to, and where they can meet our own dealers and collectors. There will be a registered Telegraphic Address, Cata-, jogues, Price List, Directories, Journals, and Magazines of all Countries, Mapse Reference Register, &c., provided free of charge. The fees will be 1£ 1sh. per annum, payable in advance. Secretary, E. Vincent, I Great Suffolk Street, Southwark, S. E. London, Eng.

AT a recent meeting of the British Guiana Philatelic Society it was stated that the Council had applied to the Government for a gift of reprints of some of the older stamps of the colony to enable all the members to form complete collection of every emission of British Guiana.

AT the 9th annual meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society the following officers were elected:—President, A. B. Slater, jr.; Vice-President, F. E. Newbury; Secretary, J. B. Calder; Treasurer, C. G. Calder. After the election a banquet was given.

MR. THEODORE TOPPELL, of the Philadelphia office of The Bogart, Durbin Co., was married on Feb. 21st last, to Miss Emilie Krauss of that city. The "Dominion Philatelist" extends congratulations.

THE contract for furnishing postage stamps to the United States Government for the next four years. beginning first of July next, has been awarded to the United States Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

AN issue of stamps commemorative of the quincentenary of Prince Henry the Navigator—first King of Portugal, will appear on March 5th. The profits from the sale of these stamps is to erect a monument to the memory of His Majesty.

AN attempt is being made to organize a Philatelic Club in Hamilton, Ont. We wish the promoters every success in their undertaking and will be glad to publish reports of their meetings if sent to us.

AFTER issuing 8 numbers "The Canadian Philatelic Weekly" has discontinued publication, owing to the Post-master-General refusing to grant second class rates.

DR. GEO. H. DUNBAR, of New Bedford, Mass., died recently. He was an enthusiastic collector for many years and an ex-mayor of the city in which he lived.

THE Internal Revenue Bureau of the United States has decided to issue a new series of internal revenue stamps.

I DO not care for postage-stamps; but I have just begun

Collecting them, because I think that "swapping"'s lots of fun.

THE Canada I cent wrapper is now printed in black instead of blue as formerly.

THE PENCE ISSUES OF CANADA.

By W. H. Brouse.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON, ENG., ON FEBRUARY 23rd, 1894.

I have carefully read such philatelic articles of publications relating to British North American Stamps, as have come under my notice, but have as yet not come across anything relating to the difference in Canadians that is to be found in the 71/2d. Canadian currency (6d. sterling,) green, and the 10d., blue, and so concluded that it may have passed my observation, or, if not, has not as yet been "written up." Will you therefore pardon a short note on the subject?

Of the 10d., blue, there are three distinct varieties in design, viz.,

First (a) the long and narrow; Second (b) the long and broad; and Third (c) the short and broad.

The outside edges or ornaments are in all three cases the same, but the difference lies in the fact of the oval or frame around the head having been, as the case may be, elongated, or contracted or sometimes widened out.

The extreme variation in length is about one-sixteenth of an inch, and in width about one-thirty-second of an inch which is considerable in a postage stamp. I doubt very much if this happened through intention, but rather think that it is the result of what might be termed 'engraver's license.' However, whatever it may be, the result is that there are three distinct varieties. It will. I think, be found that the earlier one of these is the long and narrow on thinnish paper; then the long and broad (which is the most common) on thicker paper; and lastly, the short and broad, on medium paper. The latter is the scarcer, and consequently the most valuable.

I have for a long time known of the above differences, and at first thought it only an optical delusion, owing to some of the copies having had their sides closely trimmed, but on closer observation the distinct differences, as I have mentioned, were manifest. What is said of the 10d. may also be said of the $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. (but to a lesser degree of variation) only the latter are generally found in the long and broad frame or oval. A slight difference also occurs in the 6d., violet; no variation appears in the length of the stamp, though I have two specimens in which the oval of the frame shews a contraction in width to the extent of about one-forty-eight of an inch, and is quite noticeable.

This may be "pipers' news" to some of the members of the Philatelic Society, London, but to others it may be of interest, and for that reason I beg your indulgence.

Mr. Castle, in reading the foregoing paper at the meeting of the London Philatelic Society, showed specimens of the stamps described by Mr. Brouse and added a few remarks as under.

"I venture to think that the modest disclaimer on the part of Mr. Brouse, in his closing sentence, is hardly borne out in view of the interesting communication he has made. To me the information was certainly novel, and I could hardly credit that there should exist such differences in size until I had verified the fact by examinations of specimens. Owing to the kindness of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, limited, and Mr. W. H. Peckitt, I was enabled to inspect a number of these pence issues, and I have tabulated the measurements as nearly as I can:

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"The varieties of the tenpence are those described by Mr. Brouse as (a) long and narrow, (b) long and broad, and (c) short and broad. I may add that in the case of this value I have examined and measured some forty copies, including a strip of three, as also a proof on very thin India paper, which corresponds exactly in measurement with variety (b) on the thick paper $(22\frac{3}{4}\times18\frac{1}{2})$ m. m.) It is obvious that to be absolutely accurate beyond a half m. m., with an ordinary gauge is havdly possibly, but in several of the given cases I have averaged the sizes of several that very closely approximated. "As will be seen, I have gone somewhat beyond the lines of Mr. Brouse's paper in including the ½d., 3d., and 6d, the variation in the former being slight but in the two latter noteworthy. The question how these varieties have arisen is an interesting one, nor can I see that they can be accounted for by shrinkage of the paper, as in the Iod. proof above cited, which is cn all fours with the ordinary stamp on thick paper. In the case of the strip of this value I found all three stamps measured the same; and the fact remains that variety (c) is short and broad. In any case the existence of these varieties is palpable, the question of their origin a genuine philatelic problem, and I think that the thanks of us all are therefore due to Mr. Brouse for his interesting paper."—London Philatelist.

THE STAMP OF MELILLA.

THE *Timbre-Poste* chronicled in its January number a stamp which it was informed had, since the 25th November last, been employed for the correspondence of the military expedition operating against Melilla, in Morocco, with the home country. In the centre are the crowned arms of Spain, and below two lions *couchant* front face, between which is the word MELILLA. In the frame there is ESPANA-CORREOS above, EJERCITO below, FRANQUICIA-POSTAL on the left, and EXPEDICIONARIO on the right, and in the angles the figures together forming the date —1893.

No value, red, yellow, and black ; imperf.

From inquiries which were made it appears that the stamp in question is entirely bogus, and owes its existence to the enterprise of a certain young gentleman from Almeira, one Don Miguel Rodriguez Sanchez by name, who conceived the idea of thus making a few pesetas for his own benefit. Having filled his portmanteau with a sufficient supply, he betook himself to the theatre of war, and there with his own hands distributed envelopes with his stamp affixed among the soldiers. Nor had he forgotten to create varieties, the first stamps which appeared being on greyish, and a later edition on bluish paper, while a still later edition were dated 1894 instead of 1893. The last batch received by M. Moens contained the following varieties :

Dated 1893; impression black; perf. " *tete-beche*." " 1894 " blue " " imperf. " *tete-beche*.

It appears from the Spanish official *Gaceta* of the 28th October, 1893, that the following decree (which we take from the *Timbre-Poste* for February, and which was in its turn taken from the *Correo*) was promulgated regarding the postal arrangements at Melilla:

"Ist. The postal correspondence of the military and naval forces actually engaged or destined to be engaged in the operations at Melilla will be franked under the superintendence of the Headquarter Staff there.

" 2nd. Such correspondence aforesaid will be conveyed in envelopes bearing the official stamp of the Comander-in Chief at Melilla, or those of Generals of divi-

sions or brigades, or that of the Headquarter Staff attached to the forces there."

M. Moens has received envelopes bearing two varieties of the *cachet* or official stamp above-mentioned, and having also the stamp of Don Miguel; and our contemporary, the P. J. G. B., seems to have received nine other varieties with the same combination. All these official stamps apparently denote some regiments or corps of the Spanish army.

In spite of the industry of Don Miguel, it is certain that not a tenth part of the letters carried from Melilla to Spain under the conditions contained in the decree bore in addition his speculative adhesive.

Collectors we hope will therefore be warned against this ficticious stamp, which will no doubt find its way in some quantities to this country. But should they have them on entire envelopes, it is only the stamp which is worthless, and the rest of the envelope bearing the official stamp being quite genuine, it is legitimately collectable by those who interest themselves in this class of philatelic matter.

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H. F. Ketcheson,

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