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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

In answer to our request for the opinions of our subscribers as to the advisability of continuing our monthly report of new issues 520 of our readers have expressed their wishes; of these 445 vote in favor of continuing the report and 75 wish it discontinued. Although the number who have recorded their votes is less than one fourth our total subscription list, we think the majority of 6 to 1 may fairly be considered as representing the views of the greater part of our readers, therefore their wishes will be respected and the report continued. We find that those who have voted "for" are nearly all enthusiastic and emphatic in their approval of our work, while those who have voted "against" do so in many cases without comment, or because they subscribe to one or more of the weekly journals, and get the same news there. Only one or two of the minority offer any suggestions, while many valuable hints have been received from the majority. We will act upon some of the suggestions thrown out, and hope to make this department of our paper more and more interesting as the plans we have in view are developed. To the voters in the minority we merely request that they kindly read our chronicle, and we think they will find therein much useful information that is not given in any other paper, weekly or monthly, they will also find in other departments matter that may be of more special interest to them, if they do not collect the new issues. To one and all who have responded to our request we tender our sincere thanks; it is always a pleasure to an editor to find that his readers take sufficient interest in his work to express their opinions about it. As promised, with this number, we send an unused newly issued stamp to all those who have voted, hoping it may give them as much pleasure to receive it, as we experienced in receiving their votes.

The new issues of this month are comparatively few and not of great philatelic

interest. With the practical termination of the Transvaal war, the flight of Kruger, and the surrender of the greater part of the Boer forces, public interest in African affairs has waned. It is now concentrated on the events of China. What will be the ultimate outcome of the troubles there, it would be a wise prophet who could foretell, but whatever may be in store, our science—Philately—will certainly place on record; in these columns our readers will find the Philatelic war news.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BELGIUM.—In conformity with an official decree dated May 23rd, the unpaid letter stamps of 50 centimes and 1 franc are in future to be printed in grey and in orange respectively, the same colors as the corresponding values of the regular postage stamps. We hear that the color of the 10c unpaid is also to be changed from red brown to carmine for a similar reason.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The 2s which we noted as "reported" in our May number, should read 10s olive green and black.

BRAZIL.—Last December, on the authority of a Brazilian correspondent, we reported the prospective issue of a complete new set, this news is now confirmed by *Le Timbrophile Belge* which states that stamps of the following types are in preparation:—

10 reis,	Aborigene of Brazil
20 "	Pedro Alvarez Cabral
50 "	Tiradentes
100 "	Jose Bonifacio
200 "	Don Pedro
300 "	Benjamin Constant
500 "	Deodora da Fonseca
700 "	Florian Peixoto
1,000 "	First voyage to Brazil
2,000 "	Battle of Ypiranga
5,000 "	Proclamation of the Republic
10,000 "	Allegory of Civilization.

Students of history will find a complete synopsis of the events of historical importance in connection with Brazil, in the persons and scenes depicted on this set. The *Am. J. of P.* publishes a translation of a report from the Secretary-General of the Revolutionary Government of the State of Acre, announcing the appearance on August 1st of stamps of the following designs, values and colors:—

Allegorical figure of "History."

200 reis blue 800 reis yellow

500 " red

National flag in proper colors with ornaments in black.

2,000 reis and 5,000 reis.

The temporary expresses a doubt as to the continuance of the revolution until the date fixed for the issue of the stamps.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—*Ewen's W. S. News* reports the appearance of the current 10 cents mauve and green with the surcharge "Revenue" in black.

CEYLON.—The 2 cents brown issued in 1899 has been surcharged "On service" in black ink, replacing the 2c green of the official set.

CHILE.—The new issue, illustrated last month, has been completed by the appearance, according to the *Ill. Briefmarken Journal*, of the 20c black and 50c brown. The *Am. J. of P.* announces and illustrates the 5c envelope ultramarine on white laid paper.

COLUMBIA.—The recent issues of the "provisional government" have with the collapse of the revolution, been suppressed.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The *W. P. Era* reports a 5c blue of similar design to the 1c we reported last month.

FRENCH CONGO.—We illustrate the three designs prepared for this colony. The fact of these illustrations being copied from proofs, may account for the 2nd design being inscribed 15c whereas according to the list given last month that value is to be of the oblong type.



Just as we go to press sets of these stamps have arrived. They are somewhat disappointing in execution and the colors do not correspond with those we gave for advance notices. A corrected list will appear next month.

GERMANY.—The *Am. J. of P.* reports receiving the 2pf slate in the new Germany type.

GUATEMALA.—From Mr. Paul Fleischhauer we have received the 1 cent current type in dark green, and the 6 cent in light green. It was expected and so reported by us last month that a change of design would take place at the time of the adoption of U.P.U. colors, the issue of these stamps in new colors but of the old design, would seem to indicate that the proposed arrangement has been abandoned.

The *Am. J. of Philately* states that the following are the colors adopted for the various values up to 25c, those higher to remain as before.

2c red	20c violet
5c blue	25c light yellow
10c grey	

HAWAII.—*Filately: Facts and Fallacies* reports that the entire stock of the 12c blue was bought up by a Honolulu speculator on May 15th. The price, at face value, paid for the stock is said to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000, which represents over 41,000 of the stamps. With that quantity stored away for future philatelists the stamp will never become a rarity, though the holder of the "corner" may ask a fancy price for his property, as long as he finds stamp collectors who are foolish enough to pay it.

INDIA.—The postal authorities have decided to adopt U.P.U. colors. This will necessitate the change of the colors of the 1 anna from brown to carmine and of the 2a 6p from green to blue, and as those colors are now appropriated to the

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¼a and 2a these values will also have to be changed. *The Phil. Journal of India* states that violet has been selected for the 2a, and that slate-grey will probably be the color of the ¼a. The same journal also states that the stock in hand of the 2a, 6p is very large, and as since the adoption of the Imperial penny postage rate that value is but little used, its change of color may be postponed indefinitely.



JAMAICA.—We illustrate the new 1d stamp described last month, and which is said to have been issued to commemorate the establishment of Imperial Penny Postage.

JAPAN.—The commemorative stamp illustrated and described last month has been surcharged for use at the Japanese post offices in China and Corea.

MAURITIUS.—A correspondent of *L'Essor Philatelique* reports the issue on April 30th of the 4 cents surcharged on 16c red brown of 1885. These surcharged stamps it seems have been in stock at the Treasury since 1898. The entire issue was bought up by speculators in a few minutes in lots of 25 to each purchaser. 10,000 specimens were sold at Port Louis and 20,000 at other post offices throughout the island.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 4d brown with blue centre has been printed on the "N. Z. and star" paper, and the balance of the printing on unwatermarked paper has been issued. It is reported that a 1½d. with a design commemorative of the New Zealand African contingent, to be painted in khaki, has been ordered by the P. O. Department, a stamp of that value being specially required for newspaper postage.

NORTH BORNEO.—The recently issued 4 cents (monkey type) has been changed in color from green and black to carmine and black. The 4c. Labuan also appears in the same colors instead of yellow brown and black as formerly.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—It is reported by a French Journal that a new series of special designs will soon be in use. It is said that the 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cents will show Manila bay; the 15 and 50 cents a map of the islands, and the \$1, \$2 and \$5 some historical subject. We have been unable to obtain any confirmation of this

report from our Washington correspondent and have doubts of its truth.

RUSSIA.—(*Offices in the Levant.*) The current 1k has appeared surcharged in blue 4 paras, the 2k in red 10 paras, and the 10k in red 1 piastre, for use at Constantinople and other foreign offices in the Turkish Empire.

SAMOA.—The German post office was opened in these islands March 1st with a complete set of the old type of German stamps from 3 pf to 50 pf surcharged diagonally "Samoa" in black.

SARAWAK.—The *W. P. Era* is our authority for the appearance of a new stamp 20c olive with value in mauve.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. G. H. Daeniker of Seevis informs us that a set of 5, 10 and 25 centimes was to appear July 2nd commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.

TRANSVAAL.—The first stamp bearing the indications of the British occupation is thus noted by *S. G. Monthly Journal*.—"It is the current ½ green, overprinted "V. R.—SPECIAL-POST," in three lines, vertically, in black, and some fifty copies were, we are informed, issued thus at Vryburg, on the arrival of the British troops there, and used by British residents at that place who were anxious to send letters to the colonies or home. There being no English or Cape stamps available at once, these Transvaal stamps were surcharged by the Magistrate of the town and presumably the amount paid for them credited to the British Post Office." The *M. I.* adds, "it has all the appearance of being a genuine provisional."

TURKEY.—It was reported some time ago that a new issue was to appear March 1st, but nothing more has been heard of it. The *Am. J. of P.* is our authority for the statement that a stamp commemorative of the 25th anniversary of the accession of the reigning Sultan, is to appear upon the celebration of this event in August.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. C. A. Needham returned from his trip to England a short time ago. We understand he was not successful in the mission upon which he made the trip and that in consequence he has given up his store in this city and retired from the stamp business. We trust he may find the means to re-enter it again, under

more favorable auspices, as he is an expert philatelist, and in more ways than one his withdrawal will be a loss to our ranks.

The store 2104 St. Catherine St. has been rented by Mr. A. C. Roussel, who will re-open it about August 15th with a fine stock of stamps. Mr. Roussel has been a collector for many years, specializing in the stamps of Great Britain, France and New Zealand; we learn that having decided to become a stamp merchant, he will abandon his private collections and place them on sale with the rest of his stock. Specialists in the countries named will have an unusual chance to obtain many rare and interesting varieties.

Mr. Madore, late assistant with Needham & Co., is also going into the stamp business on his own account. He has taken the store at No. 6 Beaver Hall Hill (formerly occupied by the Dominion Stamp Co.), has had it thoroughly renovated and opens up with a fine stock of medium grade stamps. We wish both these gentlemen a full measure of success in their ventures, and can recommend them to our readers as thoroughly reliable, and courteous business men.

The League of Canadian Philatelists is to be congratulated upon its substantial progress, under the energetic management of its popular president Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, and its indefatigable secretary Mr. H. Smith. As it was at our suggestion that Mr. Hall was promoted to the presidential chair, we may be allowed some little self congratulation upon the wisdom of the choice made. Since his taking office new life has been infused into the League, all "dead wood" or undesirable members have been dropped, and the society now ranks as one of the very best in existence. Its exchange department is well managed, most desirable stamps are to be found on its circuit, and purchases are always satisfactory. One of its "circuits" was recently exhibited at a meeting of the staid old Montreal Philatelic Association and so surprised and pleased were the members present, that they at once decided to join the League in a body. The applications of those who were not previously members, will be found in this number. The names comprise Montreal's foremost philatelists, several who are members of the celebrated exclusive London society. With this large addition to its ranks, and the rare and valuable

stamps that it will bring into its exchange department, the L. of C. P. can now claim to be Canada's Premier Society, quality not quantity considered, and second to none in any part of the world. It is a high honor to be Official Organ for such an association of distinguished philatelists.

Mr. W. C. Stone of Springfield, Mass., was a welcome visitor at the office of the *Montreal Philatelist*, while in Montreal last month attending the convention of the Librarians' Association. He gave us some useful hints as to the best way to run a local Philatelic club, derived from his experience with the Springfield Club-

PHILATELY IN INDIA

BY

Kumar Mahendralala Mitra, F. S. Sc.
Calcutta, May 24th 1900.

Great Britain having shewn the way in partially conforming to the rules of the International Postal Convention, India is likely to follow in the former's footsteps. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d green was received in Calcutta by the mail before last, and the color of the low values of all British Indian stamps from $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas downwards will shortly be altered. The Native States also will have sets of their own, and as there are half a dozen, such States using British Indian stamps surcharged with the names of their countries, philatelists will have a very bad time of it. For certain persons it is a godsend, as there is no knowing how many errors and varieties may be manufactured and cornered.

The 6 annas *bistre*, with "East India Postage" altered to "India Postage" [noticed in the *Monthly Journal* received by the last mail] has not yet been put on the market here, for just now I enquired at the General Post Office and was told that it is not available yet. It would be interesting to know how and where the new 6 annas was secured by the journal quoted by the *Monthly*. [Probably from a specimen sent out for official collections through the U.P.U.—Ed. M. P.]

Cochin too is getting a new set of stamps. The *puttun* coinage is to be abolished and the British Indian coinage introduced. The stamps accordingly will have their values indicated in annas instead of puttans as heretofore, though it has not yet been settled whether the young ladies will be arrayed in new colored clothing. The current issue will, it is calculated, be exhausted by September next, after which the new issue will make its bow to the public. Stamp and coin collectors and dealers, be on the *qui vive!*

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Editorial.

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STAMP CUTS.

Our esteemed contemporary the *Philatelic Advocate* has, we think somewhat unnecessarily, raised the question of the illustration of stamps in the journals and catalogues, formally bringing the matter to the attention of the Hon. Postmaster

General who was quite willing to overlook this supposed breach of the P. O. Act, as long as it was not forced upon his notice.

There is no law in Canada that forbids the illustration of stamps, when used for a legitimate purpose, and the Postmaster General has no power to rule otherwise than the law prescribes. He has no power even to enforce his own opinion or the opinion of his departmental officers as to the interpretation of the law, that is the province of the judges of our courts, the Postmaster General having executive, not judicial power in this British land of liberty. If in his opinion there is a contravention of the law, he can test the matter by legal process, and have the offender punished if found guilty.

The 86th section of the Post Office Act is as follows:—"Forging any postage stamp &c. Every one who forges, counterfeits or imitates any postage stamp issued or used under the authority of this Act, or by or under the authority of the Government or proper authority of the United Kingdom, or of any British possession, or of any foreign country,—or knowingly uses any such forged, counterfeit or imitated stamp,—or engraves, cuts, sinks or makes any plate, die or other thing whereby to forge, counterfeit or imitate such stamp or has possession of any such plate, die or other thing as aforesaid, except by the permission in writing of the Postmaster General. . . . is guilty of felony, and liable to imprisonment for life or for a term not less than five years."

Supported by the best of legal advice we contend that this section is directed solely against the fraudulent counterfeiting of stamps and that the severe punishment prescribed is sufficient proof that it cannot be interpreted to mean the prohibition of illustrations, where all intention of a fraudulent use of imitated stamps is clearly absent. It would certainly be a severe straining of the law that would class such legitimate illustration by the press, with felonious counterfeiting, and we are inclined to think that no judge or jury would agree with such an interpretation of the act.

OUR CRITICS.

As we expected our defense of the much abused commemorative stamp has met with a good deal of adverse criticism; our worthy contemporary, *Stamps* in its May number reproduces a *portion* of our article on the subject, not the whole as it states, and with the illogical characteristics of the average Englishman, proceeds to demolish it thus:—

"What we hate to commemorate in our albums is the impecuniosity of corrupt administrations, the pettifoggery attempts that a round dozen or so of mercenary states make on the purse of the philatelist without reason and without rhyme."

Exactly! Our contemporary objects to certain stamps because they are *speculative*, as any sensible philatelist would, and then proceeds, whenever opportunity offers, to group them with certain other stamps, unnecessary if you like, and abuses the latter because they are *commemorative*. Wonderful logic!

What we object to, considering them as against the true interests of Philately, are such remarks as the following in a sketch of the Postmaster General of the South African Republic, in the *Philatelic Record* for June.

"Philatelically, Mr. Van Alphen has sinned but once in his official career. In 1895 he gave way to the temptation of issuing a commemorative stamp, to celebrate the introduction of penny postage into the Transvaal. That stamp was condemned by Philatelists as unnecessary and speculative. Mr. Van Alphen publicly defended its issue as purely commemorative."

Here we find the P. M. General accused of sinning because his stamp was—not speculative, but commemorative.

As we stated in our April article, to condemn a stamp solely because it is *commemorative* is to condemn almost every stamp ever issued from the Mulready envelopes to date. But what that has to do with *speculative* stamps, or attempts on the purse of the philatelist, we will leave our esteemed friend *Stamps* to supply the reason or the rhyme.

WHERE IS MAFEKING?

On the authority of several "war" maps, which claim to be accurate, in our last month's chronicle, we located this historic town, in the territory known as Bechuanaland Protectorate. We notice that *Mekeel's Weekly* places it in Rhodesia, a Boston correspondent of the same journal states that it is in Cape Colony, while a London correspondent favors British Bechuanaland.

Our usual authorities on such subjects, the *Statesman's Year Book* and *Appleton's Annual Cyclopaedia* give no definite clue to the location, but as they allude to the town as the terminus of the railway line, when treating of the Protectorate, we took it for granted that the war maps were correct. We have since consulted the latest Atlas published in London, and find the town is just south of the Molopo river and consequently within the boundary of the former colony of British Bechuanaland, which since 1895 has been incorporated in the Cape Colony. There is therefore nothing extraordinary in the use of Cape stamps for special service during the siege.

In this number we publish the first letter of our new correspondent from India, Kumar Mahendralala Mitra, F. S. Sc. of Calcutta whose notes will appear exclusively in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST. We have not heretofore included Native Indian stamps in our chronicle of new issues, as in the absence of an expert on these emissions, we did not feel competent to pass an opinion on their character, and in conformity with our policy and principles, we wish nothing to appear in our columns, which we cannot fully vouch for. Notes on these little understood stamps will be of interest to the large number who collect them, and we hope to furnish such notes from the pen of our Indian correspondent. The eyes of the whole world are now directed to events in Asia, consequently Asiatic stamps will soon be in demand, and there would be nothing surprising in a popular run on Native Indian stamps and a rise in value in consequence.

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CASUAL PHILATELIC NOTES
FROM COOK ISLANDS.

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

In Tahiti, (the chief French colony in the Eastern Pacific), a great number of the 10c black on lavender, 1881-6 issue, are being used on correspondence, a large amount of them pass through the Post-office here, from which I presume they are on sale at the Post-office at that place.

It is interesting to note that between the Cook Islands and Tahiti the postage is 5d from either place, but from either of these places to any other part of the world the postage is 2½d. Truly some great anomalies exist in the postal union.

A new stock of stamps arrived at the post office at this place from the Government printer at Wellington N. Z. recently, and are all printed on hard brittle paper, as compared with the kind they were printed on formerly. The heat here makes a great many of the sheets of stamps stick firmly together, and the colors of some are spoiled in soaking them apart again.

One sees some funny addresses some times. The following address was on a letter that passed through the post office at this place recently. After deciphering it it was duly sent on to its destination, viz :

2033. Herrn Ingenieur Herzfelder
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A little while back a post office was opened at Port Moresby, British New Guinea, and was placed under the auspices of the Queensland Postal Department, and in consequence Queensland stamps are used there. They are unsurcharged and only the Postmark shews that they have been used at that place.

The 1d brown Cook Islands' stamp which first came out in 1893, was a fairly rare stamp, as in all catalogues it was priced approximately 1s; in 1894 it was changed to blue,—for what reason no one can say—but I know that a certain person on this Island made a corner in them on the change of color. It was on account of a fraud that was practiced to a very large extent on the Government that they were changed back to brown again. At the present time the 1d blue is a fairly uncommon stamp and will get more so as

time goes on, for the next change in color in the 1d if there is one will be to rose—the Postal union color.—

I have received permission to forward you a copy of the two following documents re the surcharging of the 1d blue Cook Islands stamp to one half penny viz:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF
POSTMASTER

The old brown 1d stamp having been revived and a supply received in this office.

You are hereby authorised on and after the 24th inst to make the following changes:

To reduce the balance of all the 1d blue stamps to one half penny and to issue the old brown stamp as the one penny stamp of the Federation.

(Signed) MAKEA,

Chief of the Federal Government.

Approved:

(Signed) W. E. GUDGEON,

British Resident.

24th April 1899.

Rarotonga. April 24th 1899.

I hereby certify that I have this day examined the quantity of one penny blue stamps now on hand and I further certify them to be as follows:

90 [ninety] sheets of 120 stamps.

Authority from the Chief of the Cook Islands Federal Government approved by the British Resident has also been produced before me for the reduction of the above "one penny" blue stamps to "one half penny."

[Signed] A. VON HOFF.

Government Auditor.

According to the above it will be seen that 10,800 stamps were surcharged valued before the reduction £45. and afterwards £22. 10s.

While in conversation with the Government printer at this place recently, he informed me that while printing the ½d surcharges two errors were made viz: half a sheet [60 stamps] of 1d blues was doubly surcharged as per my notes in this paper of November and that another half sheet [60 stamps] was surcharged inverted; [see paragraph in my notes on page 109, Mnrch 1900]. So this clears up all doubts as to whether any inverted surcharges occurred although I have not yet seen any.

Then of course there is the "full stop" error which I have already described at length in a recent letter.

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