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**OURSELF.**

We have to ask the indulgence of our readers and patrons in that the issuance of this, our second number, has been delayed a month beyond the time that we had anticipated. In one sense we hardly regret this because it enables us to fall in with the regular custom of quarterlies, and to publish in the months of January, April, July, and October. We have under consideration the question of publishing the COURIER monthly, but that will depend upon the encouragement that we receive from Philatelic friends. If they believe that we have a useful and valuable mission to fulfil, and evince that belief by a generous support, the COURIER will show an appreciation of that sympathy by improving excellence in various ways.

For our circulation we confidently challenge comparison with any other Canadian Journal. Every postmaster in the world receives a copy regularly and, in the present day when whole peoples are imbued with the migratory spirit, and rely upon the information obtained from their postmasters for reliable data, to determine the direction in which they will move, such a medium as the PHILATELIC COURIER is invaluable to railway corporations having large tracts of land to sell, to governments

desiring to encourage immigration, to real estate owners or agents and to many others.

That the efforts of the PHILATELIC COURIER to present concisely and in readable form information on postal subjects are appreciated even in distant countries is evidenced by the letters selected from a large mass of correspondence received similar to that published elsewhere.

Thus encouraged and convinced that we are engaged in a useful work, we enter 1882 with a determination to continue as we have begun and to improve with each number.

The Post-Office is now a recognised measure of the civilization and of the intelligence of nations. Consequently everything that tends to increase its usefulness and efficiency and its adaptability to the wants and convenience of the public must lead to the elevation of the standard of civilization among the nations.

The postal union was a great stride in advance and we are happy to announce from time to time its extension to new countries.

Siam is adopting a regular postal system of its own, as noted elsewhere, and we greet with much pleasure this evidence of renewed life, and of advancing civilization in that ancient kingdom.

The matter of postal insurance is attracting increasing attention and this important improvement will, doubtless be ere long adopted generally.

That "the world moves" is well illustrated by the advance that has recently been made and is constantly making in postal matters.

**TO POSTMASTERS.**

The Editor will thank Postmasters for all information they will kindly send, respecting new issues of stamps, cards, and envelopes, or on the subject of changes in important mail routes; and in fact for any news respecting new postal arrangements. Our object is to utilize the large circulation of the COURIER, which goes over the whole world, to make public such changes.

**AUX MAITRES DE POSTE.**

LE REDACTEUR sera bien aise de remercier les maitres de poste qui lui feront la bonte de donner de temps a autre les informations les plus recentes sur les nouvelles emissions de timbres, cartes ou enveloppes, et aussi au sujet de tous changements de routes-malles; enfin sur toutes les nouvelles a propos des reglemens postaux. Notre but est de transmettre a tous les quartiers du monde les informations importantes, lequel nous permet la grande circulation du COURIER, couvrant le monde entier.