



Notes from Toronto.

INVICTA.

In giving the readers of the *PHILATELIC ADVOCATE* notes from Toronto each month we shall always try and give things correct and without any exaggeration. Nor neither draw on our imagination nor resort to use Frank Daniels term, to "fairy tales" as most of the correspondents do at the present time; nor shall we give any time or space to gossip which we consider very foolish on the part of the writer and also the publisher who allows such rot to grace his columns. It is of no benefit to the readers and we are sure some of them have troubles of their own without listening to the woes and tales of others. We are here to help each other and not to stir up strife.

The readers will be very sorry to hear of the death of John (Dodo) Coolahan who departed this life Feb'y 23—98 after a long and lingering illness. For the last four or five years he found his only pleasure in his collection of stamps.

After a tour of the stamp dealers we have come to the conclusion that the local business is somewhat slow for this season of the year, for the better class of stuff but the boy trade seems to be on the increase. One dealer we called on, must have had ten or twelve boys in, buying sets and packets but still we can't have business good here and bad all through the States, money must be scarce.

We noticed in the *Toronto Evening News* a clipping from the "*Peterboro Review*" that W. K. Hall had purchased a fine copy of the 12d Canada for \$350.00. We are glad to hear of things of this kind being

picked up but it is doubted in Toronto, if such was the price.

Mr. Brouse has retired from the firm of Beatty, Blackstock, Nesbit, Chadwick and Riddell and is now engaged in the brokerage and general assignee business. He has just purchased a fine copy of the 12d Canada, large margins and full gum.

Mr. I. E. Weldon is now plugging very hard as he is in his last year, and, if successful, will be called to the bar next June so the dealers downtown see very little of him, much to their sorrow.

Mr. W. R. Adams is now engaged in four different lines of business and expects to have more shortly. He reports mail trade very bad, and says he is sending lots out, only cash in advance. This is a nice line of business, all cash in advance, but I hardly think it can be done at the present time.

U. S. Notes.

UNCLE SAM.

The readers of the *ADVOCATE* probably missed my usual batch of notes last month. The reason of their non-appearance was that Messrs Starnaman Bros. got lost in a blizzard and if I understand right, my correspondence was left lying embedded deep in a snow drift somewhere in Berlin.

My friend L. M. Stæbler has favored me with a copy of the "*Revenue Philatelist*" the contents of which are a treat. It contains a fine half-tone engraving illustrating 8 copies of Canada's beautiful Revenues. These with the illustrations of the city of Johnstown go to make it a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

While on the subject of Revenue stamps I might mention that Canada Revenues are steadily gaining favor with U. S. col-