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## Editorial.

Mr. Oswald having disposed of his share in this paper I am now publishing it myself. I intend, as far as possible, to get the issues out on time every month. It will be my aim to have all latest and up-to-date articles.

Owing to lack of time to prepare this issue, I had to reduce the size. Next number however the paper will have its usual number of pages and will appear on time. Advertisers had better send in their copy a little earlier so as to cause no delay.

We have received one of the Blue Books of the Merchants' Collecting Agency of Lowell, Mass. It is very useful and should be in the hands of every dealer. It is free for the asking and protects one in part from "dead beats."

The Editor of the Ontario

Philatelist, although he is the Auction Sale Manager of the D. P. A. and a resident of Ontario, thinks that it would be quite right if the eastern members of the Association were to send in their resignations because they did not get "Eastern Secession" in the last election. It is hard for a new-comer to see what ails the different officers of the D. P. A.

We must beg to apologize to our readers and friends for the abrupt manner in which we stopped our prize competition. We do not want our readers to think for one instant that this prize competition was published as a mere sham. It was not. We published and had made provision for the filling of the prize lists. Towards the end of February Mr. Oswald sold out his share and I decided to carry the paper on myself. When he left the business everything had to be looked after by myself. Not having sufficient time to look after everything I determined to postpone the prize contest till some future day.

I hope my readers will not deal too harshly with me this time and I will try never to let such a thing occur again.

Mr. Batchelder, manager of the New England Stamp Co., has made an extensive tour across the country, stopping at Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Colorado Springs, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis and Cleveland. It remains to be seen what the result will be.