

NEW ISSUES AND DISCOVERIES

Fiji.—"The Colonial Office Journal" for October announces that this colony has decided to adopt the new color scheme, but without alteration of designs. The 1/ green on carmine, of which a supply was only recently sent out with multiple watermark, will thus have a short life, as the next issue will be black on green.

New South Wales.—Mr. Finch has shown us the 5d. O.S. type 2, perf. 12 x 11½.

Punctured O.S. type 2.

5d. green, wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., perf. 12 x 11½.

New Hebrides.—We received from Port Vila on the 30th ultimo our first consignment of Fiji stamps overprinted for use here, as per illustration given above. The ½d. and 1d. stamps being printed in one color, have no bar over the word Fiji, but all the other values, viz., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., and 1/, have had the word "Fiji" printed out with a color similar to its own, over which the words, "New Hebrides," have been printed in black, the word "Condinium" appearing at the bottom of the frame containing the King's portrait, and just above the value. The ½d. and 1d. stamps in our consignment are printed on multiple watermarked paper, but all the other values, including the 1/, are printed on single Crown and A paper.

We are unable to say definitely where the overprint on these stamps was applied, but from its uniformity and regularity, and the fact that we were unable to discover the slightest variation in any of the sheets submitted to us, we are of the opinion that the overprint was applied before the stamps left Messrs. De la Rue's establishment, where the Fiji stamps are prepared. The letters are very uncommon, so we are informed, and it appears to us that the printing has been done from electrotypes prepared from a single setting.

The fact that a change in the Fiji 1/ stamps has been notified (see above), we are wondering as to the likelihood of the scarcity in the near future of the 1/ stamps overprinted New Hebrides which have just come to hand.

½d.	King's head	green, and black
1d.	"	" carmine and black
2d.	"	" purple, orange and black
2½d.	"	" " and blue on blue, and black
5d.	"	" " green and black.
6d.	"	" " carmine and black
1/	"	" " green, carmine and black

New Zealand.—Mr. Ulph has sent us specimens of the 3d. value perforated 14 x 15, and Mr. Malone has shown us the 1d. current with the present watermark, clean cut perf. 14 x 14½. This stamp further complicates matters, as the perforation is quite distinct, it is neither 14 nor 15. In this respect it differs from the others which we have recently chronicled. Has a third rotary machine been brought into use in the New Zealand office? Mr. Malone's stamp is postmarked '07.

1d. carmine, wmk. N.Z. and star, perf 14 x 14½.

3d. yellow brown (reduced size), wmk. N.Z. and star, perf. 14 x 15.

Victoria.—Mr. T. Nicklin sends us a postcard dated 19th November, as follows:—The 3d. Victorian has been for many months issued in pale orange (or some say orange yellow). The 5/ was issued perf. 12½ in September last, and in August last the 5d. was issued in black-brown. Why are these not recorded?

At the time of writing Mr. Nicklin had evidently not read last month's journal. It was posted to him on the 10th. Therein we chronicled the 5/ Victoria. Specimens of the 3d. orange yellow came to us in the ordinary course of business, but as we were not acquainted of the issue of this stamp by any of our correspondents it escaped notice. We