

WE notice in the February No. of the *Philatelic Journal of America* that Mr. L. S. Morton in an article on "History Dispensing Stamps" makes use of somewhat strong language in reference to England.

In speaking of the South African Republic stamps he says "This Republic began issuing stamps in 1869. In 1877 England stepped in and interfered (I mark well that England only interferes with weak nations, unable to protect themselves from her.)" The sentence in brackets is altogether uncalled for, and it merely shows that there still exists here and there in the United States, people who have still the same unreasoning hatred that their great grandfathers had reason for, but for which they have none. If Mr. Morton had made a search as to the cause of England's interference in the Transvaal he would hardly have written what he did. As for always interfering with only weaker nations than herself, it happens there are not many stronger than she is, so that it generally happens that in her wars she has, that they are petty ones. She has never shown any lack of spirit in interfering with stronger nations, when her policy demands that she should do so, and Mr. Morton would know this if he follows up the history he writes about.

It is to be presumed that the Mexican War of 1849, and the unjustifiable territorial aggression which she received from the same was not a strong power interfering with a weak one.

Mr. Morton should look to his own country and her actions before he casts a reflection on another.

NOTES.

It is not generally known that there are two sizes in the 1 and 3 cent stamped envelopes of Canada.

We have the February No. of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal*. This month is devoted to the return of the election for officers to the C. P. A. We hope now that it is the official organ to see it drop its numismatic department, and bring out some really good original articles. And in time it may become nearly as good a paper as the *American Philatelist*.

The Canadian Government has been giving us a small cut in our postage. It is a reduction of from 5c. for registration to the United States to 2c.; this is an idea the U. S. Government might copy.

In the February No. of *Philatelic Gazette* there is a letter in reference to the P. E. I. error. There are only five of those errors in every sheet of 100 stamps, it being the seventh stamp on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th lines. This value is printed in sheets of 100.

It is more than probable that we shall not be favoured with stamps from Newfoundland very much longer, as it is more than likely that she will enter into the Dominion of Canada. As negotiations for that purpose are already on foot, a delegation will leave St. Johns to confer with the Canadian