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With this issue we complete Vol. I. of the Halifax Philatelist, and it is with a certain amount of pride that we are looking back upon our first year's work. Like any other new undertaking we had many obstacles to contend with, and what we did not know we have always been grateful to learn from whosoever were in position to set us right, and we feel that in entering upon our second Vol. that we have paved the way to a long and pleasant existence. To our supporters both in Canada and in the United

States, we hereby extend our grateful thanks, and trust that while having enjoyed their support they have reaped sufficient benefit in lieu of their confidence and kindness towards us.

We began small and have grown large, and beginning with the January issue of 1888 we will guarantee a circulation of 2000 copies per month, which we are safe in saying will be the best paying advertising medium on the American continent. Our friends should bear in mind that we are steadily increasing and that we will not feel contented before we are able to represent our Canadian Philatelist to the same satisfaction as the American Standard publications are pleasing their friends. Now, in order to carry out our most cherished intention we will once more appeal to your generous support, and ask all those who began their subscription when we started a year ago, to kindly renew for next year and remit us at earliest convenience.

Trusting the Halifax Philatelist will be a welcome visitor, and that we will be able to entertain you in the future to your entire satisfaction, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and most happy and prosperous New Year.

SOME time ago Larsen Bros. of this city received a consignment of Tolima stamps of the 1884 issue, amounting to something over \$75.00. Being suspicious as to their genuineness they had the stamps examined by an expert detector, and they were pronounced dangerous counterfeits. Meanwhile the stamps are resting quietly awaiting the firm in Hamburg who sent them, to make inquiries as to sale remittance, etc.

The Hamburg firm made a mistake