

The Rhodesian Penny Double Head used fiscally on receipts

About twenty years ago, the noted Double Head collector and connoisseur, Bob Gibbs, reflected that the 1910 1d Double Head was the greatest stamp of the British Empire.

The **purpose** of this exhibit is to feature this stamp used **fiscally on receipts** and in doing so discover the often interesting aspects of **social history of early Rhodesia** that can be gleaned from the various documents.

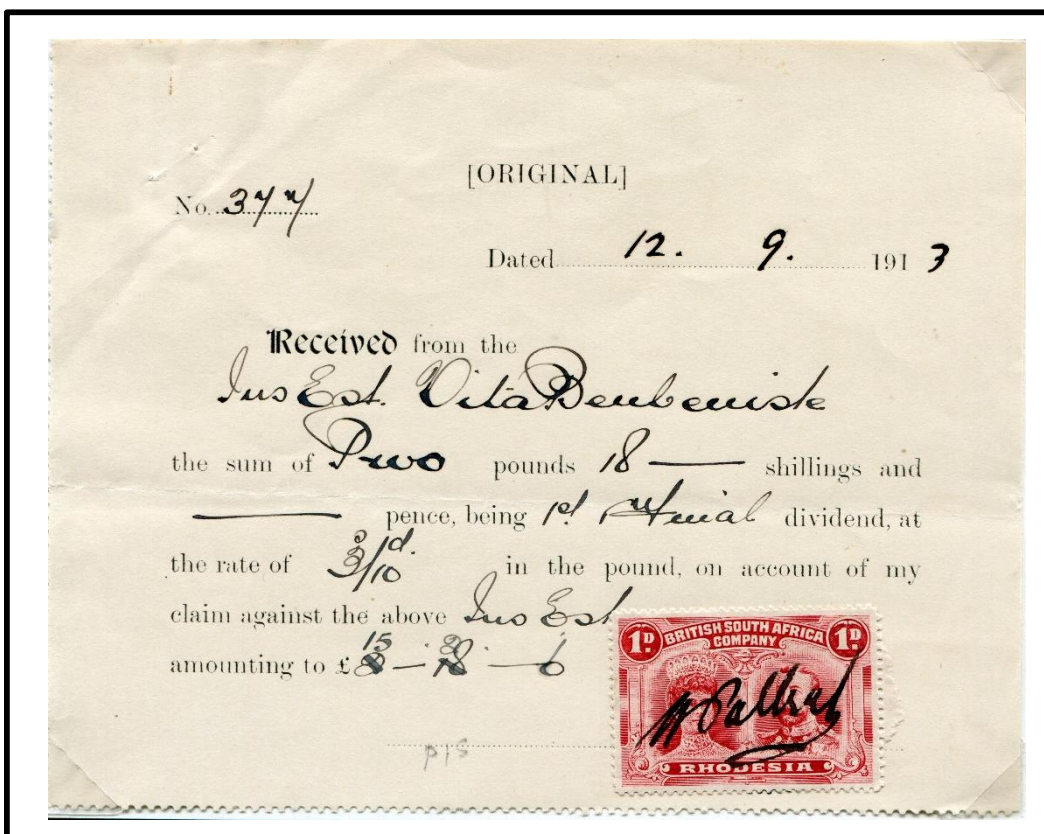
Determining the **rarity** of these receipts is a complex question. Over 14 million of these stamps were printed between 1910 and 1913; they must have appeared on thousands of receipts. But each receipt is, in its own way, unique. Most of the receipts that have survived come from either Bulawayo or Salisbury. Receipts from other centres are much scarcer. The vast majority of surviving receipts come out of Southern Rhodesia – there are very little from Northern Rhodesia.

Not part of this study are the stamps themselves. Printed from two plates, the many printings resulted in a deterioration of the plates and, along with the various inkings, produced many flaws and a rich spectrum of colours. Perf. 14 stamps are common, Perf. 15 less so, and Perf. 13½ much rarer.

Stephen Reah-Johnson once reflected that “the Penny Double Head is like a desert into which great philatelists wander and are then never heard from again”. This exhibit is just a gentle detour that that avoids that abyss!

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Perf. 15, Plate B,
Position 40, on a
receipt from Insolvent
Estate

12 September, 1912.

STATEMENT.

Bulawayo, 15 August 1911 Folio No.

M Trustee
Estate of J. Biscoe
In Account with

LANDAU BROS., Wholesale Merchants.

SOLE AGENTS IN RHODESIA FOR
MELACHRINO, OFFICERS' MESS and MOTOR CIGARETTES.

P.O. BOX 347

Branch: SALISBURY.

Interest at the rate of 10 % Per Annum Charged on all Overdue Accounts.

TO ACCOUNT RENDERED

GOODS
16 Additional Blain
for Rent of Building
from 30th June + 14th August

1 Month at 25 days
@ £5 per month £ 9 3 4



17/8/11
Recheque
H Landau Bros
11 St Oxford

E. & O. E.

All Payments to be made direct to LANDAU BROS., and no Receipt
recognised unless on our printed Receipt Forms.

Landau Bros.

Salisbury Branch
August, 1911.
Statement and Receipt

Eric Rosenthal in his *Rhodesian Jewry and its Story*, notes a Louis Landau, as a member of the well-known commercial house, who was elected Town Councillor in two cities - at Salisbury as early as 1902, and again in Bulawayo in a similar capacity from 1922 to 1927. Later on, a John Landau, former chairman on Mashonaland Wholesalers Association, became active in the country's politics before and after Independence.

Perf 14, Plate B, Position 63
showing 'Queen's Neck Re-
entry.



Statement

P.O. BOX 428
TELEPHONE 166

As at BULAWAYO and GATOOMA
Telegrams, "PROVIDERS."

MANICA ROAD,
Salisbury, *H-6* 191 *7*

M. A. J. Lewis

In Account with **Haddon & Sly,**

TERMS: Strictly Monthly

To A/c rendered	To Goods
	<i>Bulawayo</i>
	<i>Settled By Contra</i>
	<i>OK</i>
	<i>H. 9.9</i>
	<i>6</i>

P. 13 1/2
59 208 d

E. & O. E.

Haddon & Sly

Salisbury
June, 1912
Statement and Receipt

Perf. 13½, Master Plate,
Position 99.



Haddon & Sly Ltd was established in Bulawayo in 1894 as a general dealer by two traders W.H. Haddon and J.W.

Sly who merged their businesses to suppress competition from other entrepreneurs. In the early days it provided a tea room and ladies rest room as facilities for country customers who had journeyed into Bulawayo by ox-wagon or Cape cart. In 1910, the company opened a men's outfitting establishment on Manica Road, Salisbury and by 1928, it opened a second branch in Salisbury and, later, in Gatooma.

Avondale Village Management Board

May, 1912

Statement and Receipt

Perf. 14, Plate B, Position 24

Avondale was the earliest suburb established in Salisbury (1903). The first official European marriage ceremony in Rhodesia took place on the Avondale farm in 1894 when the Count de la Panouse was married to Fanny Pearson (Countess Billie) by Lt Col. Hugh Marshall Hole. Marshall Hole was the Private Secretary to Sir Starr Jameson, the first Administrator of the British South Africa Company in Rhodesia. Countess Billie managed the dairy farm and at the time supplied Salisbury with 100 bottles of milk a day and 100 pounds of butter a week. The statement/invoice is an example of the 'informal apartheid' that existed in early Rhodesia.

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Avondale Village Management Board,
Salisbury, **MAY 31 1912** 191

W. K. Gustave
Dr. to . . . for *M. Hapico*

Avondale Village Management Board.

To Sanitary Fees for month of *June*

<i>1</i> European Buckets @ 7/6	7	6
<i>1</i> Native Buckets @ 7/6	7	6
<i>✓</i> Rental of Buckets @ 5d.	10	
„ Rubbish Removal for month, @ per month 5/-	5	
Less 20 per cent.	1	10

All Fees payable in advance.

Complaints as to irregularity of service should be made AT ONCE to the Collectors.

This account must be paid to Messrs. Forbes & Ross at their office Manica Road, Salisbury, P.O. Box 380, or to Mr. Rabinowitz at his Store, Mazoe Road, Avondale, and is subject to an abatement of 20 per cent. if paid on or before the 10th day of the month to which it refers

Under no circumstances will the abatement be allowed unless the fees are paid on or before the day above referred to.

Recd

1d BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY 1d RHODESIA



Avondale Halt – a sketch by Alex Jack from *Salisbury Changing Skyline*.

R. Munday
Accountant.

The Rhodesian Native Labour Bureau, based in Bulawayo, was a commercial body constituted under an Ordinance of 1906 and accepted by the High Commissioner and the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Its purpose was the collecting and distributing of native labourers and for facilitating their travelling by providing blankets, accommodation and other facilities.

D. Beaton – Iron & Timber Merchant

Livingstone
June 1912

Statement/Invoice and Receipt – Perf. 14, Plate B, Position 3.

Mr. Henne **IRON & TIMBER MERCHANT** *Livingstone June 25/1912*

In Account with **D. BEATON,** BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR.

TELS.: "BEATON."

AGENT FOR LONDON & LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS. TERMS CASH. 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

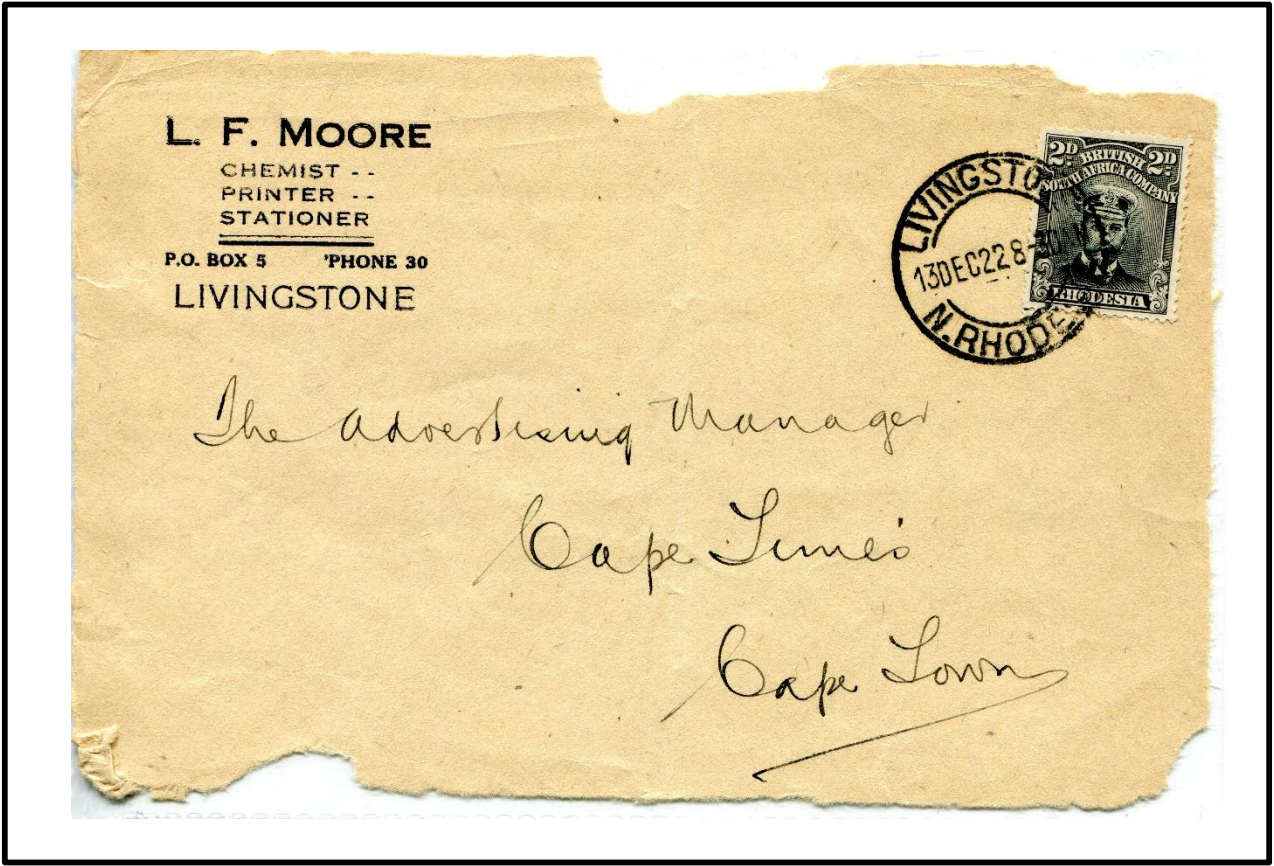
In execution of order of..... per.....

To	1 Iron Pan	4 6
"	1 Sauce pan	4 6
"	1 Sauce pan	5 6
"	1 Kettle	3
"	1 Wash Basin	3
"	1 axe	3
"	1 Bucket	3 6
		£ 17

25/6/12 *Paid with cheques* *D. Beaton* *P. 813*

1d BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY 1d RHODESIA

Originally established on the north bank of the Zambezi River, Livingstone owes its existence primarily to the Victoria Falls as was a staging point across the river. The 'Old Drift' Livingstone was 'moved' from the banks of the Zambezi in 1905 to higher ground away from the mosquito-infested swampy banks. Statements and receipts with use of the 1d Double Heads are very rare.



L.F. Moore, later Sir Leopold Moore, was a chemist and newspaper proprietor, and later a member of the Northern Rhodesia Legislative Council. Originally based on the Northern Bank of the Zambezi at the Old Drift, he would later resettle at Livingstone. Moore was outspoken critic against the British South Africa Company in North Western Rhodesia and was a major supporter of establishing Livingstone as the centre of North Western Rhodesia.



Landing Hippo, above Livingstone – postcard published by E. Peters in the first decade of the 20th Century.

The Mosenthal Rhodesia Agency

Bulawayo, June, 1913
Statement and Receipt for Jumpers Mine - Perf. 14, Plate B, Position 71.

P.O. Box 41, *Bulawayo*. 30 JUN 1913

Messrs Jumpers Mine Coz ac

In Account with

The Mosenthal Rhodesia Agency

TERMS:

<i>May 8</i>	TO INVOICE	<i>1 2 3</i>
<i>June 17</i>	" "	<i>5 1 6</i>
<i>19</i>	" "	<i>11 6 2</i>
		<i>18 5 11</i>

Rec'd by Cheque
£18-5-11
J. A. Mosenthal

1p BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY
1p

E. & O. E.

For more than half a century, Mosenthals was the most prominent and probably largest enterprise in Port Elizabeth. The Mosenthals, originally from Hesse-Cassel, were the most significant Jewish family connected with the early settlement and development of the Eastern Province of the Cape Colony. Harry Mosenthal joined with Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and Barney Barnato in establishing De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited, thus joining a lot of small mines into a huge conglomerate. The world famous *Star of Africa* diamond was sold by the Mosenthals in London.

J. Austen

Que Que, September, 1912
Statement and Receipt for Prince George Mine – Perf. 14, Plate b, Position 86

ESTABLISHED 1894. Que Que, *Sept 19 1912*

Mr Trustees Assigned Estate J. A. Austen

Bought of J. AUSTEN, DIRECT IMPORTER.

BOTTLE STORE.			
Groceries, Oilman's Stores, Ironmongery, Enamelware,	Brushware, Drapery, Clothing, Outfitting,	Haberdashery, Fancy Goods, Butchery, Wines and Spirits,	Boots and Shoes, Crocery, Glassware.
Ladies' and Children's Millinery and Outfitting. : Ribbons. : Laces. : Flowers.			

TERMS: NETT. INTEREST AT 10 PER CENT. PER ANNUM, CHARGED ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

Augt 24 10 cart hire to Prince George Mine 2

pay

Estate J. A. Austen
No. 28 Que Que, *Sept 19 1912*
Cheque Value £2
Inc. 10/11
J. AUSTEN
£2

1p BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY
1p

John Austen was born Johan Osterlund in Finland. He went to sea at fifteen and Anglicised his name on the advice of his ship's captain. Arriving in Southern Africa (East London) and after a short spell in the Kimberley diamond fields, he arrived in Que Que in 1894, where he prospered. He became the first Mayor of Que Que (1934) where a solid gold mayoral chain was donated by the nearby Globe and Phoenix Mine. Later in his life he sent £250 pounds to Finland to assist them in repelling the Russians in the Winter War (1939-1940) but after the Finns joined the Germans in World War II, this 'grand old man' of Que Que left half of his considerable estate to the British Government to assist with the building of a warship for the Royal Navy. At the first Council meeting, Austen stated: *We must build all our roads straight, straight so we can see what is coming round the corner.*

S. Sykes & Co., Limited

Bulawayo, June and August, 1913

Statement and Receipt – Perf. 14, Plate B, Position 45 and Perf. 14, Plate A, Position 61

STATEMENT. Folio *30/6/1913*

P.O. Box 230.
TELEGRAMS: "PSYCHE."
TELEPHONE 28.

BULAWAYO, RHODESIA.

Mr Newton, McEay & Early

Dr. to **S. SYKES & CO., LIMITED,**
ENGINEERS AND MACHINERY IMPORTERS.

To A/c Rendered	
<i>June 16</i>	„ Goods 7 5 9
<i>23</i>	„ „ 0 17 2
	„ „ 8 2 11
	„ „ 8 2 11

By Cheques

Board of Directors

David

For S. SYKES & CO., LTD.

14/4/1913

Thanks

1d BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY 1d
RHODESIA

E. & O. E.

STATEMENT. Folio *18/8/1913*

P.O. Box 230.
TELEGRAMS: "PSYCHE."
TELEPHONE 28.

BULAWAYO, RHODESIA.

Mr Newton, McEay & Early

Dr. to **S. SYKES & CO., LIMITED,**
ENGINEERS AND MACHINERY IMPORTERS.

To A/c Rendered	
	„ Goods 111 14 6
<i>By Cheque</i>	„ „ 111 14 6
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For S. SYKES & CO., LTD.

David

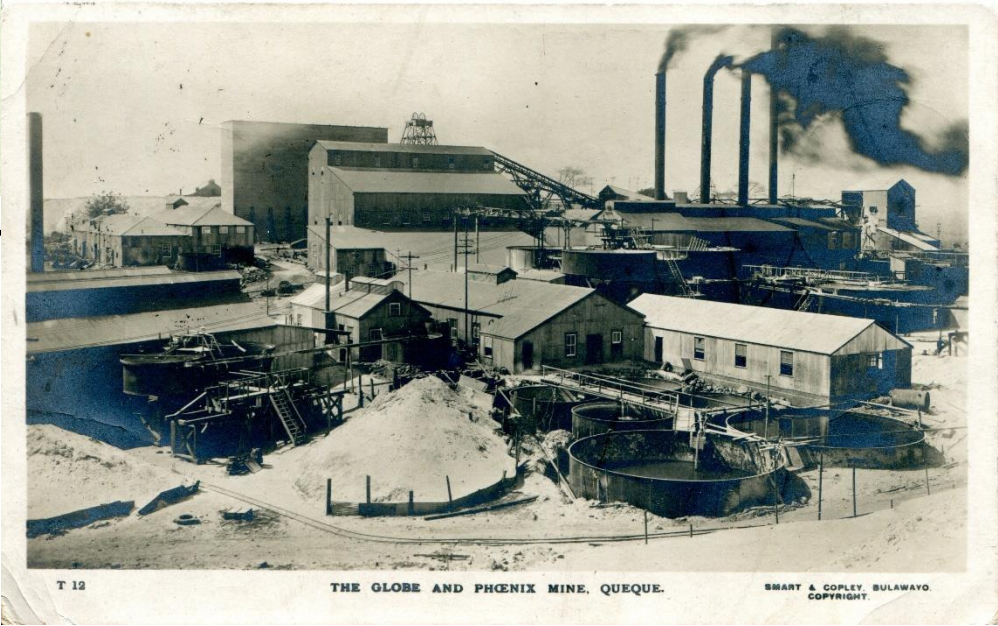
14/8/1913

Thanks

1d BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY 1d
RHODESIA

E. & O. E.

Sykes & Co. was a company that operated in Bulawayo, Rhodesia in the early 20th Century. It was involved in various engineering and mining projects, such as the construction of the Bulawayo Waterworks and the development of the Globe and Phoenix Mine.

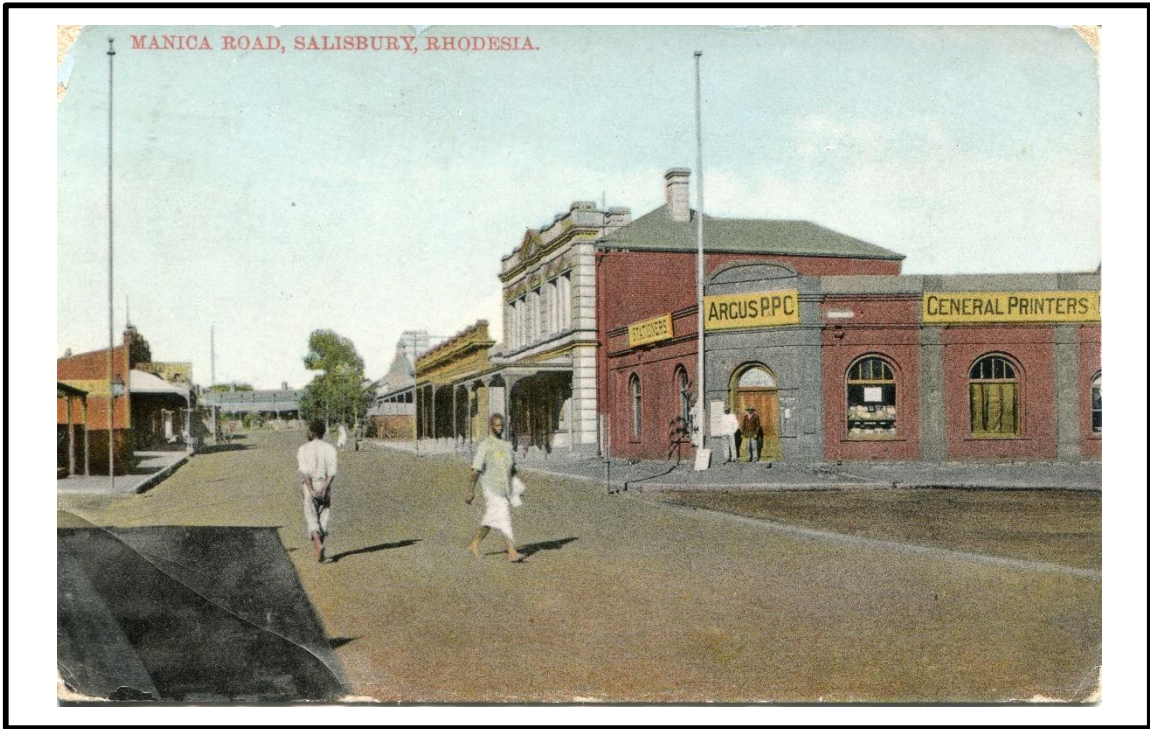


A postcard published circa 1913 by Smart & Copley, Bulawayo of The Globe and Phoenix Mine, Que Que

Argus Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.

Receipt (November, 1910) and Statement and Receipt (October 1910-January, 1911)

Perf. 14, Master Plate, Position 78 and Perf 14 – Plate and Position not identified



Printers and Publishers of		Salisbury, <i>Oct</i> 191 <i>0</i>	
"THE :: RHODESIA :: HERALD" "B.S.A. Co. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE"		P.O. Box 396.	
Messrs. <i>Lezard & Co.</i>			
Dr. to Argus Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.			
General Printers, Publishers, Bookbinders and Account Book Manufacturers Booksellers and Stationers. Newsagents.			
To Account Rendered			
<i>"Advertising Town Properties Oct 31 - Nov 16 & Insertions Printing & Inserting leaflets 5000 <i>Sept.</i></i>			
		11 8	
		1 10	
		10	
		<i>£</i> 13 8 0	
MUNICIPALITY OF SALISBURY.			
Assessment No.		Rates Receipt No. 3632	
RECEIVED from <i>J. H. Norton</i>			
the sum of <i>Twelve</i> Pounds,			
<i>Three</i> Shillings, and <i>nine</i> Pence,			
<i>£ 12 - 3 - 9</i>			
<i>10/11</i>		<i>P. D. Dallett</i> pro TOWN CLERK.	

The Argus Printing & Publishing Company Ltd. was a subsidiary of the Argus Company of South Africa who were based in Cape Town and Johannesburg. In June, 1891, the Argus Company sent William Ernest Fairbridge (above) to Fort Salisbury to obtain reports about the settlement to send back to Britain. On 27 June, 1891, he filled a German sausage with glue and treacle, and using it as a roller, printed the first copies of *The Mashonaland Herald* (later to become the *Mashonaland and Zambesian Times*). The postcard above, was published by *The Argus Printing & Publishing Co., Salisbury*, and shows its offices in Manica Road, Salisbury. The card was used from Kopje Salisbury in 1909.

STATEMENT.

P.O. Box 431.
TELEPHONE No. 123.

Stanley Avenue,

Salisbury, 31 JAN 1913 1913

Dr. to The Art Printing Works, Ltd.

Printers, Stationers, Music sellers, etc.

M. J. Est. A. Blevins

Salisbury 120 of Executors

PROPRIETORS OF "RHODESIAN OPINION."

1912	To Account rendered		
June 3/4	„ Goods Rubbers 6 Feb '16	2	
	„ Fountain pens 25/1. Ink '19	1	6 9
	„ Men's Books of Pencils of	6	
	„ Pouches 6 N. Pads 7 Keeps Book 9	3	3
	„ Carbon Rubbers 1/6 Koh-I-Noor 5/6	7	
	„ Above files 4/6	2	6
July 1	Journal 7/6 Day Book 7/6	15	
	„ Ledger 7/6 Cash Book 7/6	15	
	„ Envelopes	2	6
Aug 16	„ Steam Newspaper 1/4 Sheet 6/6	11	6
Sept 9	„ 75 Sheet 1/10 White	2	6
Oct 7	„ White paper 4 18 1/2 38 5/4	9	
Nov 6	„ do 5 18 1/2 5/4	10	
Dec 12	„ do 5 18 1/2 5/4	5	
The ART PRINTING WORKS, Ltd.		5	18.
Approved		2	18 1913

The Art Printing Works, Ltd.

Salisbury
March, 1913

Perf. 14, Plate A, Position 56.

Statement and Receipt

Based in Stanley Avenue
Salisbury, The Art Printing
Works Ltd were printers,
stationers and bookbinders.

They also acted as an official
ticket seller for the Southern
Rhodesia State Lotteries.

ALWAYS THINK
OF THE ART
FIRST

For your
Boys Tickets, Native Passes,
Time Books, Account Books,
Envelopes, Printed Butter
Wrappers, Etc.

THE ART PRINTING WORKS, LIMITED.
P.O. Box 431 STANLEY AVENUE. Salisbury
Official Ticket Sellers
S. RHODESIA STATE LOTTERIES

Local Industries

EVERYBODY'S DUTY IS TO SUPPORT THEM

Rhodesian School Boys and Girls use now Rhodesian Printers
and Stationery Manufacturers. They make all kinds of
Commercial Books, Writing Pads, Rubber Stamps, Loose
Leaf Ledgers and Leaves, etc.

TRY THE ONE SHILLING 200-LEAF PAD FOR
AIRMAIL USE ENVELOPES 1/6 100

55AP Outpost - Nov 1936
The Art Printing Works, Limited
P.O. Box 431 STANLEY AVENUE, SALISBURY Phone 2121, 2428

A sketch of the Art Printing Works
by Alex Jack in Salisbury Changing
Skylines.



A.F. Davis & Co.

Bulawayo, June, 1913, Statement and Receipt - Perf. 14, Plate B, Position 38.

P.O. Box 387.
Telephone 137.

ABERCORN STREET, opposite Palace Hotel,

Bulawayo, 31st March 1913

M. The Manager of Shellie Mine. Evavale

Dr. to **A. F. DAVIS & CO.,**

Motor Garage and Livery and Bait Stables.

MOTORS, CAPE CARTS, VICTORIAS, Etc., ALWAYS ON HAND.

Patent & Livery, Bulawayo. 218

1913
March 31 To His Honor Mr. Harris to Comptroller £ 2

April 10th 1913
Mr. Harris invoice
Rondy Excavator, but we were informed by
them that it should be sent to you direct -



The main street in Bulawayo was designed so that you could turn a whole span of oxen and a wagon. By 1910 motors cars were first becoming evident on the streets.

This postcard, published by Paul Schaffer & Co. shows the width of the main street with a number of Cape Carts visible.

