

Philatelic Pencilings.

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As a result of the agitation started by the Toronto Philatelic Club and the general public for a new issue of postage stamps to commemorate the sixtieth year of her majesty's reign, postmaster-general Mulock has promised that a new stamp of the 3c denomination only, of a very appropriate design will be issued. These stamps will be placed on sale for a limited period only. The issue will then be stopped and the present 3c stamp will be put in circulation again. I hear from good authority that the issue will not exceed 100,000. Should this prove true I am of the opinion that two thirds of these stamps will be bought up by dealers and speculators.

Toronto with a population considerable less than the metropolis (Montreal) has the credit of sending out more mail matter than the latter named city. This is not to be wondered at from the fact that the sales of the P. O. for one day, March 31, amounted to \$2,400. One firm alone, The T. Eaton Co. purchased 75,000 three ct stamps to mail their annual catalogues.

Hamilton can now boast of four full fledged stamp dealers and a philatelic traveller (the only one on earth so the boys say) who has perhaps the largest and finest stock of stamps in Canada. I refer to C. A. Needham, who recently had the misfortune to lose some \$2000 worth by theft.

Speaking of Hamilton reminds me of an incident that occurred there not a hundred years ago. A gentleman had occasion to send his son to the post office to mail some letters. "James my boy" said he "take these letters to

the post office and pay the postage on them." James returned and said "Father I saw a lot of men putting letters in a little place without paying and when no one was looking I slipped yours in for nothing."

If you are a stamp collector and not a member of the D. P. A. why not join us and have the pleasure of meeting with us at the convention, which is to every collector "the event of the season." For application blanks etc. write to the Sec'y A. H. Adams, Whitby Ont., or any member of the society.

The 3c Canada on laid paper has been noticed on the original envelope, bearing the post mark of 1868.

I recently saw a copy of the 3c first issue bill stamp on the original envelope, used as postage. It was duly honored and delivered to a party in Toronto.

Among the numerous uncatalogued varieties of Canadian Revenues I have seen the following. First issue 1 ct. imperforated, on the original; Ontario Law, 40c red, a pair unperforated in the center; a strip of the 30c imperforated and many others which will command a premium from the specialist.

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John E. Burten, of Milwaukee, exchanged his hotel at Hurley, Wis., for \$23,000 worth of stamps and \$7,000 cash. The stamps weighed nearly two tons, and consisted of forty five albums of classified stamps, over two hundred sheets of uncut stamps, about three hundred approval books of stamps from every country in the world, twenty two large stock books systematically arranged and full of the better grades, several hundred packets of from one hundred to ten thousand stamps each, besides bags full of uncounted stamps which sell at 50c a pound. There are about 9,000,000 stamps in all,