

IMPP·CAESS -	- Imp[eratoribus] Cæs[aribus]
L·SEPT·SEVERO PIO -	- L[ucio] Sept[imio] Severo Pio
PERTINACI AVG·ARABICO	- Pertinaci Aug[usto] Arabico
ADIABENICO PARTHICO MAXI	- Adiabeno P[ar]thico Maxi[mo]
COS III ET M·AVREL·ANTONINO PIO	- Consuli tertium et M[arco] Aurel[i]o Antonino Pio
COS II AUG·ET P·SEPT·GETAE N·CAES·COS	- Consuli secundum Aug[usto] et P[ublio] Sept[imio] Getæ N[obilissimo] Cæs[ari] consuli*
PORTAM CVM MURIS VETVSTATE DI	- portam cum muris vetustate di
LAPSI IVSSV ALFEN SENECINIS V·C·	- lapsis jussu Alfen[i] Seneci[o]nis .ri] C[larissimi]
COS CURANTE OCLATINI ADVENTO PRO	- Consularis curante Oclatini[o] Advento pro[curatore]
AUGG NN COH I VANGON OPFS	- Aug[ustorum] n[ost]rorum coh[ors] pri[ma] Vang[i]on[um] o[peribus] p[er]f[ectis]
CVM AEMI SALVIAN TRIB -	- cum Aemi[l]io Salvian[o] trib[un]o†
SVO A SOLO RESTI -	- suo a solo resti[tuit].

EARLY NOTICES OF THE BEAVER, IN EUROPE AND AMERICA.

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By common consent the beaver appears to have been recognised at a comparatively early date, as one of the most characteristic Canadian emblems, and it now shares with the maple-leaf such heraldic significance as pertains to our provincial cognizance. It is scarcely necessary, however, to observe that neither an exclusively Canadian nor American nativity can be assumed for this animal. It is referred to in the laws of the ancient Britons under the name of *Lloslydan y*

* Henzen (*Index*, p. 72,) gives A.D. 202, seqq., as the date of this inscription; but this is impossible, according to his reading, for Caracalla was not COS II until 205. This latter year I regard as the date, although COS III of Severus and COS II of Caracalla extended over 205-207. But if the year had been 206 or 207, we should have had, I think, the tribunitial number (TRIB. POT.) of either Severus (scil. xiii. or xv.), or Caracalla (scil. viii. or x.), or of both. I am not satisfied, however, as to the accuracy of the copies, which I have seen, and would suggest a careful re-examination of the stone.

† *Lucius Aemilius Salvianus* was already known as tribune of the 1st Cohort of the Vangiones from an altar, found at Risingham, the inscription on which is given by Horsley, n. lxxxii, Northumberland.