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**Form:** Circular

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**Date:** 1862

**Ref:** Laidlaw: 0484;

| Variations: | Size    | Metal         | Mass   | Value |
|-------------|---------|---------------|--------|-------|
|             | 27.4 mm | Copper-Bronze | 7.4 gm | \$25  |

**Edge:** Plain.

**Obverse:** Bare head of the young Prince Imperial, left. Signed: "J.PEYRE" below the truncation and: "STERN.F" at the foot.

**Reverse:** Across: "S.M. / L'IMPÉRATRICE / FONDATRICE / PRÉSIDENTE" / (line) / PRÊTS / DE L'ENFANCE / AU TRAVAIL / (line)  
Legend above: "SOCIÉTÉ DU PRINCE IMPÉRIAL" and below: "15 7 BRE. 1862".

**Notes:** The Society of the Prince Imperial was a French charitable organization founded by imperial decree on 15 September 1862 under the patronage of Empress Eugenie under the patronage of her son, the Prince Imperial. The concept was to use children as fund raisers and employ the accumulated capital to make small loans to needy artisans.

Napoléon, Prince Imperial (1856-1879) was the only child of Emperor Napoleon III of France. His godmother was Queen Victoria.

His father was dethroned in 1870 and the Prince move to England with his family. He was proclaimed Napoleon IV in ex the death of his father in 1873.

He was killed during the Anglo-Zulu War in 1879.