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EVERY man in this world has some particular aim (providing he has any ambition at all) both as to business and also with regard to recreation, and consequently we find in every day life one trying to outdo the other. This great competition for fame is not only attained through practice, but also through the different channels of literature. In order to reach nearest to perfection it necessarily follows that one must strive to get the best literature bearing upon ones special study. This theory holds good with regard to postage stamps collecting as well as to any other persuasion, and as we are engaged in the entertainment of our stamp collecting friends, it is with this regard we principally propose to deal. Six months ago we caused the first number of the Halifax Philatelist to

appear, and in making our *debut* we promised our friends good value for the return of their support which promise we have tried to redeem to the best of our ability. We have managed to treat our patrons with fresh and spicy news at each issue, and as we have on hand several congratulatory letters from gentlemen of "Stamp Standing" we really feel as though we have performed our duty very satisfactory. Now for the future we intend to make our paper more attractive than heretofore as we have secured the services of several able writers who are well up in philatelic matters, This being the case we ask for the continued support of our old friends and as we are aware that several hundreds both collectors and dealers are to be found alone in the lower provinces of Canada, we shall take it as a favor if they would avail themselves of our columns. A year's subscription from one and an inch advertisement from another will greatly add to our comfort. We have made no money out of the publication but we are not dissatisfied, as we did not expect to do so but merely intended to help the stamp collectors of Canada, who, if they will in return give us their support, will have in time one of the first philatelic papers in America.

As usual this time of the year when we have such magnificent weather, with not too great heat in the day and the loveliest evenings imaginable, it is quite natural that the majority of collectors lay aside their "hobby" and seek some diversity out doors where noble nature extends her friendly hand and bids one a fair welcome. We ourselves feel it rather a hardship to spend our spare time in the house wasting ink and paper,