

Wedge and Tusket village named them "copper de coteau," after the name of the persons who brought them in. The coins were very thin, with a sharp raised rim to give them the appearance of the proper thickness. The St. John men who carried out this speculation must have made several hundred pounds by the operation, as the coins were pretty liberally distributed throughout the province before opposition to their circulation could do the original distributors any injury.

It became necessary, of course, at the time of Confederation that one system of currency should prevail throughout Canada, still the people of Nova Scotia parted with their currency with regret. It was such a convenient one—so easy of calculation—so simple it hardly required any calculation—sterling and currency seemed so readily to transpose themselves without any effort—a shilling was in a moment one and threepence—four shillings became a dollar—a sovereign was five dollars—add one-fourth to sterling and it became currency—deduct one-fifth from currency and it went back to sterling again. But this simplicity had to give place to one of more complexity. The sovereign was taken as the unit of currency at \$4.86 $\frac{2}{3}$, and one now has to use pencil and paper to find out the value in dollars and cents of a £5 Bank of England note.

The foregoing remarks are but fragmentary, made up from occasional readings and clippings during a life time, with some personal knowledge and experience. The inability to search personally, in any public institution (none being within my reach) in which any records or reports might be found, has prevented me from ascertaining the exact dates for some of the statements, even if exact dates can be found. I have made many enquiries among persons from whom I thought I might obtain definite information, and while most of them regretted their inability to assist me, all were unable to do so, except Mr. Stewart, of the Halifax *Herald*, who kindly, as before stated, lent me the Albion note for illustration.

As an instance in proof of the—I won't say ignorance, but—the non-knowledge, that prevails about many of the old subjects of interest around us, I showed the Farish scrip to some of the children of the gentleman whose name it bears, and to others of my acquaintances; and all were surprised, and said