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THE Fall season has opened up many albums that have laid aside during the past few months, and their owners are again eager philatelists. Canadians at the present moment are having their eyes opened to the vast riches that lie within the broad Dominion. Gold, silver and copper, as well as other valuable minerals, in British Columbia, the discovery of vast deposits of iron and coal in Algoma, in Ontario, the prospect of higher prices for wheat, gives a bright outlook for business and, needless to say, this is bound to have its effect in our line. This season, everywhere, promises to surpass that of any of the past.

FROM a letter recently received from Captain Wurtele, president of Canadian Philatelic Association, it is learned that the dues will be \$1 per year. All who wish to join are requested to communicate with Mr. Wurtele.

THE annual report of the Birmingham Philatelic Society for the year ending October, 1896, has reached us. It is a neat pamphlet of 36 pages. The members of this society set a good example to

others by their earnestness.

MR. EWEN, of Swanage, England, sends a used specimen of the new Army Official Stamp issued on September 1st. There are three values— $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. On the last the overprint is in thicker type, and the words are  $9\frac{1}{4}$ mm apart instead of 12mm.

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### CANADIAN NOTES.

Hon. William Mulock will be doing a public service if he makes a change in the management of the money order branch of his department, says the Evening Telegram of Toronto. The present method of transmitting money by mail is cumbrous and unsatisfactory. A system of postal notes, on the model of that in use in England, might well take the place of the out-of-date money order plan. In the United Kingdom a postal note can be purchased in half a minute at any post-office. In Canada the citizen is compelled to wait for minutes while his cheque is being filled in and the necessary entries are being made in the books of the branch. Mr. Mulock intends to visit the Postal Congress to be held in Washington next spring. He can gain some valuable information while there concerning the most improved methods of sending money by mail.

Early this summer William Anderson, son of John Anderson, of the electric light works, Shelburne, Ont., wrote to Czar Nicholas of Russia, requesting that eminent personage to forward him a set of new Russian stamps. A short time ago the Shelburne post office officials received a communication from the Russian consul at New York asking if such a person as William Anderson lived in Shelburne. The question was, of course, answered, in the affirmative. Last week a \$25 collection of entirely new Russian stamps was forwarded to "Mr. William Anderson, Shelburne," who is now of the opinion that the Emperor of all the Russias may be a despot, but he's kind-hearted all the same.