

### Toronto Notes.

Among the visitors to Toronto during the past month were E. A. Marris and P. K. Moore, they both having accompanied the 13th Battalion of Hamilton on their recent visit to the city. Edmund L. Smiley of Boston and Captain E. F. Wurtele, president of Canadian Philatelic Association, were also among the philatelic visitors.

The Colonial Stamp & Publishing Co. has opened up offices here at 24 Louisa street. They will publish The Colonial Stamp some time in January.

The Boys' Own Philatelist has made its appearance from Berlin, Ont., by the Ontario Philatelic Co. It's not so bad.

Wm. R. Adams has moved his quarters from Ann and Adelaide streets to 401 Yonge street where he will carry on the stamp dealing and publishing, printing and stationery business.

The Postmaster General has made arrangements whereby Canadians will be able to send a letter to any part of the British Empire at the uniform rate of three cents per ounce instead of 5 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce as heretofore.

A deputation of Toronto business men will wait upon the Postmaster General with a proposal to reduce the rate of postage within the city limits from 2c. to 1c. per ounce. A turn for the better.

It is also stated that a proposition will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next session to reduce the rate of postage within the Dominion from 3 to 2 cents per ounce. We hope this reduction will be made as it has been advocated for several years.

A privilege has been granted advertisers of printing on the face of post cards such things as they may choose so long as reasonable space is left for writing the address. Mr. Mulock thinks that this will be beneficial both to the country and to the advertiser, adding to its revenue and advertising it through pictures of some of its beautiful scenes. Why not put some

of the scenes on the stamps? Next they will be having advertisements printed on the stamps. This change will add another class of collectors to our ranks, namely, collecting different varieties of Canadian post cards.

At time of writing the following varieties Canada's new issue have been placed on sale:  $\frac{1}{2}$  black, 2c. purple, 5c. blue, 6c. brown, 8c. slate. The colors are  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black, 1c. green, 2c. purple, 3c. red, 5 blue, 6c. brown, 8c. slate, 10c. carmine.

Newfoundland has another new issue. I have seen 1, 2 and 4c. 1c. red with Queen's profile; 2c. yellow, Prince of Wales profile. Next.

A local stamp club has been organized in Hamilton under the name of the Hamilton Stamp Club. The following are the officers: President, F. M. Robinson; secretary treasurer, R. S. Mason; librarian, C. S. Applegath; auction manager, E. A. Marris; superintendent information bureau, W. B. Grant. The club starts with 10 members.

Business has been so brisk in the Toronto General Post Office it has been found necessary to increase the staff. Twelve have recently been added to the already large number employed.

Hamilton has got the 1898 convention seat of the D. P. A. (Halifax got the bone.) We are glad Hamilton got it and sorry there were not more votes cast. A good attendance is expected.

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