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HENRY HECHLER.

HENRY HECHLER, our candidate for the Presidency of the Canadian Philatelic Association, has earned a world-wide reputation among advanced philatelists and a sketch of his life will doubtless be of interest to our readers at the present juncture.

Mr. Hechler was born in Hesse, Darmstadt, South Germany, about 38 years ago. He was the son of General War Paymaster Wilhelm Hechler, of Darmstadt. After the usual course of study graduated, and in 1859 first became interested in philately, and founded his collection which has grown to such magnificent proportions that as long ago as 1881 he declined a cash offer of £600 sterling for it. Of course he has since then added largely to it and it now comprises over eleven thousand specimens.

In his 16th year he entered his noviciate in commerce from which he was suddenly called by the outbreak of the war of 1870-1 between his native country and France.