

TORONTO NOTES.

Last Tuesday the Toronto post office ran out of postage stamps, and had to fall back on the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent black issue, and many were the "licks" some letters received to the disgust of those who had to attach the stamps. One man had a small square envelope containing some article requiring 48 cents postage, and how he ever got them stamps on is a mystery to many who watched him.

The stamp exhibits of Toronto dealers—Messrs. Geo. A. Lowe, Weston Stamp Co., and Wm. R. Adams—attracted much favorable comment, and it is needless to say, no collector overlooked them.

Many visitors were in the city during Fair time, but very little selling was done.

The gold mine boom is on in Toronto, and where one to pay a visit to the office of Mr. Walter McMahon, he would find himself surrounded with quartz, maps, pamphlets, etc., quite driving stamps to the rear. But this is only temporary, as the mining firm will have their offices in a short time.

Lieut. Thos. Mitchell is back from his trip to England. He reports good stamps firm, and indifference on the part of the dealers there as to sale or no sale. Mr. Mitchell is at the different ranges shooting, and many a trophy, as well as "cash" falls to his unerring aim.

Members want to re-organize the Club (Toronto Philatelic) early this season, and various suggestions have been given in order to make the Club of interest to many and not a meeting place for a few choice spirits. One is to lower the fee to 50 cents, and thus add many new members, as well as retain within the Club many who will otherwise lose interest as the present fee of \$1.50 is altogether disproportionate to the benefits derived. Another is to elect a number of new officers, as many of the present ones seem to have died in harness. still an-

other is that the Club meet weekly, and have a series of interesting papers read by the members, on subjects previously arranged by a committee. Many of them would no doubt each contribute a stamp, and these when sold would form a sum with which to do good work.

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MONTREAL NOTES.

Philatelic matters are rather quiet at present. Mr. Edgar Nelson was in town and, as usual, on the lookout for rarities in B.N.A. He is also paying considerable attention to U.S. and Canada revenue stamps. This gentleman is a shrewd buyer, and well-known, wide awake and up-to-date philatelist.

Mr. B. L. Beard recently enjoyed a much-needed rest at Thousand Islands.

The Montreal Stamp Collector's Club, being now known as the Montreal Philatelic Association, and having its headquarters at the old and historical Chateau de Ramezay, should meet with universal approval and continued success.

It is generally expected that the new government may issue a new set of the postage stamps this coming winter.

Mr. John Edwards' Philatelic Press List still continues its popularity, and if one can judge by the praise of advertisers who use it, they find it pays. No. 3 is now out, and is larger than its predecessor. It enjoys a very large foreign circulation.

Mr. Geo. A. Holland left this week to visit the Toronto Fair, see the sights of the Queen City, and visit collectors.

Collectors are eagerly awaiting the advance sheets. Of course advances are expected in all issues of the States, both postage and revenues, seeing they are in most demand. Many believe that the present demand for U.S. revenues will affect Canadian ones, and in the city now there are collectors completing their sets so as to be on the safe side.