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To the Editor of the Ontario Philatelist.

The Duett Stamp Club had a most interesting meeting last month, or rather several interesting meetings; and we are learning something new every time. The address of our President is the feature of every meeting, and at the one of which I write you now there were present several of Toronto's most prominent Philatelists. I think I am getting to be a great man philatelically speaking, and our club seems to be quite the thing. We received a goodly number of members into the fold at our last meeting, and they were duly initiated and instructed in the art of philately. Our membership will be limited, however, and any who want to join had better address me through you at once. Our next meeting will be held on the 15th, and I shall tell you about it for the readers of THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST in due time. At our last meeting our President told us of the 1857 issue of U. S., which is a continuation of the series of addresses of which I have written you. He said:

"So far as known, there was no change in the law that created the 1857 issue: and without any announcement the three cent

type, 1851, was issued unperforated on the 24th of February, 1857, and the other values followed shortly, and so remained until late in 1860. They were perforated 15 holes in the space of two millimetre. On June 15, 1860, the twenty-four cent was issued, which has been described before by me, but was not regularly issued until now. It was $18\frac{1}{2}$ by 25 m. m., lilac on white paper. On August 12, 1860, appeared the thirty cent. It was the head of Franklin in profile to the left, and was very similar to the carrier stamp. It was on an oval disc, with latched background bordered by a colorless line ornamented by a single fine colored line, a colored background, and has a shield of the U. S. in each of the four corners behind them ornamented by colorless rays with ornaments on each side. Above and between the ornaments was in two lines "U. S." and "Postage" in colorless capitals below "30." to the left side "Thirty," and to the right "cents." It was printed in yellow on white paper, and the plate was 20 by 24 m. m., and was perforated 15. The day following this issue appeared the ninety cent stamp, and was a bust of Washington in general's uniform after Trumbol, facing three-quarters to the left on latched ground square below and arched above, bordered by a colorless line, solid arched label above, with colorless capitals