

Mathew medal. The Pledge and other inscriptions are almost literal translations. The more I examined the closer did I find the resemblance to those distributed so abundantly throughout Ireland, I was therefore for a long time inclined to doubt its claim to be classed as Canadian, but these doubts have been long since cleared away. For there is no country using the French language in which undoubted English symbols, or rather medals of Birmingham workmanship, would be used. Against this may be argued, that we have the Colony of Mauritius and the Channel Islands, but in neither of these places did the temperance cause make much progress. There is also the fact touched on before, that the temperance reform spread among the French Canadians through inspiration received from the Father Mathew movement in Ireland. Another proof that may be mentioned is: that the specimen, from which this description has been given, was purchased from the collection of Mr. Boucher, who, as a Canadian collector, confined himself mainly to specimens picked up in Canada. He also assured me that it was issued to members of Canadian temperance organizations.

V. *Ob.*: *Ex.* ST. JEAN. John the Baptist standing with right hand raised; in his left he holds a long staff surmounted by a cross. By his left stands a lamb, and to the right are plants growing.

*Rev.*: TEMPERANCE. *Ex.* L. B. Near the bottom a beaver rests on two sprigs of maple leaves. The field has been left plain, no doubt that the recipient's name might be engraved thereon.

There is no date or other indication by which any knowledge may be gained of the time or place of issue of this medal. But as to time I cannot be far astray in placing it thus early in the list, believing it to have been struck after the Father Mathew series had been exhausted—that is abo u