

MEDALS OF THE ORANGE ORDER
STRUCK IN CANADA

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HIS name was adopted from the house of Orange in memory of William III, one of the most illustrious members of the house, for having defeated and driven from Ireland James II, the deposed king, with his foreign legions. Although this event took place in 1690 it was not until a century later that Orange lodges were formed. Of course the societies from which these lodges grew had been in existence for a longer time. The principles of the Order were soon carried abroad and took root in every country into which the enterprising men from the north of Ireland migrated. Thus it was that Orangism, which has been intimately connected with our political history for the last four or five decades, was, shortly after the opening of the century, introduced into Canada.

One of its leading features is the annual procession on the 12th of July — a gala day — at which many forms of badges are displayed, among which the medal is not forgotten. These medals were either given as rewards or worn as souvenirs. So far, four Canadian Orange medals have come under the notice of Collectors.

They are as follows :

- 1 *Obv.* THE GLORIOUS MEMORY NO SURRENDER :
a statue of William III on horseback, to the left,
on a pedestal inscribed 1690.