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## Toronto Notes.

BY WALDO.

Edgar Nelson, of New York, has been in the city during the past month. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro, Chas. A. Needham of Hamilton and H. C. Stork of Brampton visit us frequently.

The "Colonial Stamp" will appear from Toronto in March by the Colonial Stamp & Pub. Co. We wish them success.

Several attempts have been made in this city to organize a stamp collectors' club but as yet they have not resulted successfully. A movement is at present on foot to organize a "Collectors' Club" and we hope to be able to report success next month.

Nearly every boy in Toronto who collects stamps when he gets a few duplicates he embarks as a stamp dealer has a few letter heads printed and then he thinks he is "all the way." The number of young dealers in Toronto is surprising.

It is rumored around town that the large dealers intend forming a stock company for the purpose of publishing a weekly stamp paper after the manner of Mekeet's Weekly. No doubt such a paper, as a Canadian paper, would be a success. More anon.

## Massachusetts Items.

BY HERBERT GILE.

The new U. S. 1c green appears in a great variety of shades.

An effort is being made to establish a stamp club in Sharon, a small town near Boston, but the effort bids fair to be unsuccessful, through the lack of interest on the part of the local collectors.

The Omaha stamps find few supporters. Those who do uphold them are only half in earnest.

The writer recently saw a collection in the possession of a boy in which were some very fine stamps whose color had been changed by sticking them flat with bad mucilage.

Most of the green stamps of the U. S. may have their color changed by applying soda. It remains to be seen whether the new 1c green can be changed to blue by this process.

There is a great tendency on the part of collectors in this vicinity for sending stamps to foreign countries for exchange. The results are often very good. But there is one general fault, for at least 25 per cent. of the letters remain unanswered. This is either the fault of the correspondent or the postal service in foreign countries must be poor.