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The paper which I will mention now is the Toronto Philatelic Journal, one of the most successful Philatelic Magazines ever published in the province from a financial point of view. To use the publisher's own words in answer to a query, he says: "It was the only paper that ever paid me," and he issued several at different times; 24 numbers were issued in all, one being a double number. In the first year of its existence it consisted of four pages, each month being published in newspaper form. With volume II it appeared in a new dress, having from 8 to 20 pages each month with a fine cover.

During this time several papers had appeared, but all were published but a short time. The first one we shall mention is the Canadian Philatelist, published from Toronto in 1886. But one number was issued. In 1888 another paper named the Canadian Philatelist

appeared from Niagara Falls. It was a very good attempt, and from copies I have seen I would judge it as being a prosperous publication. Six numbers were issued, when it was removed to St. Catharines, Ont., and continued under the name of the Canadian Philatelic Journal. This turn does not seem to have been a very successful one, as but one number was issued after its removal.

In 1888 the Ontario Stamp Journal began publication from Niagara Falls, and after issuing its initial number it appeared no more.

In 1889 H. F. Ketcheson started the Dominion Philatelist, and proved his ability to run a paper for about five years, when, owing to various reasons, he was compelled to discontinue it. It was the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association while that society lasted, and no doubt did a great deal towards keeping it alive. Every Canadian collector was sorry to hear that it had ceased publication.

After the Dominion Philatelist began publication, the next paper to appear was the