

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

4 November 1910

The Union's first stamp only appeared on 4 November 1910 to commemorate the opening of the first Union Parliament in Cape Town on that date

DESIGN

Full face portrait of King George V surmounted by a crown and the name of the country in English and Dutch above and below the King's head. Shields on which the heraldic insignia of the four colonies comprising the Union appear in the four corners. Designed by H S Wilkinson, Distributor of stamps in Pretoria

PRINT

Printed by Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. of London, England using a recess process

The 2½d value represented the Universal Postal Union unit of postage for foreign letters

No Arrows etc



It was the only Union stamp until the King George V definitive issue were issued on the 1st September 1913

WATERMARK
Multiple rosettes

PERFORATION
14

SHEET LAYOUT
120 Stamps in 10 rows by 12
columns with a center indicated
line