device. Later specimens were much improved as works of
art and often commemorated some local historical incident
in the history of town or province in which they were issued.
But with the general adoption of the Arabic form of notation,
their original use declined. Still jetons continued to be struck
in France long after their use as counters had been aband-
oned and impressions in silver, and occasionally in
gold, were given as presents to patrons, governors and other
persons of influence. Every department of the government,
every prince and duke, every province and town, every abbey
and company, once, if not oftener, in their history, had com-
memorative jetons struck for presentation to their patrons.

Although Pinkerton in his "Essay on Medals" states that
jetons were counted worthless by higher numismaticians,
and also warns young collectors against being deceived into
purchasing them, believing them to be rare antiques, they
are much sought after by modern collectors, especially in
France. Many old costumes and manners are graphically
pictured, and many an event in local history brought to
light, by means of these jetons. Local collections of them
are often valuable aids in compiling the history of towns
and provinces.

Jetons relating to Canada were first struck in 1751, and the
emission of a new design continued annually, until 1758,
making eight designs in all. These all have titles and bust of
Louis XV on the obverse, while on the reverse was depicted
allegorical design and legend referring to the progress of the
colonies and colonization. The inscription "*Colonies Fran-
caises de l'Amerique*," more or less abreviated, together
with the date, always occurs in exergue. These devices are
often full of meaning and may be explained thus :—That
on the jeton of 1751, which represents an Indian looking
backwards towards a group of lilies growing, of which the
inscription states that "They grow under every constellation"
or in every clime, alludes to the lilies of France, that is the
progress and extent of her colonies that were being estab-