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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CCN

1993 marks the 30th anniversary of Canadian Coin News. Through the years, its name has changed, from "Canada Coin News" to "Coin Stamp Antique News" and finally to its present day "Canadian Coin News". Along with name changes came a number of changes in ownership as well.

From its modest beginnings have sprung several sister publications including "Insight On Collectibles", "Canadian Stamp News" and most recently "Canadian Sportscard Collector".

Since 1963, 'Coin News has covered the major events in Canadian and world numismatics along with offering insightful articles on coins, tokens, and medals.

It has served as a medium for dealers wishing to reach prospective collectors with advertisements of coins for sale, and for collectors, especially those far-removed from larger centers, to acquire Numismatic treasures through mailorder.

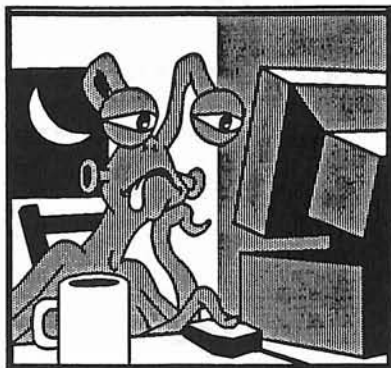
CCN was there during the high and low points of numismatics - the speculative craze in '64 and '65; the release of the '67 Centennial year coinage, the bear market, brought on perhaps, by the removal of silver from Canadian Coinage in 1968; the opening of a new RCM facility in Winnipeg in 1974, the sale of the renowned 1911 silver dollar in 1976 to an American dealer; the investor surge of the 80's and of course, the beginning of what may well be the decade of the true collector - the 90's.



I have been a coin collector for 20 years...but my collecting interests also include numismatic books, periodicals, auction catalogs and an extensive collection of CCN issues including Volume 1 #1. These represent some of the most precious possessions in my collection. They provide me with insight on the coin market of the past, ideas for articles, information and facts for my research. My CCN collection is priceless to me.

The ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION extend our congratulations to CCN and wish its publisher, Paul Fioca, and staff, continued success. Let's hope

that at least another 30 years of successful hobby coverage is in the cards for CCN...Happy Birthday!★



CAUTION! EDITOR AT WORK

EDITOR'S VIEWS

Welcome to the new look "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST". I am pleased to have been chosen as the editor for our organization, and hope that I can fill the capable shoes of Tom Masters, who so competently edited the ONTARIO NUMISMATIST since 1986.

On behalf of myself and all present and past ONA members, who've enjoyed your work in this newsletter over the years, we thank you, Tom! Thanks for all the years of hard work and we wish you a happy "2nd retirement".

Of course, anyone who knows Tom also knows that he never really retires. He will always be occupied in one club or another. And of course, you can all rest assured that his retirement as editor for the ONTARIO NUMISMATIST doesn't mean we've seen the last of him.

Tom has assured me (and I'll hold you to this, Tom) that he'll be making the odd contribution to this newsletter in the form of feature articles and so forth. And you can bet Tom will continue to show up at the annual ONA conventions. Again, Tom, thanks for all your hard work!



Now, it's time for me to introduce myself. My name is Jeff Fournier and I've been involved in this hobby since 1971, though only since the early '80's, have I been a serious student of Numismatics.

I'm 30 years old (and an April fool!), live in Sudbury, work for Ontario Hydro as a control room operator, and have a wife, Shelly, and two children: Alisha (age 3 1/2) and Brennan (9 months).

I must admit that the majority of my time is spent with my family and any time left over is dedicated to work and coin collecting - though not necessarily in that order!

As far as my numismatic involvement is concerned - I'm President of the Nickel Belt Coin Club and Editor of its newsletter; Editor of Northern Ontario Collectors' News; Editor of the Northern Ontario Numismatic Journal; contributing writing for Canadian Coin News; a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society; and a member of the CNA, ONA, CATC.

In 1990, I published a catalog entitled "Ontario Municipal and Commemorative Medals", and have written a number of articles for the journals and newsletters of the above mentioned organizations.

What do I collect? Nearly anything Canadian - coins, municipal tokens, medallions, currency and Canadian Tire coupons. I am particularly interested in commemorative medallions and am working on a catalog covering medallions issued by Canadian coin clubs (any help from ONA members would be appreciated!).

I look forward to bringing you, the members, an interesting and informative newsletter during my tenure, and welcome articles, letters, comments, criticisms etc...



You'll notice that the newsletter has taken on quite a new look. I am using an IBM compatible computer to set the newsletter up and a Hewlett Packard laser printer, to print it up. Using a computer greatly speeds up the process and allows changes to be made with ease (though many times, I spend hours revising and tend to take on the appearance of the fellow at top!)

If you have articles, news, views and so forth to send in and have an IBM compatible, just send me your disk (any wordprocessor format will do). If you don't...no worry, just make sure what you send to me is legible. I'll take care of the typing. REGARDS! JEFF FOURNIER

PRESENTATION AND COLLECTOR COINS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

BY AL McQUISTIN

Since the time of its opening in 1908, the Royal Canadian Mint has produced both "collector" and "presentation" coin sets. Collector coins are pieces which are struck for sale to the general public. Modern day issues include the proof and specimen sets sold by the mint. In contrast, presentation coinage is that which is made for VIP's such as visiting dignitaries rather than for public sale. Generally, the existence of presentation coinage is not officially acknowledged by the mint and no mention is made of it in the mint's annual reports to parliament. In view of the latter, it is not surprising that the history of Canada's presentation coinage is extremely vague and 83 years after the RCM minted its first coinage, we are still learning of the existence of previously unknown specimens.



In the United States, the situation is quite the opposite. For example, books are available which depict pictures and mintage figures for U.S.A. proofs dating back 160 years. In Canada, we are lacking hard data on VIP sets produced as recently as 15 years ago. Fortunately, in the case of collector coins, the RCM has always kept records so we are not completely in the dark regarding this "special" coinage.

The first collector coinage to be made in Canada was in 1908 to celebrate the opening of our mint. In that year, approximately 1,000 specimen sets were struck and sold to the public for \$2.00 each. Unlike the pieces minted for general circulation, these coins were made using fresh dies, polished coin blanks and a double striking procedure in slow moving presses. This method of manufacture resulted in coins with high, sharp details and none of the roughness and marks evident on business strikes. As well, the coin surfaces evince a frosted, "satin" (ie: matte) appearance that is more glittering and more uniform than that on conventional strikes.

The official term given to these special coins of 1908 was "specimen" quality and not "proof". The RCM felt that these coins were unworthy of the term "proof" since they weren't up to the standard of Britain's Royal Mint proofs. In fact, the RCM lacked the facilities to make proof coinage until 1973. As a result, our first proof coins were the 1976 silver and gold Olympic coins and our first proof double dollar set was not made until 1981.

At this point, the distinction between "specimen" and "proof" coinage needs to be made. It should be noted that both are a method of manufacture that possess more in common than they do differences. In both cases, the procedures mentioned earlier (ie fresh, polished dies; polished coin blanks; slow moving presses; double strikings) are used to produce a superior looking coin. As well, both specimens and proofs can be made with three different surfaces:

- 1) MATTE (OR GRANULAR)
- 2) MIRROR (FULLY BRILLIANT OR MONO-TONED)
- 3) CAMEO (FROSTED DEVICES AGAINST A MIRROR BACKGROUND OR TWO-TONED)



The difference between proof and specimen lies in the degree of quality control. Proofs are meant to be flawless, state of the art coins with no imperfections of any kind. As a result, they are struck in dust free rooms and carefully inspected for quality. Specimens do not receive the same rigorous treatment and consequently the difference in quality between two specimen pieces tends to be greater than that between two proof pieces.

Returning to type of surface, most proofs from a given country are struck with a cameo surface (such as our current proof sets) but examples with matte or brilliant surfaces do exist. With regards to specimen coinage, the type of surface depends upon the time period in which the piece was struck. For example, in Canada, the breakdown is as follows:



- A) 1908 to 1936: matte finish
- B) 1937 to 1939: matte & mirror finish
- C) 1940 to 1944: mirror finish
- D) 1945 to 1970: cameo finish
- E) 1971 to date: mirror finish



Going back to the 1908 specimen coinage, the RCM also minted 636 1908 gold sovereigns in December of that year. All of these were specimen quality. The following year, a small number of 1909 sovereigns were struck in specimen quality.



After 1908, the next set of specimen coinage available to the public was in the spring of 1912. At that time, one could buy a silver and bronze set of 1911 coinage for \$2.00 or an expanded version containing a 1911 sovereign, a 1912 five dollar gold piece, and a 1912 ten dollar gold piece. This larger set of 8 specimen coins sold for \$24.00. Interestingly, some of the leather cases for both of these sets had a slot for the



anticipated 1911 silver dollar and these cases command a premium price.

In the period of 1913 to 1936, collector coins for public sale were unavailable but accumulating evidence indicates that individual presentation pieces and sets were made. One of the more desirous sets from the period is that of the 1921 specimen set whose value is approaching the \$200,000 mark.

With the coronation of King George VI in 1937, the RCM issued 1,295 specimen sets in cardboard boxes to the public at a price of \$3.25 each. These sets have a matte finish. A smaller number of presentation specimen sets were also made and these have much more eye appeal since they have cameo surfaces and are housed in a leather case.



The period of 1938 to 1948 was again one in which no sets were offered for public sale although small numbers of presentation sets were regularly produced. However, 1949 marked a turning point for it was in that year that the mint initiated attempts to provide high calibre coins to the public on a more accessible basis. 1949 was the birth year of the "proof-like" silver dollar and by 1951 proof-like pieces were also found in the 50 cent and 25 cent denominations (proof-likes have a mirror finish but are struck by the die only once). If you

ordered year sets from the mint between 1949 and 1952, you received your coins in individual cellophane envelopes stapled together inside of a small, white cardboard box. Usually, these coins were circulation strikes that never hit the mint bags. But if you were lucky, some of the pieces were proof-like.

Beginning in 1953, the mint became more systematic in its provision of coins to the public since that year initiated production of complete proof-like sets instead of random pieces.

While the mint geared up its facilities for the production of proof-like coinage, it continued to strike special presentation sets of specimen quality. The years 1949 to 1953 inclusively saw the production of presentation coins



in leather cases for VIP's. However, based upon evidence to date, the years 1954 to 1963 saw either no production of specimen sets or possibly the production of extremely small numbers of such coinage. The 45th (1991) edition of the Charlton catalogue lists no specimen coinage between these dates but future issues may do so.



VIP specimen sets were definitely made in the years 1964 and 1965. Again, no mention is made of these in the mint's annual reports. For 1966, only specimen silver dollars have surfaced to date. Of course, 1967 saw the widescale production of Centennial specimen sets. No information is available for 1968 but at least two VIP sets were struck in 1969. In 1970, Pierre Trudeau embarked on a tour of the Far East and took with him close to 1,000 specimen sets in leather cases to give away as gifts to dignitaries. After the trip about 100 of these sets remained and



were sold by the mint at the 1970 C.N.A convention in Halifax for \$13.00 each. This was done to gauge the public's interest in specimen sets.

The mint must have been pleased with the public's response because 1971 saw the production of mirror-finish specimen sets for general sale on an annual basis (ie: double dollar sets of 1971 to 1980). As mentioned previously, the quality of these double dollar sets was upgraded to cameo-finish proofs in 1981. For VIP's, at least in the years 1971 to 1976, the mint continued to issue specimen presentation sets housed in long, narrow leather cases usually black or red in colour. Mintage figures are always below 100 for any given year.

And so we have the fascinating history of RCM presentation and collector coinage to date. Hopefully the years ahead will shed more light on the area of the elusive VIP sets.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Don't be shy! Let's hear what you think about the changes in the "Ontario Numismatist". What did you like? What didn't you like? Is there anything you'd like to see in future editions? What types of articles would you like to see?

Let us know what you want. Remember, this is **YOUR** club and this newsletter is for **YOUR** benefit.

In upcoming editions, the format may be changed somewhat with different features added and others deleted...depending on your response.

One thing being considered is a classified section. Would anybody like to see this? After all, we collectors like nothing more than buying and selling coins.

Letters to the Editor? Sure, we'd love to hear from you. And don't forget, we can only include information in here that's sent to us. If we don't know about it, neither will anyone else. Don't be afraid to keep us up-to-date on what's going on in your club.

Tell us about your shows, your meetings. Or let us know what you think about the coin hobby in general. And by all means, let us know if the O.N.A. are serving your needs.

We're also in need of articles for the "Ontario Numismatist". Contributions would be greatly accepted. How about submitting interesting articles from your club newsletter. I'm sure collectors from other clubs would benefit by the expertise of others. Keep in touch!



Put your pen to paper - tell us what you think!

ONTARIO COIN CLUBS

NOTE: I would like "Ontario Coin Clubs" to be a semi-regular feature of the Ontario Numismatist. If your club would like to be featured here, send me information about how the club was started, who was involved, what you do at your meetings, your logo and so forth. You may write it up yourself, or I could write it for you...as long as all pertinent details are included. Also, if your club has issued a medal, token or other numismatic item, include details (mintage figures, photocopy, compositions, reason for issue etc...).

THE NIPISSING COIN CLUB

The Nipissing Coin Club was formed in March of 1985 by a group of enthusiastic coin collectors in North Bay.

It brought together those interested in buying, selling and trading coins. It also offered an informal atmosphere where members could discuss their collections, their knowledge and share in the fun with others having the same interests. The club crest embodies the club's philosophy: "the stylized letters, "NCC" unite to represent friendship and trust existing in membership; it shows strength and value in its likeness to a piece of precious or

semi-precious metal used in the many numismatic pieces collected and studied by club members." Members do not necessarily have large collections. And emphasis is placed on acquiring knowledge and appreciation for a coin as opposed to emphasizing its value.

Meetings are informal and include collectors of all types of material such as coins, municipal tokens/medallions and currency. A modest membership fee is collected yearly, though children under 12 can join for free and students are given a reduced rate.

The club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the boardroom of Cassellholme - a local Senior Citizens home - 400 Olive St. North Bay.

The club is small, with only about 10 members, but they are probably some of the most devoted collectors in Ontario. Often, meetings are frequented by 100% of the membership.

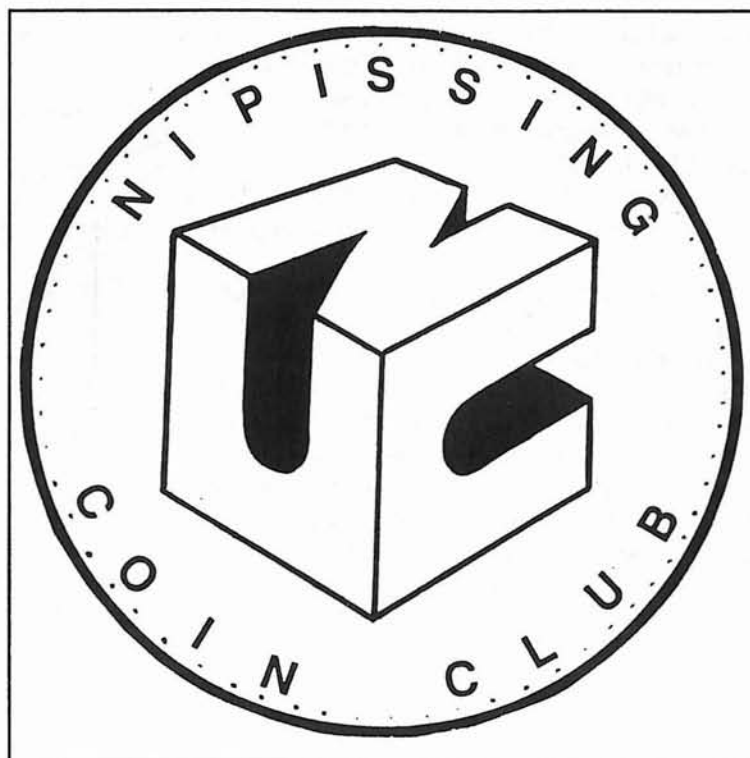
Frequently, the club has displays at local malls, libraries and so forth.

They have also hosted a number of "Cub and

Guide nights" where the club helps youngsters earn their collector badges, while fun is had by all.



Anyone interested in more information can write to the editor (Jeff Fournier, P.O. Box 2111, Sudbury, Ont., P3A 4R8).



JERRY'S CORNER

PERSONALIZED MEDALS AVAILABLE

Each year, beginning with 1985, I have, with the permission of the O.N.A., made a small quantity of medals with the yearly O.N.A. convention die on one side and my own personal die on the other side. Three finishes were used: copper, gold plated copper and silver plated copper. I still have medals available in the three finishes cited above for 1985-1993. Send \$3.25 for each medal ordered or \$9.25 for 3 to **JERRY REMICK, BOX 9183, STE FOY, QUEBEC, G1V 4B1.**



Jerry Remick



NEW EDITION OF CATALOGUE ON CANADIAN MEDALS

A new and improved format has been used, at my suggestion, for an updated version (1993) of the catalogue "CANADIAN MEDALS & RELATED ISSUES" (2nd edition), by **HARVEY SMITH, P.O. BOX 75126, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, 98125-0126.**

The catalogue is printed on 8.5" X 11" pages. Improvements for the 2nd edition include a spiral binding and wider margins on each page so the left part of the printed page is not covered by the binding.

Over 6500 Canadian medals are catalogued on 104 pages - first by province and then by the issuing municipality. The following data is given for each piece: municipality in which the piece was issued, date, diameter, mint, metal, edge type, weight and a brief description.

This improved version of the 2nd edition was sent free of charge to all who purchased the 1st version of the 2nd edition. It is available for \$20 Canadian (to Canadian residences) and \$20 U.S. (for U.S. residences). The author is continually updating his listing and has over half the medals listed in his catalog in his collection.



Jerry's personal die



Examples of medals covered in Harvey's book.

ORDERING COINS BY MAIL

By Jeff Fournier



Many mail-order coin firms offer a varied assortment of materials for the advanced and beginning collector. The use of their services can be an excellent way to purchase coins which otherwise may have been impossible to obtain.

Most dealers who sell by mail are honest and knowledgeable. But, as in any business, there exists a handful who are not. We collectors should take special precautions to guard against these unscrupulous few. By following the guidelines listed here, you will greatly reduce your risks when ordering by mail.



BEFORE ORDERING COINS

A quick glance through numismatic magazines, newspapers and coin club journals will yield a number of dealers offering coins for sale. Take the time to jot down the type of coins they offer. What type of materials do they specifically deal in: Canadian coins, foreign, medals or tokens? Keep a list of the dealers who supply the type of materials which you may be interested in. Write several dealers requesting their latest listing explaining what your collecting interests are. Many dealers keep separate listings for the specialized collector.

Ask others if they have ordered from any of the dealers which you may be considering: what were their experiences like? Were they satisfied with the product received? Was it accurately graded and as described in the pricelist? Take note whether or not the dealer is a member of the Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers (CAND).

Before placing an order, ensure that you are familiar with the item you are about to purchase. In other words, do not order a coin by description alone. It may sound interesting in the dealer's price-list, but it may not be so interesting once you receive it. If you are unsure about a specific piece, refer to a catalogue on the subject so that you may educate yourself before purchasing it. In other words, do your homework!

TEST THE SERVICE

Initially, it is best to order in smaller quantities and from several dealers. In this way, you can "test" the dealer's services and merchandise. Keep records of how well the firm deals with you: how long did the coins take to arrive? Are the coins as described and properly graded? Was the dealer courteous and willing to help you with your collecting interests? What kinds of services can he offer - want list services, approvals, subscription service? If you are disappointed with the material or the service you received remember, it is better to find this out now before you have spent too much money purchasing materials from this particular dealer. Once you have weeded out the "bad apples" you are now ready to deal with a few trusted companies or individuals. A number of suggestions for ordering are offered below.



GENERAL GUIDELINES

There are three things which should be remembered anytime you decide to purchase coins by mail:

- 1)The best price is not always the best deal. Don't be fooled by claims of "spectacular sale prices" or "rare coins at bargain prices". Remember, as with most anything else, you get what you paid for.
- 2)Don't send cash. Use your credit card when possible. It is much more difficult to get refunds once a cheque is cashed. With a credit card, you have more time to stop payment should something go wrong with your order (Don't expect to use credit- cards when ordering bullion, as many dealers will not accept them in this instance). If credit cards cannot be used, or if you prefer not to use them, send a money order, personal cheque or certified cheque (personal cheques should not be used when ordering from foreign addresses).
- 3)Call first for large purchases or to get confirmation that prices are as listed in the advertisement and material is in stock.

PHONE ORDERS



When you place your order for coins over the telephone, I would offer the following suggestions. 1)Record the company name, address, phone number, date and time of the call on a piece of paper.

- 2)State exactly what coins or supplies you want
- 3)Ask if the item is in stock; if not, get a date when it will be available. If a firm answer is not given, try another dealer unless you have done business with this particular firm before (and are satisfied with the service) or you are aware that the materials you are ordering are scarce and difficult to obtain without some effort. In such cases, many dealers will scan the marketplace for you. He/she usually has many contacts and perhaps will be able to find the coin for you.
- 4)If the item is available, ask what its cost will be including taxes, shipping, insurance and so forth. Also ask about acceptable methods of payment and expected delivery date.
- 5)Get the name of the person you are talking to for later reference. Perhaps you may be interested in dealing with this particular individual again if you are satisfied with his/her service.
- 6)Have the person taking the order repeat it to you so that any errors may be caught before mailing.
- 7)Give your telephone number - especially on large purchases - in case problems arise.
- 8)Ask about the return/refund policy etc...Is a refund possible if the items are damaged during shipment or not as described.
- 9)Ask who you should correspond with in the event of difficulties.
- 10)Save any correspondence associated with your order including cancelled cheques, a copy of the money order, or any written confirmation sent by the seller.

WHEN ORDERING BY MAIL

When ordering is done through the mail rather than over the telephone, these guidelines may be followed:

- 1)State clearly what it is you would like to order.
- 2)Read all instructions carefully regarding shipping costs, type of payment accepted and return policy.
- 3)Indicate whether or not you will accept alternate selections in the event that the dealer is sold out of the item you have requested.
- 4)Be sure to include your name, address, and postal code on all correspondence, not just the mailing envelope.
- 5)Keep a copy of your order and any correspondence from the dealer including cancelled cheques, sales slips and shipping receipts.

WHEN SHIPMENT IS RECEIVED

Once you have received your order, check it immediately to ensure that no damage was done enroute and that all coins and supplies are as described in the advertisement. If possible, get a second, unbiased opinion from a coin club member concerning the grading of the coin. Better yet, when buying expensive materials through the mail, insist on coins graded by professional grading services.

NOTE Do not remove the coin from its original container as received from the dealer until you are sure that it is the item you have ordered. Many dealers have the policy that once a coin is removed from the casing which they have supplied, it will no longer be accepted for refund or exchange.



IF PROBLEMS ARISE

Many dealers will let you return items for a full refund or credit if done so within a certain period of receipt (often 10 to 30 days). Sometimes however, an order is not received within the specified time. When this happens, notify the seller (after a reasonable waiting period). In many cases, it may simply be an honest mistake on the dealer's part.

When reporting the incident, refer to your order by description, order date, price and so forth. If you complain by phone, follow up with a letter to confirm what was discussed. If you receive no reply, try sending a registered letter. In all cases keep a record of dates on which you sent correspondence or made a phone enquiry.

Having tried all of the above steps without success, approach the newspaper or magazine where the advertisement was placed. In many instances, they can be of some help. At the least, if other complaints are filed by unsatisfied customers, the dealer may be barred from placing advertisements in that publication.

PROS AND CONS

Obviously, there are many advantages as well as disadvantages to ordering coins by mail. Advantages include accessibility of materials to collectors who live in small communities and may not have coin dealers in town.

Secondly, it is a very convenient form of shopping for those who prefer to shop from home or are simply unable to make it to coin shops. This is especially true of the elderly and disabled individuals who collect coins.



The one advantage which far outweighs the others, is in the collector's opportunity to shop around from many different dealers throughout the world in order to find that handful who may deal in their particular specialty. Nothing is more frustrating than going to a dealer to look for a particular item(s), only to come out empty-handed because his stock of such materials may be non-existent or too small for your liking. This is especially true for those who collect medals, tokens, paper money and so forth. Most of the dealers who specialize in these areas do in fact, sell almost exclusively through the mail.

Of course, mail-order is not for everyone and does have several disadvantages over shopping in person. Most obvious of course is that you cannot see the coin before you purchase it. This is disadvantageous for those individuals who are shopping for mintstate items.

There are also the other frustrating problems which often arise including mail strikes, slow mail delivery and lost or damaged merchandise.

As a final piece of advice, "Caveat Emptor" - let the buyer beware!



A WORD ABOUT MINT SETS

By Jeff Fournier

Have you ever stopped to think just how much you're paying for those fancy cases from the Royal Canadian Mint - the ones housing the annual proof double dollar sets, and more recently, the silver Canada 125 coins? We may have no way of knowing for sure, but a reasonable estimate might be \$15 or \$20 - and perhaps more for the commemorative 25 cent set.

Are you as a coin collector really interested in paying this kind of money for a fancy box?

Maybe, or maybe not. That's up to you to decide. But for many years, the RCM has been making the decision for us. We've been given no choice at all in the matter.

Oh yes, the boxes are nice. But are they there merely to protect the coins, or as just another fancy marketing tool, designed to woo the unwary buyer.



WHAT DO COLLECTORS WANT?



Perhaps the Mint has misjudged the wishes of the collector. Have they ever asked us what we want?

I'm betting that if they did, a good number of collectors would tell them that what they're really after are the coins - and not the cases they come in.

Wouldn't it be nice to buy the proof set encapsulated, perhaps, in a styrene holder - minus the expensive case...and the expensive price!

What would be wrong with that?

The consumer could still be given the choice as to whether he would like the case or not. At least then, it wouldn't be forced on him.

Unless your collecting is extremely limited, or you're buying the coins as a gift or for display purposes, there is little use for a large elaborate case. After all, the proof sets as they are available now are too bulky to permit easy storage in a safety deposit box. And this is where many end up, or should end up, for security reasons.

In fact, there are many collectors who remove the coins from the packaging the minute they receive them. It would simply be too impractical and expensive to try to store all those coins in all those cases in a safety deposit box or a home safe.

Surely the RCM could look into this matter and **ask** collectors what it is **they** want.

What do the rest of you think?

SHOW & BOURSE



JULY 20-25 - C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Keddy's Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, N.B., Info: Moncton Coin Club, P.O. box 54, Moncton, N.B., E1C 8R9.

SEPTEMBER 11 - HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOC. COIN, STAMP, ANTIQUE SHOW ***CANCELLED*******

SEPTEMBER 12 - WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB 4TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW

U.A.W. Hall, Beale St., Woodstock. Info: Woodstock Coin Club, 549 Grace St., Woodstock, Ont., N4S 4N7. Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18 - ST. CATHERINES COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Russell Ave. Community Centre, 108 Russell Ave., St. Catherines. Info: St. Catherines Coin Club, P.O. box 1492, St. Catherines, Ont., L2R 7J9.

SEPT 19 - LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY SHOW

Ramada Inn, Wellington Road at 401. Info: L.N.S., 543 Kininvie Dr., London, Ont., N6G 1P1.

SEPTEMBER 24-26 - INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS FAIR SHOW

Coins, stamps, postcards, medals, sportscards, sports memorabilia, paper money - Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls. Hours: Sept.24 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sept.25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sept.26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: call (416)646-7744 fax (416)646-0995.

SEPTEMBER 25 - SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB MALL DISPLAY

Coin display and information session at the Cederbrae Mall from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Scarborough Coin Club, P.O. box 465, West Hill, Ont., M1C 2P0.

OCTOBER 2 - HAMILTON COIN CLUB SEMI-ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Royal Can. Legion, Branch 58, 1180 Barton St., E., upstairs, Hamilton, Ont. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission free.

OCTOBER 2 - NORTH YORK COIN CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr., North York. Free Admission. Info: North York Coin Club, P.O. box 58508, Cnrn. Plaza P.O. 197 Sheppard Ave. E., North York, Ont., M2N 6R7.

OCTOBER 3 - SARNIA COIN CLUB SHOW

Canterbury Inn, 1485 London Rd., Sarnia. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free Admission. Info: Carl Williamson - (519)337-9191.

OCTOBER 31 - STRATFORD COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN SHOW

Stratford Kiwanis Centre, Lakeside Dr., Stratford. Info: Stratford Coin Club, Box 21031, Stratford, Ont., N5A 7V4.

NOVEMBER 7 - TILLSONBURG COIN CLUB ANNUAL COIN & HOBBY SHOW

Mount Elgin Community Centre, 5 mile south of 401 and 5 mile north of Tillsonburg on hwy. 19 - exit south off 401 on hwy. 19, Ingersoll-Tillsonburg exit. Info: W. Baxter, 46 Queen St., Tillsonburg, Ont. N4G 3G9.

NOVEMBER 14 - WINDSOR COIN CLUB FALL SHOW

Knights of Columbus Mall, 1140 Goyeau St. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Ron Binder 9519254-6855 or 2279 Hall Ave., Windsor, N8W 2L8.

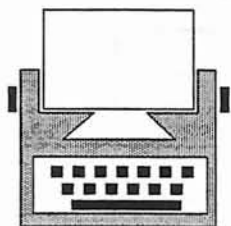
NOVEMBER 27 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY COIN SHOW

The Rink in the Park, Seagram Dr., Waterloo. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free Admission and Free Parking. Info: Don Robb, P.O. box 22062, Westmount Postal Outlet, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 6J7.

SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH - OTTAWA COIN, STAMP, DEALERS ASSOC. SHOW

Nepean Sportsplex, Woodsroffe Ave., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Allan Davis, P.O. box 397, Carp, Ont., D0A 1L0.

*Send info. regarding shows, displays, special club events to: **JEFF FOURNIER, P.O. BOX 2111, STN. "A", SUDBURY, ONT., P3A 4R8.** Next deadline for the Sept./Aug. issue of the "Ontario Numismatist" is Sept. 1/93*



CLUB NEWS



HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Due to some unfortunate circumstances, the club's coin, stamp and antique shows have been cancelled. In the June edition of the "Huronian", the club's newsletter, President Ken Prophet explains how the club was unable to come to a mutual agreement with the management of the Bayfield Mall in Barry where the show had been held previously.

Also reported that 23 were present at the May meeting. Congratulations were extended to William Gage and Jim Willis, editors of the club newsletter, for capturing 1st place in the ONA newsletter of the year competition.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The June Newsletter mentioned that the club continued to sign up new members during the 1st half of 1993, but that rising costs have resulted in a small deficit for 1993. However, the club was still able to donate \$1200 to the Kiwanis disabled children's fund. The newsletter included a comical article entitled "Wacky Coin Stories". Plans for the June meeting included snippets from the club's 25th anniversary booklet, strawberries, cake and ice cream and an auction.

NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB

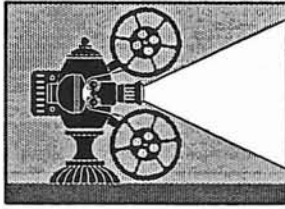
The June meeting of the Nickel Belt Coin Club was attended by 22 people. Members were reminded that the club would be breaking for the summer, with meetings resuming once again in September. Several members brought displays in, with the highlight being an MS-60, 1908 25 cent piece and a beautiful collection of paper money. As usual, a 65 lot auction was held and collectors had plenty of time to mingle and discuss coins on an informal basis.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

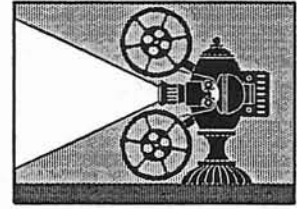
The June meeting was to feature a numismatic quiz, compliments of Paul Johnson. Members were also reminded in the bulletin that there would be no July meeting or bulletin. The May meeting was attended by 22 members. The evening was declared Numismatic reference night with many members bringing in numismatic books and periodicals: among them were - early Charlton catalogs, CNA auction catalogs, some early Somer James catalogs and many more. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24th.

TIMMINS COIN CLUB

The Timmins Coin Club Newsletter for the month of June was chalk full of interesting articles and tidbits of info., along with reports on correspondence received, past meetings and upcoming events. Next meeting...July 13/93.



THE



LATE EDITION

OOPS!! These last few items were sent in a little late to be included in the regular sections. From here on in "THE LATE EDITION" will be featured on the last page of this newsletter and will carry info. that was sent in too close to press time.

To ensure that I get your material on time please send it in by the middle of the month prior to publication (example: next edition is for September/October....have your material in by mid-august). My absolute maximum deadline will be the 1st of the month of publication (Sept. 1 for the next edition). This will ensure that you get the "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST" on time. Many Thanks!!

SHOW & BOURSE

OCTOBER 9/93 - OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB COIN, TOKEN AND PAPER MONEY SHOW

To be held at the Pickering Town Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For info. call (416)728-1352 (after October 4 dial area code 905) or write to the Oshawa & District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ont., L1H 7L1.

MEMBERSHIP

The application for membership which appeared in the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist has been accepted.

The following applications have been received. If no written objection to these applications are received, acceptance will appear in the next issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1353 Bill Baxter, Tillsonburg, Ontario
1354 John Krystia, Sudbury, Ontario
1355 Earl MacLean, Oshawa, Ontario