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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1995

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

**PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 AVE.
(Main floor Lecture Room P138)**

**PROGRAM : SHOW & TELL NIGHT: PRE-CONFEDERATION
TOKENS by Steve Hyde, WORLD COINAGE by James Kindrake, ANCIENT
AQUISITIONS by Terry Cheesman, and others.**

FEBRUARY AGENDA

February's meeting will see a variety of topics for the members interest. We'll have a guest speaker talk on Pre-Confederation coinage and provide some insight into a small piece of this interesting field of numismatics. James K. will provide us with a talk on a small aspect of World coinage which he has been interested in for many years and his travels to many parts of the world will add to his discussion. Terry C. will provide a commentary on the Ancient field with some recent acquisition or something from the 'vault'. In addition, we hope Bud C. will be able to provide a talk on Irish coins, as long as the weather holds out. (If it turns cold he'll have to go back to work and we'll have him out another time) Anyone wishing to add to this list is welcome to join in. The talks can last from 5 to 20 minutes, whichever you prefer. Hopefully the weather will last another week and we'll continue with our balmy weather. See you all there.

***Don't forget the Coin
Show at the
Westwood Inn, 18035
- Stony Plain Road,
Edmonton, February
10, 11 & 12***

MARCH MEETING REMINDER

March's meeting is scheduled to be at the University of Alberta to view the Universities ancient collection. Terry will try to confirm the time and date this week. Watch for your March newsletter to confirm this meeting venue. In a related story, later on in this newsletter, be on the lookout for some ancient Roman coins that went missing from the Universities collection.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

January's meeting saw a good turnout of 21 members in attendance. This is up from previous January statistics and hopefully is a sign of good turnouts to come. Joe welcomed everyone back from the holidays and wished everyone a prosperous New Year.

The guest speaker for the evening was Dan Gosling who provided the members with an overview of the Canadian Nickel dollar series. The members were seated around a couple tables put together, so as to have a more intimate and hands on meeting. Dan circulated several varieties, examples of Cameo coins, proof-like and proof coins. An example of a coin struck with 'hub doubling' was also shown. To illustrate some of the varieties, he used sample drawings from books as well as provided blowup sketches on the whiteboard. All in all an informative and interesting display and talk was provided. The meeting concluded with the usual discussions of numismatics, on the personal level.

The attendance draw for a 1994 PL set was won by Ed Dreger.

EDITORS COMMENTS

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready to return to the world of numismatics again. We have a show coming up this month and another slated for May. These appear to be the only ones scheduled as of this printing so we hope the members will go out and support the dealers, and hopefully pick up that missing item in your collection. I called John Weisbrich in Calgary to get some info on the show, only to find out he's at the Long Beach show in California. I'll try to talk to him about the show when he's here this month.

Special thanks are extended to Ernie E. for his generous donation of this month stamps for the envelopes. Not only that, but he put them on for me as well! He indicates he may have enough for another month or two, so he can be sure I'll drop off as many envelopes as he wants. Thanks again Ernie.

Thanks are also extended to Club member Jerry Remick, for his seeing the article on our 40th Anniversary note was put into the CATC newsletter as well as Canadian Coin News. We had good response and as a token of appreciation, we sent Jerry one of our notes. It would be nice to see him in Calgary this year, but as he mentioned in Hamilton, its pretty far for him to go. Thanks again Jerry!

It's nice to see the Regina Coin Club is reviving somewhat with a new President, David MacDougall at the helm. They have a new newsletter format and some interesting articles with regard to declining memberships and they discuss ways to increase membership. In addition there is an interesting article about displaying coins. This is one area our club could use some help in. All the best to the Regina club and we hope to continue exchanging newsletters and sharing numismatic ideas.

The new executive for 1995 have scheduled the first meeting of the year for February 2. Some of the topics we hope to discuss will be programs for this year and next. Also at one of last years executive meetings, we voted on changing our name to a Society from Club. This will be discussed and a plan formulated. In addition, the City is celebrating 200 years of a settlement in Alberta. Discussion for a possible commemorative issue by the club will be brought up.

How often do you have someone wanting to buy or trade coins with you, with no profit motive attached! One of our Club members in California, Regan Shea, is one of these people and he is looking to correspond with other club members. Regan has access to many shows in the area, including Long Beach and the ANA in Anaheim this year, and is looking for low to moderate value modern Canadian pieces. These don't seem to be available down there, and he has other friends interested as well. If you feel you can help him out, he can be contacted as follows:

Regan G. Shea, P.O. Box 563, Pacifica, CA., 94044, USA.
More than one long lasting friendship has started out this way so take some time to help out a fellow club member and send him a letter today!

FINAL DUES RENEWAL NOTICE - If you have a sticker attached to your envelope, this will be your last notice for renewal. Please support the Club and renew today. Drop it in the mail or at February's meeting. Your support is appreciated.

\$40 ANNIVERSARY NOTE SOLD OUT

As of this writing, mail orders for our 1994 \$40.00 note have been sold out. Thanks to the advertising in the CATC and Coin News, we have no notes available for mail orders. We still have a few notes for the Club, which we'll keep for our Archives and possibly special donations. The limited printing has sold very well and we wish to thank John Weisbrich for printing and providing the notes for our anniversary. Some orders for multiple copies were sent only one, and one order for 10 notes had to be returned. No subsequent printing will be done. So consider yourself lucky if you were able to obtain one.

U of A COINS STOLEN

The Club has been informed that 21 Roman coins have been stolen from a public display on Thursday, January 26, from the Classics Building at the University. Members are requested to be on the lookout for the following that may be offered for sale:

8 Roman Denarii (silver) with the following busts:

- Augustus, Nero, Vitellius, Tragan and Marcus Aurelius, as well as others not identified to us

1 Denarii of Antoninianus of Caralla.

The rest are late Roman Bronzes. Further information will be printed in local papers in the near future. Anyone being offered these coins are to contact the Edmonton Police Service.

COMING EVENTS

February 10, 11 & 12

Edmonton International Coin & Stamp show, Westwood Inn, Edm.

February 17, 18 & 19

Calgary International Coin & Stamp Show, Westward Inn, Calgary

MARCH 8

ECC meeting at the University of Alberta. Exact day, time & location to be announced.

April 8 & 9

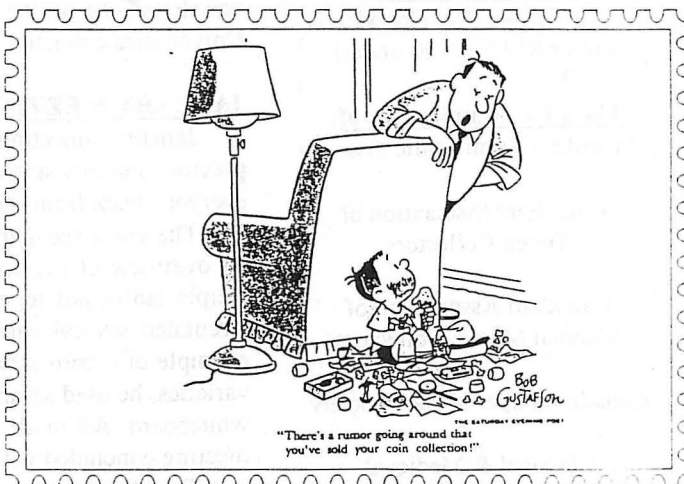
Regina Coin Club, Coin, Stamp & Sportcard show, Seven Oaks Motor Inn, Regina

APRIL 12

ECC regular meeting at the Provincial Museum,

May ?

Edmonton International Coin & Stamp show is slated for May. We'll advise as soon as we find out.



MONEY ON MEDIUM OTHER THAN PAPER

by Lub Wojtiw

Edited by Mike Schneider

EDITORS NOTE: In October 1994, Lub Wojtiw presented a talk and display of one of his many interests, Money on Medium other than Paper. Using overheads, he went through a variety of notes of various materials from Jute to aluminum. The display was fascinating and educational as most members were not aware of this aspect of "paper" money and had not seen this extensive a variety of non-paper notes. The following is a recap of his overhead notes as well as some Xerox copies of some of the notes. Unfortunately, the copies cannot show the details and intricacies of some of the delicate notes. We present this for those not in attendance as well as those who were not able to make notes and may possibly wish to pursue this aspect of 'paper' money collecting. These notes usually start at \$100 and up and are hard to find and are sought after by many European collectors.

MONEY

Money has three main uses:

- .1 medium of exchange
- .2 unit of account
- .3 store of wealth

PRE-20TH CENTURY - ODD AND CURIOUS FORMS

- Rock salt money of Asia and Africa
- Brick tea money of Mongolia, Tibet and Siberia
- Bamboo money of China
- Spear cross of the Congo
- Copper cross of the Congo
- Shoe and boat shaped silver coins of China
- Bullet and "pack saddle" coins of Siam
- Wire money of Arabia
- Cowrie shells used in Africa, Asia and Australia
- Fishhooks in Northwest coast of North America
- Trade beads in Africa
- Miniature Tools (eg. spade, hoes and knives in China) as early as 1100 B.C.
- Stone money of the Island of Yap
 - (stone weighing 180 lbs = 10,000 coconuts
 - = 1/4 Acre of land
 - = 18 foot boat
 - = one wife)

WAMPUM

Wampum is an American Indian word for purple or white beads made from shells

- used mainly near the Atlantic coast
- used to record
 - white - wealth, peace and riches
 - purple - grief, sympathy

The first wampum was used by Algonquian Indians about the year 1600. Dutch and English colonists, who had few metal coins, adopted wampum as money. However, wampum began to lose its value during the mid-1600's, when new metal coins began to appear.

During the 1700's, colonists manufactured wampum themselves for use in the fur trade with the Great Plains and Northwest Coast Indians.

20TH CENTURY ISSUES

In the 20th Century, numerous material was used as money:

1. **JUTE** - glossy fibre from either of two East Indian plants
 - used chiefly for sacking, burlap and twine
 - notes were issued by Bielefeld in (Westfalia - Germany) 1923, in denominations of 1000 and 5000 marks.
2. **LINEN** - Cloth made from fibres of the flax plant
 - cloths have been found in pre-historic sites in Switzerland.
 - also used by Egyptians ~ 7000 years ago
 - Notes issued: 1860 Warnsdorf (Bohemia) 10Kr.
 - 1870 Genoa, Italy - 50 cent.
 - many between 1917-1923 Bielefeld (Westfalia)
3. **SILK** - Lustrous, tough and elastic fibre produced by silk worms and used for textiles
 - discovered about 2700 B.C. in China
 - Some Notes Issued: 1794-1900 - France, Denmark, Prussia, Sweden, Bohemia, USA and China
 - 1918 - 1919 Chiwa Republic (USSR)
 - the majority from 1921 - 23 by Bielefeld.
4. **VELVET** - clothing and upholstery fabric characterized by a short soft dense pile.
 - Notes issued: Bielefeld (Westfalia) - 1923 in gold units, Linden (Hannover) - 1920.
5. **LEATHER** - flexible material made from the skin of animals.
 - used by Egyptians over 3000 years ago.
 - Notes issued: 1810 - 1831 Baltics
 - 1818 - 1825 Alaska - Russian issue
 - 1848 - 1849 Brux, Bohemia
 - 1922 Osterwieck am Harz (Prov. Sachsen)
 - 1923 Paderborn (Westfalia) - white leather
 - 1923 Possneck (Thuringen)
6. **ALUMINUM** - issued by Lautawerk (Brandenburg) in 1922 and Teningen (Baden) in 1923.
7. **GELATIN** - issued by Neufelden (Austria) in 1920 - 10 Heller
8. **LINOLEUM** - issued in Munchen (1920) - 1 and 2 Pfg.
9. **PORCELAIN** - 1770 Siam
 - 1920 - 21 many throughout Germany (eg. Sachsen)
10. **QUARTZ** - issued in GOTHA (Thuringen) in 1920
11. **GLASS** - issued in 1922 in Maffersdorf (Bohemia), private issue of four denominations.
12. **COAL** - issued in 1922 by Rooterback (Bayern), three denominations of 100, 500 and 1000 Marks.
(The following 4 pages show examples of various notes:
1a- Jute 10,000 Mark with lace, - 1b - Linen 1000 Mark,
2a & b - Silk 100 Mark, 3a & b - Velvet 50 Goldmark, 4a - Aluminum 50 Mark, 4b - Leather 100 Mark)



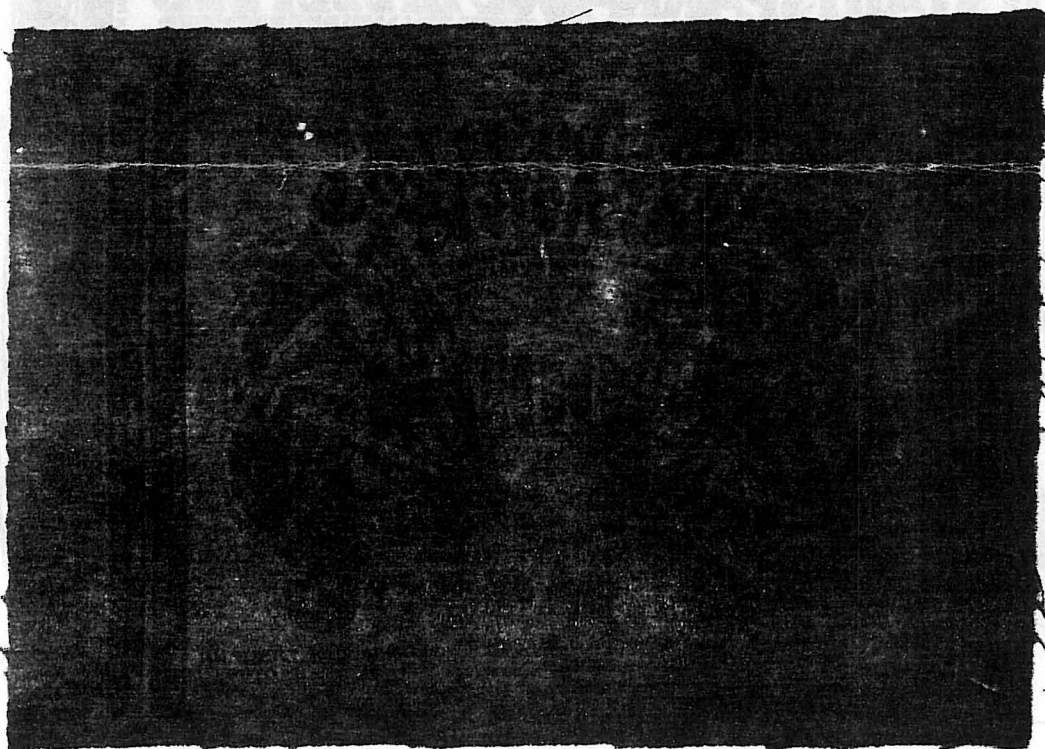
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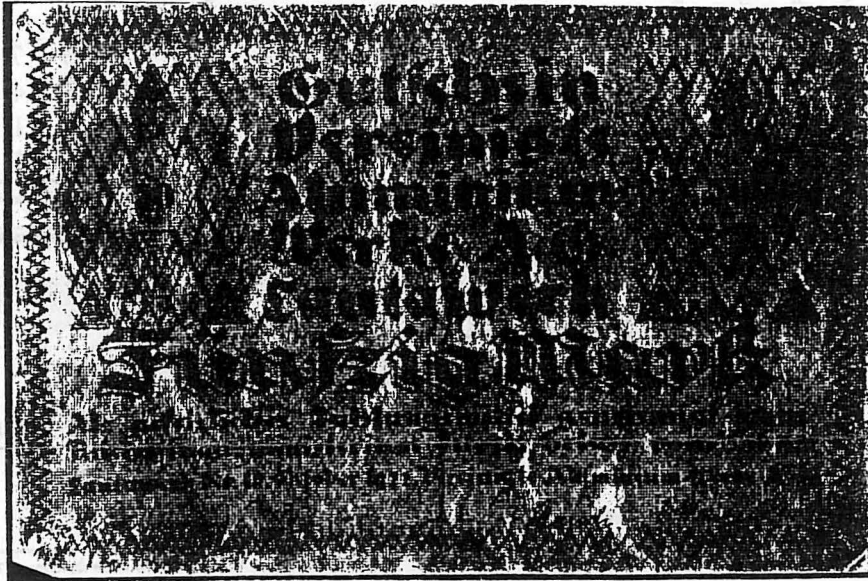
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Talk on Canadian Nickel Dollar series, varieties, cameos etc. by Dan Gosling

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Member talks on Various Numismatic topics.

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University of Alberta Numismatic Collection Tour. TBA

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Talk on 1867 Confederation Medals, Auction

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CNA Night, Annual Numismatic Donation Auction

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1995

MEETING DATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

REGULAR MEETING ☐
SPECIAL EVENT ☐

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Coin Show this Month, TBA

Pre-meeting 'Pizza Night', Joint talk on Ancient Greek Coinage

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CNA Convention, Calgary, July 19-23

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Talk on World Paper Money, COIN SHOW TBA

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Member talk & Display on World Gold Coins, AUCTION

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ECC Breakfast Meeting Sat. 11th, WESTEX 10-12

December

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Annual Gen. Meeting, Elections, Xmas Party