

THE *Philatelic Beacon* from Newton, Mass., is a new one and starts very well, the article on *Philatelic Literature* being especially good. Its owner should, however, see that its reading is not cut up and made to skip from one page to another.

WE have to thank Mr. J. A. Pierce for a sketch and catalogue of the exhibit of the N. S. P. O. Department at the exposition in Cincinnati.

THE proposed reduction of the postage rate from three to two cents, in references to which the postal department is understood to be collecting information, is supported by *Bradstreet*, which says the reduction would result almost immediately in a considerable extension of the use of the service, which would exert an influence on the commerce and industry of the Dominion. It would also remove the anomalous condition of things now existing and bring the Dominion into line with the United States. The loss to the revenue, if any, it is thought, would only be of a temporary character, as in all probability the reduction here would be followed by results of a similar character to those in other countries, where, instead of any decrease in the receipts, there has been an actual increase. In the United States during the four years that the reduced rate has been in operation the service has been self-sustaining, and next year a surplus has been anticipated. Nothing more could be desired. The department is not kept up to make money out of it, but on account of the service to the public.

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### MEETING OF SEPT. 14TH.

MEETING opened at 8.15. In absence of President and Vice-President the chair was taken by Mr. Caldwell. Secretary also being absent Ed. Smith was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*. Members present Messrs. Caldwell, Shannon, Hart, Larsen. O., Larsen, T., Kaye, Hechler, DeWolf, Smith, Ed., Francis, King and Crowell. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved that fines due by absentees from last meeting, be paid at this one,—Carried. Moved by Larsen, seconded by DeWolf,