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**DATE: JANUARY 14, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30 .**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA , 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR LECTURE ROOM P138.**

**PROGRAM: SLIDE PRESENTATION ON HUDSON  
BAY COINAGE, MEMBER BOURSE**

**(MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR  
EXTRA COINS TO SELL AND TRADE)**

### NEW MEETING LOCATION REMINDER

This is to remind members that the Club will be starting the new Year at our new location in the Provincial Museum of Alberta. The address is noted above and the room is on the main floor, past the Cafeteria and to the left in Lecture room P138. Please pass this on to other members and Guests are welcome to attend. SEE YOU ALL THERE ON THE 14TH!

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### 1992 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR 1992 ANNUAL DUES, THIS IS A REMINDER TO PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DUES WILL ONCE AGAIN BE THE SAME AS PREVIOUS YEARS AND THE COST IS LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ADJACENT COLUMN. THE COST FOR POSTAGE IS CONTINUING TO RISE BUT OUR RATES HAVE BEEN THE SAME FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW. A RENEWAL NOTICE IS ONCE AGAIN INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR MAIL IN MEMBERS OR PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE MEETING ON JANUARY 14TH.

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### DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Joe welcomed the 21 members in attendance at Decembers Annual General Meeting. Joe read a letter of thanks from Earl Salterio for the Club sponsering him to attend our November meeting. In addition, a letter from the Provincial Museum was read to the members confirming our new meeting location. Joe then turned the meeting over to Wray who has been handling the Annual election duties for several years now. Further nominations were received from the floor, with requests for further nominations given 3 readings for each position. The official list of elected /acclamated positions is noted later on in this newsletter. All positions were filled once again. Following the election, a motion was made to destroy all ballots.

As is traditionally done at the conclusion of the annual elections, Wray presented the Past executive members with 1991 Silver dollars in appreciation for the work done in the past year. Presentations were made to:

Joe Bardy - President, Mike Schneider - Secretary, John Callaghan - Treasurer, and for the first time this year, to Ray Neiman for his hard work in conducting the Auctions throughout the year. Joe then thanked the Executive for a job well done for 1991.  
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## **MINUTES CON'T**

Joe then went on to conduct the Christmas Raffle draw. Several members pulled the winning tickets out of the box, and the complete list of winners is noted later in this newsletter. Thanks was extended to all donators for their generous contributions, which netted the club over \$180.00 toward 1992 operations. Congratulations were extended to the winners in attendance, with Joe given the responsibility to contact the winners not in attendance and present them with the prizes.

One more prize was drawn for and that was a free attendance draw of a 1989 PL mint set, which was won by Al Szlabey. Al then graciously donated the prize back to the Club for January's attendance draw.

Throughout Decembers meeting, the members enjoyed many varieties of bake goods and refreshments brought in for the members. Thanks was extended to all who brought in items for the members to enjoy. The meeting adjourned after all were wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year by Joe.

## **1992 ELECTION RESULTS**

Once again a full slate of Executive positions was filled within the Club. Nominations were received in November and again at Decembers meeting and the results of the Election is as follows:

PRESIDENT - Joe Bardy

VICE-PRESIDENT - Ray Neiman

TREASURER - John Callaghan

SECRETARY - Mike Schneider

DIRECTORS - Terry Cheesman, Ed Dreger, Howard Gilbey, Dan Gosling, and Elden Kuss.

As you can see, again the executive looks pretty much the same, with the exception of one new director. New blood is always good in an organization, but we'll except the filled positions by acclamation as well. Thanks are extended to the above members for again being willing to spend a bit more of their time on behalf of the Club.

Other executive positions are the Past-President, Wray Eltom and a new appointed position of Junior Director, which is being filled by David Peter.

Our first Executive meeting of the new year will be held at Joe's on January 7th, where we hope to come up with some new program ideas and topics for the new year. Members are encouraged to request topics of interest or provide comments on the activities of the Club. Anyone wishing to suggest topics for club meetings can contact Joe or any member of the Executive.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW WINNERS**

The following is a list of Raffle Prizes and Donators and their respective prize winners which was drawn at the December meeting:

Telephone (Donated by Greg Wichman) - John Ward

Turkey (Donated by Jack Jensen) - Norm Mitchell

Ham (Donated by Ray Neiman) - Al Szlabey

Bottle of Chivas (Donated by Elden Kuss) - Ed Dreger

Wine Set (Donated by Howard Gilbey) - Wray Eltom

Chocolates (Donated by Joe Bardy) - Vickie Obirek

Thanks are again extended to the donators and congratulations to the winners. Money received in the order of \$180.00 will be used for programs and expenses for the coming year by the Club.

## **CLUB DONATIONS**

Thanks are extended to Gerhard Knopke (member #46), for his generous donation to the club, along with his annual dues. The Club wishes to thank all members who have donated money, auction material and books for the Club library over the past year. Anyone wishing to donate to the Club may do so at any meeting or to any member of the Executive. Books for the Club library are especially appreciated.

## **FEBRUARY AUCTION PLANNED**

It's been several months since the last auction, so we will once again be starting our auctions in February. Anyone wishing to put in up to 5 lots may do so by calling Mike at 463-4452 by January 31st. The first callers up to a maximum of 30 lots in total will be received. Auction cards can be obtained at January's meeting or on the night of the Auction. You must be in attendance at the Auction to put in your lots.

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Several articles in the local paper, CCM's, CNA Journal etc. over the past several months have been discussing the fate of the Mint's production of Collector coins and Olympic products. With the Banks not accepting them for face value or as legal tender, there has been a noticeable decrease in sales of these types of numismatic items at the local coin shops. Even with Christmas sales, quantities sold have been noticeably low. Olympic sets that only a few months ago were being bought by Albern at over \$400.00 for the Calgary Olympics, are noticeably absent in the latest issues. I've been told I can buy them for under \$300.00 in quantity anytime at the moment. With the Mint's announcement that they are "looking in to it" should leave many (con't.....3)



## EDITOR'S NOTE

collectors leary of the Mint's "captivating gifts" and "keepsakes of exceptional value".

With the strike at the Mint another twist has been added to your decision to by this years mint sets. (1991) It's possible the production for 1991 sets will be down which could mean actual appreciation for these sets. Whatever your decision on Mint products its clear that the prices quoted in CCN's Trends may have to be taken with a grain of salt. Trying to unload some of your sets on dealers may turn out to be a frustrating experience in the future and your "investment " in your future may have been more a contribution to the country's coffers.

With the upcoming 125th Anniversary special issues ready to roll in 1992, it will be very interesting to see if public demand and interest will be down for these issues. With so many issues in 1992 some collectors may say this is the year to cut back. Then again its the collector at heart who seems to lose out as they have been the main purchaser's of these products. The Mint's ever increasing prices and greed may in the long run cause the members of the Numismatic community to rise up and say enough is enough and demand products that the Mint will back and prices that the average collector can afford.

Another collecting hobby may be a boon to Numismatics and Philately in the long run through its demise. That is the hobby of Card collecting that has been sweeping the continent the past year or so. With the manufacture of Cards in vast numbers and 20 to 30 distributors for items such as hockey, kids and adults alike are being overwhelmed by such a variety that the boom is starting to bust. Local prices are dropping like a rock and at local shows dealers are undercutting the next guy so that its impossible to make the huge profits that they were making a few short months ago. The "Collectors Corner" column in the local paper predicts at least half of the 30 or so card shops in town will close in the next year. The main thing that the Card Craze has created is another generation of collectors, and once these kids realize the "future fortunes" will be future massed produced flops, they may turn their collecting interests to Numismatics. It's up to the dealers to give these collectors the straight goods on collectibles so they won't feel ripped off by another "greedy dealer". Those dealers who have been teaching the kids as they went along may prosper in the long run, while those out for the quick buck may loose future business from the collectors of the future.

## COMING EVENTS

**January 10, 1992** - ECC Executive meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Joe's place.

**January 14, 1992** - ECC regular meeting, PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 Ave., Slide show on "HUDSON BAY COINAGE", Member Bourse (members welcome to bring their extra coins for sale)

**January 17, 18 & 19 -COIN SHOW** - Westwood Inn Best Western, 18035 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton

**February 11, 1992** - ECC regular meeting, **Auction**, program to be announced, Provincial Museum of Alberta.

**March 10, 1992** - ECC regular meeting, **Auction**, program to be announced, Provincial Museum of Alberta

**April 11 & 12, 1992** - Calgary Numismatic Society **COIN SHOW**, Hospitality Inn, Calgary

**April 14, 1992** - ECC regular meeting, Program to be announced, Provincial Museum of Alberta

**May 12, 1992** - Member talk and Display on Egyptian Coinage, Provincial Museum of Alberta

**June 9, 1992** - ECC Annual White Elephant Auction, (last meeting before summer break)

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## **Playing Card Money**

Paper money had been invented by the Chinese and was in use when that country was visited by Marco Polo in the fourteenth Century. The use of paper money in Europe developed from the receipts given by goldsmiths to citizens who deposited gold and silver with them for safekeeping. The first banknotes, as we know them, were issued by the Stockholm Bank in Sweden in 1661, but paper money was not commonly accepted until at least a century later.

Playing card money--what's that? Some sort of system to keep score in a social game of cards or winnings at a casino? The answer is neither. There really has been money made from playing cards, usually cut up and with the denomination and name of the issuer handwritten or stamped thereon.

In spite of the half-hearted efforts of the French government to supply coins of silver, copper and billon for New France, Acadia and Louisiana, there was never a sufficient supply of small change in the colonies, particularly during the winter months. Finally, in 1685, Jacques de Meulles, the Intendant of New France,



## Playing Card Money - (Continued)

faced with the necessity of paying the troops, turned in desperation to the issue of paper money, or promises to pay later. In order to carry out his plan he had to overcome two obstacles - there were no printing presses in French Canada and the only available supply of paper was ordinary writing paper, totally unsuitable for paper money. He struck on an expedient that resulted in a type of paper money which has made history. In those days card-playing was one of the most common ways of passing leisure hours, and playing cards were relatively plentiful in the colony. Playing cards were made to be handled repeatedly and at the time were made with plain reverses. De Meulles had the happy thought of using the blank reverses of playing cards on which to create his paper money.



The first series of playing card money was issued in three denominations: four livres written on a whole card, two livres on half a card and 15 sols on a quarter card. He had his clerk of the treasury inscribe on each a "bon" or statement showing that the card was good for four livres, two livres, etc. These he signed and sealed in wax with his own seal, while the clerk of the treasury countersigned them as they were issued. Later issues were signed by the Governor as well. Because of the lack of space the quarter cards were frequently signed with just an initial instead of the full name. These cards circulated in the colony during the winter months, and were redeemed in the spring when the ships arrived from France, bringing a fresh supply of coins. Keeping cards beyond the announced redemption date was a crime which was severely punished.

The measure adopted by de Meulles brought only temporary relief. Again and again the need for card money arose and the need was met in the same manner by successive intendants and Governors.

From 1685 to 1760 there were no less than 22 issues of card

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PLAYING CARD MONEY - (Continued)

money, running into the equivalent of many millions of dollars, In the later part of this period card money was supplemented by the issue of ordonnances, which were notes drawn on the Treasury of Quebec. For a period of 75 years, or the equivalent of two and a half generations, the economy of this colony functioned to a large extent on locally produced paper money.

The French also used playing card money in Louisiana when it was still a French colony. Later, during the French Revolution, playing cards were overprinted for use as money to supply a need for small change since the first series of Assignats (the government paper money based on land) was only for larger denominations and coins had practically disappeared due to disturbances of the time.

The Dutch colony of Surinam likewise issued playing card money at intervals in the late 1700s until 1828 (the "intervals" were primarily periods when the colony was not occupied by the British). Other isolated examples of playing card money have been reported but the foregoing constitute the most widely used issues prior to 1900.

It would seem that the widest use of playing card money would have been during the postwar period of World War II, when all kinds of souvenir "money" was issued in various substances such as aluminum foil and cloth in addition to colorful paper notes. And, in fact, there were several German and Austrian notgeld issues of this time printed on playing cards but not the most interesting and desirable of the German issues was not souvenir at all but saw actual use as money.



The German government may have known that it was entering World War I on the Austrian side in August, 1914, but local authorities generally were caught by surprise. An ingrained sense of fear, the result of European people having been through so many wars in the past, caused coins to be immediately hoarded as soon as Germany declared war. As a result, many German towns in 1914 had to issue fractional notes so that people could make change. After calm returned, coins came out of hiding and most 1914 issues were redeemed after the emergency that lasted only a month or two. Consequently, many of these issues are now scarce to rare.

In the rush to prepare these local emergency notes in 1914, the authorities generally resorted to what was quickly and readily available. While the issues of larger towns and cities are usually conventionally printed, smaller places might use mimeographed notes--even handwritten. And, as a deterrent to the ever present possibility of counterfeiting, the officials sometimes resorted to ingenious ways to protect their crude emissions--one town, for example, used sealing wax impressions on its cardboard notes.

Lopischewo, near what is now Posen, in Poland made use of cut

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PLAYING CARD MONEY - (Continued)

up playing cards for its 1914 emergency currency. Each card is rubber stamped and bears a handwritten denomination. There were four denominations issued and, as a counterfeit deterrent, each denomination was on a different suit with different color back. The 50-pfennig notes on playing cards used clubs with orange backs; the one-mark (spades) had red backs; three-mark (diamonds) used blue backs; and the five-mark (hearts) appeared with green backs. According to Yasha Beresiner, a specialist in paper money and playing cards, writing in the July 1977, issue of The Numismatist, a total of 100 mark was issued of the 50-pfennig; 336 mark of the one-mark; 492 mark of the three-mark; and 500 mark of the five-mark. He further states that all but 33 mark of the 1,395 mark issued had been redeemed by the end of World War I, leaving outstanding only 38 specimens of the 50-pfennig, nine of the one-mark, none of the three-mark and one of the five-mark.



Major banknote printers have been involved in the manufacture of playing cards. From left to right: the American Bank Note Company's name stands out prominently on the ace of spades of a modern deck. A superb bank-note like design by Perkins and Bacon made this card become known as the "old frizzle". It was printed circa 1850. Thomas de la Rue have been prolific manufacturers of playing cards for well over a century.

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## E.C.C. DUES RENEWAL

This years E.C.C. Annual Dues are now due and payable as of January 1. The dues are payable as follows: Family - \$12.00, Senior - \$10.00, and Junior - \$3.00 under the age of 18. Below is a Dues Renewal form which can be brought to the next meeting or mailed to the Treasurer, c/o Edmonton Coin Club, P.O. Box 4111, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 4S8.

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**PROGRAM: AUCTION, DISPLAY & TALK,  
MEMBER BOURSE TABLES**

(ENTER AT ARCHIVE ENTRANCE AS WELL AS MAIN ENTRANCE)  
GUESTS WELCOME

## **JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

On a cold evening in January (-17C), the Edmonton Coin Club met for their first meeting at their new location in the Museum. Twenty members attended and all were welcomed by Joe and the other members of the Executive. The room, although smaller than our previous location has all the amenities, including projectors, VCR and coffee urns. The washrooms are next door and a small lunchroom is across the hall. The adjacent archives housed a small supprize for those of us who took a look in the display case at the entry. A nice example of an Alberta Prosperity certificate was on display.

Once all members finished renewing acquaintances from before the holidays, Joe asked Dan to read a few exerpts from a copy of "The Life History of Abe Kossoff," Dean of US numismatics. Dan read several interesting anecdotes of this very interesting numismatist.

Joe indicated that the Executive has discussed the possibility of a spring coin show, at Meadowlark Mall. Other possibilities are being looked into including discussions with the Museum. A discussion ensued on other possibilities as well as ideas for Club meetings. A Numismatic Book night was suggested for the Fall.

Joe then turned the meeting over to Howard who presented a Slide show on The Hudson Bay Company coinage. This interesting and informative slide presentation and tape commentary was originally produced by the Vancouver Numismatic Society. The Club obtained a copy long ago from the CNA and no one recalls who obtained it.

The members then went back to their numismatic discussions and aquisitions and enjoyed the refreshments provided. An attendance door prize of a 1989 Mint set was won by our program presentor, Howard Gilbey.

## **1992 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER**

MOST MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED FOR THIS NEW YEAR BUT THEIR ARE SOME MEMBERS WHO HAVE YET TO RENEW. WE ARE PLANNING SEVERAL NEW AND INTERESTING MEETINGS THIS YEAR AND HOPE TO IMPROVE AND PROVIDE BETTER ARTICLES IN THE NEWSLETTER. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME AND ATTEND THE MEETINGS AND ENJOY THE COMPANY OF YOUR FELLOW NUMISMATISTS. IN ADDITION, WE HOPE THE NEW LOCATION WILL ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING NEW COLLECTORS TO THE MEETINGS. RENEWAL MAY BE MADE AT THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING OR WITH THE FORM IN LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER.

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

The Executive met just before last meeting (but after printing of the newsletter) on Jan. 7, 1992. A majority of Executive was in attendance with the main purpose being to establish meeting topics and improve club presentations. Ray announced he had recently talked with the son of Hans Zeoll, who is living just outside of Edmonton. Ray will report in the future any outcome of his meeting.

One item of interest was to have a Coin Grading Seminar at the March meeting. Several members of the Executive will be providing input and this promises to be more than a boring slide show. Member participation will be the key to its success. Watch for further details. Discussions will be held with the Museum to see if they will be able to provide some assistance at our meetings by providing displays for the members to view, or even special shows that could be arranged. May's meeting will be an educational presentation on Egyptian coinage by two local club members with expertise on this topic. Members may wish to bring interested collectors to the meeting for this presentation. June's Annual White Elephant Auction will see the format change to a Numismatic / Numismatica donation Auction. This should attract more members to this last meeting before summer.

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### "JUNK BOX" DISCOVERY (With Permission from Howard Gilbey)

Who says junk boxes are only full of junk coins! Club member Howard Gilbey had someone come into his store recently (Westmount Collectibles) to sell some junk silver. He brought in a box with some coins, WWI medals, hat badges, shoulder identification tags as well as a Cunard Lines metal cigarette box. After a deal was struck to purchase the items, Howard then put the box aside to check when he had the time. Some days later, he got back into the box to catalogue and price the items. One particular piece caught Howard's eye and he got out the Krause catalogue. The piece, although having 2 silver loops attached to hang from a chain, was identified as Krause #Y 13c, Iran, 5000 Dinars (5 Krans). The coin was minted in AH1311 (AD 1898) of .900 silver with the Crown above the leg on the Obverse, and a lion with scimitar on the Reverse. No mint mark is noted for this coin in Krause, and notwithstanding the loops, is graded as F - VF. As indicated in the Krause Xerox below, Fine grade starts at \$1500 US! Although Howard plans further research and verification, taking a chance on someone's junk silver is not only fun and interesting, it could be quite profitable as well. The cost for all this interesting "Junk Silver" was a whopping \$60.00 Canadian!

(Photo taken from 1989 edition of the Krause Catalogue is shown at top of next column.)



Obv: Crown above leg., value: 5 Krans.  
13c AH1311 — 1500. 2500. 5000

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### ROMAN ACQUISITION by Terry Cheesman

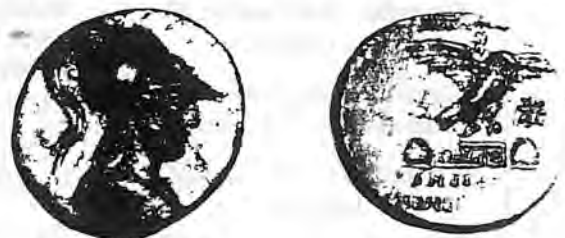
Awhile ago I bought a bronze coin from Ray's shop, (National Pride Coins & Stamps) one of a group of three coins he purchased recently from Dolphin Coin England. It is about 24mm in diameter, with a dark green patina, minted in Apameia, a city in Phrygia, region which is now in modern day Turkey. It was minted sometime between 133 and 48 B.C. (see below)

The obverse depicts a bust of Athena facing right done in an unusual though pleasant style. Athena was both the goddess of wisdom, and protector of men in war. She has upon her head, a Corinthian style Helmet with a long horse hair crest. This helmet is pushed back to reveal her face. Upon her chest she wears an Aegis which is the skin of the Medusa, which if viewed will turn one into stone.

The Reverse shows an eagle flying right, above a Maeander pattern, which is between two caps of the Dioskouridi. Apameia is located near the sources of the great river Maeander, a river famous for its erratic wanderings.

The Legend above the eagle, is the name of the city where the coin was struck ΑΠΑΜΕΩΝ. Below are the names of the two magistrates that supervised the coinage, ΑΝΤΙΦΩΝ (Antipheon) and ΜΕΝΕΚΛΕΟΣ (Menekleios)

This coin is unusual in the Greek world as it appears to be a half-unit to a much larger coin. Most Aes coins of this period are quite small. Also the style is quite pleasing for this period, and the bust of Athena is well proportioned and in high relief. It is possible that these coins may have been struck in response to Roman civil and military activity at the time. Unfortunately we know little about this region during this period of time.





# THE COIN ATLAS - THE ORIGIN OF COINAGE FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT DAY BOOK REVIEW - BY MIKE SCHNEIDER

Early in the year, I purchased a couple of 1797 Russian 1 Kopeck copper coins from a friend of mine, and in looking for information on the coins at the local library, I ran across an interesting book that had come out in 1990. For someone like myself who is not that knowledgeable in foreign coins, I found the book very interesting in its presentation. Although not comprehensive in its contents, it still gave historical, factual and pictorial information on the coinage and its location in the world scheme of things. For someone who has a general interest in all numismatics, the book is very informative and colourful in its presentation. Below is an excerpt from the book to give you a small idea on how it is laid out. Below the article is more specific information on the book.

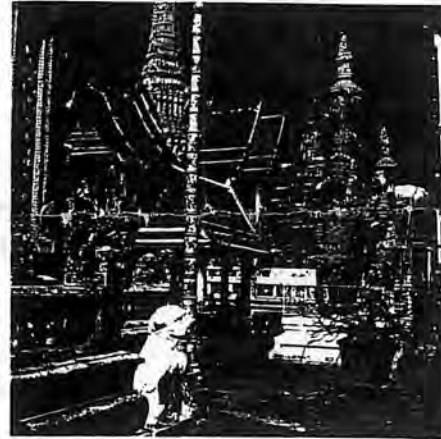
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## RING AND BULLET COINS

During the thirteenth century the Thai people, who had been gradually moving from southern China into south-east Asia since the tenth century, completed their conquest of Thailand and coinage re-emerged in a curious form. The Thai people were unfamiliar with coins and used silver rings as money. From the thirteenth century they developed a new form of coinage based on the silver ring. In the northern kingdom of Chiangmai the rings were made from silver bars with a square section; in the southern kingdoms of Sukhothai and Ayutthia they were made from rounded bars.

The coins of Chiangmai were stamped with the name of the city of issue and with their weight '4 (baht)' in Thai script. After stamping, each bar was bent into a ring which was then cut half-way through with a chisel and bent again to open the cut in order to show that it was solid silver.

The coins of the kingdoms of Sukhothai and of Ayutthia were first bent into a ring and then cut and stamped. The stamps bore small symbols, such as wheels, flowers, conch shells and elephants. During the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries these coins continued to look



The Emerald Buddha Temple, Bangkok. Bangkok became the capital of Thailand in 1782 with the foundation of the Bangkok Dynasty by General Chakri whose chakra (wheel) appeared on the coins of his successors.

like rings, but later they were bent and hammered into a tight ball, from which is derived the description 'bullet coins' often given them by Western collectors. The Thai name for the coins is *poi duang*, meaning 'curled-up worm'.

## THE BANGKOK DYNASTY

In the late eighteenth century the Ayutthian kingdom was overthrown from within by General Chakri, who had repelled successfully

**ANCIENT INDIANIZED KINGDOMS**

Indian style coins found

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Khmer  
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INDIAN OCEAN  
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CELEBES

**THAILAND**

1 SILVER 4 BAHT of Chiangmai, northern Thailand.  
2 SILVER BAHT of King Rama II, Bangkok mint, with chakra and garuda marks.  
3 PORCELAIN SALUNG TUKEN, the Jade Gate gambling house, Bangkok.  
4 SILVER 2 BAHT of King Rama IV Mongkut.  
5 BROWN 2 ATT of King Rama V Chulalongkorn.  
6 CUPRO-NICKEL 5 BAHT of King Rama IX Bhumibol.

The Coin Atlas, by Joe Cribb, Barrie Cook, Ian Carradice, with an introduction by the American Numismatic Association. The 335 page hardcover book is very well put together with colour photos of the coinage, area maps indicating mint locations and areas of use. The historical data is concise in its descriptions and provides the reader with information on the various reigns of the emperors and the connections to earlier coinage of the area and is crossreferenced with various conquerors of the regions.

The book covers the World with the following geographical regions: Europe, Asia, Africa, The Americas, Australasia and Oceania. Each section is preceeded with a map of the country and area, listing the coinage of each. Sub maps under each country indicate mints of the era and names at time of mintage. Data on the first coinage used, the first decimal coinage issued, main mint and current denomination of coinage is included. A selection of coinage with descriptions is included with each country.

The book is available at the Centennial library and was published in 1990 by MacDonald Publishers & Co., and is available through "Facts on File Inc., 460 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y., 10016 USA.

(The above excerpt was reduced from the original 8" x 10" book)



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### COMING EVENTS

- February 11, 1992** - ECC regular meeting, **Auction**, member display, Bourse, Provincial Museum of Alberta.
- March 10, 1992** - "Coin Grading Seminar" (Can., foreign & ancient) Provincial Museum of Alberta
- April 11 & 12, 1992** - Calgary Numismatic Society **COIN SHOW**, Hospitality Inn, Calgary
- April 11 & 12, 1992** - Wild Rose Antique & Collectibles Show & Sale, Northlands, Edmonton.
- April 14, 1992** - **Auction**, Show & Tell, Bourse, Provincial Museum of Alberta
- May 12, 1992** - Member talk and Display on Egyptian Coinage, Provincial Museum of Alberta
- June 9, 1992** - "Numismatic Donation Auction", (last meeting before summer break) Provincial Museum
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#### *Coinage Planchet*

A planchet, the disc of metal on which the die of a coin or medal is impressed, is also known as a blank, disc or flan.

#### *French Release*

"Liard" is a French coin, originally a piece of base silver, first struck in the 15th century.

#### *Japanese Pieces*

Do sen is the name given by the Japanese to their coins with central holes that were issued from 708 A.D. to 1868, when the modern coinage began.



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## EXPENDITURES 1991

Outstanding cheques (1991)	<u>\$92.90</u>	
Newsletter 1990 (paper, copying)		\$ 89.91
Memberships, Canadian Assoc.of Token Collectors		15.00
Canadian Assoc.of Wooden Money Collectors		10.00
Canadian Paper Money Society		22.50
Club supplies		35.34
Canada Post box rental / stamps		53.50
Coffee supplies		40.00
CNA Postage		10.70
Edmonton Examiner, ad May mini-show		12.84
Edmonton Journal, ad mini-show		19.21
Edmonton Sun, ad mini-show		10.22
Newsletter supplies		10.00
Edmonton Examiner, ad September meeting		12.84
Edmonton Journal, ad September meeting		30.33
Edmonton Sun, ad September meeting		8.17
Alberta Treasurer, register club		8.00
Alberta Exhibits, club banner		128.40
Edmonton Journal, ad October mini-show		11.52
Guest speaker November breakfast meeting		58.87
Sandman Inn breakfast		240.40
Edmonton Sun, ad mini-show		6.13
December meeting supplies		46.46
Coins for Executive		96.30
Rental for museum, January to June 1992		64.20
CNA dues 1992		25.00
Canadian Paper Money Society 1992 membership		22.50
Canadian Assoc.of Token Collectors 1992 dues		15.00
Company of Adventurers books		20.00
Postage stamps		<u>218.40</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>\$1341.74</u>





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## INCOME 1991

Membership dues	\$ 396.00
Door prizes	81.00
Bourse tables, May & October Shows	130.00
Breakfast meeting, November	90.00
Auction commission	8.00
Club donation	16.00
White Elephant Sale	182.00
Christmas donation	187.00
Coffee fund	<u>23.77</u>
	<b>\$1113.77</b>

## 1991 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balance 31 December 1990	\$ 1,072.37
Expenditures 1991	1,341.74
Deposits 1991	1,113.77
Service Charges 1991	41.50
Interest 1991	18.53
Bank Balance 31 December 1991	821.43

Respectfully submitted by John Callaghan, Treasurer of the Edmonton Coin Club, this \_\_\_\_ day of January 1992.

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## \* AUCTION SHEET \*

LOT #	DESCRIPTION	GRADE	TREND	RESERVE	SOLD
1.	1806 GR. BR. 1/2 PENNY	VF	\$8.00	-	_____
2.	1931,32,33,35 CAN. 5 CENTS	VG/F	\$2.00	\$1.00	_____
3.	1910 CAN. 50 CENTS SIL.	VG	\$15.00	\$5.00	_____
4.	1971 US SIL. DOLLAR	MINT	\$4.20US	-	_____
5.	1907 CAN. 5 CENTS SIL.	VF	\$6.50	\$4.00	_____
6.	1940'S/50'S BANK SAVINGS CARDS (4 PCS) (COIN HOLDERS)	-	-	-	_____
7.	1984 CAN. MINT SET	PR	\$11.00	-	_____
8.	1927 TO 1934 CAN. 5 CENTS (8 PCS)	VG/F	\$4.25	\$2.00	_____
9.	1918 CAN. 50 CENTS SIL.	VG	\$6.00	\$3.00	_____
10.	1969 & 1971 US DOUBLE PENNY SETS	MINT	\$8.00	-	_____
11.	1897 CAN. 5 CENTS SIL.	VF	\$20.00	\$7.00	_____
12.	1974 BAHAMAS MINT SET (CASED)	PR	\$30.00US	-	_____
13.	1863 HONG KONG 1 CENT	AU	\$14.00	-	_____
14.	1923, '27 - '36,38 CAN. 5 CENTS(12PCS)	VG/F	\$7.00	#3.00	_____
15.	1919 CAN. 50 CENTS SIL.	A/F	\$10.00	\$4.00	_____
16.	1965 US MINT SET (SPECIAL ISSUE)	MINT	\$5.40US	-	_____
17.	1912 CAN. 5 CENT SIL.	EF	\$10.00	\$4.50	_____
18.	1960, '65, '68 CAN. PENNY ROLLS	UNC/BU	\$5.00	-	_____
19.	1858 GURNSEY 2 DOUBLES	VF	\$20.00	-	_____
20.	1970 KLONDIKE-DAYS TRADE DOLLAR	UNC	-	-	_____
21.	1982 REGULAR ISSUE CAN. NICKEL \$	BU	-	\$3.00	_____
22.	1968D & 1972D US MINT SETS	MINT	\$6.00US	-	_____
23.	1901 CAN. 5 CENT SIL.	VF	\$11.00	\$5.00	_____
24.	1978, '79 EDM. ESKIMO COINS,(10PCS)	UNC	\$15.00	-	_____
25.	1966 US COIN SET	UNC	\$4.00	-	_____
26.	1928 IRELAND 1/2 PENNY	AU	\$10.00	-	_____
27.	1970 CASED CAN. NICKEL SET	MS65	\$4.00	\$2.50	_____
28.	1921D US SIL. DOLLAR	F/VF	\$14.00	\$7.00	_____
29.	1899 CAN. 5 CENT SIL.	VF	\$11.00	\$5.00	_____
30.	1964D, 1968D US SIL 50 CENTS	UNC	\$10.00	-	_____
31.	1877 JERSEY 1/24 SHILLING	EF	\$15.00	-	_____
32.	1968 US MINT SET	MINT	\$2.00	-	_____

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**DATE: MARCH 10, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138**

**PROGRAM: COIN GRADING SEMINAR**

(MEMBERS ARE TO BRING THEIR OWN MAGNIFYING GLASSES TO THE MEETING)

### MARCH MEETING - COIN GRADING SEMINAR

Members and Guests are invited to attend March's meeting on Coin Grading. Members are requested to bring their own magnifying glasses although there will be extras provided if required. Members will be broken into groups with 5 of 6 coins of various denominations and countries at each table. Ancients and Foreign will also be provided. A grading sheet will be provided and members will be asked to grade 15 to 25 coins in all. Information sheets will be provided on grading, including ancients, to all in attendance. This should be an informative and interesting meeting and we hope to see a good turnout.

### FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February's meeting saw 18 members and 1 guest in attendance on a cool -13 deg. evening. Members and guests were welcomed by Joe who informed them of our intention to hold a spring show at Meadowlark Mall on April 18. The show will be held in conjunction with Coin Week Edmonton. Members were asked to reserve their tables for the show and contact Joe. The costs for the rentals have doubled under new management, but are still reasonable compared to any other Mall. Joe then asked the Treasurer and Secretary to explain some of the expenses in the Annual Statement. Members were also asked if there were any questions they would like answered. After some short explanations, a motion was put forward to accept the Statement by Wray and seconded by Howard. The Statement was moved, seconded and carried by all. Joe then turned the meeting over to Dan who conducted a talk on "Coin Tastes" based on a 1985 Brian Cornwall article in CCN. The article tried to explain how coin trends would change in the future based on peoples coin preferences regarding 'Eye Appeal', 'Technical Grade', 'Rarity', 'Originality', and 'Pedigree/Historical Information'. Members were given a written description of the above terms and used these as a guide to answer a questionnaire about their own tastes with regard to purchasing Uncirculated coins. This proved to be a very interesting exercise as it made one think of the options you have to weigh every time you purchase a coin.

Prior to our Auction, a discussion ensued regarding an auctioneers right to refuse any bid if no reserve was noted. This led to a motion by one of the members that "Unless a minimum bid was put on the Auction sheet, any bid should be accepted." The motion was seconded and carried. In addition, bids of minimum increments of 25 cents would only be accepted.

February's attendance door prize draw of a 1984 Mint set was won by David Peter.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - FINAL NOTICE**

Thanks are extended to all the members who have renewed their membership once again this year. However there are still a few who have yet to renew. In order to remind those who have not renewed, a yellow dot has been placed on the top of your newsletter. Please send in your dues by mail or at the March meeting. Should your dues not be received, according to our constitution, this will be your last newsletter. If you want to be informed of upcoming shows and events please send in your renewal today!

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## **EDITORIAL**

I recently stopped at a friend of mine's collectibles shop to find out how business was going in these tough times. Although the end of last year and January of this year were not great, things seem to be picking up. Of particular interest at this 75% card shop, 25% everything else, is the renewed interest in numismatics. It seems 50% of the calls coming in are relating to coins. This is a good sign for numismatists and I feel it may be a spin off from dejected card collectors who can't see an end to the continual supply of new 'Product'. Although trying to obtain even a complete set of Canadian decimal coins could be a formidable and life long task (for the average middle income person like myself), at least you know how many of each has been created! I fear the young card collector has been duped by the few 'legitimate' rarities in the card "business", by being told of some of the future fortunes that can be made. Although even my son has delved into this frantic hobby, I'll encourage him to be cautious and just buy what he can afford and still keep his interest in the Hobby. Should his interest start to waiver to other collectibles as may be the trend, it just so happens I've got a spare set of Canadian 5 cents just waiting for a new junior coin collector...!

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## **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ERROR DISCOVERED!!**

It seems some members actually read my newsletter and discovered that I had accidentally copied the wrong photo for the "Junk Box" Discovery article. Although the article was correct as well as the discovery, the correct photo in the Krause was "below" the photo that I copied. Although I viewed the coin in question prior to the article, I did not have it with me to compare to the Catalogue. I'd like to say I did it on purpose to test the members but I won't insult those who caught my mistake. I'm just glad to see it is being read!

## **'ATOCHA TREASURE TOUR'**

Birks Canada it seems had such a tremendous response to its Atocha displays across Canada last year that it has arranged the tour again this year. The show is coming to Birks Edmonton Centre store this March 4th to 7th. The show will contain many new pieces not previously shown as well as a video show being shown in conjunction with the displays. Mel Fishers son and daughter-in-law are putting on the displays and will be adding commentary to the video as it is presented. The displays are on during regular business hours and times for the shows are:

- Mar. 4 & 7 - 11:30 & 3:00

- Mar. 5 & 6 - 11:30, 3:00 & 7:00p.m.

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## **EDMONTON COIN CLUB SHOW IN CONJUNCTION WITH WORLD COIN WEEK**

The Edmonton Coin Club will be holding its Annual Coin show on April 18, 1992 at Meadowlark Mall. Member displays and Bourse tables will be set up to promote numismatics during Coin Week Edmonton / World Coin Week. Members wishing to set up displays or set up a Bourse table are to contact Joe. Tables are available on a first come first served basis as the Mall will be having other displays and promotions going on for the Easter long weekend.

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## **PRICES REALIZED - FEBRUARY AUCTION**

<u>LOT</u>	<u>SOLD</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>SOLD</u>
1.	\$2.00	2.	N/B
3.	\$5.00	4.	\$2.00
5.	\$4.00	6.	\$1.00
7. (WITHDRAWN)		8.	N/B
9.	N/B	10.	\$4.00
11.	\$10.00	12.	\$16.00
13.	\$9.00	14.	\$3.00
15.	\$4.00	16.	\$3.00
17.	\$5.50	18.	\$4.00
19.	\$5.00	20.	N/B
21.	N/B	22.	\$3.00
23.	\$6.00	24.	\$1.00 EA.
25.	N/B	26.	\$5.00
27.	\$2.50	28.	N/B
29.	\$8.00	30.	N/B
31.	\$9.00	32.	\$1.50

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## **125th ANNIVERSARY COINAGE**

Has any one seen the second issue coinage for the Northwest Territories? Apparently there at the Bank but not in demand yet to put in circulation. The New Brunswick issue has been seen in circulation locally.



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## **COINS OF INDIA'S ENGLISH EMPERORS**



**The emperors of India produced some  
unusual coins in their decline** by **Ralph Yates**

During the first half of the twentieth century the coinage of India produced some of the oddest specimens of money in the civilized world, specimens which also reflected the heyday of Great Britain's imperial power and glory.

One of the first areas to fall under British control, India in 1947 also became the first major territory to break away from the empire since 1783. Until then the popular saying was: "The sun never sets on the British Empire." A globe-spanning realm from the poles to the tropics, the empire embraced about a quarter of the world, the biggest empire in history.

When Edward VII gained the throne, England's power in India and in the world was at its height. During George V's reign, factors began to erode that power. In the time of the third Emperor of India

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COINS OF INDIA'S ENGLISH EMPERORS (Cont'd)

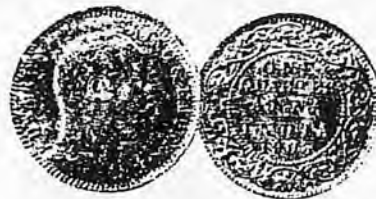
George VI, it began to vanish.

The Indian coinage, like that of Britain and most of the rest of the empire, is a study in history and change, in politics and finance.

Victoria, after 1876, had the title Empress of India. Under her the land prospered and recovered rapidly from the Indian mutiny that almost threw the British out in 1857. To some degree, Edward VII's coins were continuations of those of his mother. The silver coins included a rupee, half-rupee, quarter-rupee and two-annas. The rupee was about florin size, and the other coins in proportion. They bore an uncrowned head, facing right, with the legend in English, EDWARD VII KING & EMPEROR. The reverses had a crowned value, INDIA, and lotus sprays flanking the design, with the date at the bottom.

The Indian monetary system was peculiar. The basic unit was the rupee. This, in turn, was divided into 16 annas. The anna, in turn, was made up of 12 pies or four pice (the pice was three annas). So the silver coins were, in descending order, half of the next highest value and twice that of the lower. For example, the quarter rupee was equal to four annas. The two-anna piece, next in line, was equal to an eighth-rupee, or four to five cents U.S.

In the copper series, Edward used reverses akin to Victoria's. The quarter-anna, half-pice, and one-twelfth-anna all had the value, INDIA, and date inside an ornate floral border. The quarter-anna's reverse at first glance resembles that of the Canadian large cent of the time of George V.



These coins reflect the poverty of the land--which could never be eliminated, judging from present-day conditions--and thus the need for small values. You can get some idea of their value by considering that in World War II the rupee was worth about 30 cents U.S. This made the anna worth about two cents and the twelfth-anna about a sixth of a U.S. cent. While equivalents in foreign funds are not necessarily a true indication of a coin's value, the smallest Indian coins were still quite small. Consider that it took 192 pies (or twelfth-annas) to equal a rupee!



Edward's reign introduced a new value and distinctive shape in the form of a scalloped nickel one-anna coin that appeared in 1907. This piece has the king on the obverse in crown and ceremonial robes. The reverse, although basically a statement of value, is worth noting as a good example of British ingenuity.

If there is one characteristic that stands out among coins of the British Commonwealth, it is the ability of their engravers to produce an interesting, and even beautiful, design from nothing but a few numbers and a statement of value. And, from the time of Edward VII, this was particularly evident in India's small-change coins.

The reverse of the anna featured a large numeral 1 between ANNA. Framing this was a scroll in the shape of a diamond or tilted square. Along the sides of the scroll, between that and the rim, were the native statements of value. The date, small and slightly curved, is at the base of the 1.

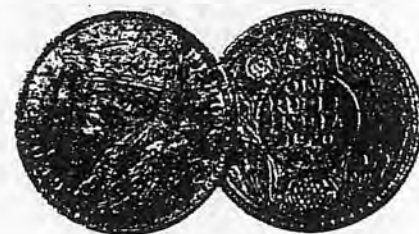
To show how greatly this is an improvement over some small coins, compare the one-anna with the Danish 25-ore to 1-ore, struck in the late 1940's to the 1960's. The Danish reverse, which is a plain 5-ORE DANMARK, and nothing else, by comparison is about as beautiful as a

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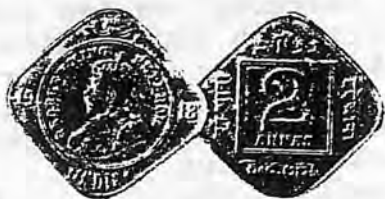
beer check. The same could be said for many other European coins, where small value brings little or no concern for artwork.

George V during his 25-year Indian coinage from 1911 through 1936 continued that delightful combination of the old with the new which is so characteristically British.

This monarch retained the copper and nickel small pice values and rupee of his father. His rupee, half-rupee, quarter-rupee, and 2-anna coins were slightly modernized. They had a wide floral design with the value and date inside the circle formed by the design. The obverse of all coins was the familiar left-facing crowned bust with the title, GEORGE V KING EMPEROR.



World War I created a serious silver problem in the empire, one consequence of which was the melting of many U.S. silver dollars in 1918 for shipment to India as bullion. This resulted in coinage of a new nickel two-anna coin to replace the silver value, another exercise in imaginative engraving to produce an attractive piece.



To prevent confusion with silver coins, the two-annas was struck on a square planchet with rounded corners. The design is stamped on the planchet so the coin when held for observation takes on the form of a diamond. The king's effigy is fairly small in relation to the coin, and is within a circular border. Between the right and left corners is the

date, with two digits to each (at 19 on one side, 18 on the other). The top corner has an ornamental design, while the bottom contains INDIA, curved to fit between the curve of the effigy's circle and the rim.

The reverse has a large 2 inside a square. This is flanked by native inscriptions of value. On the whole, the design is pleasing.

The two-annas stayed in nickel, but there were another two coins which appeared in 1919 and were discontinued by 1922. The nickel four-anna piece was somewhere between an octagon and eight-scalloped figure in shape. That is, its eight sides curved inward and the points of the octagon's angles were rounded. This was generally similar to the two-anna piece except in value. The eight-anna piece used a peculiar design. Its numeral of value was encircled by an eight-scalloped figure, round rather than octagonal. This, in turn, was within a square. Both of these coins had their values in annas rather than in the fractional parts of rupees (half or quarter-anna) as on the silver.



In 1918 India also struck a gold 15-rupee piece, with value inside a wide, ornamental border. That year in some ways marks a transition, since it was the end of World War I as well as the last gold coinage for the country (together with some British sovereigns at Calcutta the same year). With the end of the war, slow but steady agitation started for independence. The Congress party and Mahatma Gandhi began to achieve increasing national prominence and--despite the division of India into numerous castes and religions, a vast and illiterate peasantry and relatively small middle class--national feeling started to grow.



COINS OF INDIA'S ENGLISH EMPERORS (Cont'd)

Before World War I the Indians admired western civilization, but when they saw what western civilization could do to destroy much of itself their attitude changed. Even so, India supplied a large and capable volunteer army for service on the western front.

By 1931 Gandhi had publicized his famous non-violent system for disobeying the law and compelling the government to grant changes. In 1931, protesting a salt tax, he went to the seashore and made illegal salt in defiance of the government. Before long everyone seemed to be protesting against the government and severe disorders broke out. By 1935 many Indians believed it was only a matter of time before Britain would leave the country to its own people, although the British didn't agree.



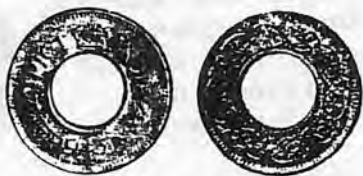
In 1937 George VI became the last Emperor. His coins bore a crowned effigy on the obverse and the same title as his father except for the numeral VI. Aside from modernized lettering and numerals, the silver coins, one-anna, and copper were similar to those of the elder George. The two-anna piece was greatly streamlined, with the reverse having a large, flowing

script-like 2 inside a beaded circle, (although on the same rounded square planchet of the preceding reign), with INDIA below the 2 and the date beneath that. Around the inscriptions is a four-lobed figure with other ornamentation. Again, the designers did an excellent job of making a prosaic statement of value into something attractive.

With World War II, India sent more than two million men to fight on the allied side. At the same time there was increased demand for independence. India was the major allied base on the western flank of the huge area occupied by Japan after the Nipponese overran Indo-China, Burma, Thailand, much of south China and most of the Pacific. In 1944 the Japanese tried to invade India but were pushed back as a largely Indian army began to re-conquer the Japanese-occupied area to the immediate east.



In 1942 the world-wide demand for metal for war use caused some of India's coinage to change. The copper-nickel two annas and anna became nickel-brass for the rest of the war. A half-anna coin, of the same general design as the anna, appeared that year on a square planchet, also in the copper alloy.



In 1943 the strangest coin of modern India appeared in the form of a holed one-piece coin replacing the old quarter-anna. This had the same value, but a different label. The wide central hole gave the coin the appearance of a glorified washer. The over-all diameter was approximately that of a US nickel, but the planchet was much thinner.

The punched-out center reflected a considerable metal saving. However, it created a problem with the design, since there was relatively little space on the remaining ring, and the king's head couldn't appear. The solution was to put the value 1 PICE, date, and INDIA on the obverse with appropriate native inscriptions and a crown. The reverse was filled with an elaborate floral design.

Again, strange as the coin looks, the continuous floral design

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COINS OF INDIA'S ENGLISH EMPERORS (Cont'd)

on the reverse is a pleasing design. If unorthodox, the coin at least didn't have a slug-like look, as some conventional coins of the period from other countries do.

After the war, the two-, one-, and half-anna coins reverted to the old copper-nickel alloy, but the holed pice stayed on. However, it didn't last too long. Since India became independent in 1947 and adopted its own national coinage.

In 1946 the rupee series began to change when the quarter- and half-rupee became nickel. The rupee followed the next year. These coins on their reverses featured a stalking tiger. Their issue came to an end when the British labor government, elected after the war, decided to give India her independence. Lord Louis Mountbatten was sent out to prepare the Indians to take over their own country, and by August they did so. Since one of the major problems was the religious bias between Hindus and Moslems, the old nation was split into India and the new nation of Pakistan. That is, into what was really two Pakistans, East and West, coinciding with the areas of greatest Moslem settlements. And, as the British left, religious riots broke out, taking millions of lives before the battling factions separated. During British administration such animosity was kept under control, but with nobody left to hold it in check it erupted.

The British coinage for India, in the days of King George VI, symbolized the end of an era. India used to be, in the popular mind, a place where rich sahibs went to shoot tigers, where maharajas sent troops to fight for the white king. A hot, sultry, land of spices, riches and innumerable raw materials. The change in India's coinage in World War II reflected the lowering of British imperial status throughout the world. Just as the nickel became brass and the silver coins were discontinued, so did the commonwealth's power decline after six years of exhausting war.

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COMING EVENTS

- March 10, 1992** - "Coin Grading Seminar" (Can., Foreign & Ancient), Provincial Museum of Alberta.
- March 4 - 7, 1992** - "Atocha Treasure Display & show", Birks Edmonton Centre, Edmonton.
- April 3, 4 & 5 1992** - **COIN SHOW**, Westwood Inn - Best Western, Edmonton
- April 11 & 12, 1992** - Calgary Numismatic Society **COIN SHOW**, Hospitality Inn, Calgary
- April 18, 1992** - **ECC Annual Coin Show, Meadowlark Mall, 1 day only, 9:30 to 5:30.**
- April 14, 1992** - **Auction, Show & Tell**, Bourse, Provincial Museum of Alberta
- May 12, 1992** - Member talk and Display on Egyptian Coinage, Provincial Museum of Alberta
- June 9, 1992** - "Numismatic Donation Auction", (last meeting before summer break) Provincial Museum.

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**DATE: APRIL 14, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138**

**PROGRAM: SHOW & TELL NIGHT, AUCTION,  
& MEMBER BOURSE**

### **APRIL MEETING**

Members are asked and encouraged to bring to the meeting any items of numismatic interest that you would like to share with the members. A brief description of the item and its importance or what makes it interesting for you is all that is required. If you would prefer to just bring something in to show the others, this would be fine as well. The purpose of these types of meetings is to show the different interests of the members and you may find you have something in common with someone else. Whether it be for one minute or ten, we would appreciate some member participation for this meeting.

In addition to the Show & Tell, we will be having another auction and members are encouraged to bring items in to show or sell. Please remember to do your selling before or after the meeting portion, so as not to interrupt someone during the show & tell or the auction. Hope to see you all there!

### **MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

March's minutes will be short and sweet as the meeting was almost all Coin Grading. Little business was discussed and it turned into one of our longer meetings due to the interest in the grading. The attendance was up as well which is nice to see, with 22 members and one guest in attendance. Members were reminded of the Club Coin Show on April 18, at Meadowlark Mall. Several members brought in items that were pre-graded (ICCS, Bob Armstrong and other respected graders) for the members to grade for themselves. Items graded included American and Canadian silver dollars, Canadian decimal, Foreign coins as well as at least one Ancient coin in each lot. There were about 40 coins in total. A grading sheet was provided for each member to record their grade and info on each coin. After everyone had finished, the persons who brought in the coins released the "Experts" grade for each coin. Although there were some supprizes, especially in the high grades, (MS 62 - PL 66), many members were supprized (including yours truly) to find they were right on or very close most of the time. A very interesting evening to say the least and some nice material was viewed as well (including a \$2000 plus ancient Greece coin from our local ancient expert!). To top the evening off we held our attendance draw of a 1981 Mint set, which was won by our Past President, Wray Eltom.

### **EDITORS NOTE**

The newsletter will be short this month as I'm getting ready for a short trip down East. Sorry I'll miss Aprils meeting, but I'll see you in May. M.S.



### **BEST WISHES EXTENDED**

Best wishes are extended to two members this month, Wray Eltom and Ed Dreger. Both members of the Executive they have both been in the Hospital recently, and as of this writing, they should both be out. We hope they will be well soon and we hope to see you both active again. All the best for a speedy recovery.

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### **THANKS A "BUNCH"**

Thanks are extended to Ernie Egedahl, for providing me and the Club with this month's postage! It's very timely for me as I'm going out of town this month and my time has been very short. Ernie pre-stamped the envelopes with a "bunch" of stamps on each envelope as you can see! Apparently, he was unable to sell them as they just were not that collectible yet, (just like some coins I know). Thanks again Ernie!

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### **EDMONTON COIN CLUB SPRING SHOW**

Members are reminded of this Month's annual Spring Coin Show at Meadowlark Mall, on Saturday April 1. Member bourse tables will be set up as well as Club displays. The Club will also be promoting Coin Week in Edmonton, with information being available to the public on coin collecting and Numismatics in general. Members wishing to man a table are asked to contact Joe Bardy. At last meeting all were sold, but recent events may mean a table or two available. Also anyone wishing to man the Club table are to contact Joe or John Callaghan.

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### **125TH ANNIVERSARY COIN PROGRAM UPDATE**

Most members will now have some or all of the new quarters that have been issued by the Mint. Although they have been slow in getting out, they are finally being available at the banks in rolls. I've just recently obtained March's Newfoundland coin roll. Although the first 3 issues are out, there are many including myself who have yet to see many in circulation in any great quantity. The banks I've talked to say they have back orders for January and February's issues and it appears many people (as opposed to just collectors) have been ordering the coins in rolls. April's issue will feature Manitoba and the Yukon in May. An interesting note on the cost of the whole set that will be available toward the end of the issues, is that the price will be a Whooping \$129.45, (plus GST no doubt). Can you believe it! We should all have \$3.00 that will appreciate as much. I wonder how they will market these in light of the silver Olympic coin fiasco. Maybe they will be housed in a Gold plated display case. In any event I'll have to think long and hard before I buy these 25 cent pieces in a set at that price, especially when we can buy a whole roll each month as they come out. Ah well, that's the life of a Numismatist!!

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### **COMING EVENTS**

APRIL 3, 4, & 5	COIN SHOW, Westwood Inn Best Western, Edmonton
APRIL 11 & 12	Calgary Numismatic Society COIN SHOW, Hospitality Inn, Calgary
APRIL 14	ECC MEETING, SHOW & TELL, AUCTION, PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA
APRIL 18	ECC ANNUAL SPRING SHOW, MEADOWLARK MALL, 1 DAY ONLY, 9:30 TO 5:30
MAY 12	ECC meeting, Member talk on EGYPTIAN COINAGE, Provincial Museum of Alberta.
JUNE 9	ECC meeting, 'NUMISMATIC DONATION AUCTION', (last meeting before the summer)

## PRESS RELEASE

# Lost ship remains enigma that may never be solved

The Griffon may never be found, if new evidence is correct.

Obsession grows from that which is lost and unexplained. Amelia Earheart. The Titanic. Jimmy Hoffa. In Canada, there is the Griffon.

The first ship to sail the upper Great Lakes, it seemed to slip off the edge of the Earth in September 1679. After weighing anchor at Green Bay, Lake Michigan, the boat, named for a mythical beast that was half lion and half eagle, was never seen again.

Since 1805, 11 discoveries of the Griffon's supposed wreckage have been reported. Theories about mutiny and massacre have been floated. Countless adventurers and historians have lost themselves in the mystery of where this ship lies.

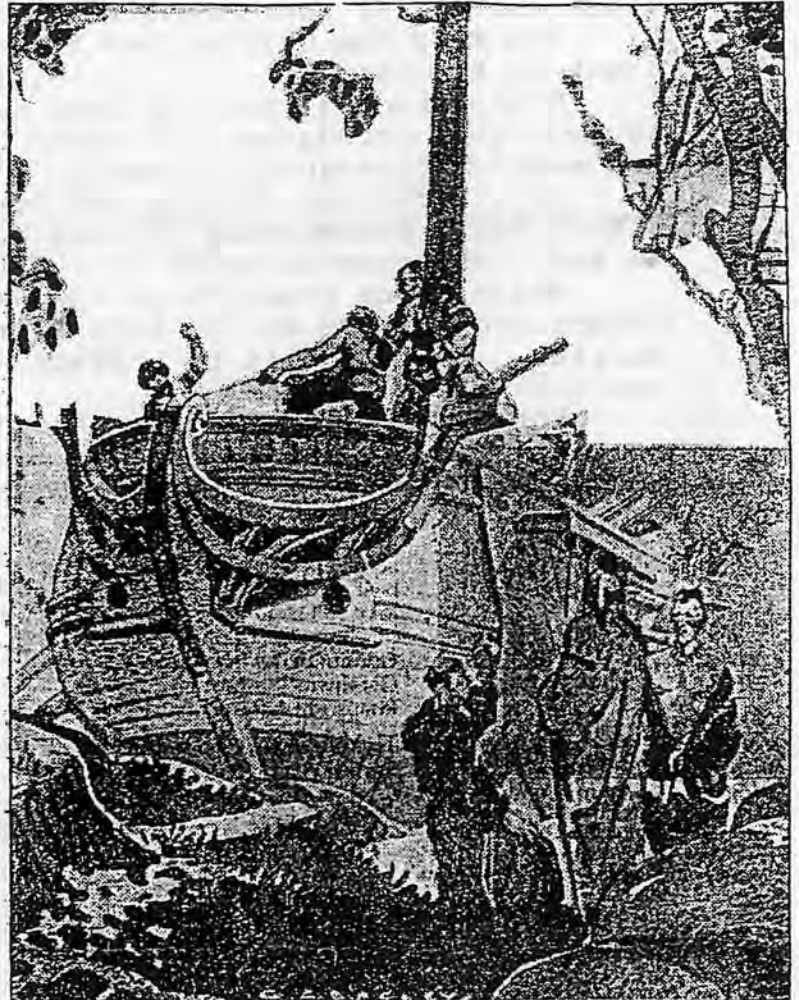
Now it's Ken McLeod's turn. The bus driver turned shipwreck sleuth has earned the moniker "McWreck" from acquaintances.

He spends days between shifts doing research. Already, he has helped turn up evidence challenging old lore about the fate of the 300-year old ship.

The Griffon was built for the French explorer, Robert Cavelier, Sieur de la Salle, who set out in 1679 aboard the ship to be unchartered upper lakes. While la Salle remained at Green Bay, the Griffon was sent back to Niagara. It never arrived.

Pioneers spreading through the upper Great Lakes stumbled across carcasses of ships. Invariably these wrecks were thought to be the Griffon. Two were promising: one at the Mississagi passage on Manitoulin Island, another near Tobermory.

EVIDENCE? Pioneers on Manitoulin in 1879 found an enormous wreck of white oak planks, long lead bolts and nails. Skeletons were found in



Encyclopedia Canadiana

This artist's depiction shows the Griffon under construction.

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## LOST SHIP REMAINS ENIGMA (Cont'd)

a nearby cave. By the late 1920s, the Ontario Government surveyed the site to determine if this was the Griffon, sending Ottawa historian Roy Fleming, who criss-crossed Manitoulin talking to locals and scavenging for artifacts.

He sent one bolt to the National Academy of Arts and Trades in Paris for analysis. Tests showed it was made during the 19th century.

Meanwhile, archeologists said the Tobermory wreck was built too late to be the Griffon.

To Fleming, it seemed the Mississagi wreck could be the Griffon. Other historians and islanders thought so, too.

Assuming the Griffon had been found, people gradually lost interest in the hunt.

McLeod became involved last summer. He has a nose for shipwrecks, having dived throughout the Great Lakes, and having spent three years documenting thousands of wrecks.

He's known for finding the identity of the Hope Island wreck, an almost fully preserved ship sunk in Georgian Bay. His research showed it was the Marquette, sunk in 1867.

While doing research in the National Archives, McLeod found a report from France on the bolt Fleming sent for analysis 60 years earlier. This led him to a diary Fleming kept on his expedition to Manitoulin.

For a shipwreck sleuth, this diary and report were buried treasure. He wondered what a modern analysis would show.

Marine archeologists from both the provincial and federal governments said there was no way this wreck was the Griffon.-- explaining the French lab reports were based on a poor understanding of ship-building and the science of archeometallurgy.

So now there are two mysteries. What is the Mississagi wreck? Where is the Griffon?

A Toronto historian says he has an answer to the last question.

"I don't think the Griffon ever made it out of Lake Michigan," says Bill Fox, an expert in the Odawa Indians, who lived and traded around the upper Great Lakes.

Fox says the Odawa Indians "attacked, burned and sunk" the furladen Griffon. He found a 1680 report from a Jesuit named La Potherie, who described the trashing of the boat.

"It's a logical climax if you look at relations between the Odawa and the French," says Fox. "The French barged in there without much diplomacy. They violated a delicately negotiated trade franchise."

Fox believes the Odawa burned the boat because they were not happy with the French looking for furs in their territory. Then the Odawa conducted a sophisticated "disinformation" campaign, claiming to have seen the ship go through the Mackinaw straits into Lake Huron, to shift blame from them.



## THE GRIFFIN DOLLAR (Cont'd)

willing to go to court to stop this progress. He passed away before the real battle in court began.

I met Orlie Vale on one of my visits to Tobermory. He was a gruff sort of a man, but for some reason he and I got along just fine. His property included his home, a workshop, and a museum of local naval artifacts, and I listened to many tales of his version that these artifacts represented. Large pieces of plank, anchors, bells, anything that could represent a ship or vessel. He told me that all these artifacts had been raised from Georgian Bay, in and around the Tobermory area. On a map he had pin-pointed each recovery, and in many cases the name of the ship that those recoveries represented. One such display listed the ship Griffin, and the location where it had come to grief. He told me that he had proof positive that these boards, planks, bolts, etc. were from the Griffin, but he could not convince any of the authorities. Until his death he remained convinced he was right in his statement. After his death, his property was sold or expropriated-house workshop, and museum demolished to make way for the new terminal. On several later visits to the area I made enquiries as to what happened to the museum artifacts. No-one seemed to know. Some did say much of it went to the dump. I'm sure that much of his study and findings of the area have been noted. It would be a shame if Orlie's lifelong achievements had gone unnoticed. Perhaps some reader of this article can shed new light on Orlie Vale and his findings.

In 1979 the Canadian Mint produced a commemorative silver dollar- "Griffin Dollar" designed by Walter Schluep. This coin shows the ship Griffin under full sail, as the feature, Dollar-Canada around and across the top, and 1679-Griffin 1979 across the bottom, on the reverse. This coin honoured the 300 year launching of the sailing ship Griffin which was built at Niagara. The Griffin was the first vessel to sail the Great Lakes above Niagara Falls. This trip to Green Bay Wisconsin to pick up a load of furs was he maiden voyage. The rest of the story is related in the above article.



Where did the Griffin come to grief? Will it ever be found? Or was Orlie Vale's finding correct that she sank off the tip of Tobermory? Perhaps time will answer all these questions, or as the article implies perhaps we shall never know.

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# ANCIENT Coin Grading

## I GRADING (*Struck Coins*)



One approaches grading, in ancient numismatics, by first passing fair judgment on the overall appearance of the coin surface. That is to say how the coin held up under the care of minting and the wear of circulation. The second rule, in grade formulation, is to take into consideration, or add to the proposed grade, the minor to major desecrations that may have taken their toll on the coin planchet over the last two hundred decades.

### FDC

Stempelglanz  
Fleur de Coin

The Fleur de Coin is that rare, perfect jewel of the mint master's art which is characterized by complete, sharply struck detail and nearly perfect centering, with a full border,<sup>†</sup> on a full round flan.\*

The slightest hint of wear, nicks, corrosion or any other defects will disqualify a coin from attaining this grade.

Ancient coins, in FDC, average no more than two to three coins per hundred thousand sold. (see : Mint State)

### EXTREMELY FINE (EF or XF)

Vorzuglich  
Superbe

A coin, in Extremely Fine condition, is characterized by a good round flan,<sup>o</sup> little or no wear, except on the very highest detail, good centering and no objectionable corrosion. All details should be clearly defined with at least ninety percent of the existing inscription legible.

Minor nicks, flan and die cracks may be expected in this grade as well.

### VERY FINE (VF)

Sehr Schon  
Tres Beau

A coin, in Very Fine condition, is characterized by noticeable wear on the high detail. Good centering is still desirable, with at least seventy five percent of the existing inscription legible.

One may also expect an increase in the volume of cracks, scratches, corrosive pitting and other planchet defects, as well as, a noticeable reduction in the normal coin weight.

<sup>†</sup> Where a border exists.

\*Except where oblong, square or irregular flans occur by design.

<sup>o</sup>Except where irregular flans occur by design.

## I GRADING (*Struck Coins*)

### FINE (F)

Schon  
Beau

A coin, in Fine condition, is characterized by considerable wear, on the lower detail, in addition to an increase in the volume of cuts, scratches, medium to heavy corrosion and other planchet defects. A loss of up to fifty percent of the existing inscription and twenty percent of the design is not uncommon in this grade

A reduction in normal coin weight will be considerable in this grade as well.<sup>†</sup>

### VERY GOOD (VG)

Sehr Gut Erhalten  
Tres Bien Conserve

Very Good is the lowest grade type commonly found in collections. It is usually a filler grade, greatly worn, and suffering from an intensely high percentage of planchet defects. A loss of more than sixty percent of the existing inscription is not uncommon in this grade.

### GOOD (G)

Gut Erhalten  
Bien Conserve

Coins, in Good condition, are characterized by monumental wear and subject to the full range of planchet defects common, or uncommon, to ancient coinage. A loss of more than seventy percent of the existing inscription and design is not uncommon.

Coins, in this grade are, often as not, uniface and are rendered into collections, as a last resort, in reverence to the coin's great rarity or out of respect to the lack of purchasing power on the part of the collector.

### MINT STATE

Fleur de Coin and Mint State, while synonymous terms in modern coinage, too often have quite a different meaning in ancient numismatics. We feel that a certain clarification and even division of these terms must be made here. It is often to the collector's dismay and great dissatisfaction that, while using the term "mint state", in describing a coin's condition as being as perfect as the day it was struck, the seller may unwisely fail to add the fact that the coin may also be double struck, flat struck or struck on worn or corroded dies (etc).

†With exception to coins in mint state.

### I GRADING (Struck Coins)

#### MINT STATE (continued)

Coins, in Mint condition, can range, in grade, from Extremely Fine to Good and a coin, if not a true FDC, should be qualified as to its actual condition by a description of any defects that may have occurred during minting.

Coins, struck in both high and low relief, have been illustrated in the following chart for the simple reason that coins, struck with shallow, low relief dies, are subject to a more even, uniform wear than their high relief counterparts.

FDC

EF

VF

F

VG

G

MINT  
STATE



HIGH RELIEF

(For those who did not make last meeting, a copy of one of the handouts for your use)



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## \* AUCTION SHEET \*

LOT #	DESCRIPTION	GRADE	TREND	RESERVE	SOLD
1.1876H CAN. 1 CENT		VF	\$5.00	-	_____
2.1912 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$6.00	-	_____
3.1893H CAN. 25 CENTS		G	\$6.00	\$2.75	_____
4.1963 US OLUMPIC SIL. CASED DOLLAR		UNC	\$15.00		_____
5. 1912 CAN. 1 CENT		EF	\$4.50	-	_____
6. 1976 BARBADOS \$5.00		PR	\$15.00	-	_____
7. 1913 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$6.00	-	_____
8. 1909 CAN. 25 CENTS		G	\$3.50	\$1.75	_____
9. 1962 US PROOF SET		PR	\$16.00	-	_____
10. 1901 CAN. 1 CENT		VF	\$4.00	-	_____
11. 1887 CAN. 1 CENT		F	\$5.50	-	_____
12. 1916 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$5.00	-	_____
13. 1917 CAN. 25 CENTS		F	\$5.00	\$2.50	_____
14. 1917 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$5.00	-	_____
15. 1920 CAN. 10 CENTS		EF	\$11.00	-	_____
16.1976 BELIZE \$10		PR	\$14.00	-	_____
17.1918 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$5.00	-	_____
18.1920 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$5.00	-	_____
19. 1918 CAN. 25 CENTS		F	\$5.00	\$2.50	_____
20. 1973 CAN. SIL. DOLLAR CASED		PR	\$19.00	-	_____
21. 1986 KOREAN OLYMPIC 1000 WON		UNC	\$7.00	-	_____
22. 1929 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG	\$5.00	-	_____
23. 1919 CAN. 25 CENTS		VG	\$2.50	\$1.25	_____
24. 1984,85,86 REGINA TRADE DOLLARS		UNC	\$6.00	-	_____
25. 1940 CAN. 50 CENTS		F	\$5.00	-	_____
26. 1988 CRIMESTOPPERS TOKEN		-	-	-	_____
27. 1914 CAN. 50 CENTS		G/VG	\$15.00	-	_____
28. 1985 JAPAN EXPO 500 YEN		UNC	\$8.50	-	_____
29. 1934 CAN. 50 CENTS		VG/F	\$30.00	-	_____
30. 1985 NEW ZEALAND COIN SET		PL	\$12.00	-	_____

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**DATE: MAY 12, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138**

**PROGRAM: Member talk on "EGYPTIAN COINAGE"  
(Including display) BOURSE TABLES**

**Members are encouraged to bring items for Show & Tell**

### **MAY MEETING**

Members are encouraged to attend May's meeting where we will be having a Talk and Display by Terry Cheesman on Egyptian Coinage. Terry usually puts on an informative and interesting talk and his displays are second to none in the Ancient category. Hope to see you all there!

### **APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

Eighteen members and 1 guest were in attendance at April's meeting with several members attending who have not been around for some time. Joe welcomed all in attendance and advised those in attendance of 2 members who were in the Hospital, namely Wray Eltom and Ed Dreger. Flowers and a card were sent to each on behalf of the Club.

Dan started the meeting off with a short talk on the historical side regarding past mail bid auctions in the 1940's in the U.S. Several members provided Show & Tell items on such diverse topics as Mint set packaging, Milk Tokens, Paper Money Society related materials, Roman Provincial Coinage, and Chucky Cheese Tokens. Thanks were extended to Ray, Norm, Dan, Terry and David for the interesting topics.

The meeting was then turned over to Ray for the Auction where all but one lot sold in a lively and spirited Auction. Canadian Decimal was the main stay of the Auction and members were able to obtain material at very low prices.

The attendance draw prize of a 1974 Mint set was won by David Peter.

### **EDITORS NOTE**

Thanks are extended to John Callaghan for covering the meeting for me in my absence last month. John is an old hand at covering for the Secretary as he once was the Secretary/Treasurer for many years, before it was split in two positions. I had an uneventful trip to southern Ontario last month and unfortunately didn't get to do any numismatic related items I was hoping to do. The most noticeable thing I came accross was it was much colder than here and rained alot. While there I did notice there were not many new 25 cent pieces in circulation. It appears people are snapping them up out there as fast as they are here. One other item that has definitely changed for the better is the addition of Terminal 3 in Toronto. However the bad part is the terrible traffic getting there.

### **BEST WISHES EXTENDED**

Best wishes are again extended to Wray Elton and his family, who while out of the hospital, is still recovering. We hope you're feeling better and we hope to see you soon. All the best for a speedy recovery. We're also glad to hear Ed Dreger has recuperated and is out and about. Hope to see you both soon.

### **ECC SPRING SHOW CANCELLED**

Due to a last minute decision by the Meadowlark Mall, the ECC was informed that we would be unable to hold our show on the date promised. The Mall has been getting ready to do major renovations and the contractor decided to start earlier than anticipated. The Club was only notified on the Thursday afternoon before the Show. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused to the members and collectors and will announce a revised date and location for a show (likely in the fall) at a later date. In anticipation of some collectors showing up at the Mall, Joe Bardy spent most of the day at the Mall entrance to advise collectors of the cancellation. As expected many collectors showed up and were disappointed after being notified what had happened.

### **CLUB NOTES**

On behalf of the ECC, a submission was sent to the CNA for consideration for the Louise Graham Memorial Award. The Award is given annually to recognize a Club who has had noteworthy achievements throughout the year at their meetings and promoting Numismatics in the community. We feel we had an excellent year last year and hope to have a good chance at the award. A copy of the submission will be available at May's meeting.

A sample copy of the Insight magazine published by the publishers of Canadian Coin News etc., has been received by the Club. The publication includes Numismatic and Philatelic articles as well as dealers listings and Club Directory. The publication will be available to clubs for distribution at shows and other numismatic events at the request of the Club.

The Club has also received a copy of Jack Veffers book "MY 2 CENTS WORTH" which is a collection of numismatic related recollections throughout Jacks colourful numismatic career. Should members wish to purchase a copy of the book, it is available at \$16.00 including postage and handling if the club can order 6 copies or more. Should anyone want a copy, please

### **CLUB NOTES CON'T**

forward a cheque to the club, and an order will be placed once we receive 6 orders. A copy of the box and application form will be available at May's meeting.

### **COLLECTORS INSURANCE AVAILABLE**

Members of the CNA have been offered insurance for Numismatic collections. The cost of the insurance is 65 cents per \$100 of estimated value, with a minimum premium of \$50.00. (collection value x .0065 = premium). You must be a member of the CNA and make application prior to being approved for coverage. Copies of the application will be available at May's meeting.

### **PRICES REALIZED, APRIL AUCTION**

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Sold</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Sold</b>
1.	\$3.00	2.	\$3.00
3.	\$4.00	4.	\$7.50
5.	\$3.00	6.	\$6.00
7.	\$5.00	8.	\$2.25
9.	\$7.50	10.	\$3.00
11.	\$3.50	12.	\$3.00
13.	\$4.00	14.	\$3.00
15.	\$4.50	16.	\$8.00
17.	\$2.50	18.	\$5.00
19.	N/B	20.	\$9.50
21.	\$6.00	22.	\$2.50
23.	\$3.00	24.	\$3.50
25.	\$2.50	26.	\$2.00
27.	\$6.00	28.	\$3.00
29.	\$18.00	30.	\$6.00

### **COUNTERFEIT NOTES IN CIRCULATION**

Counterfeit Canadian \$100 and US \$20.00 bills have been found in circulation in Edmonton in April. The Canadian \$100 notes are poor quality and easily detected. They appear to have been copied on a photo copy machine. The US notes are better quality and appear to have been made on an off-set press. Detective Tonowski, who addressed the Club last year, is in charge of the investigation. One person has been arrested in connection with the case and 4 others are still being sought.

### **COMMEMORATIVE QUARTER UPDATE**

April's issue of the Manitoba commemorative has been issued and consists of an illustration of Lower Fort Garry, with a Red River cart in front of it. I haven't seen any in circulation and was unable to obtain a roll as the banks were all out due to the demand. May's issue will commemorate the Yukon and is due to be released on the 7th. Alberta's coin will be issued on June 4th. The remaining issue dates are not available.



# *For LOVE and MONEY*

## COINS CONVERTED TO TOKENS OF ESTEEM



Almost every coin collector has at one time or another seen or even owned a Love Token. These engraved coins represented an era in numismatics which spanned many generations, but reached its popularity at the turn of the century.

Today, it is common for women to wear charm bracelets. Hanging from these silver and gold bracelets are little hanging silver and gold figures of places, persons, and events. Modern charms are usually die cast mementos of such well known items as the Eiffel Tower, the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, a grand-daughter or grandson, a tiny heart, and various others identifying one's profession, trade, or interests.

From the pieces known in collections today, it is known that engraved coins are known to have been made in the middle ages often to honor a loved one. The usual method of creating such a piece is to plane off or grind off one side of the coin and then with engraving tools carve into the field the message. This practice seemed to be mostly found in coins of Great Britain prior to 1800. Coins of other European countries are also found with such engravings. Even early American Colonial pieces are known. The artists included people in the trades--jewelers, dentists, soldiers, sailors, and for many in prison with lots of time and crude tools, even prisoners. It is well-documented that whalers often spent their off hours engraving whale's teeth into elaborate scenes and sayings--an artform known as scrimshaw.

From the thousands of love tokens known today, it is felt that the popularity of the engraved coin as a charm to give someone reached its peak starting with the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. Many thousands of coins dated 1876 were engraved with initials, monograms, and even full messages. These pieces often were

holed and strung together as bracelets to be worn by girls and women. A single bracelet often contained a coin representing each member of the family, the woman herself, and perhaps a place or event such as an anniversary. Because of this wide-spread practice, most love tokens are

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known with one or more holes since they were intended to be worn on a bracelet or necklance.

Engravers set up booths at the fairs and offered to engrave a coin for a small fee--probably as little as ten cents in 1876. This sort of souvenir proved to be very popular in the fairs of the 1880s, 1890s and early 1900s. In fact, the popularity of such work created a ban on such "mutilations" by the U.S. Treasury Department in 1909 since, according to the edict, "many new coins are being taken from service as currency and used instead as jewelry. "Thus, the official business at country fairs and national expositions alike of making engraved coins stopped. Examining many thousands of such coins will show a rapid drop off in coins dated after 1909.

The variations in love tokens was left entirely up to the person making such pieces and his clientele. One of the major collections accumulated over a fifty year period was owned by the late Boston numismatist, Maurice M. Gould. When he died in 1975, his collection included over 2,000 such pieces. They included about 25% Liberty Seated dimes engraved primarily with initials, but also many pieces with animals, messages, scenics, and combinations.

Among the other common coins were Indian Head cents, Seated Liberty Quarters, Seated Liberty Half Dimes, and Shield Nickels. The scarcer coins included gold coins. Considering that in 1890, \$20. was a month's wages, a \$20. gold piece love token was a special piece indeed--perhaps a Gold Wedding Anniversary gift.

Although we know these pieces all by "love tokens", some had very different messages. A few are known for utility purposes. Soldiers and Sailors with time on their hands often engraved messages about war and politics. Some coins actually were made into ID (identification) tags. Some honored one who had died. Some shop keepers engraved pieces with their store name and trade so that when these coins circulated they acted as a form of business card or trade token. Some pieces are known with very negative messages--one piece in the Gould estate showed an empty liquor bottle over a coffin and the message, "Damn the evil spirits". Several anti-slavery messages are known on coins. Several pieces are known referring to the San Francisco earthquake and fire of April, 1906. And many pieces are known honoring the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1892-1893.

It was at the Columbian Exposition that several forms of coin souvenirs were made. In addition to love tokens and coin engraving, several exhibitors were selling elongated coins--coins that when passed between a pair of rollers



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elongated the coin and at the same time imprinted a message such as the fair itself or that of one of the exhibits. In the next few years as engraved coins became less popular, coin souvenirs included encased coins--coins enclosed in an aluminum collar with a message imprinted on the collar. Pop-out coins appeared early in the 1900s at the fairs in St. Louis (1904), Jamestown (1907), an Pan-American (Buffalo, 1901). These were coins that had a portion of the design punched out in high relief. Some of the designs included, Abraham Lincoln, an Indian, McKinley, Liberty, and Teddy Roosevelt.



Although many of the love tokens made survive today, undoubtedly many were destroyed or lost beyond retrieval. The actual numbers surviving today is estimated in the high thousands, but probably less than a few million. The value as based upon many recent sales at auctions and mail bid sales vary from a low of \$2 to several in the thousands.

Prices will be lower if the coin has one or more holes or other damage. Prices will be higher if the coin is exceptionally nicely done or has a loop or bezel or enamelling or is almost uncirculated or a rare dated issue.

Many tiny silver three cent pieces were made into love tokens. However, due to their tiny size, many are bent and thus can be found at \$2 or even less.



How many of our members have one or more of these forms of numismatic pieces? It's not one of my areas that I collect, but over the years many have passed through my hands. Several collectors who I know have benefitted from these items, and have enhanced their collection from my finds.

I would urge all our members to check through your collection and bring those pieces to one of our future meetings. I'm not asking that you sell these pieces, but we could put together an interesting display, and possibly that token you possess has an interesting story that you would be willing to relate to our members.

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**DATE: JUNE 9, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138**

**PROGRAM: ANNUAL 'NUMISMATIC DONATION  
AUCTION'**

**MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME  
(LAST MEETING BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK)**

### **MAY MEETING MINUTES**

May's meeting was an interesting and educational meeting on Ancient Egyptian coinage put on by Terry Cheesman and Chris Hale. A turn out of 12 members was the only disappointment of the evening as the 2 members put on an exceptional educational seminar with equally exceptional material on display. Unfortunately we had to compete with the hockey game again but not only did the Oilers loose out but so did those who did not attend.

The meeting started out with an informal discussion on liability insurance, as we now require it for our mall shows. We also discussed looking into a show at the Museum. The members were informed that Wray E. is still recuperating and sends his best to the members, but it will still be awhile before he'll be out and about. Joe informed the members of June's Numismatic Donation Auction. With the low turnout the meeting was then turned over to Terry who's talk was on Ptolemaic Coinage which was from 300 to 30 B.C. There were 15 Ptolemaic Kings and Terry had examples of most of them on display including silver and bronze examples. Very little information is printed on coinage or the history of this era, with the book "Early Hellenistic Coinage" being the most up to date reference, and Terry provided a copy which was on display. A two page handout listing Ptolemy II's "system" was also provided to those in attendance.

The next portion of the seminar was put on by Chris who provided a written description with each of 23 coins representing each empire of the Early Egyptian period from 498 A.D. up to modern day Egyptian coinage. The coinage passed around to the members covered the following periods/empires:

Byzantine, Umayyad, Abbasid, Tulunids, Ikhshidids, Fatimids, Ayyubids, Mamulks, Othmamlis, and Modern era. (from 1916 to date) As Chris prepared a written description we will try to put together an article with coin photos for a future newsletter. All in all an informative and interesting display was presented and appreciated by the members. The winner of our attendance door prize of a 1978 Mint set was Robert Milson.

### **JUNE MEETING**

Members are encouraged to attend our last meeting before the summer break, which we have renamed "NUMISMATIC DONATION AUCTION" instead of our White Elephant Auction. The difference is that the auction now is to be NUMISMATIC items only such as coinage, paper money, numismatic books, catalogues, or other numismatica. If you are unable to attend but wish to donate to the Auction, please contact Joe at 435-3294.

## **JUNE MEETING CON'T**

The purpose of the meeting will be to raise funds to send a delegate to the CNA convention. Should no one be attending, the money will be used for Club shows or activities throughout the year. Your support is needed and appreciated. Please attend our last meet before the break and you might find yourself with that special numismatic item you've been looking for. The Club will be providing pop and coffee and the Attendance door prize for the meeting will be a 1962 Mint set. Hope to see you all there.

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - MAY 5, 1992**

Joe called for an executive meeting on May 5 where a majority of the executive attended. The following items were discussed:

- Hobby Mecca '92- the Club has been asked to put in another display this year. The membership are to be canvassed to determine interest and as we are planning an October show, we'll have to confirm there will not be a conflict.
- Museum Show- ECC is to look into putting on a 1 day show in October at the Museum, with educational programs as well. A meeting will be arranged and letter sent to determine if this is possible. The only stumbling block will be the selling of coins.
- Future Coin Shows - it was voted on that all future club 1 day show tables are to be prepaid by the members who want a table. Exact costs are to be determined based on location.
- A proposal to create a slide set from the Don Stewart collection of Alberta Trade tokens was discussed. The Museum was contacted thru Bobb Kidd and they will allow access. Don Stewart was contacted and may be willing to put in some type of prologue to the set. Copies would be made for the CNA as well as Alberta Libraries. Funding will have to be looked into such as The Wild Rose Foundation which may help cover the costs.
- New members - it was suggested to send out letters to past members and new area CNA members to attend our September meeting. A form letter will be drafted and mailed out in August.

## **MUSEUM SHOW**

The Club had a meeting with the Museum and after forwarding a letter of request to hold a show, we have been informed that they will not be able to accommodate us due to the selling aspect of the show. If they were to allow our club, others would want to sell things as well. The Club will now be looking for other venues for shows and as the malls now want liability.....

## **SHOW CON'T**

insurance we'll have to come up with alternate location. Anyone knowing of a realitively cheap rental for a 1 day show are asked to contact any member of the Executive.

## **NEW CLUB MAILING ADDRESS IN SEPTEMBER**

The Post Office in their wisdom, has desided to close out over 600 of their post boxes at the South Side po office in July, leaving the Club looking for a ne location. We have been at that location for about 20 years and I've heard some have been their for 40 years. This will mean we'll have to change our letter head envelopes and get a new return address stamp. They say they are doing this in order to serve us better! We've just sent in recently our address for the Insignia magazine which is good for the whole year and now our address has changed. Please note this and we'll notify all those affected as soon as possible. We'll confirm our new address in the September Newsletter.

## **ECC PROMOTES CANADA'S 125TH BIRTHDAY**

As part of Canada's 125th anniversary celebrations the City, we have been asked to provide a display featuring Canadian coinage. The display will be part of a large promotion featuring Canada's 125th birthday. The display will be set up on June 28th from 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Castle Down Centre in the Co-op Buiding. (137 Ave. & 122 St.) The Club will be providing the usual literature for the public and we are looking for a few members to man the tables and provide a display of Canadian Decimal coinage to complement our Club displays. Any one who is interested in helping out for the 6 hour display are asked to make yourself known at June's meeting or contact Mike or John.

## **COUNTERFEIT LOONIES IN EDMONTON!**

As if last months article on counterfeit paper money wasn't bad enough, someone has been making and circulating counterfeit Loonies in Edmonton. The article in last weeks Journal indicated over 1500 have been found to date and are circulating all over the City. The coins are quite easy to detect as they are lighter in colour and are lacking in detail on the Queens hair and generally not crisp details on both sides of the coins. All the coins are dated 1990. Anyone suspecting they have a counterfeit coin are asked to turn them over to the Police or the RCMP.

## **EDITORS NOTE**

I've tried to find out if Kaiser is having a show in June but the Westwood Inn has no booking yet. But I have found out he'll be having a show in Septermber on the 18th, 19th & 20th. Also Westex has tentatively booked Nov. 6, 7 & 8th for a show. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

### **125th ANNIVERSARY COIN PROGRAM UPDATE**

It's now clear why Edmontonians haven't seen many of the new 25 cent pieces in circulation. In the May 26 issue of CCN's it lists the Canada wide distribution figures and Edmonton is receiving about half what Calgary is getting and also much less than Regina and Winnipeg! Even Halifax has had more on some of the issues. Either the economy is slowing down as some have suggested or we're getting shafted!

Alberta's issue will be coming out about the time of our meeting and it will be interesting to see if some of the members will have them by then. Anyone wishing to trade individual coins or rolls are asked to bring in their extras to the June meeting to trade with other members.

### **COMING EVENTS**

JUNE 9 - ECC " NUMISMATIC DONATION AUCTION" (Last meeting before the summer break)

JUNE 28 - 125TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY - CASTLE DOWN CENTRE, CO-OP BUILDING, 137TH AVE & 122 ST.

JULY 28 - AUG. 2 - CNA ANNUAL CONVENTION, MONTREAL

SEPTEMBER 8 - ECC FALL MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER (To be announced)

SEPTEMBER 18, 19 & 20 - COIN SHOW, WESTWOOD INN - BEST WESTERN, EDMONTON

OCTOBER 13 - ECC REGULAR MEETING (Program to be announced)

NOVEMBER 8 - **SPECIAL ECC MEET IN CONJUNCTION WITH WESTEX SHOW** (Details to be announced)

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## HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

In 1961, February, the federal government announced it had approved a merger between the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the Imperial Bank of Commerce. The new banking institution was to be called The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. After shareholders approved the agreement, the merger took effect June, 1961. At the time the banks had 1,242 branches and total assets of \$4 billion. Under this agreement shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce received one share in the new bank for each share already in possession, and those of The Imperial Bank of Commerce received seven shares in the new bank for each six shares held in The Imperial Bank of Canada.

The beginnings of the Canadian Bank of Commerce began in 1866, when a group of investors in Toronto acquired the charter from The Bank of Canada unincorporated in 1858. They changed the name to The Canadian Bank of Commerce; the bank opening for business was on May 15, 1867 in Toronto, with capital of \$1,000,000.00.

The bank showed rapid growth and by 1871 had 18 branches in Ontario and 1 in Montreal. In 1870 the bank absorbed The Gore Bank (1835-1870) in Hamilton, Upper Canada. Further expansion occurred in 1901, Bank of British Columbia; Halifax Banking Co. in 1903; The Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island in 1906 and Eastern Townships Bank in 1912. Total assets had grown from \$3 million in 1868 to \$246 million in 1912.

With the advent of World War I expansion of bank assets reached \$440 million in 1918, third largest bank in Canada; giving considerable assistance to the war effort and expanding its business. In 1961, it joined forces with The Imperial Bank of Canada, to form the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

# I. ISSUES OF 1867 - 1871

## DESIGNS AND COLOURS



15-0100-1

- \$1 Face Design:** Woman on shell pulled by dolphins/—/Indian maiden  
**Colour:** Black with green tint  
**Back Design:** Lathework, counters and bank name  
**Colour:** Green



15-0100-2

- \$2 Face Design:** Anchor, box and barrel/—/seated woman at wharf  
**Colour:** Black with green tint  
**Back Design:** Lathework, counters and bank name  
**Colour:** Green



15-0100-3

- \$4 Face Design:** Old woman teaching girl to knit/cattle/beehive  
**Colour:** Black with green tint  
**Back Design:** Lathework, counters and bank name  
**Colour:** Green



15-0100-4

- \$5 Face Design:** —/Queen Victoria in "weeds" /—  
 See varieties  
**Colour:** Black with green tint  
**Back Design:** Lathework, counters and bank name  
**Colour:** Green

**IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA**  
**(1873-1961) Toronto, Ontario**

The Imperial Bank of Canada was established in 1873, by a group of Toronto businessmen, one of 28 banks chartered in the seven years following Confederation.

The first office opened for business in Toronto, March of 1875. The very first year the bank acquired Niagara District Bank, with several more branches open in Ontario. New branches were opened with caution, as in ten years the bank had 10 branches; including 2 in the West in 1886 an office opened in Calgary; and in Edmonton in 1891. By 1895, there were 12 branches in the West and 20 in the East.

Imperial Bank of Canada expanded into Saskatchewan in 1931, by acquiring the Weyburn Security Bank (1910-1931), and in 1956 it absorbed Barclay's Bank of Canada, Montreal, Quebec (1929-1956).

In 1961, they joined forces with the Canadian Bank of Commerce to form the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Special thanks to Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Paper Money for information in this article.

John Callaghan,  
The Edmonton Coin Club



# I. BABN CO. ISSUES OF 1875 - 1906

## DESIGNS



## THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA



73-0100-2c

186-1906 \$5 Face Design: Hon W.H. Merritt/  
ploughing scene/  
H.S. Howland  
Bank name below  
central vignette  
Back Design: Lathework, counters  
and bank name



73-0100-3a

\$10 Face Design: Hon W.H. Merritt/Bank Crest  
flanked by lion and Indian/  
H.S. Howland  
Back Design: Lathework, counters and bank  
name



73-0100-4

189- Face Design: Farmer with horse-drawn  
mower/—/H.S. Howland  
Back Design: Lathework, counters and bank  
name



73-0100-5

\$50 Face Design: —/Hon W.H. Merritt/—  
Back Design: Lathework, counters and bank  
name



73-0100-6

\$100 Face Design: —/Canadian Crest/—  
Back Design: Lathework, counters and bank  
name

## COLOURS

\$5 1875 Face Colour: Black with green V FIVE V tint  
Back Colour: Green  
1875-1886 Face Colour: Black with green tint  
Back Colour: Green  
1890 Face Colour: Unknown  
Back Colour: Unknown  
1895-1896 Face Colour: Black with overall gold tint  
Back Colour: Orange  
1906 Face Colour: Black with green tint  
Back Colour: Green

EGYPTIAN COINAGE - MAY 1992 BY TERRY CHEESMAN

SYSTEM OF PTOLEMY II

A	OBV	HEAD OF AMMON	REV	EAGLE WINGS OPEN	40mm = 1 DEBEN
B	OBV	HEAD OF AMMON	REV	2 EAGLES WINGS CLOSED	42mm = 2/3 DEBEN
C	OBV	HEAD OF AMMON	REV	EAGLE WINGS OPEN	38mm = 1/3 DEBEN
D	OBV	HEAD OF ZEUS	REV	EAGLE WINGS CLOSED	30mm = 1/3 DEBEN
E	OBV	HEAD OF ALEXANDER	REV	EAGLE WINGS OPEN	24mm = 1/4 DEBEN
F	OBV	HEAD OF ALEXANDER	REV	EAGLE WINGS OPEN	20mm = 1/6 DEBEN
G	OBV	HEAD OF AMMON	REV	EAGLE WINGS OPEN	18mm = 1/12 DEBEN
H	OBV	HEAD OF AMMON	REV	EAGLE WINGS OPEN	16mm = 1/24 DEBEN



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AS PROPOSED BY MILNE

- 1 DRACHM = 6 OBOLS
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- 3 DIOBOL = 2 OBOLS
- 4 OBOL = 3 CHALKI
- 5 DICHALKON = 1 CHALKI

AS PROPOSED BY CHRISTIANSEN

- 1 DRACHM = 6 OBOLS
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- 3 TRI HEMI OBOL = 1 1/2 OBOL
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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 8, 1992

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30

**PLACE:** PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138

**PROGRAM:** GUEST SPEAKER - LUB WOJTIW, PRESIDENT CPMS, WHO WILL BE TALKING ON HIS FAVOURITE SUBJECT "PAPER MONEY" AS WELL AS PROVIDING A REPORT ON THE CNA CONVENTION.

**"OPEN HOUSE" - MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!**

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our special guest speaker for this month will be Lub Wojtiw, President of the Canadian Paper Money Society. Lub's topic will be "Canadian Tire Money", which is a hot topic down east and I'm sure will be very informative and lively as usual. In addition Lub will also provide a report on the proceedings of the summer's CNA convention in Montreal.

### JUNE MEETING MINUTES

June's meeting saw 14 members in attendance, which is quite low for our last meeting before the summer. However the change in program from the annual White Elephant Auction to a Numismatics auction made the evening all the more interesting. Members brought in and donated all kinds of coinage, paper money, tokens, medals, books and other numismata, which was auctioned off to the highest bidder. Many bargains were to be had and a good time was had by all. Over \$130.00 was raised for the Club. Thanks were extended to Ray Neiman who conducted the Auction, and the members for their donations.

The Club was represented at the Alberta Legislature for the unveiling of the Alberta 25 cent coin, by our President Joe Bardy. Several dignitaries and the artist were in attendance. Joe reminded the members that the club will be setting up a display and information booth for the 125th anniversary celebrations at the Castle Down center in north Edmonton on June 28th.. Several members will be manning a booth. Also the Club will be promoting numismatics at the Hobby Mecca '92 this October 17th & 18th. Volunteers will be required to man the display over the 2 day event.

Due to the Museum's policy about not being able to sell things, the club was unable to arrange a show and educational seminar at the Museum. An alternate location will have to be found and will now most likely be held in the spring of 1993. The meetings free attendance door prize draw of a 1962 mint set was won by George Fij.

### NEW CLUB MAILING ADDRESS

The Club was forced to change it's mailing address (along with hundreds of others) this summer do to Canada posts desire to "serve us better". Please note this change in any correspondence you have with the Club. The new mailing address is as follows:

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## NUMISMATIC NOTES

It appears 1991 Canadian standard 25 cent pieces will be scarce as the mintage is extremely low. (459,000 minted) This is even lower than the 50 cent piece at 490,000 minted. Albern is buying rolls at \$30.00 and selling them at \$90.00! It appears in the annual Mint Report that all mintages are down in both 1990 and 1991 except in the 1cent and 50 cent pieces.

July and August saw the release of the P.E.I. and Ontario 25 cent pieces. The P.E.I. coin which was issued on July 7, has caused some controversy due to the scene on the reverse being Cousins Shore, a coastal area that the province slated for development. The coin, designed by Nigel Roe of Charlottetown, shows the rugged shoreline indicative of the area.



The design for the Ontario coin was unveiled on August 6 in Toronto. The coin features a majestic jack pine tree blowing in the wind. The coin was designed by Greg Salmela of London, Ontario, and the scene resembles a Group of Seven painting.



A new \$1000.00 bank note was recently issued to replace the 1954 series, which will be withdrawn from circulation. The front shows the Queen and the Parliament buildings and the back having a pair of Pine Grosbeaks. The redish purple notes have the new O.S.D. security mark which changes from gold to green depending how you look at it. 1.5 million notes are being made available which have a 10 year life expectancy.

Another 125th Anniversary coin that was issued on June 29, was the one dollar circulating coin. The design of the coin features the centre block of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, with three children seated on the ground viewing the building. One is holding the Canadian flag while another is pointing at the Peace Tower. The coin was designed by Rita Swanson of Saskatchewan.



## COUNTERFEIT LOONIES STILL POPPING UP

Although the numbers of counterfeit loonies being found have slowed considerably, they are still showing up once in awhile around Edmonton. So says Det. Will Tonowski of the Edm. Police Service. One culprit has been caught and is awaiting trial in Calgary. The phony "loonies" have one thing over the real thing though and that is they are considerably more valuable. As counterfeits they are illegal to have or sell but have an underground cost of around \$20.00. Anyone suspecting they have a counterfeit coin are asked to turn them over to the Police or the RCMP. Det. Tonowski says knowledgeable people (such as coin collectors) found in possession of the coins will be treated more severely than your average citizen.

## SPEAKING OF COUNTERFEITS...

I've been advised that although counterfeit coins of all sorts have been around since coinage was invented, it appears Edmonton is getting its share of recent forgeries. A local dealer has informed me that over the past month counterfeit Chinese and Vietnamese coinage was brought into the shop to be sold as genuine articles, by two different sources. The Chinese coins were Silver Kansu Province dollar coins dated 1914. The sand casted coins were much lighter than usual but could have easily been passed off to someone not familiar with the era. Legitimate coins go from \$100 to \$300 in fine to XF condition. The Vietnamese coins which showed up were French Cochinchina coinage dated 1879, of silver but noticeably lighter. The 50 cent denominations show the seated liberty on the Obverse. Legitimate coins of the era go for \$100 to \$400 in Fine condition. Gold coins are always showing up and are usually close to proper weight but noticeably inferior in quality and have that "just minted" feeling. Recent counterfeits not normally seen around here, have been of Ancient coinage. The cast coins are quite well done and with the expectation of poor quality minting of this era, can pass as real coinage to the untrained eye.



## **COUNTERFEITS CON'T**

It is expected that some of these coins are being produced locally. (in the Province) Other "ancients" are being "found" in Europe and areas of the Middle East, by unsuspecting tourists who pay a local merchant to use a metal detector to search a certain area of the countryside. When they find a small hoard of coinage they are extatic at the discovery. When they tell their story back home when trying to value the coinage, they then find out this is a money making industry and the coinage was planted in the area and obviously counterfeit. Anyone being approached by someone they do not know professing to give them a "deal" on foreign or ancient coinage, should take a second look and seek an experts opinion before buying the coin. Once its bought and determined to be a forgery, it's illegal to sell it to someone else and your stuck with the coins and a lower bank account ballance!

## **125TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY**

The Club was represented at a show on June 28th, in celebration of Canada's 125th Anniversary. The show was held at Castle Down Centre in the Co-op building. The Club set up its tables with examples of Canadian Medals, paper money and Colonial coinage, and distributed pamphlets on numismatics and the Club to the public and other exhibitors. The booth was manned by Drew Thompson, John Callaghan and Mike Schneider. Thanks are extended on behalf of the Club for taking the time to represent the Club and Numismatics at this show.

## **125TH 25 CENT PIECES - WANTED / TO TRADE**

Anyone wishing to trade or buy missing quarters from the series are asked to bring their extra coins or rolls to the meeting to trade with the members. This could be easier than standing in a line at the banks as well as cheaper than buying them from the dealers. Its interesting to note the dealers have been getting them weeks before the banks, but have to charge a premium

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(It sounds like the mint at work as well! (reprinted from the Edmonton Sun))

## **COMING EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 8 - ECC FALL MEETING /OPEN HOUSE - GUEST SPEAKER ON PAPER MONEY & CNA REPORT

SEPTEMBER 18, 19 & 20 - COIN SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, EDMONTON, 18035 - STONY PLAIN ROAD

SEPTEMBER 16 - ECC EXECUTIVE MEETING, 7:30 P.M. (Meet at Joe's place)

OCTOBER 13 - ECC REGULAR MEETING (Program to be announced)

NOVEMBER 7 - SPECIAL ECC BREAKFAST MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH WESTEX SHOW  
(GUEST SPEAKER, BREAKFAST COST AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)

NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8 - WESTEX COIN SHOW, WESTWOOD INN , 18035 - STONY PLAIN ROAD, EDMONTON

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### A MODERN COIN - A MODERN HISTORY THE KENNEDY HALF DOLLAR

"Where were you?"

Listening to your radio or watching a favourite television show, or going about your every day tasks?

Early in the afternoon on November 22nd, 1963, a flash interrupted all programs -- "The President of the United States has been shot in Dallas, Texas. I repeat - John F. Kennedy, the President of the United States, has been shot. Keep listening for further details on his condition.

With these few words the North American Continent and the world was made aware. The shock of it all began to set in from coast to coast and around the world. Later that afternoon after many news bulletins, the world was to be saddened with the report "The President is dead". The shock had now set in round the world. Many people were asking the question "why". Today, years later, many of the why's have not been answered, and may well never be answered.

The sound of the horses hoofs and the rumble of the caissons had hardly stilled when the wheel were put in motion to honour John F. Kennedy on the coinage of the United States. Should it be on the cent?

Lincoln had adorned the cent since 1909, and many people thought a new design was necessary, or on the Jefferson nickel, the Roosevelt dime, or the Washington Quarter dollar. All of these coins could have the





THE KENNEDY HALF DOLLAR (Cont'd)

design changed without an act of Congress, having all run the prescribed 25 years. But to remove one from either the cent, nickel, dime, or quarter would be removing the portrait of a former president, so it was decided that the Franklin half would be the coin to be used.



Benjamin Franklin, who was one of the United States most honoured citizens, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, statesman, etc., was a very popular choice for the half dollar in 1948. But it was thought that the half dollar would have a greater impact on the people, and that the changing of the Franklin design by an act of Congress would also serve to honour a young president who had still so much to do and so much to give to the people of the United States and to the people of the world.

The Franklin half was through, and in 1964 the Kennedy half rolled through the coin press like no other half dollar in the history of the United States coinage, and in the next 9 years of issue, the quantity minted had exceeded the total combined production for the previous 170 years of half dollars. Millions were minted but very few served as a medium of exchange. People from every walk of life put some away, so that they could tell their grandchildren about the coin and the man it depicted, or be able to present to them an honoured coin. Many hoarded great numbers with the hope of becoming rich overnight, but with the great number minted this seems very unlikely. Only this last few years has one been able to pick one up in change, and many have disappeared into the melting pot for the silver content it held.



A year ago the A.N.A. National Coin Week Theme was "History In Your Hands". Every coin that we pick up has a history of we research it. My point is that the Kennedy Half is a very young series that has already had a most interesting history. Thus far it has been minted in three metal varieties. .900 fine silver in 1964, .400 clad silver from 1965 through 1970, and cupro nickel clad copper commencing in 1971. It also has the mint marks on both the reverse (1964) and the obverse (from 1968). It was also designed by two engravers. The obverse was designed by Gilroy Roberts, whose initials appear on the base of the bust. The reverse was designed by Frank Gasparro, and his initials appear beneath the eagle's left leg.

Also another interesting fact is that in 1970 the only Kennedy halves were those of the Denver Mint, and those just for the collectors who ordered sets.



In 1976, to honour the U.S. Bicentennial, the reverse was changed showing Independence Hall in Philadelphia as the main feature. The obverse remained unchanged except for the dual date 1776-1976. In 1977 the original designs were resumed.

The Kennedy half is still a very young series, but in the eyes of this writer, a coin that is much desired because of its

beauty, history, still easy to complete, reasonably inexpensive, and



in my opinion, barring unforeseen events, a long life.

John F. Kennedy had a great deal to offer to the world at the time of his death. May the Kennedy Half Dollar offer to the collectors of numismatics everywhere its full potential for years to come.

T. Masters

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### THE EISENHOWER DOLLAR

In the 70s the major news items were the Watergate Affair, impeachment of President Nixon, or inflation. In 1969 the big news was the space program, landing a man on the moon, and safely returning him back to earth. Neil Armstrong was that man, making what many have called the outstanding achievement of this century. The space program was begun during President Eisenhower's term of office and to fulfill a dream of President Kennedy when he said, and I quote: "Within the next decade we should endeavour to put a man on the moon and to safely return him to earth". Unquote.

The major numismatic event of 1971 was the arrival of the Eisenhower dollar, the long awaited return of a dollar coin to circulation in the United States.

The Eisenhower dollar is the latest in a series that began back in 1794, and lasted with modifications to 1935. For 35 years no dollar coin was minted and with the major event like landing on the moon a new amendment to the coinage bill provided that the reverse of the coin be symbolic of the Apollo II flight honoring man's first landing



on the moon. The large eagle swooping down on Tranquility base on July 21, 1969, represents Apollo II which was christened "The Eagle". Opposition arose because of the choice of Eisenhower for the obverse because many thought several other presidents deserved the honor more than Ike, but because the whole space program began during the Eisenhower

administration, Ike was selected for the obverse.

Dwight David Eisenhower will be the first President of the United States to be depicted on a regular issued dollar coin and very likely the last to be honored in silver. He was born October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas, graduate of Abilene High School, Kansas, and West Point. He rose to 5-star general, and in 1945 President Truman appointed him Chief of Staff of the United States Army, a post he held until his retirement in 1948. In June 1948 he became President of Columbia University, remaining at this post for 30 months. In 1952 he became United States' 34th President, winning over Democratic Stevenson with 442 electoral votes to 89. He was the first President limited to two terms, also the oldest man ever to be president, and by the time he left office in 1960 he was 70 years of age. At 79 years of age he died of a heart attack of which he had several. Eisenhower is buried in Abilene, Kansas.

Frank Gasparro, the United States' tenth chief sculptor-engraver since the mint was established in 1792, designed the coin. The obverse shows Eisenhower facing left with Liberty around the top inside a raised border, and under Ike's chin "In God We Trust", and the date at the bottom.



The reverse of U.S. coinage has featured eagles in flight, but never before have we had an eagle like the one on the Eisenhower reverse.



It is a Space Eagle swooping down on the moon, and as Gasparro put it, "It's America's image to the world". The design shows an eagle swooping down on the lunar surface. It carries an olive branch, symbolic of peace in its claws. The receding earth appears above the eagle's head and below the motto "E. Pluribus Unum" which is required by statute to appear on all U.S. coins. There are 13 stars representing the first states of the union, and of course, the words United States of America and the

denomination "one dollar". The designer's initials F.G. appear at the right below the eagle's tail feathers.

In 1976 the Bicentennial of the U.S. Eisenhower Dollar had a new reverse design. The central feature shows the Liberty Bell superimposed on the moon. The obverse remains the same except for the dual date - 1776-1976.



The Ike dollar, unlike issues of the past, will be made in three distinct varieties, base metal cupro-nickel intended for general circulation, 40% silver uncirculated and 40% silver proof-minted specially for collectors. The proof will be the first proof silver dollar struck in the U.S. since 1904.

The cartwheel has returned to the U.S. coinage, bringing with it renewed excitement in coin collecting. The bald eagle landing on Tranquility base has become a familiar sight to most collectors. The issuance of the Ike dollar has ushered in a new era in coinage. The future promises to bring a plentiful supply to you, a collector, but the excitement of those early years soon faded. None were minted for 1975 and 1978 saw the Ike issued for the last time in favor of the ill-conceived Susan B. Anthony dollar. The cartwheel's future doesn't look bright, but they said that in 1935. Only time will tell.

T. Masters



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#### ODD SHAPED COINS

When one mentions the word "coins" most people visualize a solid, round, metallic object. This is not always true, Although all of Canada and the U.S. coins are round. At the next Coin Show you attend, check the dealers foreign coin box and see how many different shaped coins you can find. Some with round and square holes, eight sided, square, scalloped, are just a few. You will be surprised how easy it is to put together a very nice display for very little money.

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**DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138**

**PROGRAM: AUCTION, NUMISMATIC EDUCATION  
MEETING ( MEMBERS TO BRING FAVOURITE OR MOST  
INTERESTING BOOKS ON NUMISMATICS )**

### **OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA**

Members are asked to bring their favourite or most interesting numismatic books to the meeting. The books will be displayed by the members for viewing, or if you wish, a short description can be given on the books. A Numismatic smorgasborg of information should be on hand, so don't miss this informative meeting. In addition we'll have our first of only 2 or 3 auctions of the year. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

### **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Seventeen members and 3 guests were in attendance at the first meeting of the fall session. Joe welcomed everyone back from the summer break. Joe reviewed the 1992 coin program and the many new holders for the series that are being produced. A short discussion ensued on the mintage of the 1991 25 cent piece. As well a discussion was held on the Olympic coin redemption program, counterfeit loonies and mintages in general.

The Club is participating in "HOBBY MECCA '92", and Joe asked for volunteers to man the display for the 2 day show. (Information on the show is presented later in the newsletter.) Initial list of volunteers are as follows:

Mike S., Joe B., John C., Terry C., Drew T., Elden K., Dan G., and Ed D.

Anyone else wishing to participate in this exciting and interesting show can notify the Executive up until our meeting on the 13th. We would like to have a maximum of 2 members at the booth at all times. The more volunteers will mean the shorter the stay in the booth.

Joe then introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Lub Wojtiw. Lub presented an interesting talk on Canadian Tire Coupons, which is a hot area of collecting, especially in the east. Lub also presented a short summary of the events at the CNA in Montreal. ( A related article by Lub is enclosed) The attendance door prize draw of a 1973 Mint set was won by Mike Schneider. Following the formal meeting, the members renewed acquaintances and a good time was had by all.

### **CANADA 125TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION FOR ECC.**

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the certificate presented to the Club on Sept. 27, in recognition of our participation in the Anniversary celebrations which were held on June 28. Congratulations to the members who manned the display, as the Anniversary Committee indicated it was the best of all the displays at the show!

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

On September 15, 1992 the Executive met to discuss future meeting topics and work out details for upcoming shows and events. It was decided to try to have more films and slide shows for the meetings. Subjects for upcoming months are as follows:  
 October - Auction, Numismatic Books on display  
 November - Breakfast meeting w/ speaker @ Westex  
 December - Annual General Meeting, Raffle Draw, Christmas Party, Show & Tell (Open House)

One of the Executive will be looking into a Saturday morning "Kids Meeting" format, similar to the Stamp club, at Southgate mall. We have written to the Wild Rose Antique Collectors to see if they will sponsor a proposed slide series on Alberta Trade Tokens. We anticipate an answer in the spring of '93, as there funding is on a first come -first serve basis.

The Executive decided to donate most of the prizes for the Christmas Draw, and donations were pledged at the meeting. It was decided to issue a '40th Anniversary' token in 1994 in conjunction with a coin show. Details to follow.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following applications in the Edmonton Coin Club have been received. Should there be no objections, they will become members in good standing.

REGAN SHEA	#352	Pacific, USA
JIM CHORNEY	#353	Edmonton

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

The 9th in the series of 25 cent issues was released on Sept. 9th, in Halifax. The coin features a Lighthouse located on Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. The coin was designed by Bruce Wood of Truro, N.S. Mr. Woods design was inspired by a watercolour study of the Lighthouse at Peggy's Cove that he had produced a couple of weeks prior to the announcement for the design competition. 10 million of the coins will be produced. The next issue in the series will be celebrating Quebec, and should be available in mid Oct.



## HOBBY MECCA - OCT. 17 & 18

The ECC will be participating once again in Hobby Mecca '92, which will be held on Saturday Oct. 17 and Sunday Oct. 18th. The show promotes collecting of all types and encourages collectors of all ages to come out and enjoy the collecting interests of dozens of hobbies. The show is held at the Convention Centre in Edmonton and the hours are Sat. - 10:00 to 6:00, Sun. - 10:00 to 5:00. The show is sponsored by the Capital Care Foundation and admission is as follows: General - \$5.00, Children - (4 - 12) \$3.00, under 3 free. The club will have displays of Canadian Decimal, Pre-Confederation Tokens, Medals, Paper money and Ancients. As well, we will be again this year giving away free foreign coinage to all children. Hope to see you at the show!

## SPECIAL NOVEMBER BREAKFAST MEETING

In conjunction with the WESTEX COIN & STAMP SHOW being held from Nov. 6 - 8, the ECC will be having its regular monthly meeting at the Westwood Inn - Best Western. The meeting will be held on Saturday Nov. 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 in the Gold room adjacent to the Bourse floor. Buffet breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Members and guests are welcome to attend. Costs for the "Buffet Breakfast" will be \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members (All inclusive) A special Guest Speaker will address the meeting after the breakfast. Tickets for the special meeting will be available at Octobers meeting and from Joe bardy up until the meeting date. Tickets are limited and available on a first come - first served basis.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letters have been received this month from T/N/T Commemoratives, P.O. Box 2266 Covina California, USA, 91722 - 2266. Anyone wishing to purchase Arabic Desert Storm Commemoratives can contact the above. Silver & Gold issues are available.

In addition, a letter has been received from Israel, by the "Centre of Israeli Numismatic Specialties" (C.O.I.N.S.) A price list of current Israel legal Tender coins and Banknotes was enclosed and will be available at Octobers meeting.

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## COMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 10 & 11 Victoria Numismatic Society Show, Victoria B.C. Tally-Ho Motor Inn.
- OCTOBER 13, ECC Regular Meeting. Auction, Numismatic books to show & display.
- OCTOBER 17 & 18 HOBBY MECCA '92 - Convention Centre, Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 10 - 5. Club Displays
- OCTOBER 17 & 18 North Shore Numismatic Society Annual Coin Fair, North Vancouver Rec. Centre, Vancouver
- OCTOBER 17 & 18 Regina Coin Club coin, stamp & sports card show, Seven Oaks Motor Inn, Regina
- OCTOBER 24 & 25 Saskatoon Coin & Stamp Show, Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon, Sask.
- NOVEMBER 7 ECC Special Breakfast meeting w/ Guest speaker. Westwood Inn
- NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8 WESTEX COIN & STAMP SHOW, Westwood Inn, 18035 Stony Plain Rd., Edmonton
- DECEMBER 8 ECC Annual General Meeting, Elections, Raffle Draw, Show & Tell, X-mas Party.

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"And to my nephew, Babson, who always had his eye on my coin collection, I leave my magnifying glass."



"I wouldn't bother asking my husband anything. The only decided opinions he has are on coin grading."



### CANADIAN TIRE NOTES

By Lub Wojtiw

(Presented to the Edmonton Coin Club Meeting of September 8, 1992)

(Editor's Note - In addition to Lub's talk for the evening on Canadian tire notes, he elaborated on his experiences at the CNA and was overwhelmed by the interest in this growing area of collecting. Canadian Tire Note collecting has been hot down east for several years and he wanted to pass on some of his findings and interests to the members of our club. There is now a thriving Canadian Tire Coupon Collectors Club with over 300 members, the majority being in Ontario & Quebec. Prices of notes are rapidly rising but collecting is still within reach of the average collector. {Some additional information was added from the September issue of the CNA Journal, from the 1975 series on})

The Canadian Tire Corporation started its beginnings as the Hamilton Garage and Rubber Company, in a small one bay Ford automobile service garage on the corner of Gerrard and Hamilton streets in Toronto in 1909. John William Billes was appointed sales manager in 1913. In 1922 he purchased the business for \$1500.00. John's younger brother, Alfred Jackson Billes, joined the business and the name of the firm was changed on Sept. 15, 1922 to the Hamilton Tire and Rubber Co.

The business was incorporated under the Ontario Charter on Dec. 1, 1927 with the new name "Canadian Tire Corporation". John W. Billes was the first President, and Alfred J. Billes looked after the technical side of the business. In 1923, the store moved to the corner of Elm and Yonge streets; then from 1927 to 1937 they were located at the north-east corner of Yonge and Isabella streets then in 1937 they moved to the north-east corner of Church and Yonge street.

The company issued their first road map in 1926 and their direct sales catalogue in 1928. Billes franchised the first Associate store in 1934 in Hamilton, and a second was opened in Ottawa the same year. A franchise only required an investment of \$1000.00 and a store of 300 square feet. Franchises grew over the years as follows:

1939	- 71 Franchises
1941	- 108
1946	- 116
1956	- 156
1966	- 225
1972	- 269 stores & 49 gas bars

Today there are over 400 Associate stores and 132 gas bars from coast to coast.

The company had entered Quebec in the early 1950's to be followed by the Maritimes in that decade. Stores were established in:

Manitoba	- 1966
Saskatchewan	- 1972
Alberta	- 1975
B.C.	- 1982

The first gas bar was opened at the Yonge St. store in Toronto in 1958. In 1973, the company's head office was moved to the Canada Square Building at Yonge and Eglinton streets, Toronto. John W. Billes died on Nov. 16, 1956 at the age of 60, and Alfred Billes, 54, became President. He introduced gas bars to the franchise operation. During Alfred's term as President, the Treasurer was Frederick Y. Sasaki. Alfred Billes returned as President in 1966 and Vice President Joseph Dean Muncaster, 32, became Chief Executive Officer. The Corporation underwent severe internal problems from 1983 to 1987 during a rearrangement of corporate ownership. Muncaster left the company in May 1985. In mid January 1986, new officers appointed included Dean Groussman as President and Chief Executive Officer, and Douglas H. Heumann as Vice President and Treasurer.

#### CASH BONUS COUPONS

Cash Bonus Coupons were originally issued at the corporation gas bars to promote the purchase of gasoline, and to retain the customers. They were redeemable only at a Canadian Tire Associate stores and only in association with consumer purchases of merchandise or auto centre service. About \$30 million of coupons are issued or replaced each year.

Billes compared the coupons to the store tokens of the 19th century. The coupons were a discount for paying cash and they were a formal recognition of the fact rather than a simple reduction in price at the cash register. Since the coupons were to have the same recognition as cash, the company decided they should have the appearance and feel as well. The British American Bank Note Company was commissioned to design and produce the Cash Bonus Discount Coupons for the gas bars, and to control counterfeiting.

The Coupons were first introduced to the Public in late November 1958 when the first "Gas Bar" was opened at Yonge and Church St. in Toronto, next to the main Store. The price of gasoline in 1958 was about 39.9 cents a gallon. The company discount varied from 5% to as high as 25%.

#### FIRST ISSUE - RURAL SCENE OF 1958

There were 5 denominations: 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 (BABN)

#### 2ND ISSUE - MAP SERIES OF 1962

This series was printed "In-house" at the company Printing Department at Sheppard Distribution. The design is course and serial numbers tend to be uneven. Low denominations were issued as follows: 1, 2, 3, and 4 cents.

3RD ISSUE - MODIFIED MAP SERIES 1962 - 1980'S (BABN)

Denominations issued ranged from 5 cents to 60 cents. These were the first serial no's that were located in the centre of the notes : 5c, 10c, 25c, 50 cents. Then the serial no's were moved to above and centre of the notes. These notes were known as the "Tire and Dollar" type.

"TESTED PROVEN PRODUCTS" - SEAL SERIES 1961 (BABN) SANDY McTIRE

Gordon Yorke of the BABNC engraved the plates. Denominations were issued from 3 cents to 1\$.

50TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE - 1972 (BABN)

Six denominations were issued: 3c, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, & 1\$. Two issues were made for this series as the face value for the first printing was difficult to read. The first series had dark serial no's and the second lighter serial no's. The notes were signed "F.Y. Sasaki, Treasurer - and Dean Muncaster, President."

1975 - SANDY McTIRE SERIES CONTINUED (CBN)

The contract for printing of the series changed in 1975 to the Canadian Bank Note Company. A 2 letter prefix was introduced to expand the possible number of coupons that could be issued. The prefix series for these coupons ranged as follows: AN TO HN.

OLYMPIC SERIES - 1976 (CBN)

This series was issued to commemorate the Olympics in Montreal and 6 denominations were issued: 3 cents to 1\$. The prefix series ranged from : JN TO ON.

1977 - SANDY McTIRE SERIES CONTINUED (CBN)

Prefixes for this series went from: PN - ZN, then : AM - EM.

1985 - REDESIGNED FORMAT (CBN)

Only one signature was found on these coupons due to internal problems within the corporation. Both Large and Small serial numbers have been found in this series. The notes were signed by F.Y. Sasaki.



1987 - REDESIGNED BACK (CBN)

Two signatures were used for this series. A "Warning" caption was also added to the note regarding the use and ownership of the coupon.

1989 - SANDY McTIRE (BABN)

This series contained a single prefix letter and 8 digit serial no's. Serial no's are known to be in both red and black issues.

COUPON SAMPLE NOTES

The following 2 pages show some examples of notes. The first shows an earlier note with the "Tire and Dollar" and the "Tested Proven Products" seal. (Front & back shown) An example of a "Specimen" coupon is also shown. The second page shows the front and back of the 1976 Olympic notes.

Anyone interested in more information on Canadian Tire Coupons can contact the following: (Newsletter)

CANADIAN TIRE COUPON COLLECTORS CLUB  
c/o DON ROBB  
BOX 724, WATERLOO, ONTARIO  
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In 1991, Charlton has issued the first Canadian Tire Coupon Catalogue and the 3rd edition of a Quebec Catalogue has been issued. More information on the Quebec catalogue can be obtained from:

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\* OCTOBER\*  
\* AUCTION SHEET \*

LOT #	DESCRIPTION	GRADE	TREND	RESERVE	SOLD
1.	1978 Japanese Mint Set	PL	\$13.00	-	_____
2.	337 - 361 A.D. Constantius II	-	\$8.00	-	_____
3.	1872 H Can. 50 Cents	G	\$22.00	\$11.00	_____
4.	1917 Can 50 Cents	VG	\$5.00	\$3.00	_____
5.	375 - 392 A.D. Valentinian II	-	\$12.00	-	_____
6.	1939 Can \$	VF	\$12.00	-	_____
7.	1876 Can 1 Cent	VF	\$6.50	-	_____
8.	1906 Can. 50 cents	G	\$8.00	\$4.00	_____
9.	1965 Gr. Br. Mint Set	UNC	\$10.00	-	_____
10.	1929 Can. 50 cents	A/F	\$9.00	\$5.00	_____
11.	1958 Can. \$	VF+	\$5.50	-	_____
12.	1945 Can. 25 cents	VF	\$5.00	-	_____
13.	Cape Cod Medallion	UNC	\$7.50	-	_____
14.	1911 Can. 50 cents	G	\$6.00	\$3.00	_____
15.	1896 Can. 5 cents	VF	\$20.00	-	_____
16.	1943 Can. 50 cents	EF	\$10.00	\$5.00	_____
17.	1969 Israel Mint set	PL	-	-	_____
18.	1912 Can. 50 cents	G	\$3.00	\$1.75	_____
19.	1891 Can. 1 cent (L.D., L.L.)	VG	\$6.00	-	_____
20.	1947 50 cents, Sr.7, Ptd. Left	VF	\$10.00	\$6.00	_____
21.	398 - 488 A.D. Arcadius	-	\$15.00	-	_____
22.	1938 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$5.50	-	_____
23.	1921 US Morgan \$	F	\$7.50	\$4.00	_____
24.	1947 50 cents Sr. 7, Curved R	VF	\$9.00	\$5.00	_____
25.	1910 Can. 5 cents	VF+	\$6.50	-	_____
26.	1971 Israel Mint set	PL	-	-	_____
27.	1947 Can. 25 cents	EF	\$12.00	-	_____
28.	1663 Poland 1 1/2 Groshen	-	\$35.00	-	_____
29.	1922 US Peace \$	VG	\$7.50	\$4.00	_____
30.	1958 Dot Can. 50 Cents	EF	\$10.00	\$5.00	_____
31.	1979 P US Susan B. Anthony \$	EF	-	\$1.50	_____
32.	1969 New Zealand Mint set	PL	\$11.00	-	_____

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**DATE: ' SATURDAY ', NOVEMBER 7 , 1992**

**TIME: 8:30 a.m. , BUFFET BREAKFAST AT 9:00**

**PLACE: WESTWOOD INN , BEST WESTERN - 18035 - STONY  
PLAIN ROAD, GOLD ROOM (BESIDE BOURSE ROOM)**

**PROGRAM: BUFFET BREAKFAST, GUEST  
SPEAKERS, NOMINATIONS FOR DECEMBER  
ELECTIONS, WESTEX COIN SHOW TO FOLLOW**

### **PROGRAM LOCATION & TIME CHANGE NOTICE**

Once again this year, the Club will be having its regular monthly meeting in conjunction with the Westex Coin & Stamp Show. The meeting will be held on Saturday November 7, at 8:30 a.m., at the Westwood Inn. The Buffet Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Guest Speakers and meeting to follow. After the meeting the members are free to enjoy the Westex Coin Show. The cost for this special meeting is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Tickets for the breakfast meeting are available by calling Joe B. at 435-3294 , Mike S. at 463-4452, John C. at 456-9375 or Fax your request at 450-0155. Please notify the above by Thursday Nov. 5, so a head count can be given to the Hotel for the Breakfast. Tickets will also be available at the door if the members can call in advance for the headcount. We hope to see a good turnout for this Special Meeting and please call ahead for your tickets. See you there !

### **OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

Twenty members attended October's meeting at the Museum. Due to the Animated Whale show, the meeting room location has been temporarily changed to the 2nd floor Gallery room. Signs will be posted for future meetings. Octobers meeting was Numismatic Book Month and several members brought their special books to describe and share with the members. First of all, Joe welcomed the members to the meeting and reminded members of the Clubs participation in Hobby Mecca '92. Several more members volunteered there time and all time slots were covered. Members were reminded of the special November Westex meeting on Sat. Nov. 7, for a buffet breakfast and Guest Speakers. Joe B. is also looking into the possibility of reactivating the Clubs Mall Coin Shows in conjunction with a local promoter. Our problem in the past has been the Mall's requirement for 1 million dollars in liability insurance. Arrangements will be looked into for a Spring '93 show. Tickets are going well for our December Raffle Draw, with additional prizes being added. The meeting was then turned over to those who brought numismatic books to share with the members. Dan G. brought in several books including "Striking Impressions", various US & Canadian books including one on Abe Kossoff. Dan discussed his interest in these books for the members interest. Drew T. then discussed two books on Orders, Decorations & Medals; one on British Campaign Medals and the other on British Gallantry Awards. Howard G. brought in boxes of old US Coin Magazines for the membes to brouse threw, as well as an original Breton

## OCTOBER MEETING CON'T

book from 1894 and an original Leroux supplement dated 1890. (both of which were for Sale). Terry C. brought in a rather interesting book on "Roman Imperial Coinage" 1968, which had full page blowups of roman coinage. The detail was incredible and the examples were from some of the best pieces available. Mike S. brought books on Breton Tokens including an original 1894 Breton catalogue. Reprints were also included of Bretons 1912 and Leroux's Coin Cabinet tokens. Modern day Charltons were also provided. Last but not least, Ray N. brought in some interesting reference books of Coins of the World and Auction Catalogues. The meeting concluded with an auction of 32 lots and a lot donated by Howard G. The attendance door prize draw of a 1973 Mint set was won by David Peter.

## HOBBY MECCA '92 REPORT

The Club set up its display on Friday Oct. 16 and Sat. morning of the 17th. Two of the Clubs stand displays were used showing pre-confederation and early Provincial coinage. Member displays consisted of Canadian Paper Money, War Medals and Decorations, Ancient Roman coinage, and Pre-confederation coinage. Thanks are extended to John Callaghan, Drew Thompson, Terry Cheesman and Mike Schneider for the displays. In addition to the above, the following members helped out by manning a time slot during the show: Joe Bardy, Elden Kuss, Dan Gosling, David Peter, and John Fy. Once again this year, free foreign coinage was given away to all kids who came to the booth, and this was a particularly fun and interesting way to spend time at the show. The coins for this feature were graciously donated again this year by Howard Gilbey. In addition to the free information about the Club and Numismatics in general, the Club gave out copies of Insight '92 and current issues of "CANADIAN COIN NEWS" which were sent to the Club free by Trajen Publishing. Thanks have been forwarded on behalf of the Club for the donation. All the copies were given out free to the Public. Much of the interest we noticed, came from people living outside of Edmonton. In all, over 5000 people attended the show.

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## PRICES REALIZED - OCTOBER AUCTION

LOT	SOLD	LOT	SOLD
1.	\$3.00	2.	NB
3.	\$11.00	4.	\$3.00
5.	NB	6.	NB
7.	\$5.00	8.	NB
9.	\$5.00	10.	NB
11.	\$3.50	12.	\$4.50
13.	\$2.00	14.	\$4.50
15.	\$12.00	16.	NB
17.	\$3.00	18.	NB
19.	\$5.00	20.	NB
21.	NB	22.	\$2.50
23.	\$4.00	24.	NB
25.	\$5.00	26.	\$3.00
27.	\$5.00	28.	NB
29.	\$4.00	30.	\$5.00
31.	\$1.50	32.	\$6.00

(Due to the high number of No Bids, consideration to cancelling or revamping of the Auctions will be done by the Executive in consultation with the members)

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## 1993 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1993. MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE RENEWED AT BOTH THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS, AS WELL AS BY MAILING YOUR RENEWAL TO THE CLUB. (NOTE NEW MAILING ADDRESS)

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## DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

Members are reminded of the Annual General meeting to be held at the December 8 meeting. In addition to final nominations and the Election, we will be having a Member Show and Tell. Any members wishing to participate are asked to bring their items to the meeting. We will also be having our Raffle Draw and Christmas Party. Free beverages and coffee will be served with bake good from the members. Hope to see you all there and don't forget the Show & Tell!

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## NOMINATION FORM - DECEMBER MEETING

The Annual Election for the 1993 Executive will be held during the December 8th Annual General Meeting. Any member wishing to nominate another member may do so in person at the November and December meetings or if you are unable to attend, please use the following form :

NOMINEE : \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED FOR : \_\_\_\_\_

(POSITION)

PROPOSED BY : \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY : \_\_\_\_\_

The above named nominee has consented to run.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(proposer's signature)



## COMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 7** ECC SPECIAL BREAKFAST MEETING, WESTWOOD INN, WITH GUEST SPEAKERS
- NOVEMBER 6, 7 & 8** WESTEX COIN & STAMP SHOW, Westwood Inn, 18035 - Stony Plain Rd., Edmonton
- DECEMBER 8** ECC Annual General Meeting, Elections, Raffle Draws, Show & Tell, X-Mas Party
- JANUARY 12, 1993** ECC Regular meeting, Slide Show on Canadian Shinplasters, Bourse Night.
- FEBRUARY 9, 1993** AUCTION, Slide Show on Nova Scotia Pre-confederation Tokens
- MARCH 9, 1993** COIN GRADING SEMINAR
- APRIL 13** Member Talk and Displays on Syrian Coinage
- MAY 11** Program to be announced
- JUNE 8** Annual Numismatic Donation Auction

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## POSTAGE CURRENCY

Paper money had its first start as a make up for a shortage of coin, but sometimes there was a shortage of paper money as well as coins. To make up the shortfall various countries have used stamps as currency. The better known of these was the United States during the Civil War (1862-1865). The stamps were encased for protection and used as currency. Invented by a Boston sewing machine salesman, John Gault in 1862, developed by encasing postage in a metal frame with a layer of transparent mica so the face could be seen, the reverses were used for advertising by merchants, patent medicines, etc. There are over 188 varieties listed of encased postage stamps in the USA.

### ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS



Late 1862, the United States Government introduced postage currency notes, first issues were perforated like stamps. Earlier issues had stamp designs on them; for example 25 cent note would have five 5 cent stamps pictured on it. Later these were replaced by fractional currency paper.

### UNITED STATES POSTAGE CURRENCY

FIRST ISSUE  
Postage Currency



Cat. #	Denomination	Date, description	100 50 CENTS					
			VG	VF	Unc			
37	5 CENTS	17 7 1862 Brown Facsimile 5 Cent stamp w. Jefferson at ctr.				17 7 1862 Green 5 facsimile 10 Cent stamps w. Washington		
		a Perforated edges ABNC monogram on back	4.50	12.50	100.00	a 12 perforated edges ABNC monogram on back	12.50	25.00 225.00
		b Perforated edges w/o ABNC monogram on back	4.00	15.00	150.00	b 14 perforated edges ABNC monogram on back	—	Rare —
		c Straight edges ABNC monogram on back	2.50	15.00	50.00	c Perforated edges w/o ABNC monogram on back	20.00	40.00 300.00
		d Straight edges w/o ABNC monogram on back	2.00	10.00	100.00	d Straight edges ABNC monogram on back	6.50	10.00 100.00
			1.00	5.00	25.00	e Straight edges w/o ABNC monogram on back	20.00	30.00 350.00

During the Boar War the Civil Commissioners of Bulawayo mounted stamps on cards and issued them as money. The cards were 3 inches by 2 inches and signed by H. Marshall Hole and bore the inscription, "Please pay in cash to the person producing this card the face value of the stamp affixed thereto, if presented on or after the 1st of August 1900. Must be redeemed by 1 October 1900". In all some 20,000 pounds of this stamp currency was issued.

The Russians adapted an unique method of using stamps as currency. In 1915 Romanov (Romanoff) series was re-issued but printed on card type paper and inscribed on the reverse: "on par with silver currency". The 10, 15 and 20 kopecks were used and the Russians were able to use the stamps as money or for posting letters. The Provisional Russian Government made a further issue of stamps in 1917, of 1, 2 and 3 kopecks, which as well as the reverse inscription, were surcharged 1 or 2 on the obverse.

In the same time frame several areas inside Russia broke away from the Central Government and set up their own states, most for a short time only. Two of these, Armenia and Crimea issued stamps as paper money. Some of the Crimean stamps were printed on ungummed paper and those of the Ukraine were printed on card. On the reverse were the words, "To pass current in place of coin".

### POSTAGE STAMP CURRENCY

Romanov Tercentenary stamps of 1913 printed on thin card stock; legend and eagle on back. The 1 and 2 Kopek pieces also carry a denomination ovpt. Portraits: #16-17 Peter I, #18-19 Alexander II, #20 Alexander III, #21 Nicholas II, #22 Nicholas I, #23 Alexander I.

16	1 KOPEK	ND (1916-17). Brown-orange. Ovpt. 1. on face. (Scott #112)	.75	1.50	3.50
17	1 KOPEK	ND (1916-17). Brown-orange. #16 w/o 1 ovpt. (Scott #114).	5.00	12.00	25.00
18	2 KOPEKS	ND (1916-17). Yellow-green. Ovpt. 2 on face. (Scott #113).	.75	1.50	3.50
19	2 KOPEKS	ND (1916-17). Yellow-green. #18 w/o 2 ovpt. (Scott #115).	10.00	20.00	40.00



20	3 KOPEKS	ND (1916-17). Red. (Scott #116).	.50	1.00	2.75
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**CZARIST EMPIRE (U.S.S.R.)**



Cat. #	Denomination	Date, description	VG	VF
21	10 KOPEKS	ND (1915). Blue. (Scott #105).	.25	.75
22	15 KOPEKS	ND (1915). Brown. (Scott #106).	.25	.75
23	20 KOPEKS	ND (1915). Green. (Scott #107).	.25	.75

NOTE: For postage stamp money w/o eagle on back, see #32-34.



There are plenty of other examples of stamps used as currency by other countries, of which little is known. When inflation hit Germany after the First World War, most villages and towns issued their own paper money to make up for lack of small money, there are cases where stamps were used. Stamps from the Germania and numeral sets of 1916 and 1921 are the most common. In 1919-20 Austrian stamps were reprinted on grey cardboard and used as paper money.

Spain, Italy and France are also known to have used stamps as currency.

### SPANISH CURRENCY STAMP

#### POSTAGE STAMP MONEY

Brown cardboard disks. Spanish coat of arms with *PLUS ULTRA* printed on face, back affixed w/postage stamps or revenue stamps. Initially issued only by the Ministry of Finance, later also by the banks as small change.

The decree of 24.2.1938 authorized the use of 5 and 25 centimos postage stamps (correos), and 10 and 15 centimos revenue stamps (especial movil), to be affixed to cardboard disks. A later decree, of 22.10.1938, authorized the 10 centimos postage stamp as well because of color confusion with the revenue stamps of that denomination. Specific design types are not mentioned in the decrees; thus, only the denominations themselves under their respective categories can be listed. Many other types and denominations were affixed to the disks and circulated; however, all of these must be considered unofficial. The following listing includes commonly encountered official and unofficial types.

#### CORREOS (POSTAGE) SERIES

≠ 96-96E postage stamps w/large numerals; w/o portraits.



≠ 96-96M arms-common face.

Cat. #	Denomination	Date, description	Good	Fine	XF
96	5 CENTIMOS	ND (1938) Brown	2.00	3.00	5.00
96A	10 CENTIMOS	ND (1938) Green	2.00	3.50	6.00
96B	15 CENTIMOS	ND (1938) Gray	2.00	3.50	6.00
96C	20 CENTIMOS	ND (1938) Violet	2.50	4.50	7.00

Sources: Collecting Paper Money 1968, Collin Narbeth. Pages 83-84, A Beginners Guide.

#96F-96N postage stamps w/ports.



Cat. #	Denomination	Date, description	Good	Fine	W
96F	5 CENTIMOS	ND (1938). Dk. brown.	2.00	3.00	5.00
96G	10 CENTIMOS	ND (1938)	2.00	3.50	6.00
96H	15 CENTIMOS	ND (1938)	2.00	3.50	6.00
96I	25 CENTIMOS	ND (1938) Red-violet	2.00	3.00	5.00
96J	30 CENTIMOS	ND (1938)	2.00	3.50	6.00
96K	40 CENTIMOS	ND (1938)	2.00	3.50	6.00
96L	45 CENTIMOS	ND (1938) Red.	2.00	3.50	6.00
96M	50 CENTIMOS	ND (1938)	2.00	3.50	6.00
96N	60 CENTIMOS	ND (1938)	2.00	3.50	6.00

**Sources:** World Paper Money. A - Pick. Volume II General Issue 1986

BY: JohnCallaghan



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**DATE: DECEMBER 8, 1992**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. , Meeting starts at 7:30**

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.  
2ND FLOOR, FEATURE GALLERY**

**PROGRAM: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,  
ELECTION, CHRISTMAS PARTY, RAFFLE DRAWS  
MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME**

### **DECEMBER PROGRAM**

Members and Guests are encouraged and welcome to attend our Annual General Meeting. Once again we have a full slate of officers running for all positions, so no one should be afraid to attend for fear of being elected to a position. So far the weather has been great, and hopefully it will cooperate for our Annual Meeting. In addition to the Election, we will be having our Annual Christmas party, with the Club providing refreshments. Members are encouraged to bring some bake goods to share with the Members. Our annual Raffle draw will also be held at the meeting with a nice list of prizes available. Also, please take note of the revised meeting room on the 2nd Floor. This is only until the Whale Exhibit is on until March. Hope to see a good turnout, so please plan to attend. See you on the 8th!

### **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

November's special breakfast meeting was held at the Westwood Inn. Eighteen members and 1 guest were in attendance. It was nice to see Lorne K who came in from Wetaskiwin for our early morning breakfast. The meeting room was held right accross from the Bourse floor for the Westex show. As the show didn't start until 10:00 am, members had plenty of time to visit with the other members at the meeting. Prior to our guest speaker being introduced, Wray once again conducted the Nominations for Election, but not before telling one of his interesting (and funny) jokes. Nominations were called three times for each position, with members moving nominations cease after the 3rd call. A list of positions and nominees is included further on in the newsletter. Joe then introduced our Guest Speaker, Sgt. Bob Clark, with the Edmonton Police Service. As Bob's speciality is Medals, we felt this was a fitting topic right before Remembrance Day. Bob has been collecting medals for 25 years, and was the Past President of the Military Collectors Club of Canada, member of the Orders and Medals Research Society, and member of the Orders and Medal Society of America. Bob's speciality among medal collectors is currently on the Crimea War and Vietnam. Two expertly produced displays, which have won several awards, were on display. A selection of some of his other medals were also available for viewing. Some of the more interesting and unique aspects of medal collecting, are the historical records and research one can do into each medal, as they are issued to a specific person. Thru the Medal Societies persistance, records on both US and Canadian casualties are available thru the Military in the US and thru an "Access to Information form" available at the Main Library, for Canadian soldiers who have died in wars. The Clubs have produced records with names of all known Canadian soldiers who have died in wars.



## **NOV. MINTUTES CON'D**

Mr. Clark was such a superb and interesting speaker, most members forgot that the Westex show started at 10:00. and we had to cut the presentation off at 11:00. The members indicated they had an enjoyable meeting and it was suggested we get Mr. Clark back sometime in the future. For his superb presentation he was presented with the Club's 1984 Trade Token and a copy of the Club's newsletter, CCN's and Insight magazine. To top the meeting off, a draw of a 1992 Australian Kookaburra 1 oz. Silver was drawn and won by John Callaghan. After the meeting the members supported the Westex show and overall a good time was had by all!

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## **NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION - 1993**

Nominations for 1993 Elections were conducted by Wray Eltom. Additional nominations will be accepted at Decembers meeting. The following were nominated to date:

PRESIDENT - Joe Bardy

VICE-PRES - Ray Neiman

TREASURER - John Callaghan

SECRETARY - Mike Schneider

DIRECTORS - Howard Gilbey, Dan Gosling  
Ed Dreger, Terry Cheesman, Elden Kuss, David Peter

Anyone wishing to participate in club activities are urged to let there name stand for any of the above positions. Thanks are extended to all members who have allowed there names to stand for nomination. Good luck in December!

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## **1993 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE**

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1993. MEMBERSHIPS MAY BE RENEWED AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AS WELL AS BY MAILING YOUR RENEWAL FORM ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MAILING ADDRESS)

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## **LIBRARY ADDITION REC'D**

A copy of the first issue of the "PICUS" has been received by the Club from the J. Douglas Ferguson Historical Research Foundation. The issue has been produced by the recently formed Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society. A copy of the official Press Release is included in this newsletter.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW**

Members who have tickets and money out for the Raffle draws are asked to return the money and the ticket stub for December's meeting. If you are unable to attend please see another members brings them in, or contact Joe Bardy at 435-3294.

The following members are to be thanked for donating a prize for the December Raffle:

DOUBLE DOLLAR SET - Ed Dreger

\$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE - National Pride Coins & Stamps - Ray Neiman

\$25.00 TURKEY GIFT CERTIFICATE - West Edmonton Coin & Stamp Co. - Jack Jensen

BOTTLE OF LIQUOR - Elden Kuss

1992 SILVER DOLLAR - Joe Bardy

WINE SET - WESTMOUNT COLLECTIBLES - Howard Gilbey

1992 MINT SET - Mike Schneider

BOX OF CHOCOLATES - John Callaghan

125TH ANNIV. COIN HOLDER - Carsley, Montreal

Thanks again for the donations and tickets will be available up until draw time on Tuesday, December 8. Winners names will be announced in January's newsletter.

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## **CANADA 125 COMMEMORATIVE UPDATE**

The last two issues in the Canada 125 series have been issued. Both have been issued in November so they will be available to complete the sets in time for Christmas. The idea seems to have paid off as sales of the sets in all forms are selling well. The 11th 25 cent piece was issued on November 3 depicting the Province of Saskatchewan. The 12th 25 cent piece was issued on Nov. 9, for the Province of British Columbia. The Mint has also issued a complete BU set with the Map of Canada in the background. Many types of holders are now available from the local dealers and coin shops.

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# COIN PORTRAITS

It's been some time since I wrote about "Topical Collecting". Some of the other articles featured transportation, food, and buildings. I also mentioned that a large collection could be made from people on coins. Almost every country at one time or another have featured a person on their coinage.

The early Greek and Roman featured a likeness of their Emperor, the British Colonies--the Monarch, The U.S.A. have featured the allegorical figure of Miss Liberty from 1792 until she disappeared on the half dollar in 1947. Here is the opportunity for you, the members and readers, to put together a large topical collection of famous people, and at a very modest cost. Next Coin Show or meeting you attend, go through the

"Bargain Box" most dealers have and see how many different coins you find. This article will only deal with a very few of those coins--just enough to whet your appetite. If we only stop and look at the faces that are on those coins, we should know we are holding a parade of history.



To begin this article I have selected the 1970 silver 10 Gulden of the Netherlands. This coin is unusual in a sense that it has the portraits of two rulers-- one on each side. Queen Wilhelmin, who ruled from 1890 to 1948, and Queen Juliana from 1948 to 1980. This coin was minted to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Liberation from Nazi occupation. Another bit of history that the coinage



of Wilhelmina aged with her. Her first coinage in 1892 portrayed her as a young girl, in 1898 as a teenager, in 1910 as a young lady, and in 1922 as a mature woman.

CANADA has featured the reigning monarch on all their coins since 1858--Victoria - Edward VII - George V - George VI - and our present Queen Elizabeth II. Much can be written about these coins, and the Monarch portrayed on those coins.



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## COIN PORTRAITS (Cont'd)

### U.S.A.



Ben Franklin appeared on the half dollar in 1948, the first non-president to do so. All coin designs in the U.S. must run a prescribed 25 years, and it took an act of Congress to remove old Ben from the half in 1964, to be replaced by the Kennedy Half. Much has been written about both Franklin and Kennedy so here is a challenge for all.



### GREAT BRITAIN:

Once again the reigning Monarch graces their coinage - Queen Anne 1702-1714. This sixpence shows the word VIGO at the base of the portrait indicating that these coins were struck from metal captured from Spanish ships in 1702.



### INDIA:



Mahatma Gandhi. This nickel Rupee was struck in 1969, the Centennial of his birth. He dedicated his whole life to his people, and was imprisoned on several occasions. Even after his retirement in 1937, he remained active in politics. Before his death in 1948 he submitted plans for a division of India into Hindu and Moslem States.

### AUSTRIA:

Maria Theresa Trade Thaler is possibly one of the most famous coins first struck in 1780, and has been restruck to the present day with the same date 1780. This coin became so popular, and accepted with the tradesmen of many countries, and its estimated that 800 million have been struck to date. Maria Theresa has even a greater history than that of her coin--born 1717, daughter of Emperor Charles VI. In 1740 she became Queen of Bohemia, and Archduchess of Austria. Many wars were fought during her reign, but she founded and improved schools, patronized the arts, and improved agriculture. She died in 1780, and the Thaler became a coin to honour this Queen.



Here is another 2-headed taler. Shown is Emperor Maximilian I on the obverse, and his wife Princess Mary. (Reverse not shown). Princess Mary died from a fall from a horse in 1482, and this piece was struck in 1506 to commemorate the wedding.

These are just a few of the coins that can fit into this category, and each portrait on the coin itself has a great deal of history to offer. Happy Hunting. I would be interested in what you have found.



T. Masters

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FIRST ISSUE OF NEW JOURNAL - THE PICUS - PUBLISHED

The annual journal of the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society has just been released. In an attractive and useful 6" X 9" format, it contains ten articles on a diverse range of ancient and medieval coin subjects. In addition, subjects such as counterfeit detection, conservation and numismatic literature are included.

A significant article by Alison H. Easson, Associate Curator, Greek & Roman Department, Royal Ontario Museum is entitled **Ancient Coins in The Royal Ontario Museum**. Well illustrated, it covers some of the most important Greek and Roman coins in the collection, a number being published for the first time. Equally important is an article by Robert I. Gait and Malcolm E. Back, with additional notes by Brian E. Joyce called **Syrian and Phoenician Tetradrachms A.D. 202-254**. Over fifty coins are illustrated, both obverse and reverse and in a well written presentation, the subject is fully covered by authors well versed in the history of this interesting series of Roman coinage.

Several other articles will appeal to the collector of Roman coins. They include **Marcus Aemilius Scaurus - Soldier, Politician, Villian** by Bruce R. Brace; **Coinage of Anna Faustina** by Gordon Kumpikevicius; **Picus, Romulus and Remus on a Denarius of Sextus Pompeius** by John R. Gainor and William H. McDonald. The last one explains where the name for The Picus came from. Medieval coinage is the subject of two articles, one entitled **Coinage of William I** by William N. Clarke and the other **Sven Estridsen, King of Denmark, (AD 1047-1074), A Numismatic and Historical Overview** by Dorte Brace.

The article by John R. Gainor entitled **Counterfeit and Altered Coins, An Introduction** is timely. Recently much attention has been drawn to this subject by such items as the controversy over the Black Sea Hoard of Mesembria and Apollonia Pontica diobols and more recently the announcement of the "British Museum" copy forgeries. A short conservation article by Susan L. Maltby called **Monitoring Coin Collections** and an article reviewing the current state of ancient and medieval coinage literature entitled **Classical Numismatic Literature - A Review** by William H. McDonald round out the volume.

The Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society is a non-profit educational society devoted to the study, research and publication of data and information on ancient and medieval coinage and history. In addition to publishing an annual journal, a copy of which is sent to each member as part of their annual membership fee, the Society issues a bi-monthly publication called THE ANVIL. Membership is open to anyone interested who completes an application obtainable from the Executive Secretary. Annual dues are \$20.00 or, for first class mail delivery of all publications, \$25.00. Further information is obtainable by writing W.H. McDonald, P.O.Box 956, Station B, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2K 2T6.

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## COMING EVENTS

<b>DECEMBER 8</b> <b>JANUARY 12, 1993</b> <b>FEBRUARY 9</b> <b>MARCH 9</b> <b>APRIL 13</b> <b>MAY 11</b> <b>JUNE 8</b>	<b>ECC Annual General Meeting, Elections, Raffle Draws, Christmas Party.</b> Slide show on Shinplasters, Member talk on Mint State 5 Cent pieces, Member Bourse AUCTION, Slide show on Nova Scotia Pre-Confederation Tokens COIN GRADING SEMINAR Member Talk and Displays on Syrian Coinage Program to be announced Annual Numismatic Donation Auction
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Below is a Dues Renewal Form which can be brought to the next meeting or be mailed to the Treasurer at the noted address.

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