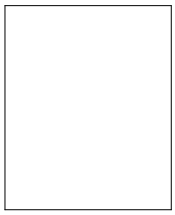
Orange River Colony

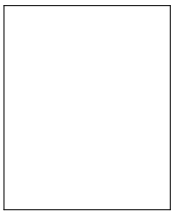
The Orange Free State, a Boer republic, was annexed as the Orange River Colony in 1900 following occupation by British troops in the Boer War. Initial stamp issues were Orange Free State issues overprinted V.R.I. (Victoria Regina Imperatrix in Latin, or Victoria Queen Empress) followed later by a Cape Colony issue overprinted with the name of the Colony, and a further issue of Free State stamps overprinted E.R.I. (Edward Rex Imperator) following Edward VII's accession. Subsequent issues carried the name of the Colony.

The Colony attained self-government in 1907 and joined the Union of South Africa in 1910

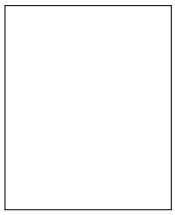
Orange Free State issues overprinted V.R.I., first printing March 1900, stops level



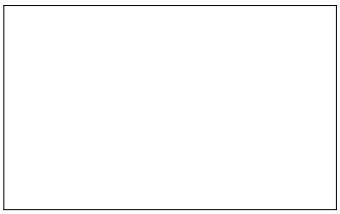
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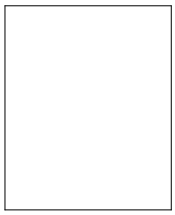
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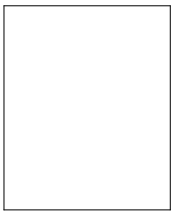
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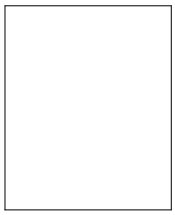
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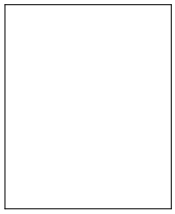
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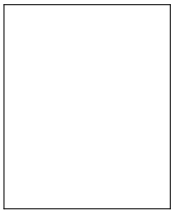
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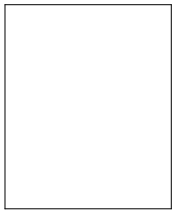
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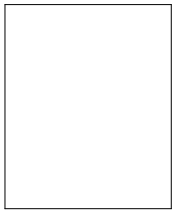
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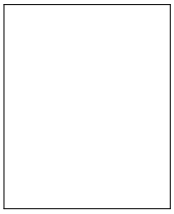


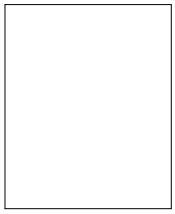
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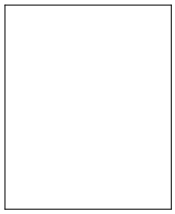
Orange River Colony

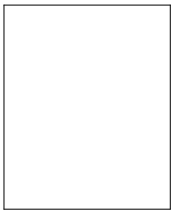
Orange Free State issues overprinted V.R.I., second printing March 1900, raised stops

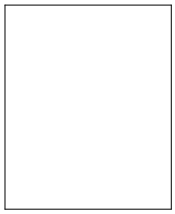

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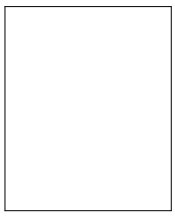

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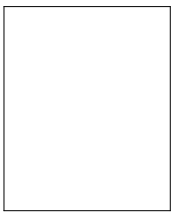

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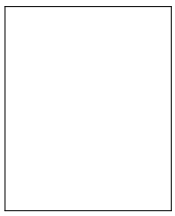

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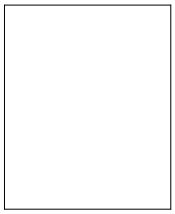

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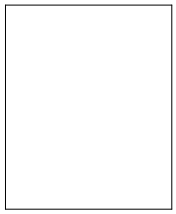

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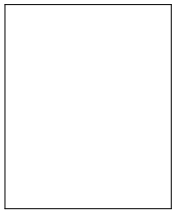

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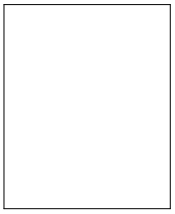

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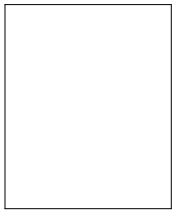

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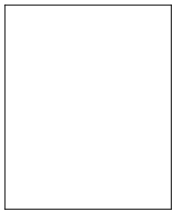
Orange River Colony

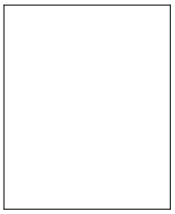
Orange Free State issues overprinted V.R.I., third printing March 1900, thick V

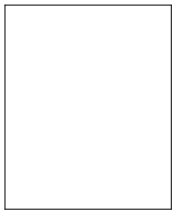

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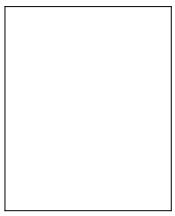

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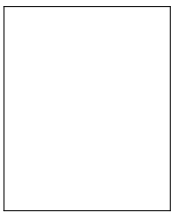

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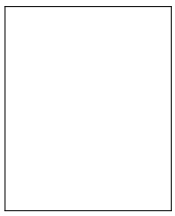

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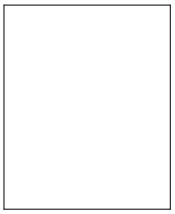

SG127 ultramarine


SG128 ultramarine


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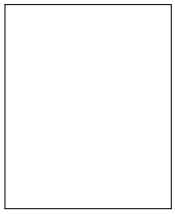

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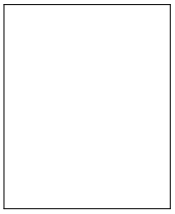

SG132 green

Orange River Colony

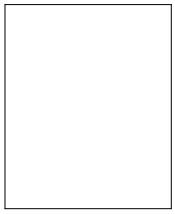
Cape of Good Hope issues overprinted, 1900 - 1902



SG133 green

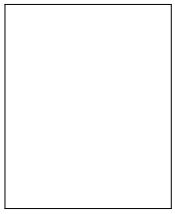


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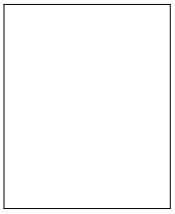


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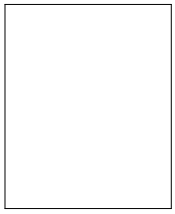
Orange Free State issues overprinted E.R.I. and V.R.I, 1902



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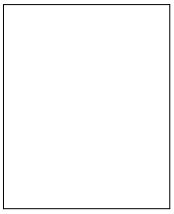
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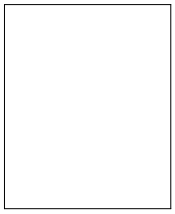


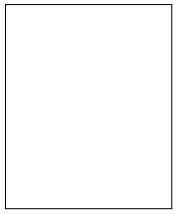
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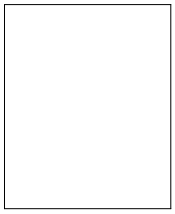
Orange River Colony

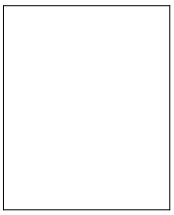
1903 - 1904 WM Crown CA

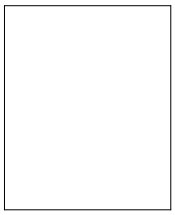

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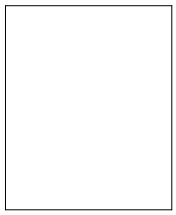

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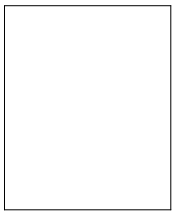

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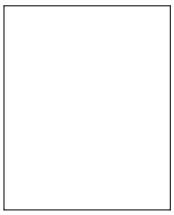

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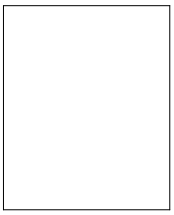

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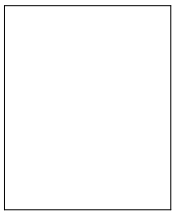

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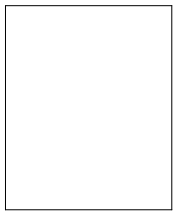

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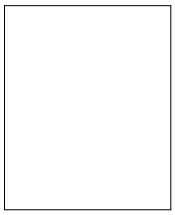

SG147

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SG148


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