

The Coinage of Nova Scotia.

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Continued from last month.

- O.*—Same type as preceding.
- R.*—Payable by John Alex. Barry, Halifax, ship to right, size 16.
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- R.*—Genuine British copper, Britannia seated to right size 16.
- O.*—Half-penny token, 1815, barrel in circle, spikes, nails, etc., on head of barrel.
- R.*—Importer of ironmongery, hardware, etc., within circle; Payable by—Miles W. | White | Halifax | N. S. size 18.
- O.*—Payable at W. L. White's Halifax House, Halifax, One | Farthing.
- R.*—W. L. White's Halifax House, Halifax, Cheap | Dry | Goods | Store, size 14.
- O.*—Starr & Shannon, Halifax, 1815, Indian with dog to left.
- R.*—Half-penny token, Nova Scotia, ship under full sail to right, size 17.
- O.*—Commercial change, 1815, Indian with dog to left.
- R.*—Same as preceding, size 17.
- O.*—Wholesale and Retail Hardware Store, 1815, house full front.
- R.*—Halifax, Nova Scotia, in centre; spades, barrel, scythe and sickle, size 16.
- O.*—Same as preceding.
- R.*—Payable at W. A. & S. Black's, Halifax; barrel, spade and scythe, size 16.
- O.*—Nemo me impune lacessit, Thistle in centre.
- R.*—Payable at the store of J. Brown, ship to right, sails furled, size 16.
- O.*—Half-penny token, Commerce to right, seated scales in right hand and cornucopia in left.
- R.*—Nova Scotia and New Brunswick success, ship under full sail to right, size 16.
- O.*—Robert Purves, Wallace; Cheap | Family | Store.

R.—Encourage | country | importers | size 16.

O.—Ferry Token.

R.—Halifax Steamboat Co. steamer to left, size 12.

Of those tokens the Purves token was the last one issued. It was issued by Robert Purves, of Wallace, who did a ship building and general store business in Wallace, N. S., for about fifteen years. The token was issued in 1857 or 1858. There were about half a ton weight of them made, but were never all issued, as, in 1867, when all tokens were out of circulation and not considered legal coin, Mr. Purves had about 600 lbs. in his possession, which he sold out for old metal. There are several other tokens which are said to be Nova Scotian, but on such slight authority as not to warrant their insertion in any list.

The Pictures Get Stuck on the Road.

I NEVER lost a letter; my letters follow me all over America with never a loss, the very postal cards catch up with me. But somehow or other the "picture papers" have a way of lodging in the cracks of the mail car that is very trying, and to a thick-headed, obstinately incredulous man, very mysterious. Or, not so mysterious, either. It might be mysterious if it only happened to my own mail, or only once in a while. But what I was going to suggest is this, that the Postoffice Department subscribe for these journals for every employe of the railway mail service.—*Burdette.*

Destroying the Dyes.

A LITTLE roll of metal red with fire was placed upon the anvil, a sledge hammer fell twice upon it, three tiny sparks shot into the air and the molds of the old year's double eagle gold coins were wiped out forever. It was a thousandth part of the work that lasted all day at the mint Tuesday, the destroying of the 1887 dies.