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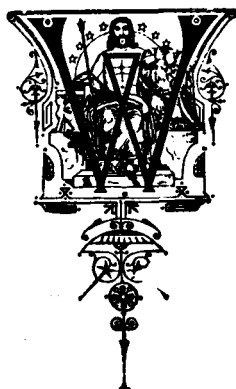
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**A Warning.**

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E have not met with many enthusiastic collectors of the mass of new issues, especially of the New Europe group with which the philatelic world has been deluged lately, but we cannot deny that there is a certain amount of historic interest attaching to them. It must be remembered that a very few of these issues have had their credentials examined, and it will probably be some time before the legitimate issues can be distinguished from the unauthorised or altogether bogus productions. Casual observation seems to show that there is undoubtedly wild speculation in vogue in these stamps, and we wish to utter a warning, especially to new collectors, to be careful

how they disburse their money in acquiring these stamps.

To justify this warning there has recently been issued by the Hungarian Society of Stamp Collectors in Buda-Pest a circular specifying no less than twenty-two different sets of stamps which are said to be at least unofficial and issued by unauthorised bodies or private persons so that they should not be recognised by philatelists. It seems certain that some, at least, of these sets are bogus, but we are not sure that all of them can be dismissed without a judicial examination into their origin and the circumstances attending their issue. In the present disturbed state of affairs many "unofficial" issues doubtless have been made, and no doubt many parallel examples of revolutionary or local issues among the old stamps could be quoted which have been recognised and have established themselves as worthy of the philatelist's attention. The status of such issues must, we take it, depend upon whether they were effectively in circulation, but the examination of credentials will doubtless be a long and arduous procedure. A further consideration is the fact that the bulk of these issues consist of surcharged stamps which can be easily forged in such a manner as to render their detection very difficult. We have been told that, as a matter of fact, many forgeries are now on the market, so that collectors on both of these grounds would be well advised to leave them severely alone for the present.

## The Postage Stamps of Venezuela.

BY THOMAS W. HALL AND L. W. FULCHER.

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*Second setting.* Printed in scarlet on thick paper. There are twelve transfers.

1. Semicircular mark at end of the serif of the figure " 1 " in the lower right corner. Small white flaw on the bone of the nose.
2. In lower left corner square coloured dot between the top of the figures " 1 " and " o. " In the lower right corner square the serif of the figure " 1 " curls up at the end in a hook. No inner frame line under the " 10. "
3. In the lower left corner square a large dot at the foot of the figure " 1 " and dots higher up on the left side. Dot to the right of the top of the " o. " In the lower right corner square a large flaw on the left side of the " o " and that to the right at the top of the figure.
4. In the lower left corner square a projection at the left end of the foot of the " 1. " Dot in top left corner of square.
5. In the lower left corner square two dots to the right at bottom of the " o " and also at the top. In the lower right corner square a fine projection of colour from the figure " 1 " on the left about half-way down.
6. In the lower left corner square three dots to the left of the figure " 1, " sometimes only one being visible. The figures " 10 " lean to the left.
7. In the lower left corner square a semicircular mark above the serif of the " 1 " and a coloured mark on the toe of the figure.
8. In the lower right corner square the figures " 10 " are raised somewhat with a coloured mark under the toe of the figure " 1. "
9. In the lower left corner a circular mark like a large full stop after the " 10. " One or two dots to the right of the " o " at the top. In the lower right corner square there is no inner frame line under the figures " 10. "
10. In the lower left corner two dots, one large, after the " 10 " and dot in top right corner. Inner frame line defective under the figures " 10. " In the lower right corner square a large dot in the upper left corner above the serif of the " 1. "
11. In the lower left corner square a dot above the toe of the " 1. " In the bottom right corner square a semicircular mark between the " 1 " and the " o " at the top. Inner frame line defective below.
12. White flaw on neck of portrait. In the lower corner square dot between the " 1 " and " o " at the top. In the lower right corner square the left margin is defective as is also the inner frame line below the figures " 10. "

The blocks and pairs in the Hall collection show that these twelve transfers were arranged in a horizontal row and repeated, probably ten times, to complete the sheet, for we have the following :—

I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

IO	II
IO	II

II	I2
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We also have 

I	2
8	3

IO
4

 showing that there were occasional exceptions to the normal regularity.

25 CENTIMOS. *First setting.* The stamps from this setting are printed on thin paper in yellow and also in orange. There were ten transfers used in making up the sheets, which may be distinguished as follows :—

1. In the lower left corner there is no right side to the square containing the figures "25." Coloured mark to the right of the figure "5" at bottom and another on the other side between the flag and body of the figure. In the lower right corner square there is a mark to the right of the figure "5" just above the body of the figure. A coloured line across the white oval above "s" of "CENTS."
2. In the lower left corner a dot under the figure "2" and a nick in the back of the figure "5." In the lower right corner the square has no left side, there is a mark in front of the down-stroke of "5" and a nick in the ball of the figure. A dot in the lower angle of the figure "2."
3. In the lower left corner square the figures "25" are close to the bottom of the square. Dot near the top of the ball of the "5" and several dots behind the top of the figure. In the lower right corner the square has no left side. Dots in front of the figure "2" and a mark at the end of the tail of the figure.
4. In the lower left corner square scattered dots behind the "5" and between the "2" and the "5," also a coloured projection from the top of the "2." In the lower right corner the square has no left side. A large dot and smaller ones in the lower right corner.
5. In the lower left corner square a few dots behind the figure "5." A spot below the margin of the stamp under the square. In the lower right corner square a large dot in front of the figure "2" and a flaw in the right margin behind the figure "5."
6. In the lower left corner square a spot behind the "5" and a group of dots between the tops of the figures "2" and "5." In the lower right corner square a spot under the ball of the figure "2" and another in the angle between the tail and the upper part of the figure.
7. In the lower left corner square a small white flaw in the ball of the "5," a dot in front of the "2" and usually some above this figure; also usually some dots under the flag of the "5." In the lower right corner square a small white flaw on the figure "2," and a group of dots behind the "5."

8. In the lower left corner square a small flaw on the head of the "2" and one on the body of the "5," dot at end of the down-stroke of the "5," group of dots under the flag of the "5" and in upper right corner. In the lower right corner the right side of the square is nearly absent, dot at the end of the flag of the "5," and one under the down-stroke of the figure. A retouched variety of No. 8 is found with the right side of the square drawn in.
9. In the lower left corner square the figures are high up, the left side of the square is half the usual thickness except at the bottom, dot behind the "5" and fine line under the figure "2." The top of the right side of the square is defective and there is a thin coloured mark on top of the "c" of "CENTS."
10. In the lower left corner square there is a flaw across the figure "2" just above the tail, a semicircular mark between the "2" and the "5" at the top and a group of dots behind the figure "5." In the lower right corner square there is a coloured mark to the left of the figure "2" and a group of dots above this figure.

The Hall collection contains a block of four and some pairs which show the following types *se-tenant* :—

6	5	3	1	7	2	10	3	6	5	1	10	8
9	2	4										

It is possible that the complete sheet of this setting was composed of repetitions of the types in two rows of five in accordance with the scheme :—

3	6	5	1	7
4	9	2	10	8

*Second setting.* Printed on thick paper in orange-yellow. There were twelve transfers employed in composing the sheet, which may be recognised by the following indications :—

1. In the lower left corner square two dots in front of the figure "2" and a group of dots in the upper right corner. In the lower right corner square the figure "2" is broken above the tail. A semicircular mark between the "2" and the "5" at top.
2. In the lower left corner square a coloured mark at the end of the down-stroke of the figure "5" and another between the flag and the body of the figure. In the lower right corner square the top of the figure "2" is defective.
3. In the lower left corner square the "5" almost touches the right margin. In the lower right corner square the ball of the figure "2" touches the left margin. There are one or two dots in front of the figure "2" and the figure "5" is defective at the base.
4. In the lower left corner the square has no right margin ; there is a coloured mark at the end of the down-stroke of the figure "5." In the lower right corner square there is a coloured mark in front of the figure "2" and a white flaw on the body of the "5."

- Copies of No. 4 may be found which have been retouched, the top left margin from the corner to the "N" of "VENEZUELA" having been drawn in, and the frame has no inner line.
5. The lower left corner square has no right margin; there is a nick in the tail of the figure "2." In the lower right corner square there is a thick coloured mark between the "2" and the "5"; the right margin of this square is thin.
  6. In the lower left corner square the figures "25" are close into the right bottom corner of the square, the top and bottom of the "5" touching the side of the square. In the lower right corner square the figures "25" are too high, practically touching the top of the square.
  7. In the lower right corner square the inner frame-work of the base is wanting.
  8. In the lower left corner square there are coloured dots at the foot of the figure "2" and a dot under the flag of the figure "5." In the lower right corner square the bottom of the figure "5" is defective; there is a group of dots in front of the figure "5" at the end of the down-stroke and inside the body of the figure.
  9. In the lower left corner square there is a flaw on the body of the "5" and on the top of the figure "2"; the top of the right side of the square is broken. In the lower right corner square there is a small flaw on the body of the figure "5" and a coloured mark at the end of the flag.
  10. In the lower left corner square there is a dot in front of the figure "2" and another behind the figure "5" near the right side of the square.
  11. In the lower left corner square the figures "25" are close into the bottom right corner; there is a large dot at the end of the down-stroke of the "5."
  12. In the lower left corner square there is a dot between the figures "2" and "5." In the lower right corner square the figures "25" lean well forward to the left.

*(To be continued.)*

## The Royal Philatelic Society, London.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SESSION 1919-20.

BY THE HON. SECRETARY.



It has been borne in upon me of late that the responsibility which rests upon the individual who for the time being occupies the position of your Honorary Secretary is heavy, and perhaps more so in connection with the Annual Report than in other respects, for such Report is not limited to the affairs of the Society itself, but in accordance with the traditions of the past, ranges over the whole field of philatelic events and interests. These Reports are matters of record, and it may be partly from their contents that the philatelic historian of the future will obtain particulars of the events and individuals of what may then be a long-past generation.

One writes, therefore, not merely for one's contemporaries, but for those who will occupy our positions and share the same interests in the days to come, and it behoves those who prepare these Annual Reports to bear this fact seriously in mind.

Once more it will be true to say that this session which is now ending will be memorable in the annals of our society.

The pre-War programme has been re-established and various new features have been introduced. There have been fifteen instead of eight or nine meetings, and the attendance has been much larger than in any previous year.

The membership of the Society has not only increased to an extent greater than ever before, but the limit of Fellows laid down in the constitution has been reached and exceeded, so that the duty of selection from among the members to fill future vacancies in the number of the Fellows will now have to be exercised by the Council for the first time.

In celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary an Anniversary Fund was established at a meeting of the Council held on the 27th May, 1919, for the purpose of securing a permanent home for the Society, and during the year £1,532 10s. 6d. has been raised by donations and subscriptions from ninety members. The amount desired is £5000, and until at least £2500 has been received it would not be wise to take any active step or incur any financial responsibility. One or two offers have been received of which the Council were for this reason unable to take advantage.

Our total membership is now 365, and if the remaining 275 will support the Fund it should be possible to take some practical steps during the coming year.

Unfortunately the tenancy of our present Office terminates on the 24th of this month; the tendency of the times has apparently been too strong for our landlords, upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of forcing us to seek other quarters. It is quite possible that the new Rent Restrictions Act would enable us to continue if we liked to take advantage of its provisions, but this we do not propose to do. We have to thank them for allowing us to retain for the present certain storage space on reasonable terms, and we hope to be able to continue our meetings next session in the room where we are now meeting.

As regards our Office, that is now being transferred to 1 Mitre Court Buildings, Temple (second floor); where our Secretary, Mr. A. C. Emerson, will be pleased to see members who may require information or may wish to discuss matters with him.

Unfortunately there is no room for the Library, which for the time being will be stored, and we are much indebted to Mr. A. de Worms for kindly providing storage accommodation for us.

All these difficulties and obstacles to our comfort and progress show the real necessity for our members to give substantial and early support to our Anniversary Fund.

Your Council has held fifteen meetings during the session and has had many important, difficult and delicate matters to deal with, all of which have been satisfactorily disposed of. Provision has been made for the future publication of the *London Philatelist*, the procuring of fresh offices, and the carrying out of the scheme for the preparation and award of the Crawford, Tapling, and Tilleard Medals.

The History of the Society, 1869-1919, referred to in the last Report, was duly published and copies have been supplied to all those who were members on the 31st December, 1919. It forms a most interesting record and a valuable addition to our Library. There are a few surplus copies which have been reserved for new members who may wish to acquire one.

The membership has diminished owing to deaths, resignations and other causes. Five have died since the last Report; four Fellows, namely, E. B. S. Benest (elected 1912), B. Loewy (elected 1896), Mount Brown (elected an Hon. Fellow 1916), and Wilmot Corfield (elected 1899 and a member of the Council and Hon. Curator of the National Collection), and one Member, K. Torjussen (elected February, 1920). Seven have resigned, Major J. J. Darlow (elected 1913), J. W. Gillespie (elected 1892), W. R. Lane-Joynt (elected 1889), L. L. Mercer (elected 1907), B. B. Tilley (elected 1913), C. de la Torre (elected 1915), and Lt.-Col. P. L. Reid (elected 1914). The names of seven Members have been removed from the register.

Forty-five new Fellows, nineteen Members, and one Associate have been elected during the year, viz. :—

*Fellows.*—Messrs E. R. Ackerman, E. Andrews, W. L. Ashmead, A. H. A. Bennett, H. Cardwell-Hill, E. S. Davidson, H. J. Dickenson, P. F. Doble, G. B. Duerst, F. A. Ellis, Rev. J. E. Faulkner, E. J. Gaspar, J. Stelfox Gee, Lieut.-Col. H. A. Keppel Gough, C.I.E., P. H. Hayes-Palmer, R. W. Hazell, T. Heath, Capt. the Hon. A. Henderson, O.B.E., B. G. Heydenryet, Jr., Major W. D. Heywood, E. H. Hirschberg, R. W. T. Jones, R. F. Joyce, R. Leonard, Snr., Lieut.-Col. S. G. Leslie, O.B.E., C. S. L. Martin, C. W. Matthes, the Hon. S. A. S. Montagu (formerly Associate), W. V. Moore, Lieut.-Col. R. K. Morcom, W. D. Murray, J. C. North, Capt. P. B. B. Oldfield, F. E. Pattison, R. L. Phillips, José Marco del Pont, Capt. H. M. S. Porter, M.C., H. H. Saby, G. A. T. W. Smith, W. T. Standen, C. A. Stephenson, F. D. Walters, L. E. Weiner, and Major W. H. Wilkin.

*Members.*—Messrs. J. Battersby, M.B., T. S. E. Blandford, J. H. Chapman, Capt. R. S. Chambers, A. Holland, J. A. Isakson, Dr. F. Lace, A. Law, W. H. M. Lee, Major F. McDouie, D.S.O., F. D. Mellors, F. W. Pixley, J.P., F.S.A., G. G. Timpson, K. Torjussen, J. Alan Walker, F. J. Webster, Capt. Norman Welsford, W. R. Wilkins, Lieut.-Col. H. Wood.

*Associate.*—Mr. A. R. Simpson.

The total membership on the register now amounts to 366, made up as follows :—

Fellows ..	348
Members ..	18
	366

and in addition there is one Associate.

The membership in June, 1919, was 321 (with one Associate). There are two vacancies among the Fellows which under the Articles will be filled by the Council by selection from the Members.

Fifteen meetings have been held during the session 1919-20, of which eight were devoted to Notes and Displays by various Members, two evenings were allotted to "Five Minute Papers," two more to the preparation of a Reference List of the Stamps of Queensland, one to Special Displays of Retouches and Re-entries, another to Special Displays of Errors and Varieties, and to a Paper

on and a Display of the 2d. and 3d. "Sydney View" Stamps of New South Wales, by Mr. C. Lathrop Pack, while the Annual General Meeting occupied the final evening.

The highest attendance at any meeting was forty-eight and the average thirty-one, and both figures compare favourably with those of preceding sessions.

The accounts, which will be submitted to the meeting, will shew a satisfactory financial position, the excess of assets over liabilities amounting to some £1720 (exclusive of the Anniversary Fund).

The following are short particulars of the transactions of the session :—

A Display of H.M.'s Collection of Heligoland Stamps with notes thereon, by the President.

A Display by Mr. B. Goodfellow of the 2d. Issue of New Zealand (Type 1).

Notes upon and a Display of the Early Issues of Mexico, by Mr. J. Hall Barron.

Notes on and a Display of Pre-1840 Essays of Great Britain with Illustrations, by Lieut-Col. A. S. Bates, D.S.O., T.D.

Notes on and a Display of the Early Issues and Waterlow Types of Chili, by Mr. W. Howard.

A Display with Notes of the War Stamps of Russia, by Major C. L. Bagnall, D.S.O., M.C.

A Display with Notes of the Stamps of Gambia and of Sierra Leone, by Mr. W. Glossop.

Notes upon and a Display of the Stamps of Persia issued during the last two reigns and covering a period of some twelve years since 1907, by Lieut-Col. G. S. F. Napier.

A Paper with Illustrations, by Mr. C. Lathrop Pack, on the 2d. Victoria (Half Lengths) and the Reconstruction of the Fourth Printing by Thomas Ham.

The Five Minute Papers were an entirely new feature in the programme, and the attendance showed that it was appreciated and ought to be repeated. They consisted of the following :—

The Vignette Plates of the Queen's Staircase Stamps of Bahamas, by Mr. E. W. Mann.

Early Issues of Newfoundland, by Capt. E. B. Purefoy.

Proofs of Great Britain 1d. black and the Reprint, by L. O. Trivett.

A Chilian Retouch, by the Vice-President.

Brazil, by Mr. W. Howard.

The Stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, by the President.

The History of the Irregular Perforation of the Queensland 1d. (1911) Compound 10½ to 11½, by the Rev. James Mursell.

British Stamps Seldom Seen, by Lieut.-Col. A. S. Bates, D.S.O., T.D.

Charles Henry Jeans—His Life and Work, by Mr. L. E. Bradbury.

Russia after 1917, by Major Darlow.

Two satisfactory features may be noted in connection with these displays and papers : one is the substantial number of new names among the contributors, and the other the fact that several of our country members have honoured us by coming from long distances to contribute to the pleasure and instruction of their fellow members.

We are indebted to Mr. R. B. Yardley for the time and trouble he has devoted to conducting and arranging the "Reference List" meetings, and next session we trust that the Committee, consisting of himself, Rev. J. Mursell, Capt. Crawford,



R.N., J. C. Chapman, and Mr. E. H. Collins, who were specially appointed to complete the list of the Queensland Stamps, will render an account of their labours.

Contributions towards the displays of Retouches, Re-entries, Errors, and Varieties were made by the following: The President, the Vice-President, Col. Bonhote, Capt. Crawford, and Messrs. R. B. Yardley, A. de Worms, G. C. Alston, D. C. Gray, Dr. Floyd, W. Howard, Lieut. Haworth, L. O. Trivett, and the Hon. Secretary.

The thanks of the Society are due to members and others for many gifts (some of which are of considerable value) for the Society's Library and to the National Collection.

*For the Library.*—The Survey of Egypt, the Smithsonian Institute, Capt. Crawford, R.N., Lieut. Haworth, C. Lathrop Pack, P. de Worms, Messrs. Bright and Son, and A. R. Simpson.

*To the Collection.*—H.M. The King, C. Lathrop Pack (including the two reconstructed plates of the 2d. 1st type Victoria, Thomas Ham's Fourth Setting), R. B. Yardley, Col. Bonhote, Col. Bates, Col. A. W. Chambers, Col. H. A. Keppell Gough, Col. Peile, R. W. Gray, I. J. Simons, Major Wildey, Capt. A. Hatfield, Jnr., Major E. B. Evans, Major Darlow, A. de Worms, G. J. Allis, J. J. Terry, Lieut. F. C. Graham, F. J. Peplow, F. Reichenheim, A. J. Hammond, E. A. Petterson, J. N. Marsden, A. M. T. Woodward, the Vice-President, and the Hon. Secretary.

The following papers and articles, written by our members, have been published in the *London Philatelist* since the close of the last session:—

- (1) The Postage Stamps of Venezuela, by the Vice-President and L. W. Fulcher.
- (2) Notes on the 1s. and on the 2d. New Zealand (Type I), by B. Goodfellow.
- (3) Notes on the Later Issues of Victoria and the Stamps of Denmark, by R. B. Yardley.
- (4) The Waterlow Issues of Chile and Bolivia and Peru during the Chilian Occupation, by Lieut. W. B. Haworth.
- (5) Albums, by C. F. Dendy Marshall, M.A.
- (6) A Retouched Plate of the 100 reis value of Brazil, by H. H. Harland.
- (7) A Retouch of the 10 c. blue Chile of January, 1862, by the Vice-President.
- (8) The Marine Official Stamps of Chile, by G. H. Dannatt.
- (9) The "Harold Row" Collection of the Stamps of Siam, by the President.
- (10) Catalogue Rank, by Major E. B. Evans.
- (11) The Status of Perforations in Philately, by B. Goodfellow.
- (12) Victoria Half-Length New Discoveries and Plating Progress, by C. Lathrop Pack.
- (13) A Reference List of Adhesive Stamps of Victoria for Payment of Postal Dues, by R. B. Yardley.

(14) The Early Issues of Mexico, by J. H. Barron, and

(15-19) Five of the "five-minute" papers before referred to, namely, those of the President, E. W. Mann, Col. Bates, the Rev. J. Mursell, and Major Darlow,

Amongst the various works that have recently been published attention ought specially to be called to *The Stamps of Spain (1850-54)*, by Hugo Griebert, which will be the Standard Work on this Country and should conduce to the well-deserved popularity of these stamps.

It is difficult to understand why collectors have not taken a greater interest in this country; those who do so will find themselves well rewarded.

Mr. Percy de Worms' History of the Society has been referred to and has earned for him the gratitude of every member, and Lieut. Haworth has written and published an interesting work entitled *An Outline of the Postal Issues of Chile*, a copy of which he has presented to the Library.

A very interesting history of the stamps of Mecca, beautifully illustrated, was issued by the Survey of Egypt, and a large number of presentation copies were sent out, but some few copies were, and perhaps still are, available for the ordinary individual.

A work on the Leeward Islands, by Capt. Hopkins, should also be mentioned, and also various Handbooks, viz.: the Dutch Indies, by the Netherlands Philatelic Society, another on Gibraltar, by Major Higham, and two published under the auspices of the Indian Philatelic Society.

All our Members are also awaiting with considerable interest the publication of *The Great Britain Line-Engraved Postage Stamps of Perkins Bacon & Co.* (1840-1880), written by our President, and a copy of which will be presented to every member who was elected on or before the Anniversary Meeting on the 10th April, 1919.

Owing to the regrettable resignation of Mr. Lane-Joynt another Special Representative will be required for Ireland.

The following is a list of those who are now acting in this capacity:—

Scotland—Dr. E. Beveridge, LL.D.	Belgium—Major Larking.
Ireland—	France—Mr. H. L. Churchill, C.M.G.
Wales—Mr. Walter Scott.	Holland—Mr. H. P. Manus.
Australia—Mr. A. F. Basset Hull.	Italy—Dr. E. Diena.
British Guiana—Mr. A. D. Ferguson.	Persia—Mr. R. W. Gray.
Canada—Mr. Victor A. E. Goad.	Portugal—Mr. J. N. Marsden.
Cape of Good Hope—Mr. Gilbert Allis.	Russia—Mr. G. Kirchner.
Natal—Mr. J. Hope Chamberlain.	Sweden—Mr. Hilmer Djurling.
New Zealand—Mr. A. T. Bate.	Switzerland—Baron A. de Reuterskiöld
Transvaal—Mr. H. S. Meyer.	United States of America—Mr. C. Lathrop Pack.
Rhodesia—Mr. F. H. Melland.	

Mr. Gilbert Allis has introduced a considerable number of new members during the past session.

Members will be interested to know that Mons. Von Ferrary by his last will left a legacy to our Society in the shape of a perpetual annuity of 6000 kronen. Technical, legal and international difficulties have, however, arisen, Mons. Von Ferrary being legally an Austrian subject, so that whether or not the Society will ultimately derive any benefit from his intended liberality is a matter upon which members are quite at liberty to speculate, but upon which there is some considerable doubt as to whether our Hon. Treasurer will feel justified in expending the funds which are under his control.

The proposed sale of the Ferrary Collection will probably excite a much keener interest in the minds of the members than the benefaction to which they are entitled, and the sale, if ever it does take place, is likely to break a good many records.

The question of an International Exhibition under the auspices of our Society

has again been considered by the Council, who, following the example of their predecessors, have referred its further consideration to their successors.

In the meantime there have been exhibitions by the Bergen Club and also at Turin in October last, while the Leicester and Nottingham Societies held a joint Exhibition in December-January last, and the North of England Philatelic Society have shown surprised Southerners last month that their members possess and can exhibit collections of rare merit and considerable value.

The restored provinces of France, as represented by the Philatelic Society of Mulhouse, are already making their arrangements for an International Exhibition in 1921, and our Society has accepted an invitation to form part of its Comité d'Honneur.

In July and August next the Boy Scouts are having a Jamboree at Olympia at which stamps are to be shown in competition, and the necessary arrangements are being made by Mr. L. O. Trivett, one of our Fellows, to whom we tender our best wishes for a successful reunion.

Philately has suffered a heavy loss in the person of Mr. Mount Brown, one of the connecting links between ourselves and the early days of our hobby, and also in the person of Mr. Wilmot Corfield, who was not only a member of our Council and the hard-working and energetic Curator of our National Collection, but also one whose ability and willingness were recognised by those with whom he came in contact.

The vacancy on the Council has been filled by Col. Bonhote, and our new Curator is Mr. Louis E. Bradbury, and we have been fortunate to secure his services.

There has been no alteration in the membership of the Expert Committee, but a considerable increase in the amount of the work they have been called upon to do. There appears to be the possibility of the establishment of another Expert Committee in connection with the Stamp Trade, and if the tentative proposals assume a practical form the philatelic public may be congratulated upon another obstacle being placed between forged specimens and their own collections. There would appear to be ample scope for the labours of this new body, and in any case our Expert Committee was and is primarily intended for the use of our own members, so that there is no reason why there should not be cordial co-operation between the two bodies.

The designs for the Society's Medal have been under consideration. It is proposed that the obverse side shall be engraved with a portrait of the member who is commemorated and whose name will also appear, while on the reverse of all three medals the following words will be inscribed "ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY, LONDON, Founded 10th April, 1869—'Utile dulci.'"

The following awards have been made by the Council for the present year:—

*The Crawford Medal* to Mr. Hugo Griebert for his work entitled *The Stamps of Spain, 1850-1854*.

*The Tapling Medal* to Mr. C. Lathrop Pack for his paper with illustrations on the 2d. Victoria (Half-Lengths) and the Reconstruction of the Fourth Printing by Thomas Ham.

*The Tilleard Medal* to Lieut.-Col. A. S. Bates, D.S.O., T.D., for his Display of the Essays of Great Britain.

The War has been responsible for the issue of an enormous quantity of new stamps which are surcharged on existing and prior issues with a consequent flood of errors and varieties. Opinions will differ as to the advantage or disadvantage

that Philately will derive in the long run from these issues, but at the moment the market value of some of them rival those of the earlier genuine issues which were made for postal purposes only.

Some of the prices realised during the season which is now ending may be worth noticing. Among them are Great Britain I.R. Official £1 green, £110, and a 1s. Board of Education green and crimson, £80; a double Geneva, £95; Naples  $\frac{1}{2}$  tornese, used, £85; Moldavia 108 (2 copies), £130 and £146; Buenos Ayres 4 p. red, unused, £70; Tuscany 3 lire (slightly thinned), £100; Mauritius 1848, a strip of three on bluish paper, £355; the Large Fillet 2d. (nine copies) at from £50 to £130 each, and two copies of Ceylon, 1857, 4d., dull rose, one for £80 and another for £40. As regards War Stamps, a set of six East Africa, 1915, overprinted "O.H.B.M.S. MAFIA" on German Fiscals fetched £145, and a Mint Collection of Baghdad (twenty-five stamps) £300.

A copy of the India 4 annas with inverted head sold for £360, but proved to be a forgery, and a poor copy of a Mauritius Post Office fetched £480.

It is rumoured that a 1d. and 2d. of this issue have recently been sold abroad and have fetched record prices.

It would be wrong to close this record without some reference to the Seventh Philatelic Congress at Newcastle, whose sessions have just terminated. It was well attended, the proceedings were useful and interesting and not entirely devoid of humour, while the Exhibition provided by the members of the North of England Philatelic Society was remarkably well staged and arranged, and the stamps themselves were a revelation of the philatelic treasures the members possess. Those who were present would have been sorry to have missed the opportunity and appreciated to the full the results of the energy that had been expended without stint for their entertainment and amusement.

A more detailed report of this Congress will, I understand, be published in the *London Philatelist* in a forthcoming number. Your delegates there were our President and Messrs. Green, de Worms, and Oldfield (the last-named taking the place of Mr. Bradbury, who was prevented from attending at the last moment).

The suggested "Order of Philatelic Merit" will not be proceeded with, but the question of an award or diploma for services rendered is to receive the early and favourable consideration of the Permanent Congress Executive Committee. Some interesting papers on the subject of Sectional Catalogues for Specialists, the Status of Perforations, and the Superabundance of War Stamps were read, and if philatelic societies generally will start "Reference List Evenings" and select countries in which several of their members are specially interested the resulting lists might be submitted to the Eighth Philatelic Congress and some practical results might ensue.

No nominations or notices of resignation having been received the names of the retiring members of the Council and Officers will be submitted to the meeting for confirmation as the Council for the year 1920-21, should it be the desire of the Fellows and Members that they should so act, and they will no doubt be able to bring fresh minds and new and vigorous action to bear upon the various points which will be submitted to them for consideration and as regards a possible International Philatelic Exhibition for reconsideration. Possibly the New Council will not be so anxious as the last two have been to shelve this important subject.

Our present Auditors, Col. Chambers and Mr. W. Howard, being eligible submit themselves for re-election.

The success of the new programme depends to a small extent upon the Officers and to a much greater extent upon the Fellows and Members themselves. There will be an opportunity of seeing the National Collection, or some part of it, and also some portions of the Forgeries Collection.

The arrangements for making both these Collections available for philatelists generally will also require serious consideration during the coming session.

It is hoped to have two meetings for five-minute papers, and we shall be glad to receive promises from members to read these, and the sooner we get them the better for all parties concerned. One evening will be devoted to "rare stamps," three to the preparation of Reference Lists, and seven will be available for Papers and Displays; and here again much labour would be saved if members offer instead of waiting to be asked.

The *London Philatelist* is being enlarged and improved. Our Vice-President has consented to continue his work as Editor for the present, and we look forward to finding in its pages matters of general philatelic interest in addition to those in which our members may be specially interested or concerned.

The Ideal as regards our Journal will be nearer realisation if Fellows and Members would not only read but regard and practically treat it as a medium for intercommunication, and respond to the invitations which are occasionally addressed to them in its pages.

I feel that in closing the present Annual Report I must congratulate you all on the progress made and thank many of you for the support and interest Mr. P. de Worms and I have received, and on behalf of the Society I would tender to our Secretary, Mr. A. C. Emerson, an expression of thanks for the willing work and valuable help he has given for very many years past, the benefit of which I have practically realised of late more than I had done previously.

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD.

*Hon Secretary.*

1 June, 1920.

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DONATIONS TO THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S COLLECTION  
MADE FROM 17TH JUNE, 1919, TO 17TH JUNE, 1920.

*Adhesives.*

- H.M. The King. A number of specimens of adhesives of the British Colonies and Foreign Countries.
- Col. John Bonhote. Bulawayo currency stamps.
- Col. A. W. Chambers. Reconstructed plate of Great Britain, 1d., red, with London postmarks.
- Major J. J. Darlow. Imperf. and rouletted stamps of Russia.
- R. W. Gray. Persian.
- T. W. Hall. Various.
- J. N. Marsden. Various.
- Charles Lathrop Pack. Two made-up groups of thirty 2d., Victoria (half-lengths), fourth printing by Thos. Ham. Two blocks, one of a hundred, the other of twelve, from the sheet of the 2 c., U.S.A., issue of 1917, containing three 5 c. errors.
- Col. S. P. Peile, c.B. Various.

- Franz Reichenheim. Various French stamps, some on originals, and postal documents ; Persia, Dutch Indies, pro-Juventute Swiss and English, etc.
- I. J. Simons. Several made-up sheets of 1d., red, Great Britain, and a number of stamps with Navy postmarks.
- J. H. Smyth, Ltd. New issues of Australia, etc., mostly in blocks of four, unused.
- C. E. Tanant. Japanese ; also U.S.A. stamps for use in Shanghai.
- J. J. Terry. Various.
- Major A. W. G. Wildey. Block of 1880, 1d., venetian-red, Great Britain, unused.
- A. M. T. Woodward. Various.
- R. B. Yardley. Reprints of Samoa.

*Forgeries (various).*

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| G. J. Allis.                    | F. J. Peplow.      |
| Lieut.-Col. A. J. Keppel Gough. | J. J. Terry.       |
| Lieut. F. C. Graham.            | Campbell Williams. |
| A. J. Hammond.                  | A. de Worms.       |
| J. N. Marsden.                  | P. de Worms.       |
| E. A. Paterson.                 | R. B. Yardley.     |

*Entires, etc.*

- H.M. The King. A quantity of entires of the British Colonies and Foreign Countries.
- Lieut.-Col. A. S. Bates, D.S.O. Casts of coins from which the designs of the 1911 Grecian stamps were taken.
- Major E. B. Evans. A very considerable number of post cards, envelopes, etc., and stamps on original covers.
- Capt. A. Hatfield, Jnr.
- Capt. H. R. Oldfield.

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## Occasional Notes.

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### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

**T**HE Office of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and the *London Philatelist* has been removed to 1 Mitre Court Buildings, Temple, London, E.C. 4, to which address all communications relating to the *London Philatelist* and the business of the Society should be made. Works of the Society and copies of the *London Philatelist* can only be obtained at 1 Mitre Court Buildings, Temple, London, E.C. 4.

**W**E understand Mr. Percy C. Bishop, the former Editor of the *Fortnightly* and other papers, is leaving England for a permanent residence in South Africa. We further understand that a testimonial is being got up for Mr. Bishop by the proprietors of the *Fortnightly*. Should any of our readers feel disposed to contribute to that fund, will they forward their contributions to Messrs. Plumridge and Co. at 61-62 Chancery Lane? They will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

## The Royal Philatelic Society, London.

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1919.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.								
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Balance 31st December, 1918,						Rent and Office					
at Parr's Bank . . . . .		100 6 2				Expenses . . . . .	220	2	8		
1919.						Contribution to					
Subscriptions and Entrance						London Philatelist . . . . .	124	16	0		
Fees received . . . . .	499	3 6				Printing, Post-					
Sale of Works, &c. . . . .	17	0 6			ages, etc. . . . .	89	10	5			
Dividends . . . . .	37	9 2			Sundry Pay-						
			553	13	2	ments . . . . .	22	15	8		
Fifty Year Fund and Interest						-----				457	4
on Deposit . . . . .		1256 13 8				FIFTY YEAR FUND—					
						Deposit Account					
						and interest . . . . .	805	5	8		
						Investment					
						Funding Loan. . . . .	420	0	0		
						-----				1225	5
						INVESTMENTS—					
						£38 10s. 3½%					
						War Loan . . . . .	33	12	0		
						£12 14s. 11d 3½%					
						Cape . . . . .	9	4	0		
						-----					42
						Balance at Bank					
						Current Acct. . . . .	153	18	7		
						Fifty Year Fund . . . . .	31	8	0		
						-----					185
											6
											7
						-----					
						£1910 13 0					£1910 13 0
LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.								
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Exhibition Trust Account . . . . .		361 1 6				Cash at Parr's Bank . . . . .	185	6	7		
Subscriptions paid in advance . . . . .		26 3 0				Cash on Deposit . . . . .	805	5	8		
Balance, being Surplus of						£650 4% Funding Loan at					
Assets over Liabilities . . . . .		2982 13 3				cost . . . . .				520	0
						£305 3% Consols,					
						valued at . . . . .	160	0	0		
						£210 10 6 5% War					
						Loan cost . . . . .	200	0	0		
						£100 5% War					
						Bonds (1928)					
						cost . . . . .	100	0	0		
						£208 4s. 6 3½%					
						War Loan, cost . . . . .	182	19	0		
						-----				642	19
						£388 4s. 10d. Cape 3½% at					
						cost . . . . .				361	1
						Library, Furniture, etc.,					
						Society's Works . . . . .	850	0	0		
						Subscriptions outstanding,					
						valued at . . . . .				5	5
						-----					
						£3369 17 9				£3369 17 9	

C. E. McNAUGHTAN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION FUND.

FURTHER DONATIONS RECEIVED UP TO JUNE 10, 1920.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
M. H. Horsley . . . . .	100	0	0	W. Cowland . . . . .	1	1	0
Sir N. E. Waterhouse . . . . .	10	10	0	H. E. Deats . . . . .	1	1	0
Capt. the Hon. A. Henderson, O.B.E. . . . .	5	5	0	Dr. E. Diena . . . . .	1	1	0
T. Wickham Jones . . . . .	5	5	0	T. D. F. Evans . . . . .	1	1	0
W. Scott . . . . .	5	5	0	A. Holland . . . . .	1	1	0
W. T. Wilson . . . . .	5	5	0	F. E. Horton . . . . .	1	1	0
H. Dickson . . . . .	5	0	0	W. V. Morten . . . . .	1	1	0
W. D. Heywood . . . . .	5	0	0	Col. S. P. Peile, C.B. . . . .	1	1	0
E. Lewis . . . . .	5	0	0	Lady Egerton . . . . .	1	0	0
A. H. Stamford . . . . .	3	3	0	A. J. Hammond . . . . .	1	0	0
G. B. Duerst . . . . .	2	2	0	Miss W. R. Stannard . . . . .	0	5	0
W. Ehrmann . . . . .	2	2	0				
J. L. Green . . . . .	2	2	0	<i>Spread over Five Years</i>			
W. G. Hamersley . . . . .	2	2	0	Major E. B. Evans . . . . .	10	10	0
F. E. Patterson . . . . .	2	2	0	J. B. Wivell . . . . .	10	10	0
Franz Reichenheim . . . . .	2	2	0	E. S. Davidson . . . . .	7	10	0
G. F. Rotherham . . . . .	2	2	0	W. H. Tarrant . . . . .	5	5	0
Miss A. Cassels . . . . .	1	1	0	Rev. J. G. Faulkner . . . . .	5	0	0

## The Seventh Philatelic Congress.



PLEASANT journey, on a Bank Holiday late afternoon and evening in pleasant company, brought me safely and happily to Newcastle-on-Tyne in time for a good night's repose in preparation for the strenuous duties which awaited those enthusiastic devotees who were destined to meet in congress on the following Tuesday morning.

The proceedings commenced with an informal gathering tempered with coffee and smoke, which produced a fitting atmosphere in which old friendships and acquaintances could be renewed and fresh ones made. The hosts and the stewards did their utmost to promote feelings of contentment and good nature amongst the delegates with abundant success, as was evidenced by the harmonious, if somewhat quaint, procedure which followed when the serious business of the day commenced.

And here one would like to interpose an expression of gratitude for and appreciation of the arrangements made by the President, officers, and members of the North of England Philatelic Society, which conduced so much to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests.

The meeting-place—the Lecture Theatre in Neville Street of the North of England Institute of Mining Engineers—was ideal for the purpose. The opening address of the President was short and to the point. The second item on the programme was much more interesting than the subject seemed to promise. Owing to the passing years (a disease from which many of us suffer), change of residence, and other causes, one of the members of the Recording Committee was unable to undertake the duties of the office, and when the delegate who was unanimously elected to fill the post felt himself unable to accept the offer, trouble began, for the remaining original member who had accepted his nomination without protest suddenly discovered that pressure of work and other causes would prevent *him* from acting. Fortunately no one paid the slightest attention



to his repeated objections, the only acknowledgment being a fleeting and possibly sympathetic or pitying smile from the Chairman. After several failures, which proved that delegates were more ready to nominate than to act, one stout-hearted nominee was heard to say that he had plenty to do but did not suppose a little more would hurt him, and the problem was solved amid the cheers of a relieved and applauding Congress.

Still more exciting events were, however, destined to follow. The Hon. Secretary presented the Report of the Permanent Congress Committee and pointed out that although nine of the former thirty-eight supporting Societies had ceased to exist, or had become quiescent during the War, there were still thirty-five Societies who had signified their concurrence in the present Congress, and that invitations had been received from Leeds for 1921, from Bath for 1922, and from Glasgow for 1924. His report contained certain recommendations with regard to the appointment of special secretaries to sub-committees, which disturbed the mind of a critical and persistent stickler for order, who pointed out, after the adoption of the report had been moved and seconded, that this recommendation might prejudicially affect succeeding items on the agenda. Eventually the new permanent Committee was appointed with instructions to revise the existing rules and to make recommendations prior to the close of the present Congress, and the Hon. Secretary's report was received and adopted after the elimination of the offending clause.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution relative to procedure to be moved from the chair. The Chairman, however, explained that unforeseen circumstances had already brought him to his feet so often that he felt the need for a little rest, and he consequently called upon another delegate to undertake that duty, which he obediently proceeded to do in words select, well chosen, and few in number, an example which evidently appealed to another delegate, who also served as substitute for the seconder named in the agenda, and whom we subsequently gathered was responsible for its wording but had discreetly omitted to attend to support and justify his offspring.

Our persistent critic evidently recognised his opportunity and promptly rose to enquire of the Chairman what the resolution was intended to convey, as after much study he had been unable to attach even a glimmer of intelligent meaning to what he regarded as the incoherent words of which it was composed.

The listening Congress, waiting for condign punishment to be administered for this rash query, was stupefied to hear the Chairman admit that he himself did not pretend fully to understand what the resolution meant nor what action would follow upon its passing, and he unkindly suggested that perhaps the proposer would be good enough to furnish the required explanation, and the expression on the face of this deligate was only equalled by the look of horror on the face of the Hon. Secretary when he was called upon to solve what appeared to be an insoluble problem.

Obviously the subject was one which required to be shelved at the earliest possible moment, but, like many such, the desirability, though evident, was not so easily accomplished. An amendment was moved by our genial critic which was not really an amendment but amounted practically to a direct negative, and when this had been seconded by the same delegate who had seconded the resolution (or so it appeared to your present recorder) the mover of the resolution intimated that he would "only be too happy" to withdraw it, and the seconder stated he withdrew his action and that consequently the subject must drop.

Another delegate moved that the Congress do proceed to the next business. The Chairman at this moment rose nobly to the emergency and announced that as the official proposer named in the agenda and as Chairman of the meeting he withdrew both resolution and amendment, and the Congress obediently proceeded to the next business, which was safely and happily completed, and the proceedings of the morning session came to an harmonious and satisfactory conclusion just in time for the important ceremony of lunch.

The afternoon witnessed the official opening by the Municipal Authorities of Newcastle of an exceedingly interesting Philatelic Exhibition, very efficiently organised by the North of England Philatelic Society.

All the exhibits well deserved the attention they received, the most noticeable of all being the stamps shown by Mr. M. H. Horsley, a Vice-President of the Society entertaining. These included Switzerland (a double Geneva and a 4 cent Vaud, both unused), the Canadian pence, Trinidad, New South Wales (several strips of the 3d. Sydney Views and numerous single copies, all in perfect condition and illustrating every known shade), New Zealand, South Australia, Western Australia (including the 4d. inverted frame), Victoria, Tasmania (with four 1d. blue, unused, and a magnificent strip of four used and three frames of rare stamps, which it would take too much space to describe). It was worth going to Newcastle *to see these exhibits alone, and our members will be glad to know that Mr. Horsley is coming to London in November to give us a display, and that he will also be a contributor to a "rare stamps" evening, which is to form one of the items of our forthcoming session.* Other exhibitors who contributed largely to the success of the Exhibition were Messrs. W. J. Cochrane (President of our hosts), H. W. Barron, B. Goodfellow, H. B. Spowart, J. T. Vasey, and Major Bagnall, D.S.O., M.C. Mr. Cochrane's Argentine were exceptionally interesting. Mr. Barron's exhibits included a fine lot of Ceylon and Gambia. Mr. Goodfellow's Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland deserved special notice. Mr. Spowart showed interesting frames of Chile and the Gold Coast; while Major Bagnall specialised in War Stamps, more particularly in Russian.

Mr. J. Coltman showed a single specimen collection of U.S.A., which was nearly complete except for the inverted and some other varieties. The labours of the day were brought to a conclusion with a reception given by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Sheriff at the Laing Art Gallery.

The serious business of the Congress commenced on Wednesday, 26th May, when papers were read by Messrs. Bishop, B. Goodfellow, and by Mr. W. Howard (on behalf of Mr. T. H. Hinton).

Mr. Bishop urged the preparation of sectional catalogues for specialists, and Mr. Goodfellow that the scope of the catalogues and their contents should be reduced by the elimination of perforation varieties which did not mark any definite period, issue, or distinctive shade. He described himself as an iconoclast, which he explained really meant an idol breaker, and he hoped he would not be misunderstood and taken merely for an idle speaker. He certainly succeeded in drawing the delegates into a discussion, in which Messrs Marsden, Bacon, Barron, Bishop, Sefi, Vallancy, and Mrs. Field took part, and the conclusion come to seemed to be that perforation checking should be undertaken really and properly as an aid to the study of Philately, as a means toward attaining an object and not as the object itself.

*With regard to Mr. Bishop's suggestion, the best method would apparently be for the various Societies to arrange for reference list nights, dealing with the*

stamps of countries in which several of their members were specially interested, such lists when completed to be forwarded to the Permanent Congress Committee for consideration and eventual publication under the auspices of the Committee.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to inspections of a printing works, a tobacco factory, Durham Cathedral, and various places of interest in Newcastle, while a reception in the evening at the Laing Art Gallery by the President and members of the North of England Philatelic Society brought the proceedings of the day to a happy and harmonious termination.

Thursday was devoted to pleasure in the shape of a long motor excursion and to a further inspection of stamps both at the Exhibition and the Dealers' Bourse, while it was rumoured that two misguided individuals wandered away into the wilds of the Town Moors in search of an errant and missing golf ball.

At Friday's session the revised rules were considered at great length and were eventually approved and passed. Executive powers were conferred upon the new Committee in the hope that some practical result may be presented to the Eighth Congress for approval or consideration.

A paper written by Mr. Armstrong on "Philatelic Propaganda" was read, in his absence, by Mr. Vallancy, which emphasised the alleged fact that every household in Switzerland rejoiced in the possession of a gramophone, and he looked forward to the time now rapidly approaching when the stamp album and collection would prove a serious rival to its popularity so far as Swiss families were concerned. As far as one could gather Mr. Armstrong advocated as desirable a similar joint popularity in British households.

The real object of his paper was to indicate the various methods by which the hobby of stamp collecting could be encouraged and extended, and to urge upon the long-suffering Congress and its Committee the desirability of their taking, both separately and in concert, active steps towards this end. A discussion ensued in which many delegates took part, a resolution was moved and seconded to appoint a sub-committee, and an amendment to refer the whole matter to the Permanent Executive Committee, and the inevitable point of order was also raised and discussed. The voting was equal when the amendment was submitted, and the Chairman gave his casting vote in its favour.

Not much time was left for the report and motion relative to the establishment of an Order or the grant of a Diploma of Philatelic Merit. The former proposal was judiciously withdrawn in face of the practically unanimous opinion of those present, and the question of an Award or Diploma was referred to the Permanent Executive Congress Committee to consider and to report upon to the next Congress (poor Committee, I pity you—and sincerely sympathise with your component parts).

A really interesting and comprehensive closing address by Mr. Walter Scott, J.P., closed the proceedings, all the more creditable to its author because, on his own showing, he had been under the impression he would be called upon to read an address prepared by other persons, the credit for which he could take or the discredit for which he could avoid at his option.

Friday afternoon devoted to a river excursion and an evening banquet brought the proceedings of the Seventh Philatelic Congress to a happy and successful conclusion.

The Leeds Philatelic Society have undertaken to be the hosts for next year, and the meeting will probably be held at Harrogate.

## New Issues.

### NOTES OF NEW, AND VARIATIONS OF CURRENT, ISSUES.

We do not profess to chronicle everything, but, with the kind help of correspondents, are desirous that all the important novelties may be included. Speculative stamps—i.e. those not really required for postal purposes—will be considered on their merits.

Members of the Royal Philatelic Society, and other readers generally, are invited to co-operate with us in making the columns as interesting as possible. Our foreign readers can especially help us in this direction, by sending copies of any official documents relative to changes in the current issues, or early intimation of any new issue, accompanied, when possible, by a specimen; such information will be duly credited to the correspondent, and, if desired, the specimen promptly returned. Address: MR. A. CHURCHILL EMERSON, 1 MITRE COURT BUILDINGS, TEMPLE, E.C. 4.

#### BRITISH EMPIRE.

JAMAICA.—A handsome 10s. stamp is to hand from Mr. R. Roberts. Broad oblong in shape, it bears the King's portrait in the centre supported by two cherubs and crown above. "POSTAGE," "REVENUE" left and right of the head "GEORGE V" in label at top, and below

OF  
JAMAICA  
SUPREME LORD.

The colour is dark myrtle green, perf. 14, value 10s. in colour on white squares each side at foot. Wmk. Multiple Crown C A sideways.

*Adhesive.*  
10s., dark myrtle green.

RHODESIA.—Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. inform us that an error of colour exists in the current £1 stamps, one consignment having been printed in violet and black instead of purple and black.

#### EUROPE.

BELGIUM.—The *Stamp Lover* informs us that the 5 fc. stamp of the 1915 (Havre) issue, with the inscription in Flemish at the top of the stamp corrected from "5 FRANKEN" to "5 FRANK" has now been placed on sale. White wove paper, no wmk., perf. 14.

HOLLAND.—The *Stamp Collector* lists a 60 c., olive and green, in the current portrait type and two new Postage Dues, viz. 25 c. and 50 c., both in blue.

ICELAND.—We gather from the *S.C.F.* that the 20 c. yellow-green and grey stamp chronicled on page 118 as for ordinary use is really a new Official; the colour of the ordinary 20 c. is bright blue.

*Official.*  
20 c., yellow-green and grey; wmk. crosses, perf. 14 x 14½.

SWEDEN.—Mr. W. T. Wilson sent us a new issue of six varieties, perf. 10 and imperf. The stamps, we are told, are at present only issued in rolls of five hundred stamps, but will, later on, appear in sheets.

Design—3 öre : three small crowns in a ball surmounted by a large crown, "SVERIGE" above and "3 ÖRE 3" at foot.

5 öre and 30 öre : a very ugly Lion in the centre with paw on a small ball with three crowns in centre of it. Value at top left and "SVERIGE" at foot.

10 öre, 15 öre and 20 öre : Full face portrait of the King at left half of centre with value in the right half; "SVERIGE" at top.

#### *Adhesives.*

3 öre, brownish red.  
5 " green.  
10 " carmine-rose.  
15 " plum.  
20 " blue.  
30 " brown.

#### AMERICA.

COSTA RICA.—We have not had any new issue to chronicle for this country for about three years.

*Mekeel's Weekly* has received a copy of the 5c. of 1910 surcharged—

"HABILITADO  
SEIS  
CENTIMOS  
1920"

in black.

*Provisional.*  
6 c. on 5 c.

GUATEMALA.—Two new provisionals of this country are chronicled in *Mekeel's Weekly*.

The 30 c. value of 1918, it is stated, has been surcharged with "1920" in blue, and at the same time bears the overprint "2 CENTAVOS" in black. The other is the 60 c. of the same issue, and this has "2 CENTAVOS" in black at the top, while at the lower left is "1920" in red.

HONDURAS.—A companion stamp to the one chronicled on page 38 is reported in the *American Philatelist*.

*Adhesive.*  
20 centavos, orange-brown.

**OTHER COUNTRIES.**

CHINA (Japanese Post Office).—The *Stamp Collector* informs us that the Japanese stamps of the issue of 1919 have been overprinted with the usual Jap characters (S.G. Type 71) for use in the Japanese post offices in China.

*Adhesives.*  
6 sen, red-brown.  
8 „ grey.  
30 „ claret.  
50 „ brown.

ERITREA.—The overprint "COLONIA ERITREA" on the Italian postage stamp of 1919, 15 c., grey, is reported in several quarters.

*Adhesive.*  
15 c., grey; perf. 14.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The *American Philatelist* chronicles the 16 centavos unwatermarked and perf. 11.

*Adhesive.*  
16 c., yellow olive.

*Mekeel's Weekly* lists the 20 c. wmk. "P.I.P.S.," perf. 11.

SIAM.—Messrs. Bright and Son inform us that the following stamps have been overprinted in black with a Tiger's face, and the words "SCOUTS' FUND" in English underneath and native inscription over the top of the face:—

- 2 satang, brown.
- 3 satang, green.
- 10 on 12 satang, green and brown.
- 15 satang blue.
- 1 tical, blue and brown.

WALLIS AND FUTUNA ISLANDS.—From Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co.'s Monthly List we gather that the current stamps of New Caledonia have been overprinted "ILES WALLIS ET FUTUNA" for use in this French Dependency.

## Philatelic Societies' Meetings.

### The Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Patron—HIS MAJESTY THE KING.  
Hon. President—H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.  
Council for the Year 1919-20.  
President—E. D. BACON, M.V.O.  
Vice-President—THOS. WM. HALL.  
Hon. Secretary—CAPTAIN HERBERT R. OLDFIELD.  
Hon. Assistant Secretary—P. DE WORMS.  
Hon. Treasurer—C. E. McNAUGHTAN.  
Hon. Librarian—L. W. FULCHER.  
J. H. BARRON. F. J. PEPLow.  
LIEUT.-COL. A. S. BATES, D.S.O. SIR CHARLES STEWART  
W. DORNING BECKTON. WILSON, K.C.I.E.  
COL. JOHN BONHOTE. A. DE WORMS.  
LIEUT.-COL. G. S. F. NAPIER. R. B. YARDLEY.

The fourteenth meeting of the session 1919-20 was held at 4 Southampton Row, W.C., on Thursday, 13th May, 1919, at 5.45 p.m.

Present.—E. D. Bacon, M.V.O., Herbert R. Oldfield, F. J. Peplow, Capt. C. W. G. Crawford, C.B.E., R.N., Capt. S. P. C. Vesey, C.B.E., L. O. Trivett, J. L. Green, Lieut.-Col. P. B. Akroyd, Lieut.-Col. C. G. S. Harvey, L. W. Fulcher, Alex. Holland, Lieut.-Col. Geo. S. F. Napier, Thos. Wm. Hall, Louis E. Bradbury, P. J. Allen, C. F. Dendy Marshall, M.A., A. de Worms, E. W. Mann, Lieut. W. M. Holman, C. H. Schill, Sir C. Stewart-Wilson, K.C.I.E., Col. John Bonhote, W. Howard, F.R.G.S., F.R.C.I., Percy de Worms, L. Dorning Beckton, Ernest H. Collins. Visitors: M. J. Harding, Mrs. Harvey.

The chair was taken by the President, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th April were read and signed as correct.

The Hon. Secretary reported the death of Mr. Karl Torjussen, who had been elected a Fellow of the Society on the 5th February, 1920, and also the resignation of Mr. J. W. Gillespie (elected in 1892), and he was instructed to communicate the sympathy of

the members to Mr. Torjussen's relatives and their regret to Mr. Gillespie that the state of his health necessitated his resignation.

A telegram of congratulation from the Kristiana Philatelist Club on the eighty years jubilee of Postage Stamps was read, and the Hon. Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same with thanks.

Col. John Bonhote presented for the Society's Collection a block of four specimens of a forgery of the 5 frs. value, first issue of Monaco.

The President reported that Mr. Bradbury was unable to attend the Philatelic Congress at Newcastle-on-Tyne and that the Hon. Secretary had been appointed a delegate in his place, and such appointment was approved.

Mr. Frank Duncan Mellors, proposed by Mr. L. O. Trivett and seconded by Mr. W. V. Morten, was after ballot declared duly elected a member of the Society.

The business of the evening consisted of Notes upon a Display of the Stamps of Persia issued during the last two reigns and covering a period of some twelve years, from 1907, by Lieut.-Col. G. S. F. Napier.

It is hoped that the Notes will be published in the *London Philatelist*. The Display was complete in all details and included a number of blocks and single specimens of the rare Kermanshah surcharged issue of January, 1917, with the black and the blue surcharge.

A very cordial vote of thanks was moved by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Harvey, and unanimously carried.

The fifteenth meeting of the session 1919-20 (being the Annual General Meeting) was held at 4 Southampton Row, W.C., on Thursday, 3rd June, 1920, at 5.45 p.m.

Present.—E. D. Bacon, M.V.O., Herbert

R. Oldfield, Thos. Wm. Hall, F. J. Peplow, Louis E. Bradbury, Ernest H. Collins, A. C. Emerson, L. O. Trivett, I. John Simons, J. L. Green, Lieut. W. M. Holman, Capt. C. W. G. Crawford, c.B.E., R.N., Lieut.-Col. P. B. Akroyd, L. W. Fulcher, W. Howard, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.L., Col. John Bonhote, A. de Worms, Col. A. W. Chambers, v.D., Percy de Worms, Sir C. Stewart-Wilson, K.C.I.E., C. McNaughtan, W. T. Standen. Visitors: E. C. Baxter, A. R. Baxter.

The chair was taken by the President, and the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May, 1920, were read and signed as correct.

Upon the motion of the President it was unanimously resolved that a telegram should be despatched to Lord Stamfordham, P.C., K.C.M.G., at Buckingham Palace in the following terms:

"The Council and Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, assembled at their Annual General Meeting tender to His Majesty their respectful duty and cordial congratulations on his birthday with their best wishes for his health and happiness."

In the course of the evening a reply was received as follows:—

"The Hon. Secretary, Royal Philatelic Society, Southampton Row, W.C.

I am commanded to convey to the Council and Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society, assembled at their Annual Meeting, the King's sincere thanks for the congratulations to which they have given expression on His Majesty's birthday.—Stamfordham."

The President produced for the inspection of the Fellows and Members the following gift presented by His Majesty for the Society's Collection, viz.:—

Two sets of Panama stamps in blocks of four one set bearing the overprint "Canal Zone."

Other gifts at the meeting comprised:—

War stamps of the Czecho-Slovakian Republic from Mr. I. J. Simons.

A forgery of the 4 c. on 5 c. Straits Settlements from Messrs. Watson and Bullen, and a forgery of a pair 1d. Sydney View, Plate I (varying types), from Mr. Peplow.

The Hon. Secretary then presented his Report on the work of the Society for the past year, which will be published in the *London Philatelist*, and on the motion of the President, seconded by the Vice-President, the Report was received and adopted, coupled with a very cordial vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Asst.-Secretary.

The Accounts of the Hon. Treasurer and the Balance Sheet of the Society were then read by Col. Chambers together with the Report of the Hon. Auditors. Mr. L. O. Trivett moved and Mr. W. T. Standen seconded the adoption of the Report and coupled with it a very hearty vote of thanks to them and to the Hon. Treasurer, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr. E. H. Collins moved and Mr. L. Bradbury seconded a resolution that the officers and members of the Council be re-elected for the ensuing year, and they were declared to be unanimously so re-elected.

Mr. I. J. Simons moved and Mr. J. L. Green seconded the re-election of Col. Chambers and Mr. W. Howard as Hon. Auditors, and this resolution having been

unanimously carried the proceedings then terminated.

At the same meeting Mr. J. Alan Walker, proposed by Mr. W. Dorning Beckton and seconded by Mr. J. Stelfox Gee, was after ballot declared duly elected a member of the Society.

## Manchester Philatelic Society.

MINUTES of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on Friday, May 14th. The President, Mr. W. Dorning Beckton, in the chair.

Minutes of last Meeting and last Annual Meeting read and adopted. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Royal Society for their kindness in including the Manchester Society in the distribution of the monthly copies of the *London Philatelist*, which had been provided for by the generosity of a Fellow of the Royal Society whose identity was not disclosed.

After dealing with the correspondence a few stamps were passed round, Mr. Jordan showing a 4d., imperf., Gambia, with head doubly impressed, also an envelope posted in Manchester bearing a penny stamp of Jamaica and a halfpenny of Great Britain, which had franked the letter at the 1½d. rate.

Mr. Munn showed a doubly surcharged 1s. of Griqualand, and Mr. Berry a used pair of N.S.W., 2d., watermarked Crown N.S.W., with a stop after the twopence on each stamp, the normal being without.

Mr. Berry was thanked for his presentation of a copy of *Guide de Collectionneur Spécialiste de Timbres-poste*, by Fernand Serrane.

The Report of the Hon. Secretary showed a satisfactory season of progress, the membership being increased by seven and standing at the record number of 117. The average attendance, twenty-one, was an increase of five upon last year.

The Librarian reported thirty-two books had been borrowed, one less than last year, twenty-two new volumes had been purchased, and a presentation by the Royal Society of a copy of its History.

The Hon. Treasurer's revenue account showed a balance in favour of the Society of £46 15s. 3d., an increase of £7 on last year's amount, and the capital account £273 os. 2d. in favour of the Society.

The Packet Comptroller reported that for 1918-19, 196 sheets to the value of £3466 8s. 4d. were received, and the sales therefrom £665 13s. 1d. (19½%), and for 1919-20, October to January, 101 sheets, value £2230 4s. 11d., the sales from the October and November packets, £194 6s. 2d. (15¾%).

The President formally moved, and Mr. Duerst seconded, the adoption of the four reports, which were ordered to be placed on the minutes.

The election of officers resulted exactly as the last session.

*President*.—W. Dorning Beckton.

*Vice-Presidents*.—W. G. Hamersley, G. B. Duerst, W. W. Munn.

*Hon. Treasurer*.—B. Goodfellow.

*Hon. Secretary.*—J. Stelfox Gee.  
*Hon. Assistant Secretary.*—Mendel Albrecht.  
*Hon. Librarian.*—J. R. M. Albrecht.  
*Packet Comptroller.*—John H. Taylor.  
*Committee.*—J. S. Higgins, Geo. Ginger, C. H. Schill.  
*Packet Committee.*—E. H. Hirschberg, J. A. Taylor.  
 The Hon. Secretary reported the arrange-

ments partly made for next session's syllabus and for the Picnic to be held on July 24th to the Manifold Valley, via Ashbourn, by motor charabanc.

Mr. Berry proposed, and Mr. Higgins seconded, the best thanks of the meeting to the President for his business-like conduct of the proceedings of the meeting.

J. STELFOX GEE, *Hon. Sec.*

## MANCHESTER PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

## LIST OF MEMBERS 1920.

Albrecht, M.	Hagen, F. (c.)	Pemberton, P. L.
Albrecht, J. R. M.	Harrop, Capt. T.	Pemberton, A. L.
Allen, G. F.	Hearsey, Major.	Pattenson, W. Ross.
Allen, T. (c.)	Humfrey, A. C.	Preston, Percy.
Bacon, E. D. (H.)	Hirschberg, E. H.	Perceval, Mrs. (c.)
Beckton, W. Dorning.	Halden, W. T.	Pond, Percy J.
Bennett, A. H. A.	Heywood, Major.	Plumpton, C. A. V.
Brooks, Joseph.	Hudson, J. A.	Roberts, Vernon (H.).
Berry, D. A. (L.)	Hilton, T. W.	Rogers, Major (c.).
Bowdon, W. G. (c.)	Israels, H.	Roberts, C. Warren.
Brown, Wm.	Jones, H. H. (c.)	Reilly, Lieut.-Col. E. W.
Burgen, A.	Jones, B. Gordon (c.).	Simpson, J. W.
Burgen, A.	Jones, R. W. T.	Scott, Walter (c.).
Burton, Capt. G. S. M. (c.)	Jesson, G. A. T.	Savage, J. H. M. (c.)
Bridge, John.	Jordan, F. W.	Sparrow, R. B.
Byshell, Dr. W. J. S.	King, J. K.	Simpson, F. A. (c.)
Cooper, John.	King, J. T. B.	Smith, Rev. W. E.
Campbell-Kelly, T. A.	Kricoressian, K. H. (c.)	Smith, Thos. S. (c.)
Cartwright, F. (c.)	Keynes, Dr. J. N. (c.)	Spicer, Rev. G. W. (c.)
Calder, R. F.	Lees, J. T.	Stern, Wm.
Camden, A. L.	Lund, Dr. H.	Sefi, A. J.
Clark, Chas.	Leask, H. Norman.	Schill, C. H.
Duerst, G. B.	Leigh, A. D.	Smith, G. A.
Darlow, Major.	Lockhart, R. H. D.	Taylor, John H.
Dannat, G. H. (c.)	Munn, W. W.	Taylor, James.
Daniel, Rev. W. E. (c.)	Massey, S. W.	Taylor, J. A.
Evans, Major E. B. (H.)	Marx, Dr. E. F. (c.)	Thompson, W. S.
Floyd, Dr. E. W.	Milne, H. W.	Thompson, D. W.
Farrer, W. E. (c.)	Milne, W. E.	Warner, T.
Faulkner, Rev. J. E.	Moore, Rupert.	Ward, Rev. L. F.
Gee, J. Stelfox.	Murray, Dunbar.	Wrigley, Seth.
Gillett, Oswald.	McGarry, J. H.	Wade, Herbert (c.).
Goodfellow, B.	Martin, R. B.	William, J. E.
Ginger, Geo.	North, John C.	Whitehouse, A. E. M.
Godden, Frank.	Nissen, C. (c.)	Weinberg, Fred S. (L.)
Groom, Dr. Theodore, M.A.	Norrington, G. F.	Walker, J. Alan.
Hamersley, W. G.	Newsome, Arthur.	Webb, Sydney.
Higgins, J. S.	Ostara, Miss W. (c.)	de Worms, Anthony.
Hughes, John (c.).	Orton, Rev. L. L.	Yardley, R. B.

## The Market.

NOTE.—Under this title will be inserted all the information that may refer in any way to the financial aspects of Philately, e.g. the sales or values of stamps, the state of the Market, Trade publications, etc.

## MESSRS. PUTTICK AND SIMPSON.

Sale of May 4th and 5th, 1920.

	£	s.	d.	
* Unused, other than Mint.				* Unused, other than Mint.      £ s. d.
Gibraltar, Jan., 1886, 4d., 6d., and				Naples, 50 gr., pale lake,* thinned
1s., all*	5	10	0	India, 1854, ½ a., red, Die 1, vert.
Great Britain, 1867-83, Cross, £1	5	10	0	pair; Die 2, hor. pair; 4 as.,
				Die 2, hor. pair, and a single,
				used together on entire      . 14 0 0
				Mafeking, 6d. on 3d., Bechuana-
				land Protectorate, mint      . 4 5 0

* Unused, other than Mint.			* Unused, other than Mint.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Gambia, 1869, no wmk., imperf., 6d., blue	4	2	6	Cameroons, 1915, 1st French issue, 1 c. to 2 fcs., set of 15, mint	10	10	0
Ditto, 1874, C. C., imperf., 4d., brown	4	0	0	Ditto, 1916, 2nd French issue, 1 c. to 2 fcs., set of 15, mint	9	0	0
Gold Coast, 20s., green and red, mint	18	0	0	Cape Triangular, 1855-8, 1d., brick-red, block of 4 (one stamp defective)	6	0	0
Ditto, ditto, pair,* poor colour and marks on face	10	0	0	Lagos, 1904, single C A, 10s., green and brown, mint	10	0	0
Lagos, 2s. 6d., olive-black, mint	8	10	0	Niger Coast, 1894, 1 on half, 2d., green and carmine, vert. strip of 3, on piece	5	7	6
Ditto, 5s., blue, ditto	11	0	0	Ditto, 1894, Aug., ½d. on 2½d., blue, blocks of 4 £4 5s. and	4	17	6
Ditto, 10s., purple-brown, ditto	24	0	0	Togo, 1914, narrow printing, 5 pf., on piece	5	5	0
Mauritius, 1859, 2d., blue on bluish	7	5	0	Ditto, 1915 on Gold Coast), 2d., "OCCUPATION" mint	5	5	0
Ditto, Dec., 1859, 2d., pale blue	4	15	0	Ditto, ditto, 2½d., ditto, ditto	5	15	0
Natal, 1857, 3d., rose, pair, on entire, little close at bottom	10	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 3d., ditto, ditto	7	0	0
Ditto, 1908-9, £1*	4	5	0	Ditto, ditto, 6d., ditto, ditto	5	10	0
Niger Coast, 1893, 5s., in violet on 2d., green and carmine, mint	19	10	0	Ditto, ditto, 1s., ditto, ditto	5	10	0
Seychelles, 1901, 6 c. on 8 c., inverted, ditto	5	10	0	Ditto, ditto, 2s., ditto, ditto	10	0	0
Sierra Leone, C A, 4d., blue, ditto	5	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 2s. 6d., ditto, ditto	8	10	0
Ditto, 1897, 2½d. on 2s., Type D*	5	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 5s., ditto, ditto	10	10	0
New South Wales, 1855, imperf., 5d., dull violet, colour trial, mint	11	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 10s., ditto, ditto	14	0	0
Tasmania, 1858, Jan., proof of the 1s. in crimson of unissued design, mint	9	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 20s., ditto, ditto	15	0	0
Victoria, 1856, imperf., colour trial of the 1d. in rose-red*	8	0	0	New Britain, 1914 (Dec.), on Marshall Islands, 3d. on 25 pf., mint	5	10	0
Collections, 5900	30	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 3d. on 30 pf., ditto	5	10	0
Ditto, 2300	30	0	0	Ditto, 1915, 1 on 2d. on 10 pf., block of 4, ditto	6	0	0
Ditto, 4834, Imperial	88	0	0	Samoa, 1915, Sept., ½d. on 5 pf., comma after 1, on piece	4	0	0
Ditto, 1605, Oppens	17	0	0	Ditto, ditto, another, double overprint, mint	19	0	0
Ditto, 1986, Mahé	24	0	0	Ditto, ditto, 2½d. on 20 pf., comma after 1	4	0	0
Sale of May 18th and 19th, 1920.							
Great Britain, 1d., black, reconstructed sheet of 240 with black postmarks	26	0	0	Tasmania, 1856-7, no wmk., imperf., 2d., emerald-green	4	4	0
Ditto, "I.R. OFFICIAL," 1892, £1, green	4	0	0	Collection, British Colonies, 3714, Imperial	63	0	0
Modena, 1853, 9 c., dull mauve, large inscription, close at left	5	5	0	Ditto, 4250, Senf	44	0	0
Sicily, 50 gra.	6	10	0	Ditto, 475, Lallier	54	0	0
Baghdad, 1917, Sept., ½ a. on 10 p., green,* slightly creased	14	10	0	Ditto, 2115, Permanent	68	0	0
Ditto, do., 1 a. on 20 p., red, mint	13	0	0	Ditto, 4300, Plain	48	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1 a. on 20 p., red, small star in blue, mint	5	0	0	Ditto, 4177, Paragon	28	0	0
Ditto, ditto, ½ a. on 10 p., rose, Turkish Fiscal, ditto	10	0	0	Ditto, 1005, Lallier	18	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1 a. on 20 p., ultramarine, ditto	24	0	0	* * *			
Ditto, ditto, 2 a. on 1 p., bright blue, Type 30, red, overprint,* slightly creased	6	0	0	MESSRS. PLUMRIDGE AND CO.			
Ditto, ditto, star and crescent with date within crescent, 1 a. on 20 p., pale rose, Type 30, mint	12	0	0	Sale of May 6th and 7th, 1920.			
Ditto, ditto, 1 a. on 20 p., rose (on 1905 issue), mint	10	0	0	Canada, 6d., purple-black, laid, pair	11	0	0
Bushire, 1915, Aug., 5 ch., carmine and brown, mint	9	0	0	Ditto, 6d., dull purple, ditto, pair	15	10	0
Ditto, another copy, used	9	0	0	Ditto, 6d., ditto, thin wove, pair	15	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 2 k., mint	4	15	0	Ditto, 6d., greenish black, medium wove	5	5	0
Ditto, another copy, used	5	5	0	Ditto, 6d., brownish black, ditto	5	10	0
Ditto, ditto, 3 k.	6	0	0	Ditto, 6d., reddish purple, thick, soft	10	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 5 k.	6	10	0	Ditto, 7½d., green, mint	15	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 10 k.	4	10	0	Ditto, another copy, used	5	15	0
Ditto, 1915, Sept., 3 ch., deep green, on piece	18	0	0	Ditto, 6d., dull purple, perf. 12	11	0	0
				Ditto, 12½ c., green, imperf., S.G. 41A	5	0	0
				Cape Triangular, blue paper, 1d., brick red, block of 4, slight crease	5	5	0



* Unused, other than Mint.	£	s.	d.
Ceylon, 1857, ½d., lilac on blue, mint . . . . .	10	0	0
Ditto, 1857-8, imperf., 5d., chestnut* . . . . .	5	0	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 8d., brown, slight defect . . . . .	12	0	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 9d., purple-brown* . . . . .	5	5	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 1s., dull violet* . . . . .	14	14	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 1s. 9d., yellow-green* . . . . .	5	15	0
Ditto, ditto, rough perfs., 8d., rich brown* . . . . .	13	10	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 8d., yellow-brown,* trimmed at right . . . . .	8	10	0
Ditto, ditto, no wmk., 9d.* . . . . .	9	0	0
Ditto, perf. 12½ × 14, 2 rs. 50 c., mint . . . . .	6	10	0
Ditto, perf. 12½, 2 rs. 50 c., ditto . . . . .	14	0	0
Ditto, C A, 16 c., lilac, ditto . . . . .	12	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 24 c., brown-purple, ditto . . . . .	11	0	0
France, 1970-3, 15 c., bistre, tête-bêche, pair, S.G. 174 . . . . .	15	0	0
Great Britain, 1d., black, posted at Montrose on May 6th, 1840, on entire . . . . .	10	10	0
Ditto, 1840, 2d., blue, strip of 5, red postmark . . . . .	9	0	0
Ditto, 10s., Anchor . . . . .	6	10	0
Ditto, 1, Orbs . . . . .	6	10	0
Oldenburg, 3 gr., black on yellow . . . . .	9	10	0
Russian Levant, 1865, 2 k., brown and blue . . . . .	22	0	0
United States, Locals, 3339 . . . . .	31	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1460 . . . . .	29	0	0
Collection, Colonials, 1123 . . . . .	25	0	0
Ditto, Imperial, 2400 . . . . .	70	0	0

Sale of May 20th and 21st, 1920.

British Honduras, 50 c. on 1s., grey	5	5	0
Cameroons, ½d. to 5s., set of 13, mint . . . . .	9	0	0
Canada, 6d., purple-black, wove . . . . .	5	0	0
Ditto, 6d., reddish purple, thick soft paper . . . . .	8	0	0
Cape Woodblock, 4d., dark blue, defects . . . . .	7	5	0
Cayman Islands, 1908, Feb., 2½ on 4d., mint . . . . .	7	12	6
Ceylon, rough perfs., 8d., yellow-brown,* perfs. trimmed at right . . . . .	6	0	0
Gibraltar, 1889, value omitted, S.G. 35, mint . . . . .	40	0	0
Ditto, 1903, 1, mint . . . . .	8	15	0
Ditto, 1904-7, 1, ditto . . . . .	7	15	0
Gold Coast, 1889-94, 20s.* . . . .	6	5	0
Great Britain, 1840, 2d., pale blue* . . . . .	5	0	0
Ditto, "V.R.," 1d., black* . . . . .	10	10	0
British Levant, 40 p. on 2½d., double surcharge, mint . . . . .	11	10	0
India, 1905, ¼ a. on ½ a., inverted surcharge . . . . .	6	10	0
Lagos, 1904, 10s., mint . . . . .	9	0	0
Natal, 1908-9, 1, mint . . . . .	5	10	0
Northern Nigeria, 1904, 1, 25, mint	56	0	0

* Unused, other than Mint.	£	s.	d.
Nyasaland, 1896, 10, orange and black, mint . . . . .	26	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1, 25, green and black, ditto . . . . .	50	0	0
Ditto, 1903-4, 10, mint . . . . .	24	0	0
Ditto, 10, purple and ultramarine, mint . . . . .	37	0	0
Rhodesia, 1896, 8d., imperf., mint	5	10	0
St. Vincent, Star, 5s.* . . . .	20	0	0
Seychelles, 1893-6, 18 c. on 45 c., double sur., mint . . . . .	10	5	0
Straits Settlements, 1879-82, 7 c. on 32 c., no stop after cents, mint . . . . .	5	0	0
Ditto, 1905, 25, mint . . . . .	6	10	0
Ditto, 1907-11, 100, ditto . . . . .	22	0	0
Tobago, First Issue, 20s., ditto . . . . .	15	0	0
Transvaal, 1902, 1, ditto . . . . .	13	10	0
Zululand, 1894, 1, 5 . . . . .	6	6	0
Ditto, 1888, 1, 5, mint . . . . .	6	10	0
Ditto, ditto, 1, 20, ditto . . . . .	16	0	0

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MESSRS. HARMER, ROOKE AND CO.

Sale of May 5th and 8th, 1920.

France, 1849-50, 15 c., deep green, on entire . . . . .	4	15	0
Ditto, ditto, another copy . . . . .	3	15	0
Ditto, ditto, 1 fr., rouge-terne, on entire, slightly rubbed . . . . .	13	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1 fr., carmine, strip of 3, on piece . . . . .	5	5	0
Ditto, ditto, another strip of 3 . . . . .	4	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1 fr., carmine, pairs 72s. 6d. and . . . . .	4	4	0
Ditto, 1870, Bordeaux, 20 c., ultramarine, Type 3, on entire . . . . .	4	12	0
Ditto, another copy . . . . .	3	15	0
British Guiana, 1858-9, 1 c., brownish red . . . . .	7	5	0
British Levant, Beirut Provl., 1 p. on 2d. m't . . . . .	7	10	0
Tuscany, 1851, 1s., on piece . . . . .	4	12	0
New Brunswick, 1s. . . . .	11	15	0
Moldavia, 1858, 54 p., on piece . . . . .	24	0	0
Saxony, 3 pf., repaired . . . . .	11	10	0
Togo, 1915, 10s., thin "G," mint . . . . .	5	10	0

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British Guiana, 1852, 1 c. . . . .	12	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 4 c., little rubbed . . . . .	9	0	0
Ditto, Feb., 1856, 4 c., 2 pin-holes . . . . .	12	10	0
Canada, 12d., black on wove, pair* . . . . .	200	0	0
Cape, 1863-4, 1d., brown-red, block of 4, mint . . . . .	8	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 4d., pale blue, pair, mint . . . . .	5	5	0
Great Britain "I.R. OFFICIAL," 1, Edwardian, small defect . . . . .	100	0	0
India, 1854, 2 as., pale green, mint, strip of 8 . . . . .	6	10	0
Ditto, ditto, 4 as., inverted head, cut square and with certificate . . . . .	20	0	0
Naples, ½ t., Cross* . . . . .	10	0	0
Ditto, another copy, used, little thinned . . . . .	10	0	0

	£	s	d.
* Unused, other than Mint.			
Sicily, 5 gr., in the colour of the 50 gr., minute defect	5	0	0
Mauritius, March, 1859, 2d., late Intermediate, pair, with an 1859 is., on entire	25	0	0
Ditto, Oct., 1859, 2d., No. 7, slight defect.	30	0	0
Natal, 1857, is., buff, 26 × 22	8	10	0
New Brunswick, is., mauve	30	0	0
Saxony, 3 pf., brown-red, pair, on piece	125	0	0
Tasmania, 1853, 4d., orange, block of 6, slight defect	29	0	0
Cape, 1855-8, 1d., block of 4, mint	8	10	0
Ditto, 1861, 4d., medium blue	11	0	0
Ceylon, imperf., 2s., blue	11	0	0
Great Britain, 1914, 1s., Control E 14, mint	9	0	0
Grenada, 4d. on 2s., strip of 3, with upright "D" variety, mint	8	5	0
Ditto, 1889, ½d. on 2s., double surcharge, mint	3	17	6
Sale of May 19th and 20th, 1920.			
Great Britain, £5, orange	4	10	0
Ditto, "I.R. OFFICIAL," 1887-92, £1, slight crease.	6	0	0
Turks Islands, 1917, War Tax, 1d., pair, inverted overprint, mint	5	10	0
Baghdad. Postally used copies—			
I a., S.G. 10	16	0	0
S.G. 17 and 24, on entire	6	6	0
S.G. 23	7	10	0
Mint copies—			
S.G. 3	23	10	0
S.G. 5	£15 and	15	0
S.G. 7	16	0	0
S.G. 9	20	0	0
S.G. 11	5	0	0
S.G. 12	16	0	0
S.G. 19, strip of 3	5	5	0
S.G. 22	£7 and	8	0
Bushire, 1915, 5 ch.	7	15	0
Ditto, 1 k., mint	4	0	0
Ditto, 2 k., ditto	8	15	0
Ditto, 3 k., ditto	9	10	0
Ditto, 5 k., ditto	8	10	0
Ditto, ditto, 10 k., mint	8	10	0
Cape, 1855-8, 4d., blue, S.G. 10, two blocks of 4, mint each	7	7	0
Ditto, 1863-4, 1d., red-brown, block of 4, mint	7	7	0
Ceylon, imperf., 9d., purple-brown	6	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1s. 9d., mint	10	0	0
Gibraltar, 1903, £1, mint	8	8	0
Great Britain, 1862, 9d., hair lines, with certificate	11	0	0
Ditto, "I.R. OFFICIAL," 1884-5, 5s.	5	10	0
Tuscany, 3 lire, yellow, repaired	24	0	0
Marshall Islands, G.R.I., 1914, second printing, 3d. on 25 pf., mint	4	0	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto, 3d. on 30 pf., ditto	6	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 1915, 1d. on 2d. on 10 pf., two blocks of 4,* one stamp defective each	9	0	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, a pair*	4	12	0
Johore, 1904, \$100, mint	7	10	0

Sale of May 26th, 27th, and 29th, 1920.

	£	s.	d.
* Unused, other than Mint.			
Cape, 1861, 1d., minute defect	6	10	0
Ditto, 1863-4, 1d., brown-red, block of 4, mint	8	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 4d., pale blue, ditto, ditto	8	0	0
Ceylon, imperf., 8d., brown, small margins	8	10	0
Great Britain, 1867-83, Anchor, £1	8	0	0
Ditto, £5, orange	4	0	0
Ditto, another copy on bleuté	9	0	0
Ditto, 2s., brown	4	10	0
Newfoundland, 1s., scarlet-vermilion, minute defect	8	10	0
Bangkok, 2 c. on 32 c., pale red, mint	6	5	0
British Central Africa, 1895, £10, orange-vermilion	6	10	0
Ditto, 1897, £10, yellow, mint	20	0	0
British South Africa, 1898, £10, lilac, ditto	9	10	0
Ceylon, imperf., 9d.	8	10	0
Ditto, ditto, 1s. 9d.*			
£6 15s. and	7	15	0
Ditto, ditto, 1s. 9d., used			
£5 10s. and	12	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 2s. (2) each	7	10	0
Gold Coast, 1901, 1d. on 6d., mauve, "One" omitted, mint	5	15	0
Great Britain, £5, mint			
£7 10s. and	9	10	0
Mafia, second printing, set of 10	19	0	0
Nevis, Litho., 4d.*	4	12	0
Ditto, ditto, 6d., mint	6	10	0
New Brunswick, 1s.			
£10, £13 10s., £16 10s., and	18	10	0
Newfoundland, 2d., scarlet-vermilion, repaired	10	0	0
Ditto, 4d., orange-vermilion*	10	0	0
Ditto, 6d., orange-vermilion*	9	10	0
New South Wales, Sydney, 3d., green	7	0	0
Ditto, 1855, imperf., 5d., dull green	13	0	0
New Zealand, London Print, 2d., deep blue on bleuté, pair	15	10	0
Nova Scotia, 1s., mauve, slight tear	9	10	0
Sierra Leone, 1904-5, £1, mint	4	10	0
Tasmania, 1892-9, £1, pair, mint	8	5	0
Victoria, 1854, imperf., 1s., blue, block of 12	19	0	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d., grey-black	4	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1856, imperf., 18 k., blue	4	12	0
Ditto, 1858-60, imperf., 18 k., blue	3	12	6

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Natal, 1857, 6d., green	3	0	0
British Guiana, 1858-9, 1 c., brownish red	3	12	6
Canada, 6d., purple-black, thin paper	4	0	0
Egypt, Suez Canal, 5 c., four copies, on entire, pen cancelled	5	15	0