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DATE: Wed. March 12, 2003 **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: Talk on Canadian Communion Tokens, Show & Tell
(NOTE: See enclosed Poster for March 30th Breakfast Meeting)

March Meeting Agenda

Technically we will be having two (2) meetings in March. This meeting will be on our regular meeting date of the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The 2nd meeting in March will be at our Breakfast meeting on March 30th at our Coin Show. This month we will be having a talk by Markus Molenda on Canadian Communion Tokens. Markus was unable to give this talk in January due to illness, so he will present it this month. As always, members are welcome and encouraged to bring items to show and discuss with other members as well. See you all there!

**Advance tickets available
for March show!
LONG TIME
MEMBER WILL
BE MISSED**

**See the back page for
our 2003 Shows!**

February Meeting Minutes

Twenty-eight (28) members and guests were in attendance at February's meeting. Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting on a cool but nice evening. A report on our "Kids-on-Coins" program was given by Ron Darbyshire, who indicated it was going well, despite the loss of support from the Mint, who promised to give Ron's program additional give-aways as they have done in the past. How-

ever, they apparently sold their inventory for 25 cents on the dollar to a Canadian dealer. In any event, the club will continue to support the program. Ron has been asked to attend the official unveiling of the RCM's \$100 gold coin for 2003 in Regina, to discuss the Kids-on-Coins program with them. (see related story later in the newsletter)

Next came Ray Neiman's show & tell which included 3 tables full of cigar / cigarette cards dating back to 1936, Ray's birth year. There were thousands of cards on display in binders, packets, sets etc., from all over the world. Coupons and stickers were also shown. Several sets were from Olympics and Expositions

from Belgium, Amsterdam, Berlin etc. Ray brought another avid collector to help him describe this interesting hobby. Duncan Williams explained the hobby of "Cardophilly" and what collectors look for. Grading is similar to coins, with most going for uncirculated issues. He explained about 'silks' which were issued in the 1920's in cigarette packs in order to entice women to smoke. Most of these items can be purchased on Ebay. All in all a very interesting non-

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numismatic topic, which is all part of the collector in all of us. The next speaker was James Kindrake, who with the help of a map and handouts, presented a talk on Madagascar Coinage. The discussion centered on the history and people of the country which shaped its history; different denomination names for its currency and the reappearance of Privy Marks on its coinage. The format followed a discussion of the issues as presented in Krause. It was noted the RCM has minted a lot of Madagascar's coinage. As always, a very interesting and informative talk. The following won attendance draws for the evening: Maurice Doll, Howard Gilbey, Ron Whitney, Lee Pilkington, Chris Hale, Jules Rach and Ed Brousseau. The meeting adjourned and some members met after the meeting once again at Boston Pizza.

MEMBER ELDON KUSS PASSES AWAY

It is with deep regret and sorrow, that I announce the passing of one of our regular and long time members. Eldon Kuss passed away on February 17th, at the age of 57. Eldon had been retired for a few years, and was a regular attendee and helper at our meetings and club shows. He had volunteered to help at our upcoming show and I know he was looking forward to it. Eldon was a quiet, helpful member, who enjoyed the company of the members and his interest in collecting was only a part of the joy he had in coming out to meetings. I personally am very saddened by this loss, particularly at this young age. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and 2 sons, and several grandchildren. His funeral was held on Friday, Feb. 21 in Leduc. The ENS presented flowers and a card and our condolences to the family at the Feb. 20th prayer service. He will be sorely missed and his memory will remain with our members for some time to come.

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 a members in good standing:

Garry Donahue	#488	Edmonton
Alan Dalziel	#489	Hinton, Alta.
Ed Sanche	#490	Leduc, Alta.

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

MEMBERSHIP FINAL NOTICE

Membership renewals are past due and if not paid, this will be your last issue. Renew your membership today and support your club in its 50th year. You can use the renewal form from the December newsletter, or send in your renewal by mail or at a meeting. The club subsidizes many events throughout the year, and our cost for these functions and the newsletter mail out far exceeds the \$10 regular or \$12 family membership. Thanks for your continued support.

MEMBER ATTENDS RCM \$100 UNVEILING

by Ron Darbyshire

On Tuesday, February 18th I attended the Royal Canadian Mints unveiling of this year's \$100.00 gold coin. This year's theme is the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Marquis Wheat. The small farming town of Indian Head Saskatchewan was the first location to experience the phenomenal success of the new wheat. The unveiling took place at Indian Head Elementary School. It was wonderful to see all the artwork done by the students of this school. They had displays of wheat, wheat products, and pictures drawn by the students. The school's principal and master of ceremonies welcomed every one to the town and to the school. He then asked Mr. E. Triassi the Chairperson of the Board for the Canadian Mint to speak. Mr. E. Triassi thanked the students and teachers for all the work they had done for this day. He enjoyed all the artwork done by the students of the school. Who could imagine 100 years ago that the seed that was to be planted would change the world of farming in Canada and Wheat farming around the world? It took Dr. William Saunders and his two sons 10 years to develop wheat that matured 6 days earlier than any other wheat at that time. This wheat turned Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba into the breadbasket of the world.

Next to speak was Mr. Dave McCall the Mayor of Indian Head. He responded by saying that the community was pleased to participate in this event. His worship said that the community of Indian Head has a rich agricultural background. There has been an agriculture research station in town for 116 years. Before Marquis wheat 2 to 3 out of every 4 crops planted were frozen out. This wheat saved farming on the prairies.

The next to speaker was a director and a board mem-

ber of The Canadian Wheat Board, Mr. Ian McCreary. He thanked the 225 students for the artwork in the school. Mr. McCreary said that wheat farming in the first generation after Marquis wheat grew 5 times the size it was before the new wheat. The town of Indian Head was also where the Canada Grain Act was signed. He went on to say that, The Canadian Wheat Board markets to 70 countries and last year had \$5 Billion in sales. Marquis wheat has made us wheat producers to the world.

Renee Coles spoke last but her message was the most important. Renee is the coordinator for the Saskatchewan Child Nutrition Network. Breakfast for Learning was founded in 1992 by the editors of Canadian Living Magazine. They wanted to address the children that go hungry to school each day in Canada. Their mission is to ensure that every child in Canada attends school well nourished and ready to learn. All programs are owned and operated at the community level by dedicated volunteers. Breakfast for learning has served over 140 million meals to over 667,000 children since 1992. Some facts that were given out are that 31% of elementary school students and 62% of secondary students do not start their day with a nutritious breakfast. Nearly 50% of 9,12 and 15 year olds do not eat a balanced diet. As I am diabetic and have been for over 30 years, these numbers shocked me.

That was the end of the formal presentation. We were all invited to stay and have breakfast with the children. I meet some very interesting students, who had been schooled on what an important event this was to the town. One student told me that her dad had ordered the wheat coin and could not wait for it and he was here. The three of us had a very interesting conversation about coins and the stories that go with them. Some others I meet were interested but said there was no place for them to find out more. To these I gave our web site and a couple more sites.

The highlight of the day for myself was talking to the coins designer Mr. Thom Nelson from Calgary. He told me about how an artist gets on the tender list and what the mint gives you as ideas for designs. This was his 5th submission to the mint and the first time he has won. He was very interesting to talk to and a wealth of information.

I talked to Mrs. Eileen Melnick McCarthy, manager, corporate communications from the mint and Mr. E. Triassi Chairperson of the Board for the Canadian Mint both were very open and honest. Mr. Triassi had no problem answering my inquiries. He said that they hoped that this joint launch of the Marquis coin would lead to more joint marketing. He said that the kids web site would be staying and he knows the importance of coins to children. He was open to any ideas for kids.

Since he has taken over the mint I must say I was not very happy with the direction they were on. After the conversation with him, the mint, in my mind is still very interested in kids programs. Right now they have more pressing and important things that need to be done first.

COMING EVENTS - 2003

March 15 & 16	Calgary Numismatic Society Show, Holiday Inn Downtown, Admission \$2
March 29, & 30	Edmonton Numismatic Society Coin Show, Coast Terrace Inn, Admission \$2
March 28 - 30	Edmonton Stamp Club Spring Show, West Edm. Mall,
March 28 - 30	Eastern Ontario Numismatic Society, Kingston, Ontario, Admission \$3
April 12& 13	ONA Convention, Guelph, Ontario
April 25 - 27	Chicago International Coin Fair, Rosemont, Illinois, Admission \$5
June 28 & 29	Torex Coin Show, Novotel, Toronto Centre, Admission \$6
July 17 - 20	CNA Annual Convention, Windsor, Ontario
October 25 & 26	Torex Coin Show, Novotel, Toronto Centre, Admission \$6
Nov. 8 & 9	Edmonton Numismatic Society Coin Show, Coast Terrace Inn, Admission \$2
	50th Anniversary Banquet with Guest Speaker, Bret Evans, Trajan Publishing

Varieties abound on the Gibraltar Bi-metallic 2 Pound coins of the "Labours of Hercules" series.

(The following is based on three items of mine from the WBCC Newsmails during August 2000)

Varieties of Gibraltar 2 Pounds 1997 KM-755 "The Nemean Lion"



Photo.1. "The Nemean Lion"

A few weeks ago I got a new piece of the Gibraltar bi-metallic 2 Pounds coin of 1997, type KM-755. Straight away I noticed there was something different with this piece as compared to any other examples of this type I had seen. This first and most obvious difference was that this new piece was without the stylised "AA" dieletters. I had expected to find these a little upwards from the "P" in "POUNDS" on the reverse. There were no dieletters to be found anywhere on this new piece. Soon I began to notice a few other odd things about this piece. This week, at last, I got around to creating some nice images of a KM-755 with "AA" and this new one without "AA". This helped me to understand these differences a little.

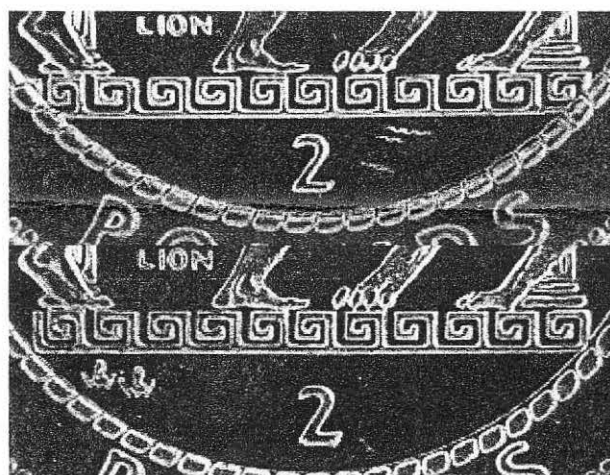


Photo.2. "The Nemean Lion" without and with the "AA".

This first image shows the normal position of the "AA" and this same area on the piece without the "AA" as already mentioned. In this image, it can also be seen that the design on the centre "moves" relative to the ring of pellets close to the join between the ring and the centre. This movement is also clear on a second image.



Photo.3. Positioning variations.

This, the second close-up image, compares the distances between the man's head and the ring of pellets near the word "OF". I analysed enlarged and clearer images of the two pieces (whole coins) as printed onto paper. This about convinced me that from one variety to the other there is a definite vertical shift of the centre part's main design. I also noticed that from one piece to another there were pointing variations relative to the ring of pellets. Pointing variations (differences such as a letter "I" pointing to either a border bead or the space between two adjacent border beads) usually occur when the number of beads in a border or in this case "pellets in a ring" varies from one variety to another. However although the pointings vary between these two varieties relative to the ring of pellets, I found that this was not because of a difference in the number of pellets. So the pointings must be different due to a small rotation (of literally just 1 or 2 degrees) of the pellets relative to the main legends. To see this, look at the pellet below the "S" in the image that compares the head positions.

To summarise:- The "normal" piece is with "AA" and with the man's head close to the ring of pellets. By comparison, the less often seen piece is without "AA", has the man's head further from the ring of pellets, the whole of the main central design is lower down on the coin, the ring of pellets is slightly rotated relative to the main legends, the edge has around 33% more reedings (an image was even done of this), the ring of pellets & the beaded border also seem to vary in diameter such that the gap between them is about 20% wider on this variety than on the normal variety. The obverses of the two do seem to be the same.

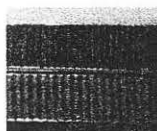


Photo.4. The edge milling on the seldom seen variety is finer.

It is quite possible that the explanation for this "without AA" variety of KM-755 (Gibraltar's first bi-metallic 2 Pounds coin) is that the reverse die used was that for the "silver-proof" version of the type. Similarly, the standard issue of Gibraltar's first Christmas 50 Pence coin (KM-19, dated 1988) was mistakenly made using a proof die, hence is without the "AA" that would have been expected. This does not mean that these 50 Pence coins are proofs though, since the blanks used were those as normal for circulation coins. This Gibraltar 50 Pence coin could be seen as a bit of a "mule" though.

The comment given by the Pobjoy Mint on the subject of the above two varieties of KM-755 was...

"Re: The ring movement. This must have been one of the trial pieces because when the original die was made, it did not fit the design well so we made a new die which did and we also changed the rimming on the coin."

Varieties of Gibraltar 2 Pounds 1998 KM-758 "Hercules Capturing the Erymanthian Boar"

Over a year ago I noticed a variety for the Gibraltar 2 Pounds KM-758. The piece illustrated in an issue of "World Coin News" was different to the pieces that WBCC member Fabio Guerrieri had. Other people had pieces like Fabio's at the time too, but no one had pieces exactly like that shown in "World Coin News". A couple of months ago, I managed to get hold of a piece like that shown in "World Coin News". Now, at last, I have done some images of the two varieties.

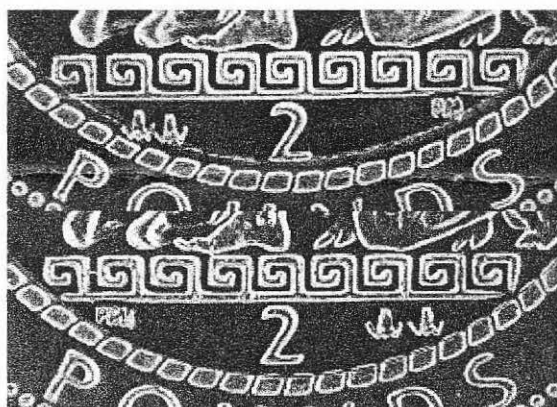


Photo.5. Dieletter/Mintmark positioning varieties on "THE ERYMANTHIAN BOAR".

The apparently commoner variety of KM-758 has the mintmark "PM" above the "P" in "POUNDS" on the reverse and stylised dieletters "AA" above the "S" in "POUNDS". This "PM", on closer inspection, appears to have been re-engraved or perhaps even "blundered". An image of just this mintmark can be seen below. I know of no other Gibraltar bi-metallic 2 Pounds types with the "PM" and "AA" this way around.



Photo.6. The blundered "PM" on the commoner variety of "THE ERYMANTHIAN BOAR".

The apparently scarcer variety of KM-758 has stylised dieletters "AA" above the "P" in "POUNDS" on the reverse and mintmark "PM" above the "S" in "POUNDS". This arrangement seems to be normal for all of the other similar (1998 to 2000) types of the "The Labours of Hercules" series. (Remember that the 1997 piece of this series does not have "PM" on the reverse, since that type (KM-755) has the previous portrait of the Queen on the obverse, this portrait does not have designer's initials below it and so the mintmark "PM" has a place there.)

I do know of other distinct "PM" position variations on Pobjoy Mint coins of 1998. These though are

just on Isle of Man coins (mainly lower denominations) and not on Gibraltar coins. I must say though, that I have seen a lot more 1998 examples for the Isle of Man than for Gibraltar. The last 2 of the 12 pieces of this series of bi-metallic 2 Pounds are yet to be issued, expect them to appear one in September 2000 and the other in December 2000.

The comment given by the Pobjoy Mint on the subject of the above two varieties of KM-758 was...

"RE: PM mintmark and AA in different places - Once again this was a sample which was changed around when the die was improved."

Mintmark variations in the bi-metallic Gibraltar 2 Pounds

Since completing my collection of this series, (or rather the 10 pieces that have been issued upto now) I have noticed that during the series the appearance of the mintmark "PM" has changed. It seems that there are four different guises of this mintmark, plus the "blundered" one, mentioned above which appears only on one of the varieties of KM-758.



Photo.7. The four versions of "PM" to be found on the series, with the exception of the blundered "PM" already shown.

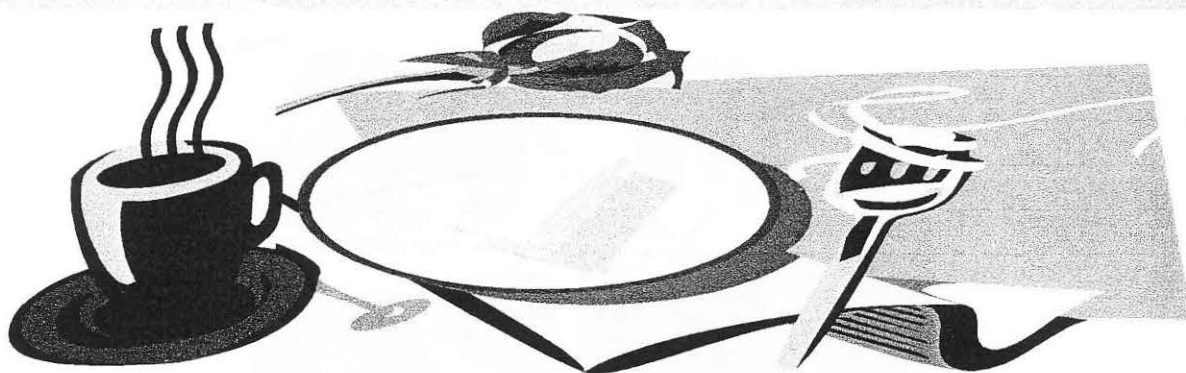
The image above shows these four styles. The first style is small and thin and can be seen on KM-755 (obverse), 756, 757 and 761. The second style has letters of the same shape as on the first style, only a little thicker. This second style can be seen on KM-758 (variety with "PM" above the "S" in "POUNDS") and KM-759. The third style is generally larger and thicker, with the "M" seeming to have been significantly stretched horizontally. The third style can be seen only on KM-760. The fourth style has letters of similar shapes to the third style, but these letters are thinner and a little smaller. This fourth style can be seen on KM-762, 763, 764, 765 and 766.

The comment given by the Pobjoy Mint on the subject of the change in "PM" style discussed above was...

"We are however surprised at the change of the PM mark as this is always the same and can only put it down to the die having slightly stretched which makes it look different. "

(by Martin Peeters, WBCC)

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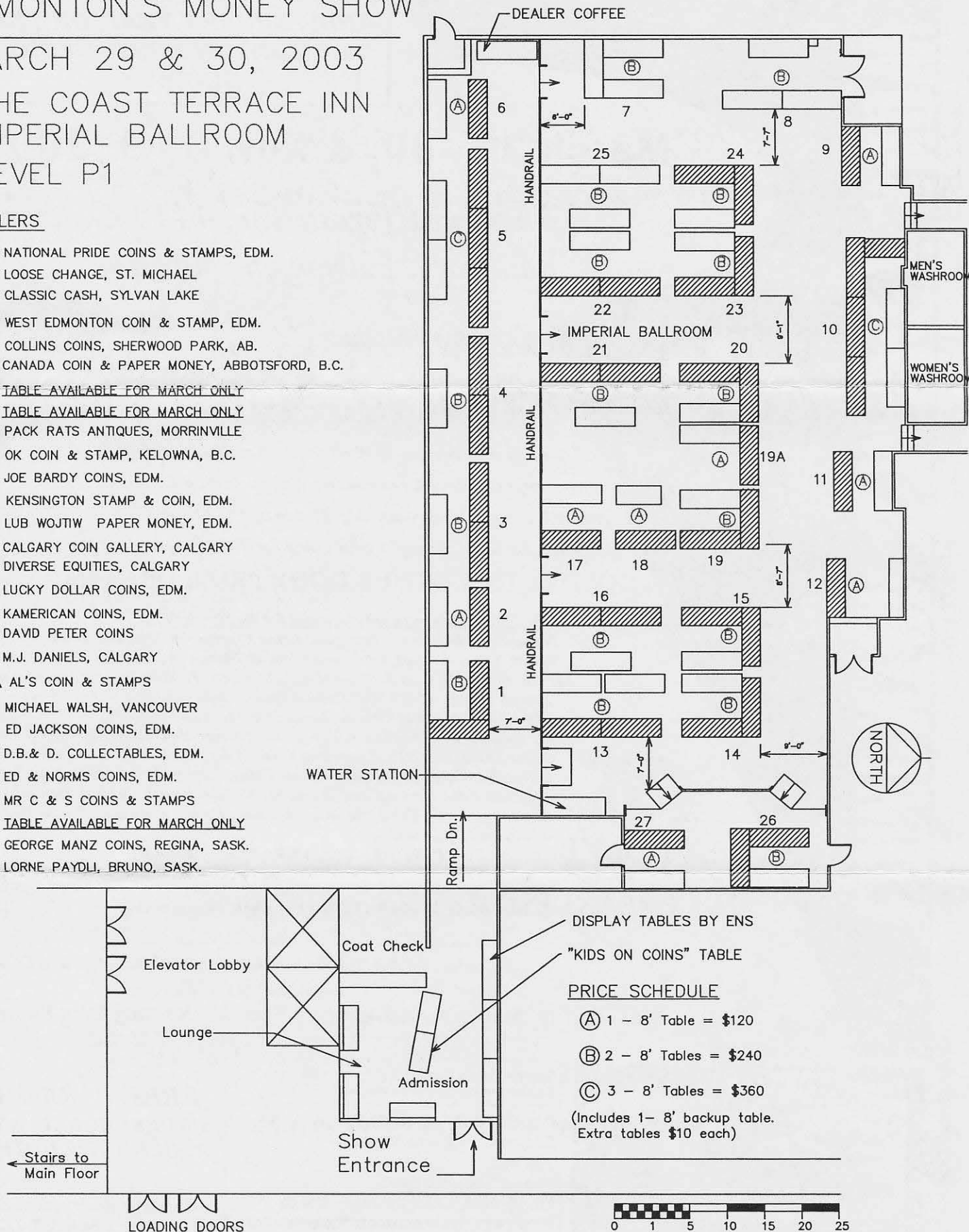
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ADDITIONAL TABLES ARE AVAILABLE!

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