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## Editorial.

**A Terrific Success.** Our New Year's No. was a great success and we think it would be advisable to always have an illuminated cover not necessarily as fantastic as that of the holiday no.

Here are some of the opinions of our readers. "Your New Year's No. was a cracker-jack and the best one out this year." "The cover of your New Year's no. is very fine; quality of reading matter is also greatly improved." "Your Jan. no. received last night and must say it was fine; to live up to your motto we may expect something fine for February."

In regard to the latter, we might say that we did not intend to have the February no. better than the New

Year's no. as that was a special no. However it does not take much of a back seat, does it?

**Haps and Mishaps.** By next month we hope to have a report of the organization of a local club for Berlin

"Twill be with us soon.

And now the Canadian Weekly Stamp News has joined the silent majority; very sad.

With Irving E. Patterson at the head of the Ont. Phil. Ass'n. it ought to be a success.

A grand combination is in the wind to form all the stamp companies in Berlin into one to be called the "Consolidated Stamp Co." It will be composed of several of the largest dealers and some of the smaller ones have been bought out.

Mr. J.R. MacDowell of Guelph was in town on Jan. 25 th.

Next month we will publish a directory of Berlin philatelists which may prove valuable to dealers who send out catalogues etc.

**In favor of Hooper.** The following is taken from the Eastern Philatelist, "Blank petition headings in favor of the appeal of J.R. Hooper, the erstwhile prominent philatelist who is undergoing a sentence for attempted wife murder, are now ready and can be had by sending to his father Joseph Hooper Box 145 Port Hope Ont. In a letter we have just received from the the prisoner he writes that he hopes all philatelists in Canada will sign the appeal and thus aid in releasing an innocent man.

Our readers will remember Mr. J.R. Hooper as "Canadensis" the once famous Philatelic writer and president of the Philatelic Society of Canada.