

## *Nova Scotian Philatelist*

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on the names of many whose first idea and practice in journalism were gained by their connection with the philatelic press. Amateurs and inexperienced, they begin, only to graduate from the training school of philately in possession of a diploma obtained by valuable work.

As none of us are capable of penetrating the veil of the future, we cannot portend our present drift. The philatelic correspondant of to-day may develop into the metropolitan editor of to-morrow. Certainly his learning looks in that direction, and if he does not reach that goal, it is because other pursuits have claimed his thoughts and attention.

Thus are seen the great possibilities of the philatelic press, and the advantages to be derived from a conscientious practice of writing philatelic topics and subjects, relating thereto.—S. P. ELIAS IN PHILATELIC CALIFORNIAN.

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### POINTERS.

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If a stamp has a piece out of the side, put gummed paper on the back to cover the defect. It will improve its looks, and yet not cheat anyone, as the paper is readily seen.

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If you have some unused stamps which are pasted on envelopes, and desire to remove them with the original gum intact, it is an easy matter. First place your envelopes on an even surface, putting a well wet blotter on top over the stamp. After letting it stand for about ten minutes, or time enough for the stamp to loosen, remove the blotter, and carefully lift stamp from the envelop. After it has dried, face downward, the original gum will be found on back.

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Members of the P. S. of C. and other philatelists, at present are no doubt aware of the calamity that has befallen our President, Mr. J. R. Hooper, who is confined at Joliette, Que., with a grave charge against him; and who is lacking the means necessary to give him a fair trial. Now will all those who feel as if they could help him a little in this case, kindly send on the amount, however small to H. F. Mooens, Kingston, who will forward it and greatly oblige.