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## OUR CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

### JOHN REGINALD HOOPER,

the promoter and organizer of the Canadian Philatelic Association, is an English-Canadian. He is a son of Joseph Hooper, Esq., the well-known marble and granite dealer, of Port Hope, Ont. The subject of our sketch was born in 1859, and is therefore nearly 29 years of age. From boyhood he evinced a military spirit which pervaded his ancestors, one of whom was owner and commander of a successful privateer in the service of King George III. At the age of 18 he passed a military examination and was appointed a sergeant in a garrison artillery battery. Attending the Royal School of Gunnery he obtained a first-class military certificate, and was a volunteer for the Cape Mounted Rifles during the Zulu campaign. Altogether he has seen nearly six years of active regular service. He served on Col. William's staff with the Midland Battalion during the North-West Rebellion, and was with General Middleton's column, participating actively in the four days'

action at Batoche, and final charge and capture of the rebel stronghold; afterwards he was on the column in the celebrated Big Bear chase in the wilderness north of Fort Pitt and Frog Lake, where he received a touch of malaria by sleeping in muskeg swamps. On his arrival

back he was presented with a gold medal by admiring friends, also the Queen's medal and the "Saskatchewan" clasp for being under fire. Mr. Hooper now devotes his military ardor to a fancy drill canton of which he is 1st lieutenant.

In conjunction with his military duties he also trained as an athlete, and is the possessor of some fine medals and cups. He is credited with doing 100 yards in 10 seconds in 1883 on the historic Plains

of Abraham, Quebec. He has been selected four times for competition teams in shifting heavy ordnance and big gun competitions. He has also won the championship half-mile snow race for Quebec.

Mr. Hooper's philatelic experience began in 1871, but sold his collection in

