



CANADIAN DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDALS

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THE longest reign of any British Sovereign has been considered an event worthy to be commemorated by the striking of medals in many places throughout the Empire; and Canada has not been behind the other Colonies in the number of these medals for on no other occasion have so many been issued. The idea of presenting "Diamond Jubilee" medals to children in the public schools seems to have sprung up simultaneously in very many places in the Dominion. Although some of these are not of the highest merit, others are so beautiful and appropriate that it has been thought well to publish the list thus early that it may be preserved for reference and that the facts may be noted down before they pass from memory.

As several firms of medalists have been connected with their issue, I have thought well to change the usual order of arrangement and class them under the names of these different makers. The first I shall take up will be those issued by

HENRY BIRKS & SONS

This is a firm of jewelers who for about twenty years have carried on an extensive business in Montreal, and while they had not heretofore struck medals, had done considerable work in cutting crest and