

### The Toronto Philatelic Club.

The following letter was circulated among collectors here :

DEAR SIR,—It has been suggested that some initiative steps be taken towards establishing in the City of Toronto a philatelic association, and with that in view we take this means of bringing the matter before you for your careful consideration. Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and other Canadian cities are a long way in advance of Toronto in this respect, each of them having, we understand, an active and thriving association, where the various postage stamp collectors of the respective places are able to discuss the affairs of the philatelic world and be of considerable service to each other in the way of exchanging stamps and increasing an interest in philately.

Here in Toronto there are known to be about thirty active collectors (some of whom might be termed "advanced collectors"), and there are no doubt others, who were the opportunity afforded, would gladly make themselves known and join with others in forming a strong local association.

It is not considered necessary for the purposes of our own that members should belong to the Canadian Philatelic or any other association, so that all who are interested in postage stamp collecting are cordially invited to aid in undertaking to form an association here.

In addition to the many benefits that will be derived from such an organization, it is proposed at intervals to hold auction sales, such as have been so successful in other cities, as a means of disposing of collections and individual stamps. The annual fee (if any) will, it is hoped, be very nominal indeed, and the undersigned, in view of above and the long absence of any organization of the kind in our midst, solicit your co-operation.

Mr. George Lowe has kindly placed at the disposal of the Association, which it is proposed to call "The Toronto Philatelic Club," his well-appointed and convenient office at No. 346 Spadina Avenue.

The first meeting for the purpose of formation, and election of officers, etc., will be held at the above address, on

Wednesday, October 12th, at eight o'clock p.m., and your presence is requested.

(Signed) HARTON WALKER.  
HERBERT CAWTHRA.  
E. Y. PARKER.  
GEO. A. LOWE.  
W. H. BROUSE.  
R. K. SPROULE.  
GAMBLE GEDDES.

Toronto, September, 1892.

In response to the above, the following gentlemen assembled at the place and time named: Messrs. Harton Walker, W. McMahon, W. H. Brouse, E. Y. Parker, J. C. Sparks, Wilson Wilby, Whittimore, Jr., E. J. Phillips, Geo. A. Lowe.

Regrets were received from the following as not being able to be present: Mr. H. J. Wright, Dr. Norman Walker, Messrs. F. A. Fleming, H. Cawthra, R. K. Sproule, H. P. Whittimore, J. S. Wilson.

Mr. W. H. Brouse was voted to the chair, and Mr. Geo. A. Lowe was appointed secretary for the evening. Many excellent speeches were delivered by the older philatelists, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the following being the result: President, Mr. W. H. Brouse; Vice-President, Mr. Harton Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Geo. A. Lowe; Executive Committee, Mr. J. C. Sparks, Mr. H. J. Wright, Mr. R. K. Sproule, Mr. W. McMahon and Mr. J. S. Wilson.

The question of yearly dues was referred to the Executive, and a sub-committee was appointed consisting of the President, Vice-President and Mr. E. Y. Parker, who will draft a constitution and statutes and submit same at next meeting, they will also confer and offer suggestions as to Exchange Department, Library, etc.

It was decided to hold meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month.

Several matters pertaining to the society and philately generally were discussed, and, after tendering a vote of thanks to Mr. G. A. Lowe for the use of office, the meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 19th October, when a stamp auction sale will be held, the first sale of its kind ever held in Toronto. Each collector is requested to bring his collection, also any interested friend with him.