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Form: Circular

By: P.W. Ellis & Co. of Toronto

Date: 1900

Ref: Hern: 904 (obv); Laidlaw: 0771b;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
34.5 mm	White Metal	15.2 g	\$250

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Four mounted members of Strathcona's Horse, advancing in a line front right, each holding a banner standard. Front banner waving right, reads: "STRATHCONA". On the left, wreath of palm with maple leaves at the bottom enclosing the text: "FOR SOUTH / AFRICA / 1900". Signed: "P.W. ELLIS & CO." round left rim.

Reverse: A sheathed sword dividing the field vertically. At the top, surrounding the sword's hilt, a laurel wreath inscribed within: "FOR SOUTH / AFRICA / 1900". Below this, a dove with outstretched wings, facing downwards, holding a ribbon inscribed: "WELCOME HOME". The legend around above: "CANADA'S (left) BRAVE BOYS (right)". At the foot, sprigs of maple leaves, and maker's name around the edge: "P.W.ELLIS & Co. TORONTO".

Notes: Comes in a square, maroon, fitted cardboard box.

This reverse of this medal was taken from the reverse of the Toronto Tribute medal made by P.W. Ellis (Laidlaw 0059a).

There is another medal with the same obverse for Strathcona's Horse (Laidlaw 0177a).

Donald Alexander Smith, 1st Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal, (1820-1914) was a Scottish-born Canadian businessman. In January 1900 Lord Strathcona offered to finance a force of 500 mounted riflemen recruited from the Canadian North-West Mounted Police. On 16th March the regiment embarked with 28 officers, 512 other ranks, horses and equipment. Lord Strathcona's Horse sailed for South Africa with 28 scouts and escorts until 20th January 1901 when the regiment re-embarked for Canada. Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) is a now regular armoured regiment of the Canadian Army.