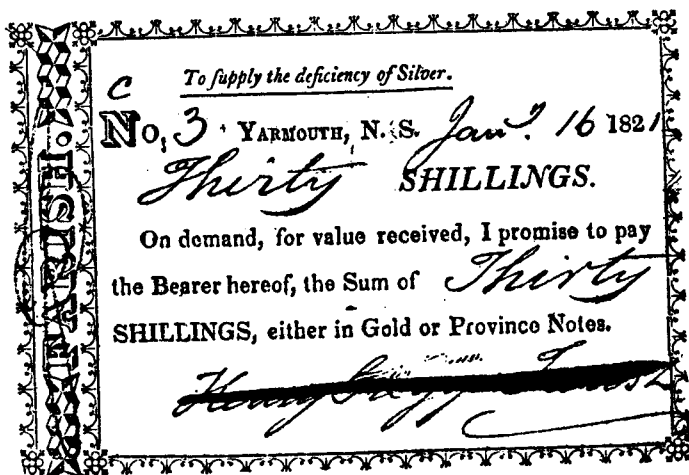


Yarmouth. It is printed on ordinary paper, and with common type, and was issued, as it states, "to supply the deficiency of silver."



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Besides these examples of early bankers' scrip, it is quite supposable that others were put out by private persons in other parts of the province, and that somewhere in somebody's collection of old family papers, perhaps, at some future day, other specimens may turn up.

Nova Scotia has always had, in common use, as a circulating currency, a greater variety of coins in gold, silver and copper than any other of the British American provinces. I have seen in ordinary circulation most of the gold and silver coins of France, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, and the South American republics. These all came in as part proceeds of cargoes of fish, lumber, etc., which had been disposed of in the West India and South American markets. It was not an unusual sight, at least in Yarmouth, occasionally to see, on the return of a West Indiaman, her captain going to the office of the owner accompanied by two or three of his sailors, each with a bag of dollars, or other coin, on his shoulder. Many old residents, in