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WE are a little late this month, with this number, but not quite as far behind as some of our conterporaries, the May numbers of which we hope to see before the year is out.

Philately always seems to go down or rather to drop off about the middle of May, and remains at a low ebb until about the first of September, when all the various summer smusements are over, which detract so much from the love of our science. We must say that we find it rather irksome ourselves to remain indoors this fine weather, when we could so much better find enjoyment outside, but as we have got the interests of our subscribers to look after, we must content ourselves with our pen, ink and paper. Our subscription list is growing larger every month, but there is still lots of room for more, and in order to get the vacant space filled up, we will give

to the party whose subscription reaches us first a 3d. Nova Scotia 1857. To the one reaching us tenth a set of 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 8 and 10c. d. p., Philippine Isles, and to the one reaching us twentieth a set of Newfoundland 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 10 cent. So now is your chance if you wish to secure some good stamps cheap.

We would also call the attention of dealers to our rates, which still remain so exceedingly low, that sometimes we feel that we ought to raise them just to be the same as other papers, but then we are not running our paper so much to make money as to help along philately. Therefore it will pay you to make a contract with us, as our space for the next 6 months is rapidly filling up.

WE intend shortly to devote a column to new issues. We have made arrangements with a party living in Germany to forward us a list each month, just as soon as they appear in the *Le Timbre Poste*, which will therefore enable us to have them sooner than most other publications.

## TO CANADIAN PHILA-TELISTS.

"The Undersigned Committee of Organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in Philately in Canada, to join with them in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association. Officers will be elected as soon as possible after all details have be arranged. All correspondence of those stamp collectors intending to join should be addressed to the Secy. pro-tem, at Ottawa, Can. The officers to be elected are a President, a Vice-President for each Province, a