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We appear in a new form this month, as the increased number of advertisements has made it necessary for us to enlarge.

Have you sent in your list for the Word Hunt yet ? Don't delay too long, but get to work at once.

An attempt is being made to form a Philatelic Society in Fitchburg, Mass. W. L. Emory is one of the "leading spirits."

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To the first ten sending forty-eight cents in unused postage stamps, we will send this paper the remainder of this year and also a genuine unused Canadian eight cent register stamp. This is an unusually good offer, as the stamp alone is catalogued at forty cents.

Mr. M. D. Batchelder has removed from Middlebury, Vt., to St. Louis, Mo., where he still continues his stamp and publishing business. As St. Louis is a central city, his facilities for sending out stamps will be greatly improved. His address is 2700 N. Ninth St.

The Stamp World comes to hand for February in excellent shape, considering its recent conflict with the fire fiend. Mr.Mills informs us that his entire stock, except one
book containing foreign stamps for his retail list, was destroyed by fire on the 24th of December. Rather a melancholy Christmas for friend Mills, we presume :

Throvgh the kindness of W.G. Whilden, Jr., of Pelzer, S.C., we have received a copy of the "International Collectors' Guide." It contains several articles of real merit to the collector. It can be procured from Mr. Whilden for 25 cents. We have also received a fyle of the Michigan Philatelist, and a complete fyle of The Philatelist.

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It is a well known thing, however-in fact, a foregone conclusion-that much of the writing referred to is in reality nothing more or less than a puff of some prospering dealer in "things postal" and otherwise, who, cognizant probably of the apothegm that advertising and printer's ink go hand in hand to wealth and fortune, employs the talent of some fluent writer, possessing in a more or less marked degree the gift, shall we call it, of placing before his readers a glowing account of the advantages or disadvantages
produced by adopting this or that branch of our science.

It is by no means an uncommon thing to find some of the professed stamp journals of to-day advocating not only the collection of fiscals as a proper and desirable accompaniment in every album, but post marks also. Some go as far as to advise the inclusion of vaccination forms and other official documents bearing the impressed $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp. We must give the palm to postage stamps, however, as the most satisfying and instructive of the two pursuits, but would nevertheless never willingly debar anyone who can afford to collect fiscals from doing so.- The Collector.

## For the Canadian Phllatrlist.

## The Coins of Canada.

BY JOSEPH HOOPER, NUMISMATIST, PORT HOPE, ONT.
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From whichever of these sources which has awakened an interest in numismatics in the possessor of a number of coins, the first business is to classify according to country or nationality, always aiming at superior preservation. A small collection of superior pieces is preferable to a large one of poor and defaced ones. The eye has no pleasure in the study of the latter, while the former is a sense of gratification. Some pride themselves on the character and condition

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of their coins, but such matters must be guided by the collector's taste and ability. I would say here that to be a successful coin collector requires three things that are indispensable : time, patience, and capital.
The early coins of Canada were of French origin. In 1670 Louis XIV issued a five sous silver piece. Also a copper, double ; on the reverse a large Roman L crowned, divides the date 1670., with the letter " A " Paris mint mark. On the obverse Doubli ds L'Amerique Francais with the fleur de lis on both sides. On the conquest of Canada in 1860, French money was in circulation in the shape of the Sou, the Livre or Franc, and the Escu or Crown.

## [To be Continued.]

## New Issues.

Antioquia-The 1 centavo scamp is now printed in lilac.
Azores-The stamp on the 20 reis post eard has now the surcharge in small type.

Belaium-A new 25 centime stamp has been issued, blue on pink paper. It bears the head of king Leopold.

Canada-The double 1 cent card now has the stamp impressed on the left end.

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Cubs-The color of the $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cents is now bistre.

Japan-The following named double postcards were issued on New Year's day : 1 sen, carmine ; 2 sens, carnine ; 3 sens, yellow.

Malta-The little stamp that has been used so long is now obsolete. In its place the following set has been issued: 1 penny, green; 1 penny, red; 2 pence, gray; $2 \frac{1}{2}$ pence, blue ; 4 nence, brown; 1 shilling, violet.

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