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Form: Circular. White metal shell over cardboard holed at 12 o'clock

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Ref: AM2: 82A (similar); Laidlaw: 0340a;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
38.2 mm	White Metal Shell	5.7 gm	\$10

Edge: Upright reeded.

Obverse: Conjugate bare heads of the King and Queen, right. Sprig of laurel below. Legend within a toothed border round the rim: "EDWARD VII (cross) QUEEN ALEXANDRA".

Reverse: Coat of arms of Cradock flanked by ostrich plumes with cornucopia crest and motto: "PERSEVERANTIA VINCIT". Legend above on a band with beaded borders inside and outside: "TO COMMEMORATE THEIR MAJESTIES CORONATION". Legend below between stops: "JUNE 26TH. 1902".

Notes: Cradock is a town in, the then, Cape Colony, 290 northeast of Port Elizabeth. The town was found by Sir John Cradock during the Frontier War of 1812 as a stronghold to secure the eastern area of the Colony. In the early 1900s there was a boom in demand for ostrich feathers leading to temporary prosperity.