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" —5c. black, used or unused.....	2.50
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NEWS OF THE MONTH

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ABYSSINIA.—(A new provisional issue.) *Le Collectionneur T. P.* announces that the stamps reported in our January number, surcharged ETHIOPIE, were withdrawn from circulation April 1st and replaced by a set surcharged with native characters.

BARBADOS.—(New stationery.) This West Indian colony is not to give up its interesting postal design "Britannia rules the waves," for the cheap caricatures of King Edward now being turned out by Messrs. De la Rue. A change in the stationery being necessary to replace the Queen's heads, the 1892 type of the adhesives is being resorted to as new supplies are required. The 3d. brown on buff wrapper, and 2d. blue, registration envelopes in this type have been issued.

BRITISH GUIANA.—(Registration envelopes.) British Guiana is another colony that wants no share of De la Rue's King's head monstrosities; it will retain its historic ship device, and has just replaced the Queen's head registration envelope, 4c. vermilion, with one of similar design to the regular 1894 envelopes, 4 cent blue.

CHILI.—(2c. of new type.) From Mr. S. Scott of Valparaiso, we have received specimens of the 2 centavos carmine rose



of the same design as the current 5c. We also learn that post cards, 1c. green and 2c. carmine, with stamps of the new design have been issued. Mr. Scott also informs us of the issue of two official envelopes with engraved device on the flap, printed in red and blue respectively. No value is expressed, and the inscription reads CIERRO OFICIAL. From Mr. Scott's description we would gather that these envelopes are to be used for free official correspondence.



CANADA.—(Official seal) We give an illustration reduced one-third, of the new dead letter office seal described last month. As this seal is only used on letters going to foreign countries which for one reason or another have been opened at the dead letter office, it is quite difficult to obtain in used condition.

COLOMBIA.—(Provisionals.)—*Le Collectionneur de T. P.* publishes a Government decree ordering the re-issue of remainders of obsolete stamps with a surcharge of the current date, owing to the insurmountable difficulty, on account of the war, to get out a new series promptly. The stamps to be re-issued are said to be the 1886-88 1c. to 10 pesos and the 1890 1 to 20 cent. We shall publish a complete list as soon as they appear.

COSTA RICA.—(New set in preparation.) It is announced that the handsome set of stamps issued last year is soon to be replaced by a new issue, for what reason is not stated. The 1892 set has been demotezited and the remainders sold for a fraction of their face value. The complete set is now offered retail at about ten per cent. of catalogue quotations.

FRANCE.—(Re-engraved 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c.) The stamps of what is known as the *Mouchon* design, 10c to 30c, are being re-engraved. The white lines in the background and in the drapery have been widened, giving the design a clearer appearance. The word POSTES has been removed from the tablet in the right upper corner, and is now found in the frame at the top, and the figure of value alone occupies this tablet which has been reduced in size and altered from square to shield shaped. The 20c brown violet, 30c violet and the 10c post card have been issued of this re-engraved type. A new stamp, 1/2 centime, is soon to be issued for newspaper postage.

GAMBIA.—(*King Edward set.*) We chronicled the 1d King's head in April, and have now to report the entire set consisting of the same values and colors as the 1898 issue, with the addition of a 2s in grey and buff.

GOLD COAST.—(*King Edward set.*) The entire set in the usual colonial type is announced. The colors, perforation and watermark remain as in the 1894-1900 Queen's head series. The values are ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s, 20s.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*5d King's head.*) The 5d value of the King Edward series was issued May 15th. Like its predecessor of that value, it is printed in lilac and blue.

GRENADA.—(*King Edward set.*) This colony, in adopting the new colonial type, has added three high values, 2s green and blue, 5s green and carmine, and 10s green and mauve; the lower values, ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1s, are in the same colors as the Queen's heads of 1895-99. It will be noticed that there is no 8d in the new set. ½d and 1d postcards, of the usual designs and colors, have also been issued.

GUATEMALA.—(*New stamps in preparation.*) Two sets, one for interior and the other for foreign postage, are announced as ordered from Waterlow & Sons, of London.

LIBERIA.—(*Provisionals.*) The official stamps, 1894 2c (star), 1898 1c magenta, 15c slate, 1900 1c green and 2c red and black, have been surcharged ORDINARY and issued as regular postage stamps. Later news would indicate that the entire current set of official stamps has received this surcharge, 240 of each value, 1c to \$1.00, and 12 each of the \$2.00 and \$5.00.

MALTA.—(*Reported provisional 1d.*) *Even's Weekly* is informed by its Malta correspondent that the stock of 2½d stamps on hand is to be surcharged ONE PENNY, with a view to making way for the King's head issue. There is a very large supply of the 2½d value on hand, as that value is in little demand since the adoption of Imperial 1d postage. It will be regrettable to see the interesting Maltese types replaced by the cheap and nasty De la Rue colonial design.

MAURITIUS.—(*New stamps in "Arms" type.*) Mauritius is to be congratulated on deciding to retain its distinctive design. *Even's Weekly* reports the following as printed and shortly to be issued, all of the arms type:—

5c violet-grey and lilac on chamois paper.

8c sea-green and black on chamois paper.

12c grey-black and carmine on white.

25c sea-green and carmine on pale green.

50c grey-green and dark green on yellow.

1 rupee, dark grey and carmine on white.

2r. 50c, sea-green and black on blue.

5r. brown and carmine on red.

The three high values are of larger size, and are inscribed POSTAGE AND REVENUE.

NEW CALEDONIA.—(*Provisional 5c and 15c.*) Two more provisionals have been issued: 5c on 30c and 15c on 40c.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—(*New printing.*) The current stamps of this Australian state have lately been arriving in much brighter colors than usual, the *Aust. J. of Ph.* attributes this to a new method of production on gummed paper, instead of gumming the sheets after printing. The ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 4d, 6d, 8d, 10d and 1s have appeared on the new paper.

NIUE.—(*Provisional ½d, 1d and 2½d.*) In our March number we recorded a temporary surcharge on the New Zealand 1d by means of a rubber hand stamp. This was unofficial, but the ½d, 1d and 2½d have since been officially surcharged with the name NIUE and value in the native tongue. Specimens and a list of the different varieties have been sent us by Mr. Bolitho.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—(*Provisional 1d.*) As announced in Mr. Rudd's South African notes, the current 1d Cape of Good Hope (figure of Hope) has been surcharged in three lines ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

PENRHYN ISLAND.—(*Provisional ½d, 1d and 2½d.*) A list of the varieties of the New Zealand stamps surcharged for this island, sent us by Mr. Bolitho, will be found in another column.

PERSIA.—(*Provisionals.*) As announced in our April number, numerous surcharges have lately been appearing from Persia, of which no explanation of their object has been given. Besides these a type-set series of stamps has appeared, printed on a *burelé* background, as follows:—

1s grey	on yellow background
2s red-brown	" "
3s green	" "
5s carmine	" "
10s yellow-gr'n	" "
12s blue	" "
1k violet	on blue
2k olive-green	" "
5k orange	" "
10k blue-black	" "
50k red	" "

These provisionals are surcharged with different control marks for the various post offices where they are used.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—(*Provisionals.*) The recent attempts of the Portuguese Government to unload its large surplus stock of colonial remainders upon the philatelic market has not been a success. The highest bid on the lot, offered for sale by public tender a short time ago, was about 10 per cent. of face value, and consequently the lot was withdrawn. Immense quantities are said to exist at the mint at Lisbon of all the obsolete colonial issues, the crown type of 1870, the embossed type of 1886, the 1894 and special issues of later date. All these are now to be surcharged and used postally

if possible, or sold to stamp collectors if they are fools enough to buy. A decree published in the *Official Gazette* indicates no less than 210 surcharges; Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Guinea, Laurenz-Marques, Mozambique, St. Thomas and Prince, Zambesi, will have each 65, 115, 130 and 400 reis surcharged on a long list of obsolete types. Portuguese India, 1r, 2r, 2½r, 3r, 2½ and 5 tangas on different types; Macao, 6 avos and 18 avos; Timor, 5, 6, 3, 15, 22 avos on different obsolete types. The commemorative type of 1898 is to be surcharged PROVISORIO and re-issued in postal union colors, these comprise Portuguese Africa, 10, 25, 50, 75 reis; India, 6r, 1t, 2t; Macao, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16 avos; Timor, 2 and 12 avos. A new issue is to appear for Inhambane (Africa) consisting of 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 65, 75, 100, 115, 130, 200, 400, 500, 700 reis. As an offset to this long list of entrances, the following take their exits, Macao, 2½, 16, 24 avos; Timor, 2½, 4, 8, 16, 20, 24 avos, and the 80, 150 and 300 reis of the other colonies.

SALVADOR.—(*New stamps ordered.*) The new set of stamps, so long promised, may soon be expected, as the sum of £800 12s 6d has been remitted to London to pay for their manufacture by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co.

SIERRA LEONE.—(*King Edward envelope.*) A. Smith & Co.'s *Monthly* illustrates a new 1d envelope carmine on white laid paper.

SOMALI COAST.—(*Provisionals.*) In our April number we gave a list of recent surcharges; since then more Obock stamps have been used for the Somali Coast postal requirements. The large triangular 25 francs has been surcharged 5 CENTIMES and the 10 francs surcharged 10 CENTIMES DUBOULT. Another recent provisional is the 40c Somali Coast surcharged 5 CENTIMES.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—(*King Edward 3c and 8c.*) From Mr. Koh Hoon Teck of Singapore we have received two values of King Edward stamps of this colony. They are of the regular colonial type inscribed POSTAGE & REVENUE. The 3c is lilac and red and the 8c lilac on blue paper. Our correspondent calls attention to the fact that the King's head is not exactly in the centre, but this characteristic is shared by all the new colonials of this cheap De La Rue type.

TASMANIA.—(*More values on V&Crown paper.*) In addition to the 1d and 2d Melbourne prints on Victoria paper, reported in our March number, it is stated by several European journals that the pictorial ½d, 2½d and 3d have also appeared on this paper. As our Australian correspondents make no mention of them, they may be postal union specimens.

The following list of the varieties of New Zealand and its Island dependencies has been furnished by Mr. H. Bolitho:—

VARIETIES OF CURRENT NEW ZEALAND
½d and 1d STAMPS.

THICK SOFT PAPER Wmkd Double lined
NZ over Star

½d green	1c earmine (universal) local print
11	11
11 x 14½	14½
14½ x 11	Both vars of 1d are found imperf. vertically (one sheet only of each)
14½	

THIN TOUGH PAPER Wmkd double lined
NZ and Star

11 x 14½	11
14½ x 11	11 x 14½
14½	14½ x 11
	14½

THIN TOUGH PAPER, No wmk

14½	11 x 14½
	14½

THIN TOUGH PAPER, with new wmk, single lined NZ over Star, similar to 1882 issue, only NZ closer to star

14½	14½
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There may be other main varieties, but I have only listed those I have seen. Other compound perms. have been met with, but are very scarce. I will send list later on when I have verified same.

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NIUE and PENNYH ISLAND
PROVISIONALS.

½d, 1d and 2½ current issue of New Zealand overprinted as under:

1—Overprint NIUE in blue on 1d universal on thick soft paper, perf. 11. (This surcharge was only applied to very few sheets and is now superseded. It was effected by means of a rubber stamp at Niue.)

2—½d on thin tough paper, wmk double lined NZ and star, perf. 14½. Overprinted in carmine. NIUE
½ PENI

3—Same with inverted overprint.

4—Overprint NIUE
TAHA PENI in blue on 1d universal on paper perf. 11 x 14½.

5—Overprint NIUE
2½ PENI in carmine on 2½ blue Wakatipu on unwmkd paper, perf. 11.

6—½d on thin tough paper double lined wmk, perf. 14½, overprinted
PENNYH ISLAND
½ PENI in carmine.

7—1d on thin tough paper, perf. 14½, double lined wmk, overprinted
PENNYH ISLAND
TAI PENI

8—2½d overprinted on Wakatipu,
PENNYH ISLAND
2½ PENI
soft paper, perf. 11, no wmk.

EDITORIAL.

FAREWELL.

Our readers will doubtless be surprised to read our publishers' article announcing the discontinuance of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST with this number. "Want of time" is the excuse commonly alleged when a philatelic publisher decides to discontinue, but it is plain that such a reason seldom tells all the truth; any enterprise that is financially successful can always secure for a consideration sufficient help to make up for any lack of time at the disposition of the owners. The real consideration in most cases, is, do the pecuniary results warrant the disposal of the time required to conduct the publication? Our publisher has come to the conclusion that they do not, and has therefore wisely decided to devote his talents to other enterprises, that will give a better return for the labor expended.

When in November, 1899, we undertook the conduct of this journal, it was expected that our connection with it would only be a temporary one, pending the adjustment of the former proprietor's business affairs. Events so shaped themselves that we were practically compelled to carry on the enterprise, and we have since endeavoured to accomplish our task to the satisfaction of our readers, often at the expense of other engagements of both a public and private nature. When we took charge, the journal was under a serious cloud owing to transactions of its former owner of a reprehensible character, for which no satisfactory explanation or excuse has ever been offered. At that time most of the circulation had been secured by questionable prize competitions; the subscribers cared nothing for the paper beyond their hope of securing a prize, they were not readers of its pages or of its advertisements. All such methods of attracting circulation were discarded, and by endeavouring to publish a journal of sufficient philatelic merit, to be an aid and guide to stamp collectors, we feel that while we have not accomplished all we aspired to, we have endeared ourselves to a large circle of careful readers who will regret our discontinuance.

In our efforts to produce a useful philatelic journal, we have been ably assisted by a widespread corps of foreign correspondents, most of whom preferred to contribute anonymously—these are entitled to our thanks. We have particularly to thank Mr. Gosset of Auckland, N.Z., Mr. Bolitho and Mr. Rudd for many valuable

contributions. To our contemporaries we are indebted for many kindly notices and reviews, more especially to the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *S. C's Fortnightly*, *Ewen's Weekly*, *Meekel's Weekly*, and the reviewer of the *Era*. During the two years and a half that we have conducted this journal, we have had several tilts with other editors; we have criticised unsparingly when we considered the interests of philately demanded it, but we have always endeavored to maintain the most cordial personal relations with those whose views we have had to combat, and we retire from the editor's chair with the kindest feelings to one and all, opponents or supporters, and we trust these feelings are reciprocated.

If we have been successful in attaining to any niche in Philately's arch, it has been by our determination to publish only ascertained facts, not surmises; our editorials and arguments have always been based on solid unshakable facts, and for this reason we have not once had to yield in any discussion. True to this policy to the last, we have given our readers the real facts why we cease publication, and which, if the truth were told, are the determining causes of nearly every philatelic journal's demise. Indirectly, as house organs, most journals pay their owners, but advertising and subscription rates are cut down to too low a figure, to make any stamp paper in existence to-day a financially successful enterprise on its own direct merits; by this we mean one giving even a fair direct profit on the capital and labor invested.

To one and all our readers we say farewell.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

By H. RUDD, Cape Town.

The 1d current Cape of Good Hope, figure Hope, has been surcharged

**ORANGE
RIVER
COLONY**

in black, similar to the 3d.

I may add that this surcharging, and also that on the Cape of Good Hope post-cards, for use in O. R. C. has been done by a local firm of printers, Messrs. W. A. Richards & Co.

Very few of the new 3d Cape, figure of Hope standing, appear to have been issued. At any rate they cannot be bought at the general post office or any of the suburban offices.

Probably they are being held over until the present issue has become exhausted. It is not expected that the Cape of Good Hope, "King's Head," stamps will be issued until next year.

The Cape 1d, View of Table Bay, stamps are having a most erratic career. After having on several occasions been withdrawn from sale for periods extending over some months, they have again made their appearance and are on sale at all post offices.

GENERAL NOTES.

NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALASIAN, ETC.

By VIVIAN C. GOSSET.

Since the annexation, the Cook Islands have, as a matter of course, adopted the N. Z. post office regulations. The following is from the *N. Z. Herald*:

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA,

December 19, 1901.

The Postal Department announces that as Cook Islands have been annexed to New Zealand postal matter will now be sent to the islands at the same rates as to New Zealand."

In my opinion, stamp collecting has, for the past few months been very dormant in Auckland, no doubt on account of the summer season. I have heard of several collections changing hands, some of them at fair figures. One was put up for public auction recently. It is the first instance I have heard of a collection being disposed of in this manner in Auckland. It is advertised as follows:

"Complete Stamp Collector's Outfit, comprising Album and 1200 Stamps, Packets, Sheets, Oak Stamp Press, Roller and Glasses, etc."

The great question of the postal affairs regarding the new Australian Commonwealth is being eagerly discussed in the Parliament. I call the following from the *Herald*, viz.:

"In the Senate Mr. Drake, Federal Postmaster-General, explained that under the Postal and Telegraph Rates Bill it was expected to get £55,000 from newspaper postage. He proposed to devote this and other revenue to meeting the reduction in telegraphic rates, which would amount to £45,000. In committee an amendment was carried extending the shilling telegraphic rate to Tasmania, the proviso relating to an addition for cable charges being struck out."

"Speaking at a dinner of the Post and Telegraph Officers' Association on Nov. 30, Mr. Gray, Secretary of the Department, said the revenue for the past three months, notwithstanding penny postage, showed very substantial results. He explained that the Postmaster-General hoped within twelve months to make one or two amendments in the direction of benefiting the rank and file of the service."

At the islands of Atiu, Mitiaro and Mauke, of the Cook group, South Pacific, the position of postmaster is occupied by natives (Maoris), and they each get paid by the Government the handsome salary of £2 per annum for their onerous (?) duties. They take things very easy and occasionally carry round the mail for a week before it strikes them they have a letter for some

one. Really they take the position as easily as they are wont to do the various other occupations of their life in the Sunny South Sea Islands.

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Secretary's Report.

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RESIGNED.

Wilfred A. Chapman, Rocky Hill, Conn.

The Secretary thanks the members for their support and hopes for a prosperous year under the new officers soon to be elected. Cannot possibly take the office again and hopes a better man will get it. Will not say good-bye now, as you will probably have to hear from him again in July number,

C. H. FOWLE, Sec.

Fellow Members of the C.P.S.

GENTLEMEN,—Having decided that a convention this year would not be in the interests of our society, I issue a call for the annual election and fix the date thereof on August 28th.

I hereby appoint Messrs. G. W. Cornish, W. Patterson, and A. R. Magill, all of Montreal, to act as scrutineers, and report the result to the official organ. Ballots must be sent in so as to reach Mr. A. R. Magill, whom I appoint secretary of above

committee not later than August 28 next.

Our Secretary-Treasurer will have ballots printed in accordance with Clause XII. of our Constitution and mailed to all members in good standing and entitled to vote, and I would suggest that he also send a printed list of members with the ballots, so that voters can decide whom to vote for.

I was not aware of the fact that one of our trustees had resigned until I read the item in the May number of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST. Mr. Smith replies to the editorial in that number on my behalf, and I announce myself as a candidate for reelection as your president, leaving my record of service to our society in your hands. Very faithfully yours,

W. K. HALL, President.

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To the Editor MONTREAL PHILATELIST:

DEAR SIR,—Referring to your editorial on above society, while I am always pleased to see an article on our society in your valuable paper, I think that a fair representation of facts should be given and justice done to the principal officers who appear to be held responsible for the "do-nothingism" of the society.

Now in fairness to our present president I would ask you to look through your list of members and see how many names Mr. Hall is at the back of. *Thirty-five* members (15 the last year) he has proposed and the large majority still on the books and really good reliable men and the class we want to keep. I do not see that the gentleman nominated to replace him has introduced a single member. I think this fact should be placed before the members before their vote is solicited in any one direction.

It does not necessarily follow that because the official organ does not hear from an officer he is not doing his duty in other ways. I think the "do-nothingism" should be placed in other quarters and not with the principal officers.

I don't believe in annual elections; they do more harm to a society than good, and generally cause ill feeling and dissatisfaction and tend to the breaking up of the society. If any of the officers do not do their duty they can be taken in hand and dealt with by the proper authorities.

Now in the last paragraph of your editorial you say no nominations are necessary, yet you publish a ticket in another part of your paper and solicit votes, although you also say "This secures a perfectly free election and restricts no one's choice." Does not this appear rather contradictory?

I beg to address these few remarks without any prejudice or ill feeling whatever, but simply in justice to all parties concerned and in the welfare of the society, which I feel sure will steadily grow in the right direction if properly handled, and kept free from party politics.

Yours very truly, H. SMITH, Sales Supt.
Medford Mass., June 3, 1902.

[We have not questioned Mr. Hall's devotion to the interests of the society, nor ignored the good work he has done; but it is certain that when the rank and file never hear a word from their president, they drift into carelessness in regard to society interests. Several complaints have been made to us that Mr. Hall does not even reply to members and officers when written to on matters touching the welfare of the society. We can find no contradiction in our remarks; we have nominated no one, but merely suggested a ticket we believe to be a good one—any other member can do the same, and votes can be cast for any name the voter chooses independently of any ticket by the system of no previous nominations being required. If Mr. Smith desires to have the constitution changed in regard to annual elections, he can give notice of his proposal two months in advance of the election, and the vote of the members will decide.

We have received a long letter from Mr. Frank D. Murphy, No. 238, for which we have no space. Mr. Murphy makes suggestions which are contrary to the rules that govern the C. P. S. He will find those rules in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST of June and July, 1901.—Editor M. P.]

PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

With this number the MONTREAL PHILATELIST ceases publication. These words no doubt will give my readers a little shock, but nevertheless it's the truth. After publishing this paper for about three years and getting the best returns in literary work and printing that I could for the money I invested, I have come to the conclusion that for the amount one has to spend and the time one has to devote no one will ever make a fortune out of a stamp paper, especially in Canada. The same amount of capital and energy put into almost any other pursuit will prove a much better investment. By the above I don't mean to say that I made nothing out of the paper, for on the contrary every number was issued at a profit, but not large enough to make it worth while continuing the publication. I must thank everybody who helped me along, subscribers, advertisers, publishers and others. I have tried to give every one full value for the money they have paid me, and as no complaints have ever been made, I conclude all are satisfied. With this number the great majority of subscriptions expire. Only about 225 have yet six months to run, up to December next, and a few have paid a year or more in advance. To these I propose the following settlement of my liability:—

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