



## NUMISMATIC AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

**I**N the month of December, 1862, several gentlemen of Montreal, desirous of cultivating the study of Numismatics,—and judging the formation of a properly organized association as the most efficacious means of attaining that end, assembled and formed "The Numismatic Society of Montreal."

The seal of this society was the obverse of the Canadian bronze cent, with an outer circle inscribed "*Société Numismatique de Montréal. Fondée 1862.*"

On the formation of the Society, the attention of members was directed to Numismatics *in general*. It was not long, however, before the members very naturally directed their researches towards the Coins of Canada. The comparatively great variety,—the artistic excellence of numerous specimens,—and divers curious incidents bearing on these coins, furnished ample material for many interesting reflections and surmises.

In January, 1866, the name of the Society was changed to that of the "Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal," and a new seal was adopted, viz. : a round shield quartered by a tomahawk and calumet, bearing an antique lamp, an Athenian coin with head of Minerva, a Canadian cent with head of Victoria, and a Beaver ; the shield encircled with a garter bearing the words, "*Numismaticæ et Archæologicæ Marianopolitanæ Societatis Sigillum.*"