

Halifax Notes.

The stamp business is dull here at present. This is not unusual at this season of the year, as collectors usually engage their attention with other matters until after the festive season.

The fate of "The Halifax Magazine," published by A. M. Muirhead of this city, is uncertain. Neither the November nor the December number has appeared, and it is not likely that they will. I quote the following from the "Weekly Era:" "Among twenty papers of Canada until now enjoying second class mailing rates and which the postmaster thought we could do without and accordingly withdrew the mailing privilege, I find the name of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine."

We have had quite a large number of new issues in North America lately. First came Canada with her Jubilee issue, then Newfoundland with the Cabot set (also the recent surcharge of that colony) and finally the new Canadian issue which as yet has not been placed on sale at the post office. The United States is also contemplating a new issue.

That worthy and astute man Mr. Mulock is contemplating another idea for raising the postal revenue of the country. He intends instead of allowing merchants to put an advertisement of their business on private post cards free of charge as before, to charge them for the privilege. Whether this will come into force or not is a matter of question.

Meekeel's Weekly of the ninth inst., contains the following clipping from Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Circular, part of which I reproduce.

"For it seems that \$3.50 is the highest amount that can possibly be paid upon a packet in Canada under existing regulations." Postmaster Blackadar when interviewed in the interest of the *Messenger* said that he has known packets bearing stamps to the value of \$12.00 to be forwarded from this office and that a packet bearing five dollars

worth of stamps is an occasional if not frequent occurrence.

It is reported that two post office officials while destroying some old documents dated back as far as 1850 found pasted on a legal document 20 old Nova Scotian shilling stamps. As Scotts 57th catalogues them at \$140.00 each it is a find of no small importance. F. B. REYNOLDS.

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