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The tale of the 'Prince'

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The tale of the 'Prince'

There are three examples of the elusive 1921 five cent silver in the forthcoming Charles D. Moore Numismatics Ltd. Auction, which will be held in conjunction with the Toronto International Coin Fair on April 24, 1982, at the Lakeshore Inn, Toronto, Ontario. The three examples grade Fine 15; EF 40; and Select BU 63, and represent the largest offering of the often called "Prince" of Canadian coins, in recent years.

The story behind the rarity of the 1921 five cent is interesting and mysterious. The mint records show that 2,501,238 of the 1921 5¢ silver had already been struck, when it was decided to use a larger nickel coin for this denomination. The Legislation was passed in May, 1921, and thereafter no more five cent pieces were coined in silver. The mint records also show that 3,022,655 coins of this denomination were subsequently melted, and it is generally assumed that the composition of this melt was the 1921 mintage and a portion of the 1920 mintage, thus explaining the rarity of the 1921 date today. But how many pieces of the 1921 five cent silver survived, and how did they survive? Various editions of the Charlton "Standard Catalogue" have estimated the surviving mintage at 100 pieces, 200 pieces and currently at 400 pieces.

A few are specimen coins, issued to collectors in sets, but the rest of the surviving pieces are business or circulation strikees. It has been reported in the literature that a number of the circulation strikes were sold to visitors to the mint in the early months of 1921. however, no record of the number sold if any, was recorded.

It is most improbable that the mysteries surrounding the 1921 five cent silver will ever be solved, and that numismatists will ever know how many pieces survived and how they escaped from the mint. But regardless of the unsolved mysteries the 1921 five cent silver still remains one of Canada's rarest coins. The "PRINCE" lives on.



ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S 1982 20th ANNIVERSARY
MEDAL

Owing to manufacturing problems, the 1982 Anniversary Convention Medal will not be available for about 6 weeks.

To assure that all members have the opportunity of obtaining the medals, orders will be accepted until April 15th, 1982.

The prices are as follows.....

Bronze... \$10.00 plus O.S.T. .70¢... \$10.70
Sterling Silver..\$45.00 plus O.S.T. 3.15. . \$48.15



The theme of the Convention was "THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM 1912 - 1982 and the Avenue Road main entrance appears on the medal.

REMEMBER... CUT OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 15th, 1982

Orders are to be sent to O.N.A. 20th Anniversary Convention
Committee, P.O. Box 792, Sta; A,
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ROM

1982 — A benchmark year at the ROM

This year promises to be one of the most exciting in the 70-year history of Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum. With the opening of the first new galleries scheduled for July 1, the ROM is now entering a phase of growth that will see it develop through the next decade to take its place again as one of the largest museums in North America.

Few institutions have ever attempted such a complex expansion and renovation programme and one requiring such finely-tuned moves. Each phase — from construction and occupancy of the new Curatorial Centre to the taking apart and packing of exhibits in the antiquated main building, and the dismantling of the Chinese Garden to make way for the Terrace Galleries — set off a complicated chain-reaction of transfers of staff, collections and equipment. To the delight of every one concerned, especially Mr. Sydney Hermant, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and ROM Director, Dr. James E. Cruise, everything is now meshing together.

The nine-floor Curatorial Centre, with its sophisticated conservation and storage areas and custom-designed research labs, is proving to be the efficient nerve-centre it was designed to be. The Terrace Galleries have risen to maximum height to indicate the Bloor Street landmark they will soon become, and, in the renovated main building, galleries are in the process of being installed.

There are actually 20 gallery teams made up of designers, curators, educators and programmers, planning for the future. New architectural spaces, and new clusters of galleries, each grouped around a common theme, will be

emerging. First to go on view are portions of the Life Science cluster and the Ancient World cluster.

Numismatists will be delighted to know that a display of Roman Imperial coinage is being planned for the first section of the Ancient World cluster by Alison Easson, Assistant Curator, Greek and Roman Department. By March of 1983, Greek, Hellenistic and Roman Republican coins will also be on view to round out the picture of trade and commerce extending through the ancient Mediterranean world. Also engaged in the same field as Mrs. Easson is Research Associate Dr. J.S. Wilkinson, past president of the Canadian Numismatic Association and a specialist in ancient Greek coinage.

Other ROM departments with holdings of interest to numismatists include the West Asian, Far Eastern, European and Canadiana Departments. Canadiana collections include approximately 700 coins and tokens including those of the French regime and British colonial rule. Fur trade coins and tokens, bank and merchant tokens, and Canadian coins dating from 1859 as well as some 500 Canadian medals of historic or social interest can be studied at the Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Building.

The bulk of the coinage found in the Far Eastern Department came from the Brackbill Collections given to the Museum from Victoria College in 1924. Its Chinese coins include examples of all major types from the 6th century B.C. to the Ch'ing Dynasty of the 20th century.

Throughout its closure the ROM has attempted to maintain its record of public service. Coins have been loaned for exhibit to the Nickle Arts Museum, Calgary and to Scarborough College, Toronto. Through resource boxes and school visits organized by the Extension Services Department and the Education Services Department respectively, school classes have been introduced to some of the fascinating aspects of history that the study of coins can offer. As well, throughout the upheaval of moving, the ROM has maintained its policy of free consultation, identification and conservation advice.

Numismatists will be even better served in the future. The enlarged reference library and the study areas in the expanded quarters will offer the serious student better space and resources to pursue his particular interest.

During its long history the ROM has depended on the support of its many friends and this is particularly so during this period of expansion. Donations to the fund-raising campaign, and gifts that have added to the growth of collections have both been generous — and have contributed immeasurably to the ROM's new growth and pursuit of knowledge.

Audrey Ellard
Media Relations Officer

From the editor's
Scrapbook

The Henry Ford Cent

In 1917, Henry Ford ordered the minting of a coin bearing his own likeness. It resembled the Lincoln penny but bore the motto "Help the Other Fellow" in place of "In God We Trust" and was engraved with Ford's portrait instead of Lincoln's.

Ford had no intention of fobbing off the funny money as the real thing, despite its deliberate likeness to the Lincoln cent. Rather, he planned

to hand it out to friends and customers as a goodwill gesture. Detroit's Weyhing Brothers jewelry firm was hired to strike the die, and a million coins were ordered. However, U.S. entry into World War I scuttled the project after just a handful of coins had been turned out—but not before Ford had proven that a resourceful industrialist not only could earn money, he could make it. A Ford cent is now worth about \$5.



Photo by Ed Rochette



QUICK CASH BY TELEGRAPH

COMMUNICATION SERVICES WERE VERY UNRELIABLE IN TANGANYIKA IN THE LATE 1800's.

THE ALMOST DAILY BREAK-DOWNS WERE CAUSED BY THE REMOVAL OF HUNDREDS OF FEET OF WIRE WHICH THE WATUSI PEOPLE USED AS MONEY.

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 abnu dnu ylu abnu hnd cllbu...
 n yllu n alluabu ylu... hnu hnd cl
 ploghu ylu abnu hnd cllbu allu
 n abnu dnu ylu abnu hnd cllbu n
 hu yllu n alluabu yluu hnu hnd cl
 ploghu ylu abnu hnd cllbu... allu
 hu abnu dnu ylu abnu hnd cllbu n
 hndu cyuunq ploghu ylu
 hnu alluabu yllu hu ploghu
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NOT JUST A PIPE DREAM

DURING WORLD WAR II CIGARETTES HAD A HIGH BLACKMARKET VALUE ALL OVER THE WORLD. AFTER THE WAR, PRICES QUOTED IN SIAMESE NEWSPAPER ADS WERE IN CIGARETTES.

Association News:**MEMBERSHIP**

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the February 1982 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, the acceptance will be acknowledged in the April issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- J1208.. En Hwa Ng, 233 Talbot Cres., Newmarket, Ontario,
L3Y 1A4
- 1209.. Joe Hubinger, 90 King St; Delhi, Ont., N4B 1X6.
- 1210.. Stephen M. Pearce, 20 First Ave., Port Colborne,
Ont. L3K 5N4
- 1211.. Bill Sanders, 130 Clinton St: Unit 17, Toronto,
Ont. M6G 2Y3
- 1212.. Norm Jackson R.R.#2, Gadshill, Ont., N0K 1J0
- 1213.. Ulrich Rinne, 1108-1850 Victoria Park Ave;
Scarborough, Ont.M1R 1T1.
- 1214.. Cecil McCann, 22-2 Jasper Ave; Toronto, Ont, M6N 2M8
- 1215.. Henry Harrison, box 151, Station "S", Toronto,
Ont. M5M 4L7

The following have been transferred from regular membership to Life Membership...

LM72 Mart R. Munk, Ottawa, Ontario.

LM73 Aubrey Leslie, Aurora, Ontario.

Bruce Raszmann
Membership Chairman

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY C15

The February meeting of the Brantford Numismatic Society was held on Sunday, February 21st, 1982, at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey Street, Brantford at 8:00 P.M.

There were a very good attendance of members and guest to see the ONA Audio Slides Program, "ONE CENTS of CANADA".

The social convener for the evening was Gord Durnford and Larry Laevens will take the March meeting.

#293 Tom Hebert applied for membership to the club.

The 22nd Anniversary Coin Show will be held June 27th, 1982 in the Auditorium B.D.CC South Market Street, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., for information about bourse and displays write, Show Chairman, Arnold Conrad, P.O. Box 953, Brantford, Ontario.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The January meeting was held on January 11th, 1982 at 8:00 P.M. at the Central United Church, Wellington Street, St. Thomas, Ontario.

A slide programme on the "Grading of Coins" by Charlton Numismatics was shown, which was enjoyed by all.

A Coin and Paper Money Auction was held at the close of meeting and a lunch of donuts and beverage was served.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74

The meeting of the North York Coin Club for February was held at the North York Community Hall, 5099 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, at 8:00 P.M., February 23rd, 1982.

Paul Johnson was the guest speaker for the evening and his topic for the evening was "Some Alternatives to Collecting Decimal Coins". He showed a slide presentation with talk and it was a very interesting presentation which was enjoyed by all.

The following persons has been accepted as members,-
#400 Marvin Kay, 401 Margret Blennand, 402 Paul Parrish, 403 Russell Earl and 399 Jim Smart.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB C59

The February 15th meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club was held in the Senior Citizens Room at the Lions Hall on Thames Street, Ingersoll, Ontario with 40 members and guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Tom Masters the president.

Stell Hodge gave a talk on the search for Spanish Gold Gold Treasures off the coast of Florida.

Roy Hart, Mr & Mrs Norman Carters joined as members to Ingersoll Coin Club.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served followed with a 40 lot auction.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1

President Harold Marshall welcomed 24 members and guests at the January 19th meeting. Don Robb conducted a Quiz on Newfoundland Coinage. It generated a lot of interest and some excellent questions and discussions followed.

The Feature Draw winners were,- 1st Prize Scott Linton, 2nd Prize Harold Marshall and 3rd Prize Paul Miller.

John McIntyre conducted a 29 lot auction. All lots were sold and the bidding was very active.

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB C35

The monthly meeting of Oshawa & District Coin Club was held at the Valleyview Park Club House, Gladstone Ave, Oshawa, 2:00 P.M. February 28th, 1982.

Paul Johnson was the guest speaker and his topic was "Some Alternatives to Collecting Decimal Coins". He also presented a slide presentation with his talk. It was greatly appreciated by all that attended.

Coffee and Donuts were served at the close of the meeting followed with a active coin auction.

CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

In what may prove to be a precedent setting venture, the innovative City of Ottawa Coin Club has announced its plans for Coin Week North America, 1982. On Saturday, April 17th, member Stanley Shiff and President Paul Nadin-Davis will be the guests of a local country and western station CKBY for a one hour phone in show on the subject of numismatics. Nadin Davis, who has appeared on the station's hobby show before, hopes that the venture will get the club's activities off to a good start and bring Coin Week to the attention of local residents for a 100 mile radius.

The really new initiative, however, will appear between covers and be titled NUMISMATIC OTTAWA. In the 150 page book edited by Paul Nadin-Davis and Frank Fesco, the best of 14 years articles and contributions to the Club's bulletin are reprinted, together with tributes to J. Douglas Ferguson and Guy Potter, and histories of the various Coin Clubs in Ottawa. In two main sections, the book details the history of the first Ottawa Coin Club, which functioned in the 1890s under the title of "La Societe Numismatique d'Ottawa". Later clubs, which amalgamated to form the present body, are also chronicled. A highlight of this section is original research by J. Graham Esler into the writing and activities of a M. Paquet, secretary of the first Society in the late 19th century. This research details not only some amusing moments of Paquet's career, but also his somewhat nefarious activities in relation to token restrikes of the period, and his publishing ventures, which were if anything less than successful.

The second portion of the book is divided between Canadian content articles, and articles on world numismatics. Several distinguished authors including Shelton Carroll, Hillet Kaslove, Ruth McQuade and Michael Curry feature prominently.

The book is available at \$12 postpaid from City of Ottawa Coin Club, P.O. Box 2180, Ottawa, Ontario, or from President Paul Nadin-Davis at Box 95, Ottawa, Ontario.



Coin Week Canada 1982

APRIL 18 - 24

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The appointment of Al Bliman, executive secretary of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers, as "dealer booster" for Canadian Coin Week, April 18-24, 1982, was announced by L.H. "Scoop" Lewry, general chairman for the national coin week observation.

Al has been executive secretary of the dealers' association on its formation in 1975. He is actively engaged in the numismatic hobby on a daily basis and is known as "the numismatic dynamo" in the Toronto coin community.

He was chairman of Coin Week Canada in 1980 and is a computer specialist by trade.

He will co-ordinate Coin Week Canada 1982 activities amongst the numismatic dealers across Canada who will each receive "booster buttons," to signify their co-operation.



AL. BLIMAN

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Louis H. Lewry, CM, 1161 - 3rd. Ave. N.W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada S6H 3V1
CO-ORDINATOR, FIRST COIN WEEK NORTH AMERICA, 1982

Coin Week North America

APRIL 18-24, 1982

"NUMISMATICS KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES"

The final item provided for Coin Week 1982 is "the piece de resistance" according to L.H. "Scoop" Lewry, general chairman of Coin Week Canada 1982 and co-ordinator of the first Coin Week North America.

Lewry is also editor and secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Large Cent club. Canadian large cents were minted between 1858 and 1920. With that in mind, a new coin to commemorate Coin Week North America is fashioned after the large cent.

It is a 25 millimeter copper colored coin, the same as the large cent in size. The obverse shows a drawing of Lewry with the words Co-ordinator Coin Week North America April 18-24, 1982. The reverse has the two coin week observations - Coin Week Canada, National Coin Week in the United States around the circle with the words Numismatics knows no boundaries, recognized by American Numismatic Association, Canadian Numismatic Association, Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico, C.L.C.C. \$1.00 in trade in the centre.

It is the 25th item printed or minted by Lewry for this year's observations.

The new coin is available for \$2.00 postpaid from L.H. "Scoop" Lewry, 1161 3rd Avenue N.W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada S6H 3V1.

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National Coin Week, U.S.A.
April 18-24, 1982
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
70 YEARS OF SERVICE
Membership application and
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April 18-24, 1982
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APRIL 2-4, 1982

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Seaway Tower Hotel
Lakeshore Blvd, West,
Toronto, Ontario.

APRIL 15-18, 1982

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....SPRING TOREX COLLECTIBLE SHOW
Internation Centre
6900 Airport Road,
Mississauga, Ontario.

APRIL 24th, 1982

OSHAWA, ONTARIO..... OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB
COIN WEEK CANADA SHOW
Oshawa Shopping Centre
King Street West,
Oshawa, Ontario.

For information

Wayne Goring, President
P.O. Box 212,
Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L1

MAY 15th, 1982

DOWNSVIEW, ONTARIO.....THISTLETOWN COIN & STAMP CLUB
Coin & Stamp Show
North York Sheridan Mall,
Wilson Avenue, Downsview,

For information...

Robert Rook
106 Rivercrest Road,
Toronto, Ontario, M6S 4H6

MAY 16th, 1982

INGERSOLL, ONTARIO.....INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

2nd, Mini-Show

For information...

Tom Masters

823 Van Street,

London, Ontario,

JUNE 27th, 1982

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO..... BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

22nd Coin Show

Auditorium B.D.C.C.

Market Street, Brantford,

Ontario.

For information..

Arnold Conrad Show Chairman

P.O. Box 953,

Brantford, Ontario,

JULY 15-18, 1982

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA,,,,,, CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
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International Inn, Winnipeg.

For information... Manitoba Coin Club

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SEPTEMBER 11, 1982

BARRIE, ONTARIO..... HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Annual Show

Bayfield Mall, Barrie.

For information.....P.O. Box 243,

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OCTOBER 31st, 1982

STRATFORD, ONTARIO,,,,,, STRATFORD COIN CLUB

20th Consecutive Coin Show

For information

10 Bourse Dealers, Displays

P.O. Box 262

Auction.

Stratford, Ontario