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PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.

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PROGRAM: CNA SLIDE SHOW ON CANADIAN SHINPLASTERS, MEMBER TALK ON MINT STATE 5

CENT PIECES

#### JANUARY PROGRAM

To start the new year off, we have a CNA slide presentation on "Canadian Fractional Currency" (Shinplasters). The short slide presentation will show the various notes produced and explain why they were produced as well as the various signatures and history behind the notes. In addition to this presentation, Dan Gosling will present a talk and display on Mint State 5 cent pieces. As most members will know, this area of numismatics is Dan's favourite and his knowledge of the topic will be both interesting and educational. Members are also encouraged to set up displays or their coins for sale. Hope to see you at the meeting. Don't forget we'll be upstairs in the Feature Gallery until the Whale Exhibit is concluded at the end of March.

#### **EDITORS NOTE**

Once again the year has come and gone and the year of the "25 cent" piece is over. The 125th commemorative series by all accounts was and will continue to be a huge success for the forseable future. Probably someone in almost every household received a "Canada Map" set or put together there own sets for their kids and grandkids, nephews and nieces. ( I know I did) Hopfully this will spur on young collectors and the future of numismatics will be given a boost by this series. In the meantime though, the future of current club membership is stagnant or on the decline, and our club is no exception. Although we have a consistant "core group" of members showing up for every meeting, new members are barely able to make up for the loss of members each year! An effort should be made by each member to recruit at least one new member this year. The purpose isn't to obtain more dues for the club, but to maintain a viable club that will get new ideas and interests from new members and possibly encourage vounger members to join. The average age of our club members is quite high and we need to encourage younger members to collect and pass on some of our knowledge and our duplicates at reasonable prices to encourage the younger member. The competition is pretty fierce with cards, comics etc readily available and cheap. The young collector won't last long if he is asked to pay full price for the earlier coinage. With this in mind we should all try to encourage younger collectors and collectors in general, and every member should make a New Year's resolution to try to talk a perspective collector in coming out to a few meetings. Hopefully we can maintain or increase the local interest and ensure numismatics in Edmonton will have a long and flourishing future. We hope to see alot of new faces and old at this years upcoming meetings, so please come out and enjoy the talks and friendships of fellow numismatists. Have a happy and prosperous New Year. M.S.

#### **DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

For December's Annual meeting, 19 members were in attendance. Many members brought goodies to share with the others and pop, juice and coffee was provided by the Club. Decembers meeting is an informal one with the exception of the Election. Wray Eltom once again conducted nominations and the Election, which he has done for many years as the Past President. A full slate of officers were running for all positions, and once again the incumbants retained their positions. Although we would like to see new members on the Executive, we are glad at least all positions are manned. Results of the Election are included under seperate heading. After the elections, we enjoyed some more bake goods prior to the Raffle Draws. The results of the Raffle draws is also included under seperate heading. Joe announced confirmation that we will be able to hold a Coin show in Milbourne Mall in the spring, and another member indicated Jasper Gates Flea Market should be considered, as it gets alot of traffic and is well known, and would be able to handle the area we would need. Joe then thanked the old and "New" Executive for a job well done for the past year. Two members then recounted a story; firstly Dan read another excerpt from Abe Kosoff's book then Terry did a short book review on a new aguisition of Egyptian coinage, which had fantastic full page blow-ups of each coin described. All in all an enjoyeable evening was had by all.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS FOR 1993 EXECUTIVE**

After nominations were once again called for, the following members were elected (or by acclaimation) to the following positions:

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PRESIDENT - JOE BARDY

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Congratulations to the above executive for 1993! As always, any member wishing to make suggestions or constructive criticism are welcome to do so to any member of the executive or at a club meeting.

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#### 1993 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

MEMBERS ARE ONCE AGAIN REMINDED THAT DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE PRIOR TO JAN. 1/93. DUES MAY BE PAID AT THE REGULAR MEETINGS OR BY MAILING IN THE RENEWAL FORM ENCLOSED.

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

The following is a list of prizes, donators and the winners of each prize as drawn on Dec. 8, 1992 at the Annual meeting.

1988 Double Dollar set - Won by Michele Rychliski (donated by Ed Dreger)

\$25.00 Gift Certificate for a Turkey - Howard Gilbey (M) (donated by Jack Jensen, West Edm. Coin & Stamp)

\$25.00 Gift Certificate for Merchandise - Rick Axagi (donated by Ray Neiman, National Pride Coin & Stamp)

1992 Cased Silver Dollar - Won by Alvin Neiman (donated by Joe Bardy)

Bottle of Scotch - Won by Gerald Watts (donated by Elden Kuss)

Wine Set - Won by Ernie Egedahl (M) (donated by Howard Gilbey, Westmount Collectibles Ltd)

Box of Chocolates - Won by Ivan Harakh (donated by John Callaghan)

1992 Mint Set - Won by Michael Murphy (donated by Mike Schneider)

1992 Coin Holder - Won by Mary Kuzio (donated by Carsley, of Montreal)

Congratulations are extended to the winners and thanks to all the members who donated the prizes for the draws. A total of \$279.00 was raised for the club.

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#### CLUB NOTES

Thanks are extended to Ernie E. for donating the postage for this and next month's newsletters. This isn't the first time for Ernie to donate postage, as he did it last year as well. Thanks again Ernie! Also Ernie will be donating January's Attendance door prize which he won in the December Raffle draw. As it turned out, he's unable to use the prize and is donating it back to the club. Thanks again Ernie.

It seems that the big hit of the last year for numismatics was the variety of holders for the 125th quarters. Local shops have sold literally thousands of holders at each shop and may have made the difference from being a poor year to a good one. It seems at least something good has come out of the Mint last year!

The Canadian Paper Money Society newsletter is asking members to help them decide on the type of newsletter / bulletin that will be put out. As the Club is a member, we will send in a reply to the request. Should any members have any preference to the 2 options, please forward them on to the Editor and we will reply accordingly.

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#### COMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 12, 1993** 

Slide show on Shinplasters, Member talk on Mint State 5 Cent pieces, Member Bourse

**JANUARY 20, 1993** 

ECC Executive meeting ( to be confirmed)

FEBRUARY 9

AUCTION, Slide show on Nova Scotia Pre-Confederation Tokens

MARCH 9

COIN GRADING SEMINAR

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Member Talk and Displays on Syrian Coinage

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# CANADIAN SLEEPERS

DY ED REITER

The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence---and, in the opinion of some knowledgeable numismatists, the silver may be brighter on the other side of the border.

The border in question is the one that separates the United States from Canada, and the silver is the metal in Canadian silver dollars.

At a time when U.S. cartwheels are riding the crest of a seem-ingly endless wave of popularity, foreign silver coins tend to be regarded in many hobby circles as irrelevant. Canadian silver dollars, in particular, pale by comparison with their coveted U.S. counterparts in terms of hobby interest and market value.

More and more astute market analysts have come to the conclusion, though, that while they are overshadowed, these poor Canadian cousins are also extremely undervalued. In fact, they believe that many Canadian dollars—notably those produced prior to 1950—have the same kind of market potential today that Morgan and Peace dollars had 15 years ago.

Consider, for example, the 1935 Canadian dollar—the very first produced for circulation. Its mintage is only slightly higher than that of the 1928 Peace dollar (428,707 versus 360,649). Yet, it can be purchased in gem condition today for barely \$100. —about the same price as the '28 Peace dollar brought in 1970.

The 1936 and '37 Canadian dollars, which had even lower mintages (339,600 and 207,406, respectively), aren't bringing all that much more: roughly \$300. in gem condition. And, by comparison with the first-year-of-issue 1935, these weren't saved to nearly the same extent in mint condition.

Among U.S. cartwheels, high-powered buyers pay \$300. or more for many coins with mintages well in the millions—even though mint-state examples of these are, for the most part, abundant.

Similar examples of seemingly bargain-priced coins exist throughout the early Canadian dollars. Scanning a present-day price list of these coins is, in a sense, much like reading the prices for U.S. silver dollars in the 1970 Red Book.

There's no guarantee, of course, that Canada's silver dollars will enjoy the kind of growth in the next 15 years that their U.S. counterparts did in the last 15. Nonetheless, dealers who specialize in these coins think the state is set for a truly dramatic upsurge in interest and value.

In the last year alone, gem specimens have increased in value an average of 20 percent, according to David Hirschmann, a partner in Carlton Numismatics of Birmingham, Michigan, one of the major dealerships handling Canadian coins. And, he added, much bigger things lie ahead.

"They're still very undervalued, "Hirschman said.

"Lately, though, a number of U.S. coin dealers have been quietly buying them up--and, when the time is ripe for a marketing push, I think you'll see some truly spectacular gains.

"This is something everybody knew was going to happen," he went on. "Everybody knew these coins were bound to go up. To me, the Canadian market has always lagged 20 years behind the American market --so now, in a sense, we're really just beginning to close the gap."

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Hirchman and his partner, Joseph Carlton, may have helped accelerate this process in 1981, when their company purchased a 1911 pattern Canadian dollar-one of only two examples known-for \$325,000. That's an eye-popping sum, even by U.S. standards, and it focused new attention on Canadian silver dollars as a whole.

Nearly a quarter-century passed between the preparation of the 1911 pattern and the issuance of Canada's first mass-produced silver dollar. And, by interesting coincidence, that coin appeared in the very same year--1935--that Uncle Sam was issuing the last 90-percent-silver U.S. dollars for circulation.



That first Canadian cartwheel was, in point of fact, a commemorative--issued to mark the 25th anniversary of the reign of King George V. The king died in 1936, so that year's silver dollar was the last to bear his portrait.



George was succeeded briefly by his eldest son, Edward VIII. No Canadian coins were issued, however, for Edward, whose reign came to an end with his celegrated abdication. George VI then became the monarch, and his portrait graced Canadian silver dollars annually from 1937 until his death in 1952, except for the period from 1940 to 1944, when wartime priorities required the suspension of the coin.

The coins of the two Georges constitute the "beef" in the series, from the standpoint of numismatic

value. Only one of these--the 1939--had a mintage of more than 1 million, and fully half a dozen were below 100,00. These, then, are the coins that hobbyists have in mind, as a rule, when they speak of "early" issues among the Canadian dollars.

The '39 dollar's high mintage was attributable to the fact that this--like many issues in the series--was commemorative in nature and carried a special design. In this case, the occasion was the royal visit to Ottawa by the king and Queen Elizabeth.

Being of more recent origin than Morgan and Peace dollars, Canadian silver dollars might be expected to have better technical quality and a higher proportion of gem mint-state pieces. It also might be assumed that collectors would have saved them in greater numbers.

Neither of these assumptions is correct.

Far from being struck more sharply, they were made by inferior means--and, to make matters worse, they were badly mishandled.

"The planchets were inferior, so you had a lot of planchet defects to begin with", Carlton said. "Then, you had an ejection process where the coins were just shot out of the dies into a bushel basket, and workmen used shovels to scoop them up. They really did a hatchet job on these coins.

"So, with Canadian dollars, you have two strikes against you in terms of finding first-rate pieces."

Even when quality pieces did emerge unscathed from this baptism by ordeal, they usually weren't saved, Carlton said.

"Canadians," he explained, echoing his partner, "were 20 years behind the times in putting coins away. They didn't start cherry-

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picking rolls and pulling out the highest quality coins until 1955, whereas U.S. collectors had started in the mid-1930's"

Besides being of higher quality in a technical sense, U.S. silver dollars also were sheltered, to a very great extent, from the normal wear and tear of circulation. Millions--including early Morgans--simply lay in bank vaults for decades on end. And, for that reason, the survival rate of gems is extremely high.

All of this suggests that gem Canadian dollars, being hard to find. should carry impressive price tags. Yet, as noted earlier, current market levels—despite the recent gains—remain quite modest. A complete set of Canadian silver dollars from 1935 to 1967 in Mint State—65 condition would cost perhaps \$15,000. Hirschman said.

There is, however, one significant catch. The coins' availability is often even lower than their prices. Some, in fact, are hard for

buyers to find at any price.

"It would be easier for us to put together 10 sets of Peace dollars in MS-65 than to put together just one set of Canadian silver dollars in that grade," Carlton said. "They're simply not available in quantity."

"Canadian coins just weren't saved in top condition," he said.
"Silver dollars were saved more than the other coins, but still not in

any significant numbers."

Often, he added, collectors of Canadian material are forced to accept less-than-gem pieces because the gems simply can't be found.

0 1948 Q 0 1 1 N The 1948 Canadian dollar, with a mintage 18,780, is king of the hill-that is, of course, aside from the 1911, which, being a pattern, generally isn't viewed as an integral part of the series. In today's market, a chance specimen would bring perhaps \$3000.

In first-rate condition, though some of the other George VI dollars are even harder to find, Carlton said.

"The '48 was saved in mint condition," he explained, "because it was known to be scarce. Some of the other low-mintage coins were hardly saved at all, though, in that grade.

"In 25 years of working with coins, I have never seen an original roll of 1938's...or 1945's...or any of the 1947's.

Those are the keys, along with the '48. They turn up piece by piece but never in any quantity. A hoard' is maybe four or five pieces."

For all their scarcity, and even downright rarity, these and other Canadian coins are far less expensive than many U.S. issues which are, by comparison, relatively easy to obtain.

Douglas Robins of Corvallis, Oregon, another leading dealer in Canadian coins, estimates that these "would have to go up in price 15 or 20 times for the Canadian market to catch up to where the U.S. market is."

"It's a case," Robins says, "where all the U.S. dealers have paid so much attention to U.S. material that they've kind of overlooked the potential of Canadian coins. There are some Canadian dollars available today for 50 or 100 dollars which are just as rare, in the

same condition, as U.S. coins selling for \$1,500. And sooner or later people will wake up to the situation."

If Hirschman's observations are correct, some U.S. dealers already have awakened to the situation, and have started buying up choice Canadian dollars whenever they are able to find them.

They've been aided in recent months by the strength of the U.S. dollar. Like most foreign currencies, Canada's dollar has been floundering in relationship to the U.S. unit. On May 1, in fact, it hit an all-time low of 73 cents. This has given U.S. purchasers an enormous edge over Canadians in purchasing Canadian merchandise--including, of course, silver dollars.

Hirschman, for one, sees this as a source of added impetus for the boom he is certain lies ahead.

"This type of economic swing is cyclical," he observed, "and in time, when Canada's dollar enjoys a resurgence, the pent-up demand by Canadian buyers will drive up the prices of their country's coins even more. Canadians, after all, are the principal buyers of Canadian coins --so when they get back in the market in full force, I think you'll really see things start to happen.

Robins believes there is yet another reason why many Canadian coins have crossed the border.

"In the U.S." he noted, "dealers just raise prices to attract new supplies--but in Canada, people just kind of hope they'll stumble onto what they need.

"It's a very different kind of atmosphere. As a result, even though most of the collectors of Canadian coins are Canadians, most of the nice coins end up in the United States."

Besides being diligent, would-be buyers of early Canadian dollars also must be cautious. Robins warned. Some dealers, he said, are overgrading material in their ads--possibly out of frustration caused by the lack of choice material.

"Before," he said, "they might have advertised uncirculated pieces and sent out sliders--but now, they're shipping AU coins.

"It's partly the lack of good stuff and partly their reluctance to raise prices." he said. "For some strange reason, Canadian dealers hate to raise their prices, so instead they lower the quality."





Mintages have been dramatically higher for Canadian dollars issued since 1949, including all the dollars in the series of George's daughter, Queen Elîzabeth II, who followed him to the throne in 1953. The series has remained an interesting one, however, because of its varied designs.

From 1935 to 1967, Canada's dollars were 80 percent silver and 20 percent copper. U.S. silver dollars, by contrast, had been 90 percent silver. Canadian dollars also were somewhat smaller than their U.S. counterparts: 36 millimeters in diameter, compared to 38.1.

In 1968, the rising price of sil-

ver forced the Canadian Government to halt production of coins in that metal, and dollars struck since then for regular circulation have been made of pure nickel. They also have been smaller than the previous dollar coins: just 32.13 millimeters.

Since 1971, there also has been a series of part-silver dollars available to collectors at a premium. These are almost identical

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in size to the pre-'68 silver dollars: 36.01 millimeters in diameter. Their silver content, though, is only 50 percent.

The nickel dollar coins and late-date silver issues--those of the last 15 years--are plentiful and relatively cheap. The earlier dollars of Queen Elizabeth's reign aren't too costly, either. Recently, how-ever, interest has developed in cameo prooflike dollars of the queen, and these have risen sharply in value.

The variety of Canadian silver dollars and the low mintages of many early issues aren't the only attractions of the series. It also appeals to collectors because of its compactness and lack of mint-mark varieties--features which make it even more affordable.

Perhaps its most notable attraction, however, is the challenge it presents—for while it is affordable and seems to have great potential, it also requires far more effort than the simple, untaxing exercise of reaching for a checkbook and a pen.

All in all, as Robins remarked, "Canadian dollars have everything going for them but supply"--and, he might have added, high price tags.

The supply will never be higher. Don't be too surprised, though, if the price tags are soon astronomical.

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#### 1993 NUMISMATIC CALENDAR

#### Review

A large size (85 x 11 inches) 1993 calendar, suitable for the wall or desk, with an enlarged colored photograph of the obverse side of a 19th or 20th century United States coin on the page opposite to the monthly calendar page, is available at \$5.95 U.S. postpaid from Kraus Publications, 700 East State Street, Tola, Wisconsin, 54990, U.S.A. Historical data on the coin pictured is given next to the coin. The page for each month is divided into square spaces, one for each day, providing space to JÉRÔME H. REMICK write down daily engagements. 1993 holidays are BOX 9183 indicated in the square for the appropriate day STE-FOY, P.Q., CANADA on the calendar pages. A plastic spiral allows the calendar to lie flat when opened.



The calendar has 30 pages including the cover. Two of the pages near the end are devoted to telephone area codes and time zones in the United States. One page shows a map with the telephone area code printed in the space for each state and Canadian province. The other page contains a numerical index of the telephone area codes in Canada and the United States and a listing of postal abbreviations for Canadian provinces and territories, and the United States. The last page contains a table of metric equivalents and annual holiday dates for 1994 and 1995

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#### NEW EDITION OF CATALOGUE ON

#### CANADIAN TIRE COUPONS

Review by Jerry Remick

The third edition (1992) of "The Guide" (to Canadian Tire Corporation Cash Bonus Coupons) by Ovid Bilodeau, Chislaine Memme and Jerome Fourre, is available either with a spiral bind or a perfect bind at \$9.95 postpaid, from Ms. Chislaine Memme, 1875 Avenue Raymond, Laval, Quebec, H7S 1R3.

The 104 page catalogue is printed on 5½ x 8½ inch pages. The previous edition was 50 pages. The text is completely bilingual.

New to this edition is the cataloguing of varieties, replacement coupons and new series issued since the last edition.

The coupons are catalogued by series with the oldest series The following data is given for each series: a photo of both sides of one coupon and the signatures. The data given for each denomination of coupon in any series is as follows: catalogue number, denomination, prefix, and catalogue valuations in EF and in UNC. Each prefix, different color or variety for each denomination of coupon is catalogued separately. Replacement notes are also catalogued. Enlarged photos show varieties.

A three page check list for the collector of all coupons and a one page index concludes the catalogue.



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#### ECC DUES RENEWAL

Annual dues are now due and payable as of January 1. The dues are payable as follows: FAMILY - \$12.00, SENIOR / REGULAR - \$10.00 and JUNIOR - \$3.00.(16 and under)
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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MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138 (OR 2ND FLOOR FEATURE GALLERY)

PROGRAM: AUCTION, SLIDE PRESENTATION ON NOVA SCOTIA TOKENS

#### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

February will see our first of only 2 or 3 auctions of the year. A 30 or so lot of coins will be auctioned off to the highest bidder A list of lots is included in this newsletter. Our educational portion will see a CNA slide presentation on Pre-Confederation Nova Scotia Tokens. Members are welcome to set up bourse tables as well as displays on any Numismatic topic. See you at the meeting!

#### **JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

A cool January night saw 22 members and 3 guests brave the cold to come out to the first meeting of the new year. Several new faces were seen as well as the regulars for this enjoyeable evening. Joe welcomed everyone back from the holidays and festivities of the season. The Executive meeting date was announced and all the Executive was in attendance at the January meeting. Joe announced the program for the evening with presentations by Mike S. on Canadian Shinplasters and Dan G. on Mint State 5 cent pieces. After a long and enjoyeable get together with the members, the meeting started off with a 22 slide presentation on Canadian Shinplasters. The CNA slides covered the 3 years of issue as well as the variety of signatures on the notes, the reason for there issuance as well as there demise. After a short break, Dan presented an informative and educational seminar on mint state 5 cent pieces. Dan has done extensive research into this area, and presented the members with a pair of business strike and Specimen coins for each table. While he went on to describe the striking diferences and nuances of various years, the members viewed the various coins being circulated. The detail and knowledge of this difficult area of grading was well presented to the members. Many questions were fielded by the inexperienced as well as the experienced collector and an enjoyeable and educational time was had by all. Thanks were extended to Mike and Dan for their presentations. Ray Neiman also presented a book review on 2 recent aquisitions for his library; one entitled "Forgotten Coins of the North American Colonies" and the other "Unusual World Coins".

Presentations were also made by Past - President Wray Eltom, to last years Executive for there hard work and dedication to the Club. Cased silver dollars were presented to Joe B., John C., Mike S. and Ray N.

The attendance draw for the re-donated Wine Set was won by Mike Schneider. Thanks to Ernie E. for the donation.

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#### 1993 MEMBESHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RENEWED THERE MEMBERSHIPS. THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO DO SO, ARE ASKED TO REMIT THEIR RENEWALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND RENEW TODAY!

#### **EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

The newly elected Executive held there first meeting of the year on January 20th at Joe's place. It was first announced that a coin show will be held on Feb. 12. 13 & 14th in Edmonton at the Westwood Inn. Once again we were fortunate to hear of this before our notice went out for the next meeting. It seems that since the club has always supported the shows, that the least they could do is send us a list of when they are having them! It was also announced that a farewell dinner is being organized for Reg Smith, who will be moving out of town. (More on the dinner later) Joe asked the executive on there thoughts for a spring show at Millbourne Mall. The dates suggested were March 20th or 27th. The 27th was chosen. We are also able to be insured under the coverage of the local flea market dealer who has a show in the Mall on Sundays. (see show notice enclosed)

Discussions about our 40th anniversary show in 1994 were brought up. Consideration to issue a new series of Trade notes, woods or a medallion were discussed and ideas are to be presented at the next executive meeting. Discussions will be held with Albert Kaiser with regard to a possible cooperative effort in the spring of 1994.

As May's meeting was the only meeting without a program identified, the executive decided on a "Numismatic Counterfeit Seminar Night". A film and displays will be provided and discussed with the members. Counterfeits will include Canadian, Foreign and Ancient currency. The prelude to the meeting will be a "Pizza Night". Exact location and details will follow.

#### **NEW MEMBER**

The following application to the Edmonton Coin Club has been received. Should there be no objections he will become a member in good standing.

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HENRY KOOY #354 STONY PLAIN, ALTA.

#### **CLUB NOTES**

January's meeting was a very enjoyeable event with several guests in attendance as well as a new member and a member of several years making his first meeting appearance. Welcome was extended to Bernie T. who was unable to attend the meetings previously. Thanks also to Joe G. for his donation to the club Archives. Our library also had a donation of a catalogue of "European Paper Money" by Albert Pick. Thanks to Drew T. for the door not be a to the contract of the contract o

#### **FAREWELL DINNER**

A going away dinner is being held for long time club member, Reg Smith. The dinner is being held on Saturday, February 13, after the Coin show. The location will be "SMOKEY JOE'S" at the south west corner of 116th St. & Jasper Ave. (used to be Sergios) Friends are asked to arrive between 5:00 & 6:00 with supper to follow. Costs are estimated as follows: Approx. \$10.00 for the meal, drinks and donation for a gift extra. Guests are to contact Jim at 426-5330 during the day or 454-2314 after hours, t o confirm your attendance. Attendance will be restricted to 20 or so quests, so confirm early. Confirmation is required by Feb. 10th at the latest. Reg has a long history of numismatic interests including being an expert on Alberta trade tokens, (he contributed to Don Stewarts Alberta trade token book), some of which he had originally discovered. His knowledge on World coins and paper money is boundless and would always supprise the members by having the highest scores on our numismatic guizzes. He is an expert on Prarie Merchant tokens as well. His interests have expanded in recent years, to include writing. We wish Reg all the best in his new endevours and hope to see or hear from him from time to time.

#### NINE GOOD CROWNS OF THE 1950'S TO OWN

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- 1. 1952 SOUTH AFRICA 5 SHILLINGS CAPETOWN (PROOF)
- 2.. 1950 MEXICO 5 PESO RAILROAD
- 3. 1952 SOUTHERN RHODESIA CECIL RHODES COMMEMMORATIVE.
- 4. 1955 CZECHOSLOVAKIA 100 KORUN
- 1956 PESO OF COLUMBIA -MINT DOOR COMMEM.
- 6. 1956 EGYPT 50 PIASTRE (EVACUATION OF BRITISH)
- 7. 1952 CEYLON (SRI LANKA) 2500 YRS. OF BUDDHISM
- 8. 1958 ISREAL 5 POUND MEORA COMMEM.
- 9. 1959 BERMUDA MAP OF BERMUDA

( AS TAKEN FROM COIN WORLD'S SURVEY)

HOPE TO SEE ANOTHER GOOD CROWD OUT FOR FEBRUARY'S MEETING. IF YOU WISH TO BRING SOMETHING INTERESTING OUT TO SHOW THE MEMBERS PLEASE DO SO. SEE YOU THERE!

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#### COMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 9** 

FEBRUARY 12, 13 & 14

**FEBRUARY 13** 

MARCH 9

MARCH 27

APRIL 13

**APRIL 17 - 18** 

**APRIL 24 - 25** 

**MAY 11** 

JUNE 8

AUCTION, Slide show on Nova Scotia Pre-Confederation Tokens, member bourse.

COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, 18035 Stony Plain Rd., Edmonton

Farewell Dinner for Reg Smith. SMOKEY JOE'S, 116th & Jasper

ECC meeting, COIN GRADING SEMINAR

ECC SPRING COIN SHOW, MILLBOURNE MALL, 9:30 TO 5:00 CENTRE COURT

ECC meeting, Member talk & displays on Syrian Coinage

Regina Coin Club Annual Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Regina, Sask.

Calgary Numismatic Society Coin Show, Port O'Call Inn, Calgary, Alta.

ECC meeting, Pre-meeting PIZZA, "Counterfeit Seminar Night" with video, displays

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At the outbreak of World War I, Germany had colonies scattered thoughout Africa and the Pacific. These were soon occupied by Allied forces: Japanese and Anzac in the Pacific, and British, French, and South African in Africa.

There was one exception: The colony of Deutsch Ostafrika (German East Africa) did not surrender, but maintained forces in the field until after the armistice in 1918. This resistance was the result of the devotion to duty of one man-Lt. Col. Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck. The colonial governor, Dr. Heinrich Schnee, wished to keep German East Africa out of the war, but was overruled by von Lettow-Vorbeck, who was in charge of the military in the colony. Although commanding only 218 German officers and 2,542 askaris) native troops). the colonel decided to fight.

Thus began one of the greatest guerrilla campaigns in history. Von Lettow-Vorbeck fought and retired, fought and retired--almost always inflicting stinging defeats on the British and Portuguese who opposed him. When the British--with Indian as well as regular troops --tried to land at the coastal town of Tanga, the colonel and his small band were waiting. What followed was one of the most humiliating defeats ever suffered by a British force. At the expense of only 54 casualties the Germans inflicted losses of more than 2,000 on the British.

Von Lettow-Vorbeck made great use of the railway which the Germans had built from the coast to the interior before the war. As a result, the British never knew where or when he would strike next. The only heavy guns available were those rescued from the German light cruiser Kongsberg, which had been sunk by the British while seeking refuge in the Rufiji swamps.

At one time or other, more than 130 generals opposed von Lettow-Vorbeck. Among these was the great South African, Jan Christiaan Smuts. Von Lettow-Vorbeck fought in Kenya and German East Africa until pushed back by British and Belgian forces, then crossed into Mozambique to continue his campaign. Despite tropical diseases, lack of equipment and no outside help, Von Lettow-Vorbeck continued to harass the Allies for the duration of the war. After the armistice he laid down his arms. At this time he was in Rhodesia.

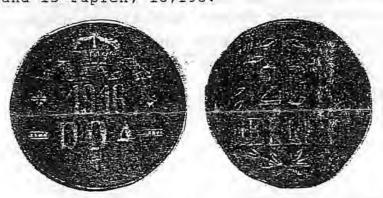
It is impossible to detail here the incredible marches, the many victories or the ingenuity of this great soldier. Suffice to say that he earned the highest respect and admiration, not only of his countrymen and askaris, but also of his foes. One estimate of the cost to the British and Allied countries of this campaign is 600 million-more even than that of the Boer War!

Numismatic reminders of this campaign form one of the most interesting groups in the German colonial series. These are the 5 and 20

heller and 15-rupien coins of 1916, struck at the Tabora mint. By 1916 the British were in control of the coast, so the German administration operated from the interior town of Tabora. A mint was set up in the railway workshops and coins were struck in those denominations.



The 5-heller piece was struck in brass, the 20-heller in both brass and copper, and the 15-rupien in gold. Total mintages were: 5-heller, 302,000; 20-heller, 1,633,700; and 15-rupien, 16,198.



The 20-heller coin has some interesting major varieties. Two obverse dies with variations in the crown and date and three reverse dieswith variations in the wreath and let ers were employed in all combinations. Most of them occur in both brass and copper specimens. Two dies also appear to have been used in striking the gold pieces. The 20-heller

with an M for Mozambique.

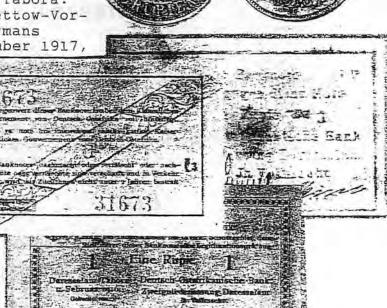
Bank notes of various denominations were also issued at Tabora in late 1915 and early 1916 under the name, "Die Deutsch-Ostafrikanische Bank, Daressalam/Tabora." In 1917 a crude issue of 1-ruple notes was prepared, using a child's printing press. This issue omitted any mention of Tabora.

The interim notes gave von Lettow-Vorbeck many headaches. When the Germans retreated into Mozambique in November 1917,

the native porters were forced to carry fourteen. solid mounds of these notes at the insistence of Governor Schnee. The colonel wished to give requisition notes instead of bank notes, but Schnee was adamant. It was with much pleasure that von Lettow-Vorbeck later burned great quantities of these notes to releave the

burden of transporting them.

What was the background of this remarkable man? He was born March 20, 1870, and died in March 1964. After attending army-cadet school in 1883, he began service in the German army. He served in China during the Boxer uprising is known counterstamped with



and then in Southwest Africa during the Herero revolts of 1904-1906.

He was sent to German East Africa in 1913.

After the war, and by then a general, he returned to Germany and was married in 1919. His wife's wedding ring was made from a Tabora gold piece. An interest in German politics caused him to lead a revolt against Left Wing rule in the Reich, for which he was court-marshalled and sent to prison for a brief time. Later he served in the Reichstag. At one time he was rumored to be a possible candidate for the German presidency, but nothing came of it.

When Hitler came to power von Lettow-Vorbeck refused an offer to become German ambassador to Britain because he could not reconcile himself to joining the Nazi Party. He remained in retirement until his death closed that chapter on the German East Africa campaign and its coins.

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Bank Bala	nce 31 December 1992	\$ 1002.36

Respectfully submitted by John Callaghan, Treasurer of Edmonton Coin Club, this 29 day of January 1993.

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Memberships	\$ 329.00
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Auction Commission	16.00
Attendance Draw	62.00
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Rebate from Canada Post Box Rental	49.15
Trade Notes	2.00
Christmas Door Prizes	269.00
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Printing Newsletter (1991)	\$ 82.80
Membership 1992 (CAWC)	10.00
Advertising 1992 (Sun, Journal)	81.74
Canada Post Rental Box	57.78
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Office Supplies	20.00
Flowers for Member	23.69
Canada Post Rental Box (new number)	69.55
Friends of Museum (rental for meetings)	107.00
Rubber Stamps	13.04
Speaker for Sept. Meeting (CNA Report)	75.00
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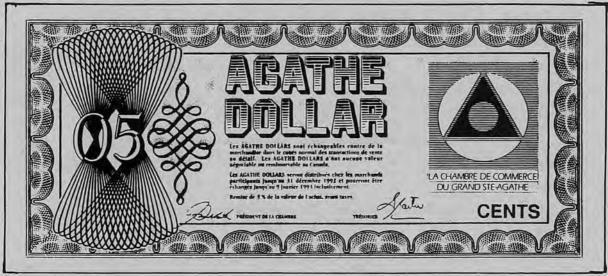
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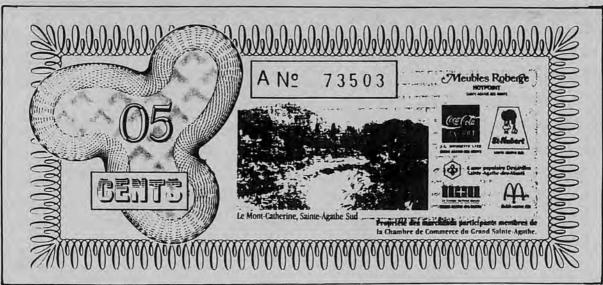
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#### FEBRUARY 1993 \* AUCTION SHEET \*

LOT # DESCRIPTION	GRADE	TREND	RESERVE	SOLD
1. 1903H Can. 50 cents	G	\$15.00	\$7.50	
2. 1934 Can. 5 cents	VF	\$4.00	\$2.00	
3. 1845 US Large 1 cent	G	\$7.50	-	
4. 1992 Can. 50 cents Ch.	B.U	\$6.00	-	
5. 1977 & 1981 GR. BR. CROWNS EF	/UNC	_	-	
6. 1906 Can. 50 cents	G	\$10.00	\$5.00	
7. 1958 Dot Can. 50 cents	VF	\$10.00	\$7.00	
8. 1857 US flying Eagle 1 cent	G	\$10.00	-	
9. 1931 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$11.00	-	
10. 1979 NEW BR. & 1979 NOVA S. TR.\$	-	-	-	
11. 1907 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$15.00	\$7.50	
12. 1916 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$5.00	\$3.00	
13. 1863 US 1 cent Indian Head	G	\$3.00	-	
14. 1891 Can. 5 cents sil.	VF	\$15.00	-	
15. 1972 & 1977 GR. Br. Crowns	UNC	-	-	
16. 1910 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$15.00	\$7.50	
17. 1930 Can. 1 cent	EF	\$9.00	\$5.00	
18. Misc. Lot Tr. \$'s, Medallions, Tra	nsit wr	appers	-	
19. 1886 Can. 1 cent	F	\$7.00	<del>-</del> /\V	
20. 1940,'41,'42 Nazi 1,5 & 10 Pfenni	ng F-EF	-	-	
21. 1911 Can. 50 cents	G	\$7.50	\$3.75	
22. 1931 Can. 1 cent	AU	\$13.00	\$9.00	
23. 1797P,1806 & 1807 1/2P, Gr. Br.Po	or/Fair	\$3.00	-	
24. 1885 Can. 5 cents Sil.	F	\$24.00	-	,
25. 1937-1944(4pcs) Nazi coins VG	/AU	-	-	
26. 1912 Can. 50 cents	G	\$4.00	\$2.00	
27. 1888 Can. 1 cent	EF	\$9.00	-	
28. 1912 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$8.00	\$5.00	
29. 1927 Confed. Med.(2),1953 Cor. Me	d.	\$3.00	-	
30. 1893 5 cents Sil.	VF	\$15.00	-	
31. 1980 Gr. Br. Crown (Queen Mother)	UNC	=	-	



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Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society DATE: MARCH 9, 1993

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 INCLUDING CANADIAN DECIMAL, FOREIGN & ANCIENT TYPES

( MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN MAGNIFYING GLASSES AND LIGHTS IF YOU WISH )

#### MARCH MEETING

Once again the Club will be holding their popular Coin Grading Seminar. Last years Seminar was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. The Seminar is intended to expose the members to Grading of a variety of different coin types, in addition to those which he is most familiar with. The coins to be graded will be provided by a variety of members whose expertise will be in the area of the coins they will provide. "Professionally" graded coins will also be provided. (with the grade covered of course!) We hope to see a good turnout and once again expect to be in the upstairs gallery #2 for this meeting, as the Whale show ends on the 7th. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

#### FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Twenty (20) members were in attendance at February's meeting. The meeting included the first Auction of the year. Firstly though, Joe announced a revised Coin Show date of April 3, due to the Mall double booking the previous March 27th date. The Mall was very apologetic for the error. Members wishing a table at the show should contact Joe at 435-3294. Member's were reminded of the farewell dinner for Reg Smith, who has moved to Lacombe. The dinner at Smokey Joe's was arranged to follow the Coin Show on Sat. Feb. 13. The meeting was then turned over to Mike who presented a C.N.A. slide show on the Pre-Confderation Coinage of Nova Scotia. The 43 slides were representative of the variety of coinage issued. However half way through the presentation an impromptu break was arranged ( so he could put the slides in right side up! ). Following the intermission the presentation continued. Fortunately the slides were of good quality and the presentation was not a total loss. Mike brought some Nova Scotia tokens to view following the presentation. In addition to Mike's, another member brought in his collection of pre-confederation coinage for viewing by the members. After a short break, Ray conducted the 32 lot Auction which included a club donation by Howard Gilbey. Thanks were extended for the donation. The meeting concluded with buying and trading among the members as usual.

#### **MURPHY'S LAW STRIKES AGAIN**

Once again just as we were to announce our spring show in March, the host location advised us of a double booking. Fortunately the posters had not yet been printed and the members were advised at the February meeting. A poster is included in this newsletter with the corrected date.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

I received a note from the editor and President of the Ingersoll Coin Club, Thomas Masters last month, I had written Tom a note requesting to reprint an old article by Tom Kostaluk, who I found out was a Director of the Club. Tom M. talked to Tom K. and permission was granted. It's no secret at the club that a good portion of the clubs numismatic articles have come from Tom and the Ingersoll Coin Club. Having come from the area and met Tom and talked to him and corresponded with him over the years, I've come to the conclusion that although I'd like to author more articles myself, it's more important to pass on as much information and knowledge to the members and the public as possible. With having to put the newsletter together usually the weekend before I have to mail it, it's important for an Editor to have information available to pass on to the members to make a newsletter as informative and interesting as possible. With this in mind I'd like to thank Tom and the Ingersoll Coin club for the help over the years. In addition I'd like to congratulate him on being the continuous Club president and editor since 1975! (And we thought Joe was president for a long time!!) That's a remarkable achievement and a compliment to his personallity and knowledge of numismatics. I look forward to a continued sharing of newsletters and continuance of sharing numismatic information for the betterment of the hobby.

#### **FAREWELL DINNER HELD**

Several members met at the Feb. 13 coin show at the Westwood Inn to renew aquaintances, buy some coins and pass the time with fellow collectors. In addition several met there as a prelude to taking a long time member out for a farewell dinner. Reg Smith was picked up in Lacombe by James K. and brought to the show, and following that to Smokey Joe's. Several members joined the procession and a private area was reserved upstairs. If you enjoy "hot" food this is for you as we ate some of the hottest wings and ribs I've ever had. Although they were hot they were also very good. A variety of foods were served and it was an enjoyable evening by all acounts. A card and numismatic book was presented to Reg on behalf of the Club and the members present. We spent several hours enjoying the food and the company and a good time was had by all.

#### **NEW MEMBER**

The following application in the Edmonton Coin Club has been received. Should there be no objections, he will become a member in good standing.

ROLF KRISTIANSEN

#355

Edmonton

Welcome to the Edmonton Coin Club Rolf.

#### **CLUB NOTES**

The following correspondence has been received by the Club and will be available for viewing by the members at March's meeting:

- Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society Newsletter
- Timber Talk fixed price donation sale catalogue
- Newsletters from: Calgary, Ingersoll & Regina Clubs

In addition, you'll notice a new Membership listing for the Club on the front page. The ECC is the first Club member of the Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society. They have an interesting and informative newsletter. Several members of the Club also belong to that society. They've advised me they are working on a slide presentation and will advise when it is available for viewing.

At the February Show at the Westwood Inn, several members of the Executive had an informal meeting with Albert Kaiser regarding our upcoming 40th Anniversary in 1994. Discussions centered on our desire to run a Show in conjunction with one of his, whereby he would handle the bourse and the Club would handle the prizes displays and ticket sales. Initial inquiries are promising and more information will follow in the fall when dates can be set. In addition, we've been approached by a dealer interested in hosting an auction in conjunction with the show. Members interested in helping the club out with ideas for our 40th anniversary can contact any member of the Executive.

#### PRICES REALIZED - FEBRUARY AUCTION

Lot	Sold	Lot	Sold
1.	N/B	2.	\$2.00
3.	\$1.25	4.	\$3.00
5.	\$3.00	6.	N/B
7.	N/B	8.	\$3.00
9.	\$5.50	10.	\$1.50
11.	N/B	12.	\$3.00
13.	\$2.50	14.	\$9.00
15.	\$3.00	16.	N/B
17.	\$5.00	18.	\$4.50
19.	\$3.75	20.	\$2.00
21.	\$3.75	22.	N/B
23.	\$2.00	24.	\$15.00
25.	\$2.00	26.	\$2.00
27.	\$5.00	28.	N/B
29.	\$1.50	30.	\$5.00
31.	N/B	32.	\$5.50 (Club donation)

#### ECC SPRING SHOW - APRIL 3, 1993

Just a reminder to members to spread the word on our Saturday, April 3 coin show at Millbourne Mall, 38th Ave & Millwoods Rd. (38th Ave & 76St.), from 9:30 - 5:00pm. Centre court location.

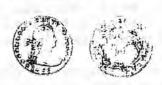
# Half Dimes of America

by Yancey Rayburn

When you go back a few years into old-time numismatics, you may find that two American and Canadian coins stand out as relics of the old silver-copper days of small change. These were the U.S. half dime and the Canadian silver 5 cent piece. They served the same purpose, but varied at a bit in their histories for reasons peculiar to the two nations.

The half dime was one of the more ancient values in the U.S. heirarchy, going back to a pattern of 1792 when the U.S. Mint was first organized. The 1792 "dismes" and half dismes preceded regular Mint coinage by a full year; these early undertakings are said to have been struck from silver furnished by George and Martha Washington. It makes a good story even if there's no way of verifying it. As it was, the silver 5 cent piece had an early start, for it was first struck in 1794, the second year that the Mint functioned, and the first year in which the old Philadelphia mint struck silver. (The other denomination in silver that year was the half dollar.)

In the entire U.S. coinage history of the half dime, there were seven distinct types. The first of these, from 1794 to 1795, followed the idea of the old half disme patterns. The obverse had a crude, long-haired bust of Liberty with her name above the portrait, stars, and the date below. The reverse had an equally crude eagle on the obverse with no indication of value.



In 1796, the type began to show improvement. Liberty was changed to a more buxom lass with her hair done up in a crude bun at the back of her head. The reverse remained pretty much the same. This design lasted until 1797—short-lived, those old designs—then in 1800 (no coinage 'til then) the

reverse was modified to accommodate a large spread eagle, taken from the Great Seal.

From 1805 to 1829, there weren't any half dimes made in the U.S. The reason seems to have been a low public demand, although the supply



The reason seems to have been a low public demand, although the supply of small change was ridiculously low at all times in this period. In 1829, the fourth type appeared, with Re

1829, the fourth type appeared, with Reich's turbaned head of Liberty on the obverse. The reverse was given over to a very ornate compromise between the

heraldic bird on the Great Seal and a natural version of the screaming eagle. This critter has a shield engraved on his breast as he perches amid a nest of olive branches. Above the bird, for the first time, is the legend "E PLURIBUS UNUM"; earlier it was on the ribbon of the Great Seal, which the eagle of the early 1800's holds in his beak.





In 1837, the seated Liberty type arrived and remained, with some changes, through the balance of coinage until the series ended in the early 1870's. The pioneer type

of 1837 had Liberty seated by the U.S. Shield, wearing a Greek robe called a chiton, and holding a pole which is topped with a Liberty cap. The reverse was given over to the name of the country and a wreath within which is the value "HALF DIME", the 1829-37 type had the value as 5 C below the eagle.

In 1837, type six appeared, in which Liberty became surrounded by a ring of 13 stars. This ended in 1859, and from





1860 to the end of coinage in 1873 the final version had the legend "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" on the obverse in the place of stars, with the wreath on the reverse made larger. With the 1860 reverse, the

only inscription on that side was the value.

There's one very rare type which isn't included with these because it was more in the nature of a At a time when the legend "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" was moved to the obverse, some patterns were made with the pre 1860 obverse and post-1859 reverse. So they







have stars around Liberty, and no mention of the country; the reverse has only the value and the wreath. These are rare, and aren't found in many collections, although they are an interesting example of what can

happen with a certain design.

Curiously, the last type--1860 to 1873--has a fair number of scarce dates although it is the most recent. This came about in most cases from a low coinage during the Civil War years, and rather low mintages, except for the years 1871 and 1872. On the other hand, coinage for the sixth type was fairly high, with strikings in the millions representative of the 1853-59 period.

The half dime came to meet its end because it had outlived its usefulness. The shortage of silver led to a nickel 5 cent coin in 1866, which gradually replaced or helped to phase out the silver 5 cent coin. Thanks to Congressional oversight, the laws that authorized the nickel 3 cent piece and the 5 cent nickel did not repeal the authority for the silver coins of those values, so the Mint went along with what was on the books, and made both types until 1873. Finally, the Coinage Act of that year abolished the duplicate silver pieces and made nickel the standard.

The half dime was a useful coin in its day, but it suffered from being too small to be handy. Specimens in reasonably well preserved condition are common, but the majority show the kind of treatment they received, suffering from their small size, not only in being unhandy and easily lost, but taking abuse as well. It was common in the Civil War era and thereafter for half dimes to become lost amid the folds of oldtime pockets, purses, or crack in the floors of old farmhouses having wide floor planks and spaces between, sometimes a cellar hole where a house once stood yields a couple of these coins, testimony to some old farmer who unwittingly lost 5 cents on occasion.

Canada, compared to the U.S., not only had an equivalent of the half dime until 1920, but its several provinces at one time or another also had their own little predecessors of the "nickel".

Canada, as the entire country series went, had three silver 5 cent coin types. The first one was issued during Queen Victoria's reign and began in 1858 with the initial Canadian "Province of Canada" striking which for all practical purposes meant Ontario and Quebec and not the Maritimes. The obverse shows the Wyon portrait of the Queen with her title as "VICTORIA DEI GRATIA" REGINA" and with "CANADA" below.

The reverse has the value as "5 CENTS" in two lines, with the date below that, flanked by a wreath of maple leaves and topped by a crown. This type lasted into the Dominion era after 1870, and finally ended in 1901 when Victoria's reign ended.



The second type made the customary switch in the portrait from Victoria to Edward VII, and also moved the inscription "CANADA", from obverse



to reverse, this time between the value and date. The portrait, in crown and robes, was by DeSaulles; the reverse was routine shop engraving that didn't require any high degree of skill. In 1902 a different type of crown was used than that of the Victorian series.



The third and last type was the George V series of 1911-1921, which had the largest mintage and was also the only type in the Canadian 5 cent series without mintmarks. (The early varieties, Victoria and Edward VII, were coined at London or Ottawa with no

mintmarks, with some dates struck at Birmingham (H). After 1903, there weren't any more Birmingham strikings.) As a group, the George V series would be undistinguished if it wasn't for the extremely rare 1921, which had a coinage of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million—all but a handful being melted down.

These 5 cent pieces remained in use for some years, at least through the middle 1930's. As time went on, the nickel came to predominate, so that half dimes were gradually salted away as curios or withdrawn from circulation to be melted down. Like the old large size Canadian cent of the pre-1920 period, some turned up from time to time right up to World War II.

The three Canadian half dimes weren't the only ones struck north of the U.S., however. In 1862 and 1864, New Brunswick had its own decimal silver 5 cent pieces. These resembled the Canadian, particularly the reverse design. The obverse differed in the Queen's title,



"VICTORIA D.G. REGINA," and the name of the province below the head. These are fairly scarce today, even in worn condition

in worn condition.

Newfoundland had the longestlived coin of the silver 5 cent ser-

ies. The first of this territory's four types was Victoria's, from 1865 through 1896. Coinage was small and sporadic, with issues in only 13 of these years. Top coinage was 400,000 in 1896, with other issues from a low of 16,000 in 1885 to 160,000 in 1890 and 1894.

The design was more or less standard, and not too distinguished. The obverse had Victoria as "VICTORIA D.G. REG." above "NEWFOUNDLAND". The reverse had the value as 5 CENTS within a fret border, with the date.





The Edward VII and George V coins used the obverse of the regular Canadian 5 cent silver. The Edward VII series has only three dates, 1903, 1904 and 1908, while



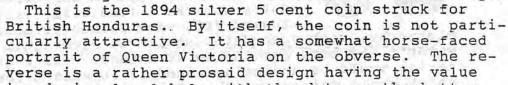
the Geroge V had 1912, 1917, 1919 and 1929. With the 1917 issue began the use of the Ottawa Mint for some of the Newfoundland coinages; 1917 and 1919 both have a "C" on the reverse for "Canadian struck".

The reverse changed with Edward VII to a more scroll-like ornament around the value and the date, and "NEWFOUNDLAND" was placed on that side. This design was continued as long as Newfoundland issued this value.

#### HALF DIMES OF AMERICA (Cont'd)

The George VI series, from 1938 through 1947, was notable for the use of the Percy Metcalfe version of the crowned head used on coins for the crown colonies. Here the title was long, translating to: "George VI by the Grace of God King and Emperor of India". The first year of this series, 1938, was the last date struck in London at the Royal Mint. For each of the years from 1940 to 1947, the coins have a "C" for Ottawa on them. The big ticket item in this monarch's group is the 1946, which had a coinage of just under 2,100. The 1947 is another scarce date, but the wartime dates are fairly inexpensive.

There's a final "half dime" in the North American group that deserves some attention, although it's neither Canadian or U.S. in origin.



within a three-sectioned circular label, with the date on the bottom of the sections, and "BRITISH HONDURAS" on the other two. This is one of the colony's coins that have increased greatly in value. At one time, nobody knew or cared about the coins of British Honduras, a little colony below Mexico; today, coins from there in any condition are very hard to get. A few enterprising modern numismatists have promoted the coinage as great rarities and a great series, but this is a group that has little to offer the collector except it's scarcity. The British Honduras 5 cent silver is, however, just about the last word in the North American half dimes.

colony of British Honduras began issuing a nickel 5 cent coin in 1907, some 15 years before Canada decided to bring its 5 cent pieces into the modern era. However, although the colony anticipated Canada by 15 years in using a "nickel", and Newfoundland never gave up the silver 5 cent coin, British Honduras abandoned nickel in favor of brass in 1942, and never resumed it for that value.

Many collectors feel that the silver 5 cent coins are hard to get. Actually, many are quite reasonably priced, and it's possible to find some dealers who will offer a good deal on them, as the series is widely neglected. Whether Canadian or U.S., or British Honduran for that matter, the denomination makes a good addition to a collection, and is one of the obsolete and quaint issues that offers good specimens for a reasonable price.

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Rather interestingly, the little backward

#### COMING EVENTS

MARCH 9	ECC meeting, COIN GRADING SEMINAR
APRIL 3	ECC SPRING COIN SHOW, MILLBOURNE MALL, 9:30 TO 5:00 CENTRE COURT
APRIL 13	ECC meeting, Member talk & displays on Syrian Coinage
APRIL 17 & 18	Wild Rose Antique Collectors Show & Sale, Agricom, Northlands Exhibition, Edmonton.
APRIL 17 - 18	Regina Coin Club Annual Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Regina, Sask.
APRIL 24 - 25	Calgary Numismatic Society Coin Show, Port O'Call Inn, Calgary, Alta.
MAY 11	ECC meeting, Pre-meeting PIZZA, "Counterfeit Seminar Night" with video, displays
JUNE 8	ECC Annual Numismatic Donation Auction
JUNE (TBA)	Coin & Stamp Show, Westwood Inn, Edmonton
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#### CALGARY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY COIN SHOW

Members wishing to enter a display in the Calgary show can pick up a copy of the Exhibit rules and application at March's meeting. Catagories for displays include: Can. Coins, Tokens, Medals & wood; Foreign Coins, Tokens, Medals & Wood: Paper Money, script and related paper items, Can, or Foreign; and Non-competitive.

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

PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.

MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138

PROGRAM: TALK & DISPLAY ON SYRIAN COINAGE, MEMBER BOURSE

#### APRIL MEETING

April's meeting will see Terry Cheesman put on a display and seminar on Syrian coinage. Terry's collection is quite extensive and we hope to see some interesting pieces as well as quality material.

In addition to Terry's talk, members are asked to bring there material into the meeting to trade and sell. With the weather shaping up nicely, we hope to have a good turnout for this meeting. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

#### MARCH MEETING MINUTES

March's meeting saw 22 members and 3 guests out for the meeting. The meeting was primarily set up for a Coin Grading Seminar, and this took up the majority of the evening. Joe first welcomed the members and guests to the meeting and reminded everyone of the April 3, show at Millbourne Mall. Joe also announced that the 1993 mint sets were available at the local shops in town. There has been a small run on some mint sets as well as the prices for the 1991 and 1992 mint sets going up dramatically.

Coins to be graded included come ancients, foreign and Canadian Decimal. Terry presented a short talk on grading Ancient coinage and then the members were allowed to grade some on their own. Dan Gosling also presented an overview of grading mintstate 5 cent pieces. New member, Hans Buckmueller was also welcomed to the club. The attendance prize of a 1993 mint set was won by Jill Chorney.

#### APRIL SHOW REPORT

The Club held a one day show at Millbourne Mall on Saturday April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seven club members set up on 8 bourse tables, with the Club taking 2 additional tables for displays and information. The site was in the central courtyard which has a skylight lighting up the area. The tables were layed out in two rows on either side of the courtyard, with the public able to easily walk in between. The Mall is a little out of the way but generally a nicer setup than we've had in the past. The members had fair to good response and generally had a good day. As usual some do better than others but the majority had a good day. Although it was Wray' 50th wedding Annibersary, he stuck it out for most of the day, but left early due to family commitments. Congratulations Wray! The Club had a couple of the standup displays as well as information on collecting and free CCN's and Insight magazines for the public.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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

HANS BUCHMUELLER #356 EDMONTON

JAMES CARMICHAEL #357 EDMONTON

Welcome to the Edmonton Coin Club!

#### **CALGARY AIRPORT DISPLAY**

If you happen to be at the Calgary Airport in the next while, keep a lookout for some island displays promoting the Glenbow Museum display on "Cowboys, Buffalo & Indians". The display is located near Gate A11, and promotes the old west. Two items of interest in the display include a Ft. Saskatchewan 1967 Centennial Trade Dollar showing an Indian in a Canoe. The second item shows a wooden nickel from the Edmonton Coin Club, dated 1973, issued for the 11th Annual Coin Show. The wooden nickel shows a large native Indian Bust. The numismatic items are mixed in with various other items promoting the west thru advertizing. It's nice to see Calgary's Museum includes items from the Edmonton area in its displays! (PS Does the CNS know!)

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# Canada's Fishing Schooner

# Ten Cents By Laurence R. Griffin Is It The Bluenose? (Reprinted with permission of the Ingersoll Coin Cla

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Since it's introduction in 1937, Canada's famed fishing boat dime has been an enigma. And, there's no reason to believe that the puzzling questions surrounding it will ever be resolved satisfactorily.

In that year, Canadian coinage underwent a number of changes. First, of course, the effigy of King George V, who died in 1936, had to be replaced with one of George VI, in line with Canada's practice of always having her coins carry an image of England's reigning monarch.

However, the government also decided to change the reverses of some of its coins to make them more representative of Canada. The design of the dime was set forth in a royal proclamation which stipulated "A fishing schooner under sail, 'Canada' above and '10 cents' below, with the date of the year, and a grain upon the edge."

But, soon after the new coins began to appear, sharp-eyed observers quickly noted the schooner's high bow and sail arrangement characteristic of the well-known racing boat, Bluenose. Almost immediately everyone was demanding to know, "Is it, or isn't it 'Bluenose'?" Officially, it isn't, and as proof, the mint always points to the wording of its procla-

What apparently happened is that Emmanuel Hahn patterned his design after photographs of Bluenose, and perhaps even used a model to complete the engraving.

Hahn probably felt, like many others, that Bluenose symbolized both Canada's vast fishing industry and her maritime skills. And, indeed, in these respects he couldn't have picked a better schooner.

Stangely enough, Bluenose had her beginning in 1920 almost by accident. The first event in the chain of circumstances that led to her construction was the cancellation of the America's Cup race due to bad weather.

Later that year, the Halifax Herald decided to initiate and finance a series of races between the swiftest boats of the U.S. and Canadian fishing fleets.

This would be no contest between high-born, pampered aristocrats of the sea, used only as pleasure craft, but instead a struggle of real working schooners that earned their keep. The fact is, American and Candian fishermen had been racing each other for years for their own amusement.

In the first Herald contest, that fall, Canada's entry was soundly defeated by a Glouster boat. "Esperanto," and the new International Fishermen's Trophy was carried triumphantly back to Massachusetts.

Shocked by this ignoble loss to the U.S., Captain Angus Walters, a short, lean Nova Scotian fisherman, decided to take a personal hand in the defense of Canada's honor. All he could think of was his

#### CANADA'S FISHING SCHOONER (Cont'd)

desire to build a fishing schooner capable of winning back the coveted trophy.

That winter Walters did no fishing. Instead, he labored tirelessly to raise money for his ambitious project. He managed to sell 350 shares of stock, at \$100. per share, while a friend, William Roue of Halifax, worked on a design for the future queen of the deep.

Construction was finally begun, and soon the 143 foot champion started to take shape. She was launched on a blustery March day in 1921, and promptly named Bluenose, a Yankee slang term applied to all Nova Scotians.

On her maiden run, she proved swifter than anyone, including Walters, had dared hope, or thought possible. With 10,000 square feet of white canvas bellying above her, she clipped along ahead of the wind, like a frightened dolphin. From that day on Walters felt certain that he had a winner.

Bluenose was in the Halifax Herald race that fall, and defeated "Elsie" out of Glouster, to bring the treasured cup back to Canada. This victory proved to be only the first of a long string of wins for Old Stormalong, as she was fondly nicknamed.

For nine years, Bluenose vanquished all comers. Then, in 1930, she tasted defeat for the first time. Entered in the America's Cup race, she was up against the trim Boston schooner "Gertrude L. Thebaud" skippered by Ben Pine. Sir Thomas Lipton (of tea fame), suggested a best-of-three race, with the winner taking the cup.

"Thebaud" won the first heat, and the second was called because of rough seas. In the third race, Walters was well ahead when he made a navigational blunder that resulted in becalming Bluenose. Pine took advantage of a weak land zephyr and piloted his boat to victory.

The next year, Walters was out for blood. Once more there was to be a best-of-three series. This time there were no errors and Bluenose won two times in a row, walking away with the cup.

Through the years, Bluenose's fame continued to grow while she still led her strange double life, performing one day as a champion, and the next as a workhorse fishing boat. Under Canadian sponsorship, she appeared at the Chicago World's Fair, in 1933, and went to England in 1935 for King George V's Silver Jubilee.

But all too soon a long shadow dropped across her bright accomplishments. Slowly diesel powered fishing trawlers were creating stiffer and stiffer competition, until at last, Walters was forced into motorizing Bluenose to stay in business. The days of the sailing ship were clearly drawing to a close.

Finally, in 1938, as a reward for her countless victories, Bluenose was permanently awarded the Fishermen's Trophy. Once more, for old times sake, she raced her rival "Thebaud", and as usual won, although not be as large a margin as Walters would have liked. Age had begun to take its toil of the venerable queen.

Bluenose would soon learn that fame means little and is quickly forgotten by the public. When he retired, in 1939, Walters opened a dairy, although his interest in Bluenose remained strong.

He petitioned the government to restore, and keep Bluenose as a final memorial to the sailing ship, but as war clouds gathered, his pleas fell on deaf ears. When, a year later, Bluenose was about to go on public auction, Walters scraped together all the money he could, and bought her outright.

The end was nearing, however, and after two years of mounting storage bills Walters was compelled to sell her to a Caribbean freight company. Her final tragic end came in 1946 when she went to the bottom of the sea after striking a coral reef near Haiti.

#### CANADA'S FISHING SCHOONER (Cont'd)

But not all Canadians forgot their sea thoroughbred. Like a ghost from the past, she appeared again in 1963 as a \$450,000 full-scale duplicate, financed by a Nova Scotian brewry. And, when Bluenose II went to sea for the first time, Captain Walters was at the helm.

Still, the greatest tribute to Bluenose is her country's dime, although it wasn't the Canadian government's original intent to honor her.

In a way, it's unfortunate that the question of just why Bluenose appears on the coin can never be answered by the one man who really knew. Hahn is dead, and apparently he confided in no-one regarding his decision.

Yet, however it came about, the Canadian ten-cent piece stands as a lasting monument to a time when there really were iron men who sailed in wooden ships.

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#### 1921 - A BIG YEAR IN CANADIAN NUMISMATICS

The year 1921 was a big year in Canadian Numismatics, but it also was a big year in Numismatics for our neighbors to the south, the United States of America and Mexico. I'll not go into detail in this issue but one of the major changes in the U.S. coinage was the introduction of the Peace Dollar 1921-1935, and the demise of the Morgan Dollar 1887-1921. Both types were issued in 1921 but the 1921 Peace Dollar with its high relief was found impractical and was modified with a lower relief for all succeeding years.





In 1921 Mexico issued two commemorative coins, the silver 2 peso about the size of our silver dollar and a .900 fine gold 50 peso. It is said that the art work on this coin is on a par with the Saint-Gaudens Standing Liberty gold double eagle. Both of these Mexican coins commemorated the centenary of their independence from Spain.

# 1921 - A BIG YEAR IN CANADIAN NUMISMATICS (Cont'd)

In Canada, the year 1921 marked the end of the little silver five-cent coin. There are three very scarce 1921 dates: the 5-cents, the 25-cents, and the 50-cents coin.









In 1921, coinage of silver five-cent coins was about 2-1/2 million, an average figure for that denomination. However, probably because of the forthcoming nickel five-cent piece (which appeared in 1922), the production was almost all melted.

As far as silver went, Canada was in a position similar to the U.S. Wartime issues had produced a goodly number, and there was no immediate demand for any more coins. Thus, between 1921 and 1928, the Royal Canadian Mint struck no 10-cent pieces.









The 1921 Canadian quarter owes its value to being a fairly small issue that managed to get worn-out in circulation. Only 597,337 were made and no more quarters were struck until 1927. There seems to have been relatively little interest in Canadian higher-denomination silver until fairly recently, possibly because of the somewhat plain designs. All obverses bore the

reigning sovereign and, until the advent of the dollar coin in 1935, the standard reverse was a statement of vlue with a crown and wreath of maple leaves.

The half dollar of 1921 is the bigticket issue for Canada that year, with a nominal coinage of more than 200,000, but with very few specimens known; 100 examples seems a high figure among estimates. This is one of those coins that is so scarce (or actually rare, in the true meaning of the term) that catalogue value, is not a real





guide. For most collectors, this is an "academic" coin, but it is one that a really wealthy numismatist would pay well for if he wanted to complete the set.





The 1921 Canadian small cent is a fairly "average" coin in a year issue that includes the three tiny silver strikings. The 1920 cents, first of this type, were made in large quantities (a record-breaking total of over 15 million) to replace the old large cent.

Although the 1921 had a coinage of almost 8 million less than the 1920, it is still the fifth-largest of the small cents issues struck for George the Fifth.

The really expensive coins of this type came along in 1922, 1925, and 1936 (the very rare "dot" issue, where the dot indicated coin-

.age for George Sixth in the interim before new dies were ready for that monarch).

As this article indicates, 1921 was an exciting year in Numismatics. The introduction of the small cent and the nickel 5-cent were just two of the major changes. For those who own one or both of the 1921 silver (fish scale) 5 cents or the 1921 50 cent you'll get no argument that it was a very good Numismatic year.





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Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society DATE: MAY 11, 1993

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

PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.

MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138

PROGRAM: PRE-MEETING "PIZZA NIGHT" (BOSTON

PIZZA, 10543 - 124 ST., 5:30 TO 6:45)

COUNTERFEIT SEMINAR NIGHT (MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO

BRING IN SUSPECT OR COUNTERFEIT COINS OR NOTES TO SHOW THE MEMBERS)

#### MAY MEETING

May's meeting will have a more social side to it as we will be having a "Pre-meeting Pizza" at Boston Pizza on 124st and 105 Ave. Members are asked to show up any time between 5:30 and 6:45 for pizza and numismatic discussions before the meeting. The Club will be subsidizing the Pizza cost by about \$5.00 per member. We did this a few years ago and all had a good time.

For May's regular meeting we will be having a Counterfeit coin seminar where we will be bringing in counterfeit coins to show and discuss with the members. We will be having counterfeit paper, ancient and foreign coins on display. Members are encouraged to bring in any oddity they may have to verify if it is counterfeit or genuine. We will also have a video show on World counterfeit paper money. We hope to see you at Boston Pizza before the meeting, or if you are unable to make it, we hope to see you at the museum for an interesting evening!

#### **APRIL MEETING MINUTES**

April's meeting saw 18 members and 3 guests in attendance. Joe announced Ray N. was in the hospital for some tests and best wishes were sent on behalf of the Club. Joe welcomed the members and guests and gave a short report on the show in April. While some had a better show than others, most felt it was one of the better Malls we've been in. Thanks were extended to the dealers who attended as well as John & Mike who set up the Club displays and information. Special thanks was extended to new member Jim Carmichael who donated \$30.00 to the club after the show. Joe asked the members if they wanted a fall show and discussions will be held by the executive on this item.

The meeting was then turned over to Terry C. and Chris H. who put on separate but sequential presentations on Syrain Coinage. Terry circulated 38 pieces of Silver, bronze and gold coinage which covered the period from about 170 B.C. to 420 A.D. The coins were of average VF and extremely interesting in there high relief busts and clarity of detail. A map showing the mint sites of the times was circulated to the members for use during the presentations. Chris presented several coins from the period of 512 - 610 A.D. as well as examples from the Umayyad, Abbasid, Mamlukl and Ottoman Empires (650 - 1520 A.D.) Modern coinage from 1921 to 1968 was also displayed. In all Chris displayed 25 to 30 coins. This interesting and informative presentation was a continuation of a similar presentation last year by Terry & Chris. The presentations were very well prepared and presented and appreciated by the members. The attendance door prize of a 1980 Mint set was won by Eldon Kuss.

#### **NUMISMATIC NOTES**

We're glad to here Ray N. is back in the shop after a short stay in hospital last month. We hear everything is back to normal now that Ray's in the shop. The 6th Edition of the Charlton Canadian Government Paper money has been issued recently and is available at National Pride Coins & Stamps. Dominion and 1935 notes are up noticeably. Face and back Proofs are now listed in the regular value section.

Did you see the May 2 Edmonton Sun with the article on our own Jack Jensen of West Edmonton Coin & Stamp Corporation. "Smiling Jack" as he'll now be called was on a full page article in the "Money" secion of the paper. Jack was interviewed on collectibles in general as he deals in coins, stamps, cards, antiques and gold and silver bullion. It was an interesting article and Jack put in a plug for numismatics as he has seen in increase in the coin market, largely due to the 125th anniversary Canadian quarters. In addition to the article, other changes are happening with Jack, as the shop has changed names to a Corporation, with stores in W.E.M., Sears Kingsway, and St Albert. Also look for Jacks new location in W.E.M. across from the International Market Place entrance in expanded space. Jack should be set up by mid May and he should finally be able to bring out his stock on full display, after his cramped quarters in the Market Place. Members are invited to stop by and see the new shop once he's all moved and settled in. Congratulations Jack and good luck on the new location!

Special thanks are extended to James Carmichael, a recent new member, for his generous monetary donation to the Club. The Executive will discuss the possibility of purchasing a book for the Library in Jim's name.

#### U. of A. ROMAN COLLECTION EXPANDS

On a scale of I to X, the 22 Roman coins that were recently donated to the Department of Classics rate an X. " They have a lot of historical relevance, " says Alastair Small, a professor in the Department. "The donation adds to and improves and existing collection. The coins, plus a Roman sardonyx gemstone with intanglio female head in a modern fingering, are from the collection of David Kennedy of Viking, Alberta and were formally presented to the department by Kennedy's daughter, Winnifred Kolodkewych of Mundare. As well she gave the Library and the Classics Department a number of catalogues and books pertaining to numismatics. The coins are primarily portraits of Roman Emperors and family members and are very representative of Kennedy's primary interest; portrait coins in Caesar's time. All of the coins were hand struck, with at least two of them, the head of Artemis r. and the head of Salus r., being in Dr. Smalls words, "absolutely beautiful in terms of artistic quality." He judges a coin of Rhodes "spectacular because of its condition." Kennedy, who grew up in Hawick, Scotland (fairly close to Hadrian's Wall, in fact), collected coins for about 20 years and studied numismatics for about 30 years, Mrs. Kolodkewych said. For him, the historical significance of the coins was infinitely more important than their monetary value, she said. In addition to being used for teaching purposes, the coins will be displayed in the foyer of the Classics Department for an extended period before being moved into the nearby Classics Museum. The theme of the display remains to be worked out. According to Dr. Small, there are a number of possibilities, including female portraiture, Roman political events and changes in the nature of Roman currency as economic conditions changed. (N.B.- The above coins appraised and graded by our own Terry Cheesman, for insurance purposes for the U. of A.) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# **COMING EVENTS**

MAY 11	ECC PRE-MEETING PIZZA, BOSTON PIZZA, 10543 - 124 ST., COUNTERFEIT SEMINAR
MAY 16	Calgary Coin Dealers Show, Blackfoot Inn, 5940 Blackfoot Trail, Calgary
JUNE 8	ECC NUMISMATIC DONATION AUCTION, PROVINCIAL MUSEUM, EDMONTON
JUNE 13	Calgary Coin Dealers Show, Blackfoot Inn, 5940 Blackfoot Trail, Calgary
JUNE 18, 19 & 20	Coin & Stamp Show, Westwood Inn, 18035 - Stony Plain Road, Edmonton
JULY 20 - 25	The 1993 Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention, Moncton, New Brunswick
JULY / AUGUST	No regular ECC meetings held
SEPTEMBER 14	ECC MEETING, GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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# How | Got Myself Hooked on Ancient Roman Coins

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BYJACK J. WOLFSON



bringing back to life an assortment of ancient coins. Recently, I had the opportunity to purchase a lot of Roman bronze coins of the fourth century A.D.; a hoard of about 800 had been found in Turkey and broken up into lots of 100.

When I first saw what I had bought sight unseen on the recommendation of a friendly numismatist, I felt

the recommendation of a friendly numismatist, I felt that the price of \$65. for the lot was exorbitant and that I had been taken. The coins looked like dirty pebbles with bits of green and brown bronze showing through. I somehow had felt that the coins should have been bright and shiny--not a very intelligent assumption when one considers that they had been buried over 1,400 years. As no coin in the lot was newer than the reign of Valentian I (364-375 A.D.), it is probably safe to assume that they had been buried during his reign.

I wonder how many have experienced the thrill of

I had no idea how to process the coins, and could find nowhere in the literature available to me any definite procedure. The friendly numismatist who engineered the purchase came to my rescue. Here is what he told me to do: boil the coins in distilled water, with a water softener such as Calgon to loosen the surface dirt. Use an enameled or glass container so the coins would not come in contact with any other metal. Boil for at least five minutes, then let them cool. Repeat the process at least five or six times.

I followed the instructions to the letter, and each time the water turned a dirty green. Since I was using my wife's enameled cooking pot she had some rather strong comments to make about the ugly mess the ugly coins were making out of her beautiful saucepan. As a matter of fact, when I first showed her what I had bought for \$65 the look on her face

clearly said, "How could I have married anyone so stupid?"

After the coins were thoroughly boiled, a copper or brass suede brush is used to carefully remove the remaining dirt and corrosion. Great care must be taken not to work too fast or the patina, which is really beautiful, is removed. Of course, some of the coins were badly corroded and it was necessary



to remove the patina as it was part of the corrosion. What a thrill when I found that the coins on the whole were cleaning amazingly well, leaving a rich brown satin-like patina. I worked at least 100 hours with the wire brushes and actually wore three of them out. The results were tremendously rewarding.

I showed the cleaned coins to my wife, who could hardly believe that these were the dirty pebbles I had brought home for my hard-"Whose portraits are on the coins?" she asked. I replied earned \$65. that I didn't really know, but that I intended to find out. My high school Latin came into use and I found that with the aid of a fourpower magnifying glass I could read some of the inscriptions. Once again the friend came to my rescue and loaned me Seaby's catalog on Roman coins. Being unaccustomed to using this type of reference, it took me several evenings of intensive study before I developed the knack of reading the inscriptions, particularly the mint marks.

According to the information I received at the time I bought the coins, the hoard had been found in Turkey near Istanbul (formerly Constantinople). This places it right on the old trade route of antiquity. The mint marks on the coins, of which about 60 per cent were legible, substantiated this. The majority of the mint marks were from Constantinople, Alexandria and Antioch. These three cities actually form a triangle on some of the most traveled trade routes of the ancient world. All three cities can be reached by sea or by land.



A fair percentage of the coins were uncirculated and any signs of wear, such as deteriorated edges on the planchets were the result of time rather than handling. Fifty ran from fine to very fine, which is good for bronzes as they are subject to corrosion and deteriora-Thirty had portraits that were good, but the coins were unidentifiable due either to poor strikes or undersize planchets. With these coins I intend to make Jewelry, or sell them as unattributed types of fourth century

Roman bronzes. Twenty of the coins were either in poor condition or

such poor strikes as to be virtually valueless.

I am tempted to keep the 50 coins previously mentioned for my own collection, as I can find no two exactly alike. Either the mint mark is different or a different set of dies were used. Were I to attempt to buy these, the cost would probably be at least \$4 each, or \$200 for the So, I feel that I got my money's worth. I have already made some jewelry from several of the unattributed coins. The portraits stand out beautifully and they have evoked much comment.

Previous to this experience I had little or no interest in Roman coinage and only a casual interest in Roman history. I wish I could transmit my tremendous feeling of excitement when I first saw the coins looking as they do when they are in a showcase. And also the second experience when I found that I could read and identify the coins. I wanted to run around and tell everyone I knew.

As soon as I can get another \$65 out of my wife I'm going to buy another lot. I'm afraid I'm hooked for life.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON AND THE 1976 U.S. \$2.00 BANK NOTE

by Thomas A. Kostaluk

Thomas Jefferson was born in Shadwell, Gooch-land (now Albemarle County), Virginia, on April 13, 1743. His father, Peter, was a farmer and surveyor who was known for his legendary strength and as a strong advocate of liberty. His mother was Jane Randolph, with high social standing. Peter died when Thomas was only 14, leaving behind a family of eight children. Some years later, Thomas was to inherit some 5000 acres of land, where he built his home, Monticello.

At age 17, young Jefferson entered the College of William and Mary, and graduated with a degree in law.

At 28 years of age, Thomas married Martha Wayles Skelton, a widow, and on January 1, 1772, during a winter blizzard they moved into his partly constructed home of Monticello. From this marriage six children were born.

## "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE"

Jefferson, at 33, drafted the Declaration of Independence. In years following, he labored to make its words a reality in Virginia. Most notably, he wrote a bill establishing religious freedom, enacted in 1786. Jefferson succeeded Benjamin Franklin as Minister to France in 1785. Jefferson became Secretary of State in President Washington's cabinet in 1789. He resigned in 1793.

As a reluctant candidate for President in 1796, Jefferson came within three votes of being elected. Through a flaw in the Constitution, he became Vice President, although an opponent of President Adams.

## "JEFFERSON FOR PRESIDENT"

He served as Secretary of State under Washington, and Vice President with Adams. The chaotic election of 1800 resulted in a tie between Jefferson and Aaron Burr, each having receive? 73 electoral votes. The tie was broken when Alexander Hamilton voted for Jefferson. When Jefferson assumed the Presidentcy, the crises in France had passed. He slashed army and navy expenditures, cut the Budget, eliminated the tax on whiskey so unpopular in the West.

During Jefferson's second term, he was increasingly preoccupied with keeping the nation from involvement in the Napoleonic Wars, though both England and France interfere? with the neutral right of American merchantmen.

#### "PURCHASE LOUISIANA TERRITORY FROM FRANCE"

The greatest event of Jefferson's office was the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803 for sixtee: million dollars.

In 1809, Jefferson retired to Monticello to ponder such projects as his grand designs for the University of Virginia. A French Nobleman observed that he had placed his house and his mind "on an elevated situation, from which he might contemplate the Universe". He died

## THOMAS JEFFERSON (Cont'd)

the same day as John Adams -- July 4, 1826.

## "THOMAS JEFFERSON \$2.00 BANK NOTE SERIES 1976"

Until the decision was made to retain the likeness of Thomas Jefferson on the face of the 1976 series notes, there had been strong support for using the portrait of suffragette Susan B. Anthony. That campaing fizzled however, some say because of the bill's old and senseless association with prostitution. "When we learned about that, we weren't so interested", said Roberta Lochiusa, President of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Inc. in Rochester.



Another bad mark against the poor defenseless duece was the political practice of using them to buy votes in the 19th century (and probably late), and the image didn't improve when counterfeiters found it profitable to change their value to \$20. They also were associated with prostitution and, in some quarters, gained the unenviable label of "whore notes".



(Turnbull's Signing of the Declaration of Independence, as adapted to the back of the Series 1976 note, is minus six of the colonial patriots appearing in the original. This caused some consternation.

#### **CURRENCY TERMS**



## THOMAS JEFFERSON (Cont'd)

## "FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES"

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3-C- PHILADELPHIA	7-G- CHICAGO	11-K_ DALLAS*
4-D- CLEVELAND	8-H- ST. LOUIS	12-L- SAN FRANCISCO

## "KENNEDY----DALLAS" NOTE

\*The Dallas note of this series, as shown with the letter "K" in the black seal and the number "ll" in four corners, does not have any more significance or value than any other notes with their respective district letter and corresponding number. A false rumor was circulated several years ago that the "K" was for Kennedy, the "ll" was for November, the month in which he was assassinated, and that the note was issued by the Dallas bank to commemorate the occasion.

The entire story is fantastic.

This note is in no way associated with President Kennedy. This note was authorized by the Act of June 1963. This was three months before Kennedy was assassinated. The Federal Reserve District for Dallas is K\*11.

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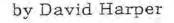
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## CANADA'S VICTORYNICKELS







The world was in the midst of global war when the Royal Canadian Mint issued this short series of "Tombac" Nickels.

On September 1, 1939, Hitler's troops began their march across the face of Europe. The world had been plunged into the most devastating war in it's history. "A war for survival," as Winston Churchill later called it.

By 1942, the most critical stages of the war had been reached, one battle could turn the tide for either side. The most critical factor in the conducting of any war, popular support, was beginning to ebb. In that year, the Royal Canadian Mint had changed the content of the nickel from pure nickel to a copper-zinc alloy (tombac) in order to conserve nickel which was to the war effort. This alloy contained 88% copper and 12% zinc. It was intended that later they would be melted down and with the addition of copper and tin they could make pennies out of it.

In 1943, a design change was instituted to spur the public's support for the war. It entailed using a "V" in the reverse design doing double duty as a numeral valuation and as a representation of Winston Churchill's famous "V" for victory sign, and a torch of liberty illuminating Canada. The standard obverse design of King

George VI was maintained. Waht further made this coin unique from any other was a message in Morse Code around the edge. The message reads, "We win when we work willingly." The coin was minted in the copperzinc alloy during 1942 and was an immediate success, as it was kept in large numbers as souvenirs.

The "Tombac" nickels received their name from the alloy they were made from. Malayan jewelers, over the years, created many intricate and ornate items from this copper-zinc alloy. They called the alloy "Tombaga," hence the name "Tombac."

In 1944, the war was still raging but the Nazis were on the retreat, however, even with victory in sight the nickel shortage was still evident and a copper shortage had materialized. So two years after Canada's initial alloy change they had to find another. The mint officials arrived at a steel composition for the nickel and by watching the United States experiments in using steel cents, they carefully avoided the mistake of coating their steel nickels with zinc. Instead they used a chrome plating which was stronger and more durable than the zinc, and it kept the steel nickel from rusting, which the zinc coating had failed to do. The 1943 "V" design was retained and the nickels were issued. In 1945, this design and content was again used, with the familiar beaver design and nickel content returning in 1946.

Nickels of the 1943-1945 war years did more than serve as mediums of exchange, they did more than conserve the critical war metals—in a way they helped win the war. One facet of war most people have a tendency to overlook is psychological warfare. These nickels were an intricate part of the allies overall propaganda program. Wars are not won on the battlefield alone. The "Tombac" nickel helped create a state of mind, a mind which was dedicated to only one goal, total victory. Who knows what would have happened without such propaganda. Would the populace have grown so tired of war that they would have settled for a negotiated peace, say in 1944? We will never know, but when you pick up a nickel, any nickel, consider the role the Canadian"V" Nickel played in World War II.

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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)

### JUNE MEETING PROGRAM

Once again we've come to the last meeting before the summer break. Members and guests are encouraged to attend this special auction of numismatic items. Members are asked to donate numismatic related items for the auction, to raise funds to help offset deligate costs to send a member to the CNA. Should no member be attending, the funds will be carried over for the next year. Numismatic related items include books, magazines, numismatica and of course coinage of all types and paper money. The auction is a no reserve auction, with all items going to the highest bidder. If you're unable to come out to the meeting but would like to donate to the auction, please contace Joe at 435-3294. If you're looking for that "special" item, be sure to come out to the fun and enjoy the meeting with numismatic friends. Hope to see you all there!

#### MAY MEETING MINUTES

Fourteen members and 2 guests attended the Pre-meeting pizza at Boston Pizza. Several members brought new aquisitions to show to the members and pizza, beer and pop were enjoyed by all. The Club subsidized the cost of the members attending to help offset the cost of the pizza.

After the pizza, the members made there way to the Museum were a few more members met to enjoy the evenings program on Counterfeits in Numismatics. The meeting covered alot of ground as paper money, Canadian and foreign coinage, tokens and ancients were brought in and shown to the members, all of which were counterfeit. The meeting started off with Joe introducing a guest from Providence R.I. Brian Baker was visiting Edmonton for 2 weeks with the US military. Brian was brought to the meeting as a guest of Ray N.

The first segment of the meeting consisted of a VHS show on "Making a Dishonest Living", which was a documentary on counterfeit US currency. The tape was brought in compliments of Jamie H. The film started off by indicating that \$132 million of counterfeit money is produced each year in the US. The approximately 1 hour film was very informative and enjoyed by all. After a short break, members with sample counterfeit material came up and discussed their acquisitions. Thanks are extended to Ray, Wray, Chris, Terry, John and Dan who brought in some interesting material. Some items shown were a Gold plated 1967 \$20 gold coin from Sudbury, a silver Plastre from Vietnam, a 1938 Canadian 50 cent piece struck in lead, blacksmith tokens, Chinese and Soviet coinage of the 60's, over a dozen contemporary ancient copies and counterfeits with the corresponding actual coin.

### May meeting con't.

A counterfiet Canadian \$5.00 bill was brought in that was found in a stack of 5's turned in at a local bank. The note was xeroxed and coloured with pencil crayon. The note was quite badly done and basically looked like a washed out note. In addition to the above interesting items, the recent "Loonies" showed up along with the associated story on the acquisition. All in all a very interesting and informative meeting was had by all. The attendance door prize of a 1993 mint set was won by John Callaghan.

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## MEETING COSTS AND MEETING DAY UNCERTAIN

The ECC has been informed by the Museum that due to government cutbacks, more of the actual costs to hold our meetings may have to be bourne by the Club. All organizations holding meetings at the Museum were informed of a potential 250% increase in rental costs. In addition, they would like to cut the meeting days down to Mondays and Wadnesdays. This may drastically change our current 2nd Tuesday meeting date. After we had received this notification the Club contacted the Museum to voice our concerns. Apparently some others at the Museum were not happy with the change, as they have now put the above changes on hold until after the election. Unfortunately we will not know the outcome until after our June meeting. We are notifying the members at this time as this may take effect starting with the September meeting. Due to this potential cost increase as well, we may be forced to increase dues starting in January 1994. As soon as we find out what is happening at the Museum, and with the government, we'll let you know. If anyone has a good central location available at reasonable cost, with long term arrangements available, please let anyone in the executive know.

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## **ECC EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

On May 26, the Executive held an emergency meeting to deal with the possible rent increase and meeting day change. The letter from the museum was circulated to the executive for all to see and the following was discussed:

- it was agreed to submit the form letter to choose an alternate meeting day (Tentative 2nd Wednesday chosen)
   future guarantees on cost and location are to be discussed with the Museum
- future guarantees on cost and location are to be discussed with the Museum should rental costs increase, consideration to increase dues in 1994 will have to be reviewed. Suggestions to raise funds due to the increased rent included a raffle for our 1994 show (using Scratch Pacs) Programs proposed for the fall and next year include:
- Sept. Guest Speaker on paper money (Lub W.)
- Oct. Coins of the 2nd Punic War Terry C.
- Nov. Breakfast meeting in conjunction with Westex coin show. (Guest speaker to be announced)

Additional suggestions include a review of the nickel dollar series by Dan G., May /94 Coins of Turkey, Terry C. A possible special meeting that is being looked into would be a trip to the University to view their collection.

1994 Show Update - Discussions on the date for the 1994 show have shifted to the spring where we will try to coordinate a show after the Calgary show. We will contact the dealers and Calgary to discuss the possibility. A paper trade note is being considered with an old building / new building theme. Promotions would include setting up displays at banks and libraries in the City. The Wild Rose Antique Collectors will be contacted to possibly put in a display at their April /94 show.

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## **COMING EVENTS**

JUNE 8

ECC NUMISMATIC DONATION AUCTION, PROVINCIAL MUSEUM, EDMONTON

Calgary Coin Dealers Show, Blackfoot Inn, 5940 Blackfoot Trail, Calgary

COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, 18035 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton

CNA '93, Keddy's Brunswich Hotel, Moncton N.B.

ECC Regular meeting, Guest speaker T.B.A. (Watch for confirmation of date)

SEPTEMBER 17 - 19

COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, 18035 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton

NOVEMBER 12 - 14

COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, (Possibly WESTEX SHOW), Edmonton

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## A Look at Canada's "Extra" Coinage

## DOTS AND MAPLE LEAVES

by Ralph Yates

Twice in an 11 year period, the Royal Canadian Mint produced unplanned varieties because of trouble in getting set up for regular coinage. In both cases, these "extra" varieties resulted in some of the scarcest coins in the entire Canadian series.

The first of these appeared in 1937, in the form of the famous "dot" cents, quarters, and 10 cent pieces, dated 1936. Most of the British Commonwealth began issuing its new coins for King George VI that year, following the death of his father George V. However, at the time the Cana-

dian Mint's dies came from London, England. Ottawa did not produce its own, at least not in the completed form. At the same time the dies for the new king were being prepared on one side of the Atlantic, on the other shore the Canadians still had to meet the demand for small change. This was at a time when Canada, along with the States, was starting to recover from the depression, and people needed money regardless of whose portrait appeared on it.

To meet the demand, the Ottawa Mint struck a series of 1936 dated coins bearing a small raised dot at the bottom on the reverse field. On the cent, this was just below the date, centered at a point below the 9 and 3 of 1936. The 10 cent piece and quarter show the dot just below the bow in the ribbon tying the wreath.

Some 679,000 cents were coined as part of this 1937 issue, along with 191,000 10 cent pieces and 153,000 quarters. The quarters are not too hard to obtain today. For some strange reason, only about four specimens are known for both the "dot cent" and "dot dime", and the prices are correspondingly—well, what you'd expect.

If, as the Mint claims, all of the "dot" cents and 10 cent coins were put into circulation, why are so few of those coins available today? One possibility may have been that many of the 1936 issue lacked the dot. If that were so, and this is only a supposition, then the coins struck in 1936 would be indistinguishable from those made in 1937. 600,000 cents is a large amount of metal to just disappear.

The dot variety did not extend to the nickel, half dollar, or silver dollar, the reason being that there was no great demand for those coins. Only a few more than 192,000 halves were finally struck in 1937 with the King's portrait, and the silver dollars could wait until the new dies arrived.

The missing dot coins still remain a mystery. Were they melted? That's what made so many 1921 silver coins rare, but the Mint says "No". To this day, 1936 cents attract glances at the bottom of the "tails" side, just in case.....

In 1947, ten years after the George VI assumed the crown, India became independent. The King voluntarily relinquished his now empty title of Emperor of India, and thus made it necessary for the Mint to update his coins. The change was to take place in 1948, on the Canadian series, although it didn't affect British coins until 1949.

The year 1948 was a fairly prosperous one, and demand for coins was high. However, the Mint was late in getting out the new dies with the King labelled DEI GRATIA REX (King by the Grace of God) instead of D.G. REX ET IND IMP=(King by the Grace of God, Emperor of India). So, again, Canada saw a case of last year's dies with a special mark.

This time, the key was a small maple leaf after the "7" in the date. All denominations carried it, unlike the 1936 dot that was restricted to three values.

Curiously, unlike the 1936 issue, the coinage of 1947 Maple Leaf coins made in 1948 was greater than 1947 leafless coins struck in 1947, in the case of all denominations below the half dollar. Prices generally reflect this, but the 1947 cents show the opposite. Although some 43½ million Maple Leaf cents were made in 1948, compared to only 31 million of 1947 without the leaf, the leaf-bearing cent is priced higher than the one without the feature, in the top grades of condition. This may be due to extra public attention focusing on the specially marked coin. The leaf-typw cent is quite common even today, in ordinary circulated condition, and hence not particularly valuable.

The 1947 nickels with and without the leaf are priced more or less comparably, with the edge going to the leafless type. The 1947 leafless 10 cent piece is usually found retailing at two to three times as much as the leaf variety made in 1948, reflecting that twice as many leaf dimes were made compared to the 1947 ordinary issue. This





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same discrepancy in price applies to the 1947 quarters

Two scarce 1947 varieties appeared for the nickel and

quarter, in the form of coins bearing a small dot after the date instead of the leaf. These are generally considered to be the result of die flaws, struck in 1947, and bear no relation to the maple leaf coins minted the next year.

Although the Canadian governemtn needed a large quantity of cents, nickels, dimes and quarters, it didn't require many half dollars. Thus, with the 50 cent denomination, we start to get into the modern "big ticket" class, as far as price goes. The Mint that year used two varieties of "7" in its date. In 1947, these two types totalled just under 425,000 pieces. The next year, the Ottawa coiners punched the tiny maple leaf into the two kinds of dies.

Coinage for both types of 1947 half dollars with maple leaf was small, but excessively so for one variety. Total strikings were less than 38,500. Of this small quantity, the coins with a straight 7 whose point at the bottom is definitely toward the left is the lower priced. The second variety, in which the point curves back toward the bottom right, starts at more than \$400.00 in the circulated grades.



Maple Leaf

The 1947 die variety with two types of "7" also extended to the silver dollar in that year. The same pattern for prices applies as for the half. The 1947 Maple Leaf variety at one time was priced about the same as the "pointed 7" (point curving back toward right) in the true 1947 set, but lately has fallen behind. It is still one of the most expensive coins in the entire

Canadian dollar series. It might be mentioned that in 1948, specimens could be obtained out of regular circulation. I know of one that came from a bank with regrets that the 1948 wasn't available, but that perhaps a 1947 with maple leaf would do. It was known, at the time, what the little leaf stood for.

The large coinage of Maple Leaf pieces in the various denominations had an unexpected result in the case of the true 1948 dated pieces that came later in the year when the new dies were ready. All 1948 dated coins were made in smaller quantities than the Maple Leaf. The coinage of leaf-bearing cents and all other denominations except the dollar so cut into the year's production, that there was no need to strike many true 1948 coins. An extreme example of this is the 1948 dated 10 cent coin, of which fewer than half a million were minted, compared to the 1947 leaf with more than 9,600,000. The 1948 cents are not extremely hard to come by in circulated condition, but the better grades are somewhat more expensive than other dates struck about that period.

Two other die flaws are sometimes confused with the 1947 leaf and 1936 dot issues. The 1956 10 cent coin has a small dot centered below the 5 and 6 of the date. This was nothing but a die pit. However, the 1937 Beaver nickel has attracted some attention, because of the small dot found after the "7". Publicity about the 1936 dot cents has whetted people's curiosity about the 1937-dot nickel.

## CANADA'S EXTRA COINAGE (cont'd)





The dot on the 1937 nickel was placed there intentionally, evidently to balance the design. In this year, the "7" slants toward the left at the bottom, and the dot seems to have been put in to "fill up" the space and give a straight line effect as the "1" of the date does at the left. The dot was abandoned the next year and never reinstated as a deliberate design feature. From then on, every "dot" variety has been accidental.

Incidentally, every so often a hopeful collector finds a Maple Leaf coin and thinks he has a "dot". The Maple Leaf, as it's now found in ordinary change in the lower circulated grades, isn't at all rare. The dot--that may not be as well known--that's a different story.

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## DID YOU KNOW???????

That much early banking consisted of burying one's money or stuffing it into a mattress? Even today many French people hide their gold coins in their matresses. Play it safe members, the safest place for your coins and money is in the bank.

That the term "Bob" is a slang word for the English shilling?
That Queen Victoria stayed young for a long time. The young head series on her coinage lasted nearly 50 years.

That the Lincoln cent is the first U.S. coin to depict the same subject on both sides? The portrait of Lincoln on the obverse and the Lincoln Memorial on the reverse.

That the term "type collection" means the effort to collect one type of coin minted since it's first coinage in any country?

That a collector of transportation tokens is known as a vecturist?

That the slang term for a collector of paper money is a "rag
picker"? At today's prices for paper currency, that could amount to
some very costly picking.

That A.U. not only means uncirculated, but is also the symbol for gold?

That a hybrid coin is one with mismatched obverse and reverse? Numismatically it is called a mule.

That Spink of England have been a numismatic dealer for three centuries?

That a broken bank note is the term applied to the paper money of a bank that failed?

That you could purchase an uncirculated 1909 S.V.D.B. cent from the J. W. Scott Co. for 35¢? Sorry, that was from 1913 catalogue. Today's price is in the \$700.00 range.

That coins have been depicted on stamps? Isle of Man has something new where they depict coins on the reverse of their new crown.

That on the coinage of France, the Paris mint has used the mint mark "A" since 1641?

That the horse has been used on numerous occasions and countries? Two recent issues of the Canadian Silver Dollars of 1973 and 1975, Queen Elizabeth II is depicted on horseback on the commemorative Silver Jubilee crown of the Great Britain of 1977 and in 1953 on the 5 shilling to mark her coronation.

Ancient and medieval coins reflect the everyday importance of the horse. Indian, Ireland, Mali, Norway, Switzerland, and Turkey, to name just a few who have honoured the horse on their coinage. Horses were used in the beautiful vignettes on 19th century U.S. obsolete notes.

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## THE BRASHER DOUBLOON by John S. Lorr

The Brasher doubloom of 1787 is one of the rarest coins in existence; only six specimens are known. Although it was never legal tender, it has the distinction of being the first gold coin minted in the United States.

The first official gold coin was not struck until 1795.

Ephraim Brasher, designer of the dubloon, was a prominent jeweler, silversmith and goldsmith who had a shop on New York City's Cherry Street, next to what might be called the "first White House". The government later selected this residence for the presidents of the Continental Congress and—still later—for President George Washington. Another distinguished neighbor of Brasher's was John Hancock, whose signature appears so prominently on the Declaration of Independence.

What inspired the birth of the Brasher foubloon? We can only speculate. Under the Articles of Confederation, the states were permitted to issue coins; New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey and Massachusetts proceeded to do so.

Sensing that the state of New York would follow, five of its citizens (Brasher among them) petitioned the state for the privilege of making copper coins. Unfortunately, the

state of New York assembly was not ready to award the contract at the time.

It can be assumed that Brasher had prepared a model of his copper cent for presentation to the assembly, and many authorities believe he patterned his doubloon after it. Why he minted them is not known. Perhaps he produced them as souvenirs, since many lawmakers visited his shop.

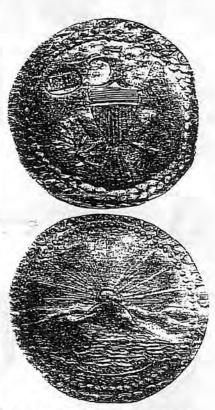
In weight, the Brasher doubloon matches the Spanish doubloon, that highly respected coin which was in wide circulation during the time and was legal tender in the United States until 1858. It was slightly smaller than its Spanish counterpart, but matched its value of \$16.

The obverse of the Brasher doubloon depicts the symbolic spreadwinged eagle with a shield over its breast. In the right talon is a branch of laurel leaves, in the left a bundle of arrows. Thirteen stars surround the bird's head. Brasher placed his initials, EB, over the eagle's right wing. A garland encloses the portion just described, and the space between it and the edge of the coin is taken up by the phrase UNUM E PLURIBUS and the date, 1787.

A sea-and-mountain scene with a spectacular sunrise is portrayed on the coin's reverse; the slogan NOVA EBORACA COLUMBIA EXCELSIOR (New York and America Ever Upward), appears in a circle between the scene and the edge of the coin. Brasher also added his name to the reverse.

Numismatists were ignorant of the Brasher doubloon's existence until 1830, when U.S. Mint Coiner Adam Eckfeldt discovered it among a group of gold coins sent in for assay and melting.

Of the six known Brasher doubloons, one is in the Smithsonian Institution and two are in private collections. In 1907, one was sold for \$6,200. Today, one of the coins is worth an estimated \$100,000 or more. One of the doubloons, owned by Yale University, was stolen in 1965, but recovered two years later.



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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

LUB WILL TALK ON CANADIAN PAPER MONEY, (OR ANY OTHER TOPIC

WE CAN GET HIM TO TALK ON)

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## \* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*

DUE TO A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY, THE MUSEUM IS FORCED TO RECOVER MORE OF IT'S OPERATING COSTS. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE CLUB WILL BE MEETING ON THE **2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH** FROM NOW ON. TIME AND PLACE WILL NOT CHANGE. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALLENDARS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING ADGENDA

Once again, we start off the fall session with Lub Wojtiw being our guest speaker. Lub will be talking about Canadian Paper money and I'm sure he can answer any of your other questions on paper money in general. Members are also encouraged to discuss any of their summer collecting activities with the members (show & tell if you will) and anyone wishing to set up a bourse may do so. Hope to see you all at the meeting, and don't forget its on the wednesday from now on.

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

June's meeting saw 16 members and 4 guests participate in our annual Numismatic donation auction. Joe welcomed everyone to the last meeting before the summer break. A discussion ensued about the museum's new policies and members were asked to look for alternate (and cheaper) accommodations. Due to the upcoming elections, we were told to hold off on any decisions until after the elections. We were promised no changes would be made on short notice. In addition to the auction, Dan G. read from Abe Kosoff's book about his adventures on buying rare US silver dollars over the years. The small but enthusiastic crowd participated in the auction which raised over \$160.00 for the club. The money is used to help offset a delegates cost to the CNA. Unfortunately no one was attending this year. Some very interesting items were up for auction this year and everyone got good value for their money. A good time was had by all. Thanks are extended to all who donated toward the auction. The meeting concluded with refreshments and bake goods for all. A 1993 1oz silver Australia Kookaburra attendance draw was won by Ernie Edgedahl .....2

## MEETING DAY CHANGE

Due to a last minute decision by the museum, (which they promised they would not do) we were forced at the last minute to change the meeting day from the 2nd Tuesday to 2nd Wednesday of the month. Unfortunately by the time we were notified it was too late to get the newsletter out in time. Members attending the meeting will be able to pick the newsletter up at the meeting. All members will be phoned where possible and verbally notified of the change. Members not attending will receive there newsletter the week of the 13th. We appologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We already know of one member who will not be able to attend wednesdays due to previous commitments. Unfortunately, we have no choice in the matter at this time. In addition to the day change, our rent will be going up 2 1/2 times. This will invariably mean a dues increase this January. All this change is happening when the club will be celebrating it's 40th anniversary in 1994. We hope the members will bare with us during these times of change.

#### **EDITORS NOTE**

Once again the summer (if you can call the few nice days we had a summer) has passed us by and another session of meetings is upon us. Hopefully everone had a good break and are ready to get back to the association one has with fellow collectors. Several members did some travelling this summer with Jack J. attending the ANA in Baltimore. Joe B made two trips to the west coast. Our Junior Director also made a trip to B.C. but unfortunately will not be returning, as his family has moved there. Anyone wishing to get in touch with David can get his address from Jamie at National Pride Coin & Stamps. I also made a short trip down east this year to London and Toronto, but missed out on any shows. I did howerer get to go to a ball game at the Skydome which was an interesting experience. Howard has now moved into his new store around the corner from his previous location. Members are invited to see him at Westmount Collectables 10844 - 124 st., downstairs. Terry C. will be moving into his condo sometime in October and maybe we can convince him to have an open house for the club. Well even I'm having difficulty getting into the swing of things and will sign off for now. Hopefully we'll put all the changes happening behind us and get on to enjoying the hobby and planning for our 40th Anniversary events in 1994.

## MILITARY COLLECTOR'S CLUB OF CANADA SHOW HELD IN EDMONTON

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to the best displays. Several members of the club are also members of the Military Collector's Club. The Club had there annual general meeting and banquet on the Friday and Saturday. Exhibits which were open to the public were on display Saturday and Sunday. Admittance was \$3.00.

## HOBBY SHOW - OCTOBER 16 & 17TH

The Club has once again been asked to participate in the 4th Annual Hobbies, Crafts and Collectibles Show and Sale (Formerly Hobby Mecca). Members will be asked to support the show through manning a booth and displays. Like everything else these days, the cost to the Club will be a little higher this year. A commitment by the members will be required at this months meeting to determine if we will participate this year. With the Clubs 40th Anniversary coming up we should make every effort to promote numismatics as much as possible.

#### MINT ISSUES GOLD & PLATINUM FRACTIONALS

At the ANA in Baltimore this year, the mint unveiled 2 new Maple Leaf bullion coins. Bearing the face value of 1 dollar. The new 1/20 oz .9999 gold coin and .9995 platinum coins are now available to the public. The new Maple Leaf coins bear the same design as the other members of the family with the one dollar face value on the obverse and the fractional on the reverse.



#### COMING EVENTS

SEPT. 8 - ECC Regular meet. Guest speaker on Canadian paper money - Lub Wojtiw

SEPT. 17-19 - Coin & Stamp Show - Westwood Inn Best Western 18035 - Stony Plain Rd., Edmonton

OCT. 13 - ECC Regular meet. Guest speaker on "Coins of the 2nd Punic War" (Hanabel) Terry Cheesman

SAT. NOV. 13 - "SPECIAL REMEMBERANCE DAY MEETING" in conjunction with the WESTEX SHOW. Breakfast meeting at Westwood Inn, 18035 Stony Pl. Rd.

DEC. 8 - ECC Annual General Meeting, Auction & Christmas Party.



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# MICH ON STORES

## THEY'RE ALL IN THE DAZE NEWS

by MARTIN GOODMAN

The day's news as far as the coin collector is concerned is always interesting. The reaction to everyday events by the coin hobby can quickly be seen as collectors respond to good and bad news with action and interaction in the precious metal marketplace.

But there is another side of our hobby more aptly titled the "daze" news which reflects actions usually buried in the inner pages and often told with tongue-in-cheek. If nothing else, the articles, which have been gleaned from the nation's newspapers, make everyone aware how wide ranging the world of money is.

The ultimate in ridiculous situations has to be one that developed in a

police court. A culprit was fined \$20 and paid with a \$22 bill. He received two dollars change. The 26-year-old creator of the \$22 bill had altered a genuine \$20 note and created his own version of Uncle Sam's currency. His bill displayed a cigar-smoking character wearing a Panama hat and holding some fanned out bills. Oh yes, the treasurer's signature was Alaska Jack. Despite the variations, the note was accepted, but it may be a long time before the culprit is able to laugh over his creation.

It's surprising how some forged checks can be accepted. Signatures on display in a police exhibit included "Hope Youbeentook" and "Faithful O'Krooke".

Taxpayers often complain about high assessments. But when a woman sent in \$20,000, the assessor must have been shocked. That was the value of her property and the actual tax was only a small portion of the assessment.

You may remember all the comments about the Susan B. Anthony dollar. Not meaning to belabor that poor unpopular non-silver issue, the following comments are merely quotes. One commentator called it the "Rosemary's Baby" of coins. Another said that Susan looked very much like George Washington. Adding to the overcrowded world of puns was the quote that Susan B. Anthony is a "bust".

Not everyone was unhappy with the Susan B. Anthony Dollar. One president of a recreation company bought more than twelve tons of the coins which totaled more than \$140,000 in value. He used them to pay bills and included the purchase of a high-priced foreign car in his SBA expenditures. No comments were received by the car dealer who received almost 32,000 of the coins in the sale.

Others who decided to use the coin included the Southern California Rapid Transit District, which decided to stop accepting paper money because it would save extensive costs in counting and packaging. In addition, about \$5,000 a week was lost because passengers were dropping shreds of dollar bills into the fare box rather than the total dollar.

Money doesn't grow on trees but there is money to burn!--well,-"almost" money. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving disposes of a lot
of shredded currency and those who purchased it were very creative. One
dealer guarantees that \$2,000 worth of shredded currency was placed in
a transparent ball-point pen barrel. You can even sleep on money because
currency pillows also exist. There is a money tree in a frame captioned
that "money is the root of all evil". Perhaps it is, but "evil" spelled
backwards is "live" and that is what those who have profited are happily
doing!

Even the Bureau of Printing and Engraving got into the act and decided to sell shredded currency by the bagful. Popeye uses green stuff for his "get up and go" and who can say that the shredded currency won't serve the same purpose.

Just a year or so ago, a very creative Mint employee pleaded guilty to removing three nails which had an impression of a Lincoln cent struck into the shanks. An error expert was in possession of one of the coins and gave information concerning the descriptions. Obviously no one is biting his nails to try and obtain the unique Lincoln spike. (Incidentally, if you own one, it is subject to seizure by Treasury agents).

A finger of scorn was pointed at the U.S. Mint by a Philadelphia newspaper. A number of crimes committed since 1933 were mentioned, including the "borrowing" of coins. Errors and other defective coins were among the most popular taken by employees and one former worker was sentenced to three months for stealing 64 lightweight dimes. That hot story, which created a lot of interest, actually occurred 40 years ago.

Then there is the perfect crime. In 1933 when all those \$20 pieces were being returned by the public, one employee stole nine of them and it took eleven years for the accountants of the Mint to discover the missing \$180. The coins were never recovered, the criminal remained unknown, but on the wrong side of the ledger the face value of the nine \$20 gold pieces was recorded. Today that value would probably be close to \$9,000.

Not too long ago there was a lot of publicity about a cent shortage. One of the jokes making the rounds told about a Lincoln cent talking to another and saying, "Don't go into that bank, you'll get rolled". Apparently the theme wasn't accurate because few banks wanted to roll cents and for the average owner of a piggybank, it was too much trouble to bring in loose coins. Thus the hoarding of cents was actually forced rather than motivated by profit.

Some of the stories concerning the cent are of interest. Some banks give 55 cents for every 50 wrapped cents traded. A New York bank gave \$1.15 for every 100 Lincolns. But the most response had to be in the state of Maine where one bank received more than six tons of cents in a single week. A 10 percent profit motivated the response. When it comes right down to the real reason for a shortage of Lincoln cents, one has to wonder why anyone wants them. Ever try to buy something for one cent? Even some parking meters now ignore the lowly copper coin.

Stamp collectors were also in the news. One stamp collector sent 30 letters during the Christmas rush and used Christmas seals rather than Christmas stamps. Fifteen of the letters were delivered and five more got through with the marking "Postage due--4 cents". He then sent a check in full to the postmaster to cover the twenty which were delivered. Apparently the mails were too slow and it was his way of taking revenge.

Ever hear of the song "Pennies From Heaven?" It's been updated. A nine-year-old girl found \$400 in the pocket of a coat that fell from the heavens. The actual owner, the pilot of a private plane, gave the girl a \$20 reward. No mention was made over whether she also kept the coat.

A young lady eleven years of age was carrying her piggy bank to a collector's home so that it could be searched for valuable dates. Unfortunately, a side trip to a department store made news when she dropped the bank on the moving staircase and 1300 cents scattered and jammed the mechanism. The stairway was out of operation for two hours. Most of the cents were recovered. (The story didn't say if any of the dates were valuable).

Memory can be erratic. One coin dealer left a suitcase with almost \$90,000 in coins and currency in the parking lot. He drove off and it wasn't until several hours later while checking the contents of his trunk that he remembered not placing the case in the car. The story left one in confusion and it didn't quote whether there was a happy ending or whether Diogenes had to keep searching for an honest man.

Then there is the practical joker who carries a stack of two dollar bills in a pad. When he buys gasoline, he peels off the two dollar bills; but about four or five down in the pack, he has inserted a piece of blank paper the same size as the two dollar bill. He always looks shocked and says, "Gosh, that's one I forgot to print!" Every time he has left the gas station, he sees the attendant writing down his license number.

One coin dealer thinks he has found the perfect way to prevent financial loss. His shop was robbed, but the only thing taken was a large color picture that had once been displayed in Playboy Magazine.

## WACKY COIN STORIES (Cont'd)

Another coin dealer rigged up a camera to photograph any burglars who might appear after hours. The burglars appeared, emptied his coin safe and took the camera!

A thief tied up the owner of a coin shop and was forced to act as a clerk when customers appeared. When finally captured, he admitted he had sold coins to seven customers although he wasn't too sure of how to grade the material.

Burglar alarms sounded and police rushed to the coin store. They captured a cat burglar....the only problem was it was a small kitten blithely resting on the concealed trap.

One night watchman discovered that burglars had knocked down a wall, torn the door off a safe, ransacked desks and carried away two safes weighing more than 1,000 pounds each. They had also stolen a truck. The night watchman had slept through it all!

The agreeable robber who held up a coin collector escaped with the coins and currency, but he was nice enough to throw the owner's wallet into the mail box because it contained credit cards. The robber was arrested the next day because he had made a slight mistake. He had placed his own wallet in the mailbox and the observant collector realized what had happened.

A radio station offered cash for news tips. One individual received \$25 for his tip about a burglary. It was a surprise to the police who had not had the burglary reported. Officers went to the radio station, learned the name of the recipient and arrested him. He did admit the burglary. No one could deny it was a scoop.

Burglars visited a coin shop and used a screw driver, sledge hammer, chisel and electric drill in a bungled attempt to open a 70-year-old safe. Police said not only was the safe unlocked, but that the burglars had accidentally locked it. Incidentally, the combination was written on top of the safe and the safe was empty!

There was a pickpocket who tried to be a coin collector and was caught in the act. While being transported to jail, a second count was added-- he picked the pocket of the accompanying detective!

Finally, and this is the last robber we'll talk about. there was the lady who entered a store and announced. "This is a robbery. Give me your money." The store keeper understood little English and replied, "May I help you?" Would-be robber said, "Give me the money. I have got a gun in my purse." The clerk gave her \$25 and presented his own pistol. The lady thief fled with the clerk in pursuit. Outside was a taxi waiting. "This is robbery", shouted the store keeper in broken English. The cabby, thinking he was being held up, jumped out of the cab, put his hands in the air. The lady robber wheeled and pointed the pistol at the clerk. He pointed his at her. Nose to nose they confronted each other but neither fired. They couldn't---they both had toy pistols! The situation came to a quick conclusion.

Yes, the everyday news proves that the hard-to-believe columns of yesteryear titled "Strange As It Seems" and "Believe It Or Not" would be apt descriptions of what happens when money, cupidity, and stupidity, all vie for attention. The "daze" news probably is the best description of the antics that make interesting but hard-to-believe reading.

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The Military Collectors' Club of Canada was formed in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1963 by a group of individuals interested in the collection of militaria of all types.

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An annual convention and general meeting perpetuates the democratic principle of rule by the membership, whilst at the same time offers displays by, and for, the membership.

If you are not a member, we would be honoured to consider your application.

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PROGRAM: MEMBER TALK ON COINS OF CONSTANTINE I, COIN AUCTION

### OCTOBER MEETING AGENDA

October's meeting will have Terry Cheesman talk on the coinage of Constantine I, and Terry will be providing examples of the coinage for the members to view. In addition, an example of the earliest coinage will be on display, which is a recent aquisition of Terrys'. Following the presentation there will be an Auction of 28 lots. A list of items is included in this newsletter. Our attendance door prize of a mint set will conclude the evening. Hope to see you all there!

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

September's meeting saw 16 members and 2 guests in attendance. Joe welcomed everyone back after the summer break. As the meeting was the first of our new meeting day, being the 2nd wednesday instead of the tuesday, Mike and Joe explained to the members the events leading up to the last minute change. A discussion regarding the October Hobby show ensued with the members in attendance agreeing to participate. Drew, Dan, Howard, Eldon, Terry, Mike, Joe and John have agreed to man the tables in shifts. In addition, displays will be set up by Drew, Terry and Dan in addition to the Club display. A motion was passed to have any additional passes required, to be paid by the Club. A short discussion on our 40th anniversary followed with further discussion and decision to follow at the Executive meeting to be held on Sept. 15.

The meeting was then turned over to our guest speaker, Lub Wojtiw, President and Fellow of the Canadian Paper Money Society. Lub's talk was on Canadian notes of the 1935 series. Lub used overheads to show the members the various denominations and varieties. Proof examples of actual notes were also shown as well as several actual notes in his collection. These superb examples were a delight to see and were appreciated by all in attendance. Lub also attended the CNA in Moncton N.B., and provided the members with an overview of the show.

Following the presentations, the members enjoyed bake goods and refreshments brought in by several members. The attendance door prize draw of a 1974 Mint Set was won by Joe Bardy. (He says this is his first time!)

REMEMBER, THE MEETING IS ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM NOW ON.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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

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### **EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - SEPT.14 / 93**

The following were in attendance at the meeting: Joe, John, Terry Ray, Dan, Mike and Wray. Discussion started off with the current meeting location. Due to the increased rent and change in meeting day, the Club will have to look for another location unless we can raise enough money to cover the rent. Currently it is \$25.00 per meeting. This will most likely double as we are currently being subsidized by the museum by 50%. Fundraisers were discussed including selling scratch pak tickets. We are able to sell general books that are connected to area sports clubs or obtain tickets that would promote the Club and our Show next year. A motion was moved to sell ECC specific tickets. Mike will look into the arrangements and get clarification on some details. Joe and Dan were selected to meet with the new promoter who has taken over from Albert Kaiser, at the upcoming show. In addition, Westex people are to be contacted. A proposal to hold a 1 day show at a Mall was brought to the Executive by Joe. Interest was expressed and Joe will approach Millbourne Mall for a date. It was suggested by Mike we have another meeting in November connected with the Westex show. This was agreed to and Mike will contact the Hotel for costs and arrangements. Topics for upcoming meetings were also discussed. It was agreed to have a follow-up meeting on Sept. 24 to report back with our findings.

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - SEPT. 24 / 93**

The purpose of the meeting was to continue discussions on the 40th Anniversary show. It was determined that John Weisbrich has taken over from Albert Kaiser and he is willing and happy if we want to do a show in conjunction with his group. Discussions with Rick Watson of Westex were less enthusiastic which has us leaning toward the John Weisbrich show. The Club would provide displays, door prizes and advertising and John would look after the dealers. Discussions were held about a possible auction and banquet or breakfast with a guest speaker. A hospitality room will be considered as well as breakfast tickets provided to the dealers. Program, classified ads, displays, Judges, admission and dealers concerns were all discussed. Public relations were also mentioned with a club member to follow up on what Calgary did to attract the public to there show.

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING CON'T**

Promotions for our 40th anniversary included the possibility of a wood issue and / or paper trade note. The Club will raise money by selling Scratch Paks with prizes to be numismatic items. Joe was asked to get in touch with John Weisbrich to try to get a date and location. Once this is obtained, definite decisions can be made on promotions and ticket sales.

#### HOBBY SHOW '93 - OCTOBER 16 &17

The ECC is confirmed to participate in the 4th Annual Hobby Crafts and Collectibles Show (formerly Hobby Mecca) and Sale on Sat. & Sun. October 16 & 17 at the Edmonton Convention Centre. The show is sponsered by the Hospitaller Order of Saint John in Edmonton. The Club will be providing displays and information for the general public. Members wishing to attend or help man the booth for a short shift, can contact Joe at 435-3294. Entrance fees are reduced this year and a good turnout is expected. Hope to see some of you there at the show!

## **ECC 40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW**

As you can tell by reading the Executive meeting minutes, plans are underway to host our 40th anniversary show in 1994. Tentative date for the show is in September. We may also participate in a spring show as a primer for our Fall show. The Executive will be spearheading the promotions and initial setup but input and support from the membership will be needed in order to put on a successful show. Your input and support will be appreciated. Anyone wishing to help out on a Committee can contact any member of the Executive. More details to follow when they are known.

## **NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE NOTICE**

November's meeting will be a Breakfast meeting at the Westwood Inn Best Western on Saturday November 13. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Westex Coin & Stamp Show and will replace our regular meeting. Tickets will be sold for the buffet breakfast. Watch your November newsletter for further details.

## COMING EVENTS

OCT. 16 & 17 - Hobby Show, Convention Centre, Edm.

OCT. 23 - ECC Coin Show, Millbourne Mall, Edm.

NOV. 13 - ECC Special breakfast meeting, Westwood Inn, 8:30 - 10:30. For tickets call Joe at 435-3294.

DEC. 8 - Annual General Meeting, Elections, (Auction) and Christmas Party.



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## The power of money

It has been said that the love of money is the root of all evil, and it certainly seems to be for some people; misers love their own money and thieves love other people's! Money has tempted many people into crime, but curiously, money also has the reputation of bringing luck. There are many curious beliefs about the power of money. Since ancient times, coins have been used to drive off demons, to ensure a safe journey after death, to cure the plague, to protect in battle, and to guarantee everlasting love.

Perhaps the most famous story of greed is the legend of King Midas, who asked the gods to give him the ability to turn all he touched into gold. It was not a kind gift, as he soon discovered. His pleasure soon turned to pain as food, drink, and finally his favorite daughter also

Money itself is surely not evil; it is nothing more than a necessary part of everyday life. However, some people are so desperate for money that they rob, cheat, and kill--where there is crime there is often money.

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## MEDAL for COWARDS

- by Arlie R. Slabaugh

A medal for cowards? "This has to be impossible," you say, particularly after I mention that it was issued for Germans during World War I. Everyone knows how militaristic the Germans were at that time.

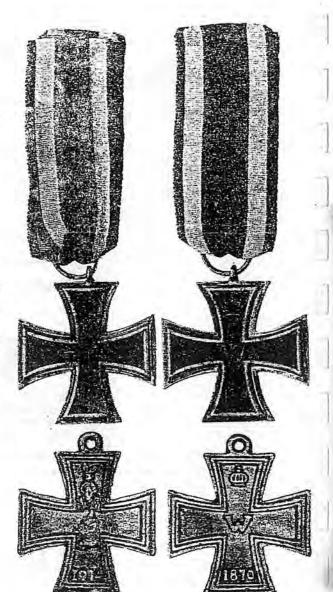
Yet there is such a medal, not official, of course, but an interesting sidelight on the war nonethelesss. Although the Germans believed they were fighting a patriotic war, not everyone was a Prussian with a dueling scar, or raring to go to the front. In fact, the outbreak of war on July 28, 1914, when Austro-Hungary declared war on Serbia following the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand on June 28, and the subsequent declarations by Germany early in August, surprixed many people. They shouldn't have been since both Germany and France had drawn up plans for attack and defence before the war and had large numbers of men under arms. The armies may have been ready but the man in the street wasn't. money was immediately hoarded after the outbreak and paper scrip was issued by local firms in both Germany and France to conduct business until the initial scare wore off and conditions returned to normal. Or, as near normal as they ever are in wartime.

Germany had an army of over 4,500,000 men (including trained reserves) when World War I began. Had she immediately crushed France by the way of Belgium as expected she could then have turned and attacked Russia in the East, and the war might have

been over. Although they nearly reached Paris in 1914, the war in the West soon became stalemated over a front that never varied greatly during the next four years, thanks to trench warfare. It was a very decimating war, though, and it is estimated that by the end Germany had lost 1,808,000 killed and 4,247,000 wounded.

Such losses meant that it was necessary to resort to conscription. Not everyone was anxious to win an Iron Cross. While I have no data on the number of "draft dodgers" in Germany at that time, there must have been a significant number to have warranted the preparation of a special medal for cowards.

Pictured is the official government Iron Cross with black and white ribbon as awarded during World War I. Beside it is shown the medal for cowards. Instead of being made of iron with silver rim, it is cast of lead and has the design changed to convey its intention. At



## MEDAL FOR COWARDS (Cont'd)

the top, near the loop, is a rabbit, the euphemism for cowardness. Immediately below is a helmeted pig, standing for the man who fought the war with money--the hoarder and black market operator.

Those who were healthy and deliberately avoided the call to the colors, or who were war profiteers, might receive one of these medals in an envelope. I don't know how effective they were, but coupled with castigation by neighbors in a country that was on full war footing, it would seem that they would have carried considerable impact.

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## Kennedy Half dollars

by Thomas Masters

"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, as 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, 30 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 wheels 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 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, a 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 30 years of issue, the quantity minted has exceeded the total combined production for the previous 170 years of half dollars. Millions were minted but very few





## KENNEDY HALF DOLLARS (Cont'd)

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 over night, but with the great number minted this seems very unlikely. Only this last couple of 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 few years ago the theme for A.N.A. National Coin Week was "History In Your Hands". Every coin that we pick up has a history if 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 three 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, and Seth G. Huntington's Reverse of the 1976 Bicentennial. That was the year the U.S. celebrated their 200th



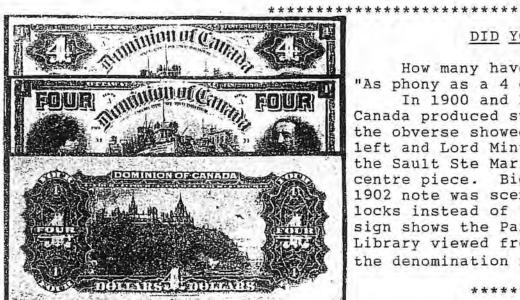
Anniversary, and Gilroy Roberts' obverse was unchanged except for the dual date 1776-1976. Seth Huntington's reverse design featured Independence Hall in Philadelphia as the centre piece, United States of America around the top, and Half Dollar across the bottom. Two hundred years of Freedom to the left of Independence Hall and the motto E. Pluribus Unum on the right, and Independ-

-ence Hall just below the hall. This design was only used for the year 1976, and was issued in copper nickel clad and silver clad.

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.

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 unforseen 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.



## DID YOU KNOW ????

How many have heard the phrase "As phony as a 4 dollar bill?"

In 1900 and 1902 the Dominion of Canada produced such a note. In 1900 the obverse showed Lady Minto to the 1eft and Lord Minto to the right, with the Sault Ste Marie U.S. locks as the centre piece. Biggest change in the 1902 note was scene of the Canadian locks instead of the U.S. Reverse design shows the Parliament Buildings and Library viewed from the Ottawa River, and the denomination four in the corners.

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1.	1966 Edm. Coin Club Medallion	UNC	\$10.00	-	
2.	1907-1967 Olympic Medal (Pan Am)	UNC	\$5.00	-	
3.	1 Aurelian, 1 Valentinian I Anci	ent	\$26.00	-	
4.	1941c Newf. 5 cents sil.	VF	\$ 4.00	\$2.00	
5.	CJCA 50th Anniv. Medal	UNC	\$17.00	-	
6.	1936 Can. 10 cents	XF	\$13.00	7	
7.	1977 Gr. Br. Mint Set	PL	16.75	-	
8.	3" US Medallion Bz. Ken Taylor	UNC	\$30.00	-	
9.	1958 Dot Can. 50 Cent	VF	\$15.00	\$8.00	
10.	1943 Can. 25 cents	XF	\$7.00	-	
11.	Newf. '29 1c,'45 10c,'12 20c,'19	50c	\$10.00	-	
12.	Gr. Br. Coronation Medal cased	UNC	\$6.00	-	
13.	1968 "Missing A" Can. 50 cents	BU	\$5.00	\$2.50	
14.	Liberty Bell/Independance Hall M	edallio	n \$7.50	-	
15.	1971 Gr. Br. 5pc Type Set cased		\$6.00	-	
16.	1974 RCMP Musical Ride Medallion	Cased	\$10.00	-	
17.	1990 St. Thomas Carribian Daler	Choice	\$10.00	\$5.00	
18.	1913 Can. 5 cents sil.	VF	\$6.00	-	
19.	Pearl Harbour Memorial Medallion	UNC	\$7.00	-	
20.	2-"Coins of the World" folders 3	3pcs	\$15.00	-	
21.	US General Horatio Gates Medal	UNC	-	-	
22.	1907 Can. 50 cents	VG	\$15.00	-	
23.	1966 B.C. 100th Medal in Resin	UNC	-	-	
24.	1808 USA 1 cent copper (13 Stars	) Fair	\$15.00	\$5.00	
25.	1904 Can. 5 Cents	F/VF	\$9.00	-	
26.	1946 Can. 50 cents sil.	VF	\$6.50	\$2.50	
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(COIN SHOW TO FOLLOW AFTER THE BREAKFAST MEETING)

## **NOVEMBER WESTEX BREAKFAST MEETING - AGENDA**

November's meeting is another special meeting being held in conjunction with the Westex Coin & Stamp Show. This will be a breakfast meeting at the Westwood Inn Best Western in the Oak Room near the Bourse. The schedule of events is as follows:

8:30 a.m. - Meeting room open to members and Guests

9:00 a.m. - Buffet Breakfast to be served

9:30 / 9:45 - Nominations for December Election

9:45 - 10:00 - Steve Jacobs of the Coin Shop to talk on investing in

Gold & Silver Bullion

10:00 - ? - Sgt. Bob Clarke will provide a display and talk on Vietnam medals

The cost for the Breakfast meeting will be \$10.00 for members, \$12.00 for Guests and \$5.00 for Juniors under 16. Included in your breakfast cost is a free draw on a 1993 \$5.00 Silver Maple Leaf. Members are asked to confirm their attendance by Wednesday November 10 by calling Joe at 435-3294. Tickets for the breakfast will be available at the door for members or Guests who have reserved by phone. Tickets will also be available from Joe on Sunday November 7th at Millbourne Mall and from November 5 to the 10th at the following locations: West Edmonton Coin & Stamp - Jack Jensen; and National Pride Coin & Stamps - Ray Neiman. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible so we may have a head count for the room. Hope to see a good turnout for this special Saturday Meeting. Hope to see you all there!

#### OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

October's meeting saw 16 members and 1 guest in attendance. It was announced that member George Fij was in the hospital and members were given his room number to visit. Joe asked for volunteers to man the Club booth at the upcoming Hobby Mecca '93 show at the Convention Centre. John, Mike, Joe, Howard, Elden, Drew, Dan and Terry volunteered to man the tables and / or provide a display. In addition to the Hobby show, our Fall Show was scheduled for the 23rd at Millbourne Mall. The following agreed to buy tables: Joe, Chris, John Fi, Wray, James, and Ron. The Club wil also be setting up an information table. Joe informed members of the Executive decision to hold a Fall show in conjunction with John Weisbrich on Sept. 23, 24 & 25, 1994. In addition we will be promoting the show at a spring show in April. .......2

## OCT. MINUTES CON'T

Joe advised the members that the Executive has decided to sell Scratch Pak tickets to raise money for the 1994 show, and pay for increased rental costs. After the business meeting, the floor was turned over to Terry who presented a talk and display on Ancient Coinage of Constantine I. Terry's talk was thorough and detailed and included over 65 bronze and silver coins that were passed around to the members to view. Coins from most of the 19 mints were represented, which covered the period from 307 to 337 A.D. In addition to this large sample of coins, a gold Electrum of Ionia, one of the earliest coinages, was also shown to the members. This interesting coin was a recent aquisition and the members were the first to view it. The "coin" was stamped on 2 sides and didn't much represent a coin as we normally know it. A very interesting piece just the same. After Terrys talk, the meeting was turned over to Ray who conducted a 28 lot auction. Prior adjourning for the night, the Executive met to discuss the 1994 Show. The attendance door prize draw of a 1985 mint set was won by Mike Schneider.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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

RON THOMPSON #360 ST. ALBERT

RANDY JAMES #361 TOFIELD

KEN PORTAS #362 SHERWOOD PARK

Welcome to the Club!

## **CLUB NOTES**

The club participated in the Hobby & Collectibles Show once again at the Convention Centre on October 16 & 17. The show's attendance was considerably down this year, as a new group was running the show. We did however get a new member at the show, which is more than we've gotten at previous shows. The Club had 4 foot tables which we filled with displays and information. We handed out free foreigh coins to kids, compliments of Howard Gilbey. In addition, we had a box each of '93 Insight and current copies of Canadian Coin News, compliments of Paul Fiocca, Publisher of CCN. Thanks again Paul. Thanks are extended to the following members who manned the booth over the 2 day show: John C., Mike S., Drew T., Joe B., Howard G., Terry C. and Elden K. Special thanks is extended to John, Drew and Mike for Friday's setup and to Drew, Terry and Dan G. for the displays.

On October 23, the Club held a member Bourse at Millbourne Mall as well as a Club information table. The following members had 10 tables of material for sale:

Joe; Howard, Chris, James, Wray, and Ron. We also got a new member due to the show. Members were generally pleased with the show, and talk is planned to have a monthly show for the months of December to March 1994. Watch for more info to follow.

Howard Gilbey wishes to announce the closing of his store, Westmount Collectibles. Howard has been setup on 124th street for several years now, but has decided to close shop as of Oct. 31. All the best in your new endevours Howard and we hope you'll remain active in the Club.

George Fij is now home and recouperating from his operation. He'll be taking it easy for awhile and we wish him well in his recovery. We understand he is up and around and we hope to see him soon at an upcoming meeting.

## **40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW**

Plans are underway for the Club's 40th anniversary Show in September of 1994. The Club will be co-hosting the Show with John Weisbrich of Calgary, who has taken over the Bourse dealer shows from Albert Kaiser. The Show will be held on September 23, 24 & 25 at the Westwood Inn in Edmonton. The Club will also participate in the spring show on April 8, 9 & 10. Members wishing to participate in the various committees to be set up for the show can contact any member of the Executive.

#### **40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW TICKETS**

The Club has contracted to print Scratch Pak tickets for sale in conjunction with our 40th anniversary show. The ticket will be used as an admission ticket as well as for show draws to be made in April and September. The Club will be putting up the following prizes for the draw:

1st Prize.- 1994 \$100.00 Gold Coin, 2nd & early bird draw of a 1994 Double Doilar set, Silver dollars, Specimen sets and mint sets. Donations have been received for the 2 double dollar sets to date. Donations for any of the remaining prizes or other donations will be gratefully received by any member of the Executive. Further details to follow as they develope. Official announcement of the show to follow in the fall.

#### 1994 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Members are reminded that dues are due and payable prior to January 1, 1994. Memberships will be renewed at both the November 13th and December 8 meetings as well as by mailing your renewal to the Club. (Renewal form enclosed with this newsletter) Renew today to be informed of the Numismatic events in Alta.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

Nominations will be received for all positions on the Executive of the Club, at both the Nov. & Dec. meetings. Mail in nomination form is enclosed.

## CANADA'S 20 CENT COINS

by Yancy Rayburn

Most U.S. collectors soon learn all about the American 20 cent coin struck from 1875 to 1878. In the Canadian series, the twenty-cent piece not only pre-dated the U.S. denomination of that value, but was continued in Newfoundland long after the U.S. coin was ancient history.

The Canadian 20 cent coin was the top value in the first distinctive Canadian series of 1858. That group was struck for the old "Province of Canada", eleven years before Confederation. The series ran from the large cent, the size of the British half penny, through the 5 cent silver, similar to the U.S.



half-dime, and through the 10 cent and finally 20 cent pieces. All the silver had a common design: the portrait of Queen Victoria, by Wyon, on the obverse with her titles as "VICTORIA DEI GRATIA REGINA and CANADA" below. The reverse was a standard one of the value within a wreath, with the Queen's crown above and the date below the value.

It isn't clear why the British government for North America settled on a 20 cent piece, except that it is a truly decimal coin, while the 25 cent value is not. It is notable that when the Canadian coinage was resumed in 1870 (after a 12-year lapse), however, the 25 cent piece appeared to replace the "twenty". Likewise, the 20 cent value was not equivalent to the British shilling of the period; the shilling was worth about 24 cents U.S., and a quarter fit better into the Imperial scheme. In fact, British shillings circulated freely in Halifax and around Quebec where there were garrisons of British troops.

At any rate, the 20 cent piece, if not there to stay, did appear and go into circulation. In fact, it provided a much scarcer coin than the usual type American coin of that denomination, and todays prices reflect that fact. In keeping with the usual practice, the prices for the better grades of circulated coins--V.F. and above, are higher than the prices for the American coin.

Coinage for the 1858 issue was only three quarters of a million, and at the time these pieces were issued they were put to use and seldom saved. This accounts for the scarcity. There was one advantage to the 20 cent piece in Canada: when it appeared, there was no confusion between it and the quarter, for the simple reason that there wasn't any quarter. As veryone knows, the main reason for the abandonment of the U.S. 20 cent coin, aside from its useless place in the value hierarchy, was that it was confused with the established 25 cent coin.

However, I understand that there was some confusion later, when, after Canada adopted the quarter as the standard coin in that range, people used to pass off (or be stuck with) 20 cent pieces in lieu



While the 20 cent piece was abandoned in Canada, over on Newfoundland that value remained a standard from 1865, when it was introduced with that Dominion's own coinage, until the reign of George V through 1912. In fact, in the Newfoundland series there are 17 different date-mintmark

combinations for the 20 cent pieces and only two quarters.

The Canadian and Newfoundland 20 cent coins, in mintage figures and price, are perfect example of reasons why coinage numbers alone aren't the criteria for value. If you check the coinages for the Newfoundland pieces, you will find that NONE of them ever had the striking of the pioneer coin. In the reign of Victoria, for example, the top issues were 1896, 1899, and 1900, with 125,000 each. In 1865, 1882, 1890, and 1894 there were mintages of 100,000. The top striking was that of George V in 1912, with some 350,000. Yet the prices are all well below that of the 1858.

This bears out a fact of numismatic life, in that the Canadian 1858 20 cent coin is the only one of that denomination in the Canadian series. Thus, it is the only type coin for that value for Canada as such. On the other hand, while the coinages of the Newfoundland 20 cent pieces are low, nevertheless the total number of 20 cent pieces struck was large, providing a very great number of type specimens.

Now, when we get into this, we find that the Edward VII Newfoundland 20 cent coin, struck only in 1904, and with the H mintmark for the mint, Birmingham, Ltd. (Heaton & Son), the price is high. The prices for the Victoria 20 cent coins with similar 75,000-piece strikings are much lower. Again, the answer lies in the fact that the 1904

is the ONLY Newfoundland 20 cent piece for Edward VII. On the other hand, there are quite a few for Victoria.

As far as designs go, there are only three types. The first, for Victoria, has the Wyon portrait with her title as VICTORIA D.G. REG. (Victoria by the grace of God, Queen), with the name of the territory below the portrait. The reverse has the value in three lines as 20-CENTS - date, within a circular ornamental framework. The ornamentation around the value on the reverse is merely to provide some sort of relief for the stark statement of 20 CENTS; it has no significance as far as Newfoundland is concerned.

It might be pointed out, to avoid some confusion to U.S. readers, that Newfoundland, Canada's most recently acquired province (1949), was a self-qoverning dominion at one time. However, during the Depression, financial troubles forced it to change to Crown Colony status, where it remained until joining Canada.

The Edward VII coin has the customary portrait of the King in robes and with his crown, facing right and with the title as "EDWARDUS VII DI GRATIA REX IMPERATOR", or Edward Seventh by the Grace of God King and Emperor. Notably, Victoria didn't have her title as Empress of India on the Newfoundland coin, although she adopted it in the 1870's.



With the Edward VII series, the reverse design changed. The top of the reverse acquired the word "NEWFOUNDLAND", and the ornamentation changed to a single curved line with "ties" at the bottom, at each end. This reverse was retained for George V, whose coins bear his customary crowned and robed effigy facing left on the obverse.

The final Newfoundland 20 cent coin had a mintage of 350,000, and it is about the least expensive of all the Newfoundland 20 cent series, for obvious reasons.

When the 25 cent coin was introduced in Newfoundland in 1917, it adopted the same type of reverse as the 20 cent, something which was also common to the other Newfoundland silver. In 1917 and 1919, the last of the "big" silver for Newfoundland was struck, in the form of quarters

and 50 cent pieces. Coinage of 10 cent denomination and smaller continued through the reign of George VI, but 1919 saw the last quarters and halves. A notable feature of the 1917-1919 coinage was the presence of a C mintmark, for coins of those dates were struck, not in England, but



at the Royal Canadian Mint at Ottawa. ("C" meant "Canada", just as the Pretoria mint in South Africa used SA, and Calcutta in India used "I").

The Newfoundland 20 cent pieces showed up from time to time where they were put away and forgotten. A few years ago, the coins drifted . down into the States (around New England) with people immigrating from Canada or Newfoundland. Few if any saw active circulation, but every so often some family will discover one secreted away somewhere. fact. this writer first saw the Newfoundland 20 cent coin quite a few years ago, in the form of a specimen that a family, who originated around Nova Scotia, just happened to have carried south.

Today, while the American 20 cent piece is rather expensive in any condition, circulated Newfoundland 20 cent pieces are fairly reasonable; some common dates are available in decent condition for surprisingly low prices. This provides an opportunity for collectors to

obtain this curious denomination at a reasonable price.

## COIN FOR POLISH SILESIA

by John Weinhold



In 1918, World War I came to an end. Imperial Germany was crushed, torn internally by revolutionaries. The Bavarian Socialist Republic was formed, soldiers and workers were in Berlin creating a provisional government along socialist lines (with Friedrich Ebert at its head), and Kaiser Wilhelm II was hurriedly fleeing to the Netherlands. Austria-Hungary was being split

into a number of independent states, and Russia was suffering from internal political disputes. Out of all this came Poland.

On October 6, 1918, Poland declared its independence; by 1921, Poland had a new Sejm (parliament) and a new constitution, with Jozef Pilsudski as head of state. Poland soon began to realize that independence was a difficult route. She wanted to control Silesia, but found she had to deal with a strong German interest in the region.

Silesia, which to a great extent follows the Odra (Oder) River valley, starts in the Sudetes in the south and, in the southeast, extends into rolling hills and plateaus. The area is divided roughly into two sections: Upper and Lower Silesia. Upper Silesia, currently in south-central Poland and north-central Czechoslovakia, contains large deposits of coal and is highly industrialized, whereas Lower Silesia, now entirely in Poland, is predominately agricultural. Because of its great natural wealth and for various historical reasons, Silesia has long been sought by many nations: Bohemians, Austrians, Prussians, Germans, Czechs and, of course, the Poles.

By the end of World War I, the dispute over control of Silesia was largely between Germany and Poland, and although Silesia was historically Polish, a large German population had settled there beginning in the 12th century.

To solve this dispute, the Allies at the Versailles Conference ordered a plebescite in Silesia for March 20, 1921. The plebescite didn't occur until May of that year, however, when Germany received a 56 per cent majority. Germany led in 844 communes, as opposed to Poland's 678. But due to the conditions set for the plebescite, a division was held along the votes received, and Poland acquired a good portion of Silesia.

None of the nations involved were satisfied, however, and three times the Polish-Silesians arose against the Germans. Ultimately, these incidents were settled in the Poles' favor, but many Polish-

Silesians died in the uprisings or were assassinated.

To commemorate the settlement of this dispute, Poland in 1971 issued Y-64, a copper-nickel 10 zlotych offering. The obverse features a monument at Katowice in Silesia, with a military cross to left, the dates 1921/1971 to right, and at bottom the inscription 50 ROCZNICA III POWSTANIA SLASKIEGO' with the designer's initials, W. K., beneath the inscription. The reverse portrays the Polish eagle with the Warsaw mintmark below its left claw, and the inscription ZI 10 ZI POLSKA RZECZPOSPOLITA LUDOWA. The date is separated by the eagle, and decorative elements separate the denomination from the nation's name.

This 10 Zlotych coin joins an increasing number of Polish commemoratives, which illustrate not only famous Poles, but also various incidents which have made Poland's history as rich and interesting as it is.

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#### NOMINATION FORM - DECEMBER MEETING

The Annual Election for the 1994 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:

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Meetings are held every Second Wednesday of the Month, except July and August, at the PROVINCIAL MUSEUM of ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 Ave., Lecture Room, at 7:30p.m. Future meeting dates for 1993/94 are as follows:

SEPTEMBER 8 - Guest speaker to talk on 1937 Canadian Paper Money OCTOBER 13- Auction, Member speaker on Constantine I, ancient coinage NOVEMBER 13- SPECIAL SAT. WESTEX MEETING in conjunction with coin show Westwood Inn, 8:30-10:30 DECEMBER 8- Annual General Meeting, Elections, Show & Tell, Open House

FEBRUARY 9- AUCTION, Member speaker on Canadian Nickel Dollar varieties MARCH 9- Coin Grading Seminar APRIL 9- SPECIAL SATURDAY MEETING MAY 11- Program to be announced. JUNE 8- Annual Numismatic Donation Auction

JANUARY 12- Slide Show (to be announced) JULY & AUGUST- No formal Meetings Bourse Night 

#### COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 16 & 17 - "HOBBY & COLLECTIBLES SHOW, Convention Centre, Sat. 10:00 to 6:00, Sun. 10:00 to 5:00. Admission Charge. Club Displays. NOVEMBER 12,13 & 14 - Westex Coin & Stamp Show, Westwood Inn, Edm. NOVEMBER 13 - SPECIAL BREAKFAST MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH WESTEX. GUEST SPEAKER. MEETING 8:30 am.-10:30, BREAKFAST @ 9:00 . WESTWOOD INN. \*WATCH FOR SPECIAL 1994 EDMONTON COIN CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY COIN SHOW INFO\* 

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Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society DATE: DECEMBER 8, 1993

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

PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.

PROGRAM: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ELECTIONS, SHOW & TELL, CHRISTMAS PARTY

MAIN FLOOR, LECTURE ROOM P138

#### **DECEMBER AGENDA**

December's meeting will be a more social meeting and we encourage members to come out and enjoy the season with your numismatic friends. We have a full slate of nominees for each position again this year, so no one should fear being nominated for a position if they don't want to. We're asking member's, if they wish, to share a numismatic experience with the others in the form of a Show & Tell. Following the election and Show & Tell, we'll have some refreshments and bake goods for everyone. Anyone wishing to bring something to share with the members would be appreciated. Hope to see you all there!

#### **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

November's meeting saw 20 members and 3 guests meet for a breakfast buffet at the Westwood Inn, just before the Westex Coin & Stamp Show. Our 2 Guest speakers were Steve Jacobs of the Coin Shop and Sgt. Bob Clarke of the Edmonton Police Service. After our buffet breakfast, Wray conducted his annual iob of accepting nominations for election. (Results shown seperately in this newsletter) Once again, we've managed to convince the same crew to carry on as well as a few new directors to add some new blood to the executive. Nominations will also be accepted before the election at December's meeting. Joe then announced to the members that we've received the Scratch Pac books to sell, and members could pick them up before they leave. Next Joe introduced our first speaker, Steve Jacobs. Steve talked about numismatics in general, touching on the topics of coin mintages, base metal problems, telemarketting, The convertability of coinage and Mint issues were also and slabbing. discussed. He said the hobby has been hurt by flat bullion prices, the GST and PST being added to the cost as well as the competition with cards and comics. The aging collector population is also of major concern. Some predictions by Steve will see the change to a zinc based penny, \$2 and \$5 bi-metal coins and the addition of mint marks to add some interest to collecting. Silver may be reintroduced into the higher demominations. The 50 cent piece will be made larger or disappear altogether. Lower mintages will be made on most coinage. In the US scene, he sees the melting of the stocks of Susan B. Anthony coins and the reintroduction of a "Loonie" type coin to replace the \$1 note. He sees the US notes with a Hologram, probably in the form of the official "Seal". They may see the reintroduction of the \$2 note and a \$5 silver clad coin. Mintages will also be reduced. A circulating 50 cent coin in a commemmorative issue is also possible. He predicts the 1cent piece will continue. Several questions and discussions concluded the interesting talk.

#### NOV. MINUTES CON'T

In keeping with our Rememberance Day theme, our next speaker was Sqt. Bob Clarke who talked on the Medals of Vietnam. This field of medal collecting is only recently being taken seriously and getting more attention as the veterans of the war are finally being recognized for the job they were asked to do. The war was fought, from the US point of view, from 1962 to 1974, with the fall of Saigon in 1975. Seven alleys fought against the North Vietnamese; the USA, Thailand, New Zealand, Australia, The Republic of Vietnam, the Philippines and South Korea. All these countries issued medals, and until recently were not highly desireable for collecting. The hardest country to collect is New Zealand. Sqt. Clarke has examples of 60% of all "types" of Vietnam medals issued. Several books have been issued which are highly illustrated, including "Orders, Decorations and Medals of the Republic of Vietnam. Also, "Vietnam -Order of Battle", is considered the bible of Vietnam Medal collecting. Vietnam has issued the "Awards & Medals of Vietnam' in both English and Vietnamese. Twenty thousand Canadians volunteered and served in the Vietnam war. Bob's talk was interesting and informative and included several cases of medals on display. Some member's brought in medals for Bob to view and describe. The excellent talk was enjoyed by all! The meeting concluded with the attendance draw of a \$5.00 silver Maple Leaf, which was won by Marvin Tokarek. Member's stayed to talk for an hour or so afterword, then most attended the Coin show which was accross the hall. All in all a most enjoyable meeting.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

The following members have volunteered to accept being nominated for the '93/'94 year:

PRESIDENT - Joe Bardy

VICE PRESIDENT - Ray Neiman

TREASURER - John Callaghan

SECRETARY - Mike Schneider

DIRECTORS: - Howard Gilbey, Dan Gosling, Terry Cheesman, Elden Kuss, Ed Dreger, Doug Hughes, Drew Thompson (5 to be elected)

Further nominations will be accepted at the December meeting. Thanks to all members who have once again volunteered to hold a position in the Edmonton Coin Club.

#### **40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW UPDATE**

As mentioned in the November minutes, the Club has issued Scratch Pac tickets to sell to raise money for the upcoming Shows in 1994. In addition, the money will be used to pay for the rent at the museum which has gone from \$10.00 / meeting to \$25.00 this year and it is anticipated it will double to \$50.00 in 1995 ............

(our rate is currently being subsidized by the museum by 50%) In order to keep from increasing dues we've decided to try the scratch pac route which could cover all these costs and fund the 40th anniversary activities we're planning. Possibilities include the reintroduction of our \$2.00 Trade Buck series, a Wood Issue, or possibly a Trade Token. Suggestions from the membership would be greatly appreciated as to what they would like to see. We have agreed to Co-host the September 23, 24 & 25th Show with John Weisbrich of Calgary, who will provide the venue and Bourse dealers. We'll also participate in the April show. The Club is looking for support from the membership for the upcoming year and your suggestions ideas and support on committees will be appreciated.

#### **40TH ANNIVERSARY PRIZES**

The Club is seeking members or sponsers to donate prizes for the 1994 Show. The following are a list of prizes to date, with an asterisk (\*) indicating the prize is already donated. Shared donations will also be accepted. (2 or more members sharing the cost) Anyone wishing to donate prizes (including items already owned) may due so as long as they are numismatic in nature. Please contact Joe with your donation by calling 435-3294. Annonymous donations accepted. Thanks for your support!

1994 \$100.00 Gold Coin (\* 1/2 of cost donated by National Pride Coin & Stamp)

- 2- Double Dollar Sets (\* Donated by West Edmonton Coin & Stamp Corp.)
- 2- 1994 Proof Silver Dollars
- 2- 1994 Specimen sets
- 2- 1994 Mint Sets (\* Donated by Mike Schneider)

As previously mentioned, additional prizes, including more of the above will be accepted. The more prizes we have the more tickets we'll sell and more potential buyers we'll have at the show. Support the Club and the Show and donate today!

#### 1994 SHOW DATES ANNOUNCED

The Edmonton International Coin & Stamp Show calendar has been released for 1994. The following dates have been set for shows at the Westwood Inn at 18035 - Stony Plain Road, Edmonton:

FEBRUARY 11, 12 & 13, 1994

APRIL 8, 9 & 10, 1994 (ECC SPONSER)

SEPTEMBER 23, 24 & 25 (ECC CO-HOST)

NOVEMBER 11, 12 & 13, 1994

For info contact local coin & stamp dealers or 274-1484

#### **NEW CNA CLUB SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR 1994**

David Martin will be the new CNA Club Services Director for 1994. We received the notice from the CNA along with a Survey they want us to fill out. David is from Hull Quebec and will be taking over from Tom Kennedy. We'll fill in the Survey and the Executive will review it and send it in on behalf of the Club. Any one with any comments they'd wish to share about the CNA may contact the Editor or any member of the Executive. Written comments are preferred.

Enclosed for your information is a CNA membership form which can be sent in for membership for 1994. The CNA is counting on member support to improve the hobby in Canada.

In addition anyone who purchased the "Currency and Medals of P.E.I and Newfoundland will want to order the third issue in the series, " Coins of New Brunswick . Orders can be sent to New Ireland Press. 217 Aberdeen St., Fredericton, New Brunswick, E3B 1R6. Cost is \$39.95 plus \$5.00 postage and handling and \$3.15 GST for a total of \$48.10.

#### 1994 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Dues for 1994 are due and payable prior to Jan. 1/94. Please renew by mail with the enclosed renewal form or at any upcoming meeting. Thanks for your support. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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#### **NEW NEWSLETTER LOOK FOR 1994**

With the Club celebrating it's 40th anniversary in 1994, the Editor has decided to purchase a new Desk Top Publishing program, to improve and modernize the look of the Club Newsletter. I'd like to suggest we design a new logo as well to reflect the club's modern image. Anyone with any ideas on a new logo can contact the editor at any meeting. Any change in the logo would have to be approved by the Executive and voted on by the membership. If we could only get some members to write articles for the newsletter we wouldn't have to rely on other clubs for numismatic material. If you've got even a small item you can write about, please submit it to the editor. It doesn't even have to be typed as I'll type it on the new program. I hope to have a scanner in the new year as well , which will allow me to scan documents directly into the computer. If anyone has any ideas to add for the newsletter, please write me or see me at a meeting. (M.S.)

#### 'THE ART OF THE COIN' DISPLAY AT CITADEL

The Royal Canadian Mint presents "The Art of the Coin" at the Citadel Theatre in the Lee Pavillion, between Dec. 1 and Dec. 19/93. The show will feature Canadian Artists who have designed Canadian Coinage. Admission is free and the display is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A free draw will be held for a \$200 gold coin.

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#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS

DEC. 1 TO DEC 19 - The Royal Canadian Mint presents "THE ART OF THE COIN" by original Canadian artists, at the Lee Pavillion, Citadel Theatre, Edmonton 9828 - 101A Avenue. Admission is FREE. 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. daily.

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## Ships Colonies & Commerce Half-Pennies.

#### JEREMIAH GIBBS.

THE NUMISMATIST MAY 1903

Heaven speed the canvass, gallantly unfurled To furnish and accommodate a world. To give the pole the produce of the sun. And knit th' unsocial climates into one.

-Cowper.

Among the many anonymous half-pennies that passed current in Canada during the greater part of the last century, there were none with which the people were more familiar than this series, bearing on the obverse a sailing vessel and on the reverse the words, "Ships Colonies & Commerce." Breton in his "History of Canadian Coins and Tokens" under No. 997 gives us about twenty-five varieties which is below the mark. Many mules, and perhaps some die varieties, which have not come to the writers notice will increase the number to thirty and probably more.

These coins are all struck with plain edges and beaded borders, and the majority have upright reverses. Twenty-six ships bear the British flag. The principal points of difference will be found in the shape of the waves, flag and small jib, or triangular sail (!) and on the reverse the size of the letters, difference in spacing, also the difference in distance the words are apart, especially Colonies & Commerce. Another distinct point is the shape of the character &. The sail (J) may be called a squre sail jib, and the three masts we will refer to as foremast, mainmast, and mizzenmast. Several of the coins have a small letter H (eaton)? in the water and variety No. 2 has the letters W. & B. N. Y. under the lines on obverse showing that the dies were engraved by Wright & Bale; 68 Williams St. N. Y., about 1829. As the United States government were issuing sufficient small change to meet the requirements of trade, it is quite probable these were ordered by some Canadian merchant from New York instead of from Birmingham as was generally done. Nos. 1 and 2 bearing the American flag are rigged for a spanker sail and two sails are spread on mizzenmast, while the rest of the series show only one. This series is second only to the "Bouquet Sous" in number of varieties, and if any collectors have, or discover other varieties, the writer would be pleased to receive rubbings with description of points of difference and they will be added from time to time to this list.





No. 1. Obv. Ship sailing to right with American flag.

Rev. Legend: Ships Colon'es & Commerce.

No. 2. Obv. The American flag on ship; sails different in shape; letters W. & B. N. Y., below water.

Rev. Resembles No. 1 but the character & is directly under second O in Colonies.

No. 3. Flag drooping almost to the deck of the ship, short pennant, small lumpy waves.



Rev. The words Colonies & Commerce farther apart than in the other varieties. Struck on thin and thick planchets.

No. 4. Obv. Similar to the illustration; waves short and choppy.

Rev. Large reading closely spaced; words Colonies & Commerce closer together on this and the next number than others of the series.

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#### **COUNTERFEIT WATCH**

The Black Sea diobol hoard is in the news again but it may not be the last time. In an article in the August issue of *The Celator*, the well-known ancient coin dealer, Frank L. Kovacs reports the hoard diobols of Mesembria and Apollonia Pontica are being sold as modern copies by the gift shop at the National Historical Museum in Sofia, Bulgaria. Mr. Angel Kochev proprietor of the gift shop reportedly confirmed the copies were not made by Slavei, but by another well-known person and any quantity is available.

Mr. Kovacs showed in his article that the two coins he purchased from the museum shop die link to 19 of the hoard coins as described in a previous published study. The information for this study was based on an analysis of photographs of 48 of the coins obtained by Heritage Rare Coin Galleries which formed part of the original Black Sea hoard. A letter published in the September issue of *The Celator* questions whether or not the case against the (authenticity of the) Black Sea Hoard has yet been proven (were the Heritage coins also from

the Museum?), so the controversy seemingly won't go away.

The history of this hoard, discovered in 1988, has been fascinating. While the curator of the Greek coins at the British Museum identified the coins as forgeries, numismatic dealers were divided, the main proponent of their authenticity being Heritage Rare Coin Galleries, backed by tests done by Dr. Stanley Flegler at Michigan State University. The International Association of Professional Numismatists (IAPN) through its agency the International Bureau for the Suppression of Counterfeit Coins (IBSCC), declared them as ancient counterfeits. At times, feelings about them and the opinions expressed ran high.

What is needed now to end the controversy, and for the good of the entire numismatic fraternity, is for all the various interests who have made pronouncements, one way or the other, to adopt a common front and agree once and for all what these coins really are.

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#### HALF-DOLLAR

BY THOMAS KOSTALUK

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the U.S.A., was born May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Mass. Kennedy was of Irish ancestry on both sides of his family. He was in the U.S. Navy and served throughout World War II. In 1946 was elected on the Democratic Ticket from Eleventh District, and reelected in 1948 and 1950. He was elected Senator in 1952, after a vigorous campaign. In the 1960 Presidential Election, in which Lodge was Richard Nixon's Republican Vice-Presidential running mate, Kennedy was the Democratic Nomination for President in the 1960 election.

He was elected President of the U.S.A. on November 19, 1961. At forty-three he was the youngest man ever elected to the Presidency, the richest man ever chosen for the White House, and the first Roman Catholic President of the United States.

In Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, he was assassinated.

John Kennedy was President for only 1000 days in office 1961-1963.

Although the Kennedy Half Dollar was first issued 30 years ago, it has already had three different changes in composition,

and has also served as a commemorative coin for the Bi-Centennial of The United States, with a special reverse design. More Kennedy Half Dollars were produced during its first 8 years of production than the total combined production of Half Dollars in the previous 170







#### JOHN F. KENNEDY TRIBUTE (Cont'd)

John F. Kennedy was assassinated in November of 1963. President Lyndon Johnson asked Congress to authorize the striking of a Commemorative 50-cent Coin. The dies arrived at the Philadelphia Mint for production of Proof Coinage. Two Mint engravers collaborated to design the coin. Chief Engraver Gilroy Roberts modelled the obverse, and the reverse was designed by Frank Gasparro.

The 1776-1976 Half Dollar celebrated the American Bi-Centennial with a design created by Seth Huntington, depicting Independence Hall

in Philadelphia.

The three metal varieties of the Kennedy Half Dollar are:..

,900 Fine Silver for the 1964 coin Silver Clad on a Copper Core for the 1965 to 1970 issues (these are .210 Clad Silver), and Copper Nickel on a Copper Core for 1971 until the present.

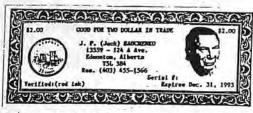
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Jack Sauchenko, 13559 - 124 A Ave., Edmonton, Ab., T5L 3B4

Jack Sauchenko has issued his 1993 trade notes. The obverse side of Jack's one dollar trade note shows the 1992 Canadian 25 cents coin with the Alberta Hoo Doos to the left, Jack's picture appears to the right, in the center Jack's name, address and telephone number appears. The One Dollar Notes are printed with black ink on green and white paper a serial number in red and all the notes are personally signed in red by Jack. The reverse of the one dollar note shows the centennial water fall on the Edmonton High level bridge with a train engine traveling over the bridge. The second one dollar white and green note's reverse shows the city of Edmonton on the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River, with the newly renovated MacDonald Hotel in the center.

The two dollar notes are similar to the one dollar note both use black ink but the obverse side has "GOOD FOR TWO DOLLARS" and three colors of paper were used in printing the note were, white yellow and pink in both the water fall and the view of Edmonton. The notes are sold by Jack at face value and may be purchased in identical serial numbers value and may be purchased in identical serial numbers beginning at 0001 upon availability. Single notes are available but with serial numbers beginning at 1,001. Complimentary notes will have a red 0000 serial number on all notes. The set of four one dollar notes are \$4.00 plus GST and the six two dollars notes are \$12.00 plus GST. Please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope OR \$1.00 for postage and handling. When buying with United States funds please discount the amount by 10%.







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Date of Birth

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Name of senior collector if Family Membership
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City

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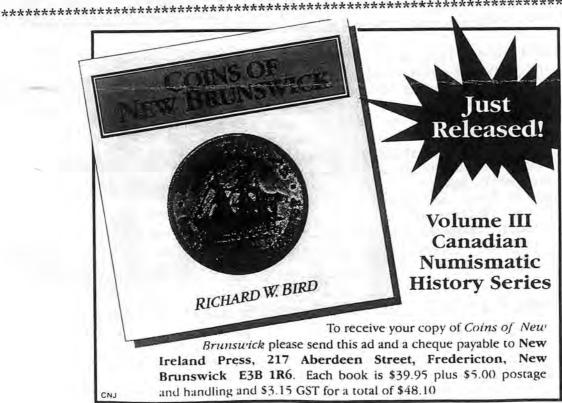
If applicant is under 18 years of age the signature of a panett or guardian agreeing to be responsible for applicant's
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Signature of Applicant

Edmonton Coin Club

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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