

A PHILATELIC SERMON.

"ALL seemed to be well satisfied with the result." Words taken from the *Eastern Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 3, page 6. We are told in the Gospel of Canadensis that all seemed to be well satisfied with the result, and in order to bring this glorious sentence before our readers in a plain and natural light, we will ask your kind attention for the time occupied in explaining the meaning of this. In order to keep up to the times it was found necessary to start a Society composed of Canadian Philatelists which would be of benefit to Canadians and a lasting monument for the world to come, and consequently we find in the latter part of 1887 our cherished hopes about to be accomplished. Names after names rolled in from all parts of the Dominion, (except Toronto) the same names being published until we reached the number of 68, and since when we were left in blissful ignorance as to how matters stood. In the middle of January each member received a ballot paper with the request of returning same at earliest convenience as the poll would close on the last day of January. In accordance with above request, we presume, all were anxious to comply with same and had their paper properly made out and sent along to the headquarters, awaiting the result, when to our great astonishment we received the *Eastern Philatelist* conveying to us the result of said election. Could we believe our eyes? Had the Executive Committee so far allowed their indiscretion to get the better of themselves as to be guilty of the breach of faith with which they had been vested as to allow an outside Journal to carry the first official news and thus ignoring the chosen official organ? This is simply preposterous. In the contest for the official organ the *Toronto Journal* seemed to have been the choice, and although we are perfectly contented with our lot we are by no means "satisfied with the result." We have been led to believe that the poll did not close on the last day of January, but was kept open a few days longer, now if this is correct why was this done? Was it done in order to get somebody "satisfied with the result?" Another thing is this that 96 votes were polled, and as the HALIFAX PHILATELIST only had published the names of 68, we are inclined to be suspicious as to the reason the 28 names were withheld from our information. We have only the best of intentions towards our Toronto contemporary and we wish it every success in its new capacity, but say what we think we must, and this we will say, that it was not by its merit the *Toronto Philatic Journal* became the official organ of the C. P. A., and furthermore, we wish it to be distinctly understood that the principle of the HALIFAX PHILATELIST admits of no chance for cheap side-shows in any shape or form. We thank all our supporters for their kind assistance, and for those who voted against us we have only to say that a wrong principle prompted their actions.