

or loose fitting blouse, instead of coat and vest; the same to be made of light gray cheviot, or other light gray washable material; to be worn with turn down collar, dark tie and a neat belt; all to be uniform at each office."

As Toronto Thinks.

BY RAYMOND S. BAKER,

It is estimated that there are over 5000 collectors in the city. What a latent force which might become powerful and progressive in advancing philately through two or three local societies, a national organization and a respectable publication.

Yonge, King, and Adelaide streets have each their quota of stamp windows, filled principally with sheets and albums. Mr. W. R. Adams shows especial taste in decorating a large portrait of our late queen with the postal issues of the many countries that comprise the British Empire. Dealers generally report that there is a decided falling off in the stamp business compared with former years.

There seems to be some fatality connected with Toronto in reference to publishing journals. Nearly twenty attempts have been made with more or less success. The weekly has fared as badly as the monthly, if not worse. Failure was not due to lack of quality for collectors of some years' standing remember the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* as a well printed, interesting publication and the *Canadian Journal of Philately* at \$3.00 a year was the most complete and elaborate of its kind. In a city where nearly all enterprises flourish with marvelous health, it is a matter of wonder that fortune has not favored the stamp paper.

The Toronto Philatelic Club held an excellent session March 12th in their rooms at Broadway Hall. President Geo. E. Davenport occupied the chair with twenty-five members in attendance. Additions to membership were reported and new candidates were received, and D. P. A. matters of general interest were discussed. In matter of entertainment an address was delivered by R. S. Baker on Philatelic Fiction illustrated by humorous selections.

A spirited auction sale concluded the meeting.

The honor of being the first to issue a stamp bearing the portrait of King Edward, admittedly belongs by a caprice of fate to Newfoundland. And, indeed, it is not inappropriate that the oldest British Colony, though unwittingly, should nevertheless have had the precedence, in this matter, even of the mother country whose proud right it was to inaugurate the postal system. Newfoundland, with her unsullied philatelic reputation, has the congratulations of collectors the world over.

Office Desk By Mail.

The largest piece of first class mail matter that was ever sent through the Indianapolis postoffice was an office desk which the government has purchased of an Indianapolis manufacturer and shipped to Manila, Philippine Islands, for use in the postal service in that city. The desk was large enough to make a dining table for five or six people. It was made of heavy oak and weighed about as much as a piano. It was wrapped in heavy jute by the manufacturers and delivered to the post office here, where it was started on its long journey. An official envelope of the post office department was pasted on the top