

considerable time the Canadians took no special pains to avoid it. Their chief anxiety still centred in the question as to the relative values of the gold coins. Hence in the Act of 1808 for the further regulating of the coinage, the only changes made were in the list of gold coins. The preamble stated that "by the Act now in force the relative values of the gold coins current in this Province is not accurately established." The ratings of the gold coins fixed by this act are as follows:—

Gold COINS	WEIGHT dwt. grs.	RATE	
		£	s. d.
Guinea	5 6	1	3 4
Johannes	18 0	4	0 0
Moidore	6 18	1	10 0
Milled doubloon, or 4 pistole piece of Spain	17 0	3	14 6
French louis d'or, coined before 1793	5 4	1	2 8
French pistole piece, coined before 1793	4 4	18	3
American eagle	11 6	2	10 0

Here, it will be observed, the doubloon is increased in value by 6d., the louis d'or by 2d., and the French pistole by 3d. Other changes made by the act were: (1) The reduction of the limit of payment by weight from £50 to £20; (2) while retaining the weight for American, Portuguese and British gold coins at 89s. per oz., the rate for Spanish and French gold coins was raised from 87s. to 87½s. per oz.; (3) in the allowance on individual coins for every grain above or below the standard weight, Spanish and French gold coins were to be allowed 2½d. per grain instead of 2¼d. as before, and which is still retained for the others.

The following year, March 9th, 1809, the Legislature of Upper Canada passed an act altering and amending the previous act of 1796 for the regulation of the current coins "in order to equalize them to the current value of the like coins in the Province of Lower Canada." In this act the upper province simply follows the changes introduced in Lower Canada, still maintaining, thereby, a uniform rating in the two provinces.

During this period we find that the Imperial Government in its colonial military establishments still continued to keep its books and make its payments to the troops in accordance with the sterling standard. Yet the money employed in the Govern-