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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1995

TIME : 8:30 a.m., Breakfast Served 9:00 a.m. Program starts at 9:30/9:45

PLACE: WESTWOOD INN, 18035 STONY PLAIN ROAD

PROGRAM : GUEST SPEAKER TED K. WOODS, 1995

**GENERAL CHAIRMAN, CNA, CALGARY. ALSO MEMBER
ALBERT MEYER WILL TALK ON WORLD PIEFORTS & ESSAYS
NOMINATIONS FOR '96 EXECUTIVE**

NOVEMBER MEETING AGENDA

November's meeting will see Mr. Ted K. Woods speak about his experiences as General Chairman for this past summers' CNA in Calgary. Ted is a business man with Construction companies in Edmonton & Calgary. His Numismatic interests have included Canadian Gold coins, which have won ANA awards, and were featured in the September '94 Bowers and Merena Sale. Ted promises to give a full picture of presenting, planning and running a Convention. In addition, we will have a numismatic talk and display from club member Albert Meyer. Albert will provide an unusual look at world Pieforts and Essays. Albert has an interesting collection of this area of numismatics and were looking forward to seeing his display. In addition to the above, the Club will be accepting nominations for all Executive positions as listed to the left. If you are interested in getting more involved with your club, show your interest and volunteer for a position. Hope to see you all there!

***Don't forget to confirm
your attendance at the
Saturday Breakfast
meeting, by Nov. 9! See
the list on the back
page for who to call.***

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

October's meeting saw a great attendance of 28 members and 2 guests enjoy a "Golden" evening with Club member Hans B. Hans calmly brought in about 120 Gold coins from around the world. This partial display of his collection included most type coins of Canadian Maple Leafs and Canadian and Newfoundland Gold coins. In addition a US type set of Gold coins was also on display. The members were able to handle sheets of 20 coins at a time. Most of the coins were Uncirculated or of high grade. A few European gold sovereigns were also included in the display. This was an informative and interesting display and I'm sure this was the most gold many of us have handled at one time. It prompted our members in Wetaskiwin and Red Deer to attend the meeting. Ron from Red Deer also brought in a Mint sealed Gold Maple Leaf with a crushed rim, for the members to view. The juniors in attendance sure got their eye full of these wonderful coins. Special thanks was extended to Hans for his presentation. Following the presentation, we had a 34 lot auction which saw very spirited action on most lots. A Prices Realized list is included in this newsletter. Thanks is also extended to Howard G. for his donation of CNA and ECC articles and programs for our Archives. The members were advised the Executive were reviewing the '98 CNA submissions, and a decision on holding a show should be brought to the members in November or December. The door prize of a 1971 mint set was won by our Red Deer member, Ron McDonald.

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1996 ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE SOON

The Membership dues for the 1996 year are due and payable prior to January 1, 1996. Membership dues will once again remain at \$10.00 for Senior or Regular members, \$12.00 for Family members and \$3.00 for Juniors, 16 and under. Our dues have not increased in many years, even though postage and paper costs continue to rise. The Club has won the Club of the Year Award for 1994, partially due to our monthly newsletter and diverse program. We hope to continue this variety of topics at the meetings and hope the members will support us by renewing your membership today. Members may pay at the November or December meeting or by mailing the enclosed Renewal Form. Donations to the Library, Archives or future CNA, will be greatly appreciated.

1996 NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE

Nominations for the various Executive positions as listed on page one, are now being accepted. Members who wish to get more involved in club activities are invited to let their name stand for nomination at December's election. If you would like to see changes to the Club and have new or fresh ideas you wish to see implemented, please come forward and help keep the club active and in touch with today's members. If you have ideas you would like to share, but are unable to run for a position, please pass these ideas on to the current executive. Our club is only as good as the members who support it. Any current member of the executive would be glad to fill you in on what is involved in each position. Get involved today!

NUMISMATIC NOTES

Club member Terry Cheesman, recently attended a International Conference in Hamilton, on Roman Imperial Coinage. The Togo / Salmon Conference was attended by over 60 interested Numismatists and experts on the subject, from around the world. The conference was held on Sept. 29th and 30th at McMaster University. Eight world renowned speakers made presentations and the information submitted may be published in book form within a year or two.

In the October 16th issue of Coin World, a club member was recognized for his contribution to numismatic research in the area of Errors and Varieties. An article written by error specialist Ken Potter, consisted of additional information on the Extra Yoke of the 1974 nickel dollar. The article on page 94, talks of the cause as the result of a 'hubbing' error. Ken makes reference to 6 different dies used to create this variety, which is caused by limited pressure on a tilted hub. The discovery of die varieties 4 to 6, were credited to club member Dan Gosling.

A recent train trip to the east, saw John Fy take a tour of the Bank of Canada collection in Ottawa. John enjoyed this fantastic collection and even talked with the Chief Curator and head of the museum, J. Graham Esler. His tour took him to Montreal, Quebec City, and Niagara Falls as well. Unfortunately he was unable to go to the Mint, as it closes its tours to the public in September. I asked him if he made the trip just in case of a Yes vote in the Quebec Referendum, but he wouldn't admit to anything. All in all an enjoyable trip.

Numismatics on the Information Highway you say! One of our members, Dan Gosling, is arranging for an interesting meeting next year. We hope to have a meeting at the training theatre at CompuSmart in the near future, to introduce members not only to the information highway, but to the world of numismatics that is available today. Watch this newsletter for more details and date in the month's to come.

Club member, Jerry Remick (#279) has a new booklet out, with regard to his award winning publication of the 'Check list by type for Canadian and Provincial Decimal Coins.' An article reprinted from the Ingersoll Coin Club (also made available to our club) is enclosed for your information. A supplement to the above checklist, is also being published in the near future, and will include a 'Type collection of Provincially-issued Regal Tokens in the British Sterling System.'

In keeping with the month and day of our meeting, enclosed is an article on Canadian Military Medals. The article was reprinted from the Dec. 1955 CNA Bulletin by the Scarborough Coin Club in their newsletter.

PRICES REALIZED - OCTOBER '95 AUCTION

The auction in October was one of the best we have had in a long time, as there was a good variety of coinage and notes available. In addition, only 1 lot was not bid on.

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sold</u>
1.	\$5.00	2.	\$5.00	3.	\$3.00
4.	\$1.50	5.	\$3.00	6.	\$5.00
7.	\$1.50	8.	\$1.00	9.	\$6.50
10.	\$10.50	11.	\$6.50	12.	\$5.00
13.	\$4.00	14.	\$14.00	15.	\$3.00
16.	\$3.00	17.	\$7.00	18.	\$3.00
19.	\$2.00	20.	\$6.00	21.	\$13.00
22.	\$9.00	23.	\$2.50	24.	\$2.00
25.	\$8.00	26.	\$8.00	27.	\$4.00
28.	N/B	29.	\$4.00	30.	\$4.50
31.	\$7.50	32.	\$4.00	33.	\$3.50
34.	\$10.50	35.	Club Donation -\$8.00 Howard Gilbey		

COMING EVENTS

NOV. 3 - 5	CALGARY INTERNATIONAL COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWARD INN, CAL.
NOV. 11	ECC MEETING AT THE WESTWOOD INN, SAT., 8:30 A.M., GUEST SPEAKERS
NOV. 10 - 12	WESTEX COIN & STAMP SHOW, WESTWOOD INN, EDMONTON
DEC. 13	ECC MEETING - PROVINCIAL MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION & CHRISTMAS PARTY

REMINDER

Please plan to attend November's meeting to get a detailed insight into the planning of a CNA Convention. Ted Wood's presentation should be enjoyable and informative and a strong turnout would show your support for the Club.

A CHECK LIST BY TYPE FOR CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL
DECIMAL COINS AVAILABLE IN BOOKLET FORM

by Jerry Remick -



The first check list by type of Canadian and Provincial Decimal coins in booklet form is now available at \$5.75 retail. The 32-page bilingual booklet is titled "A GUIDE TO TYPE COLLECTIONS OF CANADIAN DECIMAL COINAGE INCLUDING PROVINCIAL DECIMAL COINS" and was written by Jerry Remick. The 32-page booklet is printed on 5 1/2 x 8 inch pages and bound with a stiff card cover. It is available by mail at \$7.00 postpaid from the publisher: Les Editions St. Eloi Inc., P.O. Box 103, Sainte Julie, Quebec, J3E 1X5. A 30% discount off the \$5.75 retail is allowed coin clubs and dealers.

For each type coin listed, there is space for the collector to write in the date, condition, and price paid for the type coin.

Only currency coins that were circulated at face value in Canada and her provinces are listed, except for the 1992 .25¢ with Caribou, which was only available in collectors editions, but is listed to complete the series of 125th anniversary of Canada coins issued.

The silver dollars 1971-1995 are omitted from the check-list, as they were only available in collector's editions, sold at a premium above face value. However, their existence is recognized in the text; the collector is left the option of adding them to his/her collection.



Obverse 1911



Obverse 1912-1936



Reverse 1911-1936

The number of type coins listed from 1858-1996 is as follows: Canada (140), Newfoundland (20), New Brunswick (5), Nova Scotia (2), and Prince Edward Island (1). So it is not a long collection. It is an ideal collection for beginners of all ages. Our coin club in Quebec City purchased copies of this check-list for all junior age collectors, and gave them to them free of charge. The Ingersoll Coin Club could do the same.

It is interesting to note that collecting by type coin is a way of collecting that Tom Masters, myself, and other old timers will well remember as being the only way to collect foreign coins in the pre-1970 era. We sued what was referred to as R. S. Yeoman's "Brown Book", ("A CATALOGUE OF MODERN WORLD COINS") which lists the coins of each country by type. Date lists for the coins of most countries (Canada excluded) were just not available until the 1970's.

For those that use the listing of type coins Tom Masters typed up for this newsletter last spring, please make the following addition: Canada one cent 1976-1901 is subdivided as follows:

- 1866-1882 Victoria crowned, provincial leaves on reverse
- 1884-1891 Victoria crowned, large leaves on reverse
- 1891-1901 Victoria crowned, small leaves on reverse

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CHECK-LIST BY TYPE FOR CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL DECIMAL COINS (Cont'd)

Fifty Cents 1959-1964 is subdivided as follows:

1959 New design for Coat of Arms, horizontal lines in lower shield

1960-1964 New design for Coat of Arms as 1959, no lines in lower shield

I would like to thank Tom Masters for typing up my check-list for publication in the INGERSOLL COIN CLUB NEWS Newsletter. I made a photocopy of it, had card covers, and then plastic sheets put on both sides and a spiral binding. It thus makes a single and separate publication for under \$3.00 at any store that does photocopying. It was this format that the Royal Canadian Mint saw and judged worthy to award one of their four 1995 Youth Awards. I was also able to make copies so other collectors could have a check-list to use until the present commercial one became available. Thank you very much, Tom, for all your long hours spent in typing up my check-list, as I am sure it will aid members of the Ingersoll Coin Club a great deal.



To fellow members of the Ingersoll Coin Club I cannot emphasize enough the value to be gained from a type collection of at least Canadian, if not also Newfoundland coins. It will give you a GREAT overall view of Canadian Decimal coinage 1858-1996. And it will give you great variety, with all changes in design, metal, size, and shape, of our decimal coins.

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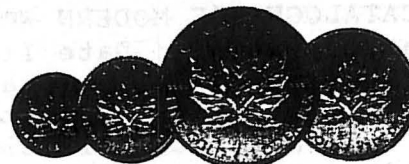
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An address to the Toronto Coin Club

As an introduction to these items referred to as Canadian, I will have to touch on a few French and British awards.

First of all, many people think of the numismatist as being only a collector of coins, and few realize that the medal collector comes under this heading. The word "numismatics" means "the science of coins and medals".

The earliest record which we have on any individual award or decoration in time of action comes from the 3rd century B.C., when Jonathan the High Priest led the Jews into battle, thereby aiding Alexander, who sent to Jonathan and gave testimony of his worth. And gave him honorary awards as a golden button, which is the custom to give Kings' kinsmen. (This could be called the first campaign medal) and I suppose the said Kings' kinsmen had previously been given honours as the original "Orders" as we know them. Later, Jonathan received another such golden button for similar service (this would probably be the original bar or clasp).

Primarily, we in Canada are interested in British and purely Canadian awards. It is well to note that the earliest British medal in existence was issued to John Kendal, a Prior to the English Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, who, in 1480, relieved the City of Rhodes. This medal is now in the British Museum.

Very elaborate medals and decorations followed in succession from pre-Elizabethan days until Elizabeth I herself granted the famous "Ark-in-Flood" medal to her officers to commemorate the victory over the Armada in 1588.

So far, medals issued had been given to officers only and mostly for Naval engagements.

The first English medal awarded to both officers and men was that which was issued by the Commonwealth for the Battle of Dunbar on 3rd September, 1650.

Now to get down to the earliest decorations and medals of Canada. The first was actually an "Order", and in 1624 there was created a very select group known as the "Baronets of Nova Scotia". These titles were held until 1633 when Nova Scotia fell into the hands of the French. In 1775 a meeting was called by the descendants of these Baronets in Edinburgh, and Royal assent was given for the continued legal status of the hereditary titles, but no new Baronets of Scotland have been created since 1707, later creations being known as "Baronets of the United Kingdom".

The neck ribbon, which was originally orange (the gold of the Scottish Standard), was changed when a new badge was created for all baronets in 1929, to orange with narrow edges of blue.

The British, partly as a softening up process, started to issue various Indian Chiefs with medals in 1661 in the Colony of Virginia, and this apparently started a free-for-all race with the French throughout the succeeding years, and retaliations with bigger and better medals seemed to be in vogue.

Not all awards were thrown into the hat for competition, and some were actually for deeds of valour and exploration. To name a few of the French ones, we have the Atouata Medal of 1669 which was awarded to Louis Atouata for his work with the Jesuit Missions. A medal to the Chiefs of the Assiniboins who in 1683 aided the Pierre Radisson Expedition to the West

The first actual campaign medal for Canada was that awarded for the taking of Louisburg to officers under Admiral Boscawen and General Amherst. Although it is said to have been awarded in gold, silver and bronze, just where the division of awarding these medals was, is not quite clear. There was a ribbon issued with the medal which was half orange and half bluish purple. From time to

time these are seen in sale bulletins at about \$50.00 for the silver issues.

I find no trace of any issues for the Taking of Quebec on the 13th of September 1759 or again for the American War of Independence. Here I might mention that there were two Regiments of Canadian Volunteers fighting on the American side as part of the Continental Army; they were the First Canadian Regiment "Congress's Own" under Colonel Moses Hazen. The latter unit had volunteers mostly from Canada and Pennsylvania. No particular medal seems to have been issued by either side for this campaign, as a whole to the troops.

The interesting point is, that of the thousands of troops taking part in the war on the British side, only one person seems to have gained enough favour to warrant a medal for himself. Captain Ewing of the Royal Marines distinguished himself at Bunker Hill on the 17th of June, 1775. A very elaborate medal in the form of a star, was struck for the Captain at the order of George III and a sum of £300 was awarded for his wounds.

Again the Indian Chiefs seem to have been favoured very highly, as a total of 7 French and 36 British medals have been struck for them during the reigns of successive sovereigns until the well known Canadian Treaty Medallion was struck in 1878 with the numerals 187 stamped on the reverse side, so that 6, 7 or 8 could be filled in on the year of issue. These medallions were very large and quite heavy in solid silver. They have brought as much as \$125 at sales.

I think that the most well known medal to collectors of Canadiana is the Military General Service Medal of the 1793-1814 period. This medal was issued by the British Government to veterans of the War of 1812 with the United States, on recommendations of a Board of Officers assembled at Quebec City on 25th of August, 1847 to consider claims by the veterans. A bar was added for Fort Detroit, 16th August 1812, Chateaugay 26th October 1813, and Chrystler's Farm 11th November 1813. The latter two bars are considered the more rare and bring higher prices than the former.

The veterans of those three battles were more fortunate than those of Miami, Queenston, and Niagara, and also the other heavily fought battles along the frontier. Senior officers were awarded a beautiful gold medal. I had the opportunity to view one of these through the courtesy of Mr. Pierre Brunet of the Public Archives of Canada when on display at a recent meeting of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

A medal with two bars is very scarce and as far as can be ascertained from the records, there were only two awards of three bars. The only Canadian to receive three bars was Jean Baptiste Leclaire.

Naval veterans of the same war and earlier engagements were granted the Naval General Service Medal of 1793-1840. The British awards were made in 1848 which seems a long time to wait for a fellow's medals: 55 years in some cases.

The Canada General Service Medal of 1866-70 is our next concern. Once again a long wait for the veterans, on this award. Those who were called out during the Fenian Invasions of 1866 and 1870 in Upper and Lower Canada and also those who joined the expedition to the Red River in 1870, received the medal with appropriate bars. There were only twenty-three bar medals issued. These are extremely rare and quite often three bars are found to have been rigged up by fakers.

It might be noted here that in 1943 Prime Minister the late W.L. Mackenzie King instituted what was to be known as the Canada Medal. This was to be awarded to Canadians for meritorious service to the country, the recipient to bear the letters CM or M du C after his name. The ribbon was to be that of the 1866-70 medal of equal red and white stripes. There is no record of one of these medals being granted so far.

The North West Rebellion of 1885 brought the next Canadian campaign medal, which was the last campaign award for fighting in Canada. The medal was issued with and without the bar "SASKATCHEWAN".

Canadians serving in subsequent campaigns were awarded the medals as

issued to British troops, so we had no distinctive Canadian war medals. However, the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) was the only regiment to be awarded with the original dated striking of the Queen's South African Medal 1899-1900. The Regiment was inspected by King Edward VII and the medals issued in London before the Regiment left for home.

No doubt several cities and towns had medals struck for the troops returning from South Africa. The City of Toronto especially had a beautiful silver medal issued to each veteran. The medal was suspended to a bar by two silver chains and read "Toronto Welcomes Her Brave Sons".

Long Service decorations and medals for the Canadian Forces closely followed those of British pattern with usually a bar "CANADA" attached. This was the rule excepting for the R.C.M.P., who have their own distinctive medal and ribbon. A medal of this Force could not very well be patterned after any other type.

For World War II, a distinctive war service medal was issued by most countries of the Commonwealth. Canadians who volunteered for active service received the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and a small silver maple leaf was awarded to those who had served overseas or out of the country for sixty days. When the ribbon only is worn, a clasp is worn with the medal, consisting of a small maple leaf in the centre of a bar.

Before ending this talk, it should be mentioned that the general public were very much peeved that no recognition had been given to the veterans of 1812 who had served on the Niagara Peninsula; so unofficially, the Loyal and Patriotic Society of Upper Canada had set aside in 1817 the sum of £100 for the striking of medals. In due course these medals arrived from a maker in England, and to the horror of all concerned, the American Eagle was placed on the Canadian side of the border on the map of the frontier, and the Canadian beaver over on the American side. A new lot were ordered in gold for senior officers, silver for juniors and other ranks. These were held for some years and never issued, only to be destroyed and melted down later. The proceeds from the bullion went to the fund for the new Toronto General Hospital of that period. This institution, in order to further raise funds, had a restrike made of the medal in bronze. These were awarded to persons making donations to the fund. The silver medals usually seen for sale are of the first striking. This leads one to believe that some pilfering went on before the medals were destroyed. The silver medals have been sold as high as \$50 at sales, although the most recent offered brought \$23.

Canada will change the composition of all circulating coins after January 1, 1996. The 50, 25, 10 and 5 cent coins will be nickel plated steel and the 1 cent will be copper plated steel. Most people will not notice a change in the coins but vending machines will have to be changed to accept the new coins.

The Price of Change

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Current Cost</u>	<u>New Cost</u>
one cent	1.4 cents	.7 cents
five cents	3.4 cents	1.3 cents
ten cents	2.8 cents	.7 cents
25 cents	6.6 cents	1.5 cents
50 cents	14 cents	5 cents
one dollar	13 cents	13 cents
two dollar		16 cents



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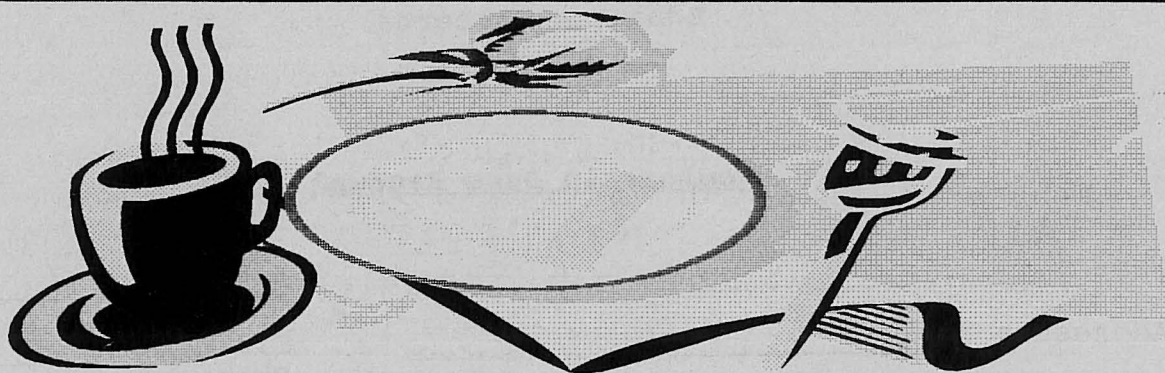
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