

RESULTS OF LYMAN H. LOW'S
AUCTION SALE.

The collection of Canadian coins, medals and tokens, catalogued by Mr. Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway, New York, and sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., February 3rd and 4th, is by far the most extensive in the series that has ever been brought under the hammer in America. The catalogue, which was very generally distributed a month before the sale, embodied a good arrangement, and the fullest description of the pieces, both as to type and preservation. The leading and well-known rarities were nearly all represented. We quote as follows: Indian Peace Medal, Geo. II., 1757, \$11.25, and four of Geo. III. brought respectively \$14.50, \$13.25, \$9.00 and \$12.60, all in silver; Fort Erie Medal, given to members of Welland Battery for assisting in repelling Fenian invasion, June 2nd, 1866, \$5.25; the large Confederation Medal, \$12.00; Glorium Regni, 5 Sou piece of Louis XIV., 1670, \$9.25; Dexteron Canadensis, \$2.00; Montreal side view, half-penny, 1839, \$6.00; Montreal Sou (McLachlan 65, Le Roux 154) in German silver, \$4.50, and a set of 42 Sous brought 25c. each; six Montreal Bridge tokens sold from \$3 to \$5.80 each; Devins & Bolton's card of 1867, \$1.55; R. Sharpley's token, \$1.80; Half-ponny Copper Company, Upper Canada, \$22.50; Colonial quarter dollar of the year 1820, \$4.00; Leslie & Son's two-penny, \$15.75; New Brunswick half-cent, 1861, \$1.50; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Success, \$8.10; three varieties of Barry's Halifax tokens, 42c. each; White's farthing, \$4.50. I shall also sell at auction during the last week in March an extensive collection of confederate paper money, together with a few coins. Catalogues are now ready and will be furnished to collectors on application.

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