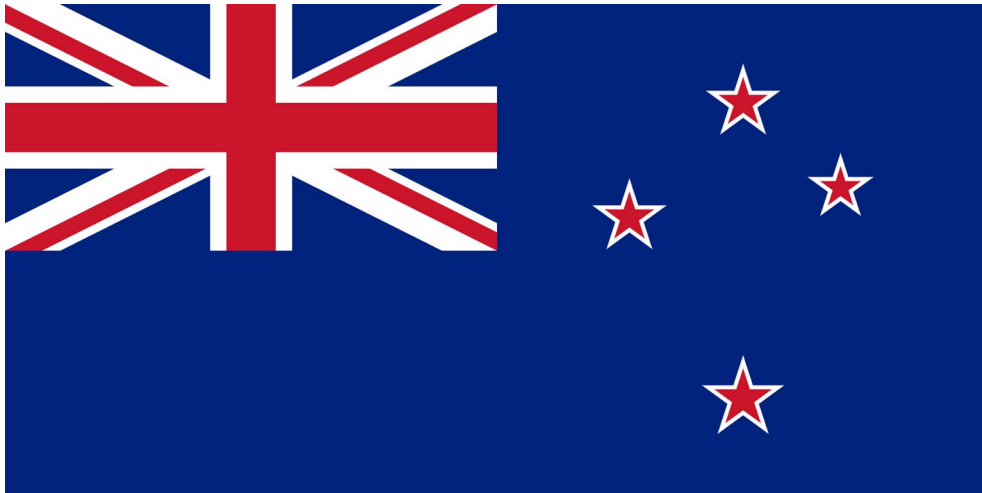




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Autobiographical Note



Leon with members of the "Starlets" coin club in 1966 (NZ Numismatic Journal no. 42)

My introduction to numismatics was at school when I swapped a box of marbles for WW1 coins. This small group of coins fascinated me and led me to visit the Canterbury Museum's large collection many times.

Fortunately a custodian suggested I contact Ernie Dale who was Chairman of a Society who could help me. He certainly did and I joined the Canterbury Branch of the RNSNZ and enjoyed many years in the company of informative speakers who widened my knowledge. I am forever grateful to the members of the Canterbury society.

The introduction of decimal currency in 1967 resulted in a surge in sales of New Zealand sterling coins at inflated prices, which led me to advertise price lists at what I considered more sensible levels.

New Zealand medallions were plentiful and, in 1950, with the issue of the Canterbury Centennial medal, I started collecting medallions in earnest which eventually led to the issue of a small catalogue in 1976, and later, as new items were found, a much expanded and illustrated second edition (1996) and a supplement (2000).

I also purchased a small, lovely collection of Edward VIII Coronation medallions, which grew into a very large collection. Many friendships resulted, including Richard Lobel of Coincraft, who has an amazing collection.

Autobiographical Note

Banknotes became an interest when I discovered the Reserve Bank of New Zealand would sell notes direct to collectors, a great service which has sadly been discontinued.

We retired to Melbourne, where our four sons resided, in 2000. So I packed my accumulation into 120 special containers which Customs officials were interested in but released them when they realised it was my private collection.

I am delighted that the team will update “Medallic Commemoratives New Zealand 1865-1940”.

My congratulations and appreciation.

Leon G Morel FRNSNZ (2016)



2006 anniversary event, at which Leon Morel (left) was the longest-standing RNSNZ member (joined 1950) and Ray Staal (right) the longest-standing WCC member present (joined 1966)

Note by the compilers (2020): Leon gave his agreement to our updating his catalogue to include more recent discoveries during his visit to the RNSNZ Convention in 2014. Work began almost immediately on digitising the text of his 1996 Catalogue and 2000 Supplement, as well as logging new discoveries and gathering photos of existing items. This activity has continued in the background ever since, though it has only been with the upheavals to normal work routines brought about by Covid-19 that we have had the opportunity to start putting it into its final shape.

Leon died in late 2019 at the age of 87, and we are saddened not only by the loss of someone who put such a huge effort into documenting and promoting New Zealand commemorative medals, but also by the fact that he did not live to see the release of the revised 3rd edition of his magnum opus.

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Introduction

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This is part of a projected multi-volume series updating Leon Morel's Catalogue of Medallic Commemoratives of New Zealand, 1865-1940 (1996) and the Supplement published in 2000. This new edition marks a departure from previous RNSNZ catalogue projects in that it is being released electronically in the first instance, and in sections. In this way, parts of the book can be published as they become ready and can also be regularly updated as new information becomes available.

The various sections of the catalogue will ultimately cover the whole of NZ's medallic history from the earliest issues associated with this country through to the Centennial events of 1940. More recent issues, from 1940 (not Centennial-related) to date, are being covered by a companion series, "New Zealand Commemorative Medals since 1940, New Series (2022)", also being published in parts and in electronic form.

Because these publications are being released as searchable PDFs, the previous Index of Legends has now been dispensed with as unnecessary.

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**Please advise the authors of any new discoveries, or any errors or omissions detected.
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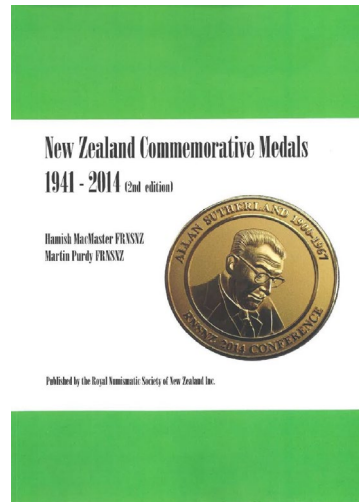


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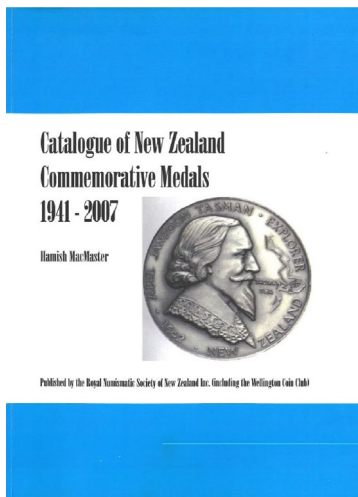


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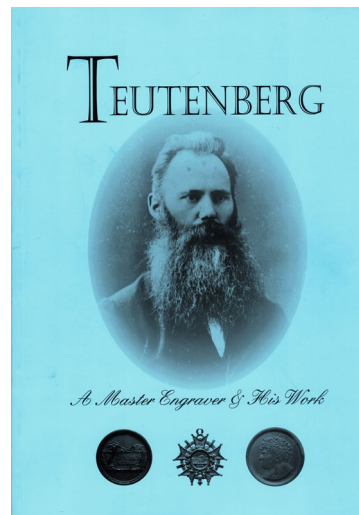


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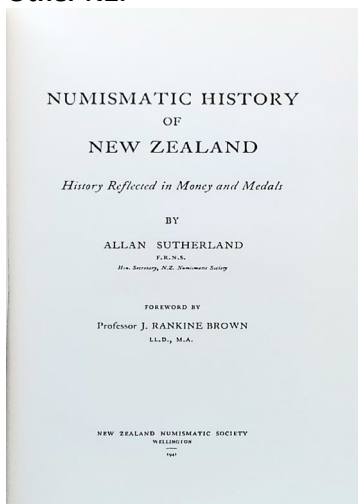
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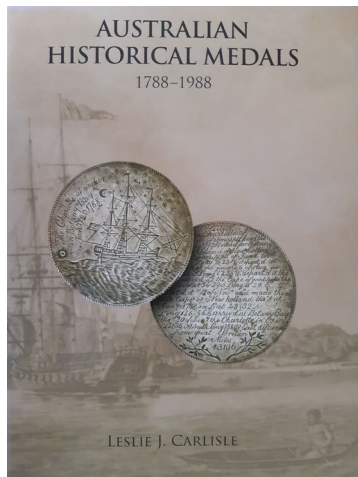
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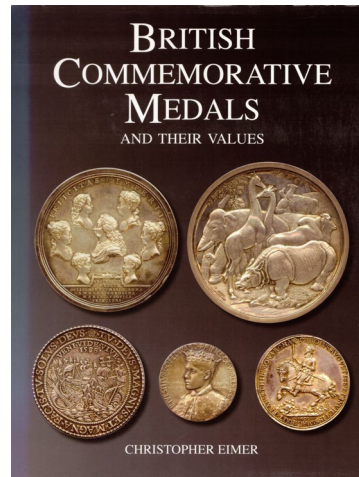


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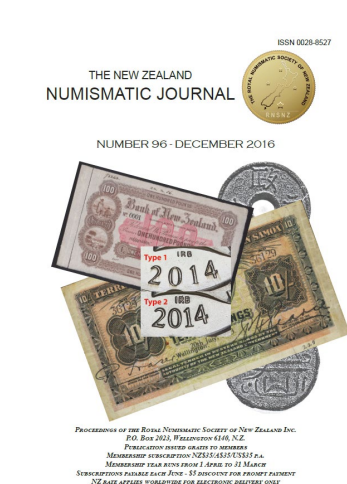


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* Chapter dedicated to undated items still pending as at September 2025

Commemorative Medals – 1860s

NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION OF 1865

The exhibition opened in Dunedin on 13 January 1865. Exhibitors representing Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain and the Netherlands displayed a variety of goods. When the Exhibition closed on 6 May 1865, some 29,831 visitors had attended the Exhibition. After the closure, the Exhibition Buildings were utilised as part of the Dunedin Hospital Block.

1865/1



Diameter: 64.5 mm
Metal: Gold 22 ct, Silver, Copper; Uniface electrotypes in gilt and lead; *Gold 7 ct*
Rarity: Unique, R6, R5, R7, *Unique*
[1865/1.1]



*Images of 1865/1.1 copyright
Tūhura Otago Museum, Dunedin*

- Obverse:** In centre circle five fern leaves forming a star pattern with other plants and crops in the angles. Kowhaiwhai pattern forms border to inner circle. In outer circle inscribed around above NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION 1865 and . HONORARY . around below
- Reverse:** Māori warrior standing with taiaha; paddle on ground by feet. Kiwi and waka (canoe) prow behind, plough at right. Mountain scene with punga and flax in the background
- Versions:**
- 1865/1.1 Gold, 140 g, 64.3 mm diameter, 4.2 mm thick
 - 1865/1.2 Silver
 - 1865/1.3 Copper
 - 1865/1.4.1 Gilt electrotypes, obverse
 - 1865/1.4.2 Gilt electrotypes, reverse
 - 1865/1.5 Lead electrotypes, with loop suspension and ribbon
 - 1865/1A Trial? Gold, reported 7 ct (plated?), "369" on edge
- Note:** The single example of 1865/1.1 is held in Dunedin Museum, which kindly supplied the images and measurements above. A 1975 newspaper article reported it as being 22 ct, 3 inches in diameter (sic), and designed by Joseph Shepherd Wyon (1836-1873). It was sold to the Dunedin Museum in that year for \$1,500 after being passed in at auction at \$1,100.

F76.144. Fels Fund; Iverach Fund; Tūhura Otago Museum Collection



[1865/1.2]



[1865/1.3]



[1865/1.4.1]



[1865/1.4.2]



Commemorative Medals – 1860s



NEW ZEALAND INTERCOLONIAL LIVE STOCK EXHIBITION 1865

Held at the North Dunedin Cricket Club on Thursday 19 January 1865. A full report, from the Otago Witness of 20 January 1865, is available from the National Library of New Zealand ("PapersPast") and was transcribed to accompany the lot description in the Noble Numismatics auction of September 2023.

1865/2



Diameter: 40 mm
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7 (unique?)



- Obverse: Large ram to L in centre, flanked by two smaller animals, a horse at L and a cow at R, both facing the ram. Ribbon above reading EXHIBITION 1865
Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND INTERCOLONIAL LIVE STOCK; in exergue BY, and around below DRIVER, MACLEAN & C^o
- Reverse: Open wreath of fruit and crops with blank space in centre for engraving

**VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCE ALFRED DUKE OF EDINBURGH K.G.
TO NEW ZEALAND 1869**

1869/1



Diameter: 46.5 mm, pierced
Metal: White metal
Rarity: R6
Designer & engraver: Anton
Teutenberg, Auckland



- Obverse: Bust of Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh (1844-1900) to L in centre circle. In outer circle around, alternating pattern of diamonds and English roses above and inscr H.R.H. DUKE OF EDINBURGH around below
- Reverse: Inscr TO / COMMEMORATE / THE VISIT OF / H.R.H. PRINCE ALFRED / DUKE OF EDINBURGH K.G. / TO / NEW ZEALAND / 1869. In minute letters around inner rim at base A. TEUTENBERG AUCKLAND N.Z.

Commemorative Medals – 1870s

INTERPROVINCIAL EXHIBITION OF NEW ZEALAND 1872

The **New Zealand Interprovincial Exhibition** was inaugurated on what was then Canterbury Anniversary Day (16 December 1872) and ran until 8 January 1873. It was held in the Drill Hall, Christchurch. A principal purpose was to select the New Zealand exhibits for the 1873 World's Fair in Vienna (1 May to 2 November 1873).

1872/1

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 63 mm

Metal: Silver, Bronze

Rarity: R5, R5

Designer and maker: G Coates &
Co. Christchurch

[illustration unavailable]

[1872/1.1]

Obverse: Flax bush with Two shields joined at angles, flax bush above. CNZ monogram / 1872 below in angle between shields. Inscr around above INTERPROVINCIAL EXHIBITION NEW ZEALAND and around below * CHRISTCHURCH *

Reverse: Harbour scene with large fern tree in foreground flanked by a kiwi and heron; waka (canoe) on water behind and mountains in the background. In minute letters along exergual line: G. COATES & CO CH:CH:, the whole surrounded by a closed wreath

Versions: 1872/1.1 Silver (3 awarded)
1872/1.2 Bronze (48 awarded)



[1872/1.2]

[Images: G. Kaul/Wikipedia]



HOKITIKA EXHIBITION 1873

1873/1



Diameter: 38 mm
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



Obverse: 1873 in centre circle; inscr around above HOKITIKA and around below EXHIBITION

Reverse: Kiwi to R foraging for food on undulating ground in centre circle; STOKES & MARTIN in minute letters inside circle base; inscr around above + PRIZE MEDAL + and around below DETUR DIGNIORI ("May it be given to one more worthy")

NELSON EXHIBITION 1873

Officially opened on 26 November 1873 by Sir David Munro in the Provincial Government Buildings. Basically a horticultural show which was expanded to include art and industrial exhibits. Attendance was recorded at 5,000 daily. The Exhibition closed on 2 December 1873.

1873/2



Diameter: 38 mm
Metal: Silver, Bronze
Rarity: R5, R5
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



[1873/2.1]

Obverse: Inscr in centre N.Z./ EXHIBITION / 1873, floral design element below. Around above NELSON

Reverse: HONOR / ALIT / ARTES [Beauty fosters works of art] in tied wreath with bow, crown above. In minute letters inside lower rim STOKES & MARTIN

Versions: 1873/2.1 Silver
1873/2.2 Bronze



[1873/2.2]



**VISIT OF GERMAN BATTLESHIP S.M.S. GAZELLE
TO NEW ZEALAND 1875**

1875/1



Diameter: 28 mm
Metal: Copper
Rarity: R6
Designer & engraver:
A. Teutenberg,
Auckland



Obverse: Inscr in centre circle, flanked by decorative elements, DEN / OFFIZIEREN / UND / MANNSCHAFTEN / S.M.S. GAZELLE / GEWIDMET / VON / A. TEUTENBERG [Dedicated to the officers and crew of HMS Gazelle by A. Teutenberg]. In outer circle inscr around ZUR ERINNERUNG AN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND [As a souvenir of Auckland, New Zealand] and around below . 1875 .

Reverse: Head and neck effigy of Māori male to L, with facial tattoos, large pendant earring and cloak

MULE WITH 1878 AUSTRALIAN MEDALET

1878/1



Diameter: 22 mm
Metal: Brass
Rarity: R7
Maker: Stokes & Martin



Obverse: Tattooed Māori head to R. Inscr around EX. REX: NEW ZEALAND: (with split-top R in REX like the former M1882/9, now moved to the Undated chapter)

Reverse: As Carlisle C1878/3; shield similar to the former M1889-90/8 (now in Undated chapter) but in thicker wreath with rising sun above; date 1878 below wreath

Commemorative Medals – 1880s

WRECK OF BENVENUE & CITY OF PERTH, TIMARU 1882

In 1882, two ships off the coast near Timaru were shipwrecked. The City of Perth and the Benvenue were victims of rough seas, and nine men lost their lives. The Freemasons awarded medals to survivors of the storm for gallantry on 3 July 1882. J. Henneker made two trips in a lifeboat during the storm to rescue men on the ships. Restrikes (M1882/1A.1 and 1A.2) were commissioned by Leon Morel at an uncertain date, variously reported as 1982 or the early 2000s.



1882/1

Diameter: 39 mm
Metal: Silver, loop suspension with bar
Rarity: R7
Maker: S. Reading, Dunedin



- Obverse. Inscr between crossed fronds TO / [space for engraving] / FOR / BRAVERY / IN / SAVING LIFE / TIMARU ROADSTEAD / 14 MAY / 1882; inscr around above PRESENTED BY FREEMASONS OF ST JOHNS LODGE 1137.E.C. and around below +TIMARU+
Small letters under oak branch at right S. READING
- Reverse: Lifeboat on a rough sea with masonic emblem of the Eye of Providence above. In small letters inside rim at 8:00 position S. READING S.



1882/1A

(-)

Diameter: 39 mm,
no suspension

Metal: Silver, Gilt

Rarity: R4

[1882/1A.1]



Obverse. As 1882/1

Reverse: As 1882/1

Note: Restrikes commissioned by Leon Morel; these may be distinguished from the originals by minor differences in the size and shape of the obverse lettering, and the final U of TIMARU and the R of ROADSTEAD tend to be weakly struck

Versions: 1882/1A.1 Silver
1882/1A.2 Gilt (mintage 50 reported)



[1882/1A.2]



INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION CHRISTCHURCH 1882

This Exhibition was privately financed by two Australian promoters who had just successfully conducted an Exhibition in Adelaide. The Exhibition had the support of the Canterbury Industrial Association. The site was Hagley Park and during its duration of 14 weeks the attendance was reported as 226,360. It was not a financial success.

Note that many of the medals issued for this event involve mixing and matching of obverse and reverse dies in numerous combinations, and as a consequence it is difficult to determine which, if any, are actual mules as opposed to standard issues. Combinations not recorded in the 1996/2000 are noted as “mules” below but this attribution is tenuous for the above reason.

1882/2



Diameter: 22 mm
pierced, unpierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Copper, Brass
Rarity: R5 (all)



[1882/2.1]

Obverse: Exhibition building in Christchurch. Inscr in exergue INTERNATIONAL / EXHIBITION / . CHRISTCHURCH N Z . (last line curved)

Reverse: Tattooed Māori head to R. Inscr around left NEW ZEALAND and around right EXHIBITION; 1882 below

Versions: 1882/2.1 Silver, pierced
1882/2.2.1 Gilt, pierced
1882/2.2.2 Gilt, unpierced
1882/2.3 Copper
1882/2.4 Brass



[1882/2.2.1]



[1882/2.2.2]



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[1882/2.3]

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1882/2A

(1882/3)

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 22 mm,
pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Rarity: R6

[illustration unavailable]

[1882/2A.1]

Obverse: Like 1882/2

Reverse: Queen Victoria (1819-1901, reigned 1837-1901), diademed and veiled head to L. Inscr around ARTS AND COMMERCE PROMOTED, colon (:) below

Versions: 1882/2A.1 Silver
1882/2A.2 Gilt



[1882/2A.2]





1882/2B
(1882/4)

Diameter: 22 mm,
pierced
Metal: Gold, Silver, Copper
Rarity: R6 (all)

[1882/2B.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/2
Reverse: Closed wreath with blank centre
Versions: 1882/2B.1 Gold, 22 ct, 7.7 g
1882/2B.2 Silver
1882/2B.3 Copper



[1882/2B.2]



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[1882/2B.3]

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1882/2C
(1882/5)

Diameter: 22 mm,
pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Brass
Rarity: R4 (all)

[1882/2C.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/2

Reverse: Shield displaying symbols of NZ trade (fleece: farming; ship: maritime trade; pick and shovel: mining; wheat sheaf: agriculture), flanked by six flags representing the US and others; crossed twigs and ribbon below, rising sun above

Note: Undated but retained with types sharing a common obverse

Versions: 1882/2C.1 Silver
1882/2C.2 Gilt
1882/2C.3 Brass



[1882/2C.2]





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[1882/2C.3]

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See also 1882/16C for a muled type featuring the obverse of 1882/2

Commemorative Medals – 1880s

	1882/2D (-)	
Diameter: 22 mm, pierced Metal: Silver Rarity: R7		
Obverse: Reverse of 1882/2A Reverse: Reverse of 1882/6B Note: Mule		

	1882/2E (-)	
Diameter: 22 mm, pierced Metal: Silver Rarity: R7		
Obverse: Reverse of 1882/2A Reverse: Reverse of 1882/2B Note: Mule		

Nos. 1882/3-5 have been retired.

1882/6



Diameter: 22 mm,
pierced
Metal: Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R5 (both)

[1882/6.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/2 reverse

Reverse: Like 1882/2C

Versions: 1882/6.1 Gilt
1882/6.2 Copper

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[1882/6.2]

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1882/6A
(1882/7)

Diameter: 22 mm,
pierced, unpierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Brass
Rarity: R5

[1882/6A.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/2 reverse
Reverse: Like 1882/2A
Versions: 1882/6A.1 Silver
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1882/6A.2.2 Gilt, unpierced
1882/6A.3 Brass



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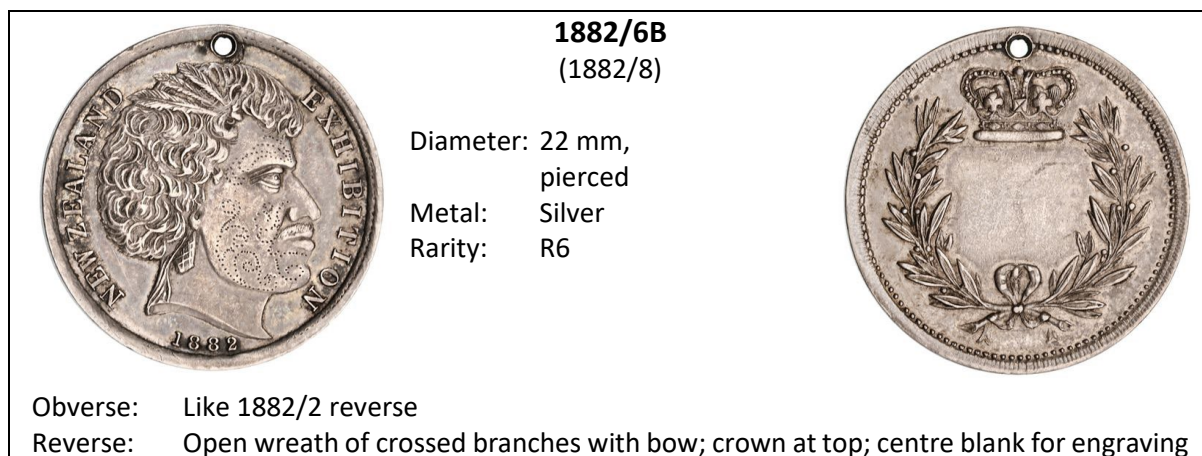
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[1882/6A.3]

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Note: The former 1882/9 is undated and has been moved to the Undated chapter. Cf. also the former 1889-90/8 and 1889-90/9, with comparable obverse designs

	<p>1882/10</p> <p>Diameter: 19 mm, pierced</p> <p>Metal: Gold, Silver, Silvered brass, Gilt, Brass</p> <p>Rarity: R7, R5, R5, R5, R5</p> <p>[1882/10.1]</p>	
<p>Obverse:</p> <p>Reverse:</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>Versions:</p>	<p>Exhibition buildings in centre, with two branch-like decorative elements in foreground; inscr around above NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION and . 1882 . around below</p> <p>Second I in EXHIBITION out of alignment</p> <p>Crossed branches forming open wreath</p> <p>Some gold and silver examples noted struck over British half-sovereigns and sixpences (shield and some original legends still visible in illustration above)</p> <p>1882/10.1 Gold</p> <p>1882/10.2 Silver</p> <p>1882/10.3 Silvered brass</p> <p>1882/10.4 Gilt</p> <p>1882/10.5 Brass</p>	
	<p>[1882/10.2]</p>	
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[1882/10.4]



[illustration unavailable]

[1882/10.5]

[illustration unavailable]



1882/10A

(1882/11)

Diameter: 19.25 mm, pierced
Metal: Gold, Silver, Silvered
brass, Brass
Rarity: R7, R5, R5, R5

[1882/10A.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/10

Reverse: OUR FATHER / WHO ART IN HEAVEN / HALLOWED BE THY NAME / THY KINGDOM
COME / THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH / AS IT IS IN HEAVEN / GIVE US THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD / FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES / AS WE FORGIVE THEM / THAT
TRESPASS AGAINST US / LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION / BUT DELIVER US FROM
EVIL / FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM / THE POWER / & THE GLORY FOR / EVER & EVER
/ AMEN (last three lines curved; note lettering overall is uneven)

Versions: 1882/10A.1 Gold
1882/10A.2 Silver
1882/10A.3 Silvered brass
1882/10A.4 Brass



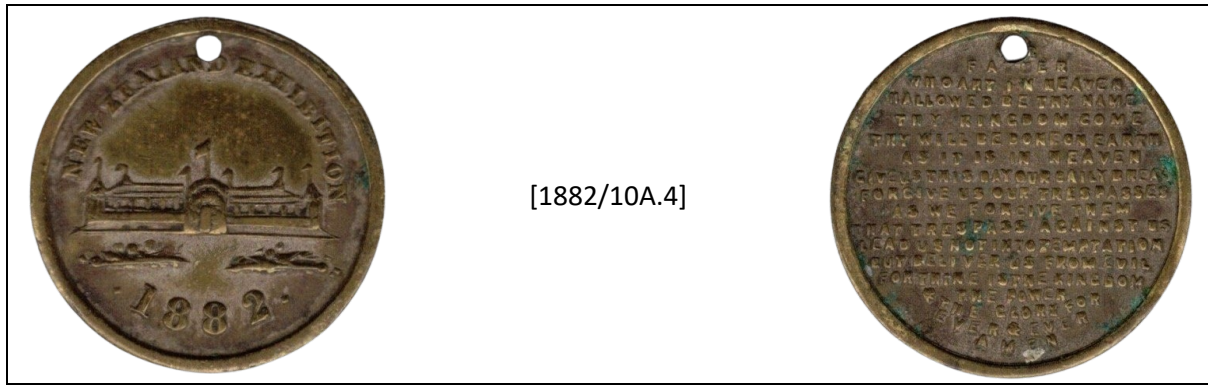
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[1882/10A.3]



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[1882/10A.4]

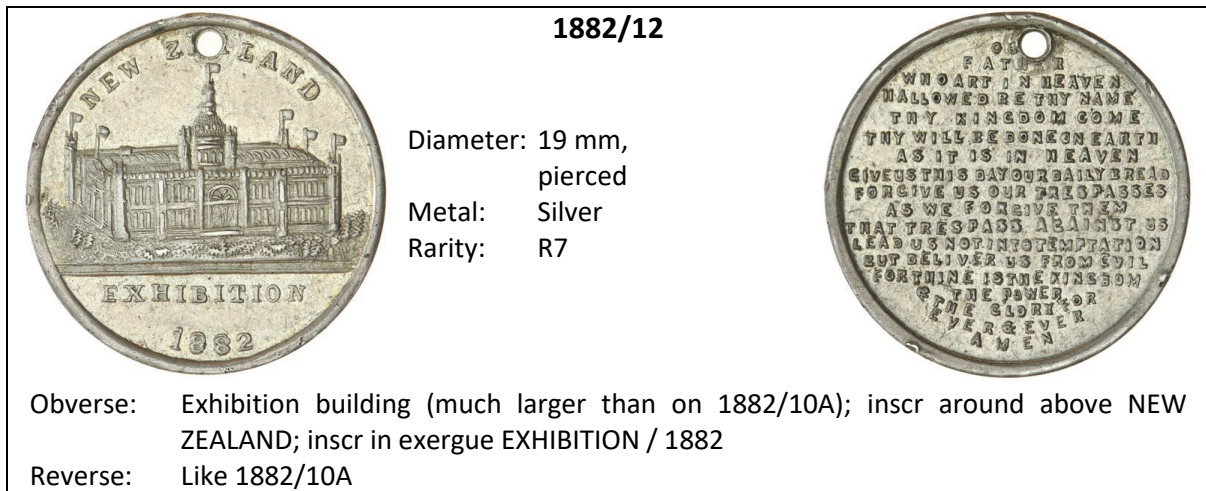


1882/10B
(-)

Diameter: 19.25 mm, pierced
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7

Obverse: Like 1882/10

Reverse: Harp in centre with three shamrocks to L and R and one above; inscr around above REMEMBRANCE and around below MARCH 17



See also the Undated chapter (in progress) for items with the Lord's Prayer on the reverse and different, undated obverses



1882/12A
(1882/13)

Diameter: 19 mm,
pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Rarity: R6 (both)

[1882/12A.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/12
Reverse: Like 1882/10
Versions: 1882/12A.1 Silver
 1882/12A.2 Gilt



[1882/12A.2]



1882/14



Diameter: 16.5 mm,
pierced
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R4



Obverse: Queen Victoria, diademed and veiled head to L. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION and around below | 1882 |

Reverse: N.Z. in open wreath of crossed branches with bow

1882/15



Diameter: 25 mm,
pierced
Edge: milled
Metal: Silver, Silvered, Gilt,
Brass
Rarity: R4, R2, R2, R2



[1882/15.1]

Obverse: Exhibition building and grounds in centre, date 1882 below. Inscr around above . NEW ZEALAND . and around below INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Reverse: Inscr in centre I S / BARTLETT'S / -.-
Inscr around above * BEST & CHEAPEST * and around below JEWELLERY EXHIBIT

Versions: 1882/15.1 Silver
1882/15.2 Silvered
1882/15.3 Gilt
1882/15.4 Brass



[1882/15.2]



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[1882/15.3]

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[illustration unavailable]

[1882/15.4]

[illustration unavailable]

1882/16

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 22 mm

Metal: Silver

Rarity: R6

[illustration unavailable]

Obverse: Four shields representing symbols of NZ trade, arranged in a cross, similar to the design of 18th-century British shillings. Sunburst pattern in centre and one 5-pointed star in each angle. Inscr around above : NEW ZEALAND EXHIBITION : and 1882 around below

Reverse: Blank

	<p>1882/16A (1882/17)</p>	
<p>Obverse: Like 1882/16 Reverse: Like 1882/6B</p>	<p>Diameter: 22 mm, pierced Metal: Silver Rarity: R6</p>	

[illustration unavailable]	<p>1882/16B (1882/18)</p>	[illustration unavailable]
	<p>Diameter: 22 mm, pierced Metal: Silver, Gilt Rarity: R6, R6</p>	
	[1882/16B.1]	
<p>Obverse: Like 1882/16 Reverse: Like 1882/2A Versions: 1882/16B.1 Silver (1.00 mm thick) 1882/16B.2 Gilt (1.75 mm thick)</p>		
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1882/16C
(1882/19)

Diameter: 22 mm,
pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Rarity: R6, R6

[1882/16C.1]



Obverse: Like 1882/16

Reverse: Like obverse of 1882/2

Note: Examples recorded overstruck on M1882/6A (medal illustrated) and M1882/6B

Versions: 1882/16C.1 Silver

1882/16C.2 Gilt



[1882/16C.2]



*Note: M1882/20 has been moved to the Undated section and that number has been retired.
Nos. 1882/17-19 have also been retired.*

1882/21



Diameter: 38.5 mm,
pierced

Metal: White metal

Rarity: R4

Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



Obverse: In centre circle tattooed Māori head to R (as also used on 1882/2 and others); inscr around above . NEW ZEALAND . and around below INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION
Open floral wreath in outer circle

Reverse: Angel with large wings in flight, holding torch and laurel wreath, and scattering leaves and flowers. Cornucopia below R. In exergue STOKES AND MARTIN / MELBOURNE

1882/21A
(1882/22)



Diameter: 38.5 mm,
pierced

Metal: White metal

Rarity: R6

Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne




Obverse: Like 1882/21

Reverse: Angel with smaller, butterfly-like wings in flight, holding torch and laurel wreath. Southern Cross in sky at L, globe below R. Above exergual line at left J.H. and in exergue STOKES AND MARTIN / MELBOURNE

No. 1882/22 has been retired.

1882/21B
(-)




Diameter: 38.5 mm,
pierced

Metal: White metal

Rarity: R7

Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



Obverse: Like 1882/21

Reverse: In centre circle Queen Victoria, diademed and veiled head to L. In outer circle inscr around THE VICTORIA MEDAL +
STOKES AND MARTIN MELBOURNE in tiny letters around bottom rim

Note: Mule of M1882/21 and Australian medal C1883/4

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M1882/23-26 obverse variations

Number: 1882/ → Diagnostic ↓	23	23A	23B	25	25A	26
1. Wreath points to	D	A	All as 23A	Between D & I Note narrow wreath	D	AL
2. Head points to	ON	TI		O	TI	A
3. Horizon	Uneven L&R Half-way up tree trunk Between end of legends and stops in outer circle	Level with N and 2		Level with N & 2	Base of plinth	Lush background. Horizon through upper part of trunk, behind fronds
4. Left hand (viewer's right)	Touches foliage on plinth	On coil on plinth		Suspended in air above foliage	Thumb almost touches	Suspended in air above foliage
5. On top of plinth	Foliage	3 coils		Foliage	2 coils	Foliage
6. Stripe below top of plinth	Dotted	Vertical stripes		Plain	Plain	Plain
7. Tree & fronds	Bushy No fronds facing downwards Tree away from outer circle	Facing frond Tree away from outer circle		Frond touches outer circle, base of trunk almost touches. Top of tree fern quite flat	Not touching outer circle. Part of rear centre frond visible at top	Not touching outer circle. Part of rear centre frond visible at top
8. Dress	Smooth shoulder, flat seam	Voluminous, gown has narrow shoulder		Flat shoulder seam, like 23	Flat shoulder seam, like 23	As 23
9. Right foot (viewer's left)	Foot at 45°, toes partly showing	Full foot at slight angle, all toes showing		Foot turned to side like 23	Foot turned to side like 23	As 23
10. Outer circle	o's before and after legend Four circles at both ends of decorative flourish at base	Stops instead of o's, level with top of toes. Decorative flourish ends with two leaves		N of NEW lines up with base of fern trunk Decoration at base quatrefoil flanked by two trefoils; 2 elongated o's as stops at ends of legend	N of NEW starts below base of tree fern Quatrefoil at base, single stops at start and end of legends	Date at base. Dividers at each side in form of line – three circles - line

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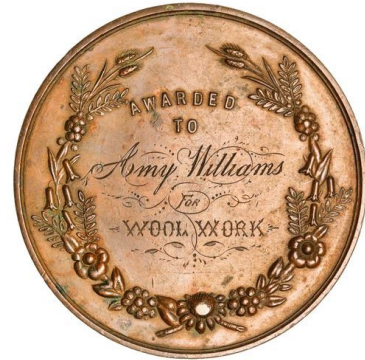
M1882/23-25A Reverse variations

Number: 1882/ →	23	25	25A
Diagnostic ↓	Wheat at top Four scattered trumpet flowers at 3:00 and 9:00 Two leaves left of bottom centre flower	No wheat at top Four grouped trumpet flowers at 3:00 and 9:00 One leaf right of bottom centre flower	No wheat at top Three grouped trumpet flowers at 3:00 and 9:00 Two extra leaves flanking bottom centre flower
1. Wreath			
2. T of TO	To left of R	Between A and R	To right of A
3. First A of AWARDED	Starts under double tip of double leaf stem	Starts in line with stem of only five hanging leaves	Four hanging leaves to left of A AWARDED starts and ends below downward-pointing leaf
4. Last D of AWARDED	Below and well to left of single tip of double-leaf stem	Lines up with double tip of leaf stem	Below single leaf tip at and of leaf stem

1882/23



Diameter: 64 mm,
Thickness: 8 mm
Metal: Copper
Rarity: R5



- Obverse: In centre circle standing female figure with right arm outstretched, holding a laurel wreath. Plinth at R decorated with the scales of justice. Tree fern in field to L. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION 1882
- Reverse: Open floral wreath with space inside for engraving; inscr AWARDED / TO
- Note: See table on preceding pages for details of letter and object position, etc., in M1882/23-26

1882/23A

(1882/24(a))

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 64 mm

Thickness: 4.5-4.9 mm (varies)

Metal: Silvered copper, Gilt,
Copper

Rarity: R6, R6, R6

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[1882/23A.1]

Obverse: Like 1882/23. See table on preceding pages for finer detail

Reverse: Blank

Note: Reverse milled off to thickness of 4.5-4.9 mm

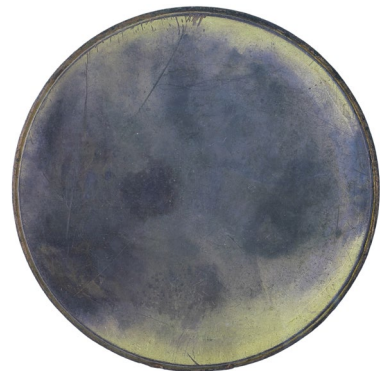
Versions: 1882/23A.1 Silvered copper

1882/23A.2 Gilt, 106.4 g

1882/23A.3 Copper, 98.7 g



[1882/23A.2]



[1882/23A.3]



1882/23B

(1882/24(b))

[illustration unavailable]	Diameter: 64 mm (reverse 62 mm)	[illustration unavailable]
	Thickness: 4.5 mm	
	Metal: Silvered copper, Gilt	
	Rarity: R6, R6	

[1882/23B.1]

Obverse: Like 1882/23. See table on preceding pages for finer detail

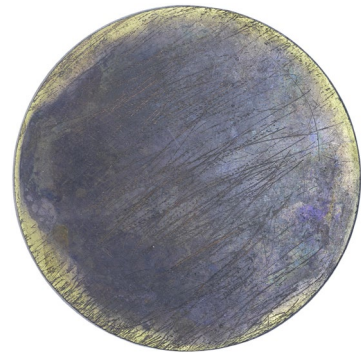
Reverse: Blank

Note: Specimens found like 1882/23A but edge on reverse inset, possibly for inserting in objects presented at Exhibition

Versions:	1882/23B.1	Silvered copper
	1882/23B.2	Gilt, 98.6 g



[1882/23B.2]



No. 1882/24 has been retired

1882/25



Diameter: 35.5 mm
Metal: Gold, Silver, Silvered copper, Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R7, R6, R6, R7, R6



[1882/25.1]

Obverse: Like 1882/23. See table on preceding pages for finer detail

Reverse: Like 1882/23. See table on preceding pages for finer detail

Versions: 1882/25.1 Gold 22 ct, 28.3 g
1882/25.2 Silver
1882/25.3 Silvered copper
1882/25.4 Gilt
1882/25.5 Copper



[1882/25.2]



[1882/25.3]



[1882/25.4]



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[1882/25.5]

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1882/25A

(-)

Diameter: 35.5 mm
Metal: Silver, Silver Gilt,
Bronze
Rarity: R6, R6, R7

[1882/25A.1]



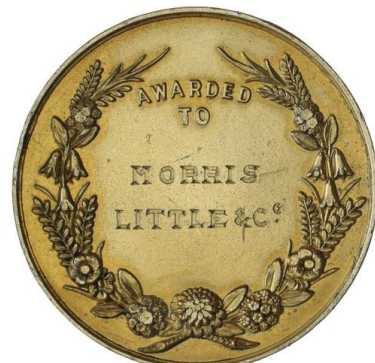
Obverse: Like 1882/25. See table on preceding pages for finer detail

Reverse: Like 1882/25

Versions: 1882/25A.1 Silver
1882/25A.2 Silver Gilt
1882/25A.3 Bronze



[1882/25A.2]



[1882/25A.3]





1882/25B
(-)

Diameter: 35.5 mm

Metal: Gilt

Rarity: R7



Obverse: Like 1882/25A

Reverse: Blank, with screw attachment in centre

1882/26



Diameter: 23 mm
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6



Obverse: Similar to 1882/23 but date at base in outer circle. See table on preceding pages for finer detail

Reverse: Open, thin floral wreath with centre blank

Note: Example noted overstruck on English Young Head shilling

1882/27



Diameter: 64 mm
Metal: Copper
Rarity: R6

[1882/27.1]



Obverse: Open floral wreath similar to 1882/23 reverse but with minor differences in detail; in centre inscr SPECIAL PRIZE / AWARDED / TO / MILNER & THOMPSON / FOR / DRESDEN MODEL / PIANOS / 1882; inscr around top rim outside wreath NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION and around below CHRISTCHURCH

Reverse: Blank

Note: Edge milled off like 1882/23B

Versions: 1882/27.1 Copper
1882/27.2 Gilt



[1882/27.2]

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AUCKLAND BAND OF HOPE UNION 1884

A temperance organisation aimed at educating children and young people about the dangers of alcohol.



1884/1
(-)

Diameter: 16 mm, pierced,
button back
Metal: Bronze, Enamelled
Rarity: R6, R6



[1884/1.1]

Obverse: In centre circle inscr AUCKLAND (curved) / BAND / OF / HOPE / UNION (curved), with a cross in field to L and R. In outer circle around above PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE and around below 1884

Reverse: Bracteate (showing obverse detail in mirror image)

Versions: 1884/1.1 Bronze, pierced top and bottom
1884/1.2 Enamelled, button back

Note: See also related items in the Undated chapter



[1884/1.2]



RAILWAY LEAGUE 1884-85

Issued by the League as a membership numbered receipt (cost half a crown). Highest serial number recorded is 533. The League's aim to establish a South Island Railway system linking Christchurch, Westport and Nelson has never been achieved.

1884-85/1



Diameter: 30.25 mm
Metal: Lead
Rarity: R6



- Obverse:** In centre circle map of South Island with lines linking Christchurch, Westport and Nelson. In field at L RAILWAY, in field at R LEAGUE / [stamped serial number], all lettering here horizontal. In outer circle inscr around AUSPICIUM MELIORIS AEVI : AUDACES FORTUNA JUVAT : [A sign of better times, fortune favours the brave]
- Reverse:** Steam train to L in front of mountain scene, with smoke from smokestack above left slope of mountain. Top of smokestack between T and E of CANTERBURY. Inscr around above CANTERBURY WESTLAND NELSON and around below 1884-5
- Note:** The reverse illustrations for 1884-85/1 and 1A (2) were transposed in the 1996 edition, though the text descriptions were correct

1884-85/1A

(1884-85/2)

Diameter: 22.5 mm

Metal: Silver, White metal

[illustration unavailable]

Rarity: R7, R6

[illustration unavailable]

[1884-85/1A.1]

Obverse: In centre circle South Island map design similar to 1884-85/1, but RAILWAY LEAGUE is now curved and follows the line of the inner circle, with no stamped serial number.

Inscr in outer circle AUSPICUM MELIORIS AEVI : AUDACES FORTUNA JUVAT :

Reverse: Like 1884-85/1 but smoke from smokestack is entirely below the left slope of the mountain. Top of smokestack between N and T of CANTERBURY. Lettering overall is chunkier than on 1884-85/1



[1884-85/1A.2]



No. 1884-85/2 has been retired

NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION 1885

Opened on 1 August 1885 on reclaimed land near Lambton Quay, Wellington. The Government sponsored many prizes for exhibitors. The Exhibition closed on 31 October with recorded attendance of 132,787 persons.

1885/1

[illustration unavailable]	Metal:	Gold, Silver, Bronze, Gilt, Silvered copper	[illustration unavailable]
	Diameter:	42.00 mm	
	Rarity:	R5, R6, R7, R6, R7?	

[1885/1.1]

- Obverse: Shield in centre between floral sprigs; mountains to both sides at base, with harbour scene in the foreground with various buildings and symbols of industry. Inscr around above · N · Z · INDUSTRIAL · EXHIBITION
Inscr in exergue WELLINGTON / 1885
S. KOHN in minute letters inside lower rim
- Reverse: Open wreath of ferns with bow at bottom and space in centre for engraving. Inscr near top AWARDED / TO
- Versions: 1885/1.1 Gold
1885/1.2 Silver (5.25 mm thick)
1885/1.3 Bronze (6.25 mm thick)
1885/1.4 Gilt
1885/1.5 Silvered copper
1885/1A Uniface silver trial, thin



[1885/1.2]



[1885/1.3]



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[1885/1.4]



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[1885/1.5]

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[1885/1A]



1885/2



Diameter: 23 mm, pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Copper,
White metal
Rarity: R5 (all)

[1885/2.1]



Obverse: Inscr SOUVENIR (curved) / OF THE / NEW ZEALAND (curved) / INDUSTRIAL / EXHIBITION / WELLINGTON (curved) / 1885

Reverse: Two Māori in feather cloaks; male standing at L holding taiaha, female kneeling at R. Huts, tree and mountain in background

Note: For a similar reverse theme see 1889-90/12

Versions: 1885/2.1 Silver
1885/2.2 Gilt
1885/2.3 Copper
1885/2.4 White metal



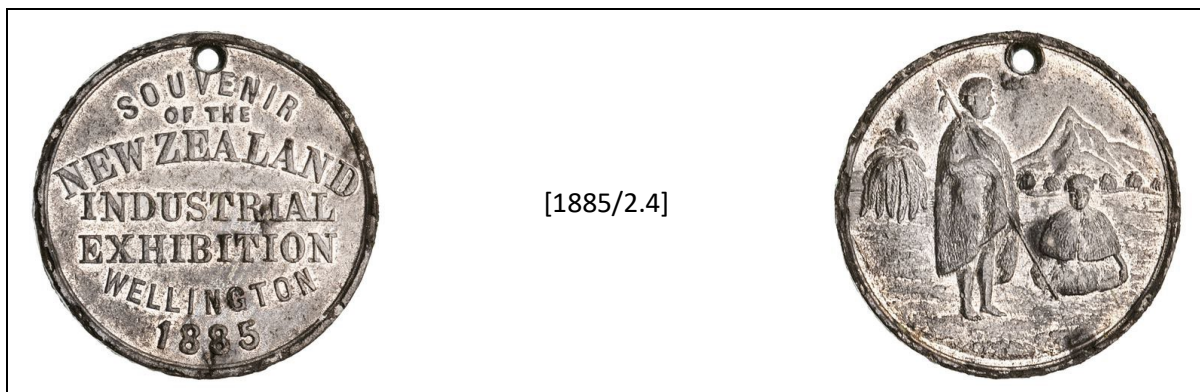
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[1885/2.3]

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1885/3



Diameter: 21 mm

Loop suspension,
pierced

Metal: Silver, Brass, White
metal

Rarity: R5, R5, R6

Maker: S. Kohn



[1885/3.1]

Obverse: Exhibition building in centre. Inscr around above WELLINGTON between floral elements. S. KOHN along ground line below building at right. Inscr in exergue -. AUG 1ST .- and date MDCCCLXXXV around below between floral elements

Reverse: N.Z.I.E. monogram in open wreath, in minute letters above lower rim B & C

Versions: 1885/3.1 Silver, loop suspension

1885/3.2 Brass

1885/3.3 White metal, pierced

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[1885/3.2]

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[1885/3.3]





No. 1885/4 has been retired.

NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION AWARD MEDAL 1885



SHOOTING MEDAL 1886



1886/1
(-)

Diameter: 35.5 mm
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7



Obverse: Like 1882/25 but legend removed from outer circle

Reverse: Like 1882/25 but struck legend AWARDED / TO inside wreath at top, and engraving in centre (this example: GUNR A. WEIR. / 2ND PRIZE / SHOOTING / 1886, with various decorative elements between and around)

QUEEN VICTORIA GOLDEN JUBILEE OF REIGN 1887

As part of the British Empire, New Zealand towns celebrated the 50th year of Queen Victoria's reign. Included in the celebrations was the issue of special commemorative pieces.

1887/1 – 1887/8 OBVERSE VARIETIES



All: Queen Victoria, diademed and veiled head to L; inscr around at left VICTORIA'S and around at right JUBILEE; date 1887 below bust. Inner rim a circle formed by conjoined crescents

Obverse 1: Concave date, H.S. on truncation, STOKES & MARTIN 22 L. COLLINS ST. MELB. on lower rim

Narrow gap between front of truncation and crescents



Obverse 2: Date slightly convex, almost straight, no H.S. on truncation, no maker's name or address on rim

Front of truncation overlaps two crescents



Obverse 3: Concave date, STOKES & MARTIN on truncation, no lettering on rim

Wider gap between front of truncation and crescents compared to Obverse 1



Obverse 4: Convex date, STOKES & MARTIN on truncation, no lettering on rim

Front of truncation touches crescents

1887/1



Diameter: 31 mm, pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Designer: Harry Stokes
Rarity: R4 (both)
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



[1887/1.1]

Obverse: Obverse 1

Reverse: Stock blank with pattern of alternating triangles with a zigzag line between forming outer circle (see also 1897/8 and 1898-99/1); in centre flag of the United Tribes of New Zealand with inscr around above + GREYMOUTH + and around below NEW ZEALAND

Versions: 1887/1.1 Silver
1887/1.2 Gilt



[1887/1.2]



1887/2

[illustration unavailable]	Diameter:	31 mm, pierced	[illustration unavailable]
	Metal:	Silver, Gilt, Copper	
	Rarity:	R4 (all)	
	Maker:	Stokes & Martin, Melbourne	

[1887/2.1]

- Obverse: Obverse 2
 Reverse: In centre circle British arms with inscr 20 JUNE / 1887 below. In outer circle inscr * LYTTLETON'S CELEBRATION * around above and NEW ZEALAND around below
 Note: LYTTLETON is spelt incorrectly on 1887/2 and 1887/2A
 Versions: 1887/2.1 Silver
 1887/2.2 Gilt
 1887/2.3 Copper



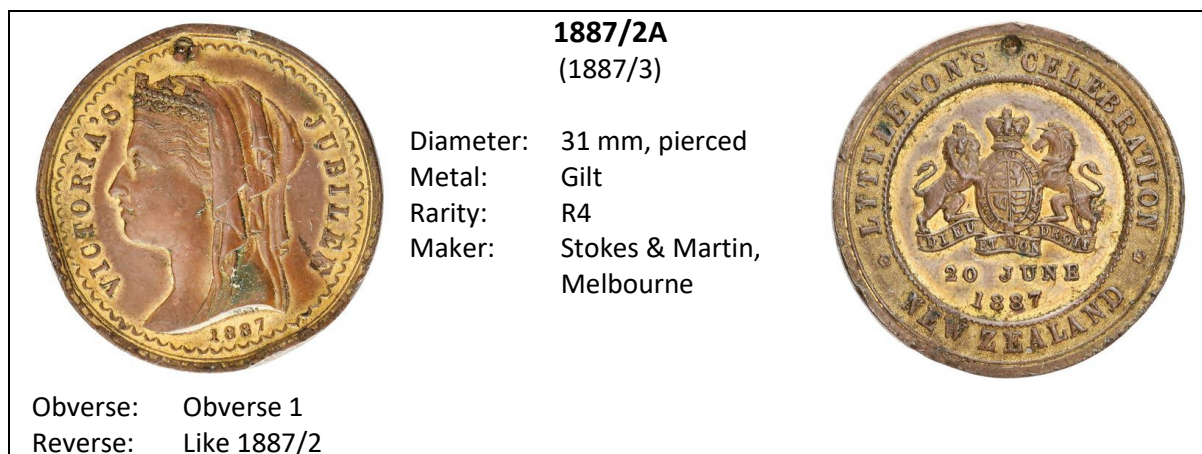
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[1887/2.3]



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No. 1887/3 has been retired

1887/4



Diameter: 31 mm, pierced
Metal: Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R2 (both)
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



[1887/4.1]

Obverse: Obverse 1

Reverse: Stock border design as per 1887/1. In centre circle inscr IN / COMMEMORATION / JUNE 21 1887 / G. SWAN; around above NAPIER N.Z. and around below MAYOR

Versions: 1887/4.1 Gilt
1887/4.2 Copper



[1887/4.2]



1887/4A
(1887/5)

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 31 mm, pierced
Metal: Silvered, Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R2 (all)
Maker: Stokes & Martin, Melbourne

[illustration unavailable]

[1887/4A.1]

Obverse: Obverse 3
Reverse: Like 1887/4
Version: 1887/4A.1 Silvered
1887/4A.2 Gilt
1887/4A.3 Copper



[1887/4A.2]



[1887/4A.3]



No. 1887/5 has been retired

1887/6

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 31 mm, pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R5, R2, R2
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne

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[1887/6.1]

Obverse: Obverse 4

Reverse: Stock border design as per 1887/1; in centre circle inscr EVERY / MAN TO DO / HIS DUTY / [blank cartouche] / NELSON'S; around above ENGLAND EXPECTS and around below SIGNAL

Versions: 1887/6.1 Silver
1887/6.2 Gilt
1887/6.3 Copper



[1887/6.2]



[1887/6.3]



1887/7



Diameter: 31 mm, pierced
Metal: Gilt, Copper
Rarity: R4 (both)
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



[1887/7.1]

Obverse: Obverse 1

Reverse: Stock border design as per 1887/1; in centre circle punga tree fern with inscr above AND / WEST COAST; date 1887 below; inscr around Above WANGANUI and around below * JUBILEE EXHIBITION *

Versions: 1887/7.1 Gilt
1887/7.2 Copper



[1887/7.2]



1887/8



Diameter: 31 mm, pierced
Metal: Gilt
Rarity: R4
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



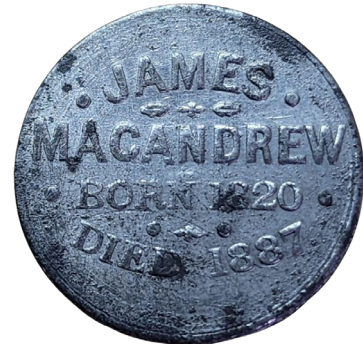
Obverse: Obverse 1 *[Note: Image from Morel 1996; original medal not sighted]*
Reverse: Stock border design as per 1887/1; in centre circle inscr JUNE 21 1837 in straight line
Note: Morel (1996) notes that “this may be an Australian issue”, but this type appears to be unrecorded in Carlisle

JAMES MACANDREW MEMORIAM FUND 1887

1887/9



Diameter: 23.5 mm
Metal: White metal
Rarity: R5
Maker: Marsden



Obverse: In centre 1887 / CONTRIBUTOR TO / MACANDREW / N.Z. with decorative elements flanking date and N.Z; around above IN MEMORIAM and around below MEMORIAL FUND. Decorative elements flank 1887 and N.Z.

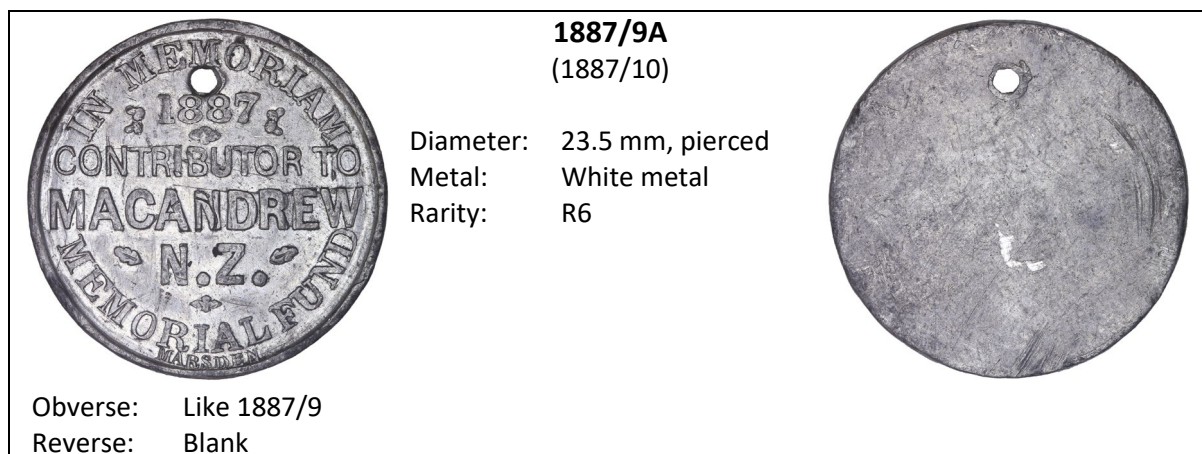
In small letters inside lower rim MARSDEN

Reverse: Inscr . JAMES . / MACANDREW / . BORN 1820 . / DIED 1887. Decorative elements below JAMES and above DIED 1887

Note: Described as “one of New Zealand’s most colourful and persuasive politicians”, Macandrew succeeded William Cargill as Superintendent of the Province of Otago. The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography records a mixture of boundless enthusiasm, impetuosity, grand schemes and eventually bankruptcy, gaol, and then a return to a career in politics. Some sources give his birthdate as 1819.

See <https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/1m1/macandrew-james>

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No. 1887/10 has been retired.

HANOVER ST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL DUNEDIN 1887

1887/11



Diameter: 34 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7



- Obverse: Perspective view of school buildings. Inscr around above +HANOVER · ST. · BAPTIST · SUNDAY · SCHOOL and around below DUNEDIN
- Reverse: Open wreath within which inscr HONOR'S / AWARD and space for engraving (LILY WEST / 1887 and E. BECKINGSALE / 1887 noted). Inside upper rim inscr around INDUSTRIAL and inside bottom rim EXHIBITION

QUEEN VICTORIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE 1887 – EMPIRE ISSUE



1887/12

Diameter: 45 mm
Metal: White metal
Rarity: R??



Obverse: Queen Victoria, crowned and veiled bust facing ¾ L. Inscr around left VICTORIA QUEEN and around right AND EMPRESS

Reverse: Trident vertically in centre with date 18 – 37 split above half-way point and 18 – 87 split below half-way point. Wreath of rose, thistle, shamrock and leek at L, and laurel [?] at R. Ribbons spiralling around wreath with inscr at L INDIA / BRITISH ISLES / NEW ZEALAND, at R CANADA / AUSTRALIA / AFRICA and on strip joining the two at the base REJOICE IN UNITY

AUCKLAND FREE ART SCHOOL 1889



1889/1

Diameter: 44 mm
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6
Maker: A. Teutenberg,
Auckland

[illustration of original
unavailable but compare reverse
of the Numismatic Society of
Auckland's decimalisation medal,
MP1967/4]

[1889/1.1]

Obverse: Shield between crossed branches joined by ribbon below; shield inscr A RECORD / THIS SCHOOL / WAS OPENED NOV. 1878 / AND CLOSED DEC. 1889 / DURING THAT TIME / KENNETT WATKINS / HELD THE APPOINTMENT OF / INSTRUCTOR / FIFTY EIGHT PRIZE WINNERS RECEIVED / The Free School of Art Medal / THE SCHOOL WAS FOUNDED & / MAINTAINED / by / J. LOGAN CAMPBELL Inscr around above AUCKLAND FREE SCHOOL OF ART and around below in small letters A. TEUTENBERG AUCKLAND. N.Z. (Note D of AUCKLAND is broken and looks more like an L – cf. M1906/4, which may have been made using dies reworked from this medal.)

Reverse: The Old Order Changeth design as per 1967 Numismatic Society of Auckland decimalisation medal (MP1967/4).

Versions: 1889/1.1 Two-sided with reverse design as above
1889/1.2 Uniface with blank reverse (Auckland Museum example)



[1889/1.2]

Medal, commemorative (1889).
Auckland War Memorial Museum
Tāmaki Paenga Hira. N2323.



[Reverse of MP1967/4 for
reference; cf. 1889/1 above]



NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH SEAS EXHIBITION OF 1889-1890

The Exhibition opened on 26 November 1889 on a site of 12½ acres belonging to the Dunedin Harbour Board. The intention of the Exhibition was to encourage closer ties and promote relations with Australasian colonies and South Pacific Islands and also to commemorate the jubilee of British sovereignty over New Zealand. A special Government grant of £10,000 paid for certain buildings and defrayed transportation costs for items borrowed from British art galleries. The Exhibition closed on 19 April 1890 and had attracted 625,478 visitors which enabled the guarantee company, which had been formed through the sale of 15,000 £1 shares, after paying all expenses, to have a surplus of £600.

1889/2



Diameter: 21.5 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6



Obverse: Exhibition building with 5 flags to R. Southern Cross in field above R. Inscr in exergue EXHIBITION / DUNEDIN
Reverse: Shield containing two human figures with three flags to each side, date 1889 and small wreath below. Sunburst above. Inscr inside lower rim at L ADVANCE and at R NEW ZEALAND

1889-90/1



Diameter: 20 mm
Metal: Silver, *Copper*
Rarity: R7

[1889-90/1.1]



Obverse: In centre circle harbour scene with large tree fern in left foreground with two kiwi on ground at bottom centre; canoe on water behind and hills in the background. In outer circle inscr around above NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH SEAS EXHIBITION and around below * 1889-90 * (note that 9 in first date appears to be recut over an 8)

Reverse: Blank

Note: Extant silver versions appear to have had a pin-bar at one time which has subsequently been removed (see 1889-90/1A)

Versions: 1889-90/1.1 Silver
1889-90/1.2 *Copper (reported by Morel but not confirmed)*

1889-90/1A

(1889-90/1 var)



Diameter: 44.2 x 20 mm
Fixed to pin bar
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7



Obverse: As 1889-90/1

Reverse: Recessed inscr on tie bar in two lines F HYAMS / STG SILVER



1889-90/2

Diameter: 22.5 mm,
link suspension,
unpierced, pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt, Brass
Rarity: R4, R4, R4

[1889-90/2.1.1]



- Obverse: Exhibition building. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH SEAS
Inscr in exergue EXHIBITION / -:1889-90:- (6 flags to L on building domes)
- Reverse: Similar to 1882/2C but variations including wider flags with a more circular overall effect, Southern Cross now superimposed on dividing lines in shield
- Versions:
- | | |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1889-90/2.1.1 | Silver, suspension loop |
| 1889-90/2.1.2 | Silver, unpierced, no suspension |
| 1889-90/2.1.3 | Silver, pierced, no suspension |
| 1889-90/2.2.1 | Gilt, suspension loop |
| 1889-90/2.2.2 | Gilt, pierced |
| 1889-90/2.3.1 | Brass, suspension loop |
| 1889-90/2.3.2 | Brass, pierced |



[1889-90/2.1.2]



[1889-90/2.1.3]





1889-90/2A

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Diameter: 55x23 mm
brooch pin
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R5



Note: Three medals combined to form a brooch. M1889-90/2 in centre, flanked at left by a mule of M1889-90/6 and an Australian medal (C1888/26) reading A / MERRY / CHRISTMAS / AND / A HAPPY / NEW YEAR within a trefoil inner border; and at right by M1889-90/6

1889-90/3



Diameter: 16.5 mm,
link suspension,
unpierced, pierced
Metal: Gold, Silver, Gilt silver
Rarity: R7, R4, R4

[1889-90/3.1]



Obverse: Similar to 1889-90/2 but NEW ZEALAND SOUTH SEAS, and inscr in exergue EXHIBITION / 89 - 90; two flags flying from domes

Reverse: Arms, similar to 1889-90/3

Versions: 1889-90/3.1 Gold (2.5 g, probably 9 ct), loop suspension
1889-90/3.2.1 Silver, loop suspension
1889-90/3.2.2 Silver, pierced
1889-90/3.3.1 Gilt silver, unpierced
1889-90/3.3.2 Gilt silver, pierced



[1889-90/3.2.1]



[1889-90/3.2.2]





1889-90/3A

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Diameter: 37x16.5 mm
brooch pin
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R5



Note: Three medals combined to form a brooch. M1889-90/3 in centre, flanked on each side by unperforated examples of M1889-90/14



1889-90/4

Diameter: 22.5 mm
pierced, link
suspension, no
suspension
Metal: Silver, Gilt copper, Gilt
brass
Rarity: R5, R5, R5



[1889-90/4.1.1]

Obverse: Like 1889-90/2

Reverse: Eiffel tower. Inscr 1000 – FEET / HI – GH split either side of tower. Inscr around above
..->. TOUR EIFFEL .<-..

Versions: 1889-90/4.1.1 Silver, link suspension
1889-90/4.1.2 Silver, no suspension
1889-90/4.2 Gilt copper, pierced
1889-90/4.3 Gilt brass, pierced

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[1889-90/4.1.2]

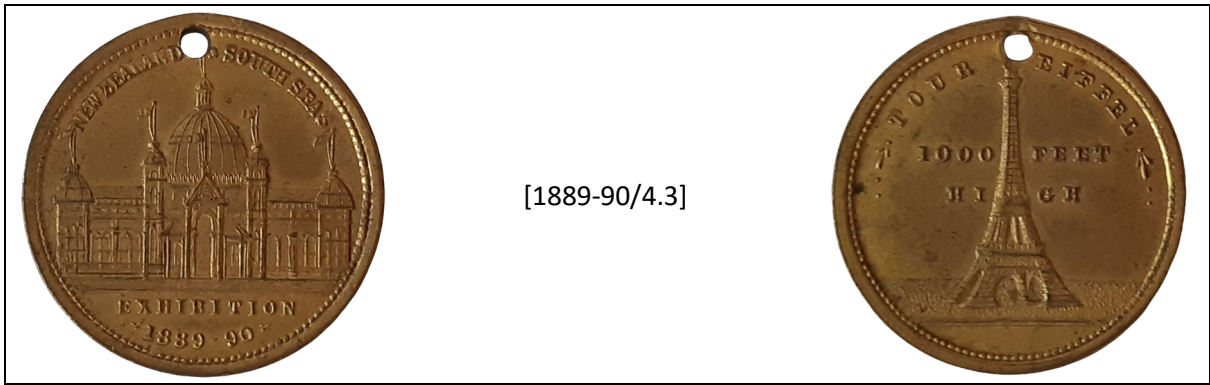
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[1889-90/4.2]



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1889-90/5



Diameter: 19.5 mm
pierced, link
suspension
Metal: Silver, Gilt brass
Rarity: R5, R5



[1889-90/5.1.1]

Obverse: Exhibition Building. Inscr in exergue STOKES & MARTIN. Note single flag to L in front of dome

Reverse: Like 1889-90/4 but arrows closer to letters, dot at arrow points weaker or missing

Note: Undated but kept in sequence with the other Eiffel Tower issues

Versions: 1889-90/5.1.1 Silver, pierced
1889-90/5.1.2 Silver, loop suspension
1889-90/5.2 Gilt brass, pierced



[1889-90/5.1.2]



[1889-90/5.2]



1889-90/6



Diameter: 19.5 mm
pierced, link
suspension
Metal: Gold, Silver, Gilt, Brass
Rarity: R7, R4, R4, R5

[1889-90/6.1]



Obverse: Like 1889-90/5

Reverse: Open wreath (tips almost touching) in centre. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH SEAS EXHIBITION and around below * 1889-90 *

Note: Silver examples sometimes overstruck on UK sixpence

Versions:

1889-90/6.1	Gold (4.1 g, 9 ct), link suspension
1889-90/6.2.1	Silver, link suspension
1889-90/6.2.2	Silver, pierced
1889-90/6.3	Gilt, pierced
1889-90/6.4	Brass



[1889-90/6.2.1]



[1889-90/6.2.2]



Commemorative Medals – 1880s



[1889-90/6.3]



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[1889-90/6.4]

[illustration unavailable]



1889-90/6A
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Diameter: 40 x 19.5 mm
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6



Note: Three medals combined to form a brooch. M1889-90/6 in centre, with M1889-90/14A on each side

1889-90/7

[illustration unavailable]

Diameter: 19.5 mm
pierced
Metal: Silver, Gilt
Rarity: R5, R5

[illustration unavailable]

[1889-90/7.1]

Obverse: Similar to 1889-90/5 but inscr in exergue EXHIBITION / 1890. Single flag on central canopy

Reverse: Like 1889-90/6

Versions: 1889-90/7.1 Silver
1889-90/7.2 Gilt



[1889-90/7.2]



Note: The former 1889-90/8 and 1889-90/9 are undated and have been moved to the Undated chapter. Cf. the former 1882/9, which has a comparable obverse

1889-90/10



Diameter: 31 mm,
pierced & unpierced
Metal: Gilt, Copper, Brass
Rarity: R5, R5, R5
Maker: Stokes & Martin,
Melbourne



[1889-90/10.1]

Obverse: In beaded centre circle exhibition building; inscr STOKES & MARTIN / MELBOURNE in exergue; in outer circle inscr around above NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH SEAS EXHIBITION and around below 1889 – 90

Reverse: In centre circle tattooed Māori head to R (type as used on 1882/2 and others); in outer circle inscr around above STRUCK AT THE EXHIBITION MINT and around below DUNEDIN between decorative elements

Versions: 1889-90/10.1 Gilt
1889-90/10.2 Copper
1889-90/10.3 Brass

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[1889-90/10.2]

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[1889-90/10.3]



1889-90/11



Diameter: 17.5 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7



Obverse: Exhibition building. Inscr around above NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH SEAS
Inscr in exergue EXHIBITION / 1889 90
Central pillars align with I's flanking B in EXHIBITION; 3 pillars in L&R wings of building
Reverse: Bust of Māori warrior with cloak and taiaha $\frac{3}{4}$ R. Inscr around above ADVANCE NEW ZEALAND.

1889-90/12



Diameter: 17.5 mm
loop suspension
Metal: Silver, Bronze
Rarity: R6, R6

[1889-90/12.1]



Obverse: Similar to 1889-90/11 but inscr around above N.Z & S.S.E. Date in exergue is higher, periods after date and EXHIBITION. IBI of EXHIBITION offset to left compared with central pillars; 2 pillars in L&R wings of building

Reverse: Māori warrior in cloak, standing with taiaha over shoulder, woman kneeling at R, both among reeds. Water behind with prow of canoe at R and mountains in background. Inscr around above ADVANCE NEW ZEALAND.

Note: For a similar reverse theme see 1885/2

Versions: 1889-90/12.1 Silver
1889-90/12.2 Bronze

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[1889-90/12.2]

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1889-90/12A

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Diameter: 17.5 mm
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7



Obverse: As 1889-90/12

Reverse: As 1889-90/11

Note: Mule of 1889-90/12 and 11; second example noted possibly gilded and with loop broken off

1889-90/13



Diameter: 13 mm
pierced, unpierced
Metal: Silver, Brass, *White metal*
Edge: Milled
Rarity: R7, R7



Obverse: Inscr EXHIBITION / SOUVENIR (text curved with decorative elements above, below and between)

Reverse: Crowned arms in wreath. Inscr around left IMITATION OF and at right A HALF CROWN

Note: Size and reverse design match those of popular miniatures of UK coinage made by Lauer in Nuremberg

Versions: 1889-90/13.1 Silver, unpierced
1889-90/13.2 Brass, pierced
1889-90/13.3 *White metal (reported in 2015 but unconfirmed)*




[1889-90/13.2]



	<p>1889-90/13A (1889-90/15)</p>	
	<p>Diameter: 13 mm pierced, unpierced Metal: Silver, Silvered Rarity: R6, R6</p>	
	<p>[1889-90/13A.1]</p>	
<p>Obverse: Like 1889-90/13</p>		
<p>Reverse: Copy of Pistrucci design of St George and the Dragon from UK sovereigns; date in exergue 1889-90</p>		
<p>Note: Mule of 1889-90/13 and 1889-90/14</p>		
<p>Versions: 1889-90/13A.1 Silver (not known if all are unpierced)</p>		
<p>1889-90/13A.2 Silvered (not known if all are pierced)</p>		
	<p>[1889-90/13A.2]</p>	

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1889-90/14




Diameter: 13 mm
pierced

Metal: Silver

Edge: Milled

Rarity: R7




Obverse: Queen Victoria, Young Head to left, copying Wyon effigy used on 1840 Indian rupees; inscr around above DUNEDIN EXHIBITION

Reverse: As 1889-90-13A

No: 1889-90/15 has been retired

1889-90/14A
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Diameter: 13 mm
pierced

Metal: Silver

Edge: Milled


Rarity: R7



Obverse: Like 1889-90/14 obverse

Reverse: Like 1889-90/13 reverse


1889-90/14B
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Diameter: 13 mm
pierced

Metal: Silver

Rarity: R7



Obverse: Like 1889-90/13A reverse

Reverse: Like 1889-90/13 reverse

1889-90/16



Diameter: 27.8 x 22.9 mm,
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R6



- Obverse: Exhibition building, inscr DUNEDIN / 1889 90 below with crossed twigs at base; inscr around above NZ&S.S. EXHIBITION
Reverse: Shield featuring bust of Māori warrior with cloak and taiaha; three flags draped to each side, foliage below and sunburst above

1889-90/17

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Diameter: 19 mm
loop suspension
Metal: Silver
Rarity: R7
Maker: H. Ross, Dunedin



- Obverse: Exhibition building with inscr around above NEW ZEALAND & SOUTH SEAS; in exergue inscr EXHIBITION / 1889-90
Reverse: Open wreath with space for engraving in centre. Inscr inside top rim DUNEDIN and inside bottom rim H. ROSS
Note: Possibly overstruck on a 6d

List of Makers & Manufacturers

Medallists and Manufacturers

G. Coates & Co. Christchurch	Established in Nelson in 1851, relocated to Christchurch 1861. Manufacturing jewellers, watchmakers, opticians, etc.
Siegfried Kohn Wellington	Medallist (1854 – after 1902), brother of Adolph Kohn. Took over Kohn & Co. in 1885 and was listed as “jeweller, optician, watchmaker and importer of jewellery and silverware” in 1896. Produced 1885 NZIE medal, the series of Wellington Jubilee medalets in 1890 and the 1897 Diamond Jubilee medalets (1897/2, 2A). Business taken over by G.T. White of Wellington and Christchurch sometime after 1902. See NZNJ 81 (December 2003)
L. Chr. Lauer Nuremberg, Germany	A well known family of manufacturers. The firm was established in the 18 th century and under the name L. Chr. Lauer Nürnberg made many tokens, counters, medals and miniature imitations of British coins, as well as supplying blanks and stock medals for third-party use.
G.H. Marsden Dunedin	In the 1885-86 edition of <i>Wise’s Directory</i> , G.H. Marsden advertised that he was “successor to S. Reading” and occupied the Bath Street premises (see Reading entry below)
S. Reading Dunedin	Samuel Reading appeared in <i>Wise’s Directory</i> for 1883-84 where he advertised that he was, amongst other things, a “die sinker, letter cutter, engraver and medallist”. His business address was given as Bath Street, Dunedin (NZNJ 82, December 2004)
H. Ross Dunedin	Designer of 1889-90/17 and 1897/4
Stokes Melbourne, VIC, and Riverwood, NSW PO Box 779 Riverwood NSW 2210 Australia +61-2-8525 7676 sales@stokesbadges.com.au	Founded 1856. Prominent manufacturer responsible for producing many tradesmen’s tokens and medals for Australia and New Zealand. Later Stokes & Martin, Thomas Stokes & Sons, and now Stokes Badges

List of Makers & Manufacturers

Anton Teutenberg	<p>Born near Cologne in 1840 and settled in NZ in 1866. A prolific maker of medals, decorations, seals, etc. He retired during WW1 and his business was sold.</p> <p>The definitive reference work is Teutenberg, A Master Engraver & His Work, by John Cresswell and James Duncan (2007), ISBN 0-473-07251-3</p>
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Rarity Scale

To assist the collector in determining the possibility of obtaining any of the listed commemorative pieces, a rarity scale has been included. This is based upon the combined personal knowledge of collectors and dealers.

No estimates of value have been included as this publication is intended as a numismatic record not a price catalogue. In some respects, it is unnecessary as collectors and dealers already have a market worth and appreciation of commemoratives and will pay accordingly.

As a general rule rarity does not automatically mean that a medallion is highly valuable. In numismatics, prices depend on additional factors to scarcity such as condition and demand. Also, handsome medallions commemorating events or occasions of importance can be worth more than equally scarce or scarcer pieces issued for unimportant or obscure events. For example 1865/1 or 1872/1 both with a R5 rarity are more valuable than 1882/16B with a R6 rarity or 1906-07/39 with an even higher R7.

Also, price quotes quickly become outdated.

R1	very common	
R2	common	
R3	normal	
R4	scarce	
R5	rare	(estimated 11 to 25 known)
R6	very rare	(estimated 4 to 10 known)
R7	extremely rare	(estimated 1 to 3 known)

The rarity figures provided are the compilers' best estimates in each case and are not definitive. The editors would be interested to learn of any known mintage figures or confirmed known quantities that suggest any of the stated estimates should be changed.

About the Authors ...

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Martin arrived in New Zealand as a five-year-old in 1970 with a matchbox full of British coins that eventually formed the basis for his collection.

The discovery of coins with legends in foreign languages and different alphabets led him to a career as a translator, though he has remained an active collector and student of coins and medals for over 50 years.

A former President of both the Royal Numismatic Society of New Zealand (2003-2006) and the Wellington Coin Club (1989-1994), and Secretary of the RNSNZ (1990-1997), he was involved in editing and publishing the Society's Journal for over twenty-five years, becoming a Fellow of the Society in 2003.

More recently he collaborated with Hamish MacMaster on larger-scale undertakings such as the two editions of the catalogue of post-1940 Commemorative Medals published in 2009 and 2014, and the first and second editions of the Catalogue of NZ Challenge Coins (2011, 2016). In collaboration with Rodney, he compiled and published a supplement to the 2nd edition in May 2019.

A new initiative is this chapter-by-chapter electronic publication of a third edition of Leon Morel's catalogue of pre-1940 medallic commemoratives, with an electronic third edition of the "MacMaster" post-1940 catalogue being prepared in parallel.

A keen vintage car enthusiast, Martin also edits Sphinx-NZ, the magazine of the Armstrong Siddeley Car Club in NZ.

Jason Gray



Jason started to take an interest in numismatics after being shown a 1993 kingfisher design \$2 coin by his grandfather as a teenager. But it was not until many years later that he started collecting coins himself, joining the Manawatu Numismatic Society in 2007. His interests extended to medals and tokens. However, his passion is in the small details of coin errors, and this is documented on his website coinerrors.nz.

Now Jason works on discovering, photographing, and cataloguing New Zealand coins, tokens, and commemorative medals, and has contributed to the medal and challenge coin catalogues in this series since 2014.

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He spent the next 13 years overseas in Malaya, Singapore and finally on the island of Zanzibar in East Africa, and has fond memories of sea, sand, and sun on the beaches there, with boarding school just a plane, train, and bus ride away in Kenya.

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After returning by ship (the P&O liner Chusan) via Cape Town to England, he could not wait to leave again, and in 1978 with a young family in tow emigrated to New Zealand.

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Hamish has been a member of the Royal Numismatic Society of NZ for over twenty-five years, serving as its Assistant Secretary (2003) and Secretary (2009-2013), and is currently a Vice President (2014-).

In addition to regular articles for the Society's Journal, he has written, in collaboration with Martin Purdy, the 2009 Catalogue of New Zealand Commemorative Medals 1941-2007, and its updated and expanded 2nd edition in 2014; and the 2011 New Zealand Challenge Coins: A Catalogue, and its second edition in 2016.

In 2010 he became a Fellow of the Society.

Pursuing a diplomatic career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hamish served as New Zealand's Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran accredited also to Afghanistan and Pakistan (2004-2009) and was subsequently Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2015), resident in Riyadh and also accredited to Bahrain, Kuwait, and Oman. In 2016 his list of (non-resident) accreditations was expanded when he was appointed as New Zealand's first ever Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen. Hamish returned from serving again as Ambassador to Iran in 2021.

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