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NEWS OF THE MONTH

Although merely the change of one letter in a surcharge, undoubtedly the most important event in philately, that we have to record this month, is the issue of the first King Edward stamps. They come from the latest addition to the British Empire, the Transvaal, where the surcharge V.R.I. upon the South African Republic stamps has been changed to E. R. I. An event of prime importance to commercial philately, but of really minor philatelic interest, is the issue of the handsome set to commemorate and advertise the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo N.Y. This set will undoubtedly make new collectors, by the attention it will receive from the press and from persons who have never given stamps a thought. We illustrate the new stamps from Turkey this month, but the set for Italy is still in preparation and it is now reported that some of the series will bear the portrait of the Queen consort. A $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp to commemorate the inauguration of the Australian parliament by the Duke of Cornwall is said to be decided upon, but a doubt has arisen whether a uniform set for the whole of Australia can be issued before five years, as the constitution provides that for that length of time separate accounts are to be kept of the revenue of each Australian state. As the first parliament is now in session legislation on this matter will not be much longer deferred.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ABYSSINIA.—(*Demonetization of stamps removed.*) It is stated by *Le Collectionneur de T. P.* that complete unused sets of Abyssinian postage and unpaid letter stamps are being sold much below face value, indicating that the stamps have been withdrawn from postal service, and demonetized. Further particulars, from official sources, are promised by our Parisian contemporary.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Reported 8c. value.*)—It is reported that a new value of 8 centavos has been found necessary and will shortly appear. (*15c. envelope.*) The 12c. envelope has been withdrawn and replaced by one of 15c. of the same type blue on pale greenish yellow paper.

AUSTRALIA.—(*Commemorative $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp.*) The first stamp of the New Commonwealth is said to be decided upon. It is a $\frac{1}{2}$ d commemorative of the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York similar to the current $\frac{1}{2}$ d New South Wales with a full face portrait of the Duke.

BOLIVIA.—(*New set in prospective.*) Our French contemporaries announce the forthcoming appearance of the following new stamps:—

- 2c green, portrait of Camacho
- 5c red, " Campero
- 10c blue, " Ballivian
- 20c violet, " Santa Cruz
- 2b brown, Arms of the Republic

BOSNIA.—(*6 h. letter card.*) It is announced by *Smith's Monthly Circular* that the 6 h. letter card is now printed on buff card instead of bluish green.

BULGARIA.—(*Provisional 10st.*) The 50s. green has been surcharged 10s. in black.



CHILE.—(*1c. revenue postally used.*) A 1c red, revenue stamp, of the same type as the new 5c, has recently been permitted to do postal duty.

COLOMBIA REPUBLIC.—(*Provisional stamps for Tumaco.*) Owing to communication, at the Tumaco post office, having been cut off from the rest of the country by the revolution, the supply of stamps became exhausted. Temporary type

set labels have been issued by the local postal agent of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20c values printed in black.

COREA.—(2 ch. changed; 10 ch. stamp) The current set has been increased by the issue of a 10 cheun mauve; the die for this value was prepared some time ago, but was accidentally damaged, delaying the issue. The 2 cheun has appeared in a new design, at the corners the value is now in circles instead of squares, the centre of the oval is occupied by native characters and the peculiar emblematic device is placed below; color blue.

DENMARK.—(24 ore of current type.) A new value has been added to the current set, (Type A7) 24 ore brown. It is intended for the combined postage and registration rate. Watermark and perforation as the others of the set.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(New set in preparation.) As stated in our February number the map stamps of this republic have been suppressed as a result of the protest by the Haytian Government. A new issue has been ordered to consist of the following values:— $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c \$1.00, and unpaid letter stamps of 2, 4, 5 and 10c.

ECUADOR.—(Official stamps and provisional envelopes, etc.) The 1, 2, 5 and 10c stamps in changed colors reported in our March number, have been, according to *L'Essor*, surcharged diagonally in black OFFICIAL. The same journal also reports the 1892 Official 50c blue, with top cut off, used for ordinary postage, the 1894 5c envelope surcharged at left upper angle with the coat of arms and the words EMISION HABILITADA, 1899-1900, the 1892 10c envelope on buff instead of yellow, and the 2c brown post card on yellow-rose instead of rose.

FERNANDO POO.—[Issue of 1901.] The set of stamps dated 1900, listed in our November number has given place to another set of the same type with date 1901. The values are now expressed in centimos and pesetas instead of centavos and pesos. The following are the values and colors:—

1 centimo black	75 centimos olive brown
2 " bistre	1 peseta blue green
3 " violet	2 " light brown
4 " lilac blue	3 " green
5 " dark red	4 " red
10 " brown	5 " green
25 " lt. blue	10 " yellow brown
50 " claret	

FRANCE.—[Provisional Military frank stamp.] In accordance with a new law, each French soldier is to be allowed to mail two letters per month free, stamps in red, white and blue inscribed REPUBLIC

FRANCAISE MILITAIRE 15c to be supplied by his commanding officer. As the new military franks were not ready at the time the law came into force, January 1901, the current 15c orange, surcharged in black "F.M." were issued to each army corps.

FRENCH COLONIES.—(Stationery in new colors.) All the colonies have been equipped with new envelopes and cards in the recently adopted colors of the adhesives. Envelopes and letter cards.

15c. grey and rose on green
25c. blue " " " rose

Post cards 10c. carmine and blue, single and reply.

GREECE.—(1, 2 and 5 l. wrappers.) News bands impressed with stamps, of the type recently adopted for post cards, on yellowish paper have been issued. The set consists of the 1 l. brown, 2 l. green and 5 l. green.

HONG KONG.—(5c. and 30c. in new colors.) It was announced some months ago that the color of the 5c. was to be changed, and it was naturally expected that it would appear in the same color as that adopted for the 5c. envelope, violet, and in fact was so chronicled by nearly all the philatelic press, ourselves included. As the violet 5c. did not put in an appearance after being so extensively announced, we made further enquiries and ascertained, after careful investigation, that there is still a large stock in the old color—blue. A German paper *Der Philatelist* now announces a 5c. yellow and 30c. chocolate, but whether they have been really issued or are only official collection specimens is not stated.

NEW CALEDONIA.—[Provisional 5c and 15c.] Owing to the exhaustion of the regular stamps, *L'Essor* states that on Feb. 12th, for the mail leaving the following day, 25,000 2c stamps were surcharged N.-C.-E. 5c., and 8000 75c stamps N.-C.-E. 15c. As nearly all the current values were about exhausted, and new supplies expected from France had not arrived, our contemporary's correspondent expects to have to report other surcharges.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—[Provisional $\frac{1}{2}$ d post card.] Mr. W. H. Rudd informs us that, in addition to the provisional 1d card listed last month, the Cape of Good Hope 1d brown card has been surcharged O. R. C. ONE HALF PENNY. (Another provisional 1d. post card.) It is announced by *Smith's Monthly* that the 1d. carmine Cape post card has been surcharged in black with the name of this colony.

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PARAGUAY.—(*1c. of the new type.*) The set of the annexed type has been completed by the issue of a 1c. dark green.

(*Commemorative letter cards.*) In order to celebrate the opening of the 20th century a set of six letter cards was issued January 1st. The inscription reads: SICLO XIX-XX x PARAGUAY x ENERO 1901, the cards being impressed with a stamp at the right side having a portrait of the president. The set consists of the following varieties:—

2	centavos green on yellow
2	“ “ “ buff
2	“ carmine on cream
4	“ “ “ “
4	“ “ “ straw
4	“ green on yellow

ROUMANIA.—(*to b. letter card.*) A new 10 bani letter card red on greyish brown has been issued to take the place of the provisional 5 + 5 b. card chronicled in our October number.

RUSSIA.—(*Livonia local stamp; new type.*) For some unknown reason, the stamps of Livonia are the only Russian locals, out of the great number of local posts, that receive recognition in Scott's catalogue. A new oblong design has been adopted shewing a view of Wenden Castle. The inscriptions on the new stamp are entirely in Russian, it is printed in dark green with centre in brown, and the value remains at 2 kopecs.

SALVADOR.—(*1900 50c., Official stamps unpaid letter stamps etc.*) In our December number we reported the issue of a set of stamps similar in type to that dated 1899 [A 61] but with the date changed to 1900, since then there have appeared every month a number of surcharged official stamps on the 1899 type, besides a great variety of stamps apparently hand stamped with an indistinct control mark, called a "wheel" or "rayed device" for want of a better name. This device is now more clearly printed in various colors, and appears to be a coat of arms and the letters D. G. C. meaning *Deo Gratias Constitutione*, "Thanks to God for the Constitution." What the special object of this surcharge is, has not been explained. It comes in several sizes as well as colors. Without enumerating the great number of varieties of this device, the following "straight" varieties have appeared since our December list.

Postage Stamp.
Dated 1900, 50c rose red.
Official Stamps.
Surcharged FRANQUEO OFICIAL on unpaid letter stamps of 1899.

10c	orange
15c	“
25c	“
50c	“

Same surcharge on postage stamps of 1900.

1c	green
2c	rose
3c	grey black
5c	slate green

Many of these official stamps come punched with twelve small holes, with and without the control hand stamp. The entire set of unpaid letter stamps of 1899 in orange is also surcharged with the "device."

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(*d. postcards*) Several journals announce the issue of 1d. post-cards, carmine on buff.



SPAIN.—(*10 centimos post card.*) A post card with stamps of the new type on the left side is reported in chocolate on orange card.

SWITZERLAND.—(*The proposed new issue.*) The competition amongst Swiss artists for a new design for their postage stamps was closed Feb. 16th. About 300 designs were submitted, none of which were of sufficient merit to win the first prize, the 2nd. prize of 700 fr., the 3rd of 600 fr., and two 4th prizes of 500 fr. each were awarded however. The judges have selected as the best a design representing William Tell and his son.

TRANSVAAL.—(*E. R. 1 surcharges.*) Our South African correspondent under date of March 27th informs us that the surcharge V. R. I. on the Transvaal stamps has been changed to E. R. I. He also informs us that an official notification has been issued directing that the stamps of Great Britain will be available for postage in Transvaal. We have since received the 1d Transvaal with the new surcharge, the Type is the same as in the V. R. I. surcharge. As far as we can at present learn only the 1d has been yet issued.

TUNIS.—(*Unpaid letter set.*) The French journals report the new 10, 15 and 25c stamps, in changed colors, listed in our April number, with a punched out T for temporary use as unpaid letter stamps, and the long

promised regular set has at last appeared. In design they are very similar to the French stamps. They consist of the following:—

1c. black	20c. green
2 orange	30 carmine
5 blue	50 red brown
10 brown	



TURKEY.—(*Issue of the new sets.*) The long promised new types listed in our last number, came to hand while going to press. The values and colors are as we described them, but there is little or no improvement in engraving and printing over the work of the previous issue. The set for interior postage has the Sultan's sign manuel or "Thougra" in a scalloped circle, while that for foreign postage has it in an oval. We illustrate the two types rendering further description unnecessary. The unpaid letter set consists of the four values given last month, of the type of the Interior stamps. The 5, 10, 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres of both the Interior and Exterior sets are also issued, surcharged in black at the top MATBOA in Turkish characters for postage on printed matter. The 5 and 10 paras of both sets are also impressed on wrappers, and the 20 paras and 1 piastre of both sets on bluish or greyish envelopes.



UNITED STATES.—(*Pan-American commemorative set.*) As announced last month the special issue to advertise the Buffalo Exposition appeared on May 1st. We illustrate the different designs; the central device of each is printed in black, the frame in the following colors. Perf. and watermark as usual.

- 1e green (Fast Lake Navigation)
- 2c carmine (Fast Express)
- 4c red brown (Automobile)
- 6c ultramarine (Bridge at Niagara Falls)
- 8c violet brown (anal Locks Sault Ste Marie)
- 10c yellow brown (Fast Ocean Navigation)



URUGUAY.—(*The new set.*) The set of new types described in our November number has now been completed by the issue of the stamps herewith illustrated, the 2c vermilion represents the Genius of Agriculture, and the 7c orange brown is emblematical of the fertility of the country. The following have also been issued of the types of 1890 with colors changed:—
25c olive brown (Justice) type A38
50c carmine (Mercury) type A39
1 peso green (Arms) type A40
Meek's S. News reports the following stationery.

- Envelope, 5c blue on cream
- Letter card, 3c purple on blue
- Wrapper, 5m brown on manilla.

VICTORIA.—(*Envelopes and wrappers of re-issued types.*) The design of the reissued 1d. carmine (Type A 26) has been slightly changed by the insertion of the word POSTAGE below the portrait. Envelopes have been issued with 1d rose and 2d mauve stamps, of the same design as the recently withdrawn types but with the words STAMP DUTY removed, while wrappers of ½d and 1d are stamped with the reissued types in green and carmine respectively.

The breaking up of an old collection of postage stamps by a dealer generally means a distribution to the four corners of the globe. The Canada Stamp Company, of Quebec, advertise in this issue such a breaking up, and those interested in picking up unused and used stamp rarities would do well to order at once.

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Editorial.

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UNNECESSARY AND SPECULATIVE.

In another column we extract from Mr. Walter Nathan's "Reminiscences," now appearing in the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*, an expression of regret that no means have yet been found to lessen the evil of unnecessary and speculative issues, which he considers "the great danger to the permanence of Philately."

What is meant by the "permanence of Philately"? Stamp speculators, and those philatelists who are constantly hoping for a "rise in prices" would understand the expression to relate to a permanence of stamp values, but the true philatelist the one who loves his stamps for their own sake, not for their market value, never has any doubts as to the permanence of Philately. And he is right. The day is long gone by, since stamp collecting was on trial, it is as the *Philatelic Journal of G. B.* remarks "an institution which has come to stay." Values may rise or fall, but stamp collecting will always remain, in fact even if prices dropped down to what they were twenty or thirty years ago, it is a question whether the consequent dropping out of speculators from our ranks would not tend to increase the number of stamp collectors, rather than diminish it.

It is a mistaken, but very prevalent idea, to regard "unnecessary" as synonymous with "speculative" when referring these terms to stamps; and it was because this mistake was made that the society formed in London some ten years ago, known as the S. S. S. S. proved so dire a failure. How many stamps, of the thousands that have been issued, were really necessary? Perhaps three from each country. The Universal Postal Union has adopted only three official

colors, green for a stamp for printed matter, red for domestic letters, and blue for foreign. That is all that is considered officially necessary, others are issued for convenience sake not of necessity. Is it necessary that with a change of ruler there should come a change of design? No, but it is only right and proper that each sovereign's portrait should be depicted on his stamps as well as on his coins, in order that his reign should be so commemorated. On similar principles why should objection be raised, to the commemoration of other events of national importance? As we have before pointed out it is the fact, that postage stamps are all or nearly all commemorative, which gives them any historical importance, and it is this historical importance, which is the very foundation stone of the science of Philately. Destroy or undermine it and the whole structure comes toppling into ruins.

The S. S. S. S. failed because it deserved to fail, the sound common sense of Philatelists would not brook that Society's black listing of the Canada Jubilees, and others of like nature.

A long controversy has ensued in reference to the Mafeking stamps; granted that they were unnecessary, does it follow that they were speculative on the part of the military authorities who issued them? Those authorities doubtless considered them a great convenience, if not absolutely necessary; are they therefore to blame because the public purchased the stamps and speculated in them? Were the profits of such speculation paid to the issuers of the stamps? We all know they were not. Before a stamp then is denounced as speculative let it be clearly proved, that its chief reason for issue, is speculation; that its makers intended it more for sale to stamp collectors than for any other purpose. The number of such stamps has not been great, very few have proved to be profitable speculations, all are well-known and are usually shunned

They offer but little danger to Philately, and it is only by the senseless grouping of the "unnecessary" with the "speculative" that an imaginary evil has been manufactured.

A LADY'S LOGIC.

In our March number we pointed out that a genuine postal cancellation was not always evidence that a stamp so cancelled had been postally used, and that stamps in used condition quoted at higher prices than the same stamps unused, could seldom be guaranteed as having done legitimate postal duty, therefore the unused were still perhaps preferable to the higher priced used; we said nothing about "forged cancellations." *A propos* of this Miss Swift perpetrates the following specimen of lady's logic. Because genuine cancellations are not always evidence that a stamp has been postally used and consequently a higher priced cancelled specimen may have no more real value than a new one of lower price; therefore, it follows, that since unused stamps have been forged it is better to collect used. What connection exists between Miss Swift's conclusion and our premises we leave lady logicians to elucidate.

In the April number of the *Stamp Collector* the following statement appears "it is not generally known that in the Canadian shilling there were fifteen 'pence.' This is certainly not generally known, because it is incorrect. In the Canadian shilling there were twelve Canadian pence, but it required fifteen Canadian pence to make an English shilling.

NOTES FROM NEW ZEALAND.

By H. BOLITHO.

Withdrawal of the 1882 issue.

It has been decided to withdraw from sale on the 31st July next all stamps bearing the Queen's head. The stamps in question have already been called in by the head office, but a supply has now been reissued to the Chief Postmasters at

Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin to enable dealers in stamps and private collectors to purchase such stamps before final withdrawal. It may be mentioned that the withdrawal does not apply to post cards, letter cards or stamped or embossed envelopes bearing the Queen's head, but solely to stamps themselves.

PENNY POSTAGE A PROFITABLE INNOVATION.

When the introduction of the penny postage system was resolved upon last session it was estimated that there would be a loss of revenue for the financial year ending March last of £80,000, or at the rate of £20,000 per quarter. It will come as a gratifying surprise to the public that instead of a decrease there has been an actual increase of £20,000 on the working of the whole department for the three months ending 31st March last. This result amply vindicates the bold step taken by the Hon. J. G. Ward. Wisdom is justified of her children, and the prophets of ill omen, who predicted nothing but disaster, are confused.

The Hon. J. G. Ward says that the unsettled state of politics in Australia puts a difficulty in the way of the admission of letters from New Zealand at the penny rate of postage. He is, however, very confident that the Commonwealth will soon see its way to meet New Zealand's wishes in the matter.

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.

GUATEMALA. — (*Counterfeits of the 1878 set, and of recent surcharges.*) Forgeries of the ½, 2, and 4 reales of 1878 (A7) are reported by the *Am. J. of P.* which are supposed to be photographic counterfeits, "no difference in the type being apparent, the character of the stamps being revealed only by the roughness of the impression and the gauge of the perforation." The same journal also reports the following counterfeit surcharges the difference being apparent only upon close inspection:

- 1894. 1c on 2c brown
- 1898. 1c revenue, surcharged
- 2c on 1c revenue
- do " surch. inverted
- 6c on 5c violet
- 6c on 10c red

The points of difference between the genuine and forged surcharges, as a matter of precaution are not given, but collectors are advised to be careful in buying stamps of this class.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

Since the time when the idea of a Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps was approved by the leading representatives of the dealing and collecting interests there have undoubtedly been more unnecessary and speculative stamps issued than since 1840 up to that date.

It is much to be regretted that no means have yet been brought to bear on the sources of what cannot but be considered as illicit supplies to the albums of stamp-collectors.

Yet collectors are themselves to blame. If, as a body, they declined to purchase, dealers would soon cease to stock, and countries to issue. But while gentlemen and ladies will give as much as £35 for a set of 19 or 20 labels, and estimate the respective values of a surcharge printed in black at 4d, and the same surcharge printed in black and red at £10, it is against all human nature to expect that such issues should cease. Unnecessary and speculative issues have been, and are, the great danger to the permanence of Philately, and although the inherent vitality of the pursuit, has carried it with increasing vigor through enough rubbish to sink a ship, any individual or society which can hit upon expedients to lessen the evil will merit grateful remembrance on the part of all those interested in maintaining stamp collecting on a solid foundation.—*S. C. Fortnightly.*

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Sec.-Treas.

Medford, Mass., 3rd April, 1901.

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