

Upon this the ladies and gentlemen of the different groups were each in turn presented, an interesting and pretty ceremony and one which took some time to complete. Upon the conclusion of this, the dancing was begun.



THE CANADIAN COINAGE FOR 1897

The only coins struck, at the Royal Mint, for Canada, in 1897, were the one cent piece in bronze and the five and ten cent pieces in silver. This coinage was an unusually late one, for the bulk of it did not arrived in Montreal until February, 1898. As there is a redundancy of silver coins in Canada there as been no coinage of half dollars for some years. And, although some sections of the country call for new twenty-five cent pieces, the government, at the request of the banks, has determined to issue no more of this coin until such times as the large quantity of silver lying in their vaults shall have been put into circulation.

It had been hoped that during the Jubilee year a new design would have been adopted but, notwithstanding that a number of suggestion to this effect have been made, there has been no change during the thirty years Canada has had a coinage of its own; while at the same time two changes in design have followed each other in the coinage of the mother country.

