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GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

The Philatelic Messenger, a new quarterly, has appeared from Oak Hill, New Brunswick.

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Mr. R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont., will shortly publish a directory of Ontario collectors.

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I am informed that the collectors of Berlin, Ontario, are trying to form a philatelic club in that place. I wish them every success. It is to be regretted that Canada has not more local societies.

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The contract for the printing of the Canadian stamps, which recently expired, has been renewed for a further term of five years. It is rumored that a new set of stamps may be expected as a result of the new contract.

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Efforts are being made to organize a local society in Guelph, Ontario. There should be plenty of material in that city to form a strong local organization. Mr. Irving E. Patterson, well known as an energetic society worker, is interested in the movement.

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Mr. O. K. Carstarphen, the new president of the P. S. of A., has appointed the following Canadian vice-presidents: *British Columbia*, T. S. Fletcher; *Manitoba*, H. A. Peters; *New Brunswick*, John S. Rice; *Nova Scotia*, Raymond S. Baker; *Ontario*, L. M. Staebler; *Quebec*, Geo. A. Holland. I do not think the President could have made a better selection.

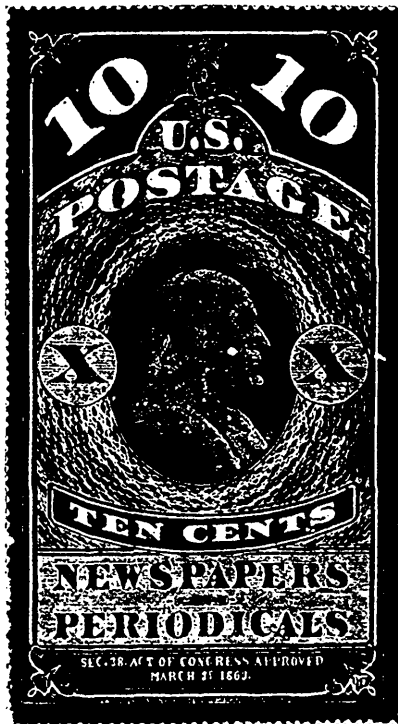
I have before me another new Canadian paper, *The Philatelic Advocate*, of Berlin. The typographical appearance of the paper is not up to the mark, but decided improvements are promised in the near future. I trust the publishers will obtain the support necessary to make a success of the journal.

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Mr. T. S. Clark, of Belleville, one of Canada's veteran stamp dealers, states that he will shortly retire from the business, as his duties in connection with his position in the Bank of Montreal require his undivided attention. Mr. Clark has made many friends during his career as a dealer, and I regret very much to hear that he has decided to retire.

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The policy of the progressive party of the *Dominion Philatelic Association*, as contained in a circular, which has recently been brought to my notice, contains some points which are well worthy of the consideration of every member who is interested in the success of the society. "1.—Representative legislation on all proposed laws, at all times. No waiting for yearly conventions to put in force desired reforms. 2.—Issuance of bonds, payable at 10% interest, redeemable in two years, to cover outstanding indebtedness. 3.—Small yearly grant to officers, designed to partly cover private



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postage between officers on society business. 4.—Appropriation of treasury surplus, when deemed advisable by the Manager of Finance, for the purpose of publishing and giving free to members such D. P. A. literature as may be of lasting interest and value." Whether or not the ideas of the "Progressive Party" will be adopted is a matter which only time will decide.