

are familiar as household words; while many interesting recollections are awakened at the names of Frobisher, Finlay, McTavish, Gillivray, Gillespie, DeRocheblave, Moffatt, and LaRocque. These men have all passed away, and of the 93 Ordinary and 11 Honorary Members, whose names were enregistered down to the year 1819, it is doubtful if a single representative now lives. In connection with this Club is a point of considerable interest to Canadian Numismatists. One of the rules strictly enjoined, that on Club days members should wear their *medals* suspended with a light blue ribbon. Failure to do so was punished with a fine of one dollar for each offence. No account is given of this particular medal beyond that just named. It is however known that the Club, on several occasions, awarded medals for bravery, or for distinguished services rendered by the voyageurs. At a sale of Coins and Medals held in New York, in April, 1871, one of these medals was sold for \$33. The medal was gold, very thin, and with a raised edge. On the obverse was engraved a representation of a beaver, gnawing at a tree; below which was a ribbon inscribed "Industry and Perseverance." Above this appeared the title "Beaver Club, Montreal, Instituted 1785." On the reverse was an engraved representation of a canoe shooting a rapid. The inscription being "Archibald McLennan, Fortitude in distress, 1792." The circumstances which led to the bestowal of this medal will probably remain unknown, but that the person who received it was worthy of association with the fur magnates of the day, is shewn by his election in 1814 as an ordinary member of the Club. This medal, with others awarded at various times to members of the Club, are probably those referred to in the rules. The vessels at that time engaged in the fur trade were the *Eweretta*, commanded by Captain Featonby, and subsequently by Captain Patterson; the *Integrity*, Captain Gibson; The *Indian Trader*, Captain Edwards; the *Montreal*, Captain Edward Boyd, and the *Mary*, Captain Sarmon.