

A Study of the 1893 Military Franchise Essays of New Caledonia and the New Hebrides

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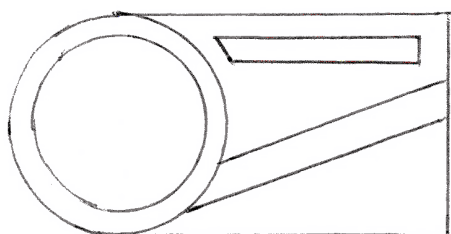
Addition

This section which did not appear in my article of October 1962 is inserted here at the suggestion of a fellow collector.

When reading the rest of the article it could be helpful for new readers to appreciate:

- A. There was only ever one Design Stone which, to begin with, had all the lines and lettering for FOUR stamps. All Printings from the Design Stone were in black.

Words used in connection with the Design Stone are mostly self-evident, *e.g.* Centre Circle is the smaller of the two circles.



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PROTECTORAT
ANGLO-FRANCAIS
N^{LES} HEBRIDES
2½P 25 C

- B. The other three stones were for colouring the stamps. Words used in connection with these three stones refer to an area, *e.g.* 'Outer circle with tail and box' means the area between the two circles plus the area inside the two boxes.
- C. Originally one stone coloured the area inside the centre-circle, one coloured the outer circle with tail and box, and one coloured the 'Background' *i.e.* everything else.

Later on the Centre circle and Background Stones were altered.
Different colours produced several colourful essays.

Addendum

Third Printing:

It appears that the authorities were not satisfied with the results of the Second Printings, achieved by altering three of the Original Stones.

Two of the stones were altered again in respect of PROTECTORAT and N^{les} HEBRIDES. – Third Printings were then produced.

	Stones for Second Printing		Stones for Third Printing	
Centre Circle	N HEB			
	N HEB			
Background		PROTEC	N HEB	PROTEC
		PROTEC	N HEB	PROTEC
Design	PROTEC	N HEB	No Change	
	PROTEC	N HEB		

Where PROTEC is Protectorat and N HEB is N^{les} HEBRIDES

The original 'Outer-Circle-with-Tail-&-Box' Stone was not altered.

There is some evidence that further changes were made and research is continuing.

Further Information

Further information and images a can be seen on Sheryll Ruecker's web site: <http://www.sheryll.net/> , specifically on of her Early New Hebrides exhibit at COALPLEX 2008: Frame 1 - NSW Postal Agency (1892) - SFNH local issue (1903) pages 6 to 12 http://www.sheryll.net/Exhibit/COALPEX2008/COALPEX2008_frame1.htm .

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