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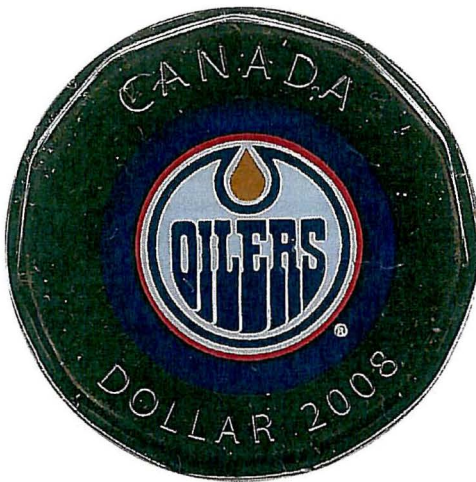
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Return of the “Nickel Dollar” – 2008 NHL Oilers Nickel Loon

NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday, January 9, 2008*

Doors 7:00 pm-- Meeting 7:30 pm

**Royal Alberta Museum
12845-102 Ave, 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. ENS will host CNA in 2009.



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

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(except life membership) JANUARY TO DECEMBER

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Well, 2008 has arrived and my New Year's Resolution is to put as many hooks in the water as possible to troll for article submissions from our membership. I have enjoyed researching and writing many of the articles in the past year, but I did not stray far from my collecting biases; certainly, there must be so much our members have to offer with respect to their personal expertise and collections. Send me an email with ideas for future editions or submit your articles to me at: sherwood_park_pennies@shaw.ca.

Many thanks to Howard Gilbey, who has streamlined the production and delivery portion of *The Planchet* to ensure our members receive their issue prior to the monthly meetings.

Roger Paulen

WELCOME TO 2008

A message from ENS President Jamie Horkulak

Greetings everyone, I hope you had a good festive season and all the best for the New Year. With the hustle and bustle of Christmas over, it is time to get back to thinking about all our numismatic endeavors. For some that means filling in missing key dates, researching varieties, brick searching, or searching through countless PL sets looking for that elusive ultra heavy cameo.

For some of us, that means getting down to business planning the CNA convention, which the ENS is hosting in August 2009. We are currently finalizing the hotel decision, which is first and foremost. We already have directors for specific duties, but still need to assemble sub-committees that will execute the various tasks in detail. Members will be called upon to participate in these committees.

2008 promises to be another exciting year for the ENS. We have many interesting speakers presenting at our monthly club meetings. Please contact Pierre if you would like to share your collecting interests with the club. We'd like to remind you about and promote the mini-bourse every club night. There are plenty of tables to lay out your spares to sell or trade, or just show.

The Money Show moving to the Ramada Edmonton Inn was well received, and hopefully we'll be able to continue there for quite some time. It is still our endeavor to bring back the auction with the show, as attendance is proven to be higher with one, and adds a general sense of excitement. But, we still have some digging to do just to find out how this will be possible.

The ENS society status has finally been re-activated, thanks to Pierre for his efforts. We will hold our elections for 2008 office in the near future; I hope to see you there!

Jamie

NEW BRUNSWICK SILVER COINS

Danny Anable

This article is based upon personal observation and numerous reference guides of the general scarcity of all New Brunswick provincial silver coins. When New Brunswick adopted a decimal dollar in 1860, it chose the same rating as the Province of Canada for its dollar and ordered the same denominations: cents in bronze and 5-, 10- and 20-cent pieces in silver. The production of New Brunswick's first silver decimal coinage had to await the completion of the bronze coinage and did not commence until 1862. Designs for the New Brunswick were adapted from the Province of Canada designs, with the 20-cent piece having an unusual reverse design once rejected for the Province of Canada, differing in style while using the same elements.

Mintages for these coins range from 100,000 to 150,000, but of all of Canada's early coinage, the New Brunswick silver coins are truly the most scarce and desirable. Why did these coins fail to survive? During the early 1860s, the United States of America was fighting a bloody, terrible civil war, during which there was a frightening coin shortage. I have long believed that many persons living in border states with Canada faced with great economic uncertainty went north and acquired large quantities of early Canada silver provincial coinage and then melted and/or hoarded these coins for silver bullion thus creating a general

scarcity. Today, the scarcest of the New Brunswick coins would thus be the 5-cent coins; being of smaller face value they were easier to obtain and hoard in numbers. The catalog values and trends are very conservative at best and do not reflect how tough these coins are to find in any grade.

Here is a VF example of a New Brunswick 20-cent piece



GEORGE VI, THE UNEXPECTED KING

Danny Anable

In 1936, King George V, who had held the throne since 1911, died. His son, Edward VIII stood reluctantly ready to assume the throne. However, after less than a year Edward VIII abdicated the throne in favor of marrying his sweetheart, the American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson. This put a great strain on the Royal Mint in London, where Canadian dies were prepared, leading to the famous 1936 dot coinage.

In the fall of 1939, World War II began when Nazi Germany invaded Poland. Great Britain and France were propelled into war. After Germany defeated France, only Great Britain was in Hitler's path toward world conquest. However, the Germans were in for a fight because the English had no intention of being defeated. The Germans bombed England mercilessly, killing thousands. When Buckingham Palace was bombed, the king and queen were nearly killed; there was a great deal of concern for the Royal's safety. Winston Churchill urged the king to leave the country, but the King refused to go. George VI is reported to have replied to the concern of a troop invasion of the British Isles by stating, "I am a marksman, give me a rifle and I will fight." It is hard to imagine any world leader today echoing that same statement. Here was a man who in appearance was a bit frail and often spoke with a stammer, was one of the bravest men in British history. The man who was not supposed to be King certainly more than lived up to the title.



The crownless portrait of King George VI was struck on most British Commonwealth coins from 1937 to 1952 (Newfoundland was an exception and used a crowned effigy). The design was simple yet elegant and my personal opinion is that it was the best monarch portrait ever on Canadian coinage.

CERTIFIED GRADED COINS

Roger Paulen

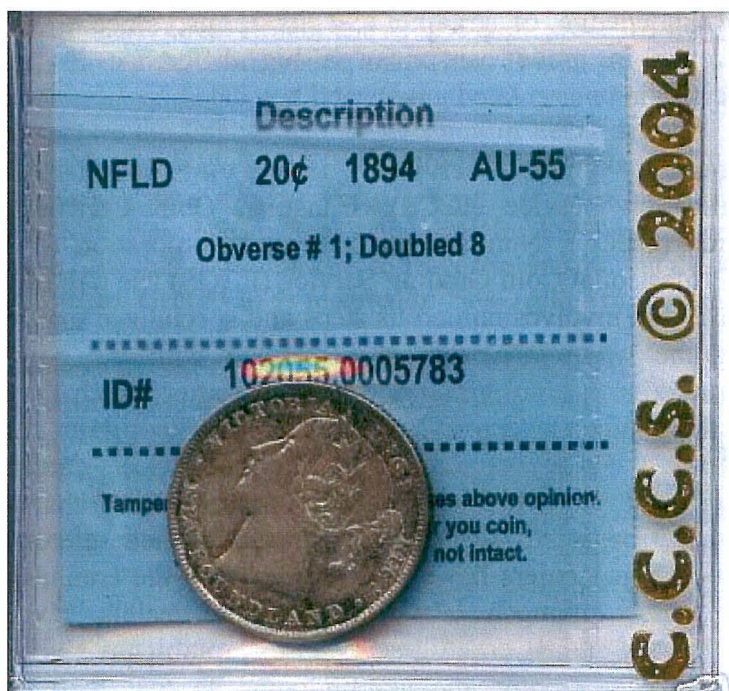
At Boston Pizza following the December ENS meeting, an interesting debate took place regarding the place of certified coins or “slabs” in our hobby. That discussion prompted me to write this article for our ENS members, particularly those who are young and/or new to the hobby.

Coin grading is the process of determining the grade or physical condition of a coin, which is the key factor in its value. When buying and selling coins, it's important to have basic knowledge of grading and its terms, since a small difference in grade can mean a big difference in price, especially in uncirculated grades and key dates.

High-quality grading services such as International Coin Certification Service (ICCS), Canadian Coin Certification Service (CCCS), Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) and Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) use a thorough process that involves numerous steps and specialized expertise along the way. Each step is performed with the goal of accurately and safely grading your coins, after which they're typically sealed in protective holders, marked with codes delineating their grade, and entered into the service's database. Proper coin grading requires expert numismatists that can accurately compare your coins against published references. The best coin graders have had experience in the commercial sector, many having been professional coin dealers. It's also common for ethical grading services to prohibit their graders from actively buying and selling coins so that there's no conflict in their ability to appropriately grade your items.

The philosophy of certifying coins seems to suffer from a generational gap among collectors. Older collectors scoff at the mere thought of paying a company to provide a service that seems redundant; experienced coin collectors and dealers already know the grades of their coins, so the statement, “Why waste good money to have someone tell me what I already know?” is often heard. However, the younger generation of

collectors has diverged from the standard completion of sets and filling in holes over time. Type sets, specialty sets and other collecting niches have collectors wanting to ensure they are getting the quality they are seeking, and that their “investment” is secured in some respects, with a grade guarantee. The certified coin holder, the protection it offers for long-term storage and even their visual attributes are appealing to some. The confidence of authenticity and condition is also very important. Some dealers accept that the above factors are important to their clients, and now certified coins are a large part of their inventory.



Here is an example of a CCCS certified coin. This is a fairly new Canadian company, founded in 2004 and located in Quebec. CCCS certifies their coins within a protective Mylar envelope that is sealed inside a flip holder with a certificate. This certificate identifies the coin's origin, denomination, mint mark, date and grade; comments are added when relevant. The certificate has an exclusive CCCS number that is unique to each coin graded. There is an added security features inside the flip; C.C.C.S. © 2004 is hot stamped in the inside part of one

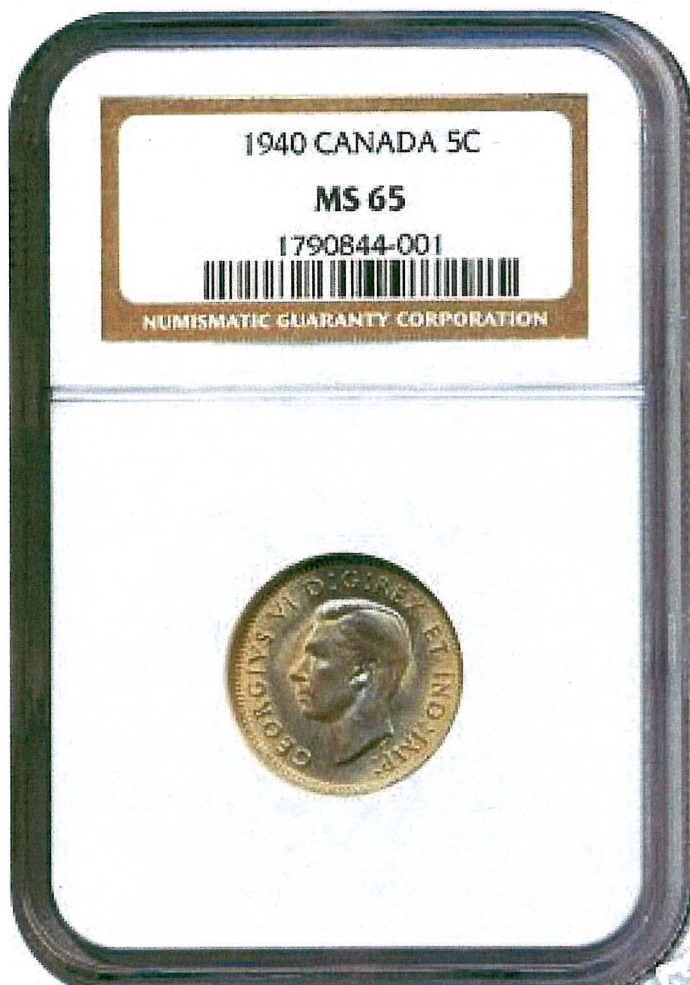
layer of the flip before it is assembled. One service they also provide is an online verification service.

Next is an example of an ICCS certified coin. Located in Toronto and founded in 1986, ICCS certifies their coins within a protective Mylar envelope, which is sealed inside a flip holder with a certificate. ICCS also publishes a Condition Census Report (i.e., population report) annually. This grading service is well established among the Canadian collecting community and is highly respected for its consistent, conservative grading.



Next is an example of a NGC certified coin. NGC, founded in 1987, is located in Florida. Most coins are submitted through NGC authorized dealers (there are 4 authorized dealers in Canada). The graded coins are placed inside a plastic core piece that holds it securely within a hard transparent holder. The core, like other components of the NGC holder, is made of inert material that won't adversely affect the coin it holds.

Each certified coin has its label positioned in place on the core, and these components are then enclosed within matching top and bottom shells of transparent plastic. The shell pieces are sealed around the core through a combination of compression and ultrasonic vibration.



Lastly, is an example of a PCGS certified coin. PCGS, located in California, founded in 1986, is responsible for dramatic improvements throughout the rare coin industry, which have forever changed the way rare coins are bought and sold. Most coins are submitted through PCGS authorized dealers (there are 2 authorized dealers in Alberta).

Once graded, each coin is sonically sealed inside its protective, tamper-evident PCGS NumisCap holder. A special tag within indicates the coin's certification number, grade, date, denomination, unique bar code and pedigree if applicable.



Within the United States, there are several other respected and reputable coin certification companies. By no means do I exclude them here based on reputation. I have mainly chosen to highlight the above four coin certification firms that are most commonly used by Canadian coin collectors and dealers. I doubt this article will bridge the 'generation gap' between those who use certification services and those who avoid them, but for the newest generation of coin collectors who often buy certified coins sight unseen, always remember: buy the coin, not the holder!

2008 LUNAR CAMEO COIN - YEAR OF THE RAT

Despite the Alberta Government's 'Rat Patrol', the Royal Canadian Mint will release new rat-themed coins into the hands of Alberta collectors in 2008. The Rat takes centre stage this year on the Chinese lunar calendar. The Rat symbol applies to anyone who was born in 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996 and is due to arrive in 2008. In 1998, Canada inaugurated a remarkable series of coins, designed by Harvey Chan, featuring the animal symbols of Chinese astrology based on the Lunar Calendar. These symbols roughly approximate the signs of the zodiac in western culture, however, denote years instead of months.



It is no accident the Rat is the first sign in the Chinese Lunar Calendar. Nobody knows exactly what transpired when Lord Buddha summoned all the animals to his side before his death, but the Rat obviously got there first. That is the Rat personality - crafty to a fault. The Rat is exceedingly talented at spotting an opportunity and taking advantage of it.

The appearance of the Queen's effigy that has not been in use since 2003 gives the silver \$15 Lunar series another distinctive touch. According to the Royal Canadian Mint, this will be the only coin that will feature the Queen's previous effigy (1990 to 2003).



COMING EVENTS

SHOWS – USA & INTERNATIONAL 2008

Mar 7-9	ANA National Money Show	PHOENIX, AZ
Apr 18-20 NY	Gold and Silver Over Niagara Conference Center at Niagara Fall	NIAGARA FALLS,

SHOWS – CANADA 2008

Jan 18-20	International Coin Show Sandman Hotel	LONGUEUIL, QC
Jan 25-27	CAND Annual Show Plaza Hotel	HAMILTON, ON
Feb 23-24	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel	TORONTO, ON
Feb 24	Vancouver Coin & Stamp Show Oakridge Centre Auditorium	VANCOUVER, BC
Mar 1-2	CNS Annual Spring Show Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport	CALGARY, AB
Mar 7-9	Nuphilex Holiday Inn Midtown	MONTREAL, QC
Mar 15	17th Annual Cambridge Coin Show Cambridge Newfoundland Club	CAMBRIDGE, ON
Apr 12-13	Vancouver Numismatic Society Show Oakridge Centre Auditorium	VANCOUVER, BC
Apr 19-20	Regina Coin and Stamp Show Western Christian College	REGINA, SK
May 23-25	TNS Quality Hotel	ST. CATHARINES, ON
June 28-29	TOREX Canada's National Coin Show Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel	TORONTO, ON
July 18-20	2008 CNA Convention Crown Plaza Hotel	Ottawa, ON

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Memberships are now due for 2008 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 membership cards will be sent out with the next issue of *The Planchet*. 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.

JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be held at the Royal Alberta Museum on Wednesday, January 9th. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm; door will open at 7:00 pm.

Speakers: Markus Molenda
French American Jetons

Pierre Driessen
The St. Helena Medal

As usual, the coin discussion and fellowship will continue at the nearby Boston Pizza at 10543 124 St.

NOTICE

Elections for the ENS executive are delayed again this year until the society issue is completely resolved. Once we have all the proper documents in place, then we will have to hold elections. Until such time, the previous executive officers list from 2006 is still in effect.

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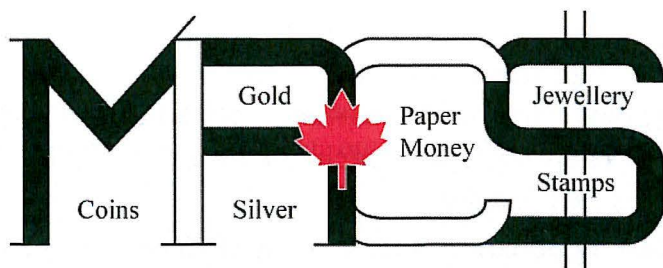
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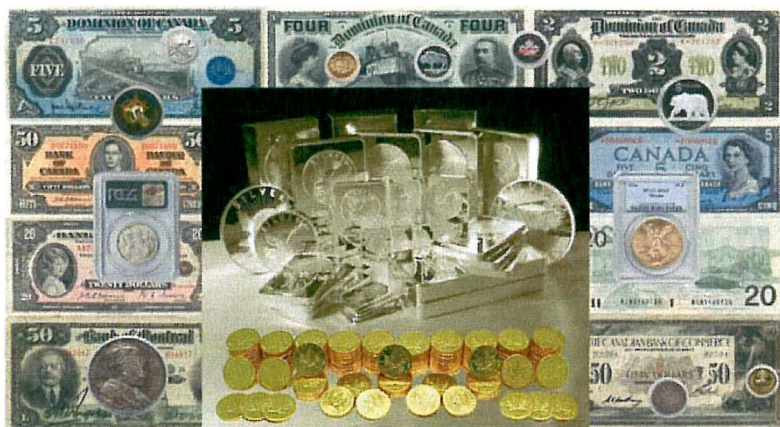
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