

# THE NIAGARA FALLS PHILATELIST.

## THE Niagara Falls Philatelist,

Its not the size that makes the paper.

A JOURNAL FOR PHILATELISTS.  
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NIAGARA FALLS PUBLISHING COMPANY,  
Niagara Falls South, Ont.

## IN MEMORY.

DIED:— At its place of business in  
St. Catharines, Ont., the *Canadian  
Philatelic Journal* aged 7 months.

The deceased journal was in its short  
career, one of the most miserable and  
horribly printed journals of the host of  
philatelic papers, published.

By its death it deprives its printer  
the privilege of using his old type  
and badly mixed pitch and mud (for ink).

The cause of its sudden collapse is  
doubtful, but it is supposed that Mr.  
French seeing the job his printer done,  
sold it to C. B. Reece of St. Catharines,  
in order to free himself of having the  
thing dieing on his hands. Mr. R.  
has failed to connect and the subscrip-  
tion list and advertising contracts will  
be filled by us.

## OFFICIAL BALLOT.

The following is a copy of the offi-  
cial ballot of the C. P. A. sent out by  
the secretary.

President  
H. Hechler, A. J. Craig.  
Vice-President  
E. Y. Parker.  
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Official Organ  
*Dominion Philatelist* at \$50 per year.  
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Craig, Fred Ineson.

## POSTAGE STAMPS.

Few collectors, perhaps, realize of  
how recent origin is the postage stamp.  
It was first issued by Great Britain in  
1840. Brazil was the first nation to  
follow the example, which they did in  
1843, and in 1847 the United States  
began the use of postage stamps. There  
are now 211 stamp issuing countries.  
It is estimated now that every year  
some 50,000,000,000 letters are posted  
in the world. America leads with  
about 2,500,000,000, and England fol-  
lows with 700,000,000. Japan now  
mails annually 95,000,000 letters, and  
the cancelled stamps on these letters  
are worth an average of one cent each.  
Last year there were 26,000 letters post-  
ed in England without any address on  
them. In 1,600 of these gold coin and  
money were inclosed. The cancelled  
postage stamps of many countries are  
worth quite as much as unused speci-  
mens, and many are issued solely for  
collections, the revenue being an impor-  
tant item. Monaco is the latest to sue  
stamps; but Stofaland, with its "fifty  
houses and three stores," is probably  
the most insignificant, even more so  
than Heligoland or the Virgin Islands.  
Bhopal has the oldest stamp, Nicaragua  
the finest, Liberia the largest, Zealand  
the smallest, Guatemala the most strik-  
ing, and Sarawak and Great Britain  
divide the honor of having the cheapest  
and meanest.

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