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EDITORIAL.

APOLOGY.—Last month the editor of this paper was busy with outside business, and was unable to oversee the arrangement of the paper and proof-reading, as it is his custom to do, and the work was entrusted to other hands. As a result of this, several bad typographical errors made their appearance owing to careless and indifferent proof-reading. One of the worst of these errors to which we desire to call attention occurred in the third sentence of the first editorial item on page 90, in which case, the word "sent" appeared in place of the proper word, "semi". Special care will in future be taken to prevent the appearance of such errors as these.

We notice a general improvement in the quality of our philatelic literature, and we are pleased to mention it. The small, worthless, trashy papers seem to be on a decline, while our better papers are constantly improving.

Not only has the P. S. of C. the best exchange department, but it has also the best collecting agency in existence. Mr. Miller is a hustler, and his plans for debt collecting and fraud prosecuting are perfect; not only this, but Mr. Miller carries these plans out to the letter. The great and only drawback and bane of philately are the *approval sheet dead beats* and forgers, who, by their unlawful and detestable practices, cause much inconvenience to our calling and much discredit to be thrown upon it by the outside world. Frauds are given too much encouragement; when they find they can successfully swindle a dealer once and have no more done against them than the mere publication of their name as a *fraud*, it leads them to try again and again their fraudulent practices. If dealers instead of merely publishing the names of frauds, would *prosecute them*, there would be an end to this thieving, when they found they had the law to deal with, they would "*quiet down*". Mr. Miller will take the most severe steps against all cases of fraud placed in his hands by *members*, and the chances of *one* of these "*rascals*" escaping is very limited. Put your cases in our Official Collector's hands.

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Among the prominent Philatelists who have called on during the past month were Mr. E. Y. Parker, a prominent Toronto dealer; Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, the Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of C., Mr. L. Miller, of Toronto, the Official Collector of the P. S. of C., and others. Our office is now situated in the heart of the business part of the city, within two minutes' walk of the G. T. R. station, and we should be pleased to have all philatelists who are passing through or stopping at London to give us a call, and they will be cordially welcomed.

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Business is reported brisk all over this continent and Europe, and dealers have all they can attend to, *in fact* a little more. Never have collectors been so numerous nor so enthusiastic as now, and the steady advance in philately is becoming more and more apparent day by day. The leading Canadian, English and American newspapers are now beginning to publish occasional articles on philately, and the public now regard it more in its proper light than they have done in the past. The editor feels assured that Philately will continue to increase in the future, even more so than heretofore.

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We are again obliged to announce that all subscriptions *must* begin with the current number; back numbers are *very* scarce, as we reserve only a few of each number, in order to give our advertisers the advantage of every possible copy printed. We have a *few* back numbers left and will supply them *while* they last at 10 cents each, except No. 7, which is 25 cents. These numbers are sold to subscribers only.