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THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL CRESWELL in his annual report makes an interesting and satisfactory exhibit of the affairs of his department for the last fiscal year. The Post Office Department is not yet self-supporting, but the deficiency has been greatly reduced, and as Mr. Creswell shows, he could more than make ends meet if Congress would do its duty by abolishing the franking privilege. He states that he is unable for several reasons to give the exact cost of transmitting free matter through the mails under the franks of members of Congress and other officers of the Government, but he has ample evidence that it fully equals the deficiency, which for the last fiscal year amounted to $2,314,-116, and although the figures cannot be given, there is good reason to believe that it much exceeds the deficiency, so that if the franking privilege were done away with the Post Office Department could absolutely be made to yield a profit to the Government. As the matter now stands the franking privilege stands in the way of cheaper postage, and the public are made to suffer from the miserable selfishness of their representatives. The Postmaster-General argues as strongly as he did in his last report against its further continuance, and his remarks upon the subject will receive the commendation of the country, whether they are responded to in a proper manner by Congress or not.

With regard to the transmission of foreign mails the Postmaster-General explains the arrangements that have been made with various European and other lines of steamers, but it does not appear that our foreign mail system is established upon a sufficiently sure and permanent basis, and Congress should give the subject attention, as it should also Mr. Creswell's recommendation for an increase of mail service from monthly to semi-monthly trips on the mail steamship route from San Francisco to China and Japan.

The postal money order system is shown by Mr. Creswell to work in a very satisfactory manner, and that the conveniences it offers are appreciated by the public is shown by the large increase in the number of orders issued and in the much greater amount of money that is transmitted by this means over the previous years that it has been in operation. During the past fiscal year the total loss to the Government by the miscarriage of money order packages amounted to $8168—a small sum in comparison with the whole amount of money remitted for deposits during the year, viz., $28,246,027. The Postmaster-General renews his recommendation of last year for additional legislation to authorize the extension of the money order system to the stations or sub-post offices of large cities, which will greatly increase its usefulness, and he also recommends the introduction of "correspondence" or "post cards," such as have lately been adopted with success in Northern Germany and Great Britain. These are stamped cards, by means of which messages and communications not of a private nature can be transmitted at less than the regular postage rates. They will certainly be appreciated by a large number of persons, as a message can be written with lead pencil in the street even and the card dropped into the nearest depository, thus offering great conveniences for the transmission of messages on a great variety of subjects in an easy and expeditious manner.

These are the most interesting if not the most important points of Mr. Creswell's report, which in the matters we have mentioned, as well as in others, indicates that the Post Office Department is under excellent management, and that its deficiencies are due rather to Congress than the Postmaster-General.

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

THE report of Eli S. Parker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, furnishes an interesting statement of the general condition of the most important tribes, and of the best methods for accomplishing the double object of advancing their welfare and maintaining peace on our frontiers. A prospect is opened at last that, after centuries of fruitless experiments, involving an endless succession of barbarous wars, a plan will be devised whereby white civilization will not necessitate the extermination of the aborigines. The problem has, by no means, yet been solved, but the country is beginning to understand it, and the Government is making a vigorous effort to summon to its aid the diversified agencies through which the safety of the white pioneer may be maintained despite the continued existence of the red men of the plains and forests.

New troubles, like those with which our past history teems, are brewing now, and even at this moment open war prevails in a few quarters. The Utes, who have long been our friends, threaten to become our enemies, and the wild Apaches of Arizona are as warlike as ever, while the contemplated Northern and Southern Pacific and other railways will make sad havoc with sundry reservations guaranteed by the Indian treaties which are notoriously made to be broken whenever it suits the convenience of either party to set them aside. It is to be hoped, however, that many precautions will be adopted to render the anticipated new quarrels as bloodless as possible, and meanwhile such a marked improvement has been effected in the entire system of intercourse with the savages, that hereafter the most dangerous disputes may occasionally be amicably settled.

The new Indian policy combines moral and religious influences with an honest and humane administration of the affairs of the Indian Department, but at the same time does not disregard in desperate cases that greatest of all civilizers, the sword. If the worst comes to the worst, the Government will not hesitate to attack and slaughter camps of Indian marauders, and it is well enough that our red cousins should know that the Great Father understands how to make war, and that he is not afraid to do it. Yet there is a far better way to adjust the mutual difficulties arising from our destruction of the old Indian system of gaining a livelihood by hunting, and their hindrances to the extension of our agriculture, manufactures, and commerce, and the well-disposed or badly-defeated tribes are rapidly learning that the Government is at last ready to make sincere and vigorous efforts to put them on a self-sustaining footing. Commissioner Parker says that the various missionary societies of the country are all disposed to co-operate heartily with the efforts of the Government to "produce the greatest amount of good from the expenditure of the munificent annual appropriation of money made by Congress for the civilization and Christianization of the Indian races." The nation is weary of spending millions of dollars, nominally appropriated to the Indians, for the enrichment of corrupt cormorants; and it is high time that the treasures of the Indian Department should be heartily, skilfully, and carefully applied for the common benefit of the aborigines and of the nation which must foot all the bills run up by Indian wars.

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