

New Caledonia: 1859 - 1899

The first postage stamps issued for use in New Caledonia were printed locally in 1859 for use on the postal route between Canala and Port De France (Noumea). This local issue saw very limited usage. Stamps of the French Colonies General Issue began to be utilized immediately upon their receipt in New Caledonia in 1862.



In 1881 the thirty five centimes French General Issue was surcharged with a new denomination and the initials of New Caledonia (NCE). This was the first instance that stamps of any French Colony had the initials of the Colony placed on the stamp prior to issuance. For the next ten years several different surcharges were utilized. This group provides an excellent opportunity for study with numerous constant varieties and printing errors.

In 1892 the Alphee Dubois designed uniform stamp for the French Colonies, with individual country name inserted, was issued for New Caledonia. As required, certain additional surcharges were made on these stamps when supplies of certain denominations were exhausted.

This exhibit will show the stamps used in New Caledonia from the first issue of 1859 through 1900. Shown are examples of the French Colonies General Issues used in New Caledonia, the various surcharges, varieties, multiples, and usages on cover. This exhibit is organized on the following outline:

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1859 Inland Issue

Unused Stamps



position 5



position 24



position 46



position 47



position 50

Unused Blocks



positions 9-10, 19-20



positions 27, 36-37, 46-47

On August 4, 1859, an inland postal service was established between Canala and Port De France (Noumea). For this service a special stamp, locally authorized, was issued.

A lithographic stone of fifty subjects was prepared by Sergeant Triquerat of the Colonial Marines. Each subject was separately drawn. A total of 1,500 stamps was issued.

1859 Inland Issue
Unused Complete Sheet



**Four Reported
Complete Sheets**

1859 Inland Issue Used And On Cover



position 17
Port De France cancel



22 October 1860 Port De France to Melbourne, Victoria, 10c 1859 issue, position 42
combination franking with New South Wales 6d. applied at origin
per ship *Eagle*, 6 November 1860 Sydney Ship Letter backstamp

Fewer Than Four Reported Examples Of Combination Franking

On August 4, 1859, an inland postal service was established between Canala and Port De France (Noumea). Effective January 1, 1860 foreign mail via Sydney, franked with the 10c stamp as well as New South Wales postage, could be forwarded. The required New South Wales stamps were made available at Port De France. The rate was six pence per letter through Sydney.

Colonial General Issues

1859-1865 Issue

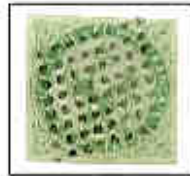
Used



10c strip



1c



5c



10c



20c



2 September 1868 Noumea to Dordagny, France

10c, 20c and 40c singles paying 70c rate

The first general issue for use in all of the French Colonies featured an eagle design. Six denominations of the design appeared between 1859 and 1865. All that were available in New Caledonia are shown above except the 80c.

A distinctive lozenge cancel was used at Noumea which makes identification of stamps used in New Caledonia possible.

Colonial General Issues

1871-1872 Issue

Used



1c

Noumea lozenge
cancels



10c



15c



20c



25c



40c

The 1871 and 1872 issues for the Colonies was a combination of Napoleon types and the first Ceres style stamps with small numerals. All that were available in New Caledonia are shown above except the 5c, 30c and 80c.

Colonial General Issues

1872-1877 Issue

Used



1c



5c



30c

Noumea lozenge
cancels



1c



5c



10c



30c



80c and 30c strips of four used from Noumea to France in 1875

The 1872 to 1877 issues for the Colonies was the revised Ceres style stamps with larger numerals. All that were available in New Caledonia are shown above except the 15c.

Colonial General Issues

1872-1877 Issue

Usage On Cover



29 October 1876 Noumea to Lyon, France

postage prepaid with 10c and 30c singles

17 January 1877 arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1877-1878 Issue

Used



1c



2c



5c



10c plus 25c used from Noumea to France in 1879



30c block



15c



20c



25c



30c



35c



40c



75c



1f

A new general issue for the French Colonies, following the design of J.A. Sage as used by France, was issued in 1877. The 1c through 25c, less the 10c, were released in changed colors between 1878 and 1880. All were available in New Caledonia and are shown above excepting the 4c green.

Colonial General Issues

1877-1878 Issue

25c On Cover



7 August 1879 Noumea to Sommieres, France
postage prepaid with single 25c blue
arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1877-1878 Issue

40c On Cover



29 April 1881 Nouméa **registered** to Archaic, France
postage and registry fee prepaid with 40c single and 10c black on lavender of 1879
red Col. Fr. V. Brind. A Mod transit, arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1878-1880 Issue

Used



1c black
on lilac



2c brown
on buff



4c claret
on lavender



10c black
on lavender



15c blue



20c red
on green



25c black
on red



25c yellow on straw, pair used from Noumea to France in 1880

The 1c through 25c Sage design in changed colors were released between 1878 and 1880. The 25c black on red was only available in New Caledonia and the 25c color was changed again to yellow in 1880. All that were available in New Caledonia are shown above.

Colonial General Issues

1878-1880 Issue

10c And 15c On Cover



17 April 1880 Noumea to Verdun, France
postage prepaid with 10c and 15c singles
red Col. Fr. V. Brind. A Mod transit, arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1878-1880 Issue

25c On Cover



12 December 1880 Noumea to Hericours, France
postage prepaid with pair 25c black on red
arrival backstamp

This stamp was issued only to New Caledonia, Mayotte and Nossi-Be.

Colonial General Issues

1881-1886 Issue

Used



5c



10c



15c



20c



25c



25c (1886)



30c



40c



75c



1f



30c pair



5c strip

All with Noumea cancels except 75c which was used at Thio.

A new general issue for the French Colonies was designed by Alphee Dubois and issued in 1881. A 25c color change was added in 1886. The 1c, 2c and 4c were not made available at New Caledonia post offices although some examples are reported cancelled out of period. The above group shows all of the issue as available in New Caledonia with the exception of the 35c.

Colonial General Issues

1881-1886 Issue

Cancels



Bourail



Oubatchie



Ourail



Ile Ouvea



La Foa



Canala



Houailou



Thio



Kone



Hyenghene



Corr. D.
Armee



Thio



Moindou



Thio



Touho

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

15c On Cover



17 November 1883 Noumea to Sydney, Australia

postage paid with pair 15c

21 November 1883 arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

15c On Cover



7 May 1888 **Corr. D. Armee Noumea** to Kayes, Senegal
soldier concession rate paid with single 15c, military cachet on reverse
red Cor. D. Armees Paq. Fr. No. 4 transit, French transit backstamps
25 July 1888 arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

25c On Cover



12 April 1883 Noumea to Eure, France
postage paid with single 25c, Paris transit and arrival backstamp



28 June 1888 Noumea to Pas De Calais, France
postage paid with single 25c, arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

25c On Cover



21 May 1882 Moindou to Montpelier, France
postage paid with single 25c, Paris transit and arrival backstamp



14 May 1883 La Foa to Besancon, France
postage paid with single 25c, Col. Fr. Paq. Fr. T. No. 5 transit, arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

25c On Cover



23 September 1886 **Ponerihouen** to Toulouse, France

25c rate prepaid with single 25c

27 September 1886 Noumea transit backstamp

Toulouse arrival backstamp

Fewer Than Four Reported Examples Of This Postmark On Cover With General Issues

1881 Issue - First Surcharge

Unused



First Printing
initials 13.5mm



Later Printing
initials 14mm

The first surcharge of New Caledonia was authorized on June 1, 1881. The French Colonies Sage issue of 35c was surcharged with the new 25c value as well as the initials of the Colony. This was the first time that stamps of any French Colony had the initials of the Colony placed on a stamp prior to issuance.

The surcharge was accomplished by typography in a setting of 25 subjects and was performed at Noumea. The width of the initials on the first printing is slightly less than on subsequent printings. Width of the initials on first printing being 13.5mm while later printings measure 14mm.

1881 Issue - First Surcharge
Used And On Cover



First Printing
initials 13.5mm



Later Printing
initials 14mm



25c on 35c surcharge, later printing
6 July 1881 Noumea to Haute Marne, France
15 August 1881 Modane - Paris R.R. transit
16 August 1881 arrival backstamp

1882 Issue - Second Surcharges

Unused

NCE
5



NCE
25



inverted surcharge



**inverted surcharge
cross gutter with normal**

On October 21, 1882 two additional surcharges were authorized. The Sage issue 40c was surcharged with the 5c value and the 75c was surcharged with the 25c value. The surcharge on the 75c utilized the same setting that had been used on the first 25c on 35c surcharge.

The surcharge was again accomplished by typography in a setting of 25 subjects and was performed at Noumea.

1882 Issue - Second Surcharges
5c On 40c - Unused Complete Sheet



1882 Issue - Second Surcharges

Used

5c On 40c



25c On 75c



Noumea



blue
Noumea

1883 Issue - Third Surcharge

Unused

NCE
05



right hand pair shows variety top stroke of "5" does not meet decender



On March 15, 1883 an additional surcharge was authorized. The Sage issue 40c was surcharged with the "05" 5c value. The Colony initials and other features remained the same. There are no reported major errors of surcharge although there are minor typographical constant varieties.

The surcharge was again accomplished by typography in a setting of 25 subjects and was performed at Noumea.

1883 Issue - Third Surcharge Unused Surcharge Varieties



malformed "0"



third stamp from left, bottom row, with gap at top of "0" variety



top stroke of "5" does not meet descender



break in descender stroke of "5"

The above noted varieties are constant varieties within the setting of 25 subjects.

1883 Issue - Third Surcharge

Used



blue cancel of Thio

Surcharge Varieties



top stroke of "5" does not meet descender on both

1883 Issue - Fourth Surcharge

Unused



Surcharge Normal, Shades



cross gutter tete-beche pair, surcharge position 15 on both

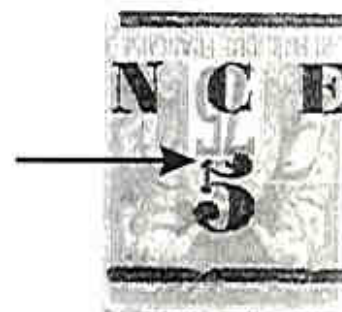
Surcharge Inverted, Shades



On December 28, 1883 an additional 5c surcharge was authorized. The Sage issue 75c, in various shades, was surcharged with the 5c value. The Colony initials are spaced wider than on previous surcharges. The surcharge was again accomplished by typography in a setting of 25 subjects. This setting was used on full sheets of 150 subjects with the right hand panes of 25 subjects receiving the surcharge inverted with respect to the left hand panes.

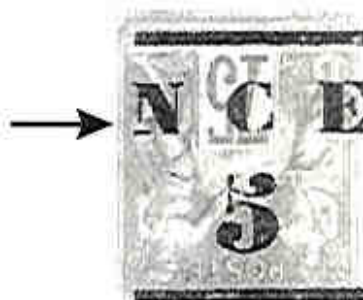
1883 Issue - Fourth Surchage Unused Surchage Varieties

Surcharge Inverted, Constant Varieties



three breaks in horizontal strokes of "5"
position 1

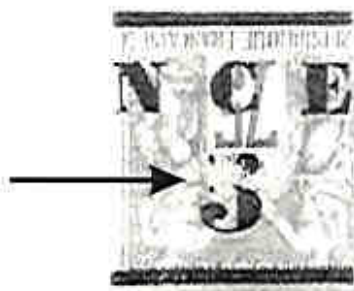
spur on ball of "5"
position 7



dent at left of letter "C"
position 22

break in left descender of letter "N"
position 23

Surcharge Inverted, Printing Flaw



weak print of numeral "5"

The varieties at top are constant varieties within the setting of 25. The position number refers to position on the setting. The variety at bottom is not constant and is most likely caused by dirt on the plate.

1883 Issue - Fourth Surcharge

Used

Surcharge Normal



blue cancel



blue cancel



Surcharge Inverted



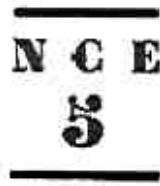
blue cancel



block, surcharge positions 1-10, surcharge constant varieties are found in positions 1 and 7 as illustrated on previous page

1884 Issue - Fifth Surcharge

Unused



Surcharge Normal



cross gutter tete-beche pair, surcharge position 10 (left stamp), position 20 (right stamp)

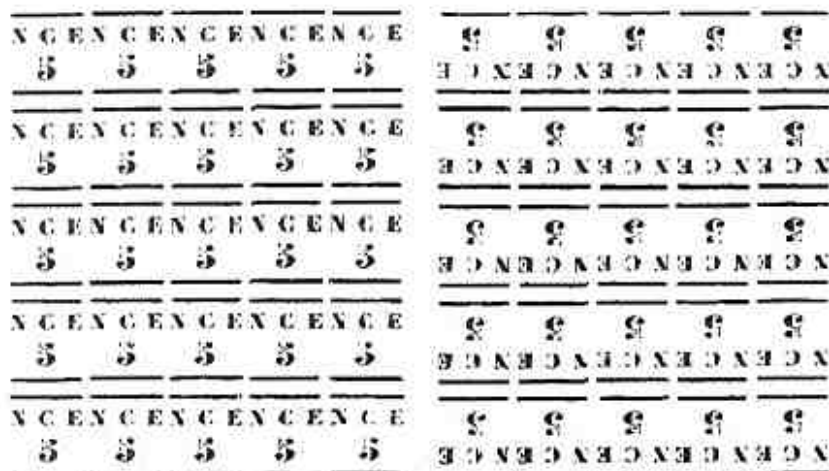
Surcharge Inverted



On January 29, 1884 a further surcharge was performed. This time the Sage issue 40c was surcharged with the 5c value using the same setting of 25 subjects that had been utilized on the fourth surcharge. This setting was used on full sheets of 150 subjects with the right hand panes of 25 subjects receiving the surcharge inverted with respect to the left hand panes.

1884 Issue - Fifth Surcharge

Unused, Inverted Surchage



The surcharge on this issue, as well as the previous issue was accomplished as shown at left. The same form of 25 subjects was printed right side up at left and then upside down at right.

The constant variaties found are the same as on the previous issue. The most prominent are:

- position 1 - broken "5"
- position 7 - spur on "5"
- position 9 - broken "N"
- position 22- dent in "C"
- position 23 - broken "N"

Position Pieces From Right Pane



surcharge positions 1-4, 5-9, 11-14, 16-19, 21-24
position 1 being at bottom right



surcharge positions 4-5, 9-10



surcharge positions 9-10, 14-15

1884 Issue - Fifth Surcharge Unused Non-Constant Varieties

Surcharge Normal



vertical shift, two bars at top

Surcharge Inverted



vertical shifts, one bar and three bars



horizontal shifts



shifted both horizontally and vertically

These shifts are the result of improper placement of the surcharge setting and are not constant.

1884 Issue - Fifth Surchage

Used

Surcharge Normal



Surcharge Inverted



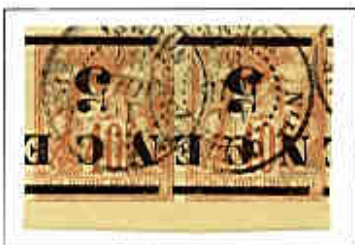
blue cancel



horizontal
shift



vertical
shift



Colonial General Issues
Postage Dues 1884 - 1893
Used

1884-1885 Series



3c



4c



10c



30c



2f

1894 Series



5c



10c



30c



5c pair

Two series of Colonial postage dues were available, at least in part, for use in New Caledonia. The majority of used examples showing New Caledonia postmarks are cancelled by favor.

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

25c 1886 Color Change On Cover



Noumea to Toulouse, France

5 November 1892 Ligne T. Paq. Fr. No. 1 postmark (posted on board S.S. *Armand Behic*)

25c rate prepaid with single 25c black on rose

Sydney transit backstamp

17 December 1892 Toulouse arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

1881 Issue

25c 1886 Color Change On Cover



23 October 1891 Noumea to Melbourne, Australia

7 November 1891 arrival backstamp

1886 Issue - Sixth Surcharge

Unused

N.C.E.

5c.

Surcharge Normal



Surcharge Inverted



Surcharge Double, Both Inverted



On June 29, 1886 a further surcharge was performed. This time the Sage issue one franc was surcharged with the 5c value and distinctive, hollow letters "N.C.E.". This surcharge was accomplished locally at Noumea in groups of fifty. The right hand pane had two or three rows of inverted surcharges at the bottom.

1886 Issue - Sixth Surcharge

Used

Surcharge Normal



Surcharge Inverted



1886 Issue - Seventh Surcharge

Unused

N. C. E.

5c.

Surcharge Normal



Surcharge Inverted



Surcharge Double, One Inverted



In August, 1886 a further five cent surcharge was performed on the one franc. Also produced at Noumea but this time using a form of twenty five subjects, the surcharge has single line letters "N.C.E.". The total overprinted was 13,900 on the perforated one franc and 100 on the imperforate one franc.

1886 Issue - Seventh Surcharge

Used

Surcharge Normal



Surcharge Inverted



Surcharge Double



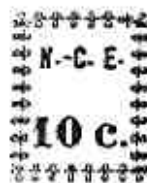
Surcharge On Imperforate One Franc



only 100 copies surcharged

1891 Issue - Eighth Surcharge

Unused



Surcharge Normal

On 40c Perforated



On 40c Imperforate



Surcharge Inverted

On 40c Perforated



On 40c Imperforate



Surcharge Double, One Inverted

On 40c Perforated



On 40c Imperforate

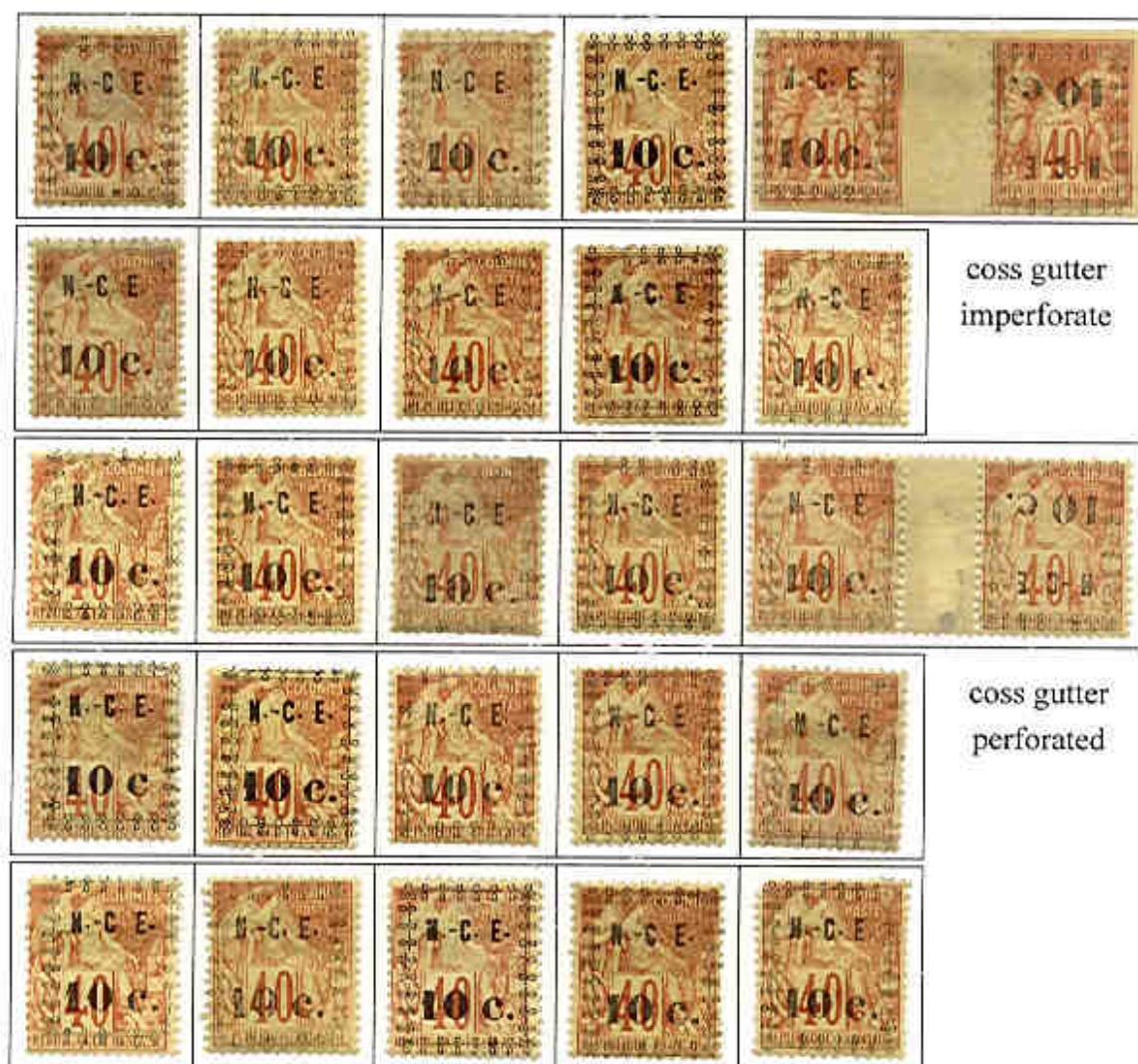


On December 23, 1891 a ten cent surcharge was performed on the forty centimes Sage issue. It was produced at Noumea using a form of twenty five subjects. It was printed in sheets of fifty with the right hand pane having the surcharge inverted The total overprinted was 11,0000 on the perforated forty centimes and 4,800 on the imperforate forty centimes.

1891 Issue - Eighth Surcharge

Unused

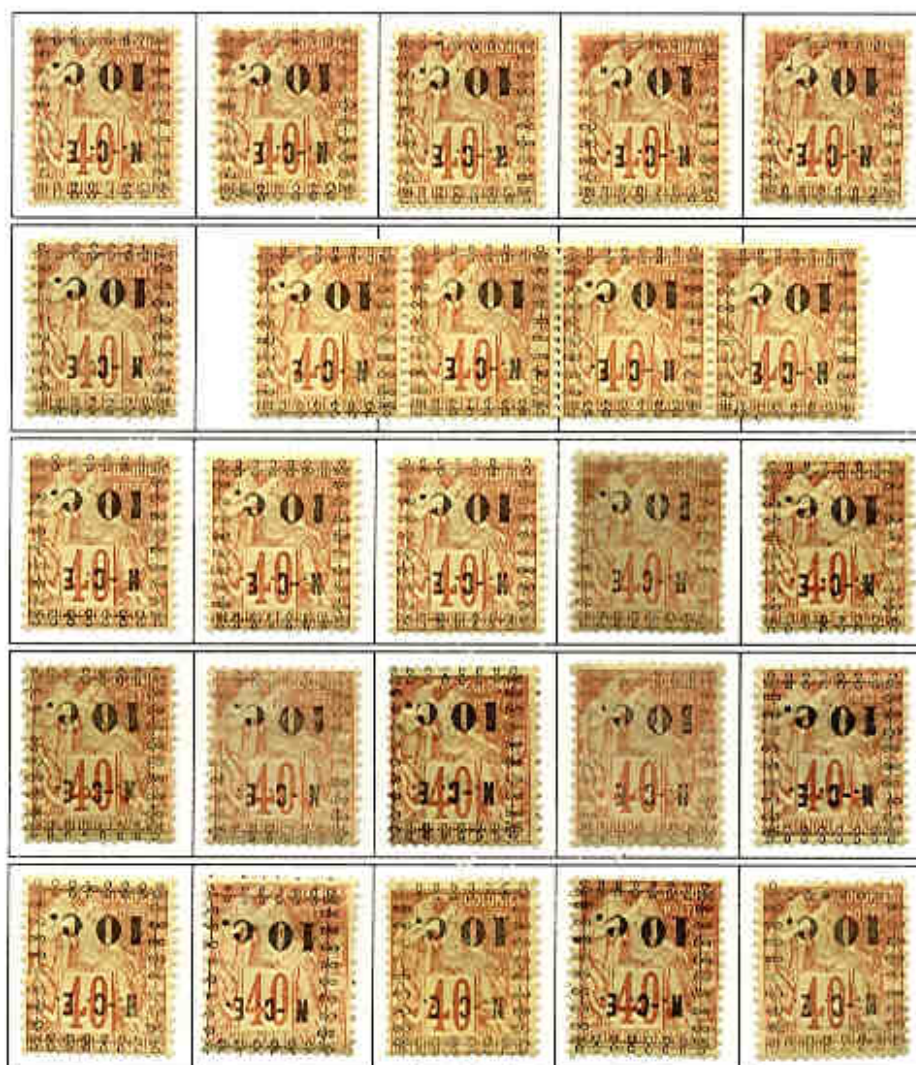
Reconstruction Of Left (Normal) Pane



*This setting of twenty-five subjects is easily plated due to variations in the border ornaments. In addition, there are several significant constant varieties. The most prominent of these are **no period after "N"** which occurs at positions 4 and 20, **no period after "C"** of "NCE" at positions 12 and 18, and **no period after "10c"** which occurs at position 18*

1891 Issue - Eighth Surcharge Unused

Reconstruction Of Right (Inverted) Pane Of 25



position 1

*Position one, on inverted pane, is at bottom right corner. This setting of twenty-five subjects is easily plated due to variations in the border ornaments. In addition, there are several significant constant varieties. The most prominent of these are **no period after "N"** which occurs at positions 4 and 20, **no period after "C"** of "NCE" at positions 12 and 18, and **no period after "10c"** which occurs at position 18.*

1891 Issue - Eighth Surcharge

On Cover



7 August 1896 Noumea **registered** to Toulouse, France

1f postage and 25c registry fee prepaid

10c block of ten, **inverted surcharge**, and pair **normal** 10c in combination with 5c 1892 issue

Ligne T, Paq. Fr. No. 5 transit, arrival backstamp

the block of ten is positions 1 to 10 (no period after "N" variety, position 4)

pair is positions 18-19 (no period after "10c" variety, position 18)

1892 Issue - Ninth Surcharge

Unused



Surcharge Normal



Surcharge Inverted



Surcharge Double



one inverted
one normal



cross gutter
both normal + both inverted

On May 25, 1892 a ten cent surcharge was performed on the thirty centimes Sage issue. It was produced at Noumea using a form of fifty subjects that covered two cross gutter panes of twenty five stamps each. The right hand pane had the surcharge inverted with respect to the left hand pane. The total overprinted was 50,0000 on the perforated thirty centimes.

1892 Issue - Ninth Surcharge Complete Sheet Of Fifty Stamps

This setting of fifty subjects has several constant varieties. The most prominent of these is the no period after "N" which occurs at positions 5 and 17. Positions are arbitrarily designated as 1-10 as top row. Positions 6-10 are inverted on the sheet shown but, if the sheet were fed from the other side, these would be in normal position.

position 1



1892 Issue - Ninth Surcharge
Proof Impression Of Surcharge



This unusual proof impression corresponds to the top three horizontal rows of the left pane of the sheet shown on following page except the left vertical column is dropped somewhat. Position 5 is the no period after "N" variety. The wear of the numeral "1" in position 9, in comparison with same position on full sheet, suggests that this may have been done after the stamps were printed.

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint Unused (From Copper Device)

N^o 1
CALEDONIE
—

Overprints from copper device have the top bar of final "E" in "Caledonie" smashed at top.

On Imperforate 1877 - 1878 General Issue



20c



35c



1f

On Perforated 1881-1886 General Issue



10c



15c



20c



25c



30c



75c



1f

By a Governmental Decree of May 6, 1892, all the French Colonies were ordered to stamp the name of the Colony on all remaining stocks of the general issues. New Caledonia overprinted stamps starting on June 24, 1892 and overprinted additional values as needed.

The original device used was made of copper and was soon replaced by a steel device ordered from Sydney, Australia.

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint

Unused (From Steel Device)

N^o 10
CALEDONIE
—

Overprints from steel device have a normal final "E" in "Caledonie" and longer middle horizontal bar.

On Imperforate 1877 - 1878 General Issue



20c



35c



1f

On Perforated 1881-1886 General Issue



5c



10c



15c



20c



25c



25c



30c



35c



75c



1f

The second device, made from steel, was used for overprinting upon receipt from Sydney. The stamps shown above are believed by this exhibitor to encompass all of the genuinely issued denominations. Other values, listed by some catalogs as being either issued, or essays, are shown on the following page.

The original device used for striking these overprints was still in the Noumea Post Office in 1914. It was apparently used to produce several late printings of doubtful standing.

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint

Essays / Unissued Values (From Steel Device)

On Imperforate 1877 - 1878 General Issue



2c



4c



35c



40c

On Perforated 1881-1886 General Issue



1c



2c



4c



40c

In Pair With Surcharge Omitted - Unissued Items



15c



35c



35c

The above are all genuine steel device overprints but were not regularly issued and are either late printings or essays. The original device used for striking these overprints was still in the Noumea Post Office in 1914. It was apparently used to produce several late printings of doubtful standing.

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint

Essays / Unissued Values (From Steel Device)

On General Postage Due Issue



5c



15c

Unissued 2c Sage On Cover



strip of five unissued 2c Sage on cover with Noumea 11 November 1892 postmarks
presumably cancelled by favor

The above are all genuine steel device overprints but were not regularly issued and are either late printings or essays. The original device used for striking these overprints was still in the Noumea Post Office in 1914. It was apparently used to produce several late printings of doubtful standing.

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint
Mixed Overprint Types On Cover



21 September 1894 Noumea **registered** to Penang
postage and registry fee paid with **30c copper overprint** in combination with **25c steel overprint**
25 October 1894 Penang arrival backstamp and forwarded to Colombo
7 November 1894 Colombo Registered arrival backstamp

The Only Reported Example Of This Combination

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint

25c On Cover / Used Double Overprint



17 July Thio to Lille, France

25c rate prepaid with 25c with overprint from steel device

Ligne T, Paq. Fr. No. 1 transit, arrival backstamp

25c Double Overprint (From Steel Device)



14 December 1892 Isle Of Pines cancel

At least one sheet of the double overprint variety was released at the Isle Of Pines Post Office.

1892 Issue - Tenth Overprint
Steel Overprints: Cancels / On Cover



15c
Corr D'Armees blue cancel



25c
Dubatche blue cancel



21 April 1893 Noumea to Otago, New Zealand
25c postage prepaid with 25c with steel overprint
Auckland transit and Otago arrival backstamps

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

Unused



1c



2c



4c



5c



10c



15c



20c



25c



30c



40c



50c



75c



1f

A new type was designed and issued for all of the French Colonies in 1892. The stamp was designed by Alphee Dubois, engraved by Mouchon and printed in Paris in sheets of 150 subjects. The name of the Colony was printed separately. It was issued in New Caledonia in November, 1892.

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type
1c On Cover



20 June 1913 Noumea to Hastings, New Zealand
25c rate paid with with 25 copies of 1c including a block of nine

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

2c On Cover / 4c On Cover



4 September 1903 Noumea to Paris France

15c rate prepaid with four copies 2c, two copies 1c and single 5c (1900 issue)

Ligne N, Paq. Fr. No. 2 transit, arrival backstamp



3 May 1899 Paita to Lucerne, Switzerland

25c rate paid with 4c, 5c and 1c on 15c postal stationery

11 June 1899 arrival backstamp

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

5c On Cover



22 March 1894 Noumea to Paris, France, 15c service rate

Colonies Francais, Service De Sante, N'le Caledonie handstamps, **Corr. D' Armees** postmark



23 September 1898 Noumea to Berne, Switzerland

15c rate prepaid in combination with 10c postal card

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

10c On Cover



5 March 1905 Houailou to Lyon, France

10c post card rate prepaid



9 June 1896 Noumea to Radnorshire, England

10c used on 15c carte-lettre postal stationery

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type
15c On Cover



8 June 1896 Noumea to Velay, France, 15c service rate

Marine Francaise Service A La Mer blue anchor illustrated backstamp, **Corr. D' Armees** postmark

Ligne T, Paq. Fr. No. 6 transit, arrival backstamp



17 November 1900 Noumea to Orthez, France

Ligne T, Paq. Fr. No. 5 transit, arrival backstamp

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

20c On Cover



27 June 1898 Noumea to Port Elliott, South Australia
25c rate prepaid in combination with 4c and 1c, arrival backstamp



25 August 1896 La Foa to Nancy, France
25c rate prepaid in combination with pair 2c and single 1c

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

25c On Cover



21 December Bouloupari to Brignais, France

Ligne T, Paq. Fr. No. 3 and arrival backstamps



23 September 1898 La Foa registered local usage
prepaid in combination with pair 5c and 15c postal stationery

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

30c Through 1f On Cover



30 September 1893 Noumea **registered** to Baden Baden, Germany
postage and registry fee probably overpaid with 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c and 1f
12 November 1892 Baden Baden arrival backstamp

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type
50c On Cover



11 January 1899 Noumea **registered** to New York, United States
postage and registry fee paid with single 50c
24 February 1899 Tacoma, Washington Registered transit, arrival backstamps

1892 Issue - A. Dubois Type

75c On Cover



28 September 1904 Noumea **registered** to Sydney, New South Wales

25c registry fee plus double 25c rate prepaid with single 75c

3 October 1904 Sydney Registered arrival backstamp

1892 Issue - Eleventh And Twelfth Surcharges

Unused



Black Surcharge



5c on 75c



10c on 1f



5c on 20c

Blue Surcharge



5c on 75c



10c on 1f



10c blue on 1f imperforate
100 copies issued

Inverted Surcharges



5c black
on 75c



5c blue
on 75c



10c blue
on 1f



5c black
on 20c

A Decree of November 28, 1892 authorized additional 5c and 10c surcharges. These were performed on the 75c and 1f general colonies issues. These were issued on December 5, 1893. A twelfth surcharge, 5c black on the 20c general colonies issue was released on February 17, 1893. For both the eleventh and twelfth surcharges, each surcharge was applied individually one stamp at a time. Only 100 copies of the 10c blue surcharge on 1f Sage imperf were issued.

1892 Issue - Eleventh And Twelfth Surcharges

Used

Black Surcharge



5c on 75c



10c on 1f



5c on 20c

Blue Surcharge



5c on 75c



10c on 1f



10c blue on 1f imperforate

100 copies issued



Pair of covers with eleventh surcharges cancelled locally at Noumea on January 5, 1893

Inverted Surcharges



5c black
on 75c



5c black
on 20c

**1892 Issue - Eleventh And Twelfth Surcharges
Used On Cover**



15 April 1898 Gomen registered to Cevindie
 overfranked philatelic cover bearing nine different surcharge issue stamps
 5c on 75c and 10c on 1f Dubois in both colors, plus 5c on 20c, as well as
 10c on 30c ninth surcharge, normal and inverted, plus 10c on 40c eighth surcharge, normal and inverted

1893 Military Stamps

Unused

Type I



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Type II



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Type III



Type IV



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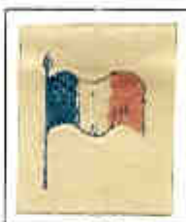
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From 1885 French troops stationed in New Caledonia were allowed a special postal concession rate of 15c per letter instead of the normal 25c rate. In 1893 a military label was introduced that was distributed free that was to be affixed to soldiers mail in addition to the postage. These were discontinued after 1894.

Four different types are reported. Type I with "10 Centimes" denomination and plate position in corner, type II without value and plate position at top left, type III without position number, and type IV with plate position between crossed flags.

1893 Military Stamps

Type I Essay / Full Sheet



essay impression of flag only, corresponds to position 6 on sheet below



type I sheet of twenty five stamps

gummed sheet with "Genie Nouvelle Calédonie" black control cachet on verso

1893 Military Stamps

Type I On Cover



2 June 1893 Noumea to Bruxelles, Belgium

10c type I military stamp, position 4, tied by 29th Battery, Marine Artillery Commandant's cachet

15c service rate prepaid with 15c 1892 steel overprint

1893 Military Stamps

Type II On Cover



21 February 1893 Corr. D' Armees, Noumea to Sauliess, France
type II military stamp tied by "Genie Nouvelle Calédonie" regimental cachet
15c service rate prepaid with 15c 1892 issue
Sauliess arrival backstamp, forwarded to Paris

1893 Military Stamps

Type III On Cover



22 July 1893 Corr. D' Armees, Noumea to Brest, France
type III military stamp tied by "Genie Nouvelle Calédonie" regimental cachet
15c service rate prepaid with 15c 1892 issue
Ligne T, paq. Fr. No. 1 transit, arrival backstamp

Colonial General Issues

Postage Dues

1894 Issue 10c On Cover



2 December 1895 Melbourne, Australia short paid to Noumea
10c postage due added for deficiency at Noumea on 17 December 1895



14 April 1902 Sydney, Australia short paid to Noumea
10c postage due added for deficiency at Noumea on 22 April 1902

1899 Issue - Thirteenth Surcharge

Unused



N.C.E.

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5c on 4c



15c on 30c



Inverted Surcharges



A Decree of December 21, 1899 authorized additional 5c and 15c surcharges. These were performed at Noumea on the 4c and 30c New Caledonia issue of 1892. Each surcharge was applied individually one stamp at a time. This, the final issue of the century, was released on December 29, 1999.

1899 Issue - Thirteenth Surcharge

Used On Cover



13 January 1900 Noumea to Bordeaux, France
prepaid with 15c on 30c, arrival backstamp



cover with thirteenth surcharges cancelled locally at Noumea on December 31, 1899

1899 Issue - Thirteenth Surcharge

5c Provisional Postage Due Usage



short paid local usage

unpaid by sender, cross gutter pair 5c on 4c surcharges **used as postage due**

5c rate plus 5c penalty for unpaid

stamps cancelled with "T" in inverted triangle, another strike to right

2 January 1900 datestamp applied on delivery

For a few days at the end of 1899 the Noumea post office ran out of postage due stamps. When an unfranked letter arrived the addressee was notified to call at the office and was required to pay twice the amount of the underfranking. The post office then affixed postage stamps to this amount and cancelled them with a "T" in dotted triangle. The item was then date stamped normally and delivered.