

postage stamps in Nova Scotia were in vain. But I presume judging from the accounts of the P. O. Dept. that the Hon. Joseph Howe was instrumental in doing so. This indeed was an act worthy of the liberal and enlightened mind of one of Nova Scotia's greatest sons.

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## THE PHILATELIC JOURNALS OF 1887.

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Philately may well be proud of her Journals or Organs as the year 1887 draws to a close. In the past a few of them, have held no mean positions in the literary world. To-day many of them are acknowledged to be first-class literary productions.

A brief sketch of such as are in existence, December '87, cannot fail but to be of interest to Philatelists generally, and will be the theme of the present article.

### The Philatelic Monthly.

The first number of this, the oldest Philatelic publication in existence, was issued February 1st, 1875. The first volume consisted of 11 numbers, 4 pages to each issue. With vol. 2 the number of pages were increased to eight, which size it has ever since retained. It has all alone contained a reliable chronicle of new issues, which were illustrated with cuts, until Congress passed the law prohibiting their use. In all its years of publication it never missed an issue until July 1887. This lapse was caused by

the severe illness of the publisher, L. W. Durbin, who on the 12th of August passed away from this world to a happier one beyond the grave.

It is probable that the publication of this paper will be continued for some time, as the heirs of the late Mr. Durbin intend carrying on his business at the old stand.

### The Philatelic Courier.

The first Canadian Journal published in the interest of our hobby. It is a quarterly journal. The first number appeared in the fall of 1881. Henry Hechler, of Halifax, being its sole editor and proprietor. It was published regularly until the outbreak of the North-West Rebellion in 1885, when Mr. Hechler, who had command of a company of the Halifax Provisional Battalion was ordered out to help crush the rebellion. Its regular publication was consequently suspended, however, supplements to it have been issued from time to time up to the present date. It is the intention of Mr. Hechler shortly to resume its regular publication. Its subscription price is \$1 a year, circulation between 2000 and 3000 copies.

### The Philatelic World.

Published by R. R. Bogert, *Tribune* Building, New York City. First published January, '83. It always appears promptly each month, its main feature being a chronicle of new issues. It is a four page sheet, each page being surrounded with a neat red border. A feature of it at present is a catalogue of post-cards which it publishes monthly. Subscription price 25 cents a year.