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DATE: Wed., February, 2001 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30p.m.

PLACE: PROVINCIAL MUSEUM OF ALBERTA, 12845 - 102 Ave.,
(Use Archives entrance to Main Floor Lecture Room P138)

PROGRAM: Collecting Canadian Small Cents, The Good Samaritan Shilling, Show & Tell

FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA

February's meeting will see 2 main topics discussed. The first will be by Bob Eriksson, who will talk on **collecting Canadian Small Cents**. This has been Bob's specialty for many years and hasn't been discussed at a meeting for as long as I can remember. Our next speaker will be Dan Gosling, who will talk on the **Good Samaritan Shilling**. Members are also encouraged to bring in new acquisitions or any topic to share with the members for Show & Tell.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Thirty-Four Members and guests were in attendance at January's meeting. Dan welcomed all in attendance. The agenda included: Show & Tell, World Coins Talk, J. Wray Eltom Award, Token Talk then the draws. Joe also handed out the Advance tickets for the March Show. Several members provided show & tell information. Dan talked about a b o o k o n t h e Denver Mint, the history of Commemorative Coinage and California gold. James W. gave a talk and presentation on Phone cards. Maurice Doll advised members the "Money" exhibit has been postponed from coming to Edmonton until the spring or summer of 2002. Our main speaker was **James Kindrake** who gave a talk on **Cuban Coinage**. Cuba was discovered in 1492 with settlement starting in the 1500's. Modern coinage was minted in 1915, with about 40 scarce coins to collect today. James went through the history of the coinage, discussed the tourist money issue as well as commemoratives. He noted the US dollar is used to buy real

commodities, with the local coinage used for day to day purchases. Today the Cuban mint is busy minting coinage for Vietnam, Africa, Argentina as well as many other countries. James as usual, brought examples of all or most of the coinage discussed. Next the **J. Wray Eltom Award** was presented by Dan to Ray Neiman. Ray has been a supporter of

J. WRAY ELTOM AWARD WINNER

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NEW \$10 NOTE INFO ENCLOSED

the club for many years, as well as being on the Executive. Ray has been instrumental in recruiting the most members to the club for many years. Congratulations Ray. Dan noted the Library was open to lend books out, and he brought several with him. Next, **Markus M.** gave his talk on "**Borderline Tokens**".

He gave a 4 page printout of a Fred Bowman article on the subject, as well as 5 pages of 27 obverses and reverses of the tokens in question. The talk was followed by a question and answer period. This was a very well presented talk and was well appreciated by the members. Ray rounded off the evening with a talk on the 1804 US Dollar, which was one of the door prizes. Five door prizes were draw and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

MARCH DEALER TABLES AVAILABLE
THERE ARE A COUPLE OF DEALER TABLES AVAILABLE FOR OUR MARCH 10 & 11 SHOW. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A TABLE CAN CONTACT
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

One last notice for renewal of your membership. Cost is \$10 regular, \$12 family and entitles you to 9 - 10 newsletters per year, subsidized breakfasts at our club shows, free pizza in September, great prices at our club auctions and of course great entertainment, education and fellowship with our other members. If you haven't already done so, send in your membership with December's renewal form, or at a meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the executive of the ENS, we would like to extend our welcome to the following new members. If there are no objections, they will become members in good standing.

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Mark Minenko | St. Albert | #445 |
| David R. Lambert | Edmonton | #446 |
| Adriane Page | Little Rock, Arkansas | #447 |

Congratulations and welcome to the Edmonton Numismatic Society. A membership card and receipt will be forwarded in an upcoming newsletter.

J.WRAY ELTOM AWARD

Congratulations to Ray Neiman, the winner of the 2000 J.Wray Eltom Award. Ray has been a strong supporter of the club for many years, member of the executive and the club's best recruiter of members. This award has been expanded to include work by a member over a long period of time, not just for the past year. Congratulations Ray on the club's highest award.

NEWSLETTER QUALITY TO IMPROVE

I have been having difficulty lately, with the quality of the copies printed. As of February's newsletter, the copies will be made from a digital printer, and copy quality should improve. I apologize for the problem as we replaced our old Xerox with a new Canon Digital copier in January. MS.

EDITORS NOTE

Another great year has past in the history of the ENS. Once again we had great attendance at the meetings and at the 2 Coin & Stamp shows we put on in March and November. We averaged 28 members and guests at the 10 meetings in 2000. We had over 800 attend each Show in 2000. These are great numbers for any club in Canada. It would be interesting to know what other clubs across Canada have for regular meetings and at their shows. I expect only a few have as good or better numbers. We hope this means we are doing something right. I know we have a strong core group of members, those who attend 9 or 10 of the meetings per year. There are many others who attend probably 6-8 meetings per year, and a few only able to make 1-4 per year. This gives us great participation at the meetings. We've always had a strong educational program at our meetings, and I believe this is the main reason members show up. Also, there is a lot of friendship among the members which accounts for the occasional beer after a meeting. The success of the club Shows with both the dealers and the public, indicates a strong interest in the hobby in general in the Edmonton area. I get many calls from across Alberta, just before each show, wanting info on collecting or just to find out if they have anything of value. One nagging problem still persists, and that is the age of the collector. There still are too few young or junior collectors to keep the hobby going at this pace for ever. The "young" members of the club are over 40, with only a few under 40. Somehow we need to work on this and get younger collectors interested in the hobby. Perhaps you have a friend or relative who has some interest and just needs a little push in the right direction. Bring them to a meeting, let us know of their interests, and perhaps we can have a member be there mentor, guiding them in their main interests. We've got a lot of great members with a lot of knowledge, let's use it to help the hobby. MJS

COMING EVENTS

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| February 22 - 25, 2001 | Long Beach Coin & Collectibles Expo, Long Beach Conv. Centre. |
| March 3 & 4, 2001 | Westex Coin & Stamp Show, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan |
| March 8 - 10, 2001 | ANA National Money Show, Salt Lake City, Utah |
| March 10 & 11, 2001 | Edmonton Numismatic Society, Coin & Stamp Show, Coast Terrace Inn |
| March 16, 17 & 18, 2001, | Calgary Numismatic Society Coin Show, Info - Neil - 403-281-9104 |
| March 24, 2001 | Cambridge Coin Club Coin Show, Cambridge, Ontario |
| March 30 - April 1, 2001 | Edmonton Stamp Club, Spring National Stamp Show, West Edm. Mall |
| April 6 & 7 | Vancouver Numismatic Society, Oakridge Centre Auditorium |

NEW CANADIAN \$10 BANK NOTE ISSUED

The new \$10 note is the first in a new series of bank notes called *Canadian Journey*. This new series features themes that celebrate Canada's history, culture, and achievements.

The new notes are distinguished by state-of-the-art security features, world class designs chosen by Canadians, and a first of its kind tactile feature to help the blind and vision impaired.

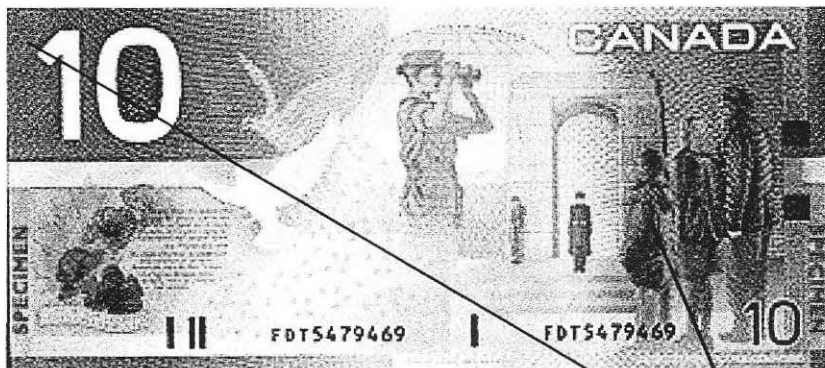
Although the current images will change, the new notes will remain the same size with the existing dominant colours on each denomination. The Queen and the Prime Ministers currently featured on the notes will remain on the same bills for the entire series. However, new portraits of these figures will be engraved for both security and aesthetic purposes.

The first redesigned note is the \$10 denomination. The \$5 note is expected to be issued later this year. The remaining new notes in the series - \$20, \$50, and \$100 - will be introduced over the next two to three years, allowing time to incorporate even more advanced anti-counterfeiting features into the higher denomination notes.

Issue Date: 17 January 2001

Size: 152.4 x 69.85 mm (6.0 x 2.75 inches)

Predominant colour: purple



Front Date on bank note: 2001

Signatures: Left - M.D. Knight

Right - G.G. Thiessen

Portrait: Sir John A. Macdonald

(Sir John A. Macdonald was Canada's first prime minister and held office from 1867 to 1873 and again from 1878 to 1891. He was born on 11 January 1815 in Glasgow, Scotland and died on 6 June 1891.)

Back Theme: Remembrance & Peacekeeping

Counterfeit Detection Measures:

1. Run your finger over the words **BANQUE DU CANADA-BANK OF CANADA** and the large number **10**; the ink feels thicker to the touch. You can also feel the raised ink on the **portrait** and the **Coat of Arms**.

2. Hold the note at eye level and tilt it at a 45° angle. The number **10** becomes visible.

3. When you tilt the note, the **three maple leaves**, pale and matte in appearance, change to a reflective gold colour. Note that the edges of the leaves are smooth and well defined.

4. A genuine note does not glow under ultraviolet light, except for the following features:

- the **Coat of Arms**, the words **DIX-TEN** and **BANK OF CANADA** **BANQUE DU CANADA** glow blue over the portrait;
- **white security fibres**, invisible in normal light, **glow red**; conversely, blue fibres, visible in normal light, do not glow.

5. Look for the text **TEN 10 DIX** printed in clear, small print to the left of the portrait. Notice that the characters in the caption identifying the Library of Parliament become smaller as the text progresses.

6. Some colours are difficult to reproduce; you may notice a difference in tone when comparing a suspect note with a genuine note.

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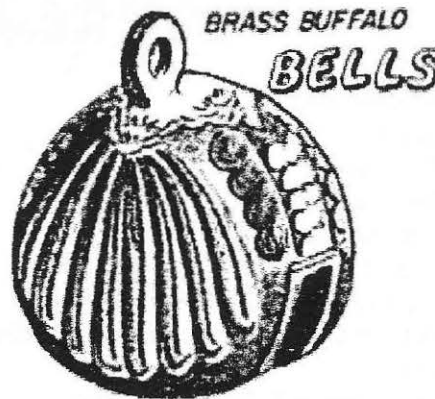
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Musket & bell info provided by
the October "Shoreline" newsletter,
from the North Shore Numismatic Society

ELIZABETH PETROVNA BAROQUE KOPECK



One of the short lived series of Russian coinage is the Baroque Kopeck (1755 - 1757). This coin deals with three re-occurring themes in Russian coinage.

1. Design Change : Every ruler of Imperial Russia was either honoured by a design change or sought a design change in coinage. In this instance the design change was part of a plan to reform copper coinage.
2. Monetary Reform : The state of copper valuation in Russia was set by the ruler. If a ruler needed more cash, then copper value could be adjusted and minted or re-minted to support the new valuation. The presence of coinage with one minted value but varying copper content lead to several recoinage plans.
3. Re-Coining : When copper was re-valuated, the presence of varying copper content for a single denomination usually resulted in recalls, re-minting or both.


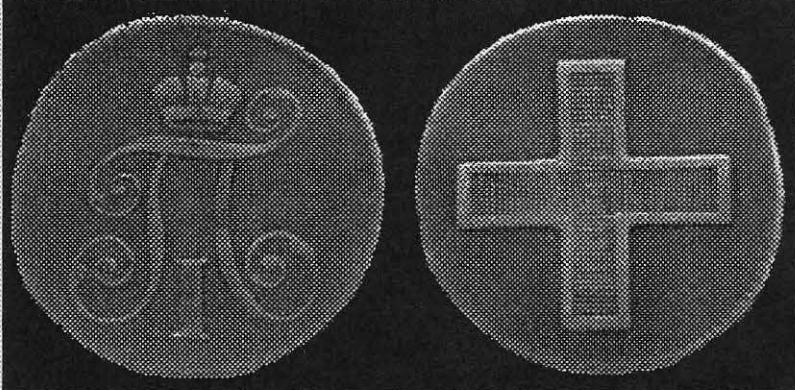

The above three aspects of Russian coppers (and silver, and gold, and platinum) are expressed simplistically. For detailed discussion of the matter I suggest reading the "Russian Monetary System" by Spassky and the "Copper Coinage of Russia" by Brekke and its 1997 supplement. Both books are listed on my Bibliography Pages.

The above coin :

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| Year | 1756 |
| Weight | 21.1 grams |
| Diameter | 33.33 mm |
| Thickness | 3 to 3.5 mm |
| Host Coin | 172? 5 kopeck |
| Obverse | Eagle in clouds with monogram EP in center, Mint Mark of St. Petersburg at bottom. Host coin 's cross design visible. |
| Reverse | Eagle in clouds with coin value in center, Year in at bottom. Host coin's eagle in circle at center design visible. |

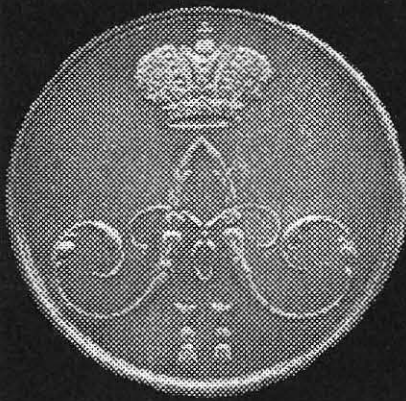
COINAGE OF IMPERIAL RUSSIA - JETON CORONATION

1689-1917

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|  | <p>EKATERINA II Emperess & Autocrat of All the Russias, Coronation Moscow 1762</p> |
|  | <p>PAUL I</p> |
|  | <p>ALEXANDER I Coronation at Moscow 1801</p> |



NICHOLAS I
Coronation at
Moscow 1826



ALEXANDER II
Coronation at
Moscow 1856



ALEXANDER III
Coronation at
Moscow 1883



NICHOLAS II
Coronation at
Moscow 1896

COINAGE OF IMPERIAL RUSSIA CURIOUS BEARD TOKEN



COURIOUS

The above beard token is genuine however it was gilded. It is not known why this was done but what is done is done.

NORMALLY

After travelling Europe, Peter the Great believed that the Europeanization of Russia was necessary and a prominent non-European indicator was the beard. Peter issued several laws for the taxing of beards. Those paying the tax were in turn issued a token. A token dated 7207th (old slavic year equivalent to 1698) is known as unique. The token above is dated 1705 and is the most common type. Square shaped tokens are known for 1724 and 1725.

1889-CC Morgan Dollar Realizes \$529,000 in Bowers & Merena Sale

Bruce Amspacher - January 09, 2001 (Coin Universe Library)

1953-S Franklin Half
Dollar PCGS MS66FBL
sold for an
unprecedented
\$69,000



The world famous Eliasberg/Jack Lee specimen of the 1889-CC Morgan dollar, certified as MS68 by the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS), sold for \$529,000 in the **Bowers & Merena Rarities Sale** on January 3, 2001. The spectacular rarity found a new home with one of its previous owners, as Jack Lee himself was the winning bidder. "I simply missed that beautiful coin," Lee admitted, "and I'm ecstatic to have it back."

The coin that created the greatest buzz of all wasn't the '89-CC dollar, though, but a 1953-S Franklin half dollar! Realizing a price that has to be followed with "Yes, that's really what it brought!" or "No, that's not a typographical error!" a PCGS certified

MS66FBL [Full Bell Lines] example soared to an unprecedented \$69,000.

A few of the many other highlights of the sale: A 1970-S Doubled Die Lincoln cent in PCGS MS66RD realized \$24,150; a 1901 Morgan dollar in PCGS MS64 brought \$42,550; an 1812 \$5 gold piece in PCGS MS64 fetched \$19,500 and a 1907 Wire Edge \$10 Indian in PCGS MS64 was bid to \$24,150.

"Bidding was strong from beginning to end," said Chris Karstedt of the Bowers & Merena staff. "Action was strong in all series from copper coins through gold," she continued. "This sale set a pace that will echo for a long time."

Counterfeits Abound in Asian Coin Error Collecting

Ken Potter - April 21, 1999, Coin Universe Article

Again - I warn collectors to be on the alert for counterfeit errors created on genuine commemorative coins from Thailand. Last year I reported upon three pieces that I encountered; one at a local coin show and two others from the collection of Mark Longas. Just recently, I've been advised of several more that are suspected to be counterfeits; at least two different (possibly more) were offered in a series of offline error-variety coin auctions (that are now over), and another, that is a virtual carbon copy to one of Longas' pieces, that was recently offered on eBay. The "eBay piece" was offered by "Eagles of War" (EOW) out of Clarksville, Tennessee. According to Bryan R. Timpe - General Manager of EOW, the coin was withdrawn from the auction as soon as its authenticity came into question by one of the readers of last year's report. EOW has a reputation of providing excellent service to its customers and it is a credit to their company that they acted so quickly to have the coin removed from the auction and to supply information for this article. According to Timpe, the piece was purchased from a local flea market and was thought to contain a genuine second strike at the time of purchase.

The coin involved is a BE2514 (1971) 50 baht **"20th Year Buddhist Fellowship"** commemorative (KM96). While I've only been able to view scanned images of the "eBay coin", they are of a quality that allows me to be reasonably certain that it was made in the same manner in which Longas' counterfeits were produced. On Longas' coins the original strike is genuine while the second strike was produced from what are commonly referred to in the hobby as *"spark erosion dies"*.

His coins confirmed my suspicions that other similar "errors" from this country that entered the error hobby in recent years may also be counterfeit. Thai coins with major "double strike" errors entered the hobby no less than six years ago — possibly as long as a decade ago — and began appearing in auctions and on the bourse tables of non-error coin dealers. All I have seen are dramatic double strikes with the second strike ranging within the most desirable 40% to 60% off center range and most are positioned in the "perfect" 6 O'clock position.

About four years ago this author purchased an example of a double strike on this same coin type from a world coin dealer at the Michigan State Numismatic Society Coin Convention only to find, upon closer inspection, that the second strike had been "acid treated" in an obvious (and successful) attempt to mask telltale EDM "spikes", a flaw characteristic of counterfeit dies created through the "spark erosion process". While the coin was suspected to be counterfeit, not enough evidence remained on the coin to make a positive call and it was returned to the dealer for a refund the next day based on the "acid treatment" alteration.

A description of the Longas specimen is as follows:

Thailand BE2414 (1971) 50 Baht Counterfeit Double Strike. Original centered strike is genuine and has been harshly cleaned before the counterfeiter added the second strike in an attempt to make it appear as though it occurred on an original BU/untoned coin at the time of minting. Second strike produced from electrical discharge machined (EDM) dies with no apparent attempt to remove "spikes" that are sprinkled across the central designs and blanket the fields; signs of harsh cleaning struck-out and not apparent on the second strike. The second strike is about 60% off center and "well placed" at the 6 O'clock position, a characteristic noted on two other counterfeits presumed to be from this batch. Submitted by: Mark Longas 1/98.

All of the recently reported suspect coins bear extremely similar descriptions to the above coin; those that could be viewed are confirmed as exhibiting the spikes and "well placed" second strike at the "perfect" 6 O'clock off center position. My guess is that many more exist and will eventually enter the market, one piece at a time.

Collectors owning any similar Thai "errors" that desire examination services may contact me at the address below. Collectors wishing to view images of the Longas specimen may go here>
<http://members.aol.com/kpotter256/page9.htm>

Ken Potter is the official attributor and lister of world doubled dies for the Combined Organizations of Numismatic Error Collectors of America and for the National Collector's Association of Die Doubling. He privately lists U.S. doubled dies and other collectable variety types on both U.S. and world coins in the Variety Coin Register. For more information on either of these clubs, or to learn how to get a variety listed in the Variety Coin Register, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope and \$0.52 U.S. postage (or \$0.75 Canadian) to Ken Potter, P.O. Box 760232, Lathrup Village, MI 48076-0232. Contact Ken via e-mail to: Kpotter256@aol.com, or visit his Educational Image Gallery located at: <http://www.uscents.com/potter/>.

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