

Editorial on some interesting and prominent subject; a list of new issues; extracts, reviews, correspondence, and answers to correspondents. The remainder of our space will be occupied by well written articles; for this department we have secured the services of many prominent philatelists. Our further advantages to collectors are our exchange column, and our prize essay department. In principles we will uphold the extended system, although the opinions of the less scientific body of collectors shall always be respected, and they shall be at liberty to express their sentiments in our correspondence column. We shall always consider it our duty to expose forgeries and dishonest dealers, and hope our correspondents will give us their assistance in this matter by forwarding us *immediately*, any doubtful stamps they receive, with the name of the person from whom they were purchased.

### **The Progress of Philately in 1872.**

An article of this kind should properly come at the end of the year, but as many of our subscribers do not see any of the other papers, we intend giving them a general synopsis of philatelic events that have occurred during the present year prior to our appearance.

— So far this has been a most prolific year in a philatelic sense for we have been favored with numbers of new and beautiful emissions; in England an excellent magazine has been started, while on our side of the Atlantic numbers of small journals have appeared, which, although they may not have done any special good for our science, are a sure evidence of the increasing number of collectors in the United States. In Canada the prospects of stamp collecting are brighter and no longer can it be said "the whole body of collectors are boys."

The first series of "*The Canadian Philatelist*" during the short time it lasted did a great deal of good, and although it made a slight mistake in saying it was the first Canadian stamp paper, yet it was the first philatelic publication that really deserved the name.

The most prominent new sets issued during the past eight months are the German Empire, Prince Edward Island, Egypt, Fiji Islands, Ceylon, Sierra Leone, Holland, Mexico, Sweden and Portuguese Indies; most of these are, in point of beauty valuable additions to our albums. The Portuguese Indies are by many considered spurious, but we await further information, before passing our verdict upon them. Besides the above mentioned sets, we have new stamps from Nicaragua, France, Great Britain, Canada, Western Australia, Norway, Hungary, St. Domingo, New Granada, New South Wales, and New Zealand. Post cards are coming into general use, new ones have been emitted by Finland, Ceylon, Sweden, Russia, and Chili. The probabilities for the remainder of the year are U. S. and Servian post cards, new sets for South African Republic, Portugal, Spain, Philippines and Cuba, a set of envelopes for Chili and a 3d. British Honduras. Losses have been few; British Columbia no longer uses its own stamps, and as these were never common, they will soon be classed amongst rarities, the stamps of Baden have been superseded by the German Empire; all other withdrawals have had their places filled by new types. Forgeries and reprints are still numerous, but the sale of the former, has received a severe check, by the *expose* given their vendors in the "*Philatelic Journal*." Locals have been appearing in abundance, there may be mentioned the set of Drontheim locals, new, T. B. Morton & Co's, Russian locals in scores, while new varieties of U. S., Confederate States, and California are being hunted up.