

The first step toward furthering the interests of the A. P. A. have been taken by the C. P. S. At the last meeting, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer introduced resolutions recommending the change of the C. P. S. from an International to a purely local Society. If this step should be taken, the C. P. S. will abolish its passive membership, so far as the Exchange department is concerned. This move will compel a great many who now receive the benefits from this department to seek membership in other Exchange departments, and in but one, the A. P. A., will a successor of the C. P. S. be found. We have started the ball, now let other local Societies do the same.

It is rumored that Chicago is to be the seat of another philatelic journal. The *Western Philatelist* will undoubtedly be published here by Mr. C. D. Reimers, in consequence of his removal from Iowa City. But it bears that ill-fated name

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ENGLISH NOTES.

The Letter Cards issued a short time ago have already undergone a change, and have been reduced in price. This is a great change, as the Post Office are not very fond of changing, one instance being the present issue one penny, which has been unchanged for the past 12 years.

Cheveley Wilson & Co. held their 30th sale by auction, on June 22nd and 23rd, last, when some fine Canadian Stamps were offered, amongst others being New Brunswick 1s., violet; several Newfoundland 6d., carmine vermilion; Canada 6d., etc.

Ocean Penny Postage is now causing a great deal of public attention, and no doubt this great benefit will be appreciated by everybody who has occasion to use the post to communicate with friends abroad, and stamp dealers will benefit much when we get it.

The collection of the late Mr. Tapling, which was bequeathed to the British Museum, is not yet arranged, so that philatelists will not have the pleasure of examining the great varieties which are in this collection for some time to come.

THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

French collectors are now enthusiastic over their coming Philatelic Exhibition, which they claim will be the largest of the kind ever held on the continent. The Exhibition is to be held in the Palace of Liberal Arts, on the Champ de Mars, Paris, France, from the 15th of September to the 15th of October, inclusive. The Exhibition is held under the patronage of the following large French Societies: *La Société Timbophile d'échange*, *La Société Française de Timbrologie*, *La Société Philatellique Française*. The officers and committees are as follows: President, Dr. Legrand, de Neuilly; Vice-President, M. Langlois; Secretary, Georges Lesourd; Treasurer, E. Vervelle. The Committee of Management is composed of 4 members of each of the above Societies, making a Committee of 12 as follows: Messrs. Toinin, Frémy, Guim, Ouy, Ferrari, D'Étiolles, Robert, Schoeller, Fourné, Schwab, Tillot and Bernard. The above gentlemen are the most foremost of French Philatelists, and with

them at the head assures the success of the exhibition. The classes of exhibits accepted are, among others: postage stamps, tax stamps, envelopes, cards, bands, telegraph stamps, fiscals, local, private stamps, albums, philatelic literature in general, etc., etc. The leading awards consists of 10 gold, 17 silver and 40 bronze medals. The other arrangements for the exhibition are completed, and its size, etc., will by far surpass any exhibition ever held before. Any information desired by prospective exhibitors will be gladly furnished by the Secretary.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

E. A. S., New Orleans.—Your stamps are Swiss Fiscals, and are of no great value. Yes; we can use the Locals you mention if on the original cover.

T. C., Mt. Forest.—(1) \$25.00 per 10; (2) scarce; (3) the Exchange Superintendent for information.

A. De M., Berlin.—You fall into the same mistake that so many European dealers do, thinking (?) that rare Canadians may be obtained for common continentals. We return your stamps. You may remit in unused stamps, but we generally prefer Post Office Order.

St. Catharines, July 4th, 1892.

Editor CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

Dear Sir.—Since my last letter was published, I wrote again to the Commissioner of Customs to see if Postage Stamps could not go under the class of free goods, and the following is his reply:

Ottawa, June 6th, 1892.

WM. A. BEATTY, Esq.:

Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, further in re duty on Postage Stamps; and in reply I would refer you to the Departmental letter to you of the 7th of January with reference to the collection of duty on Postage Stamps. The stamps to which you allude are clearly dutiable under the law, and any officer who admits them without the payment of duty would be censurable, and so far as this Department has knowledge duty is collected at all ports. I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. S. PARMLEE,
Commissioner.

So the readers of this paper will see that the best thing they can do is to form a delegation to wait on the Minister to get him to give his consent to admit them free of duty, which would be a benefit to the Canadian collectors and dealers who are getting their supplies and stocks from the Americans, so, if anything is to be done, let it be done quickly. I may also state that the year 1892 is a memorable as well as a historical year in Canada, and would it not be a good thing if the government were to issue a jubilee set of Postage Stamps with appropriate designs on them, and to try the working of 2c. letter postage. Hoping that the collectors of Canada and elsewhere will get a move on, and anyone wanting to write to me I will cheerfully answer all. I thank you, Mr. Editor, for the valuable space in your paper.

I remain, yours truly,

WM. A. BEATTY.