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Form: Circular

By: Leonard Charles Wyon / Heaton Mint

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Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
51.9 mm	Bronze	78.5 gm	\$50

Edge: Plain. Thickness at rim 4.8 mm.

Obverse: Bareheaded bust of the Prince, left. Signed: "L.C. WYON F." below the truncation. Legend: "ALBERT EDWARD PRINCE OF WALES EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT" with stop at the foot.

Reverse: Within a wreath of oak leaves and acorns tied at the foot, across: "COLONIAL / AND INDIAN / EXHIBITION / LONDON 1886"

Notes: The exhibition of raw materials, manufactured products and works of art from India and the Colonies was opened by Queen Victoria on 4th May 1886. It was held in South Kensington on a site adjacent to the Albert Hall.

From the local South African exhibition held the previous year in Port Elizabeth, the best displays were selected to be shown in London. According to the Illustrated London News, the Cape of Good Hope put on the finest shows in the annex devoted to Africa. These included a model of a diamond mine, stuffed ostriches, paintings of the Colony, heads of game, raw materials and manufactured products.

L.C. Wyon was a member of the renowned family of designers and engravers. In 1851 he succeeded his father as Chief Engraver at the Royal Mint, a post he held until his death in 1901.