

TORONTO NOTES.

Mr. J. Schack, of New York, a wholesale tobacconist, paid his usual fall visit here last week. Stamps, as usual, received considerable attention.

Now is the time dealers receive cards and letters from others, who, thinking they "know the market," are offering various stamps for sale at seemingly low prices in view of the new catalogue. This week several dealers here received such offers, but having the true market values, i.e., the advance sheets, they were not caught napping. Moral—To be a wide awake dealer or collector, get the earliest knowledge in your line. I know of parties who yearly lay aside a certain sum with which to subscribe to stamp papers, catalogues, etc., and in this way they know what is taking place, and do not have to trust to hearsay for their knowledge. Taking into consideration the amount of capital many collectors and dealers have represented in their stamps, if used in another field, and as carelessly looked after, would draw upon them great condemnation from business men.

Apropos to the above, I was reading about some parties caught napping by the find of 8½ cent Nova Scotia. Here a certain individual was neatly caught on same and soaked to the tune of \$8 on each stamp, on some 40 copies, and because there were pairs, strips and blocks amongst them he thought he had a "cinch." My! how the vicinity resounded with his tones of joy (?) on being informed by a brother philatelist of the true state of affairs:

The advance sheets of U. S. postage have not the rises generally expected. Of course, whether stamps advance or not, they will always find their true market value.

The Dominion Philatelic Association this month has the names of many new applicants in the official organ.

The famous "13" Club which collec-

tors read about last fall as organized in this city, has not been heard of for a long time. It may be re-formed again, as the city boasts of plenty of collectors to whom such an oddity is fascinating. No ill luck seems to have come to the members.

THE VICAR.

A VARIETY UNITED STATES 1861 ISSUE.

The lately discovered series of varieties in the 1861 issue of United States issues has caused many collectors to closely examine those they had in the hope of finding one or more specimens.

It will be remembered that all values from 1 cent to 90 cents, with the sole exception of the 2 cent black Jackson, were chronicled. Now, the 2 cent black has also been discovered, and the entire issue is now completed.

As in the other issues, the varieties in some cases being so slight as to be almost imperceptible, so is it in the case of the 2 cent black. The variety consists in small whitish ornaments inside the oval and surrounding the figure 2, in the corners of upper half, and appears in each oval. So small are they that one might think the paper was scratched, but upon close examination, this idea is disproved.

What is peculiar about the two copies seen by the writer is that one is grilled and the other is ungrilled, and the later is also on the original cover.

WM. R. ADAMS.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Once more the Canadian Philatelic Association is working. In a letter from the president, Captain E. F. Wurtele, of Quebec, he states that the re-organization is now being proceeded with, and that next January a meeting of officers will be held.