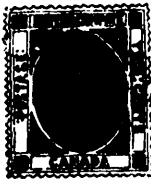


Uniform Imperial Postage.



A very interesting and exhaustive paper has recently been circulated under the auspices of The Imperial Federation League, written by Mr. Robert J. Beadon.

The proposition is laid down that "cheapness and other facilities of postal communication within the Empire are vastly important on political, material and social grounds." He claims that this would be conducive to more frequent and closer correspondence among business people and others than at present. What is wanted he urges is a cheap and uniform postage throughout the Empire and that the principal applied by Rowland Hill, to the United Kingdom (penny postage) in the past, should now be extended to the whole empire.

It is not our intention to further remark upon the very able proposal of Mr. Beadon, other than to say that if a feasible thing the scheme should be taken hold of at once and effectually dealt with.

We know that great changes take time in accomplishing and in the present proposal considerable lapse would occur, for so many self governing colonies in their own postal laws would have to be treated with, still if the initiative be taken by the mother country, the good resulting will be soon felt and the scheme adopted by all. Mr. Beadon then suggests a uniform British stamp to be issued for international correspondence.

We give our readers several cuts suggestive of what form the stamp might assume.

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The A. P. A. World's Fair Committee are getting down to business.

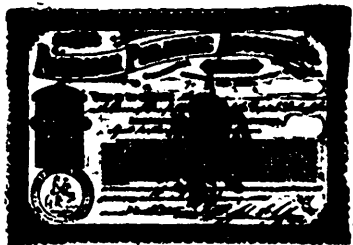
The novelty of the new Columbian stamp is wearing off and many business firms are again using the old issue.

I understand that the special delivery stamps printed in orange are in circulation but as yet I have not yet seen them.

New York is to have a society called The N. Y. State Timbrologists. Sounds rather foreign does it not? This will probably renew the argument as to whether we shall be called Philatelists or Timbrologists.

Although it is not yet generally known Altoona, Pa., will soon have a philatelic magazine called the Philatelic Gazette. This paper will be backed by a stock company and edited by some of the most able writers in the country. They say that Stetler will be business manager.

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