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TORONTO NOTES.

Sometime ago it was announced that in future newspaper publishers would have to pay postage on their publications, as the annual deficit in the Postal Department is over \$1,000,000 annually. At present all subscribers are sent free but in the past this privilege has been much abused, and it is to be hoped that the investigations now being made by order of the new Postmaster-General—Mr. Mulock—will result in improvements.

The announcement of a new paper from Halifax brings to mind that the philatelic field is one that requires a long time to make a "paying claim." After a stamp paper has been running a year or more, collectors begin to take an interest in it. The new law which it is proposed to pass in the Dominion namely, that new papers pay the regular postal rates of 1 cent each for two years, at expiration of which said postage will be refunded, would have a deterrent effect on many ventures.

Mr. Alf. Young, late of the Canadian Stamp and Coin Co., proposes entering the dealers' ranks this fall.

A visitor to Toronto recently stated he could produce evidence of where three more copies of the "seven" cent error 1st issue Bill stamp could be found. He was challenged to do so, but would not. Evidently his intention was to buy a copy held by a local dealer, and he got it—nit.

A nice copy of a 6p Canada changed hands here last week at eight dollars.

At the Toronto Fair Wilson Wilby

picked up a ten cent envelope printed in red, instead of chocolate. It is cut to shape. It evidently is a proof.

Last week Bradstreet's Agency sent a representative to rate the dealers in town. I learnt some of the figures given, but what the above firm will have them at in their book is quite another matter.

Some collectors here seem to think that the recent article on 1861 varieties of United States, which appeared last month in American Journal of Philately means that these stamps will be catalogued.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine is now adorned with a full page design as a front page cover. The publisher intends printing some interesting and instructive matter this winter, and he reports that every week new names are added to his subscription list, and this fall intends to possess a circulation that will place it among the leading papers of its class. At the present the paid subscriptions are the most ever carried by any Canadian stamp paper, and this also means that it leads many American papers. In December some 5000 or more copies will be sent out, 1500 to British Colonies, etc.

The stamp business throughout the Dominion is reported as being good in most places and it is expected that as the season advances it will be one of the busiest yet known. Certain dealers who last year refused to sell stamps at this season unless fancy prices were paid, are more reasonable this season, consequently the market is not so close

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