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The first meeting for the season of the Toronto Philatelic Club is called for December 2nd. Dr. Johnson is up for the presidency, J. M. Mackenzie, of the Imperial Bank, for vice-president, W. H. Brouse (the president since the Club's inception) will be hon. president.

STOLEN STAMPS.

The residence of Chas. A. Needham, of Hamilton, Ont., was burglarized during his absence on one of his trips. Toronto detectives called on all the dealers here telling them to be on the lookout for the goods. Among those stolen were 500 10c violet 1859, 6000 5c beavers, 2000 1c pinks 1859, 2000 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c Columbians, and about 25000 stamps in stock books. The value is not given, and dealers everywhere are requested to keep their eyes open for the goods. We will give further particulars next week.

A SWINDLER.

A few weeks ago, Toronto dealers received a letter purporting to come from one A. J. Clifford, Buffalo, N.Y., "real estate and loans" being his business. Mr. Adams sent this party a list of prices he wanted, and after waiting a few days, received word "on what bank a cheque should be drawn on in Toronto." He replied:—"Buy a Post Office order at my expense," and this ended the matter.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe was not so fortunate, as he sent about \$125 00 in British North America (net), and after sending his suspicion was aroused, and he telegraphed to Buffalo. But this party had left town, so Mr. Lowe journeyed on to Buffalo, and found that the "business quarters" was a boarding house. As a number of letters were awaiting the sharper, it is evident others were caught by the swindler.

The 5 cent 1875 issue of Canada was caused not to take the place of the 5 cent 1860, which was used as prepayment to letters only in the province, but as rates per half ounce to Great Britain.

FRANK H. BEST.

NOVA SCOTIA REMAINDERS.

The story of the Nova Scotia Remainers is the philatelic question of the day. We make no apology, therefore, for reproducing in Mr. Phillips own words from the Monthly Journal, what must be considered to be the only authentic account of an incident which has created the greatest stir of late in stamp circles.

We shall now endeavour, as far as lies in our power, to relate all the facts in reference to the lot of remainders of these stamps, that we have been for some weeks supplying to the trade.

We should have published some particulars before this, but we are not the only persons interested, and we have had to correspond with Mr. Bartlett in Prince Edward's Island, which necessarily took up much time; and even now we cannot give as many details as we should wish.

The first intimation we had, of the existence of any remainder of the cents issue of Nova Scotia, was on May 14th last, when we received the following cablegram from the Hon. W. S. Fielding, then Premier and Principal Secretary of Nova Scotia, but since advanced to the important position of Finance Minister of the Dominion of Canada:

"For what quantity Nova Scotia stamps of cents issue will you give face value? Our Government guarantee them to be remainders.—FIELDING, Premier."

The same day we replied by cable as follows:

"State quantity of each value; we probably take all. The lot must not be broken, or market will be spoiled.—GIBBONS."

On May 15th we received a reply cable from the Premier:

"Denominations one, two, eight and a half, ten, and twelve and a half. You might offer for each denomination, with your own limits; if offer satisfactory, will close for whole.—FIELDING, Premier."

On the same, or following day we cabled again as follows:

"Cable quantity of each value; our offer cannot be made until this is known.—GIBBONS."

No answer was received to this last cable, and the next information we had was that the entire stock of remainders had been purchased by Messrs. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, Prince Ed-

ward Island, and Mr. Donald A. King, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, both well known philatelists of many years' standing.

We at once opened negotiations, with Messrs. Bartlett and King, to see if a business arrangement could not be entered into, for us to have the sole sale of these stamps for certain districts, and eventually we secured the sole right of sale in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

The following certificate was given with the stamps:—

"Halifax, N.S.,

"June 4th, 1896.

"A. A. Bartlett, Esq.

"Dear Sir,—For the information of all whom it may concern, I desire to say that, acting for the Government of Nova Scotia, I have sold and delivered to you the remainder of the cents issue of Nova Scotia postage stamps, and that no other stamps of that issue are in the possession of this Government.

"Yours faithfully,

"W. S. FIELDING,

"Provincial Secretary."

As soon as we received a supply of the stamps, we prepared the following circular, for issue to the trade generally in the countries we represent.

"NOVA SCOTIA.

"GOVERNMENT REMAINDERS OF THE CENT ISSUE.

"The Government of Canada, through the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, has just sold the whole remainder of the Cent Issue of that Colony to a strong syndicate of stamp dealers; and the entire sales of these stamps for the whole of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, have been placed in the hands of STANLEY GIBBONS LIMITED.

"The stamps have been carefully sorted, and divided pro rata into three classes, to be sold respectively at £12 10s, £51 10s, and £103, net cash with order.

"The prices are guaranteed, and no lot will be obtainable for a less sum than that quoted. As soon as a certain number are sold, the price will be advanced.

"The following lots can now be supplied:—

No 1. PRICE £12 10s., CONTAINS:	
27 stamps of 1 centblack
26 " 2 "mauve
27 " 8½ "Green
14 " 10 "red
6 " 12½ "black
100	
No 2. PRICE £51 10s., CONTAINS:	
134 stamps of 1 centblack
133 " of 1 "mauve
133 " of 8½ "green
66 " of 10 "red