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NEXT MEETING: *Sunday, March 18, 2007*
8:00 am Doors Open 8:30 am Breakfast
Coast Terrace Inn
4440 Calgary Trail North, EDMONTON

The Edmonton Numismatic Society

The Edmonton Numismatic Society (ENS) dates back to September 1953. At that time the members met and discussed the hobby under the name, the Edmonton Coin Club. During the 1960's, 70's, and 80's the Club sponsored 20 Annual Coin-A-Rama shows, issuing many collectible souvenirs. In 1979, The City of Edmonton's 75th Anniversary, the Club was host to its first CNA Convention. A number of mini shows and Anniversary shows were held during the 1980's and 90's. As a reflection of the varied collecting interest of the current membership, and a continuing commitment to promote the hobby, the Club changed its name to the Edmonton Numismatic Society (formerly the Edmonton Coin Club) just prior to hosting its second CNA Convention in 1998. Since 1996 the Club has sponsored two shows each year, one in the late winter/early spring and one in the fall.



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue continues with the theme of discussing the lesser-known varieties of Canadian and Newfoundland decimal coinage. Although I do enjoy the legwork and research with writing these articles, I encourage our members to submit their personal expertise on their favorite varieties. Many of you have researched or even have discovered new varieties that should be published. Send me an email with your ideas for future editions.

This issue of *The Planchet* will be sent via email to those few members who have requested so. If you want to save the ENS a little money and don't mind receiving your society's newsletter (in full colour) via email (*.pdf format), send me an email at: sherwood_park_pennies@shaw.ca.

Roger Paulen

EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW, MARCH 17 & 18, 2007

A message from ENS President Jamie Horkulak

Well, the big spring show is just around the corner and all is abuzz in anticipation. Once again, the show is a full house with dealers representing almost every province.

Collectors and dealers alike will be hunting for all the hot items, namely high-end decimal, colonial and merchant tokens, varieties old and new, chartered paper, paper errors, and modern insert replacement notes. The latter, being definitely one of the hottest fields of collecting in a long time, has inspired our theme for the breakfast club meeting. For those of us who don't realize just how fascinating the procedure is, modern banknote expert Martin Holzbauer will explain how replacements are inserted, discovered and confirmed, as well as how information is gathered through a country-wide network. I strongly recommend members attend (\$13.00), and we are also inviting non-members to the breakfast talk for the fee of \$16.00. See you there!

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1922 CONCAVE AND FLAT RIM VARIETIES

Roger C. Paulen (with contributions from Jeff Chapman)

Collectors of the George V nickel five cent series are likely already familiar with this variety. The flat rim or concave rim is a different way of saying the far rim or near rim variety. The effect is an optical illusion, the date is no closer or further away from the outside rim. If you lay one variety over the other, the dates are in the exact same spot. The effect is caused from one edge of the rim being dish-shaped (top photo) and the



other edge being flat (bottom photo). The 61st Charlton Catalogue lists a slightly higher price (and thus rarity?) to the flat rim variety. This rim effect can also be found on the 1936 five cent coins as well, but it is not listed as a variety in the Charlton's Catalogue.

The explanation behind this variety is unresolved. These coins have been possibly attributed as the product of an overzealous

die polisher at the mint. The concave variety then resulted from a strong buffing action at the edge of the working dies. Another plausible explanation is that two different master hubs were used. Examination of the specimen coinage from 1922 should help resolve this, certainly if specimen coins were struck with the concave rim, that should rule out the die-polishing theory.



NEWFOUNDLAND VARIETIES

Greg Ingram

Brought to my attention a few years ago was an unreported variety of the Newfoundland 1898 50-cent piece. I acquired a piece from a dealer and decided to start activity looking for more. The following is reported on page 66 of "The Currency and Medals of Newfoundland" by C. Francis Rowe, James A. Haxby and Robert J. Graham:

There are two interesting varieties to be found if one looks at the obverses of the 1896 50¢ pieces. One variety is struck from the same portrait die 1 employed for the 1894 issue... This variety may be distinguished by the over punching of the W of NEWFOUNDLAND by a larger W, to repair the letter on the die sunk from a punch on which the letters were breaking up. ...Between usages in 1894 and 1896 this die was inadequately greased and began to corrode. Evidence of pitting of the die surface is found in the form of irregular raised dots, particularly in the region of the ND of NEWFOUNDLAND... The second variety bearing the obverse portrait 2 has a small W in NEWFOUNDLAND, and no evidence of corrosion.

We have then the obverse 1, large "W" and obverse 2, small "W" currently known and used by the professional grading services in their attributions today. There is a third!! It is an obverse 1, and small "W" (illus 3). I have acquired about 11 pieces over the last 7 years and have examined over 400 pieces at shows, auctions, dealers, etc., and have seen no more than 20-25 pieces in all. The two common ones seem to be found in equal numbers. Assuming my rarity statistics of 25 out of every 400 I see, that translates into about a strike of about 4875 pieces. A truly rare piece! The practice of using earlier obverse dies for 50-cent pieces for Newfoundland dates is also mentioned in the book. So where did this die come from? This MUST have been a "resurrected" die from an earlier time. The possible dies 1873, 1876, 1880, 1881, 1885, 1888, 1894 and 1896. By my observations, the dates 1896, 1894, 1888 and 1885 are only obverse 1 dies occurring with the large "W". The 1885 50-cent piece was a resurrected obverse 1 die with the large overpunched "W". The next likely candidates for obverse 1 dies exhibiting the small "W" include the 1881 die, an 1880 die, or even earlier. Mintages were very low for those dates.

Were these obverse dies still good enough to be considered for the 1898 50-cent piece? Appears possible. If anyone can add more information about this interesting and rare variety, I would like to here from you. I can be reached at: Greg Ingram, P.O. Box 1272 Stn "M", Calgary, AB, Canada, T2P 2L2, ingrams@shaw.ca



OBV 1
Large "W"

OBV 2
Small "W"

OBV 1
Small "W" (NEW)



Large "W"



Small "W"



OBV 1 (young portrait)



OBV 2 (older portrait)



*ENS Money Shows in 2007 are
March 17 & 18, and Nov. 10 & 11.*

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*The Coast Terrace Inn, 4440 Gateway
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ENS Club Breakfast Meeting Sunday Morning - 8:00 am coffee, 8:30 buffet

Special Guest speaker Martin Holzbauer on insert notes

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Roger C. Paulen

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1970 GAN COUNTERSTAMPED NICKEL DOLLAR

Roger C. Paulen

The counterstamped 'J.O.P.' silver dollars are well known and highly collectible. Joseph Oliva Patenaude counterstamped silver dollars starting in 1935, and continued this practice until the early 1950s. The 60th Anniversary Charlton Standard Catalogue (2006) describes the various counterstamps in detail (pg. 461-462) in the variety section. Purists consider these coins defaced, not collectable and argue that the Charlton Standard goes out of its way to promote defaced coins and abraded die varieties over legitimate die varieties. In my opinion, counterstamped coins of all kinds have a place in numismatics. Had they been a contrivance minted to be sold at a large premium like privy marked Maple Leafs, I might think differently about counterstamped dollars being recognized as collectible items. At the same time I'm not suggesting anyone pay attention to a Loonie with the initials R.C.P. stamped or gouged into it.

A lesser known, counterstamped dollar is the GAN 1918-70 found on the 1970 nickel dollar. When Gamal Abdel Nasser, then the highly popular President of Egypt, died of a heart attack in 1970, the Arab community in Vancouver counterstamped approximately 1000 of the 1970 Manitoba nickel dollars, on the obverse side, just right of the Queen between her shoulder and chin. Nickel coins are quite hard, and the quality of the counterstamp varies considerably in each coin I have seen.

Despite being a relatively young counterstamp, the collectibility of this coin is growing. Circulated coins (EF to AU) have recently sold on eBay for \$25. Because this counterstamp was conducted on circulation coinage, mint state varieties are somewhat rare. Also, International Coin Certification Service (ICCS) now recognizes this counterstamp, giving it additional credibility and collectibility.



COMING EVENTS

SHOWS – USA & INTERNATIONAL

Mar 31- Apr 1	Nor-Cal VII Show	FREMONT, CA
Apr 20-22	Gold & Silver Over Niagara	NIAGARA FALLS, NY
April 27, 28	Ponterio & Associates Chicago International Coin Fair	CHICAGO, IL

SHOWS – CANADA

Mar 17-18	EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW Coast Terrace Inn	EDMONTON, AB
Mar 24-25	Calgary Numismatic Society Coin Show Radisson Hotel	CALGARY, AB
Mar 30- Apr 1	Eastern Ontario Numismatic Show Days Inn & Convention Centre	KINGSTON, ON
Mar 30- Apr 1	Vancouver's Money Show Oakridge Centre Auditorium	VANCOUVER, BC
Apr 21-22	45 th Annual ONA Coin Convention Four Points Sheraton	LONDON, ON
Jun 23-24	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show Radisson Admiral Hotel	TORONTO, ON
July 12-15	2007 CNA Convention Sheraton Fallsview Hotel	NIAGARA FALLS, ON
Aug 17-19	East Coast Extravaganza Casino Halifax	HALIFAX, NS
Sept 8-9	North Shore Numismatic Society Coin Show Oakridge Centre Auditorium	VANCOUVER, BC
Oct 27-28	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show Radisson Admiral Hotel	TORONTO, ON
Nov 10, 11	EDMONTON'S MONEY SHOW Coast Terrace Inn	EDMONTON, AB

ENS Monthly Meeting, February 14, 2007

Valentine's Day could not keep away those who attended February's meeting. The meeting came to order with Horkulak presiding over the meeting.

Randy Ash made the long haul from Wainwright with his latest publication, the 2007 Ashrap Report. This report is a compilation of prices of over 28,000 certified (third party graded and slabbed) Canadian coins sold on eBay in 2006. Only those coins graded by ICCS, PCGS, NGC and CCCS are included in this report. Please contact Randy Ash (www.ashrap.com) or Dan Gosling for further information.

The guest speakers were Albert Meyer on collector coins issued since the introduction of the Euro and Dan Gosling on his trip to England.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30, and the fellowship was continued by a small group at the Boston Pizza on 124th.

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Memberships are now due for 2007 renewal, payable to the ENS, or if you're paying cash, pay it to the Secretary/ Membership chair (Marc Bink). Membership fees are unchanged from last year, and we will try and get membership cards out to you as soon as we get them made. Those that pay via cheque will have their membership cards mailed to them in a subsequent issue of *The Planchet* while those who pay cash at the meetings will get a card either mailed to them, or in person. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Due to the age of our database, we'd like to ask that members provide a current mailing address when renewing their membership. ***Please note that the Society does not, and will not, sell or use any personal information obtained from the membership for commercial uses or for publication.*** Any information we collect will only be used for club functions such as the newsletter, and a call out list for any special events.

MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will be held on the Sunday morning of Edmonton's Money Show, at the Coast Terrace Inn, 4440 Gateway Boulevard. Doors open and coffee is available at 8:00 am, breakfast buffet at 8:30 am. Cost to attend this meeting is \$13 per ticket (subsidized by ENS); please RSVP to Terry at 455-0480 to attend.

Guest Speaker: Martin Holzbauer

Topic: *Insert Banknote seminar*

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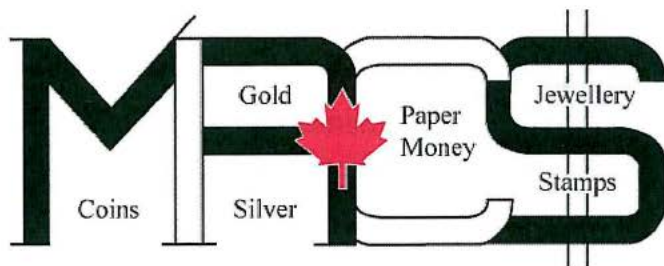
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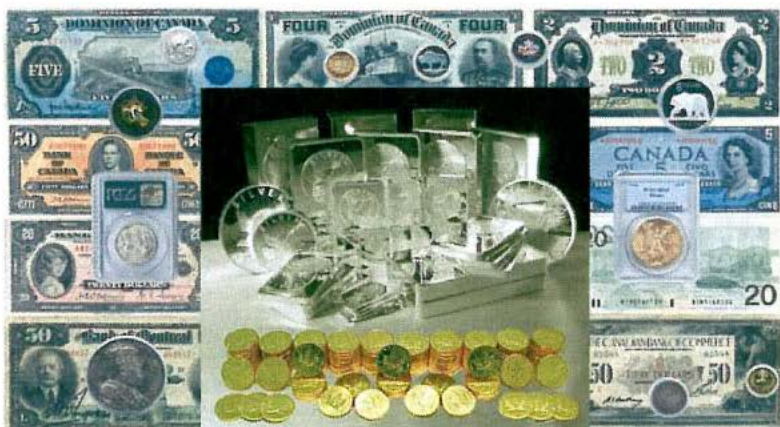
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