

was going on, Sir Francis Hincks temporarily supplied its place with fractional Dominion notes, the well-known "shin-plasters." When the process was completed he substituted a new Dominion coinage including Canadian coins of the denomination of 50 cents and 25 cents which were added to the Canadian coinage for the first time thus bringing it to the condition in which we know it to-day, the shin-plasters and 20 cent pieces having gradually disappeared. This also brought the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick into line with the Canadian decimal currency.

Such is in outline the history of our Canadian metallic currency up to the establishment of the Canadian branch of the Royal Mint. Incidentally there are connected with it a good many picturesque episodes, political contests, inter-imperial discussion and domestic wild-eyed proposals which furnish both entertainment and instruction for those specially interested in such matters, but they could not be introduced in the course of a single paper.