

The title page reads:—"A catalogue of the silver and copper coins of Canada and of the other North American provinces." The reasons for entering upon the work are thus set forth in the preface:—

"On the formation of the society, the attention of the members was directed to Numismatics in general. It was not long, however, before several members very naturally directed their researches toward the coins of these provinces. The comparatively great rarity—the artistic excellence of numerous specimens—and divers curious incidents bearing on these coins, excited the greatest astonishment and furnished ample material for many interesting reflections and surmises."

"Few persons outside the society, appear to have been aware of many of these interesting facts—indeed the existence of several of these coins hereafter described, appears to have been altogether ignored by most residents of these provinces."

Towards the close of the year the energy of the committee began to flag, so that they never got beyond the first sixteen pages. Mr. Rattray died soon afterwards, after which the committee lapsed.

For a time the interest in the work died out, but a numismatic interest was renewed in the city by the sale of Mr. Rattray's collection, followed shortly afterwards by that of another member of the committee, Mr. Boucher.

About the year 1867 another committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Bronsdon, the most active member of the old committee, and Mr. Alfred Sandham. They, finding it impossible to make any use of the old attempt, commenced anew. After considerable progress had been made Mr. Bronsdon resigned; and Mr. Sandham determined to carry on the work in his own name. In 1869 therefore "The coins, medals and tokens of the Dominion of Canada" by Alfred Sandham was issued. After a historical introduction of eight pages, he describes two hundred and fifty-eight Canadian coins and medals besides mentioning a number of varieties. A supplement was issued to this work, in 1872,