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The *Montreal Philatelist* makes a very lame attempt to reply to our editorial in last issue. Through a slip of the pen we said the "editor" wrote for the Post Master General's permission to use cuts. This should have been the "publisher." It seems that considering their close relationship, the "editor" and "publisher" of the *M. P.* are very much afraid of being taken for each other.

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