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Form: Circular

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Date: 1925

Ref: BHM: 4193; Eimer: 1987; Laidlaw: 1255;

Variations:

| Size | Metal | Mass | Value |
|---------|-----------------|---------|-------|
| 51.1 mm | Darkened bronze | 68.7 gm | \$120 |

Edge: Plain. Sometimes privately named.

Obverse: Crowned and robed bust of King George V, left (as on colonial coinage). Signed: "B.M." on the truncation. Legend: "GEORGIVUS V BRITT: OMN: REX ET IND: IMP:"

Reverse: Three figures personifying agriculture, housing and transportation, in Art Deco style. Signed: "PM" lower left. Legend: "EMPIRE EXHIBITION 1925".

Notes: Comes in a square red fitted case lined on the inside with white silk and blue velvet.

This was the official exhibition medal for the 1925 session and was awarded unnamed. A similar medal (Laidlaw 0326) awarded for the 1924 session.

The Exhibition was a was a display case for the nations of the British Empire. It was opened by King George V on 23 April (Saint George's Day) and ran until 31 October 1925. There were two sessions, the 1924 session and the 1925 session, break over the winter months. Of the 58 territories which composed the Empire at the time, 56 participated with exhibits pavilions. It was the largest exhibition ever staged in the world and attracted 27 million visitors.

South Africa had a pavilion exhibiting, agriculture, manufacturing and mining.

BHM records a mintage of 8,306 example made by the Royal Mint.