RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers:
   (a) all designations of type species hitherto made for the nominal
genus *Ptinella* Motschulsky, 1844 are hereby set aside and
*Ptilium apterum* Guérin-Méneville, 1839 is hereby designated
as type species of that genus;
   (b) the generic name *Titan* Matthews, 1858 is hereby suppressed
for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of
the Principle of Homonymy.
(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official
List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:
   (a) *Ptinella* Motschulsky, 1844 (gender: feminine), type species, by
designation under the plenary powers in (1)(a) above, *Ptilium
apterum* Guérin-Méneville, 1839 (Name Number 2251);
   (b) *Nephanes* Thomson, 1859 (gender: feminine), type species, by
original designation, *Trichopteryx abbreviatella* Heer, 1841
(Name Number 2252).
(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official
List of Specific Names in Zoology with Name Numbers specified:
   (a) *apterum* Guérin-Méneville, 1839, as published in the binomen
*Ptilium apterum* (specific name of type species of *Ptinella
Motschulsky, 1844) (Name Number 2946);
   (b) *titan* Newman, 1834, as published in the binomen *Trichopteryx
titan* (the valid name at the date of this ruling for the type
species of *Nephanes* Thomson, 1859) (Name Number 2947).
(4) The generic name *Titan* Matthews, 1858, as suppressed under the
plenary powers in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of
Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number
2158.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N. (S.)2258

An application for the conservation of the generic names *Ptinella
Motschulsky, 1844* and *Nephanes* Thomson, 1859 was first received from
Dr Olof Biström (*University Zoological Museum, Helsinki*) on 28 March
1978. After an exchange of correspondence, a revised draft was sent to the
Nom. vol. 37, pp. 169–172. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary
powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the
statutory serials, to seven general serials and seven entomological serials.
No comments were received.
DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 June 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)33 for or against the proposals set out in Bull. zool. Nom. vol. 37, p. 170. At the close of the voting period on 13 September 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — fifteen (15) received in the following order:
Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Schuster, Savage, Heppell, Binder, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Hahn, Kraus, Brinck, Corliss

Negative Vote (in part): Mroczkowski.

Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Halvorsen and Ride were on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Cogger, Dupuis, Lehtinen and Willink.

Mroczkowski voted for the proposals concerning Ptinella but against those concerning Nephanes. He commented: 'Titan Matthews, 1858 is not a forgotten name. It was used as a valid name in 1978, Catalogus faunae Poloniae, part XXIII, Coleoptera, vol. 5, Histeroidea and Staphylinoidea except Staphylinidae, p. 79; and by Gerhardt, 1900, Z. Entomol (Breslau), vol. 25, p. 4'. In reply, Dr Biström provided ten references to papers by ten different authors since 1960, all using Nephanes for this genus.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

apterum, Ptilium, Guerin-Méneville, 1839, Dict. pitt. hist. nat. phén. nature, p. 621
Nephanes Thomson, 1859, Skand. Coleopt., vol. 1, p. 62
Titan Matthews, 1858, Zoologist, vol. 16, p. 6108

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)33 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1307.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
25 October 1984

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