

NOTES AND NOTED.

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The 2c rate now established on letters passing between Great Britain and a goodly number of her colonies has rather stirred up the people of Uncle Sam's dominion to ask why the same privilege should not be extended to them as well as to British subjects. There has been more or less quiet talk on the subject ever since Canada inaugurated the plan, and now, according to the daily press, the matter has been semi-formally brought to the notice of the Postmaster-General with a request that he use his influence to secure a 2c rate on letters from the United States to all foreign countries, or at least to those within the postal union. Mr. P. M. General is good enough to grant his approval of the suggestion, but that is not enough, for the Mr. P. M. Generals of the other countries must be brought to view the notion with similar approval before anything can be done towards changing the present rates. Of course there will be yards and yards of red tape to be unwound before the reduction can be put into force, but the trend of life makes it pretty certain that the lower rate will prevail sometime, and probably before many more years have slipped by. Ever since the postal department was first started there has been a gradual reduction in the rates of postage demanded on letters (or any other matter) transmitted by its aid, and each reduction has resulted in an increase of the mail matter submitted. This may have meant a pecuniary loss for the government sometimes, but the people have been benefitted in every case; therefore the government has not really lost after all, for by helping its people to higher ground it has rendered them more capable of fulfilling its needs and duties. It will not be surprising if the next decade sees us enjoying the privilege of 1c postage on local letters and a 2c rate on the majority of foreign.

The "Federated Malay States" instead of making a bon-fire of the stamps made useless for postal purposes by the union, seem to have gone into the business of surcharging the various left-overs with the new name, a proceeding that cannot be said to add greatly to the "beauty" of the stamps, and "beauty" is what we all clamor for, you know. Perhaps it is too hot out there for a bon-fire, but the "Federated Malay States" might have invented some other method of destroying the remainders, so as to supply philatelists with some really

pretty pictures, beg their pardon, I mean postage stamps. But we have no occasion for despair, for doubtless we will be fully and bountifully remembered later on.

The new half penny stamp of Great Britain has appeared, and although there are voices raised on both sides for and against its appearance, Mr. Nankivell, in his letter to the American Journal of Philately, calls the new color a "sickly emerald green, and denounces it as "anything but pleasing," yet two other journals received the same day, and a letter that came a day later, spoke of it as a "vast improvement on the old color." The design is of course the same, it is the color that has stirred criticism. I don't know what folks said when this design was first adopted for use, but presume there must have been folks who didn't hesitate to insinuate that they could have chosen a much nicer one had they been consulted. Oh, well! As we do not all think exactly alike it is impossible everyone should always be suited, so disagreements must be allowed for. All the same, it is rather ludicrous to have so much talk over the appearance of every new stamp, just as if its sole purpose of existence was to please the eye instead of to pay postage on mail matter.

I wonder how many collectors have noticed that there are two types of the Austrian Levant 10 para on 3rd of 1886. Scott lists them both, but the second is in small type, and described only as "surcharge 16mm." The other, the common type of surcharge, is given as being 15mm in length, but I am told that the correct figures are 15½mm. Half a millimetre is very little to think about, but it means considerable difference in the price, the stamp with the short measurement being priced at 6c unused, and 8c used whereas the other is supposed to be worth \$10, in either condition. The long surcharge, 16mm, was printed at Constantinople; there is a space of 2mm between the "10" and the "P" and the word "Para" is above the base line of the numerals. The shorter surcharge was of Vienna printing, has a space of but 1½mm between the "10" and the "P" and has no word "Para" on the same base line as the numerals. This base line test is the quickest one to use in examination, as the eye will sooner note a difference of position than a difference of measurement when the variation is so slight.

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