

Review were the February arrivals. In March, the Stamp Collectors Figaro made its debut as did also the Germantown Philatelist.

The new lights for April were: The Philatelic Fortnightly, The Useful Instructor and the Philatelic Century.

June saw the appearance of the International Collector.

The Witch City Philatelist had the nerve to appear in sultry July.

For August Mr. Harte had to credit the appearance of no less than four new aspirants for fame in philatelic journalism viz. The American Philatelic Record, Niagara Falls Philatelist Buckeye State Collector and the Texas Philatelic Journal.

September was a blank month for new papers.

October gave us the Toronto Philatelic Journal, The Charleston Philatelist and the Philatelic Journal of Ohio.

November was another blank month.

The Badger State Philatelist saw the light of day in December.

Mr. Harte gave a good review of the above-mentioned papers.

Thus it will be seen, that twenty-two embarked on the sea of philatelic journalism in 1887, and to prove that the sea was as stormy then as it is in 1898, we need only state that of these papers only about half lived to see the dawn of the new year.

The following note is taken from No. 2 of the Halifax Philatelist; "We have in our possession an oddity, a very few of which are known to be in existence, it being a 3c of the present issue of Canada, but instead of being red it is of a very dark brown shade, nearly black, it is genuine and unused, as it was purchased among others at the post office. A brown 2c and a blue 5c

Registration are also known to be held by parties here." Much discussion was taken part in by some of the foremost stamp men of the day as to whether these were government errors or not. The following letter taken from the correspondence column of the Stamp Collectors Figaro we think proves beyond a doubt that they are genuine.

Editor Figaro—Replying to Mr. Fraser's statement, throwing a shadow on the genuineness of the 2c brown Canada Registration stamp, would say that both the 2c register and 3c postage, present issue were printed in error in brown instead of red. I have received both on correspondence and they had not been on letters more than a day or two, so had no chance of changing color on account of mucilage. Besides this my brother has seen them sold at the post office here but did not tell me until too late, as I would have been only too glad to lay in a stock of them, for I feel sure that in a short time they will become exceedingly rare. Trusting that you will publish and thereby uphold the reputation of dealers and others who have sold these stamps as errors, I am yours truly,
Montreal, Can. Robt. F. Mc Rae.

Part II—Prominent Dealers—will begin in the next issue of the B. O. P.

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Zululand has been annexed to Natal so no more stamps will be issued by that colony. Moral—Freeze on to Zululand.

Bro. French of the E. S. P. does not like our new issue and hopes it will not continue in use too long. What! R. W. do you want another new issue?

The Metropolitan Philatelist has appeared as a weekly publication. It should certainly succeed with the father of American Philately at the helm.