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## MEETING NOTICE

**DATE : Wednesday, March 12, 1997**

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

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

**PROGRAM :Member talk and display on Cameo Coins,  
Auction (See list enclosed)**

### MARCH MEETING AGENDA

March's meeting will have a new member talk on the interesting subject of "Cameo Coins". Reinhard Hermesh, who specializes in cameo coins, joined the club last year. In an effort to show off some of the quality material our members have, Reinhard was approached and accepted an invitation to inform the members of this area of collecting. In addition, we will be having one of only 2 club auctions at this meeting. Please make an effort to attend and enjoy this interesting and hopefully lively meeting.

### FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

February's meeting saw 19 members and guests in attendance at the theatre at CompuSmart, on the west end of the City, including our 2 Red Deer members, Ron & John. Prior to the meeting we arranged to have Pizza available for members on a per slice basis, thanks to Dan. Just before the presentation, Joe advised the members of the ENS Coin & Stamp Show being held in April. Mike also had copies of the latest WBCC catalogue available for the members, which was gratefully authorized by their 'Focal Point' member, Martin Peeters of the Netherlands (Via E-mail). This meeting was a follow-up to a meeting we had last year to introduce the members to the 'Information Highway' or the Internet. Last year was a general introductory to the internet and what you can find there, with some numismatic sites visited. This year's meeting was devoted entirely to numismatic and related sites. The astounding variety and quality of sites available provides the public and numismatists a wide variety of areas to discover and find others with similar interests to you own. As an example, the Worldwide Bi-Metallic Coin Club is one such entity that was created and can only exist on the internet. Its members are from 8 different countries, and in some respects, are closer to each other than some local members. Their newsletter is distributed weekly and a bi-monthly catalogue is published listing current issues of bi-metallic coins. Dan put together an alphabetical list of sites to see from the Anchorage Alaska Coin Club to Tasmanian Numismatic Society and the World Wide Bi-Metallic Collectors Club web pages. Fantastic colour Confederate notes were viewed as well as Chinese coinage. The detail and clarity was exceptional. Other sites viewed were the Canadian Coin News, ANA site, PCGS Home page, Numismatic Network Canada, and our own revamped home page as well as many more. This interesting presentation was put together once again by Dan Gosling and was quite impressive. Members were given Show tickets to sell as well as posters to circulate for our April show. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. when the store closed.

**- April ENS Coin &  
Stamp show 75% sold!  
- CNA Medal contest  
closes April 1. Have you  
thought about your  
design yet!**

#### **APRIL 12 & 13th COIN & STAMP SHOW UPDATE**

Bourse table sales for the upcoming ENS show are going well. Within 2 weeks of the announcement we had 25% of the tables sold; after 3 weeks we had 50% sold, and are currently 75% sold. We have 7 of 28 spots still available with our out of town mail out information kits only a week old. Tables are on a first come first served basis so get your applications in now! Some of the dealers confirmed to date are Albern Coins of Calgary, Royal William Stamps of Lloydminster as well as local shops National Pride Coins & Stamps and West Edmonton Coin & Stamp Corp. In all we have 15 confirmed dealers and 1 on hold pending confirmation, for a total of 21 of the 28 spots on the floor. We anticipate a sold out venue and we expect great support from the membership. As one of only 2 possible coin shows in Edmonton this year, we hope to attract good crowds from Edmonton and area. Members are encouraged to spread the news to fellow collectors.

#### **APRIL BREAKFAST MEETING ANNOUNCED**

As we have done with other coin shows in the past, the ENS has decided to hold our April meeting at the Convention Inn in conjunction with our Coin & Stamp Show. The meeting will be held on Saturday April 12, in the 2nd floor meeting rooms. The exact location will be announced in next month's newsletter. The guest speaker or speakers will also be announced then. Members and guests are welcome to attend, and we anticipate the breakfast to commence with doors open at 8:30 a.m. and breakfast served at 9:00 a.m. Please contact any member of the executive if you plan to attend.

#### **CALL FOR CLUB CASES**

Any members who have borrowed a Club display case and currently have one, are asked to contact Joe Bardy and advise him how many you have. The club has several cases with most being borrowed by members. Please advise us as soon as possible. If you have one of your own and we can borrow it, please advise.

#### **CALL FOR DISPLAYS FOR OUR APRIL SHOW**

The ENS has a limited number of spots available for members to display their collections. Members wishing to submit a display are encouraged to do so. Displays are limited to a maximum of 2 cases per display. Please contact Mike Schneider to register your display. An award for the 'Peoples Choice Award' will be given, as well as 2nd and 3rd place ribbons.

#### **APRIL SHOW ADVANCE TICKET BOOKS FOR SALE**

Advance tickets for our April 12 & 13 show are available from Joe Bardy. There are 11- \$1.00 tickets in each book, with the seller keeping the 11th ticket, and returning \$10 to the Club. Members are encouraged to pick up a book or two to sell over the next 5 weeks. '97 Mint products and other numismatic items will be drawn for. Anyone wishing to donate a prize may do so by contacting Joe Bardy. A complete list of prizes will be published in April's newsletter. **Ticket prices at the door will be \$2.00.** Get your book now and return the money and any unsold tickets by April 11th, to any executive member.

#### **WORLDWIDE BI-METALLIC COLLECTORS CLUB**

The ENS interest in the above organization was spawned by their contact of our club when we published Jim Kindrake's list of Bi-metallic coins. Since then we have been on their mailing list, and more recently, Jim has become a member. He will be receiving their bi-monthly update listing of bi-metallic coins issued to date, and we have received permission to provide copies to our members. Anyone wishing to join this Club can contact the following via internet as follows: Martin Peeters, Netherlands, at 'martinp@concepts.nl'; North American contact is Larry Friemel, USA at 'lrfriemel@ccgate.hac.com'. There is no cost to be a member other than a \$2.00 US charge for their bi-monthly catalogue. You must be committed to providing input to the other members and having an e-mail connection would be an asset, but not a must. Anyone wishing to contact them by mail may do so at the following:

WBCC Focal Point  
Martin Peeters  
Amer 7  
4761 HS, Zevenbergen  
Netherlands

#### **CNA '98 UPDATE**

Plans are proceeding for the club to host the '98 CNA in Edmonton. We have been corresponding with Tom Kennedy, 2nd Vice-President of the CNA, who has been helping us come up with a Bourse layout. We received his proposed layout recently and are inputting it on computer to further refine and improve upon if possible.

The **Medal Design Contest** is in full swing, and members are encouraged to submit a design. The design does not have to be professionally done. All that is required is a concept and theme to the design. Contest closes April 1st, 1997. Information on the competition can be found in your November 1996 newsletter.

#### **CLUB DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED**

On behalf of the executive of the ENS, we wish to thank George Koyich, club member, for his donation of coin & stamp supplies and books to the club. The items were auctioned off at our executive meeting and \$50.00 was raised for the club. Thanks George!

#### **COMING EVENTS**

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 22-23   | Spring Saskex '97, Saskatoon, Sands Hotel<br>Admission \$2.00. Contact Kelly Wionzek |
| April 12 & 13 | Edmonton Numismatic Society Coin &<br>Stamp Show, Edmonton Inn                       |
| April 12 & 13 | Vancouver Numismatic Society Coin Fair<br>Oakridge Mall Auditorium                   |
| April 19 & 20 | Wild Rose Antique Collectibles Show & Sale<br>Northlands Agricom, Edmonton           |
| April 18 - 20 | ONA Show, Sponsored by the Windsor Coin<br>Club, Windsor, Ontario                    |
| July 23 - 27  | 1997 CNA Convention, Moncton, N.B.<br>Keddy's Brunswick Hotel                        |



## A CHECKLIST OF COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ISSUING THEIR OWN PAPER MONEY

A Review by Jerry Remick

"A CHECKLIST OF COUNTRIES CURRENTLY ISSUING THEIR OWN PAPER MONEY" by Jerry Remick was published on February 7th, 1997. It is available postpaid at \$4.95 U.S. ( \$5.95 Canadian for Canadian residents) from Canadian Novelty Coins, P.O. Box 2111, Station A, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, P3A 4R8, (Phone 705-566-3545). Discounts on 5 or more copies are available at \$3.49 plus GST plus actual postage on the package.

The object of the 20 page book (5 1/2" x 8 1/2" ) is to provide the beginner with a checklist of countries currently issuing their own banknotes, so that such a collection be put together consisting of one note from each country.

For each of the 212 countries currently issuing their own paper money, the following data is given for each country in the check list : a bracket before the name of the country, so that the collector can check it when he has a note from the country; the monetary unit of the country and the number of monetary units of the country per U.S. dollar, at the official rate.

A second table consists of countries states, dependencies, etc., using paper money of another country and gives the name of the country and their monetary system used.

Eight pages of introductory text provide all the data the beginner needs to form a collection of one banknote from each country, including : the names and addressees of nine (9) coin dealers selling inexpensive notes in UNC condition; how to house a collection of notes; three reference catalogues on world notes; data on the International Bank Note Society and listing of the letter used for each of the countries using one of the three major monetary unions.

Printed at the request of club member Jerry Remick.

*Members wishing a copy should contact the executive and put in an order. If we get 5 requests we will be eligible for the discount rate and the club will send in the order.*

## ISABELLA QUARTER DOLLAR

Charles C. Barber designed this Quarter Dollar coin with an authorized mintage of 40,000, which went on sale on March 3, 1893. Actual Mint figures show that 40,023 coins were minted. These coins sold for \$100. each at the Exposition, and dealers after the show sold them for as low as 35¢. 15,809 were melted down at the conclusion of the fair, leaving a net mintage of 24,214.



The obverse shows the crowned head of Queen Isabella I of Spain facing left, with the United States of America and the date 1893 inside a beaded circle and raised edge. The reverse shows a kneeling woman with distaff and spindle, emblematic of women's industry. Inside the beaded circle and raised edges, the inscription..Board of Lady Managers, Columbean Quarter Dollar.

Since there is no coin that mentions them, it is perhaps not generally known that there was a Board of Gentlemen Managers. The World's Columbian Exposition was under their control. Then why a Board of Lady Managers as mentioned on the reverse of the Quarter Dollar? The whole thing represents the culmination of the fight for women's rights. When Susan B. Anthony, president of the National American Suffrage Association learned that a World Fair was being held, she hastened to Washington. She didn't intend having the women ignored as had been the case with the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. In Washington she called on the wives of cabinet members, senators, and representatives. They determined to have a hand in the plans and management of the fair. Miss Anthony drew up a petition which she gave to powerful Senator Platt. The result was that when the World's Fair Bill passed, it contained a provision for a Board of Lady Managers.

Not only that, but the various buildings contained places for Women's exhibits and there was a special Womens Building which was designed by a woman. The head of the Board of Lady Managers was Mrs. Potter Palmer, a wealthy society matron of Chicago. It was she who suggested to Congress that \$10,000. of the money given by the government to the Board of Lady Managers be in commemorative Quarter Dollars.

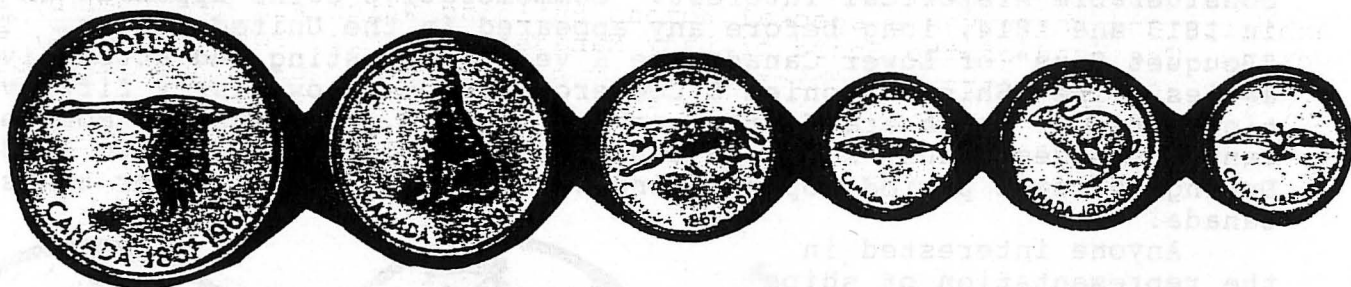
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# COLLECTING CANADIAN COINS and EXONUMIA

by Robert Wille



Should one decide to collect Canadian coins, tokens, and so forth, what is available? Now that it is time for some more GOOD publicity for Canadian numismatics, it is time to tell people what Canadian numismatics is all about. The Canadian decimal coinages are well known, but still offer pleasant surprises to those who go out and look for them.



Since 1965, Canada has issued a complete set of coins to commemorate her centennial in 1967. Late in 1967 it was necessary to reduce the fineness of silver from 800 to 500 because the price of silver went off into orbit. In 1968, pure nickel replaced silver altogether, and the fifty-cent piece and dollar were reduced in size. In 1970 a commemorative dollar was struck for the province of Manitoba. This year there will be another dollar for the centenary of British Columbia's joining the Dominion of Canada.

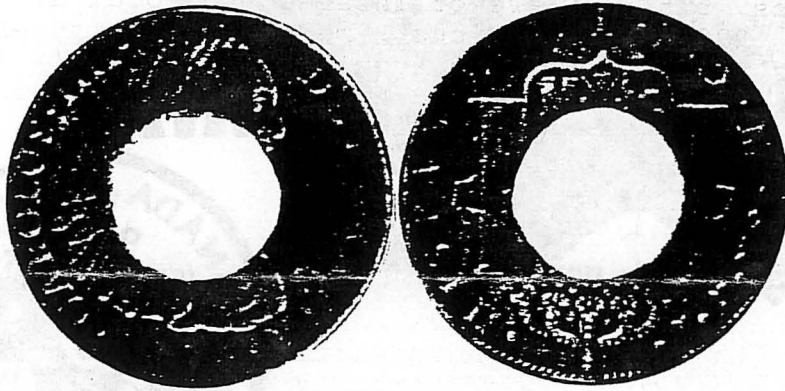
The earlier decimal coins are by no means uninteresting. Much research has been done into the varieties in the coinages of Queen Victoria, many of which have never before been described. The cents of Queen Victoria are well worthy of study, and should some day be studied and collected like American large cents. The decimal coins of later reigns and of Newfoundland have hardly been studied at all. Numerous varieties may be waiting here for discovery.





## COLLECTING CANADIAN COINS & EXONUMIA (Cont'd)

Another extremely rewarding field is the study of the Colonial coins and tokens. These pieces appeared irregularly from 1670 to 1857, and were once the subject of very keen study. They have been neglected since, in the mistaken belief that everything to be learned in this closed series has been discovered by the early Canadian numismatists. Nothing is farther from the truth, as the work of present-day students of the field shows. The mystery of the "Vexator Canadensis" tokens has been solved insofar as their true date of issue is concerned. It will be interesting indeed if it is ever discovered who struck them.



Answers to many problems of Canadian Colonial numismatics may well be found in England and France. The mythology of the Holey Dollar of Prince Edward Island was exploded forever by the work of a respected English collector. Another English collector has discovered that many anonymous tokens hitherto believed to have been shipped to Canada in their entirety, have been used as blanks for the striking of other English tokens. Where this

line of research will end is yet to be seen.

The coinages and jetons of the French regime require considerable work. There are varieties of the French Colonial coinages which have not been published here. An abundance of information is available in France, but it has to be ferreted out. A lot of mythology in this area is waiting to be dispelled.

The Canadian Colonial coinages include some great rarities, but they also include some very attractively-designed coins, and many coins of considerable historical interest. Commemorative coins appeared in Canada in 1813 and 1814, long before any appeared in the United States. The "Bouquet Sous" of Lower Canada are a very interesting and attractive series. The "Ships Colonies & Commerce" tokens show nearly fifty varieties, most of which are fairly easy to acquire. The Bank of Montreal, Canada's oldest bank, supplied Canada with copper from 1835 to 1844. During the same period copper coins were issued by four other banks in Canada.

Anyone interested in the representation of ships on coins will not overlook the tokens of New Brunswick, the "Ships Colonies & Commerce" tokens, and numerous anonymous and other pieces in the Canadian Colonial series. A little elementary knowledge of seamanship is very helpful here for the known varieties are all described in nautical terms, since it is in the rigging and sails of the ships that they differ.



Collectors of contemporary counterfeits will not be disappointed either. Lower Canada has the blacksmith tokens, the brass "Tiffin" and "Bust & Harp" tokens. Nova Scotia has the counterfeits of the coinage of 1832, as well as cast local forgeries of these and other tokens. There is a rich field here for study some day of counterfeiting in the Canadian Colonies.

## COLLECTING CANADIAN COINS & EXONUMIA (Cont'd)

Canada has seen over the years the issue of large quantities of pieces called today by that new American word, "Exonumia". These include trade tokens, transportation tokens, advertising cards, shell and mirror cards, spinners, dairy tokens, and bread tokens. It is only within the past ten years that any serious attention has been given to these pieces since Breton's time. Books have been published on trade tokens of the provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, and work is going on in listing the issues of the other provinces.

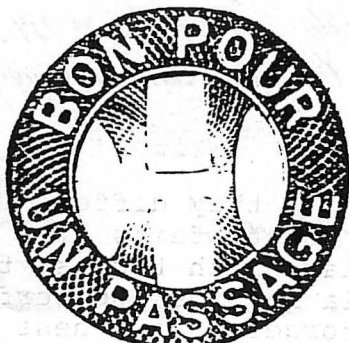
For the most part, these pieces have not the national historical interest of the Colonial series, but they are of interest to local historians. They were issued after 1870 and at various times till the present day. Many of the trade tokens were intended to supplement the supply of ready money in a given community, but were acceptable only in the community where they were issued. When they threatened to become more numerous, the government had to step in and forbid their further issue.



Despite the fact that trade tokens are usually undated, they can be dated approximately at times. They were generally issued in denominations corresponding to the coins in use, and were the same size as the coins. Those issued before 1922 had a five-cent token the size of the small silver five-cent piece, while sets issued later have a five-cent token the size of the nickel coin. Similarly,

any series with a cent token contained a large one equal in size to the large cent before 1920. In these cases the cent token was in brass. After 1920 the cent token was the size of the small cent.

Dairy and bread tokens first came into use about 1890 but not until about 1950 were they in widespread use. Advertising cards are somewhat older, and some types are classified as medals, since they were combined with commemorative designs on various occasions. The shell, mirror cards and spinners are a product of the period from 1920 to 1940. These are rather few in Canada and are now being studied and listed by collectors.



Transportation tokens date from Colonial times, the first being the well known and rare Bout de l'Isle tokens of Montreal. These are a series of tokens issued to pay the tolls across three bridges built to connect the east end of Montreal Island with the mainland. A second early transportation token is the Lauzon ferry token of 1821, struck to pay the fare across the St. Lawrence River from Quebec to Levis.

Many pieces have been issued since those times in all Canadian provinces, including the mysterious Halifax Ferry token.

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## COLLECTING CANADIAN COINS & EXONUMIA (Cont'd)

In an article such as this, one cannot say very much about Canadian medals and paper money, since they are obviously not coins or tokens. Nevertheless these two branches of Canadian numismatics are well worthy of attention.

Canadian paper money includes the first paper money issued in North America -- the card money of the French regime, first released in 1685. There is a wealth of private notes of colonial merchants. Army Bills of 1812, broken and chartered bank notes, government treasury notes, and finally the notes of the Bank of Canada.

Medals struck in and for Canada were made for numerous purposes. In addition to the increasingly popular war medals, there are medals issued for schools and universities, carnivals, exhibitions and fairs, churches, temperance societies, Masonic and other lodges, athletic competitions, musical and drama festivals, and last, but by no means least, the flood of commercial medals inundating us today.

There is plenty of material for study in Canadian numismatics. Whatever field the collector is interested in, he will find much to give him pleasure. Perhaps the best way to end this article is to say, "Come on in! The numismatics is fine!"



ABOVE — Playing Card Money, used for approximately 75 years, helped alleviate the currency shortage. BELOW — Canada's first banknote, five shillings, issued August 10, 1792.



# EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

## MARCH AUCTION LIST

<u>NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TREND</u>	<u>RESERVE</u>	<u>SOLD</u>
1.	1938 CAN. 25 CENTS	VF	\$8	-	_____
2.	1984 AUSTRALIA MINT SET	PL	\$42	-	_____
3.	1909 NEWFOUNDLAND 50 CENTS	VG	\$5	-	_____
4.	1991 BLUE JAYS 1 OZ. SILVER ROUND MEDALLION	PR	\$49.50	-	_____
5.	1944 CAN. 25 CENTS	AU	\$20	-	_____
6.	1995 CAN. 50 CENTS	PL	\$6	-	_____
7.	1908 CAN 1 CENT	VF	\$8	-	_____
8.	1976 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO \$5.00 SIL.	PR	\$14	-	_____
9.	1939 CAN. 25 CENTS	EF	\$12	-	_____
10.	1994 CAN. 50 CENTS	PL	\$6	-	_____
11.	1951 GREAT BRITAIN 5 SHILLING (.500 SILVER)	UNC	\$15	-	_____
12.	1937 CAN. \$20 NOTE (BC-25D)	VF30	\$35	-	_____
13.	1925 CAN. 1 CENT	F15	\$30	-	_____
14.	1970 UN MEDAL	PROOF	\$5	-	_____
15.	1946 CAN. 50 CENTS, NO DESIGN	VF	\$16.00	-	_____
16.	1979 CAYMAN ISLANDS SILVER \$5.00	PROOF	\$23	-	_____
17.	1884 CAN. 1 CENT	EF	\$15	-	_____
18.	1988 FRANCE 10 FRANCS BI-METALLIC COIN	UNC	\$5.00	-	_____
19.	1967 NEW ZEALAND MINT SET	UNC	\$6.25	-	_____
20.	1986 \$2.00 CAN. NOTES, CONSECUTIVE, 5 PCS	UNC	\$15	-	_____
21.	1908 NEWFOUNDLAND 50 CENTS	VG	\$5	-	_____
22.	1995 CAN. 50 CENTS	PL	\$6	-	_____
23.	1991 RUSSIAN RUBLE BI-METALLIC COIN	UNC	\$8	-	_____
24.	1952-1977 GR. BR. SILVER JUBILEE CROWN- CASED NICKEL	UNC	\$5	-	_____
25.	1986 \$2.00 CAN. NOTES, CONSECUTIVE, 5 PCS	UNC	\$15	-	_____
26.	1995 CAN. 50 CENTS	PL	\$6	-	_____
27.	1978 ST. HELENA CROWN	UNC	\$5	-	_____
28.	1919 CAN. 10 CENTS	VF	\$6	-	_____
29.	1893 CAN. 1 CENT	EF45	\$20	-	_____
30.	1931 PANAMA 1 BALBOA (.900 SIL)	EF	\$14.00	-	_____
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# Edmonton Numismatic Society

## COIN, STAMP & COLLECTIBLES SHOW



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### **CONVENTION INN**

**4404 CALGARY TRAIL  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

**APRIL 12th & 13th, 1997**

**Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Admission \$1.00 Advance  
\$2.00 at the Door (16 & under FREE)  
COIN DISPLAYS, DOOR PRIZE DRAWS  
April 12th Breakfast Meeting, 9:00 a.m.  
with guest speaker, door prize, \$10.  
RSVP Mike @ 450-0155 by April 10th.**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COIN DEALER  
OR CALL 435-3294 OR 433-7288**