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CANADA'S TEN RAREST COINS

By John McKay-Clements

The Editor of Numismatic Newsletter, monthly publication of the Numismatic Literary Guild, Lee Martin, asked the question "What are the 10 rarest coins in the world"? Someone asked us and we gave them our opinion, but what is yours?" Needless to say I could not let this pass without putting in a nomination for our own Canadian coins. Then along comes the January 1969 issue of The Ontario Numismatist with the statement at the bottom of page 3 that the rarest Canadian coins are the \$10 and \$20. gold pieces struck at New Westminster, B.C. in 1862. The trouble is that they were No. 9 and No. 10 on my list.

Before I give you my list let me tell you at once that No. 1, I know, should be in the No. 6 position, but who could put what I consider to be the "King" of Canadian coins anywhere else but in the number one spot. I know this will spark quite an argument among Canada's collectors as to which are our ten rarest coins, that is why I am writing this for Pat Lambert, our own energetic Editor.

1. The Canadian Silver Dollar 1911. Two known.
2. Nova Scotia Penny token. Courteau 361A. See The Numismatist, February 1922, page 67. Unique.
3. Breton 999. ships, Colonies & Commerce token, believed unique.
4. Breton 672. $\frac{1}{2}$ Penny Bouquet token, 1837. Unique.
5. Breton 898. Robert Hopwood & Sons token 1852. Believed to be unique.
6. Breton 712. Bouquet Sou. 2 known.
7. Sovereign minted in Canada. 1916C. I know of four.
8. Breton 501. French Regime. 15 Sols 1670. Breton says "This is one of the rarest of Canadian coins".
9. Breton 934. British Columbia 20 Dollars 1862, gold. Breton says "Only 1 or 2

known, I know of two in private collections, perhaps two in B.C. Archives.

10. Breton 935. British Columbia 10 Dollars, 1962, gold. Same note as for No. 9.

Now to add fuel to the fire I should note that to make my list valid, it must first be conceded that a genuine trade token is a coin. I say it is, and to strengthen my argument I would point out that most of our modern coinage are really nothing but trade tokens. Next, someone will say that I should not have included a pattern, but we are speaking of coins, and that pattern at the head of the list is definitely a coin struck from coin dies and would have been issued later if things had taken their normal course.

Some of my friends will leap onto Item 7. I can hear them saying, "The Sovereigns are British Coins". True but the 1916 C was minted in Canada from Canadian gold and is therefore part of the Canadian numismatic scene, certainly as much as Item 8 which was minted in France but was legal currency here (so was the 1916 C sovereign). Item 5 will come in for its share of criticism on the grounds that it was struck for a firm intending to do business in Nova Scotia but which never "got off the ground". Breton claims that two were seen among the Canadian coins in an English collection. Its listing in Breton stakes a claim for its position in Canadian numismatics until somebody proves the claim to be wrong.

Items 9 and 10, in my collection, are filled by Silver-Gilt patterns from the Kuner estate, while positions 4 and 6 are empty. I thought I had a chance of filling the No. 6 position at the recent Sotheby & Co.(Canada) Ltd., sale in Toronto but unfortunately the coin listed proved to be wrongly attributed. Now you have my idea of Canada's top ten, what are yours?

DID YOU KNOW -

The world's largest form of currency was the giant holed-stone disc called Fe used on the island of Yap in the Pacific...It sometimes reached a diameter of 12 feet----A medium-sized stone disc was worth one wife.

A dealer in foreign money is known as a cambist.

Gold is hardened by adding copper so that coins will not be worn away by handling.

SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT - The Ontario Numismatic Association would appreciate it if any member having knowledge of another member in their club or any other club that shows potential as a speaker would advise KEN PROPHET CFMTC CFB BORDEN, BORDEN, Ontario so a list of speakers may be prepared.

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FOR EXHIBITS FOR 1969

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION - MAY 10 and 11, 1969

PRUDHOMME'S GARDEN CENTRE MOTEL - ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

- A - JUNIOR - Includes all numismatic materials entered by a junior collector under 18 years of age.
- B - CANADIAN COINS - Decimal coins of Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
- C - TOKENS - Medals and Medallions - Singly or Combined.
- D - CANADIAN CURRENCY - All official Canadian Paper Money.
- E - TOPICAL - A common theme - (people, buildings, trees, metals, animals, etc).
- F - WORLD CURRENCY - Official Foreign Paper Money.
- G - WORLD COINS - Coins of the world.
- H - ERRORS - Errors occurring in the official production of numismatic material.
- J - MISCELLANEOUS - All material that is not specified in other categories.
- K - GRAND AWARD - Determined by judging all displays WINNING A FIRST in categories A to J.

RECOMMENDATION - Inform judges on a separate note about complimentary material in display or background information on making display.

NOTE - The Display Chairman's decision as to category will be final. Displays will be judged according to the display rules.

PLEASE - read these rules carefully and exhibit by these standards. All displays will be numbered so the judges will not know the names of the exhibitors.

CASES - Ontario Numismatic Association cases and locks will be available. Inside measurements: 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches deep. (Size of display board).

AWARDS - Trophy winners will be determined by highest average points in each respective category. Ribbons will be awarded to all winning displays for First, Second and Third positions.

POINT SYSTEM- 30 points - information; 10 points each - eye appeal, neatness, originality, condition, rarity, completeness, special - Total - 100 points.

CHECK YOUR CATEGORIES -- DISPLAY BY RULES -- YOU CAN WIN -- GOOD LUCK

NEWS FROM THE COIN CLUBS

BAY OF QUINTE- The sunday meeting was spent in wheeling and dealing and eating one of the members date squares - a good idea. The Thursday evening meeting was given over to a talk by Charlie Miller on the cleaning and preserving of coins and bills.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB - The February meeting was featured as "Bring Something to the Auction" and "Bring A Friend". Two good ideas.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB - The theme of the February meeting is "ODD AND CURIOUS". Everyone brought any odd or curious coins they had and the O.N.A. slide "Odd and Curious" was shown. Time was spent planning for the Spring Show on April 12th. Sure to be a big and interesting time.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

February meeting was election night but to date we have not received the results. Will publish them next month, we hope.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB - The Audio-Visual "Wampum to Decimal Coins", part #4, produced by Lloyd T. Smith. This told of the coins and tokens of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. The O.N.A. Directors Howard Whitfield and Charlie Laister addressed the members on the advantages of belonging to the O.N.A.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB - Ye Ed apologizes for getting the wrong dates of the Kingston meetings. They are on MONDAY NIGHTS not Sunday. Thanks, Fred.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Mr. Fred Measor presented an interesting talk on "Coins of the Baltic States". This talk was to have been given in January but was postponed due to the small attendance, Bad Weather. The rest of the meeting was thrown open for discussion and proved very interesting.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB - The last meeting enjoyed a "Howard Hill Quiz" which was very enlightening and also had a fine auction thrown in.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB - Ottawa tells us there are only five bourse tables left for their May 3 and 4 Show. Guy Potter gave a talk on his recent trip to the Channel Islands. He told of a medal he had had in his collection for over 30 years and while in London cleared up the mystery about it. The medal turned out to be commemorating the capture of Belle Isle in 1761. His copy is uncirculated in Brass and unknown in that metal up to now.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB - At the February meeting a preview of some of the material to be auctioned off at the joint meeting of the Canadian Paper Money Society and Toronto Coin Club later this month. Then at the second meeting of the month the results of the above auction was reviewed.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB - Most of the meeting was given over to further preparations for the Coin Show March 22nd at which the doors will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. Keep this in mind.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB - 73 members and 19 visitors enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk by Vic Potter on Medical and Military Medals. Vic is a member of the Canadian Society of Military Medals and his collection is over 200 medical and military medals. The usual auction was much enjoyed. Dennis Jessome suggested a petition be sent to the mint to protect the coins now being minted and that the minting of proof-like sets be resumed.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - A panel discussion "What's My Coin" produced by Rod Rekofski of the O.N.A. provoked much discussion. Also Mr. Tyler gave a talk outlining the "Pool Project".

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION - The topic for the meeting was "Money Minters" presented by George Kerhoulas. The club was saddened by the passing of charter member #6, Mr. Russ Lumley, who joined the Club in January, 1963.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB - The Club is getting ready for its Seventh Annual Coin Show, April 27th and these will be the display categories: Canadian, British Empire and Commonwealth, Foreign Coinage, Paper Money, Medals, Miscellaneous, Junior and Grand Award. Auction lists may be obtained from Auction, Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario.

The following is a letter received from Alex Munro, First Vice-President which is self-explanatory---

Mr. Wm. English,
P. O. Box 4
Waterloo, Ontario.

April 2nd, 1968

Dear Bill,

During the last few months it has become evident to me and I am sure obvious to you that I am not fulfilling the office of first vice-president of the O.N.A. in the manner which it deserves.

This is a fact which disturbs me a great deal since it is my sincere conviction that one should not occupy an office as a matter of prestige only to be discarded when inconvenient.

The time has come however, when I must face facts, and realize that the exigencies of my work, which could not be anticipated a year ago have become such that I am not able to fill an office which by its nature demands I should be available at stated times.

In all fairness to you and the O.N.A., therefore, I am obliged to tender my resignation from the post. This is not an easy thing for me to do since I am aware how much work there is to be done and how worthwhile it is but it is obvious from the developments in my work during the last months that I will have less spare time in the future than I have had in the past.

Needless to say I will help in any way when I can but even now I have to hedge any promises to give a talk or to act as a judge by the warning that I may not be available when the date comes around.

I have enjoyed very much my service with the O.N.A. and the friendships I have made, and I sincerely regret that I will not have the time to carry on.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: Alex (A.L.Munro).

Our President's reply to the above letter --

Mr. Alex Munro,
3703 Kingston Rd.,
Scarborough, Ontario

April 8, 1968

Dear Alex,

Your letter of resignation was read with regret at our last executive meeting at Don Flick's last Wednesday.

First I want to thank you personally for a job well done on behalf of the O.N.A. You have helped in so many ways to make our association. Your talks, displays and judging (mostly head judge), plus all the extra time at the C.N.E. during our initial participation has been invaluable.

With the pressure of business, which must come first, we know you still want to help but are unable to do so as much as you would like.

Alex, we know you cannot get away from the hobby and look forward to your active participation when time permits.

Sincerely,

Signed - Bill English, President.

(N.B. - This is the reason why Friend Alex is no longer on the Executive until some time in the future).

CANADA'S HISTORY CHARTED WITH MONEY

(continued from February issue)

It develops that after nine years of labour and a sizeable expenditure in money, the charts were nearly lost. With the elder Kernohan dying in 1961, Fred moved to Inwood with the charts, storing them in an uncle's barn. The roof leaked and some of the charts were nearly ruined other ones were, and the uncle was going to burn the rest.

Although he had no personal interest in the money charts, Fred removed them from the barn and stored them in his home, as being Scottish he had a saving nature. Also, he knew only too well how hard his father had worked on them, and how much money they cost, as he had guided his father on the fruitless trips to Ottawa when he was seeking permission to illustrate the examples of Canadian currency.

Originally intended as a visual aid to be used in schools to encourage interest in Canadian history, time has converted the Kernohan money charts to relics which the coin collector relishes. On these charts Kernohan made no attempt to provide a complete history of all of Canada's currency. Rather, it was his intent to present reproductions of both coins and notes representing the principal events in Canada, her industries and resources.

There are two charts, both printed on two sides. The first chart begins by tracing Canada's history through its currency from 1534 when Jacques Cartier landed on the shores of the St. Lawrence, making acquaintance with the natives of North America and their wampum. It was interesting to note that a "wampum belt" owned by Kernohan was actually given to him by his old thorn, Dr. Clark.

The second chart presents the story of Canada's circulating currency from the era of Queen Victoria up through the World War II victory coins of 1945. The back side of this chart presents a chronological outline of the significant events in Canadian history from 1534 through 1945.

Each coin or note illustrated on the four chart faces represents a development in Canada's then 411 year history. The illustrations include Canada's first paper money, the French card money, beaver money, coins of the French regime, an early Hudson's Bay Company note, provincial halfpenny and penny and tokens, and Prince Edward Island's doughnut-shaped "Holey Dollar" of 1786.

Also illustrated are the British Columbia \$20. gold coins of 1862, the Magdalen Island one penny token of 1815 and 20-cent and half cent coins issued during the reign of Queen Victoria. A large variety of notes are illustrated, including a 25-cent shinplaster, a \$4. bill, depicting the Earl and Lady Minto and Canada's highest denomination, a \$1,000. note.

One can observe that perhaps Will Kernohan was a man who lived before his time. He had a consuming idea that few could grasp but, because he had a vision instead of sight, was stubbornly Irish and fiercely Canadian, we have his "The History of Canada in Money."

It is more than another collector's item; it is the only work of its kind in the world.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing proposed dates. Proposed dates will be listed every three months and for the last three consecutive months prior to show date.

- March 22 - Richmond Hill Annual Spring Show in the Lions Hall from 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.
- March 22 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association Sixth Annual Coin Show and Banquet in Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario.
- March 29 & 30 - Waterloo Coin Society Annual Banquet and Coin Show. General Chairman-Wilf Erb, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont. Dealers welcome.
- April 12 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association Annual Coin Show at the Hotel Quinte, Corner Bridge and Pinnacle Streets, Belleville. President - "Duke" Parry, Box 125, Belleville, Ontario.
- April 19 - Hamilton Coin Club Spring Show and Banquet, Saturday, April 19, at the Bolero-Drome Banquet Centre, General Chairman-Arthur Honour, Box 325, Station "B", Hamilton, Bourse Chairman-Gord McComb, 415 Erindale St., Burlington. Reserve early.
- April 20 - Chatham Coin Club First Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ont. Bourse Chairman-David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham and Exhibit Chairman-Walter Neuman, Port Alma, Ontario.
- April 26 - Huronia Numismatic Association of Barrie Annual Coin Show on Saturday, at Trinity Hall, Collier St., Barrie from 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. Write to P.O. Box 243, Barrie, Ontario,
- April 27 - Stratford Coin Club Annual Show in the Parish Hall, from 1:00 to 7.00 p.m. 8 display categories, bourse dealers and auction. Contact Stratford Coin Club, Box 262, Stratford, Ontario,
- May 3 & 4 - City of Ottawa Coin Show at the Talisman Motor Inn, 1376 Carling Ave., Ottawa. Chairman-H.A. Burton; Bourse Chairman-Paul Sullivan; Exhibits Chairman - Don MacRae.
- May 7 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Banquet .
- May 10 & 11 - O.N.A. Seventh Annual Convention at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, St. Catharines. Host Club-St. Catharines Coin Club. Bourse Chairman-Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Ave., St. Catharines or write to P.O. Box 33, Waterloo. Chairman-Pat Lambert, 57 Emmett Rd., St. Catharines. Dealers get your tables, they are going fast.
- June 7 - Ingersoll Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre Auditorium, Mutual St., Ingersoll. Guest speaker-John J, Pitman. For bourse and further information write to-Alan Macnab, 249 Hall St., Ingersoll, Ontario
- June 24 - Strawberry Social at which there will be Adult and Junior Displays. Information from Mr. Dave Gordon in care of the club or by telephone 279-5219. Port Credit Coin Club, Port Credit, Ontario.
- July 13 - Port Huron Coin Club-Bluewater International Coin Show. More details when received from club.
- Sept. 28 - Sarnia Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show. Later details.
- Oct. 4 & 5 - Kitchener Coin Club Annual Banquet and Coin Show. Details later.

The Ontario Numismatic Association Audio-Visual Report for the Year 1968

The O.N.A. had thirty-two member Clubs in 1968 with twenty-four of the clubs making use of the Audio-Visual Slide service. Fifty-five sets of slides were obtained by the twenty-four clubs during the year. Canadian Large Cents, #B23, By Lloyd T. Smith, being the most in demand as it was out eleven times. Port Credit Coin Club used the slides the most of any of the clubs, they had five sets during the year.

All Clubs do not send in a service report when returning the slides, I wish they would. Of those that had fifty-five sets of slides only thirty-three reports were received showing that 829 adults and 119 juniors viewed the slides. Twelve requests were received for the month of November, the most of any month of the year.

I am sure that those that did see any of the slides, got some good information out of viewing them. I wish that all the clubs that use the Audio-Visual service would fill out and return the service report that is sent out with each set of slides when returning the slides.

Thank you,

Chas. B. Laister, Audio-Visual Service,
No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, Ont.

The following is a list of the slides in the Audio-Visual Library -

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A.V.#B2 Wampum to Decimal Coins in Canada, Wampum, Card Money and Coinage Part 1: Of the French Regime	Lloyd T. Smith
A.V.#B3 Wampum to Decimal Coins in Canada Part 2: The Tokens of Quebec	Lloyd T. Smith
A.V.#B4 Wampum To Decimal Coins in Canada Part 3: The Bouquet Sous and a Few Upper Canada Tokens	Lloyd T. Smith
A.V.#B5 Coins of Roman Britain	Rod. R. Rekofski
A.V.#B7 What's My Coin - Part 1 - For Less Experienced Collectors	Rod. R. Rekofski
A.V.#B8 What's My Coin - Part 2 - For Advanced Numismatists	Rod. R. Rekofski
A.V.#B9 Canadian Silver Dollars	William English
A.V.#B10 Canadian Fractional Currency	William English
A.V.#B11 Canadian Coat of Arms	David Ashe
A.V.#B12 Wampum to Decimal Coins in Canada Part 3: Tokens of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P.E.I., Newfoundland	Lloyd T. Smith
A.V.B13 Lundy Island and World Famous Order's - Part 1	David Ashe
A.V.#B14 The Eddystone Lighthouse and World Order's - Part 2	David Ashe
A.V.#B15 The Waitangi Crown and Ye Olde Famous Cartwheel	David Ashe
A.V.#B16 Canadian Voyageur Dollar	Mrs. Claudia Pelkey

