

members are using their influence to have Labor Day decided upon. This we think would be more advisable as the Industrial Fair will be in full swing then which is always a great drawing card. Nearly 300,000 admission tickets were sold at this exhibition last September.

TORONTO TALK.

On Tuesday March 22nd, the editor had the pleasure of attending the regular weekly meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto. This organization is in a very flourishing condition, having a membership of over thirty collectors. They meet in a cozy little room in the Forum Building, corner Yonge and Gerrard Sts. An auction sale was held at the close of the meeting which was well patronized.

Mr. Lewis E. Strohm has left Berlin and has accepted a position in Knox's big variety store in Toronto. We are sorry to lose Mr. Strohm but wish him every success in the Queen City.

Genial friend Bailey, at your service, is now devoting his entire time to stamps and is making things hum.

Two cent purple envelopes are selling at 75 cts. in Toronto.

All the Toronto dealers report an exceptionally successful season for selling stamps. One dealer almost complained of too much business.

The war with Spain has cost the United States about \$265,000,000.

WATCH FOR IT

ON MAY 10th, we hope to present you with a fine large issue of about forty pages. This issue will reach about 3000 readers. Our advertising rates will be the same as usual. Why not try a quarter or half a page. Write for our special combination rates with the Philatelic Advocate the combined circulation of these papers is at least 5000 copies every month. These combined rates are away below the single rates of many good stamp papers of less circulation. Do not miss this opportunity of getting inexpensive advertising that pays.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The revenues of the United States post offices in 1880 were \$33,315,479. It is more than \$90,000,000 a year now. A person could very near fill up a stamp album with the difference between the amounts.

It takes 27,000 tons of paper to make the postal cards used in the United States, annually.

A collection of postage stamps is nowadays not complete without the "mourning" stamp recently issued by Spain. It is jet black, it is marked on one side in white letters "5 cent" and on the other Impo. de Guerra ("war tax") and 1898-99. The stamp is affixed to all domestic letters as a "war tax" in addition to the regular postage stamp; otherwise that letter "doesn't go".

The English Government makes about \$20,000,000 profit of its postoffices annually.