



CAPE-OF-GOOD-HOPE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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Postal Stationery

First Post Card 1d., red.

On March 1st, 1878, post cards were first introduced. 1d., red, $4\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$, on buff thin cardboard. Printed locally by Messrs. Saul Solomon & Co., by lithography. Several cards were printed in black, as proofs, and some got mixed with the others, and were sold in the packets to the public; and are therefore known postally used.¹

These cards were for town delivery and suburbs only, or to places between which there were two posts a day; if sent further, they had to have additional stamps affixed.

¹ Note on the Cape Stamps. COMPILED FROM THE OFFICIAL AND OTHER RECORDS AT CAPE TOWN. BY CAPT. NORRIS-NEWMAN. (1894). *London Philatelist*, VOL. V. September, 1896. No. 57.

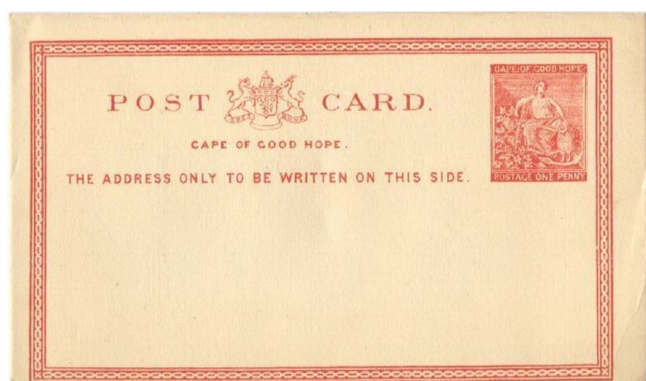


Figure 1:

There is no record of how many were issued, but they were in use up to 1884, when the last was sold out.

Second Post Card.

1d.

1st July, 1882. 1d., colour red-brown, on thick white card. Oval stamp, $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, or 171×74 mil.

Printed by De La Rue, singly and in quarter reams of 120 sheets, 42 cards to each sheet.

There have been nine printings up to 1894 = 7,242,720 cards, being several years' supply.

These were for intercolonial use—Orange Free State, British Bechuanaland, Basutoland, Transkei, S.A. Republic, Natal. The card rate was reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in 1889, for the Cape only. 1000 of these cards were overprinted and supplied to the British South Africa Company on 15th Oct., 1892.

396 of these cards were overprinted and supplied to the British South Africa Company in January, 1893.

Third Post Card

1/2 d.

1st January, 1889, a reduction of inland rate was made to 1/2 d., and a card issued.

Light brown, square stamp, on white thick cardboard. Printed by De La Rue, singly and in quarter reams, in four printings = 777,120; but, owing to the colour being too much like that of the 1d. card of 1882, it was changed to green on the 29th Sept, 1891, and these latter are still in use. Of these there have been up to date four printings = 5,811,840 cards.

These cards circulated over all the Colony and its dependencies; and in September, 1892, to the Orange Free State also.

Fourth Post Card

1 1/2d.

1st May, 1890. 1 1/2 d. card, grey-green on light buff, thin card, with square stamp, and inscriptions in English and French ; was printed by De La Rue, for circulation between the Cape and Great Britain, abroad only with an extra 1d. stamp.

There were four printings = 679,800, and it was withdrawn on 1st January, 1892 ; and used thereafter only for foreign countries from 1st Sept., 1892, under agreement with U.P.U. Of these cards,

3000 were overprinted and supplied for use in British Bechuana-land, Nov., 1892.

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NOTE.—The first printing of these cards = 246,840, was sent out from England in June, 1884, in readiness for the Cape coming under the Postal Union; but negotiations falling through, they were kept until 1890, as above.

Fifth Post Card.

1/2 d. x 1/2 d.

1st July, 1892, a reply-paid post card of id., in brown on thick buff, 140x89, was issued, printed by De La Rue—one printing only = 48,720—for use to Great Britain only. From the 1st Sept., 1892, it was also allowed to be sent to foreign countries, provided an extra stamp of 1/2 d. was attached to each half.

Of these cards,

1200 were overprinted and supplied to British Bechuanaland, 5th Oct., 1892. 1000 " " British South Africa Company, 15th Oct., 1892. 396 " " " " Jan., 1893.

Sixth Post Card.

1/2 d.x 1/2 d.

April, 1893. Reply-paid inland card issued, 1/2 d. x 1/2 d., brown on buff, thick card ; for use in South Africa only. Printed by De La Rue, in two printings of 48,000 each = 96,000. The 1 1/2 d. 11/2 d. were under order when Captain Norris-Newman was in Cape Town.

Embossed Envelopes

1st June, 1892, 1d., oval, on white thick laid paper, in two sizes, made by De La Rue, was issued.

Size A 4 3/4 x 3 11/16 Total printed to 1894, 254,720

Size B 5 13/16 x 3 9/16 Total printed to 1894 216,000

And the 1/2 d. and 2 1/2 d. have come out in 1894.

Registered Letter Envelopes

Up to 1881 the fee for registration had always been 8d., prepayable by ordinary stamps; but on the 15th July, 1881, the fee was reduced to 4d., and Messrs. Mc Corquodale Co. supplied the first lot of registered envelopes with 4d., blue, embossed stamps on the flap, in five sizes. This envelope was on thick white linen-faced wove, and bore their imprint on the inside, where the flap covered the back part of the envelopes. Supplied as follows:

Size F 5 1/4 x 3 1/4 21,552

G 6x3 3/4 21,120.

H 8 x 5 5,016

I 10x7 5,352

K 11 1/2 x 6 10,632

Since 1882 the supplies have come from De La Rue as above, in number, to 1894:

Size F 5 1/4 x 3 1/4 60,402

G 6x3 3/4 60,216

H 8 x 5 12,196

I 10x7 3,912

K 11 1/2 x 6 7,752

A supply of each of the latter was sent to British Bechuanaland, number not recorded, surcharged in two lines, small letters BRITISH BECHUANALAND; and also other similar ones for use in the northern Protectorate, surcharged in two straight lines, in large capitals, BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE. These latter are decidedly rare.

The Mc Corquodale Co. registration envelopes used are difficult to find, especially the larger sizes, as well as the early De La Rue envelopes.

Wrappers

Dec. 1st, 1881. 1/2 d., grey-green on buff, 12x5, with inscription and gummed flap; made by De La Rue, singly, in cut sheets, and quarter reams of uncut; and ungummed bands of 120 sheets, of 14 wrappers on each.

Nov., 1892. 1/2 d., colour changed to dark green; similar paper and details.

Nov., 1892. 1d., red-brown on buff, 12 x 5 ; De La Rue; similar paper and details.

11th Aug., 1892. Issue of book wrappers, 15x7; parcel of 167 sheets, of 10 wrappers on each.

4th October, 1892. 11/2 d., grey on thin whitish paper, 15x7. De La Rue. These were sold in quarter reams of 120 sheets, of 10 wrappers each. Some of each of the above were surcharged for use in British Bechuanaland, 1886-1893, but no numbers recorded.

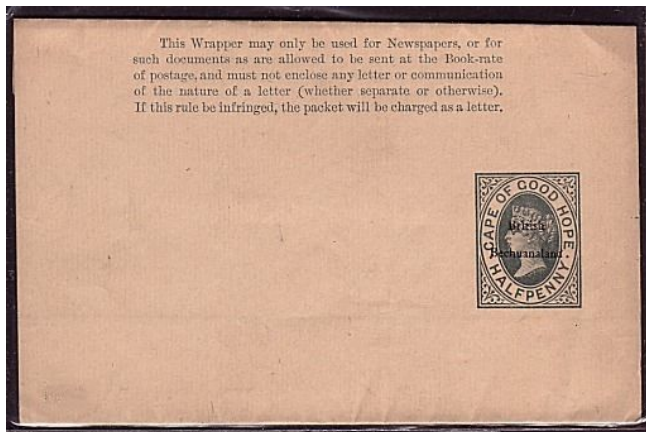


Figure 2: