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## GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

Mr. G. E. Davenport, a prominent Toronto collector, spent Xmas in London.

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Claude R. Sanagan, President of the Woodstock Philatelic Society, has removed to Sarnia.

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Mr. Wm. R. Adams announces a catalogue of U. S. and Canadian revenues, to appear early next year.

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Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, the Belleville dealer, who recently made an assignment, has removed to Toronto.

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*The Halifax Philatelic Magazine* has just appeared, and considering its youth, presents a very creditable appearance.

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*The Ontario Philatelist* has been selected as official organ of The D. P. A., in place of *The Canadian Philatelic Magazine*.

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Mr. J. Shack, a well-known collector of New York City, has recently been in Toronto, London and St. Catharines, and called on many of the collectors in these places.

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A Goderich collector recently purchased for a small amount a strip of six Canada half-penny, perforated, on the original letter, and in the best of condition. The stamps were sold to a London dealer, and have since found a place in my collection.

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*The Toronto Philatelic Club* held their first meeting of the season on December 2nd. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, W. H. Brouse; *Vice-President*, Thos. Pinkney; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Geo. A. Lowe; *Board of Control*, Messrs. Fleming, Lester, Parker, McKenzie, Grundy and Hebner; *Official Organ*, *The Philatelic Canadian*.

A new 2-cent Canadian card has been issued, bearing head of the Queen facing the left; the Canadian arms occupy the centre of the card, which is printed in red on buff.

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Mr. Walter McMahon, of Toronto, will shortly issue the first number of a new stamp journal to be known as *The Philatelic Canadian*. Something above the average may be expected.

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And now there is talk of consolidating *The Canadian Philatelic Association* and *The Dominion Philatelic Association*. This seems quite funny, as the former has been, to all practical purposes, dead.

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Messrs. C. L. Harrington and C. A. Atkinson, of Dorchester, N. B.; R. F. Goodwin, of Springhill, N. S.; W. M. Fowler, of Petitediac, N. B.; G. L. Main and J. S. Ross, of Moncton, N. B., met in Moncton on Nov. 25th, to discuss the formation of a Maritime Provincial Branch of The Philatelic Sons of America. Mr. J. S. Ross was appointed Chairman, and C. A. Atkinson, Secretary. A committee were appointed to draft constitution, etc. The next meeting will be held on January 6th, at which the election of officers will take place.

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Mr. C. A. Needham, the well-known dealer of Hamilton, Ont., had his home burglarized on November 29th, and stamps to the value of \$3,000 stolen. Mr. Needham was in Toronto at the time and fortunately had with him the better portion of his stock, valued at about \$7,000. The job was evidently done by philatelists, as they completely cleaned out the office, taking stock books, entire collections, and thousands of loose stamps, among which several thousands of 5c. beavers, 1c. pinks, and 10c. violets of the 1859 issue, and hundreds of sets of Canadian revenues. The stock books taken embraced over 3,500 varieties. The fact that nothing in the house but the stamps was touched by the thieves is a sure indication that the burglary was either executed or planned by collectors. Anyone offered stamps of this class by strangers or under suspicious circumstances, should advise Mr. Needham by letter or telegram at once.

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