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Notes.

We have applied repeatedly to the postmaster general for second class privileges, but have not been able to secure them. It will make no difference in the publication of the *Messenger* and will not affect its circulation. But it amounts to this, that we are being robbed by a piece of official stupidity or malice of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per month. It is some consolation to see in the signs of the times pretty certain evidence of the speedy dissolution of the present government and

the restoration to office of men who are sane and sensible, none of whom could ever have been little-minded enough to be guilty of the Jubilee stamp fiasco.

We would not for a moment say or do anything which might affect injuriously the brothers Starnaman. We admire their pluck and rejoice in their success. May it ever continue and grow without limit. But it is the duty of a servant of the people, and that is what the postmaster general is, to deal out even-handed justice to all. We ask our readers if there is reason or justice in according second class rates to the *Philatelic Advocate* and denying them to the *Philatelic Messenger*.

We have been forbidden by the postmaster general to publish illustrations of foreign stamps. After the matter was ready for this issue, we were obliged to omit several cuts. Being ignorant of the law in the matter we wish to be technically in the right. We shall get legal advice before the next *Messenger* appears. We think it very likely that this prohibition is simply another example of meddlesome officiousness on the part of the post office department. It is strange if we have a law that prohibits what is lawful in every other civilized or semi-civilized country under the sun.

We have thought best to publish the documents we have received from the postmaster general. The full text of them will be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Messenger*. We shall send a copy of this number to the members of parliament and the principal newspapers of the Dominion, and we appeal to them against the decision of the post office department.