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Officer Elections at AGM 2006

At the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Society at Philatex this year (Sat 28th Oct) there will be a number of Officer positions open for election, namely: Chairman, Treasurer, Auditor, Membership Secretary and Archivist. For the other positions the current incumbents will be standing for re-election.

Any member wishing to stand or just considering assisting the Society in some way should make themselves known to one of the existing Officers.

Elections for officer positions take place every two years.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2006

| | |
|--|---|
| Wed 20 th to Sun 24 th Sep | Autumn Stampex, Business Design Centre, Islington, London (Angel tube) |
| mid October | Runner Post #67 issued |
| Thu 26 th to Sat 28 th Oct | Autumn Philatex, R.H.S. Hall, Greycoat Street, London (Victoria tube) |
| Sat 28 th Oct | AGM and informal meeting; 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. - Room 22 at Philatex |
| Fri 3 rd to Sun 5 th Nov | Southern African Specialist Societies Conference 2006. Falstaff Hotel, Leamington Spa. Contact Brian Trotter for bookings. |

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| Thu 22 nd to Sat 24 th Feb | Spring Philatex, R.H.S. Hall, Greycoat Street, London (Victoria tube) |
| Sat 24 th Feb | Informal meeting; 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Room 31 at Philatex Southern Africa Specialist Societies meeting; 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Room 31 at Philatex |
| Sat 3 rd Nov | 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Annual meeting - Room 22 at Philatex |

* The Society encourages members to bring Bechuanaland or Botswana philatelic material to Society meetings. If members do plan to bring along material, and especially if they have questions, however minor, it would be helpful if they could alert the Secretary, noting if and what material they will be bringing along and what questions they have. Prior notice enables the Secretary to forewarn and co-ordinate other members who may want to prepare information or send or bring along comparable material.

News

RSI not RSA

This issue of Runner Post is slightly thinner than planned, owing to the Editor succumbing to a bad case of RSI (Repetitive Strain Injury).

Yes, all the mouse work involved in image manipulation, software testing and on-line gaming has finally gotten to me.

After eight weeks of osteopathy I'm finally able to

cope with short stints of the intricacies of laying out The Runner Post. Hopefully normal service will be resumed soon.

We are taking a short break in Bruce's Postmark Survey this issue, but it will be back next issue, along with more of Dennis' Official Free Marks Survey.

Also next issue we should have the results of the Basutoland/Swaziland question. There is still chance to include the slip (or a scrap of paper) in with your subscription payment to the Treasurer (statements with this issue). Or e-mail the Editor or Treasurer.

Hope to see you all at the AGM.

Editor

Postal Bid Sale No.16 - 20-05-06 Prices Realised

| LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | LOT | £ | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----------|--|
| 1 | 310 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 25 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 30 | 7 | 36 | 8 | 570 | 9 | 210 | 10 | 6 | | |
| 11 | 15 | 12 | 21 | 13 | 23 | 14 | 83 | 15 | 34 | 16 | 41 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 130 | 19 | 16 | | |
| 20 | 15 | 21 | 26 | 22 | 15 | 23 | 18 | 25 | 46 | 26 | 35 | 27 | 8 | 28 | 9 | 28 | 13 | | |
| 30 | 15 | 32 | 20 | 33 | 13 | 34 | 8 | 35 | 97 | 36 | 29 | 37 | 17 | 40 | 26 | 41 | 51 | | |
| 42 | 28 | 43 | 46 | 44 | 31 | 45 | 31 | 46 | 75 | 47 | 1.50 | 48 | 1 | 49 | 8 | 50 | 3 | | |
| 51 | 13 | 52 | 20 | 54 | 11 | 55 | 2 | 57 | 8 | 58 | 1 | 59 | 3 | 60 | 4 | 61 | 3 | | |
| 62 | 6 | 63 | 3 | 64 | 30 | 65 | 18 | 66 | 71 | 67 | 71 | 68 | 20 | 69 | 20 | 70 | 8 | | |
| 72 | 8 | 73 | 40 | 74 | 72 | 75 | 1.50 | 76 | 1.50 | 77 | 2 | 78 | 20 | 79 | 26 | 80 | 80 | | |
| 81 | 105 | 82 | 6 | 83 | 8 | 84 | 15 | 88 | 17 | 89 | 4 | Total | | | | | | £2997.50 | |
| Lots 4, 24, 31, 38, 39, 53, 56, 71, 85, 86, 87 remained unsold | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The halfpenny vermilion of 1st November 1887, SG9

by Brian Hurst

The minimal cost solution chosen in order to provide a definitive series of postage and revenue stamps for the Colony was to appropriate an existing series of key Inland Revenue stamps known as the 'Unappropriated Dies', by having De La Rue imprint them with the words 'British Bechuanaland' 'Postage & Revenue'. This presented a problem, however, in that the series did not contain the halfpenny value essential for postage of printed matter, etc. A solution was found by having De La Rue overprint the recently introduced halfpenny vermilion 'Jubilee' issue of Great Britain with the words 'British Bechuanaland'.

Thus was born a stamp which not only was to survive throughout the remaining life of the Crown Colony, but came to be overprinted or surcharged locally for use in the Protectorate on no less than five occasions.

The Printings

The basic stamp was produced in sheets comprising two panes of 120 stamps each (10 rows of 12 stamps), one above the other. The overprint was applied by De La Rue on four separate occasions by means of a typeset stereo printing plate covering a single pane of 120 stamps. Marginal control letters had recently been introduced by De La Rue for paper accounting purposes, and since four different letters (B, D, F and L) are recorded on the overprinted stamps, it seems reasonable (though unproven) to assign a different letter to each of the printings.

| Printing | Date | Sheet Formation | Sheet Identification | Total stamps |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|
| First | Sep. 1887 | 626 half sheets of 120 stamps | Control letter B, no marginal rule | 75,120 |
| Second | Jan. 1889 | 1049 full sheets of 240 stamps | Control letter D, with marginal rule, square corners | 251,760 |
| Third | May 1890 | 524 full sheets of 240 stamps | Control letter F, with marginal rule, rounded corners | 125,760 |
| Fourth | Feb. 1894 | *260 full sheets of 240 stamps | Control letter L, with marginal rule, rounded corners | *62,400 |

**Amended figures provided by John Inglefield-Watson, superceeding those given in his Runner Post #44 article.*

It follows that the total printing was 515,040 stamps, but this does of course include an unknown quantity appropriated from the supply for overprinting and surcharging the various Protectorate issues from 1888 onwards, and also for the production of 'specimen' overprints.

Controls D and F are known to exist with square, square & bevelled and rounded corners to the marginal rule on the basic GB stamp; I simply list the states in which I have observed them on the overprinted stamps issued in the Bechuanalands.

The four control letters, believed to correspond to the four separate printings, are illustrated right.



First Printing



Second Printing




Third Printing



Fourth Printing

Although perhaps representing something of a digression, the requisition for stamps and postal stationery dated October 1888 which covered the second printing is reproduced below. It is interesting to note the comment 'urgent' against the order for halfpenny stamps, an ominous warning of the shortage of stock that was to give rise to the local production of two different halfpenny provisionals (SG29 and SG30) during December 1888 and January 1889. It is also interesting that the halfpenny stamps were requisitioned in sheets of 240. It certainly appears from the De La Rue records that this is the format in which the stamps were supplied. All interpanneau margins seen by me have uneven edges typical of those separated by hand with a pair of scissors, which would be consistent with the sheets being divided into panes locally.



Requisition for Stamps - Oct^r 1888.

Postage & Revenue.

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1000 Sheets each 240 | @ | $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (urgent) |
| 1000 " " 120 | | 1 d. |
| 1000 " " 120 | | 2 d. |
| 150 " " 120 | | 3 d. |
| 50 " " 120 | | 4 d. |
| 500 " " 120 | | 6 d. |
| 500 " " 84 | | $\frac{5}{4}$ |
| 25 " " 84 | | $\frac{5}{2}$ d. |
| 25 " " 84 | | $\frac{5}{4}$ |

Post Cards

750 packets each 1 doz. postcards bearing stamp of 1d. (These should be specially printed)
Bands round each packet should state price to be $\frac{1}{2}$ d per packet of 1 doz.

Registered Letter Envelopes

400 packets each 1 doz. G. 6 ins. x 3 1/2 ins.
Stamp on flap 4d. to sell at $\frac{1}{2}$ d per doz.

200 packets Do. "H." 8 ins. x 5 ins.
Stamp on flap 4d. - to sell at $\frac{1}{2}$ d per doz.

100 packets Do. "K" 11 1/2 ins. x 6 ins.
Stamp on flap 4d. - to sell at $\frac{1}{2}$ d per doz.

C. B. Schultze
H. C. Schultze

Previous Envelopes
 bore stamp of only 2d.

Requisition for stamps, dated October 1888,
recently discovered in the National Archives, Cape Town.
Courtesy of Brian Fenemore.

The overprint plate

As previously stated, De La Rue employed a single stereo overprint plate covering a pane of 120 stamps. Although Holmes, at page 46 of 'The Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery and Postmarks of the Bechuanalands' seems to indicate that the plate covered the entire sheet of 240 stamps, it can be proved that this is not the case.

The proof revolves around the presence of a minor but identifiable variety at Row 9 stamp 1 of the setting. This is the tall second 'I' of the word 'BRITISH' first reported by Peter Van Der Molen in Runner Post #10 (p.164). The variety is illustrated below.



I have observed this variety in positional blocks from the lower panes of the first and second printings, and also from both the upper and lower panes of the fourth printing. I believe this provides sufficient evidence not only to prove the setting of 120, but also demonstrate that De La Rue used the same plate for all the printings, since it is most unlikely that the tall 'I' would have remained had the plate been remade.

The relevant blocks are illustrated below. In each instance, the variety is the upper stamp.



Specimen stamps

There are two different 'SPECIMEN' overprints on this stamp, and a single 'CANCELLED' overprint.



'SPECIMEN' Type BEC2 is a handstamp in capital letters measuring 22.5 x 2.75 mm applied diagonally in black ink. It was applied locally in Vryburg to stamps which were sent to the UPU in Berne, and distributed in October 1890. 348 examples were handstamped; three for each UPU member and three retained in the files in Vryburg.

'SPECIMEN' Type GB9 is a small serif overprint measuring 14.75 x 2.0 mm applied horizontally in black. It was applied by the Inland Revenue Stamping Department at Somerset House in London. Quantities unknown.

'CANCELLED' Type GB14 was applied by De La Rue to twelve examples only which were retained for reference purposes. Six copies were placed in a reference book held by the Inland Revenue controlling officers at De La Rue's works, and the other six were kept at the company's offices. This overprint is, consequently, very rare.

Forgeries

This stamp does not seem to have attracted much attention from forgers. A couple of inverted overprints are illustrated below. The unused stamp, with its very thin overprint, does not really deceive. The used one is, at first sight, much more convincing, especially since it has been cancelled by what appears to be the genuine '555' (Vryburg) BONC. It is condemned, however, by the shape of the letter 'R' in 'BRITISH' which is different from that in the genuine overprint.

The 'SPECIMEN' forgery was sold to me some years ago as a genuine type GB9 overprint, at a time when my Bechuanaland collecting days were in their infancy. I have retained it as a curiosity.



Inverted overprint
forgery



Inverted overprint forgery
with genuine? cancel



'SPECIMEN' overprint
forgery

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The Cape National Archives, Cape Town

Recent Botswana Issues

*before 30-05-2006**
Definitive Overprints

* John Schaerer is trying to find out the actual date of issue for these - anyone with information let either the Editor or John know please.



30-05-2006

Fishes of Okavango

The issue consists of four values; 80t, P2.10, P3.90 and P4.70. The Official First Day Cover is illustrated below.



SG38 No 'i' to dot variety

by Brian Hurst

No, the title of this short article is not a misprint; it's intended to draw your attention to another of those progressively disappearing letters that occur on the reading up and reading down 'British Bechuanaland' overprints on Cape 1d. rose-red and 2d. pale bistre (SG31, 32, 38 and 39).

John Inglefield-Watson dealt admirably with the disappearing 's' at position 58 of the right-hand pane on SG38 in his article in Runner Post No.59 (page 1422). Now let's have a look at the disappearing 'i' on the same stamp; although only the body of the 'i' disappears, never the dot, hence the title of this article.

Three illustrations are given, two showing progressive states of the disappearing 'i', and one where it completely fails to print. I have plated this stamp to position 44 of the right hand pane, which worries me a little when I find that Holmes*, at page 56, when discussing SG31 and 32 (i.e. the reading up overprint) states

"Among the more noticeable type varieties in the setting are... ..Right pane No.44, first 'i' in 'British' is faint or does not print".

Remember - he's discussing SG31, **not** SG38. I **have** found an example on SG31 where the 'i' is almost missing (illustration right), but it's at Position 17 of



(left) SG31 Pos 17 LH

(right) SG39 Pos 44 RH

(below) Progressive disappearance
SG38 Pos 44 RH



the **left** pane, which is exactly where you would expect to find it following the currently accepted principle that SG38 and SG39 used exactly the same overprint forme as SG31 and SG32, but inverted. I can only conclude that Holmes had been studying a pane of SG38 (reading down), and confused it with SG31 (reading up).

I also illustrate an example on SG39, position 44, where the 'i' is slightly weakened, although not so faint as on my SG31 and 38 examples. I have yet to see the variety on SG32 (typeset), although John Inglefield-Watson advises me that he has a copy.

Reference: *The Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery, and Postmarks of the Bechuanalands. H.R.Holmes. The Royal Philatelic Society London 1971.

Crocodile Pools

by Robin Pelteret

Some years ago, I was presented a leather-bound portfolio containing issues of the MAFEKING MAIL and PROTECTORATE GUARDIAN dated 14th and 21st October 1899 and 1st edition MAFEKING MAIL SPECIAL SIEGE SLIPS dated 1st November 1899 through to 2nd June 1900.

My immediate interest was the "Siege Slips" for, at the time, I was researching the history of the first and subsequent editions. So it was that I gave scant attention to two rare British South Africa Company's Telegraph forms in the collection.

One telegram, written in cursive, is from "Ludwig", dated London 13th to Gordon Wilson, Mafeking, the canceller, "CROCODILE POOLS 22 MAR 00 SOUTH AFRICA". It reads:

"Delighted hear from you all well but most anxious for your relief markets firm fond thoughts & wishes".

The second is from London dated 22/3/00 to Lady Sarah, Mafeking:

"Thankful cable first victories everywhere relief Lady Smith wild enthusiasm London empire absolutely determined union Jack South Africa queen goes Ireland instead Italy".

Some years later, I began to cogitate their origin, the personalia involved, and their likely mode of delivery to Mafeking.

The "Lady Sarah" is of course Lady Sarah Isabella Augusta Wilson (née Spencer-Churchill) (1865-1929), famous for having been permitted to enter Mafeking

This article appears courtesy of Robin Pelteret.

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Thanks to Peter Thy for providing it

in exchange for the release of a certain P Viljoen who had been imprisoned for horse theft prior to the start of hostilities. Her experiences are related in "South African Memories".

"Gordon Wilson" is Gordon Chesney Wilson (1865-1914), her husband, then one of the besieged.

The person "Ludwig" was a little more elusive. He appears to have been Mr. Ludwig Neumann (1859-1934), a former diamond merchant and banker, and, at the time of dispatching the telegram, a member of a group led from Blenheim Palace by Lady Georgiana Curzon (later Lady Howe, and a sister of Lady Sarah Wilson) and Lady Chesham, their objective to raise funds towards the establishment of a hospital in support of the British war effort in South Africa.

The Siege of Mafeking lasted from 14th October 1899 until 16th May 1900. In the early days of the siege, unstamped mail was sent sporadically out of Mafeking under private treaties contracted with "native" runners. From mid-March 1900, an official service was put in place with postage stamps being attached to all the items. Entrance and egress was managed through the same paid courier system.

It was in 1897 that a Telegraph Office was first listed at Crocodile Pools (Siding) situated as it was on the Cape Railway in the Bechuanaland Protectorate and en route to the then embryonic Rhodesia. It was evacuated by Imperial troops on 21st October 1899, to be occupied by Boer forces. Crocodile Pools had proven to be the most strategically vulnerable point on the Cape railway running between Mafeking

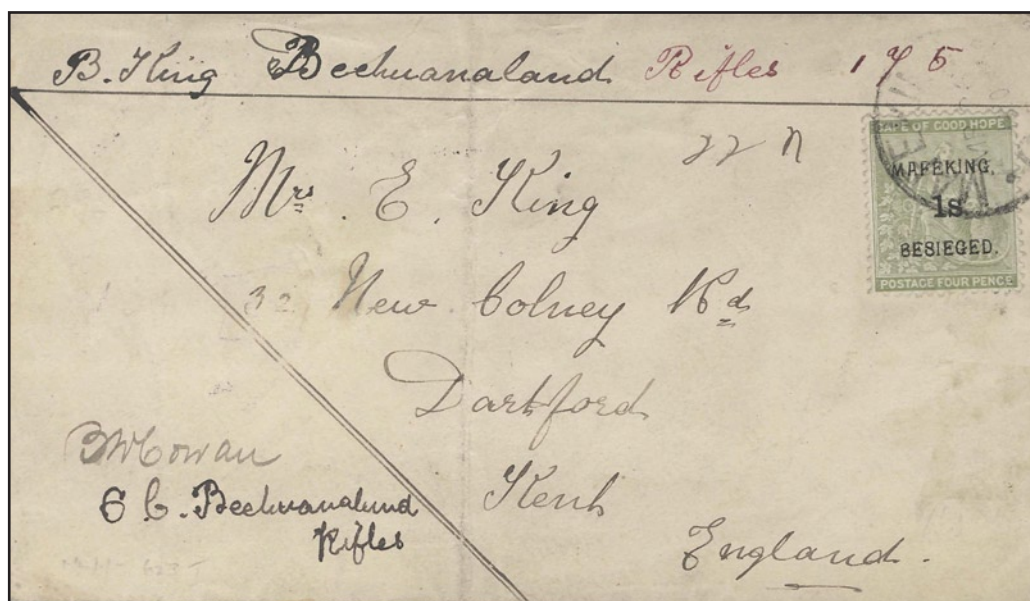


Illustration 1. Mafeking Siege mail, northern route.

THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY'S TELEGRAPHS.

If the accuracy of this Telegram (being an Inland Telegram) is doubted, it will be repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission; and, if found to be incorrect, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Cablegrams. When the cost of a reply to a Telegram has been prepaid, and the number of words in the reply is in excess of the number so paid for, the Sender of the reply must pay for each excess.

N.B. - This Form should accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

CAPE UNIFORM TIME is observed by THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY'S OFFICES.

Handed in at London 13th 12 57 Received here at 2 36

From Ludwig To Gordon Wilson

Mafeking

Delighted hear from you all
well but most anxious for your
relief. Markets firm fond thoughts
& wishes

CROCODILE POOLS 22 MAR 00 SOUTH AFRICA

Illustration 2a. British South Africa Company's Telegraphs form cancelled "CROCODILE POOLS 22 MAR 00 SOUTH AFRICA"

and Bulawayo, for, nearby, the railway line crossed a bridge nestled between kopjes and only a couple of hundred meters from the Transvaal frontier. Sporadic skirmishes took place in the vicinity between Col. Plumer's force and a mainly German-officered light artillery group between 16th January and 26th February 1900 - the Battle of Crocodile Pools - reaching a climax between 12th and 14th February 1900. Crocodile Pools (Siding) was finally re-occupied

on 17th March 1900 by a Col. Holdsworth.

The "native" couriers of Mafeking carried mail along the so-called southern route via Kimberley, or a northern route via Gaborone, Mochudi, Ootsi or Ramotswa Siding to Bulawayo, thence to Salisbury and Beira (**Illustration 1**). Once it was re-occupied, they passed through Crocodile Pools en route to Gaborone. It appears likely that the postal agency was mobile and under the control of the Military

Administration in Cape Town. One can only wonder at the reasons for its existence in the first place. The use of the appellation "SOUTH AFRICA" in the canceller adds to its curiosity.

The "CROCODILE POOLS SOUTH AFRICA" canceller was a double circle date stamp with a date (dd/mm/yy) in a single line across the centre, and dates from 20th March 1900 onwards. The franked

telegram is dated 22nd March 1900 (**Illustration 2a and Illustration 3**). By which route they were transmitted and how they were reached Mafeking can only be speculated at. Suffice to say that both are in pristine condition.

By 1902, a Telegraph Office named Crocodile Pools again is listed, finally to be closed 1 November 1914.

And where geographically was Crocodile Pools; and

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N.B.—This Form should accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.
CAPE UNIFORM TIME is observed by THE BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY'S OFFICES.

Handed in at London at 10-11 p.m. Received here at 7-41 p.m.

No. of Message. 22
Dated Stamp of 22/3/0
Delivering Office.

From London To Lady Sarah Mafeking

Thankful cable past victories everywhere relief Lady Smith wild enthusiasm London empire absolutely determined union Jack South Africa Queen goes Ireland instead Italy

Illustration 2b. British South Africa Company's Telegraphs form hand dated 22/3/0 (22 MAR 00).



Illustration 3. Detail of Crocodile Pools Siding cancellation

what of it today? Over the years, this has been debated at length in the literature. Situated in Botswana, Crocodile Pools (Siding), now more commonly known as Ngotwane, is a railway siding 14 km. to the south of Gaborone (**Illustration 4**).

Nearby, a stream of that name joins the Ngotwane river from the east near the Ngotwane railway dam. The Transvaal- Botswana border runs north up the middle of the Ngotwane river, turns east at this point, following the course of the Crocodile Pools stream and thence straight along some hill ridges towards Tlokweng / Kopfontein border-post (Parsons). The



Illustration 4. Section of South African map of 1923 locating Crocodile Pools at approximately 23°45'S and 25°50'E.

Union of South African map (Surveyor-General, 1923) shows it taking a somewhat different route. The exact location of the postal agency remains a mystery.

What is certain is that correspondence bearing the canceller

“CROCODILE POOLS SOUTH AFRICA” is scarce and very desirable to military historians and philatelist alike.

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Official Free Markings

Part 2 - Botswana

(Installment 1)

by Dennis Firth

This is the first attempt to list all the known Official Free markings use in Bechuanaland Protectorate and Botswana, which, as far as I know, have not been recorded elsewhere.

The listing will be in three main parts:

- Bechuanaland Protectorate (Runner Post #63)
- Botswana markings which show the office of use and the words "Official Free" or similar on the same handstamp
- Official Free handstamps (usually straight line) which are used in association with departmental cachets. The cachets will not be recorded, but the known offices of use will be shown against each type of Official Free marking.

Part 2 - Botswana Markings

Markings of Botswana are far more numerous than those of Bechuanaland Protectorate and will be published in several installments.

Installment 1

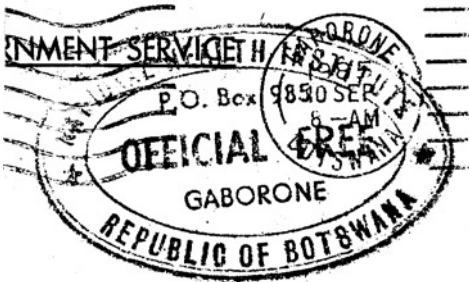
This installment covers departments beginning with A, B, C and part of D (one of three sections)


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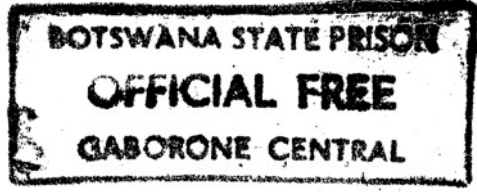
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Dates are in dd-mm-yyyy format


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| ANIMAL HEALTH INSTITUTE P.O. Box 985 GABORONE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 120 |
| Gaborones 10-09-1985 | |
| Triple Oval 55mm x 33mm | |

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| ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS PROSECUTION DIVISION GABORONE | 125 |
| Gaborones 16-08-2001 | |
| Double Oval 60mm x 36mm | |


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| BANGWAKETSE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION P/BAG 19 KANYE [STRUCK IN RED] | 130 |
| 25-01-2002 | |
| Single Oval 53mm x 40mm | |

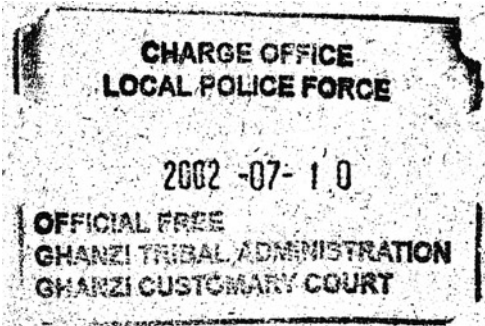
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| BOTSWANA STATE PRISON GABORONE CENTRAL | 135 |
| Gaborone Village 29-03-1983 | |
| Rectangle 60mm x 23mm | |

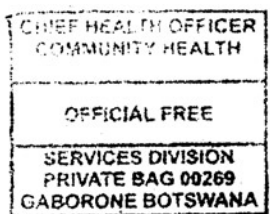
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| BOTSWANA STATE PRISONS LOBATSI | 140 |
| Gaborone Village 04-08-1983 to 20-10-1984 | |
| Triple Oval 55mm x 34mm | |

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| CENTRAL MEDICAL STORES GABORONE BOTSWANA | 145 |
| Gaborone 22-09-2000 | |
| Single Oval 61mm x 37mm | |

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| CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE PRIVATE BAG 0024 GABORONE | 150 |
| Gaborone 22-05-2001 | |
| Rectangle 103mm x 18mm | |

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| CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE PRIVATE BAG 0024 GABORONE [STRUCK IN GREEN] | 151 |
| Date not known | |
| Rectangle - size not known (not to scale) | |

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| CHARGE OFFICE LOCAL POLICE FORCE GHANZI TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION GHANZI CUSTOMARY COURT [STRUCK IN RED] | 155 |
| Ghanzi/Gantsi 10-07-2002 | |
| Rectangle 60mm x 41mm | |

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| CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION PRIVATE BAG 00269 GABORONE BOTSWANA | 160 |
| 29-10-2004 | |
| Rectangle - size not known (not to scale) | |



CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER
ATHLONE HOSPITAL
P.O.BOX 20 LOBATSE

165

23-05-2002 to 04-07-2002

Rectangle 51mm x 36mm

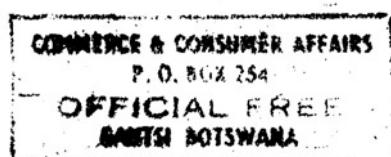


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Selebi Phikwe 04-03-2002

Rectangle 56mm x 35mm

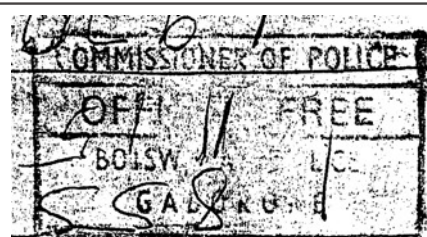


COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
P.O.BOX 254
GANTSI BOTSWANA
[STRUCK IN BROWN]

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Ghanzi/Gantsi 09-12-1999

Rectangle 50mm x 19mm



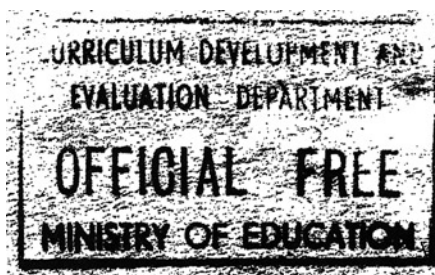
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
BOTSWANA POLICE
GABORONE

175

[STRUCK IN RED]

14-05-2004 to 11-10-2004

Rectangle 51mm x 27mm



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND
EVALUATION DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

180

Gaborone 15-06-2000

Rectangle 54mm x 31mm



CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
P.O.BOX 221 GABORONE

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Gaborone 03-01-2002

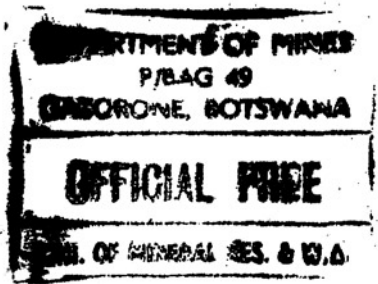
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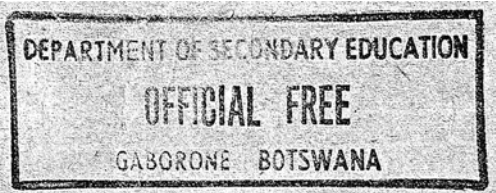
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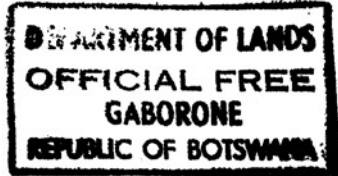
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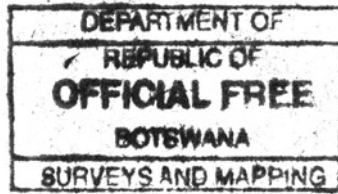
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| DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL SERVICES PRIVATE BAG 0066 GABORONE, BOTSWANA | 185 |
| 21-05-2001 to 23-04-2002 | |
| Rectangle 60mm x 39mm | |


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| DEPARTMENT OF MINES P/BAG 49 GABORONE, BOTSWANA MIN. OF MINERAL RES. & W.A. | 195 |
| Gaborone 27-02-2001 | |
| Rectangle 48mm x 35mm | |

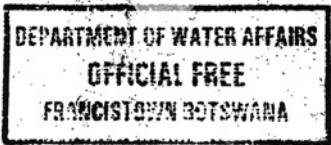
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| DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION GABORONE BOTSWANA | 205 |
| Date not known | |
| Rectangle 62mm x 21mm | |

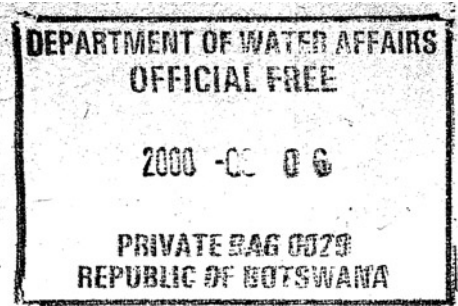
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| DEPARTMENT OF LANDS GABORONE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 190 |
| Gaborone 30-07-2002 | |
| Rectangle 42mm x 22mm | |

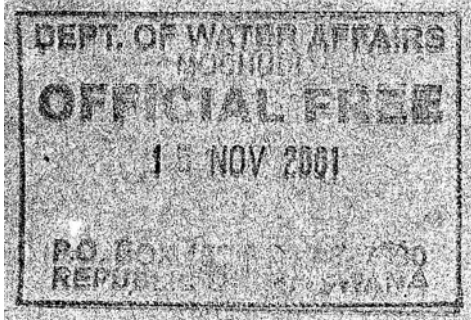
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| DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT P/BAG BO 323 GABORONE BOTSWANA [ONE STRUCK IN DARK BLUE] | 200 |
| Gaborone 17-11-2000 (dark blue) 17-06-2002 (black) | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 30mm | |


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| DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS AND MAPPING REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 210 |
| Gaborone 28-06-2000 | |
| Rectangle 44mm x 24mm | |


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| DEPARTMENT OF TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING P/BAG 0042 GABORONE [STRUCK IN RED] | 215 |
| Gaborone 12-07-2001 to 29-10-2001 | |
| Double Oval 60mm x 40mm | |

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| DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS FRANCISTOWN BOTSWANA | 220 |
| Francistown 29-05-2002 to 13-06-2003 | |
| Rectangle 43mm x 18mm | |

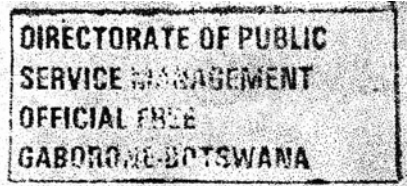
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| Gaborone 06-09-2000 | |
| Rectangle 57mm x 37mm | |

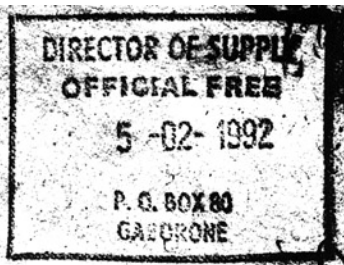
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| DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS MOCHUDI P.O.BOX [unreadable] REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA | 224 |
| 16-11-2001 | |
| Rectangle 58mm x 38mm | |


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| DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS P.O. BOX 203 TEL: 430441 SEROWE | 226 |
| Palapye 07-03-2000 to 16-03-2000 | |
| Double Circle 46mm | |


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| DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BOTSWANA | 230 |
| 05-12-1975 | |
| Triple Oval 49mm x 35mm | |


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| Directorate of Personnel PRESIDENTS OFFICE GABORONE BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 235 |
| Gaborone 08-07-???? | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 24mm | |

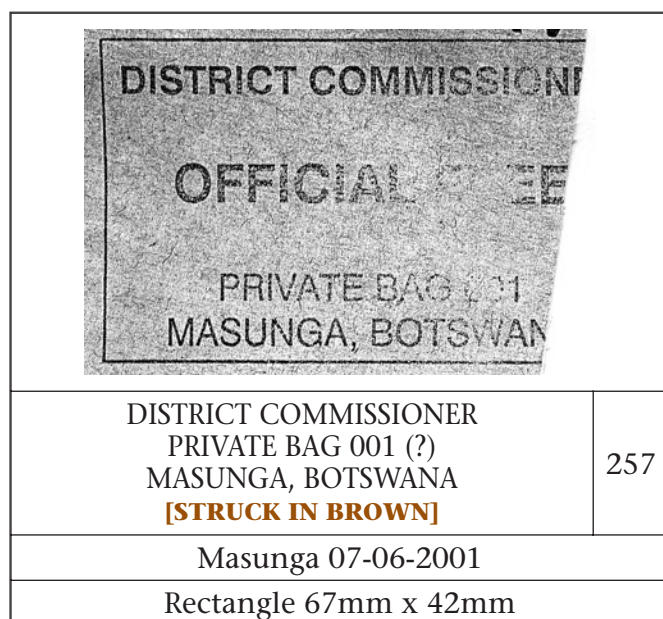
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| DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT GABORONE BOTSWANA | 240 |
| Gaborone 07-06-2001 | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 22mm | |

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| DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY P.O. BOX 80 GABORONE | 245 |
| Gaborone 05-02-1992 | |
| Rectangle 42mm x 32mm | |

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| DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY P.O. BOX 80 GABORONE TEL: 324800 [STRUCK IN BLuish GREEN] [STRUCK IN VIOLET] | 247 |
| Gaborone 09-10-2004 to 08-11-2004 (Bluish Green) Gaborone 12-10-2004 to 15-10-2004 (Violet) | |
| Rectangle 57mm x 38mm | |

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| DIRECTOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING P/BAG 0062 GABORONE TEL: 3655000 | 250 |
| Gaborone 16-05-2001 to 09-08-2002 | |
| Rectangle 51mm x 31mm | |

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| DISTRICT COMMISSIONER GHANZI BOTSWANA [STRUCK IN RED] | 255 |
| 10-05-2001 | |
| Triple Oval 56mm x 38mm | |



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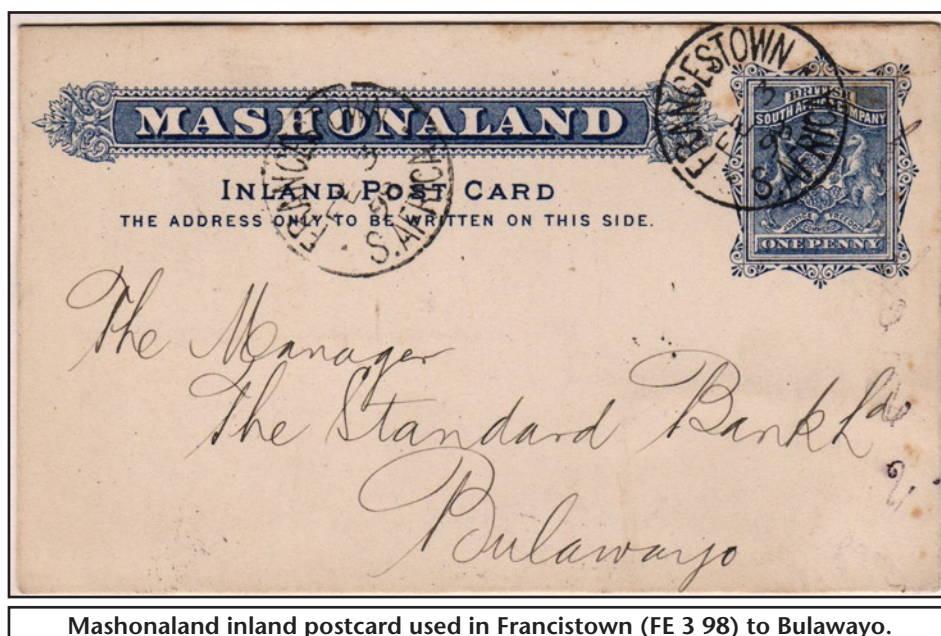
Photocopies of unlisted items would be appreciated which show the date and place of use and the colour of marking if other than black.

Images, scans and e-mails can be sent via the Editor. Dennis Firth, 28 Greenside Drive, Wortley, Leeds. LS12 4SF, UK.

Mashonaland Stationery Used in Bechuanaland

by Peter Thy

The postal services of the Tati District were transferred to the British South Africa Company (BSAC) in early 1894, although the district remained under the Bechuanaland administration. When the railway reached the northeastern border of the Protectorate, the Postal Agency in Tati was in July 1897 transferred to Francistown; closer to the rail line. In July 1898, the Protectorate resumed control over the postal services of the Tati District. BSAC adhesives and stationery were thus in use in the Tati District of the northeastern Protectorate between 1894 and 1898. There were only two postal offices/agencies affected (Tati 1894-1897 and Francistown 1897-1898).



Mashonaland inland postcard used in Francistown (FE 3 98) to Bulawayo.

Both the inland (1d) and the international (1½d) Mashonaland cards are known used in Francistown. This writer is not aware of stationery cards used at Tati, but they might exist. It is also likely that other types of stationery were similarly used. Contact me if you know of or own such stationery.

JOINT SOUTHERN AFRICA SOCIETIES' AUCTION
LEAMINGTON 5th Nov. 2006

It has been agreed to make an attempt to upgrade this auction and make it available to all members by producing fuller descriptions with some illustrations and then making it available to all members with postal bidding allowable.

With no buyers' premium, and only 10% commission being charged to sellers, it should provide an ideal opportunity for members to dispose of, and acquire, some nice material within a prescribed time frame.

It is a bit of a trial year as we don't know yet if the 10% commission will cover costs. Expenses will depend on whether or not the "catalogues" can be sent out with Society magazines. We are very open to suggestions. 500 lots would appear to be the maximum one could manage at public auction - extra, or smaller, lots might be able to be added as "postal only". Viewing will be available at Leamington.

The "prices" will be given, in keeping with tradition, as a reserve. Lots should be "priced to sell". The aim of the auction will be to provide lots to suit all pockets. Unsold lots will be returned, at owners expense, along with settlement.

Lots should be sent to Tony Howgrave-Graham at "The Cottage, Barford Lane, Downton, Wilts. SP5 3QA". Tel. 01725-510067, e-mail ajbmhg@btinternet.com

Advice as to suitability, or pricing, of lots will happily be given but if in writing, please enclose an SAE. I am fairly confident at pricing Union material but will need help with the pre-Union.

If more convenient, lots could be delivered to the London SACS meeting on Sat. 2nd September. Large lots may be brought to Leamington provided the description, pricing and lotting number are agreed in advance and the buyer (or seller if unsold) collects. The deadline for receipt of lots will be Fri. 8th September.

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Alan MacGregor, Philip Cattell, Karl Seligmann, Andy Andersson - Photo by Howard Cook"

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1919 De La Rue 5/- bright carmine Lower right corner block of four superb mint. SG 87 £1250



1920 Bradbury Wilkinson 5/- rose-red Marginal block of four very fine mint SG 89 £425

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