

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—Our *contemporair*, the *Timbre Poste*, has received some information from a correspondent regarding certain recent surcharges which it is well to bring to the notice of our readers. It is to the effect that the surcharge OFFICIAL on the 8 centavos depicted in our March number is spurious. The same correspondent states also that there are spurious surcharges of the second type, applied probably to all the values. It has been even applied to stamps obliterated in 1881, when it was only employed since 1884. The surcharges of OFFICIAL is also said to have been seen on some of the values of the last lithographed series, although the surcharge was suppressed on the 1st January, 1888. The Postmaster of the province of St. Luis not having noticed the circular which ordered the suppression of these surcharges, considered it quite natural to surcharge the 5, 10 and 15 centavos of the lithographed series with the word OFFICIAL in a horizontal line. The Postmaster-General, as soon as his attention was directed to this, informed the Postmaster of San Luis of the irregularity of his proceedings, and the further employ of these stamps was stopped.

As regards this latter piece of information the editor of the *Timbre-Poste* very justly observes that the story has somewhat of the air of romance about it, inasmuch as it seems very improbable that the post-offices receiving their supplies of stamps from the head office should consider themselves at liberty to provide such stamps as they may require.—*Ph. Record*.

Belgium—Letter card, 10c. carmine on rose, white inside. Adhesive 2c. red-brown. Post card, 10c. on blue, headed "Carte postale—Postkaart," in one line.

Brazil—The 700 reis, has value in circle, mauve on white. Perf. 12½.

Br. Bechuanaland—The word "Protectorate" on the ½d. comes in two sizes, 20mm. and 15mm.

Br. Guiana—Registry Envelope, 4c. red, 154x97mm., inscribed "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent."

The *Timbre-Poste* mentions the receipt on one of its letters of a stamp of the current type of postage adhesives, in which the word "POSTAGE" at the top of the frame is overprinted with the word "INLAND," and "REVENUE" is inserted in the lower part of the frame in lieu of the value, above which the value "72 CENTS" is introduced, the whole of the overprinting being in black.—*Ph. Record*.

Br. Honduras—The 2 cents on 6d. comes perforated both 14 and 12½.

Bulgaria—*N. T. voor P.* illustrates new set in preparation. Lion in small oval at top. Value below in large figures. The set contains same values as the present.

Ceylon—Mr. Castle informs us that he has the 64 red-brown on which the surcharges of "Postage & Revenue," "FIVE CENTS," are inverted. We are not at all surprised to hear this. The only thing that surprises us is