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45th Anniversary year!



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MEETING NOTICE

DATE : WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1998

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

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

(Use Archives Entrance to Main floor Lecture Room P138)

**PROGRAM : RCM VIDEO, MEMBER TALKS ON WORLD
COINAGE AND WOODEN MONEY, AND CNA UPDATE**

JUNE MEETING AGENDA

We will be having a 10 min. video from the Royal Canadian Mint called "Reflections of Canada", as well as several members talking on a variety of subjects, such as foreign coinage and wooden money. We will have our final Convention recap before the big show in July. If you are still not yet involved, please contact any member of the Executive to put your name in as a volunteer.

MAY MEETING MINUTES

May's meeting saw 20 members in attendance. Joe welcomed those in attendance as well as a couple of new members. Dan gave an update on the Convention which included a dealer update, registration kits being mailed out, applications being received via the internet, hotel is being renovated and is scheduled to be completed prior to our convention. Negotiations ongoing with the RCM on the locations for the Mint Reception. Display cases being purchased / rented from the NSNS. Presentations were made by Jim Kindrake on Iraqi Coinage from 1931. Jim described the history of the coinage and presented type sets and individual coins of the coinage of Iraq. The coins were circulated for the members to view. This was a very informative presentation and some beautiful coins were viewed by the members. Our next speaker was Terry Cheesman who gave a slide presentation on Coins of Egypt from 305 B.C. Terry had 46 slides of 26 coins in the presentation and all were from Terry's own collection. The slides were very well done and well presented.

***Less than 2 months
before the CNA
Convention!
Have you reserved
your room &
Registered yet?***

THE SUCCESS OF THE UPCOMING CNA CONVENTION WILL IN MOST PART DEPEND ON THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF ENS MEMBERS, BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP OUT AT THE CONVENTION AND REGISTERING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE CONVENTION. YOUR HELP IN RENTING A ROOM OR TWO DURING THE CONVENTION WILL GO A LONG WAY IN MEETING OUR GOALS. EDMONTON HAS NOT HOSTED A CONVENTION FOR 19 YEARS, AND WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WE WILL MAKE IT A SUCCESS. THIS CONVENTION WILL SEE THE MOST COIN DEALERS AND MINTS IN ALBERTA IN RECENT MEMORY, SO PLAN TO ATTEND, PLAN TO SUPPORT THE DEALERS AND THE ENS COMMITTEE DURING THIS OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD IN SEEING YOU AT THE CONVENTION!

Sincerely, Michael Schneider & Dan Gosling

BRITISH ROYAL MINT ISSUES A MEDAL SHOWING THE RMS TITANIC

By Jerry Remick

In 1998, the British Royal Mint issued a 38.45mm medal in semi-proof condition in nickel-brass to commemorate the ship, the RMS Titanic. Harland & Wolff, the company who constructed the ship at Belfast, Ireland, gave the British Royal Mint the commission to make the medal and distribute it.

The RMS Titanic belonged to the White Star Line Steamer Company. On April 10, 1912, it departed from Southampton, England, on its maiden voyage, bound for New York, with more than 1,300 passengers and 900 crew on board. The Titanic was 882.5 feet long (nearly the length of three football fields), 92.5 feet wide and 100 feet high (11 stories). It weighed 46,328 tons.

At 11:45 p.m. on April 14, 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg 531 km southeast of Newfoundland. Two hours and 35 minutes later, at 2:20 a.m. on April 15, 1912, the ship sank to the ocean floor, 2.5 miles below, breaking into two pieces just before sinking.

There were only 16 lifeboats with a total capacity for 1,178 persons. Some lifeboats left not filled to capacity. 1,513 lives were lost and 711 people were saved in lifeboats, being picked up by the Carpathia four hours after the Titanic sank. The Titanic had given the incorrect position of its location to the Carpathia and so the latter was delayed in finding the lifeboats.

The Titanic was traveling at the dangerously high speed of 22 knots (41 km/hour), in an area where icebergs had been reported by other ships. The Titanic slid along the side of a large iceberg, which tore a hole in its metal plating, about 295 feet long, starting somewhat beyond the bow of the ship and ending near its center. This hole punctured five of the ship's sixteen watertight compartments, one more compartment than the safety margin allowed, to keep the ship afloat. Gradually, the other compartments filled with water and the ship sank.

Other contributing factors to the sinking of the Titanic were that the quality of the steel plates that formed the outer part of the ship, while of good quality for 1912, were not of the higher quality of today's steel and also that the ice cold water weakened the steel. Furthermore, it is believed that the central part of the rivets that held the steel plates together, were made of substandard material, so that when the ship slid along the side of the iceberg, which tore a hole 295 feet long in it, the rivets sheared or broke under pressure instead of bending.

The obverse side of the medal shows the RMS Titanic on April 10, 1912, at its departure from Southampton, England. "RMS/TITANIC" is below.

The reverse side shows the flag and at the bottom the emblem of Harland & Wolff, who constructed the Titanic and also the flag of the White Star Line Steamer Company, who purchased the ship from Harland & Wolff. "WHITE STAR LINE" is engraved at the left and "HARLAND & WOLFF" at right.

The medal is not dated.

The medal is available in a descriptive cardboard holder for \$39.95 plus \$5.95 for postage, plus 7% GST from British Royal Mint, P.O. Box 33518, Dundurn Postal Outlet, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4X4, Tel.(800)563-5943. U.S. residents may order the medal at \$29.95 U.S. plus \$4.95 postage and handling from the British Royal Mint, Cheyenne, WY, 82008-0031, Tel. (800) 221-1215.



PRESS RELEASE

June 1, 1998

On behalf of the Edmonton Numismatic Society, we would like to announce the issuance of a Bi-metallic Token, to commemorate the Edmonton Numismatic Society hosting the 1998 CNA Convention, as well as it's 45th Anniversary! The Bi-Metallic token, shown below, is comprised of the following specifications:

Diameter - 25mm
Outer ring - Aluminum Bronze
Inner Plug - Copper Nickel
Edge- Plain

Obverse description, Outer Ring - Has 'JOIN US " ON THE TRAIL OF '98" ' at the top, '1998 CNA CONVENTION JULY 29 - AUG. 2' on the bottom. The Centre Plug has the ENS design of a gold pan with pick and shovel crossing. The Reverse description, Outer Ring - has 'EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY' on the top, and 'CELEBRATING OUR 45th ANNIVERSARY' on the bottom. The Centre Plug has 'REDEEMABLE BY THE E.N.S. FOR \$2.00 EXPIRES JAN 1, 2000'.

This token, which is redeemable for \$2.00 by the ENS up to Jan. 1, 2000, is the first Bi-Metallic token to be issued by a Coin Club, as far as the Worldwide Bi-Metallic Collectors Club knows. We will be producing 400 pieces for sale as follows:

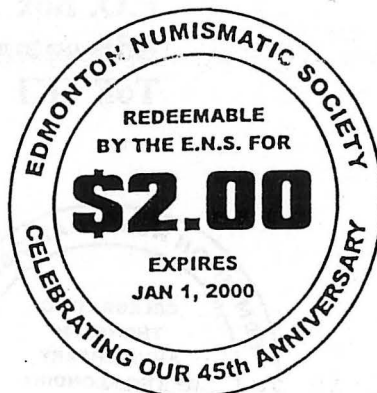
Canadian Orders - 1 Token	\$8.00 plus \$1.00 postage & handling
- 2 Tokens	\$15.00 plus \$1.00 postage & handling
U.S Funds - 1 Token	\$6.00 US plus \$1.00 US postage & handling

Edmonton Numismatic Society members only may order up to 10 tokens each, non-ENS members may order up to 5 pieces each, while supplies last. Tokens may be pre-ordered on a first come, first served basis.

Mail Orders will not be filled until AFTER the CNA Convention (Aug. 2, 1998)

Orders may be sent to:

Edmonton Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 75024, Ritchie P.O.,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
T6E 6K1



(Shown 2 times actual size for clarity)

PRESS RELEASE

June 1, 1998

On behalf of the Edmonton Numismatic Society, we would like to announce the issuance of a Convention Wood, to commemorate the Edmonton Numismatic Society hosting the 1998 CNA Convention, as well as it's 45th Anniversary! The Wood, shown below, is 1.75 inches in diameter and printed on both sides with blue foil stamp.

Obverse description within a chain design has 'EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY' at the top, '1998 CNA CONVENTION JULY 29 - AUG. 2' on the bottom. The Centre design has the ENS design of a gold pan with pick and shovel crossing. The Reverse description, Outer Ring - has 'EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY' on the top, and 'CELEBRATING OUR 45th ANNIVERSARY' on the bottom. The centre description has 'CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KLONDIKE ROUTE THRU EDMONTON'.

The wood was designed by John Callaghan, Michael Schneider and Dan Gosling.

300 pieces of the wood will be made. Limited quantities of the wood will be for sale, on a first come first served basis as follows:

Canadian Orders - 1 Wood	\$0.75 plus Self Addressed Stamped Envelope
U.S Funds - 1 Wood	\$1.00 US (includes postage & handling) or SASE

Mail Orders will not be filled until AFTER the CNA Convention (Aug. 2, 1998)

Orders may be sent to:
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1998 CNA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Hosted by the

EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

JULY 29 TO AUGUST 2

Name _____ CNA # _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____

Postal Code/ZIP _____ Telephone (____) _____ - _____

Name of Spouse or Family Member Being Registered _____

Exhibitors: Please check if you intend to exhibit competitively and

have not received your exhibitors kit. (CNA Membership required.) _____

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN WITH CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER
PAYABLE TO:

1998 CNA Convention

PO Box 75024 Ritchie PO

EDMONTON, AB

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QUANTITY ACTIVITY

_____ **Basic Registration Package at \$30.00 each**

1 Copper Convention Medal

1 Ribbon

1 Souvenir Program

3 Days Admission to bourse and exhibits

1 Royal Canadian Mint Reception

1 Official City Tour

_____ **Spouses Registration at \$15.00**

1 Ribbon

3 Days Admission to bourse and exhibits

1 Royal Canadian Mint Reception

1 Spouses Welcome Coffee Party

1 Official City Tour

_____ **Silver Convention Medal at \$40.00**

_____ **Extra Copper Convention Medal at \$17.00**

_____ **Welcome Coffee Party - No Charge**

_____ **Official City Tour - No Charge**

_____ **Royal Canadian Mint Reception - No Charge**

_____ **C.A.N.D. Breakfast (C.A.N.D. Members Only) - No Charge**

_____ **West Edmonton Mall Tour (Lunch Extra) - No Charge**

_____ **C.P.M.S. Luncheon & General Meeting \$15.00**

_____ **Riverboat Cruise & Dinner \$49.00**

(Includes bus transportation - depart 7:00 p.m. return 10:30 p.m.)

Dinner includes dinner, coffee/tea)

_____ **Riverboat Cruise (no dinner) \$27.00**

_____ **C.N.A. Club Delegates Breakfast \$9.00**

_____ **C.N.R.S. Breakfast (C.N.R.S. Members Only) \$9.00**

_____ **C.N.A. Banquet \$33.50**

_____ **C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast \$9.00**

_____ **Total**

Prices include all charges, taxes, gratuities, transportation charges and admissions where indicated. All tours IF sufficiently pre-booked will proceed although revisions may be made due to bad weather or other unforeseen causes.

If you are ordering medals and wish them sent by mail after the convention closes,

please add \$7 for handling, postage and registration for up to 3 medals. Convention needs will be met **first!**

Join us on the *trail of '98*

Soyez des nôtres sur la *trail de '98*



PROGRAM
1998 CNA CONVENTION
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EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
JULY 29 TO AUGUST 2

Wednesday, July 29 **Description**

- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Canadian Numismatic Association Executive Meeting
6:30 p.m. Past Presidents Dinner
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Bourse & Display setup

Thursday, July 30

- All day Shuttle Bus To West Edmonton Mall
8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Judges Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bourse and Display Setup - Displays must be fully setup by 9 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registrants Preview of Bourse & display
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Spouses Welcome Coffee Party
10:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. . . . Official Opening
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Preview of Auction Lots
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bourse and Display open to all
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. . . . City Bus Tour
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. . . . Canadian Paper Money Society Executive Meeting
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #1
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ferguson Foundation Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Mint Reception

Friday, July 31

- All day Shuttle Bus To West Edmonton Mall

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Canadian Association Numismatic Dealers Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bourse and Display open to all

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Preview of Auction Lots

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Canadian Paper Money Society Luncheon & General Meeting

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #2

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Classical & Medieval Numismatic Society Meet

6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Buses Leave for Edmonton Queen Riverboat Cruise & Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dinner & Cruise

10:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. . . . Buses Return to Hotel

10:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. . . . Midnight Cruise (return transportation to Hotel not included)

Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Canadian Numismatic Association Club Delegates Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Canadian Numismatic Research Society Breakfast Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bourse and Display open to all

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Preview of Auction Lots

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. . . . Canadian Numismatic Association General Meeting to be followed by CNA Awards Presentation

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Hospitality Suite

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Canadian Association of Token Collectors Meeting

12:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Canadian Tire Coupon Collector's Club Meeting

12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Numismatic Network Canada Meeting

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Craft Program "Christmas in July"

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Auction Session #3

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Canadian Numismatic Association / Numismatic Education Services Association Educational Forum

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception

7:00 p.m. Canadian Numismatic Association Banquet - followed by - Farewell Reception

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Canadian Association Wooden Money Collectors Breakfast Meeting

SLANG TERMS

by Thomas Masters



I thought it very appropriate if we used the slang term Tanner for this issue. I am sure that most of us are familiar with this term, but in any case, I hope all will read on.....

The British sixpence ceased to be legal tender early in July of 1980 after 429 years of minting.

During its long career, this silver coin was one of Britain's favourites. Generations of Britons sang, "I've got Sixpence, jolly, jolly, Sixpence". Millions of bets were settled by the flipping of this coin and countless children found one under their pillow after they had lost a tooth.

The old English tradition of putting coins in the Christmas pudding was another use for the popular coin. Woolworth chain in Britain were built on the Sixpence,--in America, the stores are known as the dime stores. The coin became

famous in story and song. It was featured in everything from old fashioned music halls to stage shows and movies.

At its conception in 1551, the Sixpence was a mighty thing, enough to pay a man's wages for a month. By its end, it had shrunk to a lowly 2.5 pence in the new decimal coinage, worth about 5 cents.

It is estimated that there are still 140 million coins still in existence. Many will be returned to the mint to be melted down. Those who hang onto them in the hopes of getting rich, his hope seems very remote. Still there are those who will put away a few for sentimental reasons. It may take sev-

eral generations before all the old adages of the coin are forgotten.

Information sources refer to tanner as a British Sixpence, origin unknown. Not even the British Royal Mint knew why the Sixpence was dubbed the "Tanner" in British slang. One theory is, that it was named for a mint employee named Tanner. After all these years it is unlikely the truth will ever be known.

Britiain's beloved Tanner is dead, but the memory will linger on.

NUMISMATIC SLANG TERMS:

Dough	-	Money	Horse Blanket	-	Large Size Bank Note
Quid	-	Pound	Rag Picker	-	Paper Money Collector
Buck	-	1 Dollar	Pieces of 8	-	8 Reale - Cut into 8 Pieces
Deuce	-	2 Dollars	1/4 Eagle	-	2½ Dollars U.S. Gold
Sawbuck	-	10 Dollars	1/2 Eagle	-	5.00 U.S. Gold
2 Bits	-	25 Cents	Eagle	-	10.00 U.S. Gold
Fin	-	5 Dollars	Double Eagle	-	20.00 U.S. Gold
Moola	-	Money	Cartwheel	-	U.S. Dollar- 1 Pence
Bread	-	Money			English 1897
Lanny	-	6 Pence	Greenbacks	-	Paper Money
Hapenny	-	Half Penny	Fish Scale Nickel	-	5 Cents Silver- 1858-1921
Thrippence	-	Three Pence	Shin Plaster	-	25 Cent Note

These are just a few catchy coin phrases, sayings, and slang terms. See how many more you can come up with.....

What this country needs is a good 5 Cent cigar.

Brother can you spare a dime?

Not worth a Continental.

Three coins in the fountain

It takes money to make money.

Talk is cheap but it takes money to buy whiskey.

I've got sixpence - to last me all my life.

CANADA'S MONEY SHOW

July 29 - August 2, Convention Inn, Edmonton

Auction by Charles D. Moore - July 30, 31 & Aug. 1, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Over 45 coin dealers, Royal Canadian Mint, Universal Mint & Downies in attendance. Coin Displays for public viewing Thurs, Fri. & Sat.

Daily prize draws for delegates & the public during the Bourse!

Coin Convention hours:

Thurs. July 30, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fri. July 31, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sat. Aug. 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Educational Forum: Sat. - 2:00 - 4:00

See Program for Special Event

Meetings & Tours

CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION '98



PUBLIC WELCOME

Delegate Package \$30.00
includes Convention Medal
3 day pass, Mint Reception &
City Tour

**GENERAL
ADMISSION \$2.00**



*Register to attend the Mint Reception
Thursday evening at 7:00*

*Join us Friday night for Dinner and
River Boat Cruise down the North
Saskatchewan River*

*The wrap up function for the Confer-
ence will be the Saturday night
Banquet at the Hotel!*

Conference Location:

CONVENTION INN, EDMONTON
4404 Calgary Trail, Edmonton, Ab.
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