

C. S. CLUB OF OTTAWA.

A "one night" bridge tournament of seven tables took place in the Club on Wednesday evening, April 2nd. It was of the "pivot" order, and the player scoring the highest aggregate won the prize.

The result of the six rubbers was a win for Mr. R. M. Persse of the Customs Statistics Branch. In fact it was a customs statistics' night, for Mr. J. A. Burroughs of the same office secured the second prize and Mr. F. J. Shannon, also of that branch, was third. The honour of the "booby" prize went to Mr. T. B. Ternan of the Railway Lands Branch.

The first prize was a set of pipes in case, and the second a Russian leather cigarette case. The evening proved a most enjoyable one.

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The billiard tournament is going apace. E. A. Miles has defeated both H. R. Munro and C. C. Patterson.

F. E. Calderon has won from A. T. Snow.

J. E. Gobeil defeated one of the "scratch" men, C. H. Young.

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Several of the members are chess players and it is thought that a tournament may be brought off.

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The "Silence" room, where reading and writing may be indulged in in absolute quietness, is much appreciated by the members.

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Mr. Thorne, of Montreal, was the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. R. M. Persse, at the Club on Friday evening last.

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The first "one night" tournament of bridge, above referred to, was so successful that arrangements have been made for another on the 16th April. The results to the time of going to press are:—

First round — Miles beat Munroe.

Patterson beat Shannon, Girard beat Campbell, Primeau beat Farrow, Malte beat Rowan, Moffet beat Mac-Millan, Calderon beat Snow, Gobeil beat Young.

Second round—Miles beat Patterson, Primeau beat Girard, Moffet beat Malte, Gobeil beat Calderon.

The match between Moffet and Malte was a splendid one. At one stage Malte had 195 to Moffet's 193, when the latter ran the game out. The finals are too late for this issue.

POSTAL EVOLUTION.

The Postmaster-General of Great Britain announces a development of the scheme, adopted in October last, to meet the requirements of persons desiring to have proof that a letter or postal packet (other than a parcel), not important enough to be registered, has been posted to a particular person. Anyone presenting such a packet at a Post Office could, after filling in on a form supplied for the purpose particulars of the name and address borne by the packet, obtain a certificate of posting at a fee of a halfpenny for each certificate. It has now been arranged for a single certificate to be issued in respect of any number of postal packets of the same kind presented for posting at the same time when accompanied by a list (which can be prepared at the sender's office instead of at a Post Office counter) on a plain sheet of paper containing the names and addresses of the persons to whom the packets are addressed. The person presenting the packets with the list will only be required to fill in their number and description and to affix to the form of certificate postage stamps to the value of a halfpenny for each packet. These certificates will be kept in stock at the larger Head Post Offices throughout the country and at any other offices where experience shows that there is a demand for them.