

Numismatic Department.

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CORRECTED DATES OF ISSUE OF NEWFOUNDLAND COINS.

\$2, gold, 1865, '70, '72, '80, '81, '82, '85.
 50 cents silver, 1870, '72, '73, '74, '76, '80, '81, '82, '85.
 20 cents silver, 1865, '70, '72, '73, '76, '80, '81, '82, '85.
 10 cents silver, 1865, '70, '72, '73, '76, '80, '82, '85.
 5 cents silver, 1865, '70, '72, '73, '76, '80, '81, '82, '85.
 1 cent copper, 1865, '70, '72, '73, '76, '80, '85.

The above list of dates are verified by the agent of the Union Bank, St. John's, Newfoundland, in a recent letter to me.

The new issue of 1886. Dominion silver and copper, is making its appearance through the various banks.

W. H. Banfield, machinist and die maker, Toronto, has issued three varieties of bronze medals for distribution at the Colonial Exhibition to be held at London, England, this year. One variety has on Rev. "Exhibition Souvenir," (around outer circle), and the following in three scrolls in centre: "Fish Creek," "Batoche," "Cut Knife." The medals are well got up and reflect credit on the issuer.

The medals to be given to the soldiers, who bravely volunteered and went to the North-West, have arrived in Ottawa and are being engraved with each recipient's name on the edge. A formal presentation will no doubt be given.

In tearing down the old ferry house at Halifax, N. S., lately a few of the valuable little tokens were found under a board where they had slipped while being handled by ferry agents. Parties corresponding with J. H., box 145, can get further particulars.

We understand it is in contemplation to issue a Brant memorial medal this summer, also a medal to commemorate Toronto Musical Festival to be held this summer. Further descriptions will be given at time of issue.

Among a valuable collection of American coins which I purchased lately was the "Tin Continental Currency Dollar." Legend continental currency, date 1776 below. "Mind your business," below the dial; "Fugio" near the sun and under "Continental." These pieces are as large as a silver dollar. On the obv. thirteen rings linked bears the name of a state.

A very handsome medal to commemorate the International Demonstration of Odd Fellows held at Brockville, July, 1884. Obv. in centre, a camp, on each side a guard with spear; above, the all seeing eye; under tent, three links with initials F. H. C., one letter in each link; "Brockville, July, 1884," in raised letters around two-thirds circle. Rev. two flags crossed; Stars and Stripes to left, and Union Jack to right. I. O. O. F., in raised letters between upper portion in semi; the two flags are bound together at bottom by the three links with F. L. T., one letter in centre of each link. Around the upper circle "International," and the lower sweep "Demonstration."

White metal, size 20.

The new twenty-five cent pieces are not as well executed as the other previous dates. The absence of Ralph Heaton's initial H. below the wreath, has led to the impression that they are counterfeit. They are pronounced all right by the authorities.

The 1804 dollar is the rarest piece among the American series. Many of them have been sold for \$1,000. The reason of their rarity is that in 1804 was the war with the Barbary pirates. An expedition was sent over from the United States. The expedition staid much longer than was expected, and as money was needed, the whole amount of the 1804 dollars coined was sent there. The sailors who received these dollars gave them to the natives for supplies and for presents for their friends at home. The natives used them as "amulets" or charms, and most of them were carried far into the interior.