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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : SEPTEMBER 13, 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 : GUEST SPEAKER LUB WOJTIW WILL TALK ON
RUSSIAN COINAGE & PROVIDE A DISPLAY,
CNA REPORT BY MIKE SCHNEIDER & DAN GOSLING**

SEPTEMBER MEETING AGENDA

Once again to start the fall session of the ECC, we have our special guest, Lub Wojtiw talking on something other than paper money, namely Russian Coinage. Lub will present a display and talk on another of his collecting interests and if it is anything like his past presentations, you won't want to miss this one. In addition we'll have a brief overview of the goings on at the past CNA, presented by the 2 delegates who attended on behalf of the Club. Members are also welcome to talk and show any acquisition they made over the summer or at the CNA. Hope to see you all there!

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

June's meeting saw 19 members and 4 guests in attendance at the final meeting before the summer break. Joe solicited 3 members who were willing to stand as delegates at the CNA. The executive will vote on 2 members to represent the Club, at the June 27 executive meeting. Joe read a letter sent to him from CNA President Marvin Kay, asking the club to consider hosting the 1998 CNA convention. A discussion ensued and Ray Neiman went around the room and asked each member or guest what they thought, if they would help the club out etc., and about 90% were in favour of hosting it. It was suggested that the theme could be the 100th Anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush through Edmonton. It was decided the executive would put together a list of questions to ask the CNA and report back in September. Following a short break, Ray conducted the auction of donated numismatic items, including many interesting items of numismatica. The auction raised \$140 toward sponsoring 2 Delegates to the CNA. Joe thanked all those donating and buying at the meeting. A door prize of 2 Trappers baseball tickets was won by David Peter.

ECC WINS " LOUISE GRAHAM MEMORIAL CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD"

At a presentation during the Banquet award ceremonies on Sat. July 22, the ECC was presented with the above award for 1994. (Much to the surprise of the ECC members present) A silver medallion was presented to Club Secretary, Mike Schneider, who accepted on behalf of the Club. The award also comes with a cheque for \$250.00, which the Club has received in the mail. The award recognizes the clubs past year of consistent meeting membership, quality of Newsletter, varied programs, shows and numismatic promotions. The club submitted a report in April which allowed them to be considered for the award. This is the Clubs first ever national Award!

***ECC presented with
an award at the CNA!
See inside for CNA
report and info on
Numismatic
Correspondence
Course!***

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JUNE 27 EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

The main reason for this meeting was to discuss a request by the President of the CNA, Dr. Marvin Kay, for the Club to host the 1998 Convention. The executive were generally split as to what to do about this so a series of questions were formulated to be asked by the Delegates of the CNA executive. The main concerns centered around costs and who is responsible for any shortfall. The delegates were chosen by vote at this meeting and were Mike Schneider and Dan Gosling. They were instructed to return from the convention with answers to the Executives concerns.

NUMISMATIC NOTES FROM THE CNA CONVENTION

ECC WOOD SELLS AT CAWMC AUCTION

The ECC donated 1 of only 8 counterstamped woods to the CAWMC auction which was held on Sunday July 23. This limited edition wood (# 7 of 8) came complete with a certificate of authentication (see May 1995 newsletter) and was counterstamped with the City of Edmonton's 200th Anniversary Logo. After heated bidding by several wood collectors, the item sold for \$16.00, with all proceeds going the CAWMC. Another collector who was interested in number 8 of 8 offered \$20.00 to the club for this wood. After conferring with other members present the offer was accepted. The \$20 will be turned over to the treasurer. The remaining 6 woods will be disposed of as follows:

- 1 of 1 will remain in the Club archives.
- the remaining 5 will be sold on a first come first served basis to club members at a pre-determined price
- should they not all be sold, they will be offered for public bids

Members interested in purchasing one of the 5 remaining, may contact the Secretary at the next meeting.

ECC PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATE BY CNA PRES.

At the July 22 general meeting, Dr. Marvin Kay in one of his final duties in office, presented the Club with a Certificate of appreciation. The certificate was given for the Clubs hospitality shown Dr. Kay during our September 1994 40th Anniversary Show which he attended. A copy of the certificate is enclosed.

C.N.A NUMISMATIC CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

A copy of the CNA / NESAs Numismatic Correspondence Course will be available for viewing at September's meeting. The Course was officially launched at the convention. This 12 chapter correspondence course is designed for the beginner and experienced collector alike, and is extremely well put together. It should be a must for any collectors library. The course is available for \$35 for CNA members and \$45 for non-members. An application form and press release explaining the course is included in this newsletter. A special cerlox bound library edition is also available for those not wishing to take the course but just want the information for their library. The cost is \$40 for members or non-members. There is talk of the course being taught locally by some members, however no mechanism has yet been set up to accredit teachers for the course.

1995 RCM NUMISMATIC YOUTH AWARDS

At a presentation by the Royal Canadian Mint, the first winners of this new award were announced. They were : The Calgary Numismatic Society, Les Jeunes Mordus de la Monnaie, Jerry Remick, and the Taylor Evans Coin Society. Winners received a plaque and a cheque for \$250.00.

SUPPORT FOR ECC '98 CONVENTION STRONG

Support for the ECC to hold the CNA convention in 1998 was widespread throughout the Executive and many Calgary executive as well. The Club delegates talked to the outgoing President, Dr. Marvin Kay, as well as the incoming President, Yvon Marquis. Both were supportive of us putting on a show. We received support from the CNA executive as well and several Calgary members who were working on the Calgary convention. We talked to the General Chairman, Ted Woods who may be willing to come up in November to talk to the Club about their experience in putting on the Calgary show. The Calgary show was very well run and the Club put on a first class show. The whole numismatic scene in Calgary is very positive, and is evident in several new coin shops opening up in town. In any event, the Show left a good feeling in both Delegates minds as well as the many Edmonton members in attendance at the show.

COMING EVENTS

SEPT. 13	ECC MEETING - PROVINCIAL MUSEUM
SEPT. 15 - 17	EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, EDM.
SEPT. 22 - 24	CALGARY INTERNATIONAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWARD INN, CAL.
OCT. 11	ECC MEETING - PROVINCIAL MUSEUM
OCT. 14 & 15	REGINA COIN CLUB FALL SHOW- BEST WESTERN SEVEN OAKS INN, REGINA
OCT. 28 & 29	TOREX SHOW, TORONTO
NOV. 3 - 5	CALGARY INTERNATIONAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWARD INN, CAL.
NOV. 10 - 12	EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, EDM.
DEC. 13	ECC MEETING - PROVINCIAL MUSEUM

DID YOU KNOW !

The word 'Bank' derives from the Italian word 'banco' meaning bench. Money changers and money lenders in the Italian Renaissance cities such as Florence and Venice, sat on benches in the public squares to conduct their business. The earlier equivalent of a national bank was the state treasury, usually a convenient, strongly built and inviolable building such as a temple. Here the Greeks, and the Romans after them, traditionally stored the 'treasure acquired by the state either from private donation, from spoils of war, or from tribute paid by conquered nations. It is no accident that until relatively recent times, bank buildings resembled these classical temples of antiquity.

1995 CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION REPORT

By Mike Schneider & Dan Gosling

This years convention was held in Calgary at the Westin hotel. The convention was a first class affair with a well laid out meeting area and Bourse. The Auction was adjacent to the registration area and meeting rooms. The Bourse also opened Thursday as was well attended. Dan attended the official opening which was held in the reception area. The Royal Bank was in attendance with tables set up just as you enter the Bourse. The Royal Canadian Mint was also in attendance and had a computer display that allowed people to choose their favorite topic for the new \$2.00 coin. There were about 47 dealer tables with 40 dealers in attendance. In addition, there were 4 rows of double sided displays. The displays covered most areas of numismatics and were very well put together and of high quality. Some non-competitive displays were also presented and of high quality and variety.

Friday morning saw the Club Delegates breakfast meeting. This was not well attended with only about 18 people in attendance. The President addressed the members and gave a brief overview of the past year. The focus was on how to get new members into the organization and each table was asked to come up with suggestions on how their clubs have done, and what works and what doesn't. Clubs were also asked to follow up on the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides organizations and offer them speakers so they can obtain there collectors badges. This may attract new junior members. One member organized a club in a school and has fantastic attendance and support. The next meeting was attended by Dan and was the Canadian Paper Money Society luncheon meeting. The meeting was fairly well attended but the scheduled speaker was unable to attend and the replacement was quite a disappointment. Friday night was a free night unless you attended the Olympic Park tour and supper.

Saturday was by far the busiest day. The first function was the CNA General meeting and award presentation. This was presided over by Dr. Kay and incoming president, Yvon Marquis. An update to Task Force 2000 was given with a thrust towards utilization of electronic media. The National Research Society is also preparing a Bibliography of numismatic articles for publication. A new Bi-lingual Logo is being prepared for CNA medals etc. and the costs being born by the RCM. A motion to make St. Eligius the patron saint of numismatics was voted down. Clubs were encouraged to pursue new members with the Boy Scouts & Girl Guides. A brief introduction was given on the Correspondence Course that was being launched Saturday afternoon. The new Executive was introduced, as well as the incoming President, Yvon Marquis. Sheldon Carrol invoked the new executive and Yvon Marquis gave a speech with a focus on gaining new members and looking at long term planning. It was mentioned that Clubs can write to Bill Cross to obtain free books to give away to new members or for prizes at shows etc. In addition, Dr. Kay presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Edmonton Coin Club. The next meeting was the Canadian Association of Token Collectors. The meeting started out without a chairman, but someone volunteered and attendance was taken. A new Canadian Medals and Related issues handbook was available and a long discussion ensued regarding what was a legitimate issue and what was being issued for personal gain (personalized medals etc.) Copies of Ron Greene's paper on Greenwood & Phoenix issues were available from Ron. By the end of the meeting, about 18 people were in attendance. A small donation auction was held as well as some interesting unknown issues were circulated.

The Educational Forum was next and 3 topics were presented. A slide show on Tokens of Alberta was presented by John Humphrey, of Calgary. Many tokens were shown from all around Alberta, including some rare pieces such as the Edmonton Hotel token of D. Ross. Only 8 to 9 are known. All of the tokens shown were of the 'Good for' variety. Johns personal collection of Alberta tokens numbers over 2400. About 28 members were in attendance for the presentation.

The next presentation was on Canadian P.O.W. currency of World War II. This slide set was recently produced for the CNA by Ted Leitch and the London Coin Club, and is available for viewing. This was an interesting presentation and has good potential to show at a meeting. However, a major technical problem developed with the projector and a 15 minute delay damped the mood of those in attendance. There were about 31 members in attendance for this presentation.

The next presentation was by Earl Salterio. Earl gave a talk on the Right Honorable R.B. Bennett and his contribution to numismatics. Earl read a paper he composed, on his history and the various medals issued which include a 1911 medal to school children in Alberta, as well as Musical medal shields issued to students of music in Edmonton. There were about 26 members in attendance at this presentation.

After a short break, the CNA / Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA) launched the new Numismatic Correspondence Course. In 1992, Earl Salterio helped launch the project and Paul Johnson was put in charge to see it through to completion. Several speeches were given by many of the executive and the writers of the various chapters were named. Paul explained the process on how to use the manual and submit the tests for marking. Upon completion the successful applicants will receive a certificate as well as 3 books. Several manuals were available for sale after the meeting and I believe they sold out of what was there. Paul Johnson was honored by the American Numismatic Society with an award for his hard work in completing this project.

The next function was the Royal Canadian Mint Reception. This was very well attended and well presented. The winners of the Youth Awards were announced and presentations made to those in attendance. The Mint also had a display of the new \$2.00 coin, minus the final design. Several test tokens and various trial pieces were also displayed. Wine & cheese, snacks etc. were available and plenty of it.

CNA REPORT CON'T

Following the mint reception, we attended the banquet. The head table was piped into the hall by bag-pipe. There were about 100 - 110 people in attendance at the banquet. A fine prime rib meal was prepared including salad and desert. Our table had 3 ECC club members present, Mike, Dan and Howard Gilbey. In addition, Mark Mogen was present an a couple from Saskatchewan. The final person was a member of the Mint team in attendance, Frederic Voyer. Frederic was a very interesting man who was in France for 6 years prior to his joining the mint. The dinner speaker was Dr. Julius

W. Szekrenyes who presented a very interesting slide show on a early Postcards of Calgary. This was projected onto a large screen in the hall and was enjoyed by all in attendance. Several speeches were made as well as presentations and awards for various events including display winners, Fellows inducted to the CNA etc. The highlight for the ECC was the unexpected announcement that the ECC had won the Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award. The award was accepted by Mike Schneider, and consisted of a Silver medal and a cheque for \$250.00. The award came as surprise to the members at the table and we were congratulated by many members and clubs following the presentation. All in all the banquet was very well received and presented and was a definite highlight of the convention. Following the banquet, members were invited to the hospitality room provided by the CNS.

The final official meeting of the convention was held Sunday morning. This was the Canadian Association of Wooden Money collectors. Approximately 35 members and guests were in attendance. An interesting and special feature of this meeting is the circulation of woods by most members in attendance to each person in attendance. I think we each came away with about 25 woods. A short business meeting was held then we went right into a 50 lot auction. The auction is a big part of the convention and is very successful. The ECC donated 1 of our 8 1994 counterstamped woods along with certificate of authentication. This was donate to the CAWMC and was highlighted at the auction. The lot was hotly contested and finally went for \$16.00. Due to this action, our number 8 of 8 was sold to a private bidder for \$20.00, the proceeds of which went to the club. The auction was very interesting and fun for all in attendance. Many of the woods and lots of woods went in the \$15.00 to \$20.00 range. All in all an enjoyable time was had by all.

In addition to the above, Terry Cheesman attended the Classical & Medieval Society meeting. Terry can provide a overview of the meeting at the September meeting.

As a general review, the Convention was the 3rd I had attended. The last being in Hamilton in 1994 and before that in Calgary in 1988. This was definitely the best I had attended and Calgary deserve a pat on the back for this fine convention. Dan Gosling can fill in any other areas I have missed and will certainly provide another perspective of the convention.

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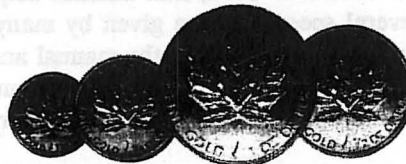
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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association may I, again, extend our sincere congratulations on your club being awarded "The Louise Graham Memorial Club of the Year Award" for 1995.

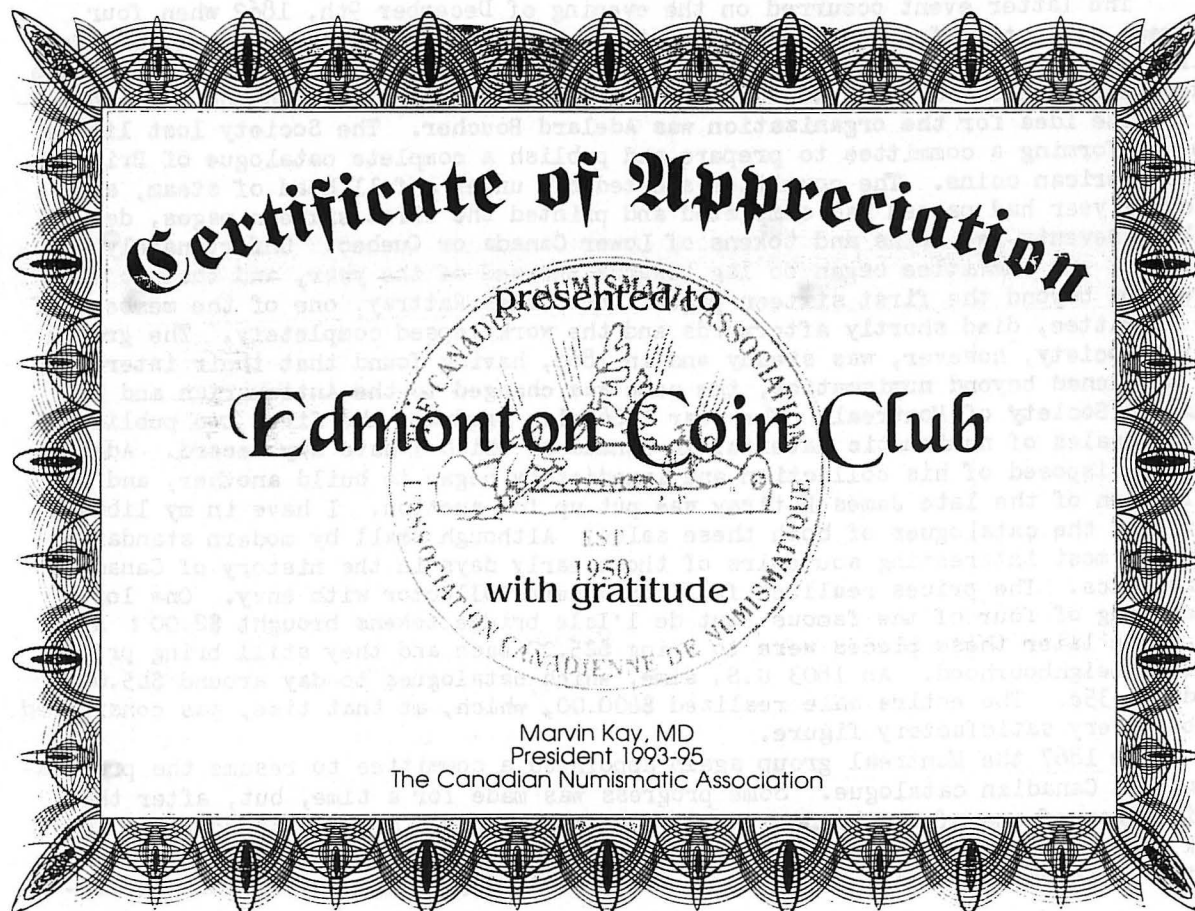
Along with the silver medal that was awarded at the 1995 Annual Convention Banquet in Calgary a cheque in the amount of \$250.00 is also part of the prize.

This cheque is attached.

Again our congratulations on a job well done.

Yours truly,

KB Prophet
Kenneth B. Prophet
Executive Secretary



(A paper read at a meeting of the Ottawa Chapter of the C.N.A. on February 9, 1953 by Major Sheldon S. Carroll, C.D.)

It has been said that the first numismatist of note was the Italian poet and scholar, Petrarch, who lived in the early part of the 14th century. I'm sorry that I can't tell you who the first Canadian numismatist was, but I am sure that there must have been numismatists, or at least coin collectors, at a very early date. The first coins were struck for the French colonies in North America in 1670; these were silver pieces of 5 and 15 sols. Copper pieces of 9 deniers were struck in quite large quantities in 1721 and 1722. Billon marques of 24 deniers were struck from 1738 up to the British conquest. A few of the John Law pieces and some of the French Colonial jetons probably were also to be found in early Canada. After the British conquest English copper and silver became available in small quantities. The coins of Spain and the United States as well as those of other countries became a familiar part of the early currency. Prior to the issue of the first Dominion coinage in 1870, official and semi-official coins had been issued for Upper Canada, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Added to these was a great variety of bank tokens, trade tokens, and merchants' tokens. With such a varied assortment of coinage passing daily through their hands, it would be surprising if some of the early Canadians did not take more than a casual interest in the historic and artistic aspects of these pieces of metal.

We do know that R.W. McLachlan, who is regarded by many as the greatest of all Canadian numismatists, started to collect coins about the year 1857, while still a boy. To encourage his interest, he was given some coins that had been his

mother's share of a collection formed by his grandfather. There must, therefore, have been some interest in coin collecting as early as 1800, if not before.

In my opinion, however, the year 1862 may be taken as the beginning of organized Canadian numismatics. That year marked the publication of the first catalogue of Canadian coins and tokens and the founding of the first numismatic society in Canada.

The former event took place in London, England, when the Rev. H. Christmas contributed to The Numismatic Society of London, an article entitled "The Copper Coinage of the British Colonies in America". This article, describing between eighty and ninety Canadian coins and tokens, appeared in The Numismatic Chronicle in 1862 and was later published in pamphlet form.

The latter event occurred on the evening of December 9th, 1862 when four Montreal collectors founded the Numismatic Society of Montreal, the first, and for thirty years the only numismatic organization in Canada, and undoubtedly one of the oldest numismatic bodies in North America. Its first President and the man who conceived the idea for the organization was Adelard Boucher. The Society lost little time in forming a committee to prepare and publish a complete catalogue of British North American coins. The committee started off under a full head of steam, and before a year had passed had completed and printed the first sixteen pages, describing seventy-two coins and tokens of Lower Canada or Quebec. Unfortunately the energy of the committee began to lag towards the end of the year, and the project never got beyond the first sixteen pages. Mr. James Ratray, one of the members of the committee, died shortly afterwards and the work lapsed completely. The growth of the Society, however, was steady and in 1866, having found that their interests had broadened beyond numismatics, the name was changed to the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal. The year 1866 also produced the first two public auction sales of numismatic material in Canada of which I have any record. Adelard Boucher disposed of his collection and immediately began to build another, and the collection of the late James Ratray was put up for auction. I have in my library copies of the catalogues of both these sales. Although small by modern standards, they are most interesting souvenirs of those early days in the history of Canadian numismatics. The prices realized fill any modern collector with envy. One lot, consisting of four of the famous Bout de l'Isle bridge tokens brought \$2.00! A few years later these pieces were to bring \$25.00 each and they still bring prices in this neighbourhood. An 1803 U.S. dime, which catalogues to-day around \$45.00, sold for 35¢. The entire sale realized \$400.00, which, at that time, was considered to be a very satisfactory figure.

In 1867 the Montreal group again appointed a committee to resume the preparation of a Canadian catalogue. Some progress was made for a time, but, after the resignation of one of the keenest workers, Alfred Sandham decided to continue the work alone under his own name. In 1869 he published his "Coins, Medals and Tokens of the Dominion of Canada" - the first real Canadian catalogue of Canadian numis-

met ics. This was to continue as the standard Canadian reference work until 1886, then R.W. McLachlan published his "Descriptive Catalogue of Coins, Tokens and Medals Issued In or Relating to the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland". The material for this work had appeared previously as a series of articles in the American Journal of Numismatics.

The period of fifty years which began in 1862 might be called the Golden Age of Canadian numismatic literature. Both Sandham and McLachlan were prolific writers and, in addition to their major works, produced many shorter works and articles on particular series. Dr. Joseph Leroux published a series of books, starting in 1882 and culminating in his "Canadian Coin Cabinet" in 1888, with a second and enlarged edition four years later. This book remains to this day one of the standard reference works on Canadian numismatics. P.N. Breton produced his first catalogue in 1890, and in 1894 there appeared his "Illustrated History of Coins and Tokens Relating to Canada". This is undoubtedly the best-known Canadian numismatic reference work.

In the preface to his 1894 edition, Breton makes this very interesting statement: "When, in 1890, my first work was issued, I had no expectation that it, a small pamphlet giving engravings only, would have run through two editions numbering 5,000 in all." This statement gives us some idea of the number of people interested in Canadian coins back in that period so frequently referred to as "Breton's days". In fact Breton goes on to state in the next paragraph that: "For a number of years the taste for Numismatic study in Canada has made such rapid progress, that there are now thousands of collectors to be found in all grades of society".

Dr. E.G. Courteau started late in this period and from 1907 to 1934 issued a series of very detailed studies on the die varieties of the bank and provincial coins and tokens. Smaller contributions to Canadian numismatic literature were made by William Kingsford, James Stevenson, and others.

No account of the early Canadian numismatic literature would be complete without mention of the Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal, the official organ of the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal, which first appeared in 1872. Alfred Sandham was the prime mover in the establishing of this journal, and most of the early writers, R.W. McLachlan in particular, were heavy contributors to its pages. The publication of this organ has ceased on several occasions, only to be resumed a little later with renewed vigour. Four articles totalling 33 volumes have appeared. Copies are quite scarce and are much sought after to-day.

In 1922 the Montreal society acquired the magnificent collection of R. W. McLachlan, which numbered approximately 20,000 pieces. On this foundation the Society has built up, under the direction of its curator, that eminent Canadian numismatist Mr. L.A. Renaud, the finest public collection of Canadian coins, tokens, medals, and paper money to be seen anywhere, as well as an outstanding library of Canadian numismatic literature. These wonderful collections are housed in the historic old Chateau de Ramezay, which was ceded to the Society by the City of Montreal in 1929.

Although Montreal was the birthplace of organized numismatics in Canada and was to remain for many years the main centre of interest, the hobby was not by any means confined to this locality. The Numismatic Society of Ottawa was founded in 1891 and was, I believe, the second numismatic body to be formed in Canada. From coast to coast there were collectors, but they were scattered, and few cities had a sufficient concentration to result in a numismatic organization.

With the passing of the great names of Canadian numismatics - Sandham, McLachlan, Leroux, Breton, and Courteau, Canadian numismatics passed into the doldrums. Interest and activity declined considerably between the two wars and little numismatic literature appeared. It was left to the faithful few to carry on. The Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal held its traditional place. The clubs in Toronto and Winnipeg held their own, but gained little ground. In spite of the lack of general interest in Canadian numismatics, much individual research was carried out, and some of the finest Canadian collections ever assembled were

gradually built up. Shortly before World War II, an effort was made to establish a national organization, but its foundation was so insecure that it collapsed in the first unfavourable breeze.

Immediately after World War II, Canadian numismatics emerged from its twilight period. The revival was on a scale not previously seen in Canada, and for the last five or six years it has continued at a steady pace that has been a never-ending source of amazement and satisfaction to all those interested in the subject.

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CORRESPONDENCE COURSE COMMITTEE

(Paul Johnson - Chairman)

FROM THE DESK OF JOHN REGITKO

Member - Publicity Committee

JULY 25, 1995 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

One of the most ambitious numismatic projects ever undertaken in Canada was unveiled at a special gathering during the 1995 Canadian Numismatic Association's 1995 Convention in Calgary, Alberta.

For the past three years, the Chairman of the Canadian Numismatic Association's Educational and Library Committee, Paul Johnson, has been hard at work steering a committee of dedicated numismatists to bring the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course from conception to completion.

The idea of a numismatic correspondence course on Canadian numismatics had been discussed for a number of years. However, the mandate to begin preparation of the proposed course was given by the Canadian Numismatic Association executive at their July 1992 meeting. Since the primary aim of the association is to encourage and promote the science of numismatics by acquirement and study of coins, paper money, medals, tokens and all other numismatic items, with special emphasis of material pertaining to Canada, it was only fitting that the CNA should undertake such a vast project.

Paul Johnson, a well-known and respected numismatist, was appointed its Chairman after a monetary grant was approved by the Numismatic Educational Services Association (NESA), a registered Canadian non-profit organization, to subsidize this numismatic correspondence course.

The finished product includes twelve separate chapters on a wide range of Canadian numismatic topics, which Serge Pelletier spent countless hours formatting on computer as well as assuming the responsibility for the correspondence course's design and layout. Ted Banning's task of inputting the text into a computer, were also monumental. Thanks to Paul Fiocca of Trajan Publishing, publishers of Canadian Coin News and other national hobby publications, for consenting to print the course contents. Ted Leitch also spent countless hours on the photography for the course, consisting of hundreds of photographs.

The course includes chapters on Canadian circulating coinage, Canadian commemorative coinage, Canadian paper money, "extinct" Canadian coinage, other forms of money, a detailed description on the coining process at the Royal Canadian Mint, tips on building your collection, collecting strategies, housing and storing a collection, grading of Canadian coinage and a section on the numismatic organizations in Canada. Each of the twelve chapters include a series of fifteen questions which will serve to test the knowledge of the text. Participants are required to answer these questions at the end of every chapter and submit them to the course administrator. A Certificate of Completion will be issued when the course is completed.

The course price, thanks to the subsidy from NESA, is \$35.00 for CNA members, \$45.00 for non-members (U.S. mailing addresses should remit in U.S. funds). These prices include all applicable taxes, the shipping of the 12 chapters and a binder, and upon completion, the mailing of the Certificate of Completion.

A special Library Edition (cerlox bound) is available to both members and non-members at \$40.00 postpaid (U.S. mailing addresses remit in U.S. funds). This is mailed out at one time and does not require the completion of the questions following the 12 chapters (no Certificate of Completion will be issued).

Cheques, money orders or bank drafts, made payable to the Canadian Numismatic Association, should be mailed to the CNA at P.O. Box 226, Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T2, Canada.

A detailed description of each of the chapters follows:

CHAPTER 1

Introduces students of numismatics to the modern business of minting money. This examination of Canada's current coinage includes a study of the designs in use and the evolving changes in metallic content. All course participants, whether novice or seasoned veterans, will gain insight into the coinage making up their pocket change.

CHAPTER 2

A chronological review of Canada's commemorative coinage beginning with the 1935 silver dollar and ending with the Canada 125 programme. In addition to documenting the coin commemorating each event, this chapter goes inside the mint and the offices of government to describe events leading up to the striking of each issue.

CHAPTER 3

Learn about the production of a Canadian coin, from the time its design is conceived to its striking and inspection before release to the public. Learn about some of the marks and symbols that occur on the coins and about interesting errors and varieties that can occur during production.

CHAPTER 4

Discusses coins that used to circulate in Canada and the colonies from which it was formed, and how those coins came to be discontinued.

CHAPTER 5

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Buying coins, participating in auctions, coin economics, dealers and avoiding problem coins are discussed.

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