

TORONTO NOTES.

A local dealer is showing a pair of France 1862, 20c. blue, bluish, Tete Beche, on original cover, showing postmarks distinctly. This is something out of the ordinary for local collectors as very few stamps of this kind are turned up in Toronto and it is looked upon by many as a curiosity, the pair has subsequently been sold for \$6.00 to a well known collector.

The 6c. Maple Leaf is again on sale at the Toronto General post office as also is the 15c. mauve, 20c. vermilion and 50c. blue of the 1890-93 issues. I understand that high values of the numeral issue will shortly be issued as the high value of the old issues are about exhausted.

Our Philatelic club of Toronto are holding successful weekly meetings every Tuesday evening in their Club rooms, Broadway Hall buildings. Four new candidates were admitted the past month, making a total of twenty-nine members on the membership roll. The success of the club is chiefly due to the hard working and painstaking efforts of the president E. A. Davidson and its secretary, E. McGillivray. The club's annual house warming will shortly be held when every local collector in the city will be invited to participate.

A local dealer informs me that he did over \$500.00 cash trade the past month (January) an increase of \$200.00 over the corresponding period of 1899.

I recently made the acquaintance of an old Toronto resident who in his youthful days used to stick 12 penny's on his letter to prepay their delivery to England, he almost took a summersault when I informed him of their value to Philatelists to-day. Like the majority of "grandfathers" his is quite sure that he can easily get me a few by writing "Ome" and asking his old friends to remove a few from their letters.

The number of "kid" correspondents of the Philatelic press hidden behind "nome de plu. ie" is astonishing. Among the good people of Berlin, Ont. there is one "would be" and "he knows it all," who is scribbling for Bro. Jewetts, "Era" under the title of "Giller" who has evidently taken an over dose of "Hot Bran" or Mother Seigel's Syrup for his remarks about my notes in this journal is highly amusing. No comments are necessary from "Giller." But take my advice and re-instate yourself in the Kindergarten class and get a reputation.

The Jubilee Philatelist is always a welcome visitor each month, it con-

tains so many bright interesting notes. Such were the pleasing remarks overheard among a gathering of boy collectors on the street recently.

Can Montreal support two Philatelic Journals and Toronto without any?

PIONEER.

BOSTON NOTES

BY JURA.

Two new dealers make their bow to the public this month, Richard Williams of Tremont Row and the Washington Stamp and Coin Co.

This later concern is to be run by the Crystal Optical Co. and has large offices on Washington St., two doors above the Colonial Stamp Co. They open for business on Feb. 1900.

In strolling through the stamp marts of Boston I frequently meet Mr. Chas. H. Stone, formerly of Concord, N.H., now situated in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Stone always carries a supply of fine entire envelopes and is the owner of a fine copy of the "Lexington" Miss confederate local, the only one known, in fact the illustration in Scott's 59th of this stamp was taken from the copy in Mr. Stone's possession.

The New England Stamp Co. have been busy breaking up the Thorne collection and at present writing the albums that contained this fine collection look pretty sick, but of course the New England Co. have enough stamps of another kind (green backs) to make up for the loss or inroads made in the collection.

The Samoan stamp surcharged "Prov. Government" which have been offered here have turned out to be rank jokes as it has now been discovered that the Government never authorized this surcharge.

The high value current issue revenues find a ready sale here and the prices are increasing instead of diminishing as one would suppose.

The "Circul Exchange" books of the Boston Philatelic society in future will contain the advertisements of local dealers, on the backs of each page used for mounting stamps on.

O. J. Dutton, the Bromfield St. dealer has just added a new counter in his office, (probably to keep the small philatelists from getting too near his stock of stamps.)

Drew has several auction sales billed for this month, one to be a gilt edge sale, which is to contain only rare stamps in finest possible condition.

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