

Medal commemorative

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Commemorative medal of the Canadian National Bank. One side features the Canadian National Bank branch on Place d'Armes. The reverse shows Lambert Closse with his dog Pilote.

**Accession
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Materials

Measurements

Historical context

This commemorative medal celebrates the reopening, in October 1968, of the Canadian National Bank (CNB) branch at 500 Place d'Armes.

This new, larger, ultra-modern building replaces the old BCN building, demolished in 1966, and better meets the needs of the bank's head office. In 1968, the opening was celebrated with a banquet and the production of this commemorative medal.

The Canadian National Bank was born in 1924 from the merger of the Banque Nationale de Québec and the Banque d'Hochelaga. In 1979, the BCN merged with the Banque Provinciale to become the National Bank of Canada.

On the reverse of the medal, an illustration of Lambert Closse and his dog Pilote symbolizes courage, perseverance and safety. Closse was sergeant-major of the Ville-Marie garrison from 1648 until his death in 1662, and acting governor of the city from 1655 to 1657. He is renowned for his defense and protection of Ville-Marie, and his participation in the release of French prisoners. His actions earned him the title of savior of Montreal. This representation was inspired by Louis-Philippe Hébert's Monument à Maisonneuve, installed in 1895 in the center of Place d'Armes.