

cards with Japanese stamps, generally 2 sen red, attached.

[We are compelled to close these notes in order to give our readers a little Canadian news that has just arrived.—ED.]

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### Hamilton Notes.

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST has requested me to be its Hamilton correspondent. I will endeavor to furnish bright and newsy notes each month for the benefit of its readers.

Mr. Crawford, of Toronto, was a visitor to Hamilton last month with a good stock of Weights and Measure revenue stamps.

The Canadian Philatelic Annual which was reported to be in press, (which would be about the 18th of January) has not as yet made its appearance in Hamilton and this is the 18th of February. To be or not to be; which?

The local Stamp Club held a business meeting Wednesday evening the 16th ult. It was decided that the club would rent a club room after the 1st of March. At the next meeting of business, preparations will start for the D. P. A. meet, and a fixed date for same will be made.

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### Capital Clippings,

OTTAWA, FEB. 21ST.

In this week's Mekeel we were startled by the announcement of a variety in the new half cent Canada. I have made some enquiries, in the matter, of officials, and will not believe in the variety until I see it. A difference in the quality of ink used would ac-

count for the change from black to so-called gray, a difference in the dampness of the paper at the time of printing would make a noticeable difference in the size of the stamp. As a matter of fact it is too early yet to look for varieties or changes of paper—all the half cents are yet printed from plate 1, and the only change that has been made is the change in dividing the sheet into two—the first 500 printed were printed in sheets of 200 and cut into two panes of 100, thus giving 20 stamps perforated on only three sides; all the subsequent printings are perforated down the middle and divided into two before delivery. In the first description the plate number was in the middle of the full sheet, now we get "Ottawa, No. 1." over the middle of each pane of 100.

The collectors at the Capital are just now specially interested in Newfoundland, and have obtained a fair supply of the provisional one cent in all its types and shades, which they think is a good investment.

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