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EDITORIAL.

Mr. L. M. Stæbler, the publisher of this magazine, is absent in New York and the Eastern States on his annual purchasing tour, and we trust that any errors that may have crept in the paper, as a result of this, will be excused.

The articles that have been published in this Journal during the past four months on general collecting and specialism, have been received with much interest by our subscribers. We regret very much that, owing to the quantity of matter on hand for publication, we shall be obliged to discontinue this interesting discussion. Several of our other subscribers have sent their views on the subject to us in the form of short articles, some of which were of considerable merit, and we greatly regret that at present we have not the space in which to publish them. With the first number of Volume II. we shall enlarge our size to 32 pages.

In looking over a magazine which was published in Canada in the early part of 1885, we notice a paragraph to the effect that *only 200* of the 2 cent *brown* bill stamp of 1869 were issued, and that only about three-fourths of that number were used. If such is true (?), we can say that we have nearly all ever issued. Can any of our readers give us any further information regarding the number of these stamps issued.

The publishers of a certain U. S. Philatelic paper, *The Hoosier Stamp*, are endeavoring to benefit Philately and fill a long felt (?) want, by founding a so-called Philatelic Society which *anyone* may join; no character required, no dues charged. The only condition required of those desirous of incurring the benefits is, that they subscribe to that *worthy* magazine mentioned above. Surely this society will turn the world upside down.

Many of our readers are still in the dark as regards the distinctive points of difference between the forged and genuine stamps of the 6d. Nova Scotia. During the past month a number of these counterfeits have been submitted to us for examination. This is one of the most dangerous counterfeits that has been placed on the market. It is believed it has its origin in New York. The forged stamp is lithographed, but so fine is the work that it has the appearance of a first class engraving. The paper is the same as that used in the genuine. The designs in the stars around the centre are not as perfectly formed as in the genuine, and the color, instead of being a pure green as in the genuine, is of a yellowish green. Outside the above points the counterfeit is almost a perfect imitation of the genuine, and so perfect are they that expert dealers were deceived by them.

The coming August will be a great one for Philatelists. A Philatelist who likes a good holiday should by all means take in the three great conventions to be held in that month in Niagara Falls and Ottawa. Of the value of a visit to these two interesting places much can be said. Of the former, nothing need be said; of the latter, we may say it is one of Canada's finest cities. At this, the Capital, the Government buildings are situated, and a visit will amply repay any collector even from a *right-seeing* standpoint. The American Philatelic Association and Canadian Philatelic Association meet at Niagara Falls the first week in August, while the Philatelic Society of Canada meets in Ottawa the week following. The P. S. of C. members are to be the guests of the Ottawa-branch of the Society. The Ottawa boys are already making preparation for the reception and entertainment of the visiting collectors, and a good time is assured. Make it a point to be there.