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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

BY LIEUT. H. M. T. CHANDLER.

THIRTY-ONE years ago the first postage stamps were issued in the Province of Columbia. The first stamp was the 2½d., pink, printed upon unwatermarked paper and contained the head of Queen Victoria to the left in the centre of the stamp; the words "British Columbia" and "Vancouver Isle," at the top and bottom respectively; on the left hand the word "Postage," and on the right "Two Pence Halfpenny." This stamp is found both perforated and unperforated, and was engraved by Messrs. De LaRue & Co., London.

In the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for September, 1890, I note that Messrs. Corwin and King, in an article on the stamps of British North America, state they cannot find any one who knows of the existence of the 2½d. stamp, unperforated, and bearing a postal cancellation, and have reached the conclusion that the few unused copies known are but proofs.

Be that as it may, Scott's 52d edition Postage Stamp Catalogue does not price the stamp. White, Durbin & Hanes, in the 18th edition of their catalogue, list it at \$60.

Counterfeits of the 2½d. have been met with, but are easily distinguished from the original.

In the forgery, a gouge may be noticed just below the hair; the eyes are far from perfect, while the background is uneven and there is no separation between the upper line of the hair and the background.

In the word "British" the letter "t" is lower than the other letters, and the perforation on the sides comes nearer the impression than it does on the top and bottom.

Four years later (1865), owing to a change in the currency of the island, Warren R. Spaulding, the then Postmaster-General, authorized a new series of two values, to be of the same design as the first issue.

The 5-cent was rectangular in shape and red in color; perforated copies bringing \$1.50 used and \$1.25 unused.

The 10-cent was also rectangular in shape, but blue in color; unperforated copies bringing \$10 and \$5.50 respectively in an unused and used condition; white perforated copies may be purchased for the small sum of \$1.50, either used or unused.

Both the 5-cent and 10-cent contained in a circle the head of Queen Victoria, "Vancouver Islands" above and the value in words below.

The stamps of this issue were printed upon white, glazed paper, made expressly for the purpose, watermarked "Crown and C. C." and perforated.

In the following year (1866) the 2½d. was withdrawn, and a new 3d. stamp of Vancouver was issued.

This stamp was rectangular in shape, blue in color and the centre of the stamp was occupied by an oval scroll containing the words: "British Columbia Postage, Three Pence." This stamp is by no means rare, copies bringing but fifty cents and thirty cents, used and unused, although it was thought rare enough to counterfeit it.

The bogus stamps may be distinguished by the imperfect lips, eyes and also the crown, and the blotches at the bottom, while in the word "Vancouver" the "e" is

contracted and the "n" expanded; in the word "Island" the letters "an" are expanded and the letter "d" is very imperfect. The unequal length of the spacing in the word "five" will be also noticed.

In the spring of 1868, owing to another change in the currency, the 3d. blue was changed to bistre, with a provincial value of "two cents" printed in black in the lower corner and was issued in order that the stock on hand might be used up, also to do duty until the arrival of a new series then in preparation by the British American Bank Note Co., of Ottawa, the new series to consist of seven values and varieties, to be printed upon stout, unwatermarked white paper.

In July, 1867, the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were merged into one confederation, thus centralizing many departments, among them, the Post-office department, which was placed under the control of the Hon. Alexander Campbell, Postmaster-General, and as every one is aware, at present there is but one postal rate and one set of stamps for the entire Dominion.

December 21, 1867, the Post-office Act was passed, and coming into operation April 1, 1868, caused a reduction in the inland rate of postage from five to three cents per half ounce.

Among the rarest stamps in the issue of 1868 may be mentioned the 10-cent rose pink and the \$1 green, catalogued at \$10, either used or unused; while the 25-cent orange brings \$1, the 5-cent red \$1.25 and the 50-cent violet \$2.50 in used or unused condition.

January 1, 1869, the color of the 1-cent was changed from dull red to orange; this being done to avoid the mistakes which were constantly occurring, owing to the 1 and 3-cent stamps being of the same color.

Counterfeits of the 1868-69 issue consist of different values, surcharged, and printed in various colors, but are poorly executed, the block being heavily worked, the letters imperfect, the design faint, and the fancy work in the corners is very defective.

In the surcharge, the spacing in the word "cents" is unequal. All counterfeits are heavily canceled, are printed on thick, smooth paper and not evenly perforated.

CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Argentine Republic.—*La Carte Postale* says the 2c. letter card has now dotted lines and the perforation does not reach the border.

Austria.—*The Postal Card* notes a 2kr. card issued for and sold and mailed at the Exhibition of Music and Theatre, Vienna, 1892. It has the regular stamp but no frame; "Correspondenz Karte" in black in a curve.

Azores.—These islands are divided into three districts, and stamps similar to the new Portuguese stamps are to be used here, but with the names *Angra, Horta* and *Ponta Delgada* in place of the word *Continente*.

Brazil.—The 100 reis envelopes come also size 134 x 104mm., and the 40 reis letter card has now 18 horizontal lines on the reverse.

British North Borneo.—*The Postal Card* notes the 8c. card, green, surcharged in two lines, in black, "CENT¹". The 6 or 8c. stamp has two errors in the surcharge: "cetns" and "cents."

Bulgaria.—A special stamp, as well as letter cards, bands and envelopes, will probably be issued on the occasion of the approaching exposition at Sophia.

Canada.—The 1c. band and the 1+1c. card have the new stamp noted in January.

Cauca.—The stamp noted in February seems to be a fraud.

Congo Free State.—*The Postal Card* notes two new cards of same design as 1889 issue: 10c. black, on dark buff, and 15c. black on white.

Cuba.—The new 4 mils. is deep violet, same as the other low values.

Curacao.—*Le Timbre Poste* notes the 2½c. and 2½+2½c. cards (figure type), green on sea green.

Dutch East Indies.—Of the figure type, 5+5c., blue on blue, and 7½+7½c., rose on rose cards.

Fiji.—The 1d. blue, perforated 10, is surcharged ½d. in black.

France.—The wrappers are now without border lines.

French Colonies.—The envelopes are reported in new sizes: 5c. 125 x 76mm.; 15c. 125 x 76 and 147 x 124mm.

Great Britain.—Mr. G. H. Anheisser informs *Le Timbre Poste* that he has discovered the 10d. brown, of 1867, with watermark four heraldic flowers.

Grenada.—There are unpaid letter stamps of same design and color as those of Trinidad: 1d., 2d., 3d.

Gwalior.—The 2a. registry envelope is surcharged with the name of State in English and Hindu and arms in black. Size G.

Holland.—It seems the 200,000 cards with stamp at right were not destroyed. They are now being issued.

Italy.—The 10c. card for use of the deputies has the arms modified and the date, "91." The ordinary card has the date "92," and the 1 lire, unpaid stamp, has the value in dark red instead of brown.

Japan.—*The A. J. of P.* notes the 3 sen in a new color, lilac rose, and *Le T. P.* describes a new officially sealed stamp with "Department of Communications of Japan" instead of "General Post Office of Japan." Bistre, perf. 13½.

Martinique.—The 15c. on 40c. is reported.

New South Wales.—The new ½d. is of the same type as the 1d. of 1864, with "½" in each of the lower corners. The *Pb. Record* says 60,000 1d. cards were printed on white about February, the supply of the colored cards having run short. The same journal has just discovered the 1sh. unpaid stamp which we chronicled in the *Pb. World* in May, 1891.

Obock.—The cards and letter cards, 10c., 10+10c., 15c. and 25c., have been surcharged in curve. The 5, 10, 15, 25, 40c. and 1fr. stamps have the word "OBOCK" in black in a straight line, and there are the following new surcharges, also with "OBOCK" in straight line in black; 2c. on 10; 5 on 25; 20 on 10; 30 on 10; 35 on 25; 75 on 1 fr., all surcharged in red; 4 on 25 in black; 5 fr. on 1 fr. in blue. Furthermore, the unpaid letter stamps, with "OBOCK" in straight line, 10c. and 30c.

Panama.—*The A. J. of P.* notes the 50c. brown on thin bluish paper, and we have received several values of the new issue, which seem to be made by the American Bank Note Co. They are a very fine copy of the last issue: 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 10c. orange, on white paper, perf. 12.

Paraguay.—The current stamps are surcharged "Oficial," in black, in small type. The *Gazette Timbrologique* announces a new emission in preparation, each stamp bearing the portrait of one of the Presidents of the Republic since 1871.

Porto Rico.—Mr. Watson reports the new card of baby type: "Tarjeta" at left and "Postal" at right of stamp; 3c. de peso, blue on buff.

Portugal.—The new 25 reis is green, not blue. All the values of the old issue are to be utilized by surcharge, and will become 2½ reis.

Queensland.—*The A. J. of P.* has the new 3d. brown. It is similar to the other values, perf. 13, and watermarked Q and crown.

Sarawak.—Some of the new surcharges read "One" and some "one."

Servia.—A new 10 para card, red, is reported. The type of the third line is larger and the instructions at bottom in italics. *The Pb. R.* says the color of the card is brimstone.

Siam.—We have the 1 on 2a., of 1889, with two types of the "1," 5 and 6½mm. high, respectively.

Spain.—Card 10+10c., blue on buff, for interior use; stamp at left, arms in the middle.

Straits Settlements.—The 1c. on 24c. green seems to be doubtful. The 8c. has been, however, printed in green and surcharged "ONE CENT" in one line, and original value canceled by a bar. Probably made by De La Rue & Co. Cards of 2c. and 2+2c., carmine, of well-known type, have been issued.

Western Australia.—The *Gazette Timbrologique* announces the early appearance of stamps of the swan type, 2½d. blue, and 5d. bistre.

GENERAL FOREIGN NOTES.

BY BONUMITA.

It is intended to hold a Philatelic Exhibition in Paris sometime this year on the lines of those which were so successfully held in Vienna and London. The date has not yet been selected, nor the building in which it is to be held, but the various French societies have selected a committee, under whose auspices the exhibition should be a great success. In the list of names of the committee we notice those of Von Ferrary, Victor Robert and Schœller.

THERE is a good deal of talk in England favoring the reduction of the registration fee to 1d. or two cents. This has been the rate in Canada for over seven years without a loss to the Department, and is the case as well in Switzerland. And here's poor old America with her 10-cent fee; what a blessing would 1-cent postage and a 5-cent registration fee be to our stamp dealers.

THE Stamp Exchange recently organized at Tours, France, is said to be very largely patronized. It is open weekly. The idea is not a bad one and might profitably be carried out in some of the larger cities in this country.

THE Philatelic Society of London held its annual dinner recently. A large number of the resident members were present and the affair was considered the most successful of its kind yet held.

MR. HADLOW held his last sale of the season in May. As a general thing low prices ruled. The following United States stamps sold at the prices annexed:

U. S. 1851, 12-cent, imperfect (36).....	\$13 50
U. S. 1851, 12-cent, perfect (36).....	7 50
U. S. 90-cent, violet and 90-cent, carmine, 60 of each.....	17 00

MR. E. D. BACON, who lost a British Guiana "circular" 4-cent stamp, last April, is now advertising for it as a last resource in the philatelic papers. Notwithstanding the reward of \$50, which he offers for it, we doubt if it will be returned to him, though it does seem hard to believe that there are philatelists (should I call them that?) that will retain anything not belonging to them. Perhaps, however, this valuable bit of paper was ground to bits 'neath the heel of some aristocratic Englishman or a frequenter of the "Eastside," and did not find its way into a collector's hands at all.

"SOME time ago," says *Vinden's Monthly*, "various philatelic journals chronicled a new issue for Western Australia, being a 1-penny printed in blue. This is not a fact, as we received official intimation dated November 12, 1891, stating that there are no penny blue postage stamps in current issue."

At the recent Australian Postal Conference the recommendation that a set of postage stamps be issued for use by all the colonies was negated, greatly disappointing a number of persons whose efforts to this end were expected to be successful. It is estimated that such a set of stamps would save the colonies \$75,000 annually. It is asserted, however, that notwithstanding the postponement the matter was given at the conference, a set of "Federal stamps" will be issued within two years.

THERE is much complaining in England over the new 1d. single and reply cards, for neither the design or the size suit the public. The new U. S. reply cards, which will be issued about September 1, are to be 5x3½ inches for the single card or 5x7 inches for the whole card, which is not much larger than the new British card.

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NOMINATIONS FOR A. P. A. OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the National Philatelic Society, held on July 5, the following nominations were made for A. P. A. officers:

- President, John K. Tiffany.
- Vice-President, Willard C. VanDerlip.
- Secretary, Millard F. Walton.
- Treasurer, N. W. Chandler.
- International Secretary, Joseph Rechert.
- Trustees, George H. Watson, Henry Clotz, G. B. Calman.
- Superintendent of Sales, E. Doeblin.

Resolutions favoring the continuing of the *American Philatelist* and prohibiting a dealer from holding the office of Sales Superintendent were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht and R. R. Bogert were appointed delegates of the Convention, and members favoring the above ticket and resolutions are requested to send proxies to either of the delegates.

From the Alamo City Philatelic Association come the following nominations for the coming election of A. P. A. officers:

- President, John K. Tiffany, Missouri.
- Vice-President, W. C. VanDerlip, Massachusetts.
- Secretary, Millard F. Walton, Pennsylvania.
- International Secretary, Joseph Rechert, New Jersey.
- Treasurer, Henry Clotz, New York.
- Trustees, Major C. E. Dutton, U. S. A., Chairman, San Antonio, Texas; Frederic Noyes, Secretary, Alice, Texas; Albert Steves, San Antonio, Texas.
- Sales Superintendent, R. F. Albrecht.
- First Purchasing Agent, W. Sellschopp.
- Second Purchasing Agent, Phil. H. Dilg.
- Third Purchasing Agent, George H. Watson.
- Counterfeit Detector, John Walter Scott.
- Assistant Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton.
- Librarian, P. M. Wolsieffer.
- Literary Exchange Superintendent, C. W. Lomler.
- Literary Board, William C. Stone, Chairman; Alvah Davison and Charles A. Hobbs, Editors; Samuel Leland and S. B. Bradt, Managers.

CHICAGO BRANCH, No. 1.

At a meeting of the Chicago Branch, No. 1, A. P. A., twelve members being present, the following ticket was placed in nomination for the coming election:

President, John K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

Vice-President, W. C. VanDerlip, Boston, Mass.

Secretary, Millard F. Walton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Treasurer, Alfred L. Holman, Chicago, Ill.

International Secretary, Jos. Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

Recommendations for appointive officers:

Librarian, Alvah Davison, New York City.

Superintendent of Sales, S. B. Bradt, Chicago, Ill.

Purchasing Agent, William Sellschopp, San Francisco, Cal.

Mr. Holman accepted the nomination on the supposition that Mr. Gregory would not accept the office. In case Mr. Gregory becomes a candidate for reelection Mr. Holman wishes to withdraw in his favor.

A motion prevailed that the Chicago Branch, while preferring to see the *American Philatelist* continue, would be willing to abide by whatever action the Convention thought best to take.

In the matter of annual dues the Branch considered it *unwise* to reduce them below \$2.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,

Secretary A. P. A. Branch No. 1.

**THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY. IMPORTANT RESOLUTION
PRESENTED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF AMALGAMATION.**

At a meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held on July 7, Mr. Wolsieffer presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, There having been considerable agitation upon the advisability of consolidating all Philatelic Societies in the United States which are national in their character; and,

"WHEREAS, Such consolidation would in our opinion be of the greatest service to the cause of Philately; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Chicago Philatelic Society, being one of the largest societies to be affected by such action, hereby appoint the Governing Board a Committee to so revise and amend the Constitution as to eliminate all features which tend to make the Society national in its aims, and to place the Society upon a purely local basis, and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent each passive member, with a recommendation that they identify themselves with the typical society, the American Philatelic Association, which will give them all the benefits they have enjoyed in the Chicago Philatelic Society and many others."

Resolution signed by

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,

S. B. BRADT,

SAMUEL LELAND,

GEORGE L. TOPPAN,

JOHN W. PALMER,

ALFRED L. HOLMAN.

OPEN LETTER.

Dear Sir:—The subject of consolidating the American Philatelic Association, the Western Philatelic Union and the Philatelic Society of America into one grand national body has been largely discussed for some months past in the philatelic press, and as I feel that you with myself and the other members are interested in this matter, I take the liberty of laying the following facts before you, and trust you will give them due consideration in deciding on a matter in which your vote will be cast either to have a large body of collectors under one name, and working as a unit, or to have three societies as at present, each striving to get members, and by supporting three sets of departments, wasting much of the energy and funds which are contributed to each

The idea of consolidation has met with the almost unanimous approval of collectors everywhere, while the philatelic press without exception endorse the movement.

The only parties who have appeared against it in print, are three members of the Western Philatelic Union, two of these being office-holders in that association. The press has been open for all negative opinions, and the fact that those in favor outnumber the others ten to one should have great weight in leading you to a decision.

The parties against the movement are no doubt honest in their opinions, but when they are in a small minority, is it just to the others to hold out and thus defeat the wishes of the large majority?

You want the greatest benefits for the least money, and this only can be obtained through consolidation.

One objection made to the movement is that the dues of the American Philatelic Association are now \$2.50 a year, but I am willing to stake my reputation that under consolidation, the dues would shortly be reduced.

The A. P. A. exchange department is now under a cash system, but with a larger membership a department with a cash system and one with a credit system can be established, and members can use one or both.

The A. P. A. I believe is the only association at present, which in the event of the loss of a circuit of books, can draw a draft on the Treasurer for the amount to cover the losses to the members. Heavy losses have already been paid in this manner, and will any other association protect you in that way?

Consolidation with the A. P. A. does not mean extinction for the other societies. It simply means the loss of your name, and gives membership in an association which is already three times the size of your present society, and one with greater funds, more departments, and one anxious and willing to make such laws as will give not only all present benefits, but as many as can be obtained in any stamp collectors' society in the WORLD.

The words of a W. P. U. member, "that consolidation will be the most important event in philatelic circles for years," are echoed by many who have the growth of the pursuit at heart, and after a thoughtful review of the whole situation, can you vote in any way than in favor of the movement?

For an excellent array of facts in favor of consolidation, I would refer the members of the W. P. U. to the letter of Leroy D. Walker in the June *Quaker City Philatelist*, while the P. S. of A. members will find food for thought in their President's letter in the June *Post-Office*.

The first move towards consolidation is made in the last *Post-Office*, in which the members are asked to request of their official boards a vote on the question of consolidating.

Possibly you have been against this movement through not having the facts laid before you, but great men often change their minds, and we feel sure that you can only think in one way in regard to this movement, after having the facts put before you.

I enclose a postal for your vote, and this I trust you will sign and mail in order to allow your Board to take a vote on this important matter, and it is the wish of one whose heart is in philately, that you will so vote that in a few short months we shall all be members of ONE society, and that through our reinvigorated efforts to be *the society of the WORLD*.

Yours very truly,

No. 176 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

ALVAH DAVISON.

CRESSMAN'S LOCAL.

We recently came into the possession of the correspondence of an old Philadelphia business house, and it was our pleasure to secure several specimens of this rare local. Heretofore it has only been known in bronze on black, and all of ours were of this kind, with one exception; this was *bronze on lilac*. Being in perfect condition and on the original envelope, together with the circumstances of its discovery, there can be no question as to its authenticity. It is a unique stamp.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

—THE—

Philatelic Society of America,

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- President, E. R. ALDRICH, Benson, Minn.
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EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT. REPORT No. 11.

While the delinquent list is somewhat cut down, yet there should not be any. It continues as follows:

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.	\$ 5 11
E. C. Biggar, Fremont, Neb.	6 31
Lou R. Conner.	76

\$12 68

Some of the members are greatly incensed on account of delayed payments and I don't blame them in the least. The department is so arranged that everything will work in harmony provided the members do their duty, but when one or more disregard the rules it mixes matters up and creates delay all around, besides making more work and worryment for the Superintendent.

Many of the members have written to me in regard to amalgamation and in all cases I have replied that I intend to keep up the department till this much desired result is accomplished or till my term of office expires. As every one knows that I am heartily in favor of it there is no occasion for me to repeat it here. All the members who do favor amalgamation should send a card at once to President Aldrich, so that the P. S. of A. can be placed on record either for or against. I trust every member has carefully read Editor Walton's patriotic editorial in the last number of this journal.

Beaver Dam, Wis., is coming to the front as a P. S. of A. stronghold, through the efforts of Mr. L. Lambeck, who in a short time secured five members. I hope all the other members are trying to increase the membership, for it will be desirable to have as large a society as possible in case consolidation is effected.

Membership cards will be sent to all new members by Secretary A. N. Spencer, who will also collect the dues and furnish application blanks.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Superintendent Exchange Department P. S. of A., Drawer 707.
CHICAGO, ILL., July 1, 1892.

BENSON, MINN., July 14, 1892.

Fellow-Members:—It has been demanded by a number of members that the P. S. of A. place themselves on record on consolidation. You are, therefore, requested to mail a card to the Secretary reading, "I am in favor of consolidation" or "I am opposed to consolidation." The vote to close on August 8. Fraternaly,

E. R. ALDRICH, *President*.

—THE—
Western Philatelic Union.

—Organized April 15, 1889—

President, LIEUT. J. M. T. PARTELLO, Fort Davis, Tex.
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Any Philatelist desiring membership application blanks, can have them sent post-paid, by addressing the Secretary. All members are entitled to vote, irrespective of age.

Members desirous of participating in the Exchange Department should apply to the Superintendent to be placed on circuits.

The Exchange Department is for the use of members only. Blank Exchange Sheets can be had of the Superintendent at five cents each. A charge of five per cent. made on all **sales**.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.

No. 140. Carl B. Bergquist, 1440 Noble ave (Lake View), Chicago, Ill.

APPLICATIONS.

William Althen, 619 Cherry street, St. Paul, Minn; References, H. M. Norton, J. F. A. Williams.

A. B. Hood, 500 Colonnade Building, St. Paul, Minn.; References, H. M. Norton, W. B. Bourne.

John M. Patrick, 415 Jenks street, St. Paul, Minn.; References, H. M. Norton, W. Jerrems.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

C. P. Gendtner, 165 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

J. F. A. Williams, Room 723, Manhattan Building, St. Paul, Minn.

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W. Thorne, Box 1566, New York.

The demand for applications during the month of June has been very good, and I think the W. P. U. is getting its share of new members.

Of course it is not supposed that a great number of collectors will join us during the heated months; there are many other things which keep them occupied.

But members of the W. P. U. can rest assured, that, even if we are not the "greater" society, we shall at least be the "BETTER society."

Several members are delinquent in payment of dues. Due notice will be sent each, and if same is not paid they will be dropped from the roll of membership.

The number fortunately is not large, and we shall be better off without them; they are of no use to any society, at least not to the W. P. U., and we propose to post them if settlement is not made soon.

I am pleased to state that the St. Paul Branch is increasing in membership under the skillful guidance of Mr. Norton; in fact, all the branches are running very smoothly.

We want branches in all the larger cities. Is there no one who will do a little work in their respective localities?

The library is doing splendidly, as will be seen by the report. Mr. Dunning's

magnificent donation comes at the right time, and if some of the other members desire to help the cause we will be able to show visiting W. P. U. members in 1893 that we are not asleep in this department.

A. P. HOSMER, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

CHICAGO, ILL., June 30, 1892.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

One hundred and eighty-one filled sheets, valued at \$1130.58, were received since my last report.

FRANK KOENIG, *Exchange Superintendent.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 27, 1892.

THE W. P. U. LIBRARY.

Since my last report the library has received much needed help. More contributions from Mr. Dunning have been received, also papers from Messrs. Scheible and Bredes, which are accepted with thanks. *Scott's Advanced Catalogue* and a subscription to the *London Philatelist* have been donated by Mr. Ross.

The most substantial gift of all was a draft of \$25 from Mr. A. W. Dunning, to be expended in purchasing first-class periodicals for the library.

The library certainly owes a great deal to Mr. Dunning's generosity and we hope that we have more of the same inclination in the W. P. U. From the present outlook there will be enough more subscribed to raise the total to \$40 within a month.

Now that Mr. Dunning has so generously started the ball rolling, let us show him that we appreciate his kindness, by giving the W. P. U. a library that will not only be a credit to the society, but to the stamp-collecting public as well. A little from each member and we shall do it easily.

The volumes already received are in a loose condition and will have to be bound before they can be used by members.

There is a chance for us to distinguish ourselves, as no other society has a good library, and a little enterprise will put us head and shoulders above all competitors.

The library, which bids fair to become a most valuable department, will no doubt be regarded by envious eyes, but it will be beyond the reach of outsiders, so that members need have no trepidation.

B. S. Ross, *Librarian,*

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THE PURCHASING AGENT.

We take pleasure in stating that Mr. W. Sellschopp, of San Francisco, has been appointed Purchasing Agent of the W. P. U., by the Board.

We trust that this will be as acceptable to the members as it is to the Trustees. Mr. Sellschopp is doubtless the best qualified, for this important office, of any W. P. U. member, and we hope that a majority of our members will patronize this department liberally, giving it the support it deserves.

RESIGNATION.

TO THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIC UNION,
A. P. HOSMER, *Secretary:*

The business of the Exchange Department of the W. P. U. having reached such proportions in the last six months that it requires more time than I am able to afford, I find myself obliged to tender my resignation as its Superintendent, to take effect in July, and no later than the 1st of August.

Hoping that your honorable body will, in selecting my successor, find some one

more capable and more at leisure to conduct the business of the office in a satisfactory manner to all, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

FRANK KÆNIG.

The above communication has been received at this office and is accepted with much regret. The present high standing of this most important office during the past year has been due to Mr. Kænig's painstaking labors, and we had hoped that he would still continue to hold his position.

The officers of the W. P. U. extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Kænig for his efforts, and for the business methods with which he conducted the duties of the office.

The Board will, as soon as possible, appoint a successor, feeling that we owe it to the members to appoint the best man possible, as this office, of all others, must be run on business principles.

The Exchange Department has during the last three months reached enormous proportions, and to-day is believed to be doing more business than that of any other society. This is sufficient evidence that members appreciate a good thing.

THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

FELLOW-MEMBERS:—Most of the W. P. U. members have doubtless read of the present sensation which is being fostered and nursed by the A. P. A. in general and by Messrs. Davison & Wolsieffer in particular. I refer to amalgamation, or more properly speaking, absorption, of the W. P. U., by a society which, after six years of precarious existence, is now, like the famous Spanish adventurer of old, searching for the fountain of youth, and seeing the W. P. U., hopes, by appropriating its treasury, library and membership list, to prolong its period of life.

While various officers of the two societies have given their views on this subject, I have heretofore refrained from doing so, mainly because I was an officer of the W. P. U., and my remarks might purposely be misconstrued had I said those things which I really believed. Certain events have occurred lately, however, which need a little explanation.

If any of the members are fortunate (?) enough to read the *Post Office*, they would naturally suppose that the entire country was in favor of this movement—a veritable landslide, in fact—providing, of course, they were denied the privilege of communicating with other W. P. U. members.

By referring to the March number of said paper, it will be seen that a general invitation is extended to all, to send in their opinion on a postal card, whether for or against amalgamation, and that the same would be published.

Upon turning to the April number, heralded by a blaze of trumpets, we find that the persons in favor of consolidation are almost entirely A. P. A. members; some indeed are members of *neither* society.

In the May number a promise is given, that the June number would contain a new voting list of those who had sent in postal cards, but the said June number is as silent as the proverbial oyster on the subject and no voting list is printed.

Why is this? I can, perhaps, surmise.

The number of *negative* cards has become so large that to publish them would perhaps let the philatelic public know that a portion at least of the W. P. U. were very much opposed to the scheme.

Now, Mr. Davison, as a W. P. U. member, I ask you to publish EVERY W. P. U. postal card which has been sent you, as you have promised.

There are twenty-two negative votes held by you which I *know* of. I wish to know about the others.

If you desire the W. P. U. to even think of consolidation you must use fair play and show up the votes.

Now, fellow-members, it is all right for certain A. P. A. members to dictate among themselves, but when they tell us what we shall do, it is time to call a halt. We shall not for a moment tolerate *outside* interference.

Our officers are all men of ability and experience and are capable of performing their duties without A. P. A. assistance.

We have been told ever since this movement was started, that we, as W. P. U. members, were losing time, money and prestige; this is the first time I ever knew that such was the case; and right here put me down as one of the doubting Thomases.

The roseate-colored supplement of the *Post Office*'s now at hand. We fail to see why Mr. Kenyon is uttering traitorous sentiments, when he says that he could not get the benefits needed and so founded the W. P. U. Like the rest of the sheet it is very transparent indeed. There is nothing whatever in the comparison of the late rebellion and the amalgamation, as Mr. Davison would have us believe, and the quicker it is dropped the better; it is only done for effect and will not change a single vote from "no" to "yes."

Last, but not least, the members are urged to call a vote on this matter. It is perhaps best that this be done, then we shall know where we stand, and give this nightmare the quietus it deserves, so that it will trouble us no more, and we can then pursue our science uninterrupted, we trust, by our would-be enemies.

One wholesome benefit we shall derive from the voting will be the fact that we shall find out just who our friends and who our enemies are.

I trust that I shall hear from the other fellow-members on this question.

A. P. HOSMER, W. P. U. 33.

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*1889, 1c. to 10c.	4	20	*Corea, 25, 50, 100m.	3	10
*1889, same, unused	4	30	Costa Rica, 1883-87, 1c. to 40c.	7	30
*1890, 2½ c. and 5c. provisionals.	2	50	1889, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c.	5	20
*Argentine 1858-61, 5, 10, 15c., 5c. large figure	4	75	Revenue, used postally, 1, 2, 5, 10c.	4	2 00
1873-78, 20, 24, 60, 90c.	4	35	1889, rev., surcharged "Correos"	2	20
1888, 20, 30, 40, 50c.	4	50	†1887, officials, 1c. to 40c.	5	60
†1889-91, ¼ c. to 10c.	11	30	*1889, officials, 1c. to 50c.	6	1 00
1890, 40, 50, 60c.	3	45	*Cuba, 1855, ½, 1, 2r.	3	25
1891, 1. 5p.	2	1 75	1857-90, a good lot	24	35
*Wrappers, ¼, 1, 2, 4c.	4	15	*1866, 5, 10, 20, 40c.	4	80
Austria, 1850-90, assorted	15	5	*1871, 12, 25, 50c., 1p.	4	55
1850-1890.	23	10	*1874, 12½, 25, 50c., 1p.	4	50
Austrian Italy, assorted	8	20	*1875, 12½, 25c., 1p.	3	50
Baden, 1851, 3, 6, 9k.	3	6	*1875, 12½, 25, 50c., 1p.	4	75
*Bamra, 1890, ½a, 1o to 4a.	3	15	*1876, 12½ c., 1p.	2	40
Bavaria, 1852-90, assorted	15	8	*1876, 12½, 25, 50c. and 1p.	4	60
Belgium, packet, first issue, 10c. to 1f.	6	12	*1877, 12½ c., 1p.	2	35
Bolivia, 1876, 5c. to 20c.	3	18	*1878, 5, 12½ c., 1p.	3	50
1887, 1c. to 10c.	4	12	*1879, 5, 12½, 25c., 1p.	4	60
Bolivar, 1879-84, 10c. to 20c.	4	40	*1880, 5, 12½, 25, 50c., 1p.	5	50
1882, 5 and 10 pesos	2	2 50	*1881, 1, 2, 2½, 5, 10, 20c.	6	1 25
Bosnia, 1879.	6	15	*1883, 5c., different surcharges	5	25
1879, complete	7	25	*1883, 10c., different surcharges	5	60
Brazil, 1876-78, assorted	6	10	*1883, 20c., different surcharges	5	1 75
1882-88, assorted	10	18	*1888, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.	6	15
1890, 20r. to 300r.	6	12	*1890, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8m.	6	15
Newspaper, 1889, 10r. to 100r., yellow	4	70	*Telegraphs, 1869-83, fine lot	22	1 00
Newspaper, 1889, 10r. to 100r., colors	4	12	Curacao, 1873-86, 10, 12½, 25c.	3	20
Newspaper, 1890-91, 10r. to 20r.	5	10	†1. 2, 2½, 3, 5c.	5	15
*Unpaid, 1889, 10r. to 300r.	6	3 00	Unpaid, 2½ c. to 25c.	5	40
Unpaid, 1889, 10r. to 200r.	5	40	Denmark, 1851-79, assorted	20	25
1850-91, all kinds	20	35	Dominican Republic, 1885, 1, 2, 5, 10c.	4	10
*British East Africa Co., 1891, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4a.	5	60	Ecuador, 1865-72, ½ r. to 1p.	4	35
British Guiana, 1889, provisional, 2c. to 8c.	5	90	1872, ½, 1r., 1p.	3	50
1890, 1c. on \$1, \$2, \$3.	3	40	*1881, 1c. to 20c.	5	10
*British Honduras, 1888, 2, 3, 10c.	3	35	1887, 1, 2, 5c.	3	5
*1890, 6c. provisional (3 varieties)	3	75	Revs. as postage, 1885, 1c. to 10c.	4	1 00
*1891, 1, 2, 3, 6c.	4	25	Revs. as postage, 1886, 1c. to 10c.	4	75
*1891, 2c. to 24c.	5	80	Revs. as postage, 1887, 1, 2, 10c.	3	70
Bulgaria, 1c. to 50c.	12	40	Revs. as postage, 1889, 1, 2, 10c.	3	60
Cape of Good Hope, including triangle	5	20	*Egypt, 1872, 5 pa. to 5 pi.	7	1 00
Chili, 1852-62, 1c. to 10c.	5	30	*1879, 5 and 10 on 2½ pi.	2	18
1867, 1, 2, 5, 20c.	4	12	Assorted	9	10
1877, 1c. to 20c.	5	12	France, 1851-80, assorted	25	15
1881-86, 1c. to 20c.	6	12	1851-80, assorted	35	25
1878-86, 1c. to 50c.	6	15	*Guatemala, 1875, ¼ r. to 2r., compl.	4	20
*Envelopes, 10c., blue paper; 10c., white paper; 15c., white paper; 20c., blue paper	4	2 00	*1878, ½, 2, 4r.	3	20
China, 1885, 1, 3, 5c.	3	15	*1878, ½ r. to 1p., complete	4	30
Colombia, 1868, 10, 20, 50c., 1p.	4	30	*1881, provisional, 1, 5, 20c.	3	50
1876, 5, 10, 20c.	3	6	*1882, 1c. to 20c., complete.	5	15
1881, first issue, 1c. to 20c.	5	15	*1886, provisional, 25c. to 150c.	5	50
*1881, first issue, 1c. to 20c.	5	45	1886, 1c. to 25c.	6	30
1881, second issue, 1, 2, 5c.	3	8	*Envelopes and wrappers, ¼ r. to 2r.	4	35
1883, 1c. to 20c.	5	12	*Guine, 1879-85, 5r. to 300r.	11	1 75
1886-89, 1c. to 20c.	5	18	*Hayti, 1877, 1, 2, 3, 5c.	4	15
1890-91, 1c. to 10c.	4	7	†1887-90, 1c. to 5c., and 2c. prov.	5	25
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Hungary, assorted	8	5	1867, provisional, 1, 2, 2r.	3	1 60
1888, 1k. to 1f.	9	15	1868, unperforated, 6, 12, 25c.	3	20
India, ½ a. to 1r. and service	12	28	1868, perforated, 6, 12, 25c.	3	30
Italy, 2c. on postal packet	6	18	1872, unperforated, 6c. to 100c.	5	1 50
Newspaper	7	15	1872, 6c., 12c. and 25c.	3	20
Unpaid	12	30	1872, perforated, 12, 25c.	2	25
*"Estero," 2 lire, 1878 and 1888.	2	1 05	1874, 5 to 100c., thick paper.	6	25
1884, unpaid, 50 and 100 lire	2	1 70	*1874, 5, 10, 10, 25, 50 and 100c.	6	25
Jamaica, officials, ½, 1, 2p.	3	15	1881, 4c. to 50c., thin paper	5	35
Japan, assorted	12	18	*1882, 50, 85, 100c., thin paper	3	4 00
*Macao, 1884-85, 5r. to 300r.	10	1 10	1882, 12, 18, 24c.	3	40
1887, provisional, 5, 10, 40r.	3	80	*1882, 10c. brown, 25c. red-brown	2	50
Mexico, 1856, ½, 1, 2r.	3	30	*1884, 1c. to 50c.	11	35
1856, ½ r. to 8r., complete.	5	4 00	1886, 1c. to 6c.	6	10
†1861, ½ r. to 8r., complete.	5	3 00	†1886, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 25c.	9	1 00
†1861, ½, 1, 2r.	3	80	1888, 3c. to 25c.	6	15
†1862, 4, 8r., complete	2	2 70	1886-88, ruled lines, 1c. to 10c.	5	50
*1864, 1r. to 1p., complete	4	15	1885, 1c. to 25c.	9	55
†1864, Eagle, ½ r. to 8r.	5	1 50	Officials, complete	3	10
*1866, Lithograph, 7, 25, 50c.	3	2 00	†1866-88, assorted.	50	1 00
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
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