

# **The Catalogue of Bronze Coinage of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia**

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## New Brunswick

The New Brunswick dollar's exchange rate was, like the Canadian dollar, \$1 to the US dollar (p123, Haxby & Wiley, *Coins of Canada*, 1984), and  $\$4.86\frac{2}{3}$  to the British pound (p14, Haxby & Wiley, *Coins of Canada*, 1984). This meant that one cent was worth slightly less than a British halfpenny.

# HALF CENT

The New Brunswick half cent was never ordered as the exchange rate did not necessitate it - rather, the Royal Mint accidentally produced the coins assuming that they were required like in Nova Scotia. Some are believed to have been shipped to Halifax though most were destroyed at the Royal Mint once the mistake had been discovered.

The New Brunswick half cent was struck the same size as the British farthing and the obverse dies used were British farthing obverse dies.

Obverse	Details	Use	Reference
1	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 137 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861	Freeman 3 Gouby C Peck 3

Reverse	Details	Use	Reference
A	<b>Design:</b> A crown with the date below, surrounded by a wreath of roses and mayflowers with the denomination HALF CENT above and NEW BRUNSWICK below <b>Designer:</b> Horace Morehen <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	

## Specifications

Composition	Details	Use
1	Cu: 95% Sn: 4% Zn: 1%	1861

Dimensions	Details	Use
A	Mass: 2.79g Diameter: 20mm Edge: plain	1861

Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
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Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
1861			Royal Mint, London		222,800	NB. ½C.1861.L.1A/1A	

ONE CENT

The New Brunswick one cent was struck the same size as the British halfpenny and the obverse dies used were British halfpenny obverse dies.

Obverse	Details	Use	Reference
1	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: <b>Designer:</b> James Wyon <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	
2	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 153 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861 1864	Dracott 7 Freeman 7 Gouby H Lewendon 7 Peck 6

Reverse	Details	Use	Reference
A	<b>Design:</b> A crown with the date below, surrounded by a wreath of roses and mayflowers with the denomination ONE CENT above and NEW BRUNSWICK below <b>Designer:</b> Horace Morehen <b>Engraver:</b>	1861 1864	

Specifications

Composition	Details	Use
1	Cu: 95% Sn: 4% Zn: 1%	1861 1864

Dimensions	Details	Use
A	Mass: 5.67g Diameter: 25.5mm Edge: plain	1861 1864

Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NB.1C.1861.L.1A/1A	Charlton NB-1

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Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
1861			Royal Mint, London		1,000,000	NB.1C.1861.L.2A/1A	
1864			Royal Mint, London		1,000,000	NB.1C.1864.L.2A/1A	

## Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia dollar's exchange rate was \$5 to the British pound which meant that a sixpence equalled 12½ cents and a shilling equalled 25 cents: while the half cent and cent were physically more or less the same as the British farthing and halfpenny they were worth slightly less than their British counterparts (p119, Haxby & Wiley, *Coins of Canada*, 1984).

## HALF CENT

The Nova Scotia half cent was struck the same size as the British farthing and the obverse dies used were British farthing obverse dies.

Obverse	Details	Use	Reference
1	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: <b>Designer:</b> James Wyon <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	
2	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 137 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861	Freeman 2 Gouby B Peck 2
3	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 137 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861 1864	Freeman 3 Gouby C Peck 3

Reverse	Details	Use	Reference
A	<b>Design:</b> A crown surrounded by a wreath of roses all surrounded by the legend • NOVA-SCOTIA HALF CENT • and the year <b>Designer:</b> <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	
B	<b>Design:</b> A crown with the date below, surrounded by a wreath of roses and mayflowers with the denomination HALF CENT above and NOVA SCOTIA below <b>Designer:</b> Horace Morehen <b>Engraver:</b>	1861 1864	

## Specifications

Composition	Details	Use
1	Cu: 95% Sn: 4% Zn: 1%	1861 1864

Dimensions	Details	Use
A	Mass: Diameter: Edge: plain	1861 1864

Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.½C.1861.L.1A/1A	Charlton NS-3
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.½C.1861.L.2A/1A	Charlton NS-9



Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
Although the reverse is undated it is assumed that the coin was probably prepared in 1861 or was at least to be dated 1861 as no 1860-dated coins are known.							
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.½C.1861.L.1B/1A	Charlton NS-7
1861			Royal Mint, London			NS.½C.1861.L.3B/1A	
1864			Royal Mint, London			NS.½C.1864.L.3B/1A	

## ONE CENT

The Nova Scotia one cent was struck the same size as the British halfpenny and the obverse dies used were British halfpenny obverse dies.

Obverse	Details	Use	Reference
1	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: <b>Designer:</b> James Wyon <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	
2	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 153 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861	Dracott 3 Freeman 3 Gouby D Lewendon 3
3	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 153 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861	Dracott 4 Freeman 4 Gouby E Lewendon 4 Peck 3
4	<b>Design:</b> Portrait of Queen Victoria surrounded by the legend VICTORIA D:G: BRITT: REG: F:D: and 153 rim denticles. <b>Designer:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon <b>Engraver:</b> Leonard Charles Wyon	1861 - 1862 1864	Dracott 7 Freeman 7 Gouby H Lewendon 7 Peck 6

## Specifications

Composition	Details	Use
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Reverse	Details	Use	Reference
A	<b>Design:</b> A crown surrounded by a wreath of roses all surrounded by the legend • NOVA-SCOTIA ONE CENT • and the year <b>Designer:</b> <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	
B	<b>Design:</b> A crown with the date below, surrounded by a wreath of roses and mayflowers with the denomination ONE CENT above and NOVA SCOTIA below <b>Designer:</b> Horace Morehen <b>Engraver:</b>	1861	
The bud after SCOTIA and one of its petals almost the linear circle.			
C	<b>Design:</b> A crown with the date below, surrounded by a wreath of roses and mayflowers with the denomination ONE CENT above and NOVA SCOTIA below <b>Designer:</b> Horace Morehen <b>Engraver:</b>	1861 - 1862 1864	
The bud after SCOTIA and one of its petals are away from the linear circle.			

Dimensions	Details	Use
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Composition	Details	Use
1	Cu: 95% Sn: 4% Zn: 1%	1861 - 1862 1864

Dimensions	Details	Use
A	Mass: 5.67g Diameter: 25.5mm Edge: plain	1861 - 1862 1864

Year	Reverse	Obverse	Mint	Mark	Mintage	Number	Reference
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.1C.1861.L.1A/1A	Charlton NS-4
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.1C.1861.L.2A/1A	Charlton NS-6
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.1C.1861.L.3A/1A	Charlton NS-10
Although the reverse is undated it is assumed that the coin was probably prepared in 1861 or was at least to be dated 1861 as no 1860-dated coins are known.							
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.1C.1861.L.1B/1A	Charlton NS-8
1861			Royal Mint, London		Patterns only	NS.1C.1861.L.1C/1A	Charlton NS-8a
1861			Royal Mint, London			NS.1C.1861.L.4B/1A	
1861			Royal Mint, London		Included in above	NS.1C.1861.L.4C/1A	
1862			Royal Mint, London			NS.1C.1862.L.4C/1A	
1864			Royal Mint, London		800,000	NS.1C.1864.L.4C/1A	

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