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STATISTICS OF THE COINAGE FOR CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

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OME can still remember the last issue of the old pennies. These coins having the impress of St. George and the dragon—rather "Bank Tokens" as they were inscribed because not officially

sanctioned by the Imperial Government—bright and new as they were paid out by the Bank of Upper Canada. That was in 1857. In 1858 a new order was introduced; we were no longer to make up our accounts by the antiquated pounds, shillings and pence or the still more obselete *livres* and sous but by act of Parliament, were to count by dollars and cents. The old "token" and other copper currency, with British and foreign silver, could not be made to fit the new standard. A new coinage was therefore believed to be necessary, and one sanctioned by the home government was ordered from the Royal Mint. Thus in 1858 were struck, strictly speaking, the first true coins for Canada, and a regular coinage for the Dominion has been continued, with longer or shorter inter-