

Canadian
Stamp Literature of To-day.

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I. THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

In this and succeeding issues of the CANADIAN PHILATELIC REVIEW I intend to give a series of articles on Canada's current philatelic literature, and will begin with the monthly magazines.

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As to contents it can be said with truth that for a first issue this number was very readable. L. H. Benton contributed some excellent "Literature Notes," and an article on "U. S. Minor Varieties" by one signing himself E. S. was also good.

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