

Edmonton Numismatic Society

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DATE: Wed. Dec. 11, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. door opens, 7:30

Meeting

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

(Use Archives entrance to Main Floor Lecture Rm. P138)

PROGRAM: ANCIENT COIN CLEANING, CHARITY DONATION
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DECEMBER MEETING AGENDA

December's meeting will see a new speaker, Marc Bink, present a display and demonstration on cleaning Ancient Coins. Marc has been collecting ancients for some time, and has obtained and cleaned hordes of ancient coins. This is one you won't want to miss! In addition, members are encouraged to bring in numismatic related items to auction off for a charity fundraiser. This was very successful and fun last year so bring in your doubles and items you want to get rid of. This time of year we have our annual nominations and election of officers of the club. We are always looking for new blood so please attend and support the club. As always, Show & Tell items from the members are always welcome and encouraged. See you at the meeting!

NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Forty (40) members and guests met for a buffet breakfast on Sunday morning, as part of the November show function. Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Michael gave an update of the attendance at Saturdays show. Dan then gave a talk about volunteers and their importance to the club. One way we recognize our volunteers is the annual award for members who contribute most to the club in the previous year. This

years recipient, James Williston, was presented the award at the breakfast meeting. Following the presentation, Howard Gilbey conducted nominations for executive positions. See the report in this newsletter for the results. Our guest speaker was Michael Walsh from Vancouver, who gave a detailed presentation on digital photography. He brought all his equipment and took

November Show Another Success!

Kids-On-Coins display at November Show

J. Wray Eltom Award Winner: James Williston

some photos and edited them and gave recommendations on camera types, doing a "white" balance for the camera and recommendations on pixel size and Jpeg size. He uses Photo Shop to edit and file the photos. At the end of the talk, Dan gave each attendee a CD disk of thousands of digital photos prepared by Michael Walsh. The disks were purchased from Michael and given to each member. Thanks to Michael for providing the disks to the club at cost.

J. Wray Eltom Award Winner

On behalf of the executive of the ENS, we would like to congratulate member James Williston, for his contribution to the club, over the past several years. James has helped out and given talks at meetings, provided displays for shows, and setting up and tearing down at the shows. He is well deserved of the award. He now resides in Calgary, but will continue as an ENS member. Thanks again Jim!

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Show Report

Once again the club put on a successful show. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out, things went relatively smooth. Statistics for the show are as follows:

SAT. PRESALES ATTENDED	84
SATURDAY TICKETS BOUGHT	201
SUNDAY TICKETS BOUGHT	135
SUN. PRE-SALES ATTENDED	62
FREE (KIDS & OTHERS ATTENDING BOTH DAYS)	129
DEALERS & STAFF BOTH DAYS	104
<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>715</u>

Volunteers for set-up and teardown, reception desk, displays, advertizing etc., were:

John Callaghan, James Willistion, Terry Cheesman, Erich Schmidt, Bob Ericksson, Jules Rach, Celina Comeau, Michael Schneider, Eldon Kuss, David Peter. Thanks to Dan Gosling for the Web page info and organizing the guest speaker for Sunday, and Howard Gilbey for nominations. Winners of the door prize draws were as follows:

1. Roger Lacombe, Edmonton, - 1991 \$100 Gold Coin
2. Herb Grynke, Spruce Grove - 1984 Double Dollar Set
3. Mark Youzwa - 1997 Specimen Set
4. Marc Bink, Ft. Saskatchewan - 2002 Jubilee Set
5. Frankie Kerr, Edmonton - 2002 Mint Set

Congratulations to all the winners. Additional prizes for Junior members are listed in the "Kids-on-Coins" report by Ron Darbyshire. Thanks are also extended to Stan Wright and John Ward for donating prizes for the draws.

Special thanks to all those members who sold advance tickets to the show. We sold 23 books of 11 tickets each. Ray Neiman sold the most books with 9 sold.

The dealers were generally pleased, with many indicating they sold more in 1 day at our show, than in all 3 days at the CNA in Vancouver. Thanks to all the dealers in attendance:

1. *National Pride Coins & Stamp*; 2. *Loose Change, St. Michael*; 3. *Classic Cash, Sylvan Lake*; 4. *West Edmonton Coin & Stamp*; 5. *Collins Coins, Sherwood Park*; 6. *Canada Coin & Paper Money, St. Albert*; 7. *Pack Rats Antiques Coins & Stamps, Morrinville*; 8. *OK Coin & Stamp, Kelowna, BC*; 9. *Joe Bardy Coins Edm.*; 10. *Kensington Coin & Stamp Edm.*; 11. *Lub Wojtiw Paper Money Edm.*; 12. *Calgary Coin Gallery, Calgary*; 13. *Diverse Equities, Calgary*; 14. *Lucky Dollar Coins, Edm.*; 15. *Kamerican Coins, Edm.*; 16. *M.J. Daniels, Calgary*; 17. *Newcan Coins, Cards & Collectibles, Kenora, Ont.*; 18. *Ed Jackson Coins, Edm.*; 19. *D.B. & D Collectables, Edm.*; 20. *Ed & Norms Coins, Edm.*; 21. *Michael*

Riddell Coins & Stamps, Edm. 22. *George Manz Coins, Regina*; 23. *Lorne Paydli, Brano, Saskatchewan*; 24. *J. Garvey & Sons Stamps, Edmonton*; 25. *R.D. Miner Philatelics, Calgary*; 26. *Royal William Stamps, Edmonton*; 27. *J. & M. Jewellery & Coin, Vancouver*; 28. *Charles D. Moore Numismatics, California*; 29. *Michael Walsh, Vancouver.*

ENS 50th ANNIVERSARY SHOWS ANNOUNCED

The ENS has confirmed the dates for the 2 shows in 2003. The Club is celebrating it's 50th anniversary in 2003. Special events are planned for each show, which will be announced closer to the show dates. The shows will be held on March 29 - 30. & November 8 - 9, 2003. See the show poster at the back of this newsletter. Due to a conflict with the National Stamp Show in Edmonton, we will have a few openings for dealers to replace the stamp dealers who are unable to attend. This would be for the March show only. Due to increases in the hotel rent and table rentals, the costs for the tables will be increasing to \$120 per 8' table. Dealers interested in attending can contact the show chairman, Michael at 780-496-6602. Limited space is available.

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.

Jay Charland	#477	Edmonton
Rick Johnson	#478	Edmonton
David Coupland	#479	Nisku, Alta
D.B. & D. Collectables	#480	Edmonton

Congratulations and welcome to the Edmonton Numismatic Society. A membership card will be forwarded in due course, with an upcoming newsletter.

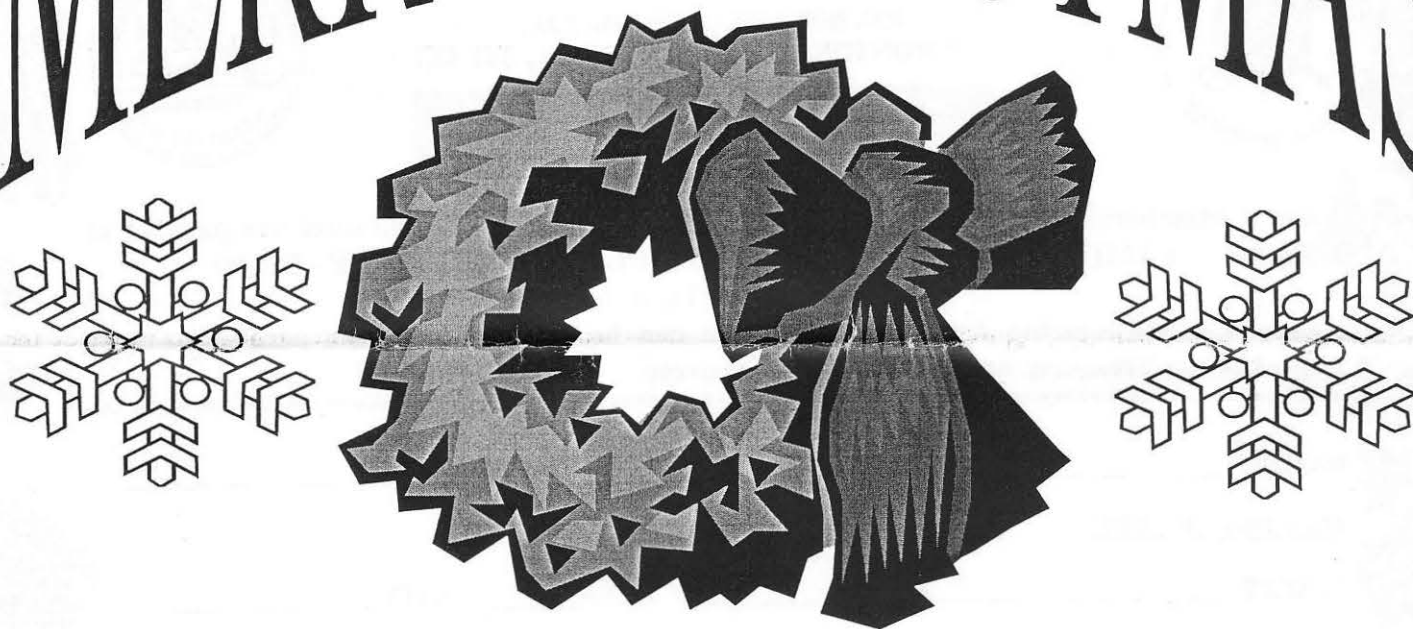
SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank Gary Donahue for the great job he did building the new club display cases, at a great price as well. They will without doubt be appreciated for years to come.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 17 - 19, 2003	New York City International Numismatic Convention, Waldorf Astoria, \$10 Adm.
Jan. 24 - 26, 2003	CAND show, Hamilton, Ont., Ramada Plaza Hotel, 905-318-1638, \$3 Admission
March 28 - 30, 2003	Eastern Ont. Num. Show, Days Inn Conv. Centre, \$3 Admission
March 29 & 30, 2003	Edmonton Numismatic Society 50th Anniversary Coin Show, Coast Terrace Inn

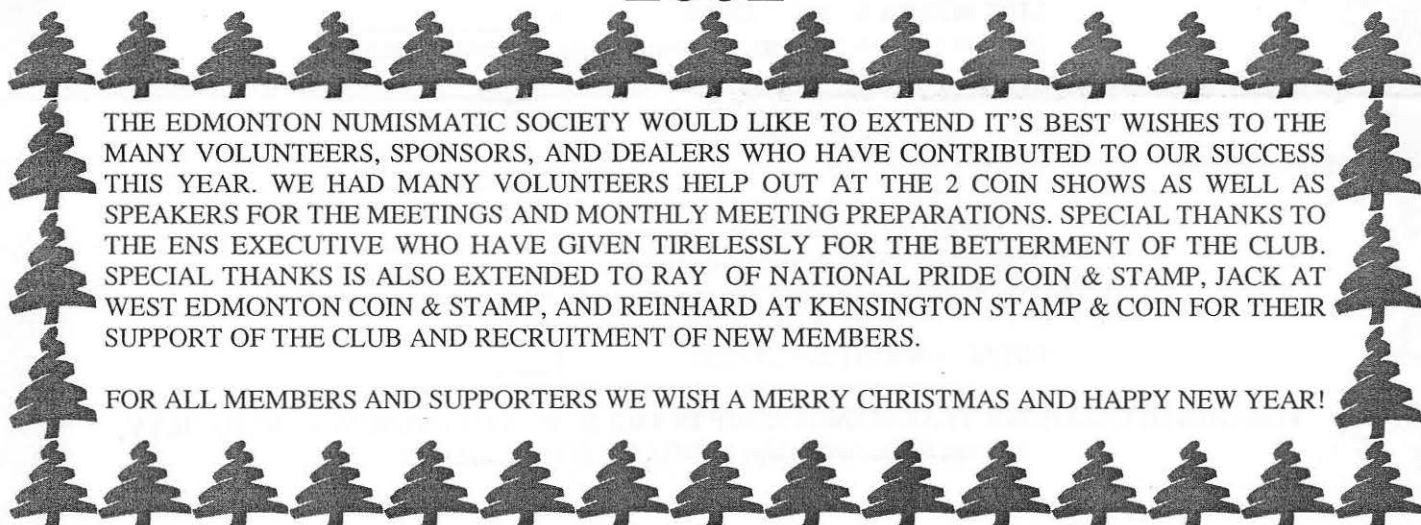
MERRY CHRISTMAS



FROM THE

Edmonton Numismatic Society

2002



THE EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND IT'S BEST WISHES TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS, AND DEALERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR SUCCESS THIS YEAR. WE HAD MANY VOLUNTEERS HELP OUT AT THE 2 COIN SHOWS AS WELL AS SPEAKERS FOR THE MEETINGS AND MONTHLY MEETING PREPARATIONS. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ENS EXECUTIVE WHO HAVE GIVEN TIRELESSLY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CLUB. SPECIAL THANKS IS ALSO EXTENDED TO RAY OF NATIONAL PRIDE COIN & STAMP, JACK AT WEST EDMONTON COIN & STAMP, AND REINHARD AT KENSINGTON STAMP & COIN FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CLUB AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS.

FOR ALL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS WE WISH A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2002

SEASONS GREETINGS

EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Annual Membership is now due and payable as of January 1. The dues are payable as follows: **FAMILY - \$12.00 SENIOR / REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - \$10.00 JUNIOR \$3.00 (16 and under)**

Below is a Membership renewal form which can be brought in to the next meeting or mailed to the Treasurer at the above noted address.

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MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED (Canadian Funds unless noted otherwise)

ANNUAL DUES:	FAMILY	\$12.00	\$ _____
	REGULAR	\$10.00	\$ _____
	JUNIOR (16 AND UNDER)	\$ 3.00	\$ _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$300.00 \$ _____
(After min. 1 year membership - payment plan available on request)

(US ADDRESSES IN US FUNDS OVERSEAS ADD \$5.00)

DONATIONS:	CLUB ARCHIVES	\$ _____
	LIBRARY	\$ _____
	JUNIORS	\$ _____
	INTERNET WEB PAGE SPONSOR	\$ _____

(Current internet costs are about \$15.00 per month. All donations accepted)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

FOR ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EDMONTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,
(except life membership) JANUARY TO DECEMBER

The earliest published work on
Canadian material only:

COINS,
TOKENS AND MEDALS

OF THE

DOMINION OF CANADA ;

BY

ALFRED SANDHAM,

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1869.

Alfred Sandham (1838 - 1910)

by

Barry Uman F.C.N.R.S./F.C.N.A.

Alfred Sandham was born in Montreal on November 1st, 1838 and lived until December 24, 1910. He first resided on Wellington Street and later moved to Nazareth Street. He attended school briefly before going to work in N.Y.C. for two years. He returned to Montreal and worked at the Montreal Telegraph Company. He later joined the Grand Trunk Railroad and was sent to Richmond Station, Quebec.

Alfred Sandham was married in 1857 and moved to Covey Hill, Quebec in 1858, but he soon returned to Montreal, to live with his parents on Nazareth Street. It is not known what had become of his marriage. He worked for his father as a painter.

In 1864, Alfred Sandham became the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. He was responsible for improving its operations and attracted the attention of T. J. Claxton, who hired him as his private secretary in 1872. He resigned from the Y.M.C.A. And became the editor of the *Canadian Railway Guide* in 1877. During this period he received an offer to work as general secretary of the Toronto Y.M.C.A., but he did not want to leave Montreal. The offer was again repeated in 1878 and it was accepted. As at Montreal, previously, he was responsible for the great improvement in the operation of the Y.M.C.A.

In 1882, Alfred Sandham became the editor of the many publications of the Willard Trust Depository of Toronto. He also began a religious periodical entitled *The Christian Witness*, of which he purchased with all the publications of the Willard Trust. He later sold his entire business to begin a new job of arranging the vast collection of letters and manuscripts that had accumulated in the files of the Willard Trust Depository. He also agreed to catalogue the extensive collection of Canadiana that had been mixed when the Toronto Public Library had been moved to a new location.

Alfred Sandham first collected shells, minerals, natural history items, antiques, stamps and finally coins. He collected the most interesting specimens so as to learn of its history and to convey this information to others. In his later years, his chief interest was numismatics. He formed four separate collections which he sold at different times to V. B. Hall, Gerald Hart, R. W. McLachlan and the last was sold by auction in N.Y.C. by H. P. Smith on January 18 and 19, 1884.

Alfred Sandham joined the *Montreal Numismatic Society* in 1865 and became one of its most active members. In 1869, he helped to incorporate the society. It was through his efforts in 1870, that the society issued its first official medal to commemorate its incorporation in 1870. The 42 mm medal was struck in bronze and white metal and is listed as Breton 171/LeRoux 1610.

Strangely, the obverse inscription differs from the society's official seal. It reads; "NUMISMATIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY/MONTREAL CANADA". The engraver's

name appears at the bottom, "J.D.SCOTT SC". On the reverse below the wreath, appears the name, "SANDHAMS SERIES NO 1". It was Sandham's intention to issue a series of historical medals including the principal events in the history of Montreal.

Alfred Sandham was responsible for the issue of a number of medals that are related both to the Y.M.C.A. and educational institutions. Two different medals, Breton 165/LeRoux 1880 and Breton 166/LeRoux 1881 were struck to commemorate the opening of the Montreal Y.M.C.A. building in 1872 with its founding in 1851 and incorporation in 1870.

Alfred Sandham's name appears as the secretary, under the board of directors. Thomas James Claxton's portrait and name appear on these medals which were also engraved by J. S. And A. B. Wyon in England.

The other medals are Breton 136/LeRoux 1435, which was issued for the Russell Hall Sunday School and it also pictures Claxton. It was engraved by J. S. And A. B. Wyon. The medal for the Presbyterian College may be either Breton 130/LeRoux 1228 or Breton 131/LeRoux 1229 and was engraved by G. H. Lovett in the U.S.A.

Perhaps Alfred Sandham's historical series No 2 medal was intended to be Breton 186/LeRoux 1540. It commemorates the first visit of Jacques Cartier to Hochelaga on October 3, 1535. The medal was issued 340 years later in 1875. The dies were engraved by the Bishop of Montreal but the workmanship was very unsatisfactory. Sandham had the dies defaced and he abandoned his plans for any other commemorative medals.

Some medals were struck in white metal from the defaced dies by an unknown "young collector", according to McLachlan. He also claimed that no specimens were struck from the untouched die, but a copper medal exists in the collection at the Chateau de Ramezay belonging to the Antiquarian and Numismatic Association of Montreal.

Alfred Sandham's greatest contribution was in the field of numismatic research. One of the principal aims of the first Montreal Numismatic Society was to acquire historical artifacts and information and make it available to its members and other interested parties. This was begun in 1872, when he started the first Journal, *The Canadian Antiquarian and Numismatic Journal*. He became the first editor and writer and continued for four years.

Together with all his other contributions to numismatics, Alfred Sandham will be always remembered for his book on Canadian numismatics; *"The Coins, Tokens and Medals of Canada"*, which appeared in 1869 and followed with a supplement in 1872. This is the earliest published work on Canadian material only and predates both Breton and LeRoux by 21 years. The book was dedicated to the "NUMISMATIC AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF MONTREAL" whose members probably contributed to this book.

The book numbers 72 pages and is illustrated with 150 pictures of coins, medals and tokens. It begins with a brief history of the different kinds of exchange used in New France, to the coins and tokens of the provinces. Unfortunately, Sandham did not list all the medals because of the extra cost

of publishing this book. He wanted it to be available for a reasonable price but he did include many at the end of his book.

An original edition of the 1869 book was discovered in 1992 with a very interesting typed letter;

“Of this work there were 300 copies printed but only 250 were bound. It was anything but a financial success. While it was offered at the absurdly low price of 75 cts only about 100 copies were disposed of by sale. The remaining copies were given away to friends, societies and the press. The sheets remained in the hands of Mr. Rose, printer, for nearly three years when they were thrown out as waste paper, by my orders.

All the full page illustrations were drawn by myself (not much to boast of?) And were lithographed by Bishop & Co of Montreal. The medals pp 51-66 (excepting pp 55 to 59) were also prepared from my pen drawings. They are of interest from the fact that they are among the first if not the first blocks prepared by what is now known as photo-engraving, which appeared in a printed book. They were popularly known as *Leggotypes* after Mr. W. A. Leggo, the inventor of the process, who was then experimenting on his new discovery. Ere he supplied even these somewhat rough plates, he made several scores of blocks which were useless.

Al Sandham.

This letter written by Alfred Sandham is of the greatest historical importance. It tells us some very interesting things, eg., that he was an excellent artist despite his denial. Only 100 books were sold out of the 300 that were printed. This gives us a very accurate number as to the size of the numismatic community in 1869. Assuming that some books were purchased by libraries and other non numismatic individuals and societies, some collectors could not or did not want to buy this book. Although Sandham states that the book was reasonably priced at 75 cents, most people could not afford it in 1869. Despite selling only 100 books, he issued a supplement only three years later. It is safe to assume that he had a smaller amount printed.

The active numismatic community probably numbered 100 collectors. If we check LeRoux or Breton's listings of personal numismatic metallic tokens, we will discover that they were struck in small numbers, from about 50 - 200. These pieces were exchanged with other collectors and it also included those in the United States, United Kingdom and perhaps Europe. There is one exception with Doctor LeRoux's tokens, in that they were made in large numbers to promote his books.

References:

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- 3.) The Canadian Coin Cabinet by Joseph LeRoux, MD., 1892.
- 4.) The History of the Antiquarian & Numismatic Society of Montreal; (text and slides by Claude Proulx & Barry Uman, presented in 1992)
- 5.) Collectors of Canadian Coins of the Past by Fred Bowman, 1972.

Numismatic Society.

Jacques-Cartier.



1610



1540



Société Numismatique.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.



1228



1229



Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal.



1880



1881



EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW

**CELEBRATING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE
EDMONTON NUMISMATIC
SOCIETY**

March 29 - 30, & Nov. 8 - 9, 2003

*The Coast Terrace Inn, 4440 Gateway
Boulevard, Edmonton, Alberta*



Coin Show Hours:

Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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The following Dealers are confirmed for the November show:

1. National Pride Coins & Stamp; 2. Loose Change, St. Michael; 3. Classic Cash, Sylvan Lake; 4. West Edmonton Coin & Stamp; 5. Collins Coins, Sherwood Park; 6. Canada Coin & Paper Money, St. Albert; 7. Pack Rats Antiques Coins & Stamps, Morrinville; 8. OK Coin & Stamp, Kelowna, BC; 9. Joe Bardy Coins Edm.; 10. Kensington Coin & Stamp Edm.; 11. Lub Wojtiw Paper Money Edm.; 12. Calgary Coin Gallery, Calgary; 13. Diverse Equities, Calgary; 14. Lucky Dollar Coins, Edm.; 15. Kameran Coins, Edm.; 16. M.J. Daniels, Calgary; 17. Newcan Coins, Cards & Collectibles, Kenora, Ont.; 18. Ed Jackson Coins, Edm.; 19. D.B. & D Collectables, Edm.; 20. Ed & Norms Coins, Edm.; 21. Michael Riddell Coins & Stamps, Edm. 22. George Manz Coins, Regina; 23. Lorne Paydli, Bruno, Saskatchewan. **ADDITIONAL TABLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COIN DEALERS**

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