



1849 – 1852

HOW THE FRENCH CURRENCY OF GENEVA BECAME THE SWISS FRANC



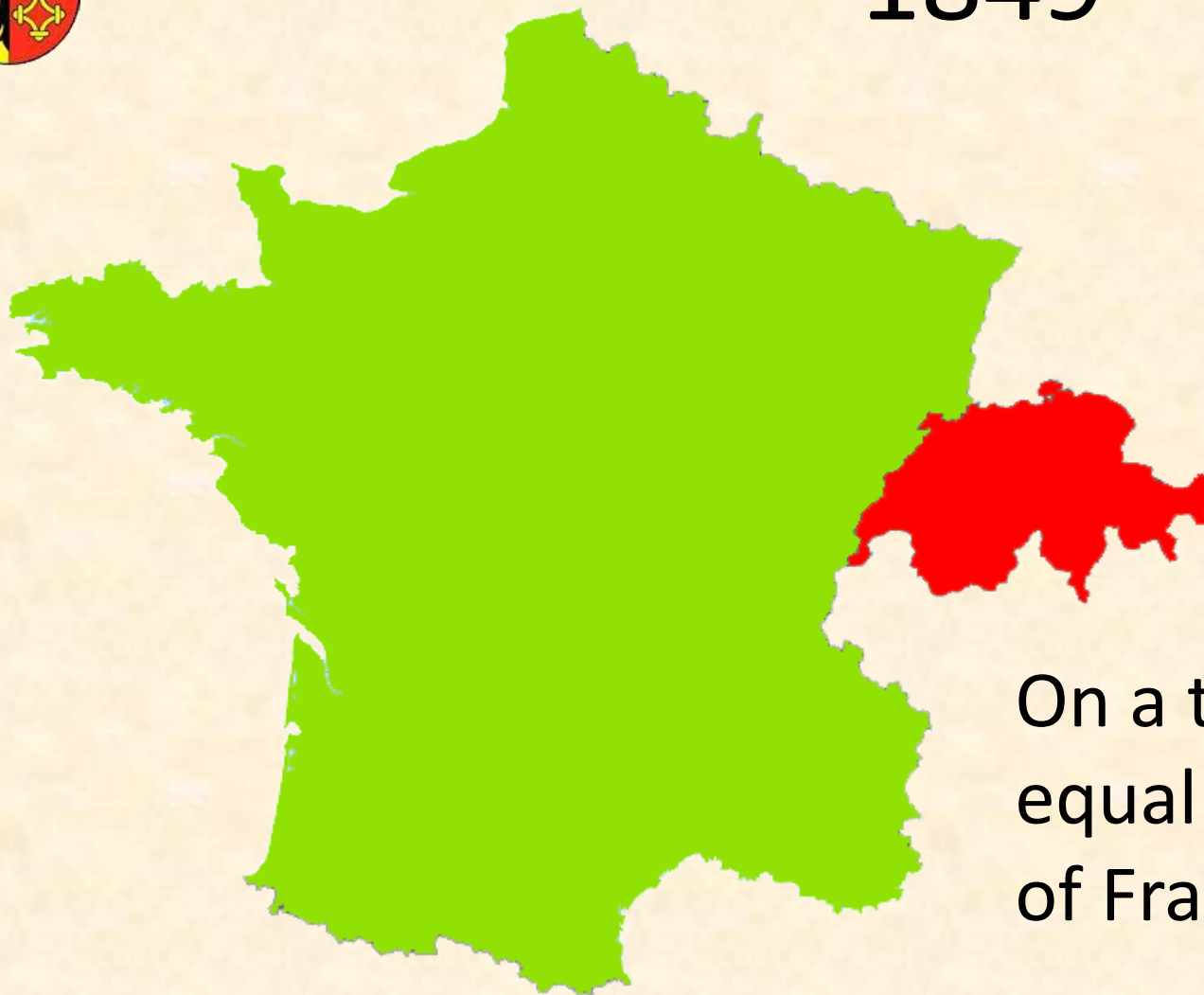
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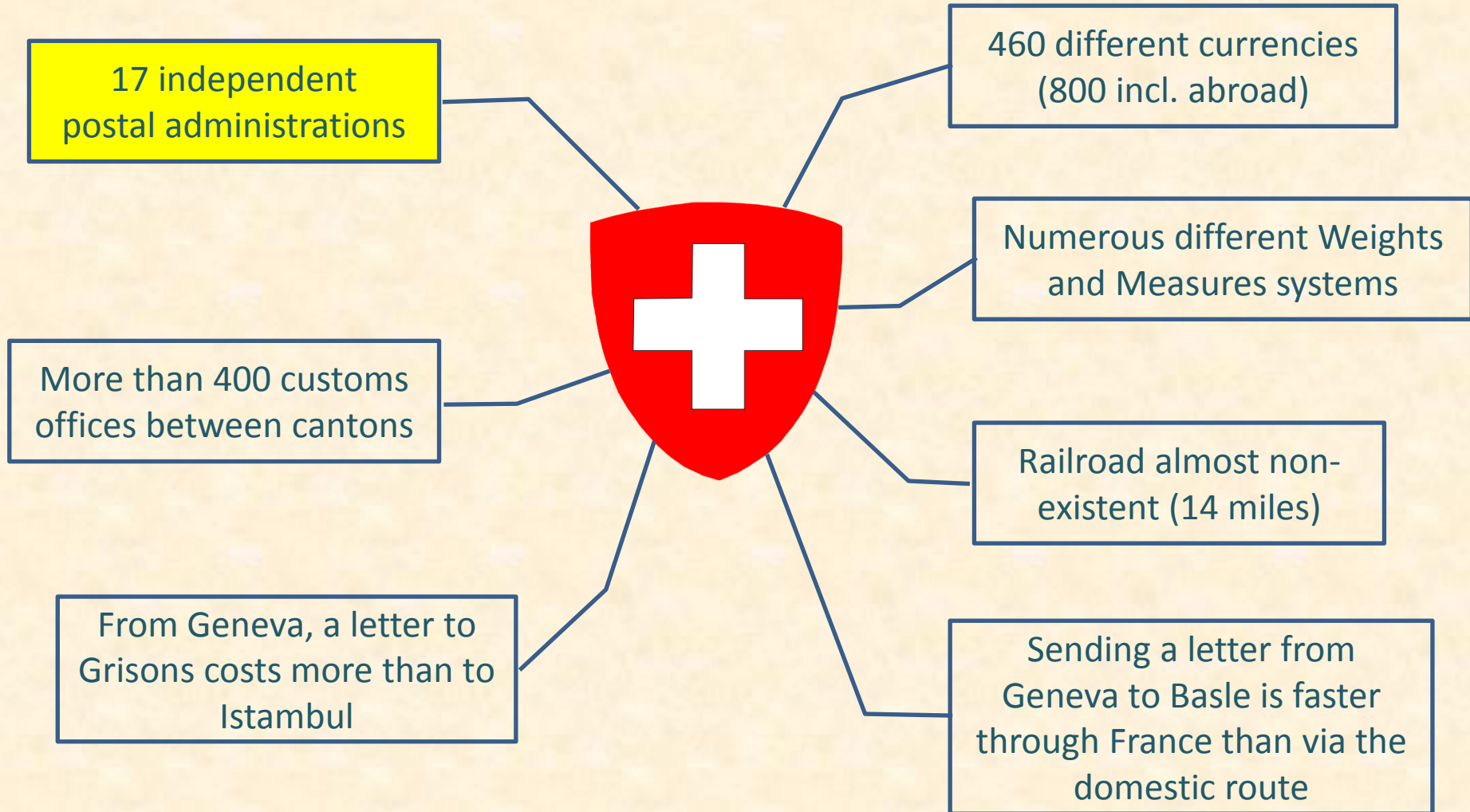
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equal to 7,8 %
of France...

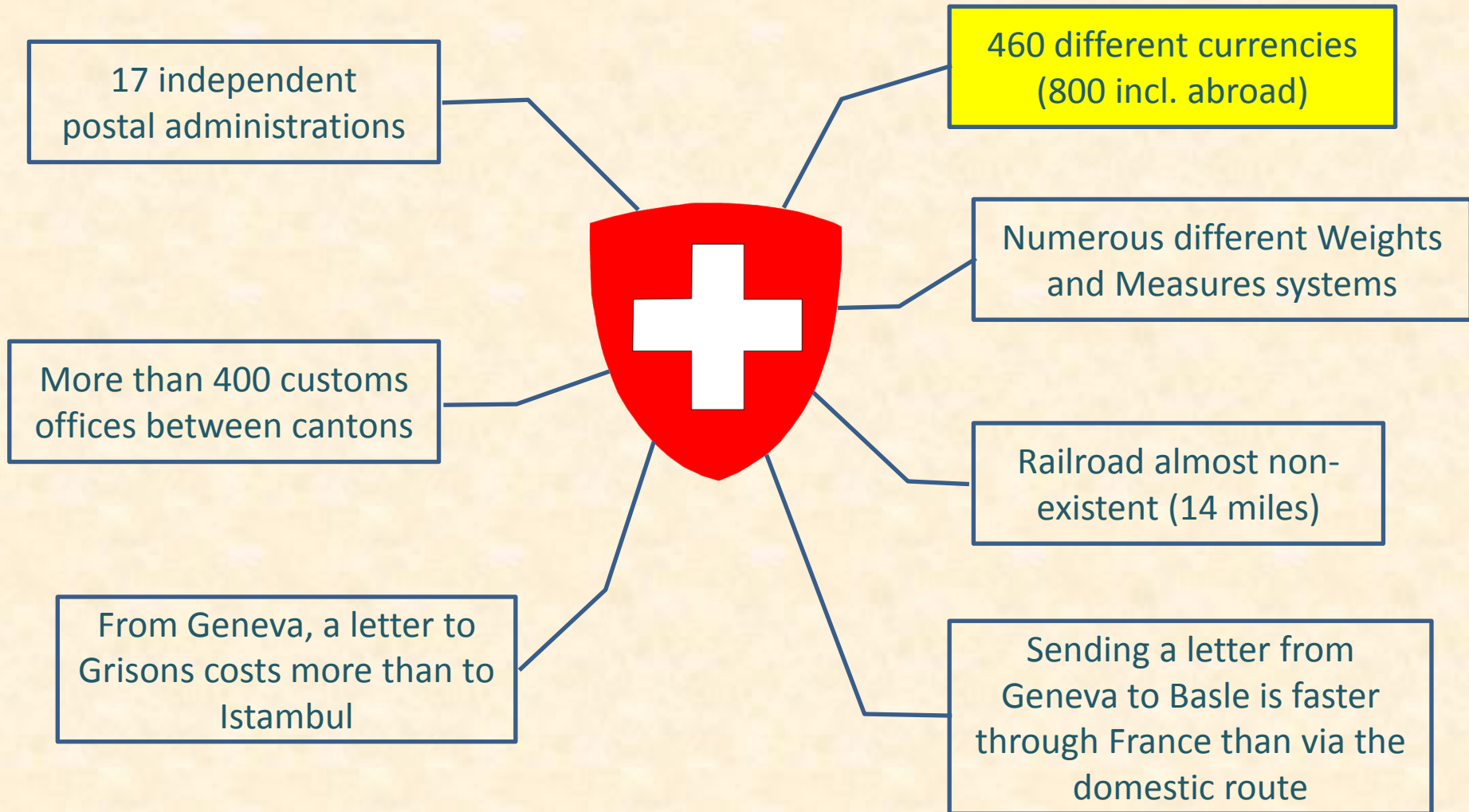


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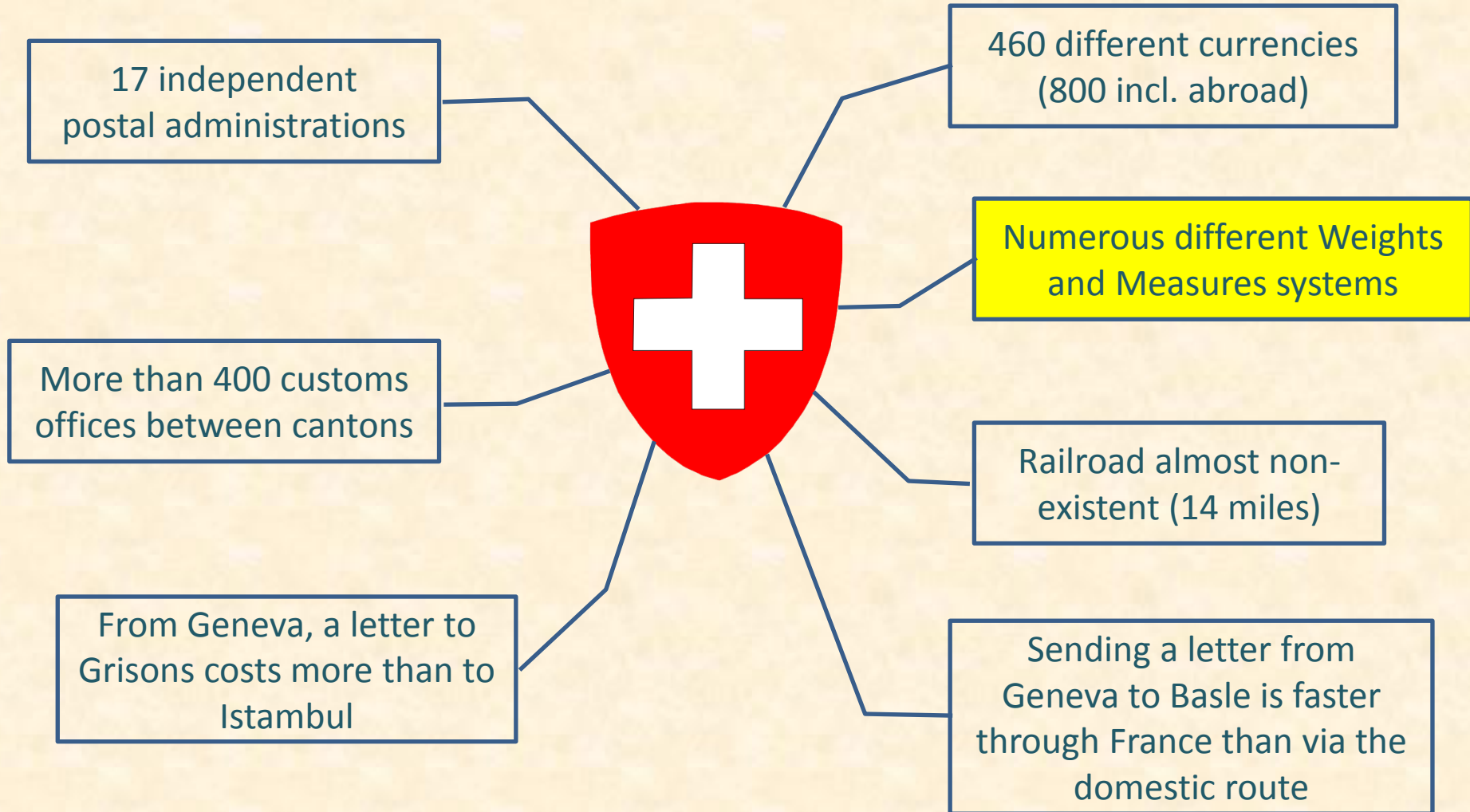


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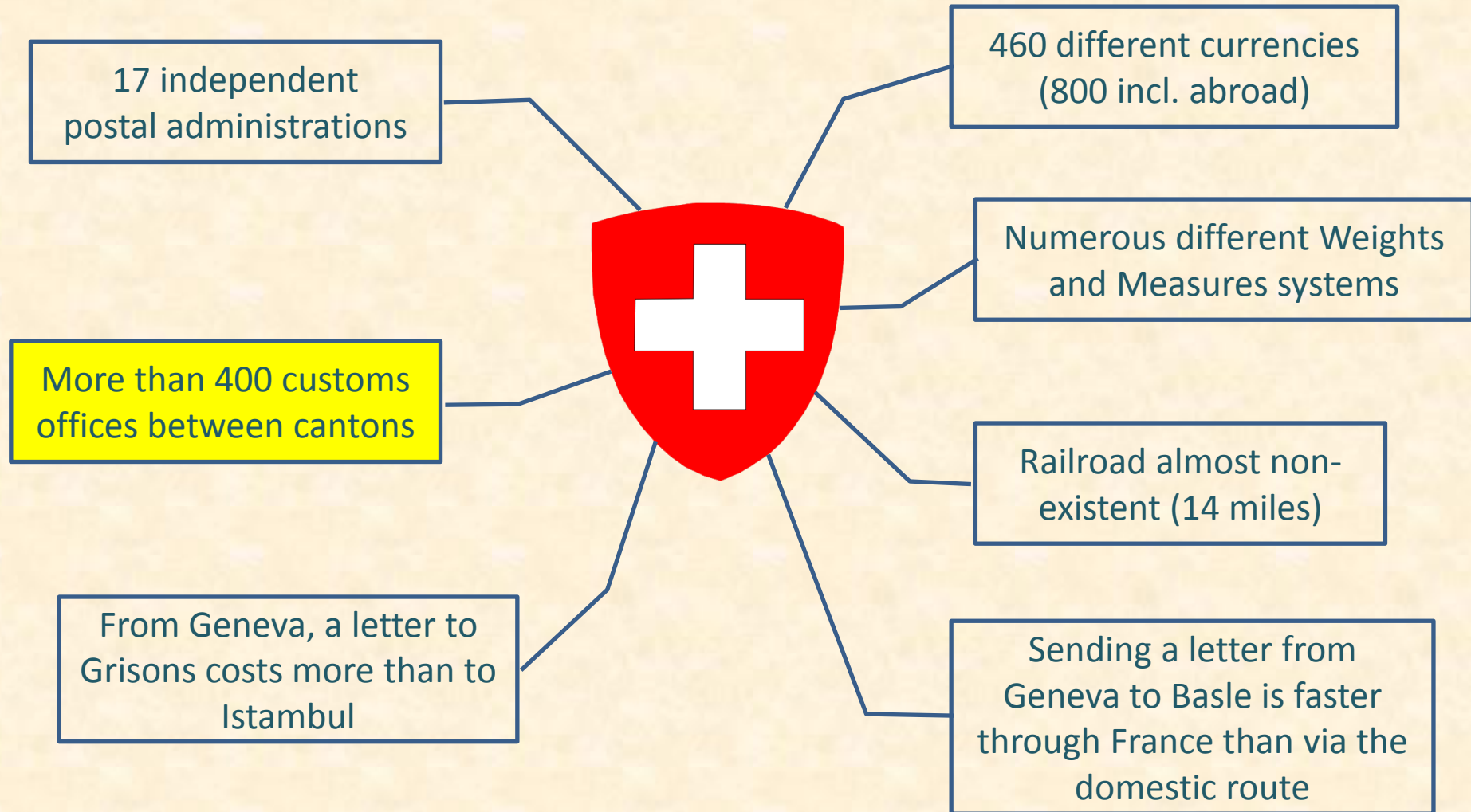


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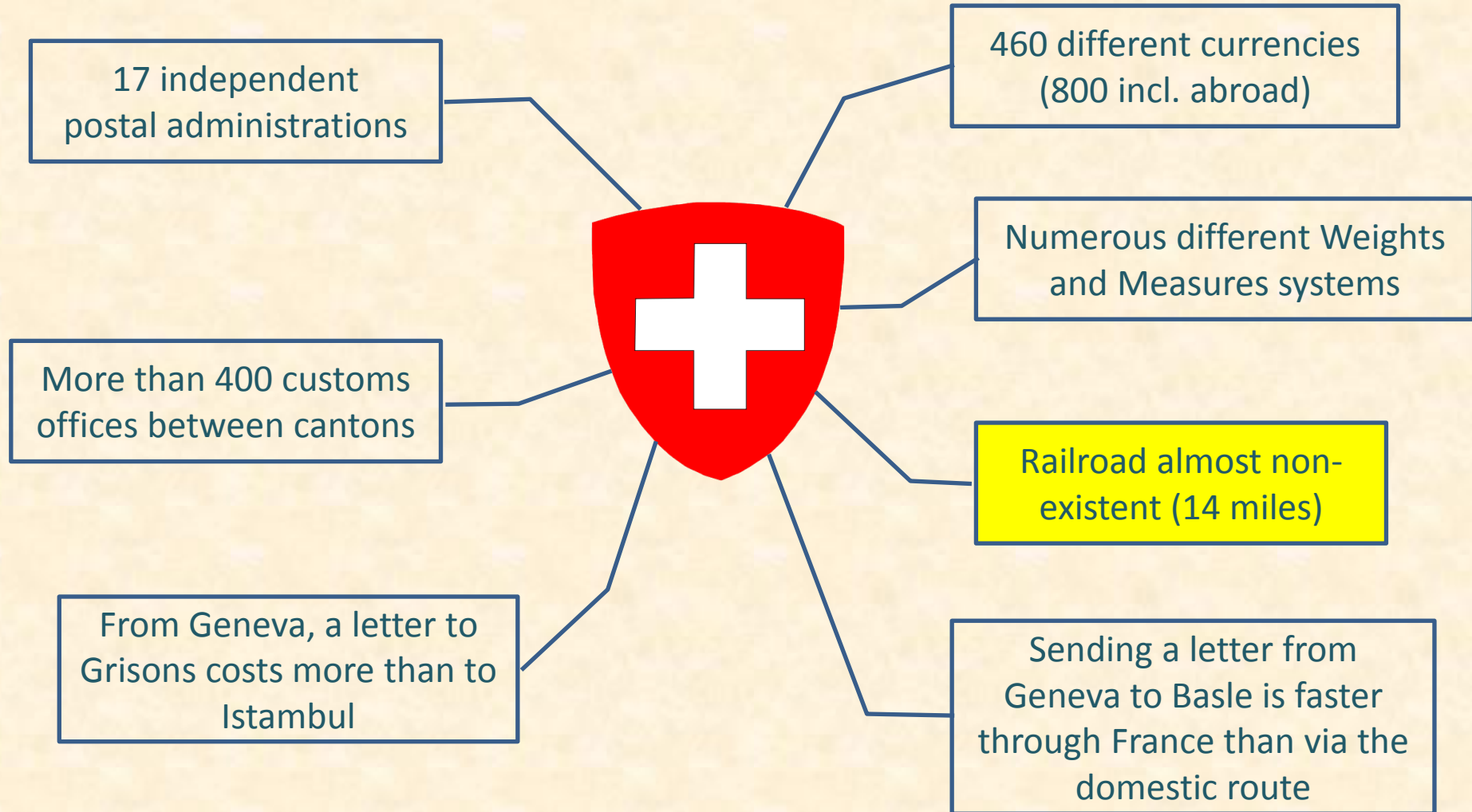


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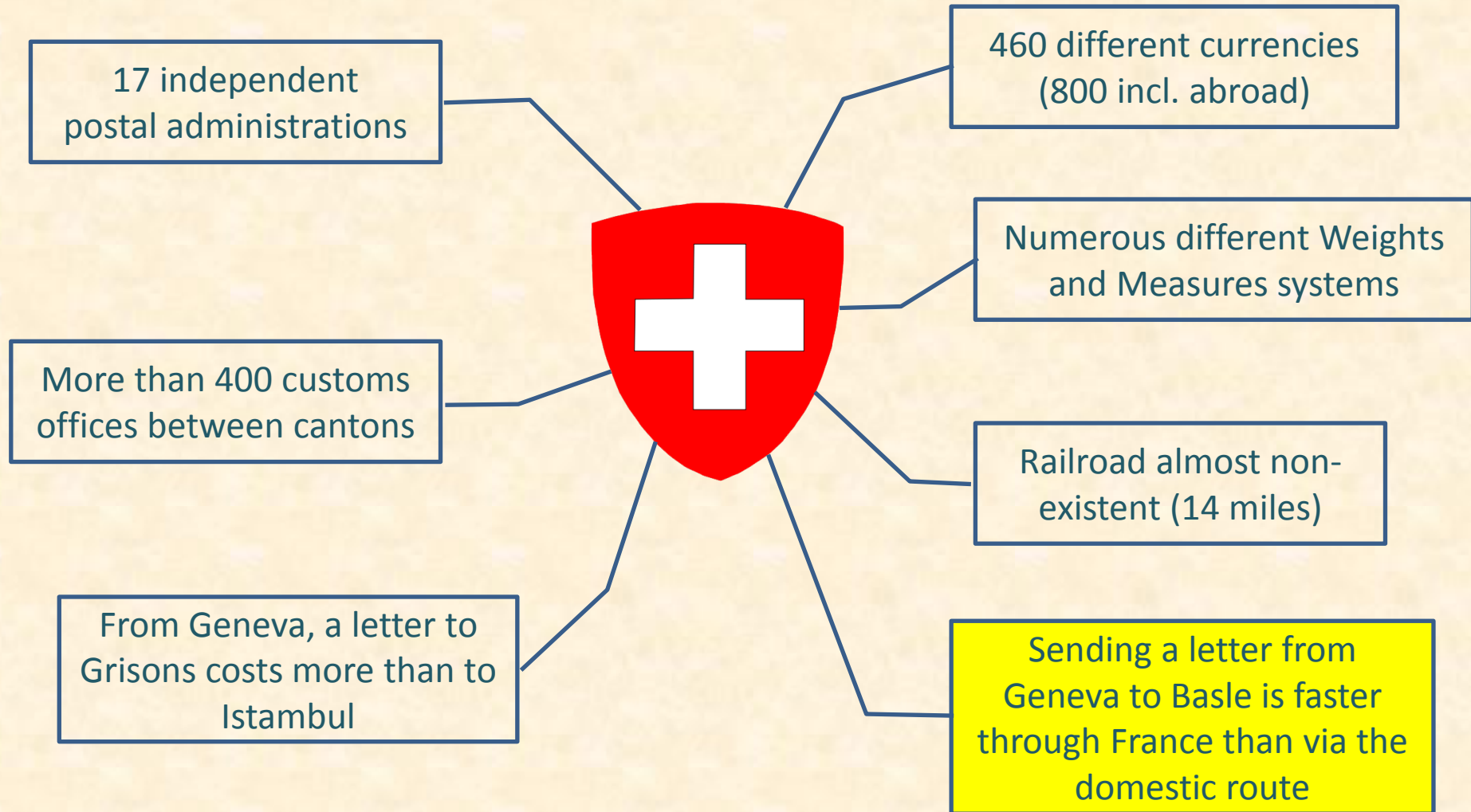


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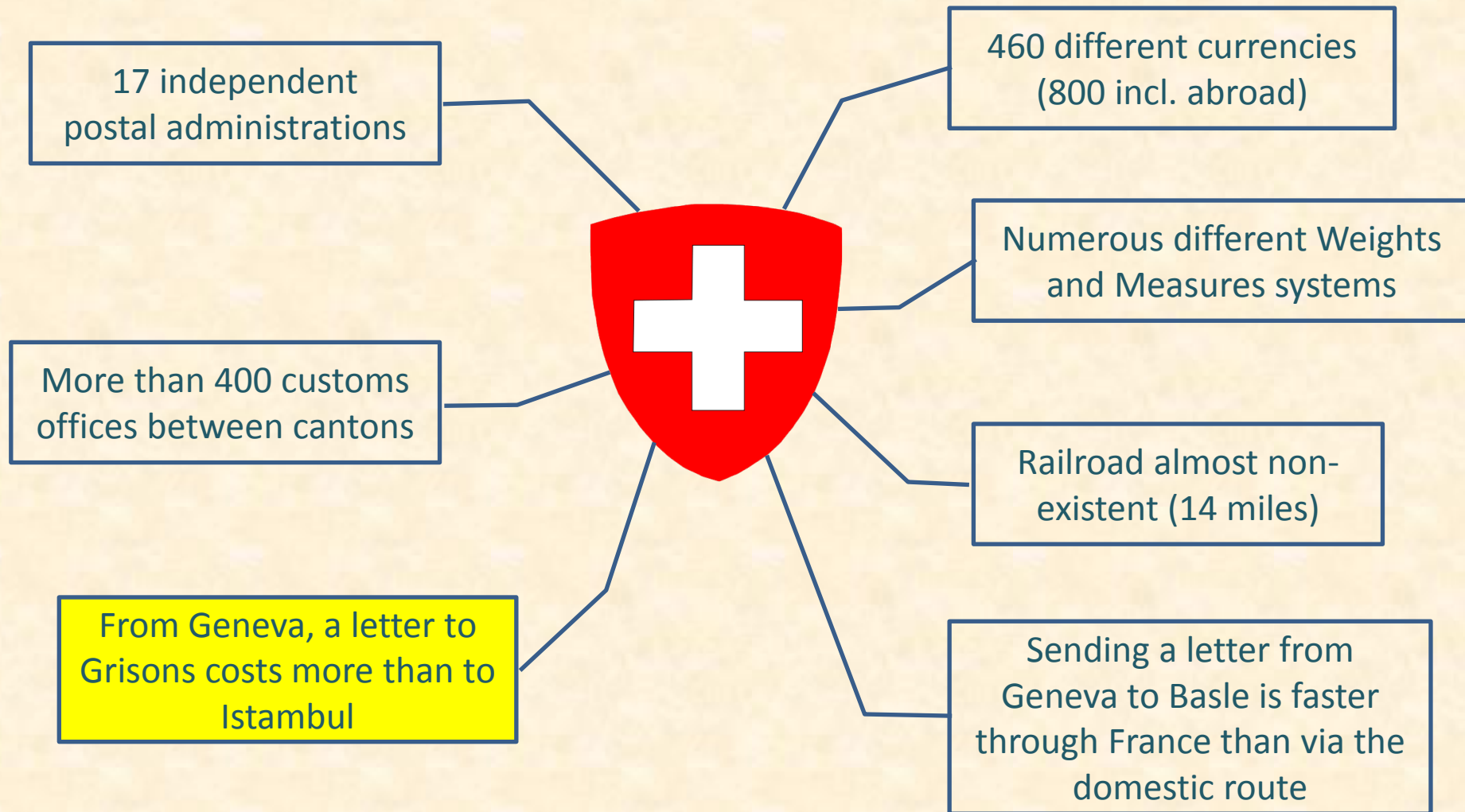


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The Constitution of 1848
initiates a federal state
and the unification of:

➤ Posts

➤ Currency



Switzerland can't really afford to set up an original monetary system.

The new federal government chooses the French money standard put in place in Geneva since 1839.



1849

1 Fr. of Geneva (1 Fr. of France) = 70 Swiss Rappen

Goal

1 Fr. of France = 100 Swiss Rappen (1 Sw. franc)



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Swiss Units of Account									
Cantonal Currencies									
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	Canton								
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	4 th rayon								
Mail France	Distant								
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M. J.L. Collignon-Faure, premier Directeur
de l'arrondissement postal de Genève
(de 1849 à 1854) (Musée des PTT)



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Sender



5c
addressee

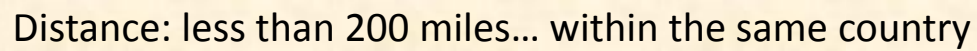


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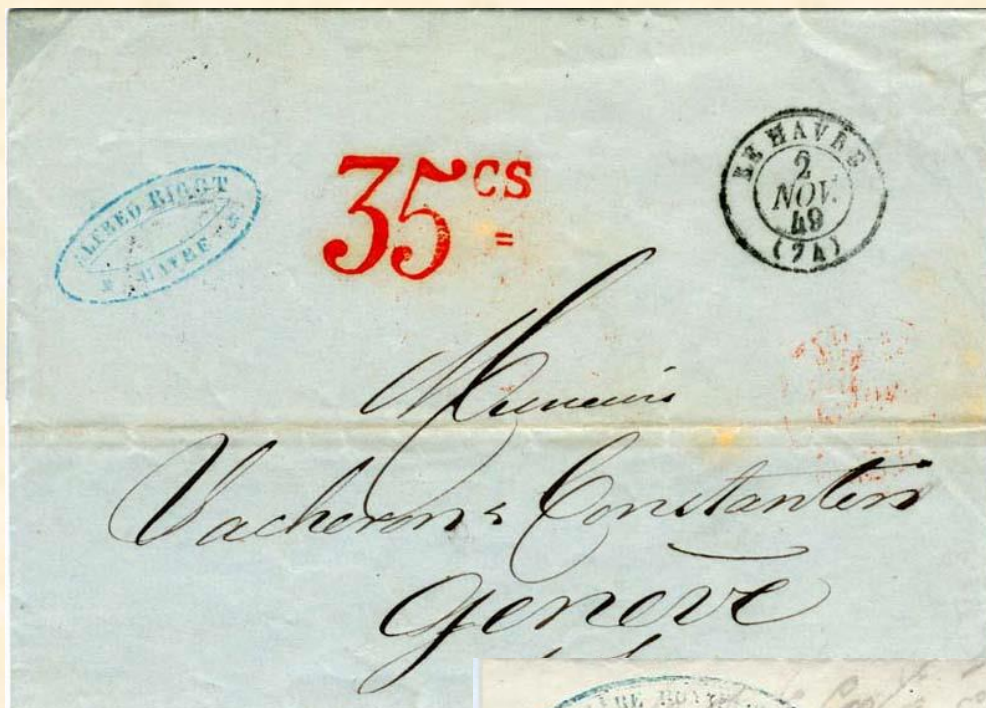
Geneva – Rheineck (SG) via Bern and Zurich Double weight 1 ½ postage

3 Kr. due to the Post of Geneva, 12 Kr. until Bern, 18 / 23 Kr. until Zurich,
7 Kr. due to St-Gall, total 30 Kr. due from the addressee payable in local
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The postage of 35c
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Discount price compared to
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Swiss border zones





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Tarientarif

für die

Briefpost, Werthgegenstände, Pakete, Beitungen und Reisenden,

in Kraft getreten am 1. October 1849.

Aus dem Tarif und der Instruction der Postbureaux zusammengestellt.

Die Taxe für den Transport von Briefen, Schriftpaketen, Druckschriften und Waarenmuster im Innern der Schweiz, wird nach der Entfernung und nach dem Gewicht bestimmt.

Die Entfernung wird nach der kürzesten Poststraße, die vom Aufgabs-Postbureau bis zum Abgabs-Postbureau führt, bemessen. — Jeder Bruchtheil unter fünf Stunden wird für volle fünf Stunden, jeder Bruchtheil eines Pfundes für ein ganzes Pfund und jeder kleinere Betrag als 50 Fr. für volle 50 Fr. berechnet. Jeder Bruchtheil unter fünf Rappen wird auf volle fünf Rappen ergänzt.

Briefe.


Facultative Taxbezahlung.

Einfacher Brief bis auf $\frac{1}{2}$ Loth einschließlich.	
Brief über $\frac{1}{2}$ Loth bis auf 1 Loth einschließl.	
" " 1 " " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " " .	
" " $1\frac{1}{2}$ " " 2 " " .	
" " 2 " " 4 " " .	
" " 4 " " 8 " " .	
" " 8 " " 16 " " .	
" " 16 " " 32 " oder 1 Pfd. einschließlich	

I.	II.	III.	IV.
Briefpreis			
bis 10 St.	über 10 bis 25 St.	über 25 bis 40 St.	über 40 Stunden.
Rappen.	Rappen.	Rappen.	Rappen.
5	10	15	20
7 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	30
10	20	30	40
12 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	37 $\frac{1}{2}$	50
15	30	45	60
20	40	60	80
25	50	75	100
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NB. Einzuschreibende (recommandirte, chargirte) Briefe sind bei der Aufgabe mit der doppelten Taxe zu frankiren.



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7c to a town within the canton of Geneva





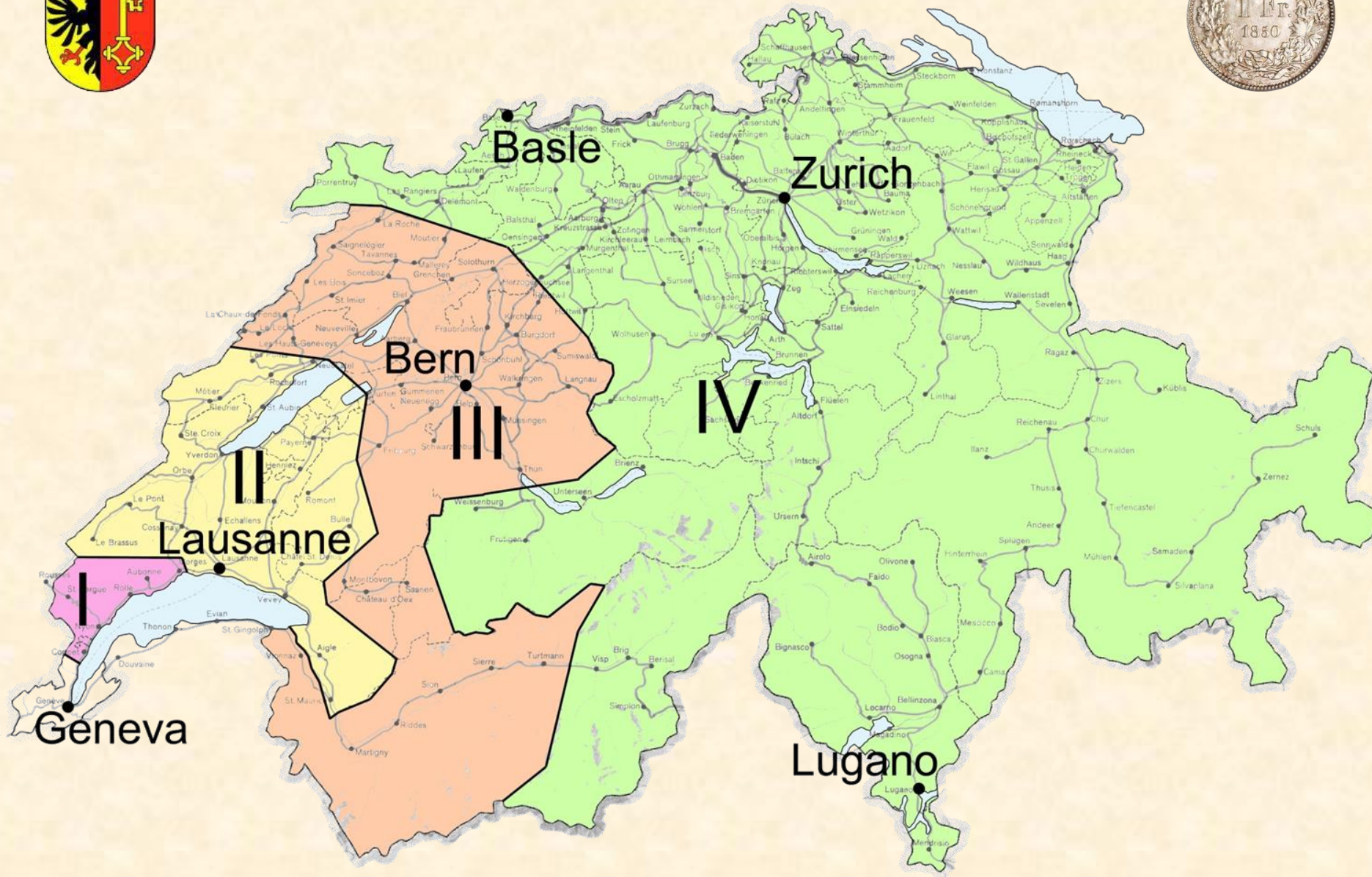
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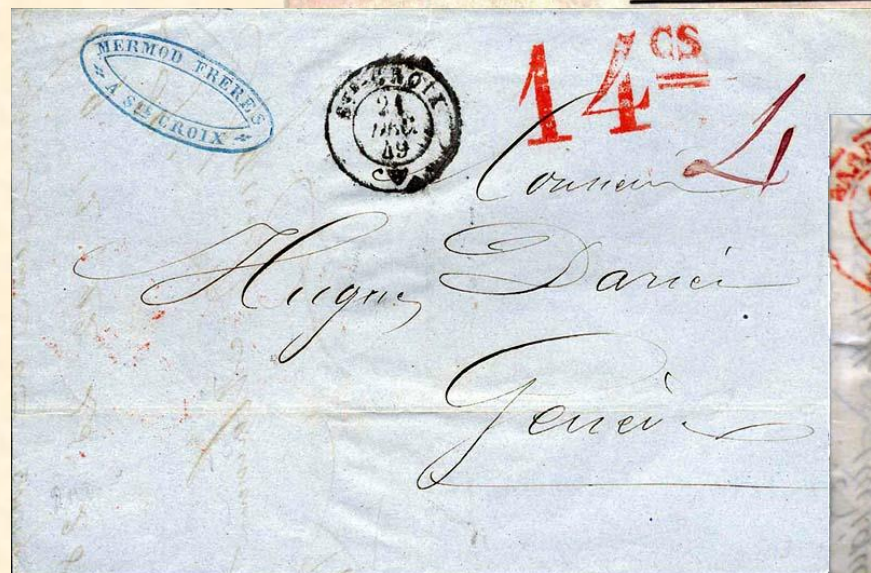




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Ste-Croix, 2nd rayon



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ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES SUISSES

Le Conseil fédéral a par décision du 26 décembre dernier fixé de la manière suivante la réduction des Rappen en centimes pour l'usage de l'Administration des Postes à Genève:

2 ½	Rappen =	5 centimes	&	5 Rappen =	5 centimes
7 ½	» =	10	»	10	» = 15
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20	» =	30	»	25	» = 35
30	» =	45	»	35	» = 50
40	» =	60	»	45	» = 65
etc. jusqu'à				100	» = 145


Le même jour est annoncée l'émission des nouveaux timbres de 5 centimes:

Le public est informé qu'à dater de ce jour l'Administration fait vendre à raison de 5 centimes, aux bureaux de postes de Genève, de Carouge, et de Chêne des timbres d'affranchissement (estampilles) valables pour la ville et le canton de Genève (sauf l'enclave de Céligny).

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Le directeur:
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	Canton			7c						
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	3 rd rayon			(6Kr.) 15Rp. = 21c	15 Rp. = 25c	II + I + I (25c)	II + I (22c)	II + I (23c)		
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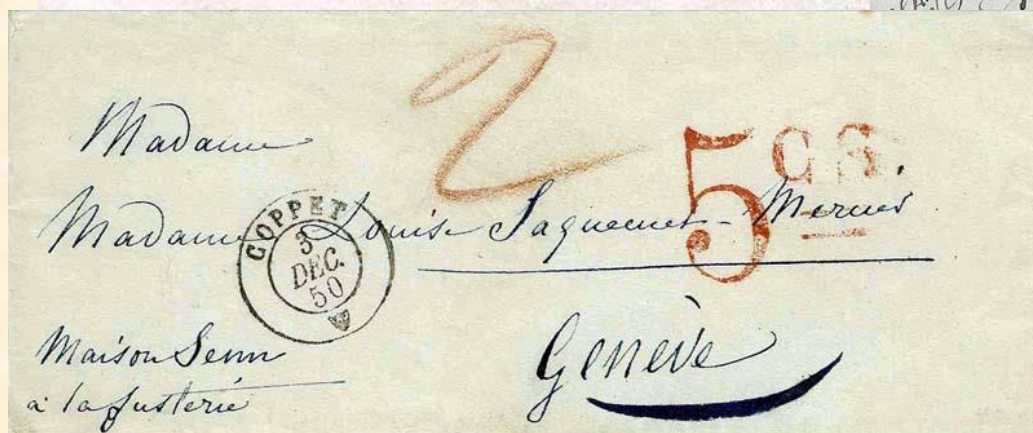
Chaux-de-Fonds,
3rd rayon



Zurich,
4th rayon




Yverdon, 2nd rayon



Coppet, 1st rayon



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Introduction des timbres fédéraux



ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES FÉDÉRALES.

TIMBRES D'AFFRANCHISSEMENT POUR LA SUISSE.

A dater du 1^{er} octobre prochain, l'administration fera vendre aux bureaux et aux dépôts de poste de l'arrondissement des timbres postes pour l'affranchissement des lettres à destination de la Suisse.

Pour le 1^{er} rayon (jusqu'à 10 lieues) :

Des timbres bleus (*de 5 rappes*) à 5 centimes

Pour le 2^e rayon (de 10 à 25 lieues) :

Des timbres jaunes (*de 10 rappes*) à 15 centimes.

Pour le 3^e rayon (de 25 à 40 lieues) :

On apposera un timbre jaune et deux timbres bleus.

Pour le 4^e rayon (au delà de 40 lieues) :

On apposera deux timbres jaunes.

Les timbres postes mis sur des lettres a destination de l'étranger n'ont aucune valeur. De même les timbres dits de *poste locale* ne peuvent être employés que pour les affranchissements à destination du canton de Genève (moins l'enclave de Céligny).


Lorsque les lettres dépasseront le poids de 1/4 d'once, on apposera un nombre suffisant de timbres pour représenter le montant de l'affranchissement exigé par le Tarif.

Pour la commodité du Public, la Direction fera remettre des tableaux indiquant les principales localités de la Suisse classées par rayon.

Genève, le 23 septembre 1850

Le Directeur des Postes du 1^{er} arrondissement,
COLLIGNON-FAURE.



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12 May 1850: Delivery to Geneva of 20.000 federal stamps POSTE LOCALE from the head of Posts, Bern



The day after: **back to sender** for Geneva already uses its own federal stamp.



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5 Rp.
=
5 c GE



10 Rp.
=
15 c GE

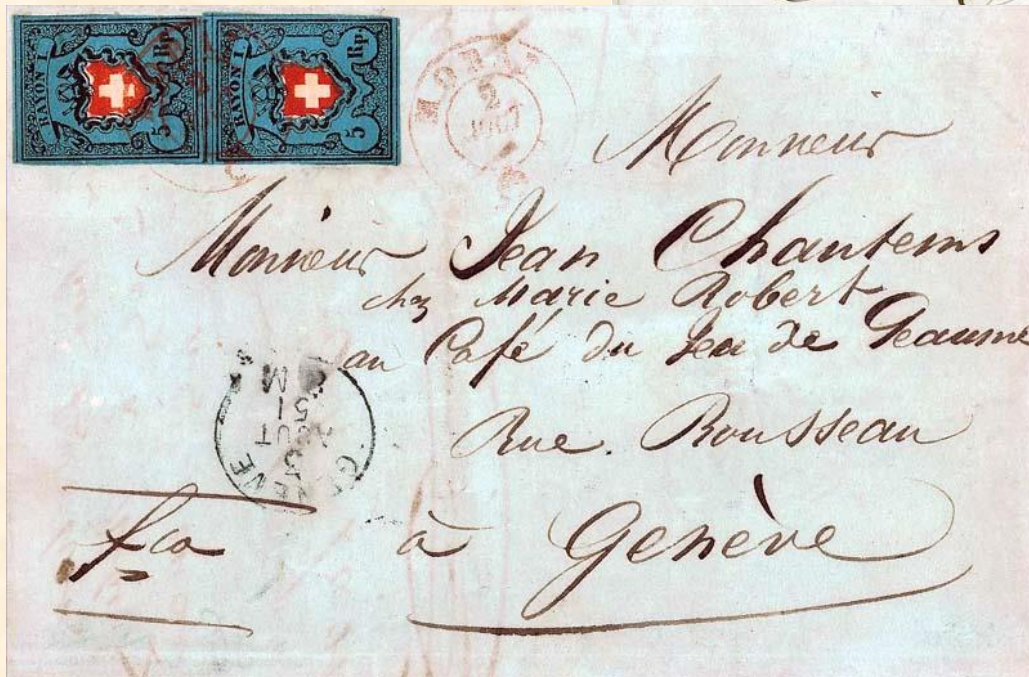




When $5 + 5 \neq 10$



10 Rp.
=
15 c GE

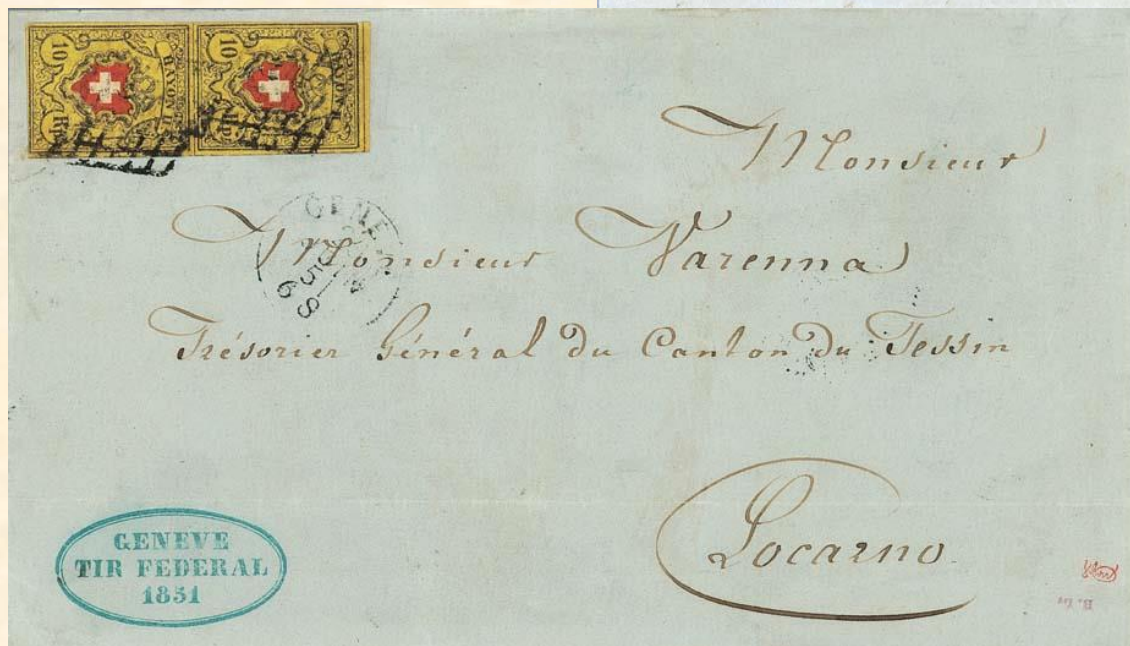


2 x 5 Rp.
=
10 c GE



20 Rp.
=
30 c GE

15 Rp.
=
25 c GE





10 Rp.
=
15 c GE



Genève – Zillis (GR) Single postage

Insufficient franking (**zu wenig**):


1 stamp of 10 Rp instead of 2 = 15c GE instead of 30

Postman converts into 4 kreuzer = 6 Blutzger of the Grisons.

The addressee finally pays the equivalent in local currency of Zillis.

Total: 5 currencies



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15 Rp.
=
20 c GE



Belley, Ain, border department





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15 Rp.
=
22 c GE



5 Rp.
=
7 c GE



5 Rp. = 7 c GE

F. N° 2.

Bureau des Postes à Genève



	Frcs.	Rps.	
Alfranchissement payé	6	00	Certifie avoir reçu de <i>M^r C. Vernet</i> un pli
Droit de récépissé	—	5	recommandé, avec indication de valeur, à l'adresse de <i>M^r Starnitski</i>
	6	07	<i>et van Venkelu, à Amsterdam</i> pour lequel pli la poste se porte garante
			à teneur des dispositions mentionnées d'autre part.


(Lieu et date.)

(Signature du Bureau des postes.)



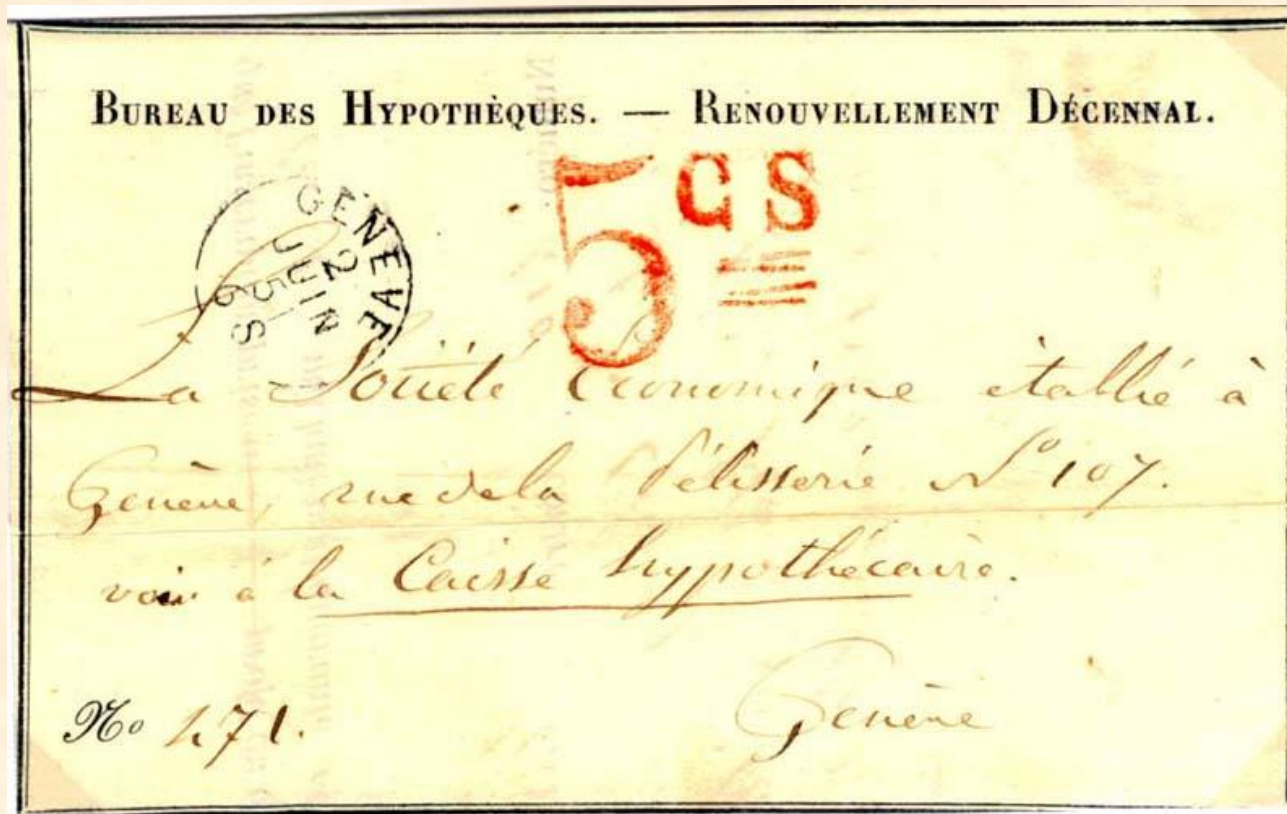
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2 ½ Rp.
=
5 c GE

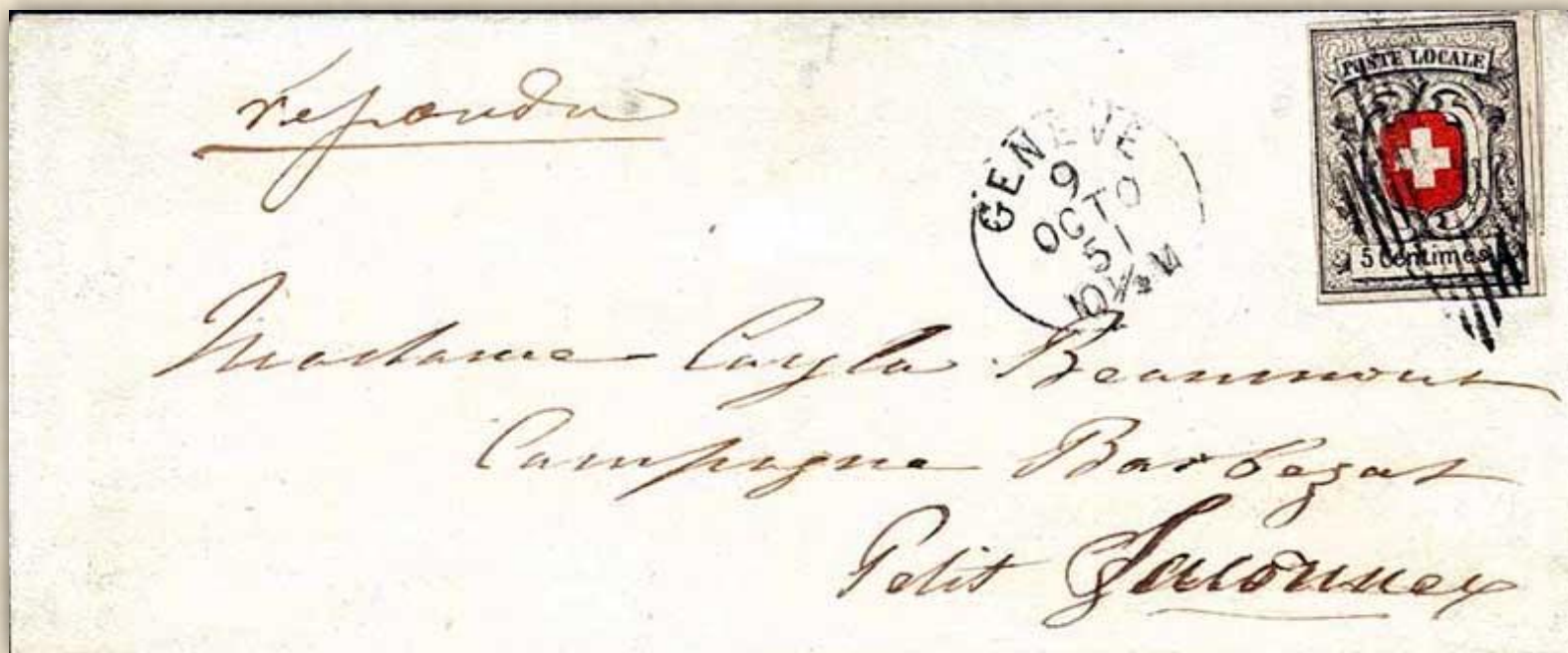




2 ½ Rp.

=

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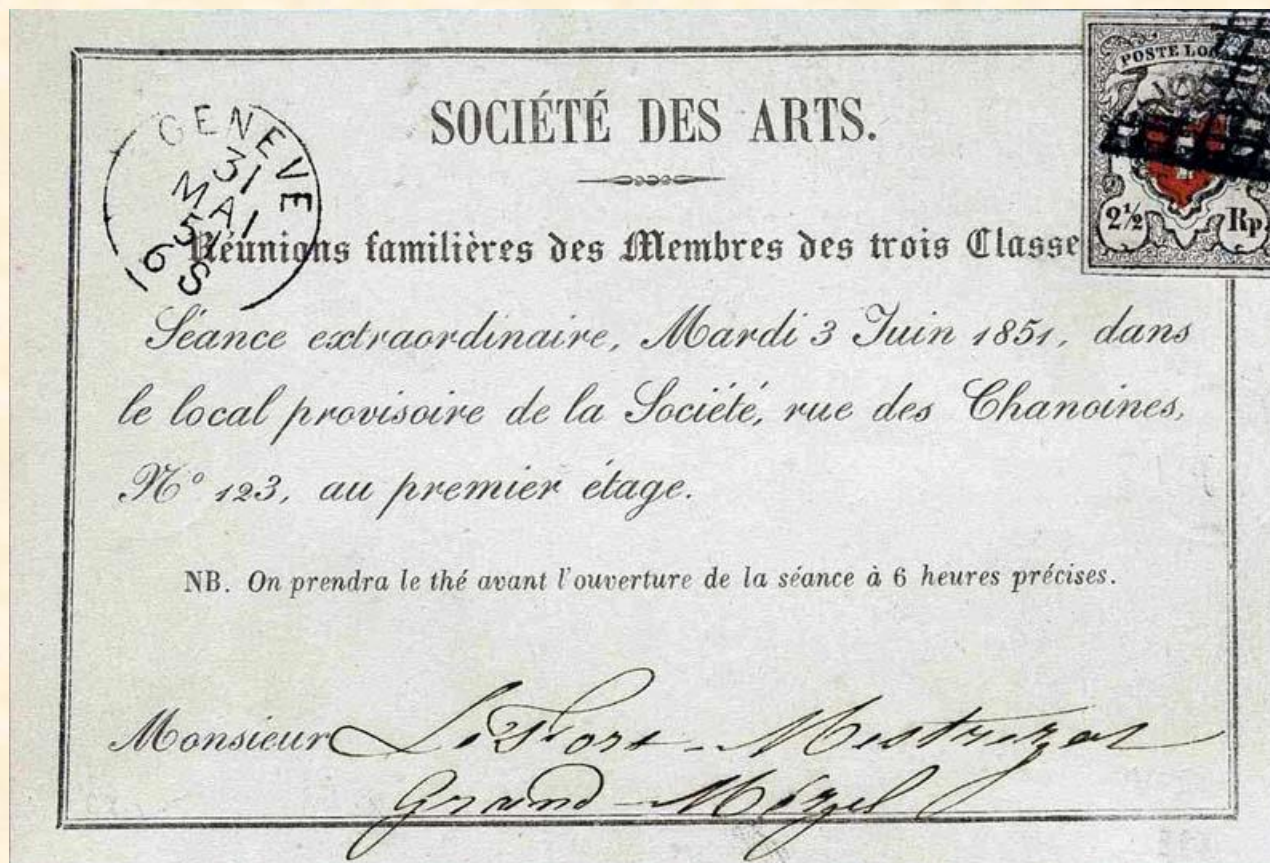
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Bern Issue




2 ½ Rp. = 2 ½ c GE



For printed matter mass sendings



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24. ARRÊTÉ

du Conseil fédéral, concernant le paiement en nouvelle monnaie des taxes postales encore existantes.

(Du 14 août 1851.)

Le Conseil fédéral suisse,

Considérant que lors de l'introduction du nouveau pied monétaire jusqu'à l'entrée en vigueur simultanée de la nouvelle loi sur les taxes postales, il est nécessaire d'établir une prescription provisoire sur la manière dont les anciennes taxes doivent être réduites, lorsqu'elles sont payées en nouvelle monnaie ;

En application de l'art. 23 de la loi fédérale du 4 juin 1849, concernant les taxes postales,

Arrête :

ARTICLE PREMIER. La réduction des taxes postales encore actuellement existantes, lorsqu'elles sont payées en nouvelle monnaie suisse, doit avoir lieu dans la proportion de 7 : 10.


ART. 2. Des fractions au-dessous d'un centime seront complétées jusqu'à un centime entier.

ART. 3. Lorsque le montant de plusieurs taxes est acquitté en même temps, le complètement de la fraction n'a lieu que sur le montant total.

$$5 \text{ Rp.} = 7,14 \text{ c} \rightarrow 8 \text{ c}$$





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15 Rp.
=
24 c GE


(over-
franking)



5 Rp.
=
8 c GE





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ADMINISTRATION FÉDÉRALE DES POSTES.

9. 12. 51

Retrait des timbres-poste fédéraux.

La nouvelle loi fédérale sur les taxes postales devant entrer en vigueur au 1^{er} janvier 1852, le public est informé que les timbres-poste fédéraux de 5 à 10 rappes (soit 8 et 15 centimes) seront complètement mis hors de cours, à dater du 1^{er} janvier prochain. Dès le 25 décembre courant, il n'en sera plus vendu par les bureaux de postes suisses. Toutefois, les timbres d'affranchissement de 5 centimes (poste locale) continueront à avoir cours pour tout le canton, sauf Céligny.

Les personnes qui auraient en provision des timbres-poste fédéraux, sont invitées à les déposer avant le 24 courant, au bureau des postes, où, après le 1^{er} janvier, elles pourront en réclamer la contre-valeur en nouveaux timbres-poste.


Genève, le 9 décembre 1851.

Le Directeur du 1^{er} arrondissement,
COLLIGNON-FAURE.



4 Kreuzer (last day of use)



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EXTRAIT DE LA LOI SUR LES MONNAIES FÉDÉRALES,

DU 7 MAI 1850.

L'unité monétaire suisse est le franc, ayant cinq grammes d'argent fin, au titre de $\frac{9}{10}$; il se divise en 100 centimes (rappes).

Les espèces suisses de monnaies sont :

- 1° *En argent*, la pièce de 5 francs, la pièce de 2 francs, la pièce de 1 franc et la pièce de demi-franc (50 cent.).
- 2° *En billon*, la pièce de 20 centimes, la pièce de 10 centimes et la pièce de 5 centimes.
- 3° *En cuivre*, la pièce de 2 centimes et la pièce de 1 centime.

Les espèces d'argent sont toutes au titre de l'unité monétaire. (du franc.)

L'alliage des monnaies de billon se compose de cuivre, de zinc et de nickel.

Les espèces de cuivre consistent en cuivre avec un alliage d'étain.

Le diamètre des espèces d'argent doit être le même que celui des espèces françaises.

Les monnaies suisses, nouvelles, auront le même cours que les monnaies françaises.

Toutes les monnaies suisses existantes actuellement en circulation, seront retirées par séries et dans un espace de temps déterminé.

Le retrait de ces monnaies se fera d'après le tarif ci-après :

Les monnaies d'or, ainsi que toutes les monnaies d'argent, seront retirées au taux de leur valeur nominale en francs de Suisse et rappes actuels. La contre-valeur en sera payable en espèces neuves, la pièce de 5 francs à raison de 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ batz, soit le nouveau franc à 71 rappes.

Ces taxes ne sont cependant applicables ni au paiement des intérêts de capitaux déjà placés ou des capitaux eux-mêmes, ni aux créances ou contrats antérieurs de l'administration fédérale des finances.

Suite.

Monnaies de Billon et de Cuivre, TARIFIÉES ET PAYABLES EN NOUVELLES MONNAIES.

Pièces	CENT.	Pièces	CENT.
de 3 batz de Bâle et du Valais,	42	de 2/3 batz de Schwytz,	09
de 6 kreutzer du Valais,	21	de 3 soldi du Tessin,	09
de 6 dits de Saint-Gall,	20	de 1 schilling de Zurich,	05
de 2 batz, Zurich, Uri, Schwytz,	28	de 1 dit de Lucerne,	04
de 5 schillings de Lucerne,	23	de 1 dit de Glaris,	04
de 4 dits de Bâle,	16	de 1 kreutzer de tous les Cant.	03
de 2 dits id.	08	10 pièces de 1 kreutzer,	35
de 1 batz de tous les Cantons,		de 2 rappes,	02
(Glaris et Neuchâtel exceptés)	14	10 pièces, idem,	28
71 batz pour Fr. 10 *		de 1 blutzger des Grisons,	02
de 1/2 batz de tous les Cantons,		de 1/2 kreutzer de tous les Cant.	01
(Neuchâtel excepté)	07	de 1 rappe,	01
de 1 batz, soit 3 schill. de Glaris,	13	de 6 denari du Tessin,	01
de 1 dit de Neuchâtel,	13	10 pièces, idem,	15
de 1/2 dit id.	06	10 pièces de 3 denari,	07
20 pièces de 1/2 batz, Fr. 1 30		40 pfennings d'Appenzell,	35

* ce qui fait ressortir l'écu de 5 fr. à 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ batz.

Les pièces de Genève de 25, 10, 5, 4, 2 et 1 centimes, d'après leur valeur nominale.

Extrait du Décret du Grand Conseil du Canton de Vaud, sur le cours des anciennes monnaies (du 2 août 1850).

A dater du 1^{er} janvier 1851, tous les Contrats et Conventions quelconques faits dans le Canton, doivent être stipulés d'après le nouveau système monétaire.


En attendant l'émission des nouvelles monnaies fédérales (billon et cuivre), la monnaie actuelle est admise au taux de :

2 centimes pour la pièce de 2 rappes.	
3 id. id. de 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ rappes.	
7 id. id. de $\frac{1}{2}$ batz.	
14 id. id. de 1 batz.	
35 id. id. de 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.	
70 id. id. de 5 batz.	
Fr. 1 45 id. id. de 10 batz.	} de tous les Cantons, Neuchâtel excepté.
2 90 id. id. de 20 batz.	
5 80 id. id. de 40 batz.	

NB. Le taux provisoire des espèces suivantes a dès lors été fixé pour le Canton de Vaud, à

Fr. 5 70 pour l'Ecu de Brabant ou Kronenthaler.
2 10 pour le florin d'Allemagne méridionale.



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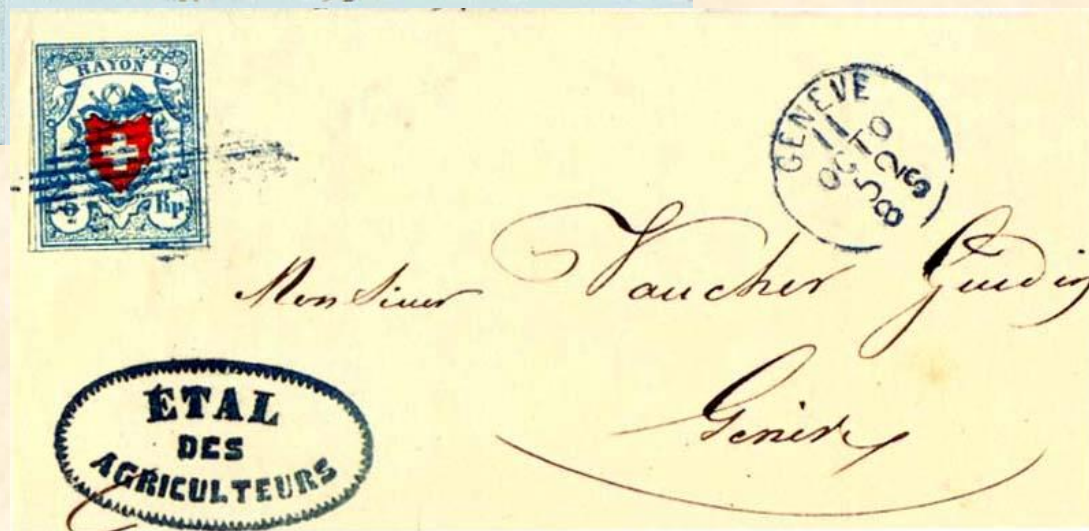




10 Swiss c,
2nd rayon



5 Swiss c,
1st rayon






15 Swiss c,
3rd rayon





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Les Rousses, Jura,
border department



At last it's
all over!



M. J.L. Collignon-Faure, premier Directeur
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(de 1849 à 1854) (Musée des PTT)



1. Geneva and Switzerland in 1849

2. The Process Towards Unification

3. Conclusion



1852



The whole of Switzerland is now in line with the Genevan standard.

Consequence for the next 3 years:

All the stamps used in Geneva remain in force to their face values for any destination in Switzerland and abroad, including cantonal stamps!



1852 - 1854





1852



The «Post of Geneva»
finally became the
«Swiss Postal District I»

Less independent, Genevans remain some rebellious,
using local particularities (frankings and postmarks)
until the advent of GPU / UPU



THANK YOU