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THE ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION.

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The Argentine Confederation, sometimes also called La Plata, was composed of a group of South American States, situate on the borders of the rivers Parana, Paraguay, &c. These States comprise altogether an area of 540,000 square miles, and possess a population of 2,540,000. They were associated together, under the name of a Confederation, from 1853 until December 1861, when they were formed into a united Republic.

The use of postage stamps was commenced in these states in accordance with a decree issued in February, 1858; and the labels were issued in the month of April following. The stamps of the Confederation were withdrawn at the close of 1861, and superseded by those of the Republic.

The design on the stamps consisted of the Argentine arms, clasped hands carrying a cap of liberty and surmounted by a radiant sun. The stamps were lithographed, and printed in colors upon white paper. The label of 10 centavos was a bright green, and was frequently cut in half to serve the purpose of two stamps of 5 centavos, although a proper 5 centavo label was current printed in red. The series was prepared at Parana, and is not remarkable for elegance in execution.

The first stamps of the Republic were of far better pretension to rank as works of art. The labels were issued on the 11th of January 1862, and were made current throughout the Republic. They were lithographed and printed in colors; The design being the shield of the Republic inclosed in laurel and with the radiant sun above. The stamp of 15 centavos was in blue of various shades.

By a decree of the 1st. of January, 1863, a new type was adopted. It was ordered that the Argentine labels should bear the effigy of Bernardino Rivadavia, first president of the Republic, and entitled to honor as the promoter of the abolition of slavery in La Plata, as well as for the general wisdom of his measures. The stamps of the new issue were prepared at Buenos Ayres, engraved and printed in colours on tinted paper, in which the letters R. A. (Republica Argentina) were woven

The design of these stamps differs in each value in the bordering by which the effigy is surrounded.

The label of 5 centavos was printed in red, varying from a pale brick color to a deep rose and that of 15 centavos in dark blue.

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BRAZIL.

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This country, although it cannot be regarded as among the foremost in civilization, was one of the first to follow the lead of Great Britain in the introduction of postage stamps. Their use was established by a decree passed in November 1842, and the issue took place in July, 1843.

The employment of the labels was from the first rendered compulsory.

The number of letters which passed through the officus of the chief town was in 1855, 2,065,423; and it had increased to 3,316,651 in 1860, when the population

was about 7,000,000 of whom a very large number were Indians and Negroes. This gives about one letter per head for every free inhabitant of the Kingdom, as it is estimated that more than one-half of the people are slaves. Now that America has cast off the stain, Brazil possesses the unenviable distinction of being the only state in which slavery is a recognized institution.

The first issue of stamps were engraved and printed in black on white paper; the value of the stamp in figures on an oval medallion. It will be observed that, although the design is simple in effect, the ground-work is very intricate, rendering the stamp by no means easy of imitation. This plan which was adopted in the first instance, has been followed in the late series of Brazilian stamps, and forms their chief characteristic. The figure engraved upon the stamp represents the number of REIS included in its value, the single REI being equal to no more than about one-fifth of the British farthing.

The second series of stamps, issued between 1844 and 1846, were octagonal in shape with curved corners, and the value was printed in smaller and italic figures. These, also, were in black upon white paper.

In 1850 the rectangular form was again adopted for a new issue of stamps, and the value was expressed in Roman figures. This series afterwards gave place for a time to reprints of the former issues.

A newspaper stamp was then issued in 1854 and employed occasionally for the franking of letters also. It was printed in deep blue upon white paper.

The last sample of these stamps is one published in July, 1861, for use on letters intended for Europe (280 REIS!) This stamp was printed in vermilion on white paper; and another of higher value (430 REIS) issued for the same purpose; was printed in yellow.

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THE C. P. A.

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That great interest is being taken in the organization of the Canadian Philatelic Association I think is too evident to be denied. Applications for admission as members are pouring in not only from all parts of our wide Dominion, but also from many parts of the United States. It bids fair not only to become a successful organization, but also threatens on the lapse of many years to be a formidable rival of the American Philatelic Association. The question has been asked, Could not the A. P. A. supply all the requirements of Canadian Philatelists? True, it might have done so from a strictly Philatelic point of view, but I doubt very much if it could knit together Canadian Philatelists in an indissoluble bond of friendship, which is to a great extent the object of the C. P. A. In the United States almost every town or city contains numerous lovers of our hobby, whilst in Canada our Philatelists are scattered two or three here and there throughout our wide borders. Our American brothers consequently have a dozen or more independent or branch societies besides the A. P. A., where we Canadians have not one too. Why then should our brothers grudge us a Canadian Philatelic Association. Those of us who are members of the A. P. A. will be none the less loyal to her if we have a C. P. A. Moreover it is by no means unlikely that the C. P. A. will furnish many new members for the C. P. A.

There are many matters of importance that will soon engage the charter members of the C. P. A. And first amongst them will come the election of officers, and the formation of our constitution. Whom shall we elect as standard bearers of our Association? Let it be our endeavor my brothers to choose men that are not only capable to be our officers, but also men who have the interest of the Association at heart and who will do everything in their power to advance our cause. Let us make our choice with feelings of charity, that best of all gifts, reigning in our hearts, influencing our actions free from all feelings of envy or prejudice. Another important matter that will engage our attention will be the selecting on an official organ. We

will not be in a position to publish an independent official journal, but will have to make choice of one of the existing Canadian Philatelic papers to hold that position. Oh, let us take warning from the trouble the American Philatelic Association has had over its official organ and make our choice such a one as we shall never have to look back to with one regretful thought.

That we Canadian Philatelists may have an organization that we may feel proud of, is not only the writer's sincere wish, but also the wish of every true lover of our hobby in our fair Dominion; and that we can have such an Association no one will doubt. Its destiny lies on our own hands, whether to lapse into oblivion in a few years, or to shine forth in the years to come as a Society around which clings many loving associations. Brothers, which shall it be?

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C. P. A. NOTES.

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The Secretary states in answer to Mr. Luhn's letter that there are no restrictions as mentioned by him in the C. P. A. as yet and Mr. Luhn and all his American friends are invited to join. U. S. collectors are welcome on same terms as Canadians.

The nomination for officers are now open. All who nominate must first get the permission of the members proposed. No seconds necessary.

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All nominations should be sent in to Mr. Hooper as soon as the permission of the members nominated is obtained.

The absence of several well-known Canadian collectors from the above list looks as if they had retired from Philately.

Arrangements will be made between the C. P. A and A. P. A. for reciprocal action regarding members.

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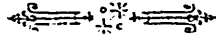
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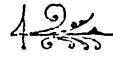
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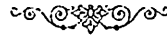
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