

MONTREAL TRADE TOKENS.

No. 7.

Obv. Laureate head of Victoria within a beaded circle. " Dominion of Canada, Province of Quebec." Rev. A similar circle inclosing the words, " Use Devin's vegetable worm pastilles. July 1867." Outside of circle, " Devins & Bolton, Druggists, Montreal."

These tokens have never been put in circulation. The dies were prepared in Birmingham, and the design chosen is similar to that of the Canadian cent. They were seized by the authorities for an infraction of the currency laws, which forbid the importation, manufacture, or issue of any trade or other token, unless permission be first obtained, and bonds given for the redemption of the same. The tokens (about 8000 in number) still remain in custody of the Customs department.

The highest price paid for fine specimens of the Mullins, or Brown token, has been 50 cents. No particular value can be placed upon the Sharpley token, as specimens may be obtained of that gentleman at any time, and with reference to the Devins token, it is quite probable that it may yet be placed in circulation and be quite easily obtained, although at present it is considered scarce. A first rate (or in numismatic *parlance*, a very fine) specimen of " Owen " is worth from \$5 to \$10, and might command a shade higher figure.



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