

Stamp Collecting.

Seychelles is surcharging various values of stamps for use as 3 cents.

The 5 cent stamp of Hongkong, King's head issue, has appeared printed in yellow instead of either orange or salmon.

The present set of stamps of Kishengari has nothing between the 4d and 1/4 values. An 8 anna stamp has just been issued.

The seven values of Abyssinian stamps have been surcharged in blue with the word "Ethiopia," in narrow heavy type, on the top.

The 10c on 30c provisional stamp of Chili, with inverted surcharge, is now offered at 30%, which seems a very fair price to expect for a printer's error.

The following surcharges are reported on the stamps of Ivory Coast French 1892 issue: 0.05 on 3c brown, 0.10 on 75c violet on orange, and 0.15 on 1 franc orange.

The new 2/6 stamp issued in the state of New South Wales bears in the centre a picture of the beautiful lyre bird of Australia, which first appeared on the 4d of the Centennial issue.

According to latest accounts the supposed forgeries of the stamps of Brazil, 200, 300, and 500 reis, are really genuine, the dies having been merely retouched, which led to the mistake.

Brvity in names is not understood apparently in the Hawaiian Islands, as a gentleman called David Kaphokohokimokewenah has been appointed postmaster at Kokea. He is a lineal descendant of King Kalitapokamikokiwenalo.

The report of Southern Nigeria for 1902 affords food for reflection on the part of stamp collectors. It states: "The stamp sales to dealers amounted to £1810 in 1901, and £2810 in 1902." Also: "If the sales to stamp collectors continue at a greatly reduced rate of £500 a year only, in future years the Postal Department will pay its way."

The death in Suffolk of Mr. W. E. Image at the advanced age of 96 years recalls to mind the fact that 41 years ago that gentleman sold his collection of stamps to Mr. Tapling for £3000, consequently some of the rarities disposed of then are now in the Tapling collection in the British Museum.

China has not yet learned how to make its postal system pay. The postage paid on a letter delivered within a town in which it is posted is one-tenth of a penny, and only two-fifths of a penny to be delivered in any town in China.

The new issue of Sierra Leone stamps with the King's portrait range in value from 4d to 5/, all in two colours. Up to sixpence value, purple is used on each stamp, and another colour according to the different values. Above sixpence, dark green is the colour on each stamp, the 1/ being green and black, 2/ ultramarine, and 5/ carmine, while the 20/ stamp is purple on red.

The Indian native State of Jhalawar has only a population of 2722, and has never issued a postage stamp of higher value than a quarter anna, and during the 14 years its stamps were in circulation only one change took place. In 1900 the stamps ceased to be used, as the State post office was taken over by the Imperial Government.


The growth of the postal system in the United States may be estimated from the fact that in 1847 the first general issue was 1,000,000. Last year the issue totalled 4,330,000. In 1780 the total expenditure on the postal department was £1520. In 1803 the figures totted up to £24,090,000, and showed a deficit of £720,000. Evidently the United States post office is not a money-making concern.

A man who cleared out with the mail cart and letter bags in Russia on the road from Gostomelya to Kieff evidently was not well acquainted with the speed at which the mail is carried there, because he was stopped by some peasants, and ultimately handed over to the police, because they were certain something was wrong when they saw the mail van travelling so quickly. Another instance of the advisability of "making haste slowly."

French varieties of stamps for use in consular offices in Indo-China grow apace. At Shanghai recently 0000 of the 15 centimes of the latest type were surcharged with a large figure 5 in black. If collectors will continue to buy such things probably the emoluments of French consuls will increase, as it is a very simple process to surcharge stamps, buy the whole lot, and sell at a good profit. A series of French stamps has also been issued for Long-Tcheou. These should take well with any collector that chews.

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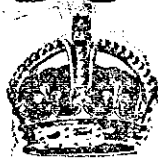
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