## Puzzledom.

All communications should be addressed to W. S. MCLEAN, Neil's Harbor, N. S.

To inaugurate our puzzle department we give a prize voting contest in which we hope all will engage.

The questions on which we wish you to

express your opinion are these : 1. Who, in your opinion, is, or was, the most celebrated man of all time and nations ?

9 Who is your favorite poet?

3. Who is your favorite novelist?

What is your favorite poem ? 4.

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What is your favorite novel ? Whom do you consider the greatest a soldier the world has ever seen ?

The most conspicuous figure in English history ? 8. Which is the best American monthly

magazine ?

Which is the best Canadian news-9. paper ?

10. Which is your favorite amusement?

The award of the prizes will be decided by the competitors themselves in the following manner: "The votes of all com-petitors will be tabulated, and the answers to each question which receives most votes will be considered the accepted one. A list will be formed on 'his principle, and the competitors whose lists agree most closely with the one so formed will be awarded the prizes."

petitors whose lists correspond most closely with the standard list formed as above explained.

Now, vote, everybody. We hope to have a very lively competition. Send in your list so as to reach us by August 15th. Prizes will be sent out within a week after close of competition, and names of winners will appear in our September issue. Note carefully before sending in, the GENERAL RULES below.

ANOTHER PRIZE

A prize worth 75 cents. Bryant & Stratton's Book keeping will be awarded August 15th for the most correct answer August form for the most correct answer to the following question: "In how many ways may \$1.00 be changed in Canadian money!" The silver pieces are 50e, 25c., 20c., 10c. and 5c. No copper pieces to be used.

## AND STILL ANOTHER.

To the first person sending us the longest word in this issue we will give 100 foreign stamps, all different.

## GENERAL RULES

governing all the above competitions. Write on one side of the paper only. Give your full name and address. If desired a nom de pinne may be added. All answers must be in by August 15th.

And lastly, you must subscribe for Young CANADA when sending in your answers.

Then you can compete for all the prizes which will be offered during the year. These competitions will be continued monthly, and more valuable prizes will be given if sufficient interest is taken in the competitions.

Now, we hope to receive a great many answers to the prize questions, so send at once and try your best to win one of the prizes offered. Names of winners will be published in the September issue.

Puzzlers will-kindly send original con-tributions for our regular puzzle depart-ment, which we will begin next issue.

## ..... WHAT OF THE FUTURE.

# (From Bishop's Monthly Circular.)

In reviewing the progress stamp collecting has made in the past thirty years, the thought naturally arises : what of the future ?

It was about the year 1854 that the first collection of stamps became known. Probably there were persons even before that who had gathered together such specimens as they could find, but not before the time referred to had there been, so far as is known, any systematic effort made to get a collection of all the stamps existing throughout the world.

Collections at that early day no doubt gratified their owners as much as the elaborate ones formed nowadays do their happy possessors. But the meager assort-ment of olden times, and the hap-hazard manner in which they were arranged, would create a smile from even the smallest collector now.

Before 1860 persons had begun to deal in stamps, and efforts were made to catalogue all the varieties in a systematic manner. The difficulties in the way of the pioneer dealers and collectors can hardly be imagined by those of the present generation. A quarter of a century ago stamps which are now almost priceless were comparatively common, and were exchanged for an ordinary German or French. The writer well remembers when the type-set stamps of British Guiana, issue of 1862, went begging for buyers at fifty cents apiece; when the vermilion shilling of Newfoundiand was thought dear at \$2.50, and when \$25.00 was con sidered a fabulous price for stamps which are now eagerly aapped up at three or four times that, sount. Almost any one with an experience of three or four years only, can name stamps which have risen in price from one, two and five cents, to ten, twenty-five and fifty cents, and even into the dollars. If this has been the result in such a short time, what will the great majority of stamps, which are now obsolete, be worth fifty years hence I This seems a light the subject through an experience of many years, it is one of exceeding interest. Man is a selfish animal, and every generation has to take care of itself, so we need not to trouble ourselves about the difficulties the collector of the future will have, but it is interesting to think of these things, and, judging by the past, it is comforting for the collector of to-day to realize how much easier it is for him to make up his collection than it will be for one who comes half a century hence, and to think what can be got now for such money, will then com-mand four or five times the amount. There is an end to the supply of stamps of all kinds, and many who are now living will see the green three cent stamp which we have just discarded, command a respectable price. L. W. DURBIN.

The accusations of conscience evidence the omniscience and holiness of God, the terror of conscience, the justice of God, the approbation of conscience, the goodness of God.-Charnock.

Number itself importeth not much in armies where the people are of weak our-age, for, as Virgil says, it never troubles a wolf how many the sheep be.—Lord Bacon.

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