

NEW FRENCH COINAGE.



HE French Mint has struck the models of some new coins to replace the present copper coinage. They are to be made of an alloy of nickel, similar to the German and Belgian, and will not be circular, but rectangular to distinguish them from silver.

THE TRADE DOLLAR.



HE coinage of trade dollars has failed of its object, so far as concerns the creation of a currency adapted to trade with the Chinese Empire. The Director of the United States Mint says this coin, to the amount of \$27,000,000, was exported to China with the expectation that it would supersede the Mexican dollar, but as the Chinese found they could make about 4000 grains on every thousand trade dollars converted into bar metal, nearly all went into the melting pot. If the trade dollar had been of equal weight with the Mexican dollar, or 416 grains, it would have remained in circulation to-day.

THE NUMISMATIC AND ANTIQUARIAN
SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

T the April meeting of this society a donation was presented from the Rev. Canon Fownall, of Rugby, England, consisting of five early English silver pieces, and a copy of a treatise on the Irish coins of Edward 6th.

Mr. R. W. McLachlan presented four foreign pieces; a silver West Frisia, 1678, a four shilling of Lubeck, 1728, a ten Ores (Swedish) of 1855, and a 20 Kopec of 1856.

Major Hugnet Latour exhibited some autograph letters of the Marquis de Vaudreuil, the last French governor of