

similar to that on the half dollar, with a beaver on the top enclosing the inscription "The Dominion must and shall be preserved 1885" the second "Exhibition souvenir" with the names of the battles on a scroll and the third the engraver's advertisement.

3. *Obv.*:—A wreath of maple leaves tied with a bow at the bottom ; a beaver at the top. Within the wreath is an inscription in six lines, THE | DOMINION | MUST & SHALL | BE | PRESERVED | 1885.

Rev.:—EXHIBITION SOUVENIR. A fancy scroll inscribed FISH CREEK | BATOCHE | CUTKNIFE. Size 33 *m.*

4. *Obv.*:—Same as last.

Rev.:—W. H. BANFIELD | MACHINIST | AND | DIE-MAKER | TORONTO. Size 33 *m.*

5. *Obv.*:—Same as reverse of No. 3.

Rev.:—Same as reverse of No. 4. Size 33 *m.*

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DISCOVERY OF ROMAN COINS IN SOMERSET, ENGLAND.

Some years ago a large hoard of Roman coins was dug up on Hardon Hill. The place was an ancient British earth work, appropriated and altered by the Romans overlooking a portion of the Fosseway near Ilchester. A small portion of the find consisting of some three hundred of these coins was lately examined by Mr. C. Roach Smith who found them much worn by ancient circulation so much so that some were almost undecipherable. They ranged all the way from Domitian to Commodus, with a single specimen of Philip's reign. More than half are those of Hadrian and Trajan. It seems strange that the hoard should contain no coins between the reigns of Commodus and Philip a period of fifty years. This may be accounted for by supposing that hoard was buried shortly after the death of Commodus or probably during his lifetime and that a coin