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Mint strikes Canada's largest ever silver coin

It's a good thing that the Royal Canadian Mint didn't replace the \$50 bill with its new \$50 coin, otherwise high rollers might be walking around with their pants down around their ankles.

Billed as Canada's largest coin, the Mint has released a 10 ounce Silver Maple Leaf coin in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Silver Maple Leaf bullion coin. At 10 times the weight of the conventional Maple Leaf coin introduced in 1988, this is the largest coin Canada has ever produced.

The new coin is 65 mm in diameter and 11 mm thick. It has a legal tender face value of \$50 and is made from .9999 pure silver. Featuring the traditional Maple Leaf design found on the series of bullion investment coins, the coin is

struck in a reverse proof finish. The edge bears the inscription 10th Anniversary / 10e anniversaire. The coin is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity in the form of a sterling silver plaque engraved by Mint engravers. The obverse side features a contemporary effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by artist Dora de Pédery-Hunt.



Canada's largest coin - the new \$20 Maple Leaf and its sterling silver authenticity plaque.

The coin comes in a black leather display case lined with black ultra-suede. Only 25,000 coins have been struck and are available for \$199.99 (Can.) or \$148.45 (U.S.) through Mint distributors or directly through the Mint by calling 1-800-267-1871 in Canada or 1-800-268-6468 in the U.S.

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AUGUST 9 - SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO NUMISMATICS - PARIS

At the Convention Centre, Paris Fair Grounds, 139 Silver St., Paris. Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 and includes a ticket on a gold coin. This is a collectable show with sports cards, jewelry, militaria, post cards and artifacts included with coins, tokens and paper money. For further information contact Ted Bailey at (519) 442-3474. Lunch available.

AUGUST 15, 1998 - COLLINGWOOD COIN & STAMP CLUB

At the Leisure Time Centre, 100 Minnesota St., Collingwood. Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This is a coin and stamp show. Free parking, snack bar available. For information, contact bourse chairman Brad Green at (705) 444-1580 (afternoons), at (705) 445-3972 evenings (between 6:30 - 8 p.m. or at tbg@bconnex.net)

SEPTEMBER 13, 1998 - WOODSTOCK

At the CAW Hall, Beale St., Woodstock. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$1. Stamps and coins, door prizes, displays and free parking. For information contact the Woodstock Coin Club, c/o 549 Grace St., Woodstock, Ont., (519) 539-5926.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1998 - LONDON

At Ramada Inn, 817 Exeter Road (off Highway 401), London. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Displays and dealers for coins, medals and tokens. Admission \$1. For further information contact the London Numismatic Society at (519) 472-9679.

OCTOBER 3, 1998 - NORTH YORK

At the Edithvale Community Centre - in the gym, 7 Edithvale Dr., North York (near Yonge & Finch). Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Coins, tokens, medals, bank notes, Canadian Tire money and wooden money. Free parking and free admission - hourly draws. For information contact Ron Zelk, bourse chairman (416) 633-4383 Ext. 222 or write to: The North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 58508 Corner Plaza P.O., 197 Sheppard Ave., E., North York, Ont., M2N 6R7.

OCTOBER 25, 1998 - STRATFORD

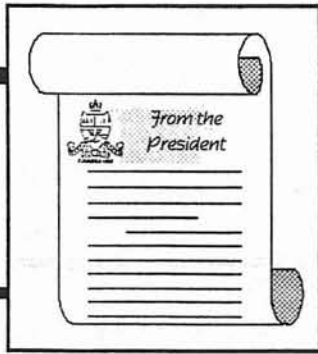
At the Kiwanis Community Centre, Lakeside Drive, Stratford. Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Club's 36th annual show, free admission, lunch counter, silent auction and more. For information contact Ken Wilmot, Stratford Coin Club, R.P.O. Box 21031, Stratford, Ont., N5A 7V4.

NOVEMBER 21, 1998 - WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

At the RCAF Association 404 Wing, 510 Dutton Drive, Waterloo Ont. Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Free parking, free admission and "Penny Draws". For information call: Don Robb, Box 22062, Westmount P.O. Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 6J7 or call (519) 888-9655.

JANUARY 16 & 17, 1999 - CAND SHOW - HAMILTON

At the Ramada Inn, 150 King St. E., Hamilton, Ont. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday. Daily admission \$3, \$2 for Seniors, under 16 free. Evening auction sessions and exclusive kids table with special bargains. Ramada has a special room rate of \$69 per night. For information contact T. McHugh, Show Chairman, P.O. Box 61538 Fennell P.O., Hamilton, Ont. L8T 5A1, Fax: (905) 643-6329, email: rscoins@netaccess.on.ca



President's Message

Summer a time to relax and attend coin shows

Hot!. That is the only way to describe the past month or so. In my area, this has been accompanied by very severe lack of rain which followed a late frost. In some ways it could be a blessing in disguise as there is no reason to stay home and watch the grass grow, (it isn't) and you sure don't have to cut it. This gives all serious collectors a chance to visit a coin show in August.

A couple that come to mind is the coin show in Paris (Ontario, that is) on August 9 and the Collingwood Show on August 15. The Paris Show, held at the Fair Grounds, boasts 50 bourse tables. The Collingwood Show, at the Leisure Time Club, provides an excellent opportunity for a weekend getaway.

While I do not usually comment on illness, I feel it is important to mention this one. Around the middle of June, Tom Masters suffered a heart attack. Tom is a long time member of the ONA Executive and has, over the past number of years, been our editor, and currently our librarian. When I visited him in hospital in London, he was in good spirits and looking forward to a complete recovery. I know all of our members wish Tom well and if you are in the London area, give him a call at (519) 438-2402. I know he would welcome the call.

John Regitko, our Club Services Director, mentioned to me that we should keep the 1999 convention on view with regular announcements. As mentioned in the last edition, the executive announced that the College Inn in Guelph will host the 1999 ONA convention, April 16 - 18. We hope you make plans to attend.

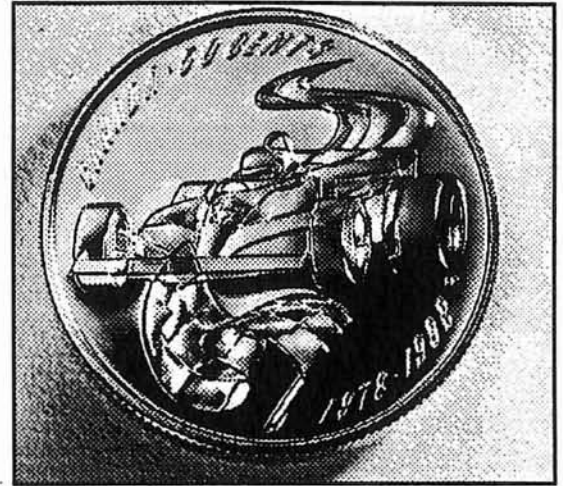
In addition, we have decided to have competitive exhibits. There will be significant changes to the format as exhibits will only be accepted in one-case due to space limitations and a desire to open the exhibits up to as many as possible. Displays will be judged on completeness to a theme and information, eye appeal, etc. This could be as simple as "The Queens of Great Britain" or "Transportation on Canadian Coins". The problem will be to make the topic fit in one display case. While the idea was born out of necessity, the challenge should prove interesting.

The bourse has been completely sold out and due to realignment of the exhibit area, we will be able to accommodate an additional seven tables. For information contact me, Ken Wilmot at: Box 76, Sebringville, Ontario N0K 1X0. Phone (519) 393-6694.

In closing, I wish everyone "Good coining and a great summer."

Ken Wilmot
President

RCM ISSUES A PLETHORA OF DIVERSIFIED COINS



The Royal Canadian Mint is hard at work producing a raft of new collector coins for the year 1998 and beyond.

Sure to be a hit with sports fans is the new 50-cent sterling silver coin series featuring some of Canada's most popular sports. Four coins will be issued in 1998, followed by four more in 1999 and four more in the year 2000. The series commemorates important dates in the history of sports that remain very popular with Canadians and others worldwide.

The 1998 designs include:

Coin 1 - Inscribed with the dates 1888-1998, the design celebrates the *First Official Amateur Figure Skating Championship of 1888*. The superimposed images of three speed and figure skaters indicate the expansion of these

sports in our time.

Coin 2 - Struck with the dates 1898-1998, this coin integrates figures of the *First Canadian Ski Running and Ski Jumping Championships* of 1898 and contemporary ski racing, suggesting growth and development of these winter sports.

Coin 3 - Commemorates the *First Overseas Canadian Soccer Tour of 1888* in an image of three super imposed soccer players, surrounded by the dates 1888-1998. By depicting action characteristics of the sport rather than the historic detail, the artist reflects the continuity of the sport in the 20th century.

Coin 4 - Recalls the victory of Gilles Villeneuve in the Grand Prix of Canada for F1 Auto Racing (1978). Features of the winning car are interwo-

ven with symbolic tracks of the racing circuit.

The artist responsible for the reverse of each coin is Friedrich G. Peter, RCA. Among his other achievements is the design the *Calgary Olympic* coins, several *Canadian postage stamps, murals and medals*. The obverse features the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II by Dora de Pédery-Hunt.

The coins are available for

Pictured are two of the four new coins of the sports series were issue in June - the race car of Gilles Villeneuve and the second a tribute to soccer.

\$19.95 (Can.) and \$14.65 (U.S.) and can be ordered by using the information available at the end of this article.

Two new coins grace aviation series

Two new aviation coins that have guarded Canada against danger and disaster have just been released by the Mint.

Coins 7 & 8 of the second set of 10 coins - the 1998 \$20 sterling silver Canadair CP-107 Argus and the \$20 sterling silver Canadair CL-215 Waterbomber, were recently added to the second series of 10 coins that is entitled "Powered Flight in Canada Beyond WWII". The two final coins in

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New aviation issue boast waterbomber and anti-submarine planes



A whale of a series

this series will be announced in 1999. An earlier a 10-coin Aviation Series featuring planes for the first 50 years was released in 1990 and completed in 1994.

The Argus was an anti-submarine plane that first took to the skies in 1957 and entered the Canadian Air Force the following year. It's sophisticated equipment and superior design made it one of the most advanced ASW aircraft of its day. The Argus flew its last mission in 1981.

Design features of the coin include a close-up of the Argus and a cameo of William Sydney Longhurst and crew who made the first test flight from Cartierville Québec in 1957.

The water-bomber came along in 1967 and is the only aircraft in the world designed to fight forest fires. The plane is equipped with probes that scoop up 5455 litres of water from a lake in 10 seconds while skimming along the surface at 110 km/hr. The plane can normally make 75 trips a day, refuelling once, against a fire 160 k.m. from its base.

The coin features a close up of the waterbomber while the

cameo features a portrait of Paul Gagnon of Québec City, who spent over 45 years as a pilot. He was involved in the 1962 development and launching of the CL-215 Waterbomber.

Both coins feature 24 carat gold-covered cameos and are available for \$57.95 (Can.) or \$42.95 (U.S.), each.

Ocean giants featured on new series

Another new series of coins issued by the mint is entitled "Canada's Ocean Giants.

The 50 cent sterling coins

the Humpback Whale, commonly seen off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in the summer.

The Beluga is featured on Coin three. It is found in Canada's Arctic, in Hudson's Bay and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is recognizable by its white colour.

The final coin in the series is the Blue Whale, the largest mammal the earth has ever known. It is best spotted in and around Sept-Iles, Que.

All reverse designs were created by artist Pierre Leduc. The obverse features the effigy

the latest addition to the platinum wildlife series begun the by Mint in 1995.

The platinum set consists of a 1/10 ounce \$30 coin, a 1/4 ounce \$75 coin, a 1/2 ounce \$150 coin and a one ounce \$300 coin. The coins feature a close up of a wolf's head on the 1/10 ounce; a lone wolf on the 1/4 ounce, two cubs at play on the 1/2 ounce and a mother with her cubs on the one ounce.

All reverse designs were created by Canadian Wildlife artist Kerri Burnett. The obverse features the effigy of Queen Elizabeth II by Dora de Pédery-Hunt.

The platinum coin set is available for \$2,095 Canadian (\$1,552.45 U.S.) or the 1/2 and 1/10 ounce coins are available individually at \$599.95 Canadian (\$441.45 U.S.) and \$179.95 Canadian (\$133.45 U.S.), respectively.

All coins in this article are available worldwide through the Royal Canadian Mint Network of dealers and distributors. In North America the coins can be ordered directly from the Mint by calling 1-800-267-1871 in Canada or 1-800-268-6468 in the U.S.



feature the Killer, Humpback, Beluga and Blue whales.

The first coin features the Killer Whale, most common to Canada's west coast and known as a highly social species nearly always seen in schools.

The second coin portrays

of Queen Elizabeth II by Dora de Pédery-Hunt.

Gray Wolf on Platinum Coins

The Gray Wolf, largest member of the wild dog family is

TRADE DOLLARS

By Jerry Remick

International Plowing Match show near Kingston strikes second token

The committee in charge of the 1998 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show hosted near Kingston, Sept. 16-19, 1998, has issued a second striking of their \$2.00 Kingston municipal token.

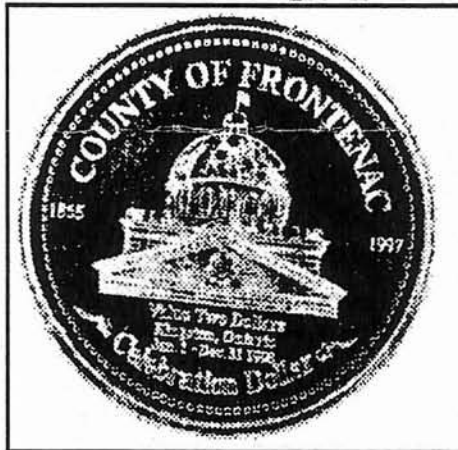
The token, issued in bonded steel with a "II" below Machinery on the reverse side, is devoted to two separate events. The reverse side, which pictures a plough with the year '98 at its right, commemorates the 85th International Plowing Match & Farm Machinery Show, that will be held in Sunbury, Ontario (10 km outside of Kingston) in the township of Storrington, which was formerly part of Frontenac County.

The obverse side of the token marks the fact that Frontenac County, incorporated in 1865, ceased to exist as a corporation on Dec. 31, 1997, due to the amalgamation of Kingston Township and Pittsburgh Township. This created a new city of Kingston with a population of 150,000 people.

The reverse stylized sketch has the words International Plowing Match / & Farm Equipment Show inscribed at the top, and Promoting Agriculture Since 1913 at the bottom. As previously stated, a small "II" is inscribed below "Machinery".

The upper part of the Frontenac County Court House is depicted on the Obverse side with 1865 on its left and 1997 on the right. The inscription below the court house reads: Value Two Dollars / Kingston, Ontario, Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1998 / Celebration Dollar with a small plough on either side of these two words. The designs were created by Neil McCallum and Ken Keyes of Kingston.

In 1997, Lawrence Medallie Art of Mississauga, Ontario struck the first issue on 33 mm milled-edged blanks featuring a mintage of 9,500 in nickel bonded steel;



200 in 24 carat gold plated NBS; and 100 each in antiqued silver plated NBS, antiqued copper plated NBS and Pure Silver. The second striking consisted of 5,000 NBS tokens.

The NBS token, with or without the "II", is available post paid for \$3.50. The following formats without "II" sell for \$15.50 each for the gold, silver or copper NBS and \$39.50 for pure silver. They are available from Ray Desjardin, P.O. Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, Ontario; phone or fax (613) 823-3844. Ontario residents add 8% PST. MasterCard and VISA accepted.

A large turnout of more than 10,000

people at the 1998 event is expected. For more information on the show, contact the 1998 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show, P.O. Box 20027, Kingston Ontario, K7P 2T6 or phone (888) 291-1998, (613) 544-8767 or fax (613) 544-8747.

Kincardine issues special trade note

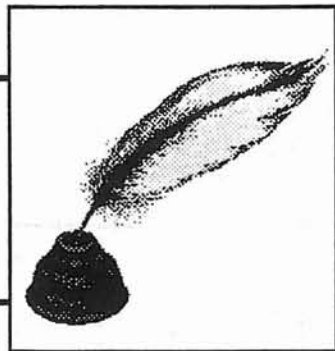
Two, very special events have been commemorated by the town of Kincardine with the issue of a multi-colour 1998 \$3 trade note.

The front side of the note commemorates the founding of the town in 1848 while the reverse side honours the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band, which was founded 90 years ago in 1908. This band has played every Saturday night of the summer since 1948.

Portraits of two of Kincardine's founding fathers - Alan Cameron and William Withers appear on the front side of the note along with the inscriptions: "Kincardine Sesquicentennial"; "1848 - 1998"; "10th Annual Old Boys and Girls reunion"; "July 30 to Aug. 3, 1998"; "Legal Tender - \$3 Dollar Value at all Kincardine businesses and banks until Aug. 6, 1998" and "Three 3 Dollars". The note is signed by Kincardine's mayor and the chair person of the Sesquicentennial program.

On the reverse, is a multi-colour photograph of the Kincardine Scottish Pipe Band, marching down a street with spectators on both sides. The logo for the 10th Reunion of the Old Boys and Old Girls is in the upper left corner. The Sesquicentennial logo is in the upper right corner. "Kincardine 1848 - 1998" is at the top. Near the bottom of the note has the following inscribed: "Where

See Kincardine on Pg 10



This & That

THE WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY runs an interesting feature each month entitled "Did you know..." Last month's was quite interesting: "The 1998 Guinness Book of Records reports that the largest collection of valid credit cards to date is one of 1,397 (all different) by Walter Cavanagh of Santa Clara, CA. The cost of acquisition for "Mr. Plastic Fantastic", was zero. He keeps the cards in the world's longest wallet - 250 feet long. It weighs 38 lbs., 8 ozs. and contains cards worth more than \$1.65 million in credit.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT has mailed out "Create a Centsation" contest entry blanks to every Canadian Household in an effort to involve Canadians in an ambitious coin design project.

Twelve commemorative 25-cent pieces will be issued in 1999, which reflect Canadian events from the past 1,000 years. Canadian culture, history, exploration, adventure and discoveries in science and technology are all possible themes. A panel of art students will select 12 winning designs by midnight, August 31, 1998.

A further 12 commemorative 25-cent pieces will be released to celebrate the new millennium in the year 2000. These designs will reflect Canadian views of the future millennium in terms of the future of exploration, communication, and science.

Again the winning designs will be selected by a panel of art students from the entries received before midnight, June 30, 1999. For both coin series of coins, the winning entries will feature the designer's initials. For further information contact the Mint at 1-800-671-2327 or by visiting www.centsation.com. Entries can be mailed to: Royal Canadian Mint, "Create a Centsation" contest, Box 9060, Station T, Ottawa, Ont., K1G 3T8.

MEMBERSHIP - The applications for membership which appeared in the May-June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications for membership have been received and acceptance will appear in the next issue: 1667, Paul R. Petch, Etobicoke, Ont.; 1668, Robert Bigras, Hull, P.Q. The following have been transferred from regular membership to Life Membership: LM 103, Dr. Harold Don Allen, Brossard, P.Q.; LM 104, John Horne, Windsor, Ont.

ONA CLASSIFIEDS

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NEWFOUNDLAND: ITS MONEY AND ITS STORY

By WALTER GRIGGS,
Chedoke Numismatic Society

One might argue that every serious collector and student of the paper money of what now is Canada owes it to himself sometime early in his collecting career to pick up good specimens of the currency issues of the island province of Newfoundland.

The notes one would cite would include broken bank bills of two 19th century banks of issue, a few of the interesting and unusual denominations of Public Works Cash Notes of Edwardian vintage, the Newfoundland Government Cash Notes of the next decade, and the familiar \$1 and \$2 Government of Newfoundland paper money issues of 1920. To round off the picture, there might be some specimens of the emergency money of the time of the Great Fire of St. John's, July, 1892.

The only problem would be that the new collector, in attempting to acquire this bare minimum of representative currency of an interesting and historic British Colony, could have set himself a blatantly impossible task.

For Newfoundland paper money, what little of it there ever was, virtually has ceased to exist. The few truly prized specimens that grace leading collections hardly ever change hands. The later note issues, even in the commonest denominations, rarely turn up and when they do, they are not usually in very good

condition.

Yet, they merit collecting, and painstaking preservation. For Newfoundland paper money reflects Newfoundland's history and personality, and what is lacking in crispness perhaps is compensated for the story these tatters could tell. Newfoundland's numismatic history has never been set down on paper and the facts are obscure.

Newfoundland, a deeply indented triangle of land in the North Atlantic at the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is one of those corners of the world which, while little endowed by Nature, has been chosen by history to play an important part in the larger perspective of changing times. For though the Grand Banks are rich in the produce of the sea, the shores of the island are rocky and barren, the meagre soil little suited to farming, save the river valleys of the west, the forest cover broken and skimpy.

Yet Newfoundland, "The Gibraltar of North America", "The Watchdog of the St. Lawrence", has played a part of history disproportionate to its limited

resources, and continues to do so. This 20th century, as did many previous centuries,

looks upon Newfoundland as a crossroads of the world.

John Cabot returned to Bristol,

England in 1497 with tales of a "new-found-lande", around which the waters were teeming with fish. Sir Humphrey Gilbert took possession of the island in the name of Elizabeth of England in 1583, which makes NFLD the oldest of British Colonies and a "cornerstone" of the Commonwealth.

The Grand Banks, that broad submerged shelf of the continent, attracted sailors of many nations to NFLD's bleak coastline, but there were few settlers. The fishing fleets would sail from British ports every spring, and would hasten back in autumn having dried their great catches from the Grand Banks on NFLD's shores.

By 1800 there were a few attempts



First monetary system appears in NFLD 1855

to colonize, but in the words of a contemporary British parliamentarian: "The Island of NFLD has been considered... as a great ship moored near the Banks during the fishing season, for the convenience of English fishermen. The Governor was considered as the ship's captain, and those who were concerned in the fishery business as his crew, and subject to naval discipline while there, and expected to return to England when the season was over".

Responsible government came to NFLD in 1855. A long struggle then ensued as the shift from English fishing interests to colonial rights occurred. It is significant to note that with the granting of self-government, the first monetary system began to appear. The hodgepodge of diverse forms that had filled the meagre tills of the island can be best left to the imagination, save to note that both the currencies of France and England would likely have been well represented seeing that both had conflicting claims to parts of the surrounding territories. Other countries fishing the Grand Banks, including fishermen from the New England states, also would have used their coinage.

The first actual NFLD money appears to have been token issues, copper pieces struck for a firm in St. John's and Harbour Grace in the 1840s.

One or two other issues were produced over 20 years that preceded regular government coinage, most of which were rather similar to pieces struck for other British North America merchants at this time. The few specimens available to be seen, evidence long circulation and probably served as official NFLD coinage for many years.

In 1836, the Bank of British North America became the first bank to open in NFLD, but the fate of this institution is not known, for standard banking references do



not include it. While it presumably constituted a bank of issue, the writer hasn't seen any of its currency and assumes that it either failed or later merged with two later banks, both of which subsequently failed. It's worthy of note that in 1836, NFLD had a population of 73,705. In the next 40 years it more than doubled.

The first paper money was introduced in the 1850s, following the token era. The island's two recognized banks - The Union Bank of Newfoundland, and the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland, date from 1854 and 1857, respectively. Their first bank bills appear to have been produced in England and are denominated in Sterling. Both of these banks persisted honorably throughout most of the remainder of the century, until engulfed in financial chaos following the St. John's fire. Both failed in 1894.

Good, well-struck decimal coinage from London's Tower Mint, dates from 1865, when NFLD switched to dollars and cents money and ordered its first official coinage. The pleasing large copper cents, half-dime size silver fives, silver tens and twenties, and gold dollars are familiar to most collectors.

The series begin in 1865 and were issued regularly in quantities to meet actual demand. The big, immensely popular 50-cent coin dates from 1870. Newfoundlanders, wary after note losses in the bank failures of 1894, took to hoarding their savings, and thousands of dollars in large silver pieces were tucked away. As a result, NFLD was out-issuing Canada in 50-cent pieces at the turn of the century

and it also explains why large groupings occasionally turn up so well persevered today. As for the gold coins, their life proved short and few remained in the colony. Canada, for example, had yet to strike a gold coin.

Newfoundland's H-mint-mark Heaton Mint coins, like Canada's, no doubt arose from the Tower Mint. In peak periods subcontracting was done by the Birmingham Mint. Newfoundland's rarities are not minor varieties though, they simply represent years where the coin may have been "out of stock", and only slightly in demand.

It bears emphasizing that NFLD's coinage series reflects the traditionalism of the region. For example, the series of small silver fives, abandoned by the United States and Canada decades earlier, persisted in NFLD to the very end. The large cent continued to 1936, the 20 cent coin (called a "fifth") until 1912. In 1917, a small issue of 25 cent pieces was introduced.

By 1891, NFLD's population had edged past 200,000, a homogenous people of British origin, largely concentrated in the Avalon Peninsula in the south-east. The failure of NFLD's banks left the colony wide open for expansion of Canada's banks. The Bank of Montreal became the government's official bankers and thus introduced Canadian currency which circulated alongside the NFLD currency for decades to come. It is significant to note that NFLD's broken bank issues, while extremely scarce, bear searching for, just for their beauty alone. Produced first in England, then later in New York, the colorful \$20, \$50 and \$100 notes are a true reflection of the colony. There is also reason to believe, that some sort of emergency currency existed after the banks failures in 1894, possibly a series of vouchers, but

First currency to appear in Newfoundland was tokens

First NFLD paper money had strange denominations

Canadian currency soon removed this need.

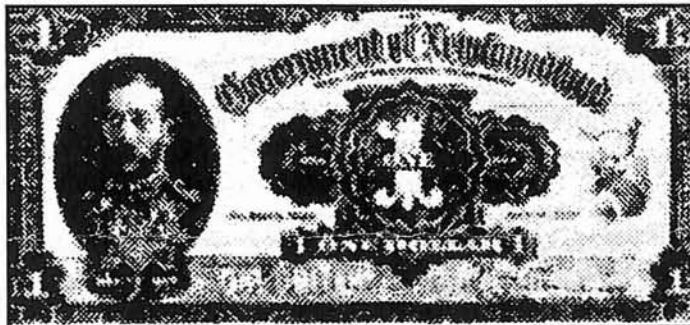
Currency issues of the NFLD government were of three types. First there were Newfoundland Government Cash Notes (Department of Public Works). These were simple, well-produced bills, printed in black on white paper, with red dates 1901 through 1909.

This unusual money reached circulation by being paid out to workers on Public Works construction projects, or used to pay poor relief, or for like purposes. The denominations may seem unusual: 25¢, 40¢, 50¢, 80¢, \$1 and \$5, 1901 to 1909 inclusive.

A second type of cash note was introduced in 1910 of more elaborate engraving, though of the same old large dimensions - 7" by 3 1/4". Those notes were dated according to fiscal years and were inscribed "1910-11", "1911-12", "1912-13" and "1914-14", the latter said to be the scarcest type.

All values bear on the face

a small oval picture of a waterfall, bordered by evergreens. The inscriptions allude to the Bank of Montreal as Government Bankers, stating that the notes, like the Public Works bills, were payable on presentation at the St. John's Branch of the bank. The frac-



tional notes have red as a background color while higher denominations were believed to have used different colors in the background.

Both these cash note series are found from time to time with apparently random quarter-inch holes punched in the upper or lower extremes. These are cancellations, and such a note would not be redeemed. Cancelled notes are not unfa-

miliar to the collecting fraternity, but are a menace as their cancellation suggests unintentional mutilation, another matter indeed.

The third type of government paper money was the \$1 and \$2 issues dated Jan. 2, 1920, which apparently persist-

are becoming quite scarce.

On April 1, 1949, Newfoundland became Canada's 10th province following two referenda in which the people voted to suspend its constitution and any attempt at self-government and to join Canada.

History, so vividly recalled on the Colony's postage stamps, still continues to watch over this lonely island. But the cold Labrador current still chills the island and the menacing mountains of ice that claimed many ships, including The Titanic, yet drift from Polar seas, exactly as they did when the first settlers arrived, when the first tokens circulated, and when the crisp new bank bills won unquestioned acceptance and were quoted in the exchange centres of the world.

Walter Griggs is the Ontario Director of the CNA. This article was reprinted from the Scarborough Coin Club Newsletter. It has been edited in some areas for space considerations.

Kincardine

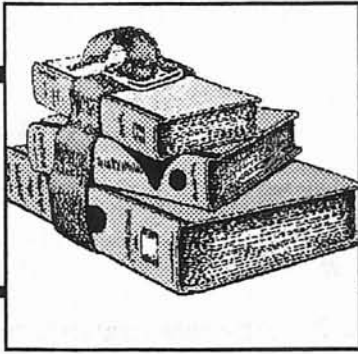
You're A Stranger Only Once" with "90th Anniversary Of The Kincardine Scottish" right below.

Jacque Reaume of Dive Graphics looked after the graphic and artwork while Chris Cover of Kincardine took the photo of the Scottish Pipe Band. The notes were printed on white paper with alternating lines in red or black by J.S. Deschamps of Beauport Quebec. They are about the size of a Canadian Bank Note.

A total of 15,000, 1998, \$3.00 notes were printed with three differing serial numbers. The initial run or regular numbers runs to 13,800. KS 1000 to KS 1999 (1,000 notes) standing for the Scottish Pipe Band, and KIN150 (200 notes) standing for Kincardine 150 Years, completes the run.

Kincardine officials cannot fill mail orders, so Ray Desjardins, P.O. Box 11447, Station H, Nepean, Ontario; phone or fax (613) 823-3844, has been asked to do so. Prices are \$4.50 for the regular note, \$6.50 for the KS series and \$12.50 for the KIN series. Ontario residents add 8% PST. MasterCard and VISA accepted.





Book Reviews

1998 Official Canadian Coin Guide: Dealers' Buying Prices for Canadian Provincial Coinage, Tokens and Paper Money and United States Coins, published by the Unitrade Press, April 1998, 191 pages.

A review by Jerry Remick

This catalog presents a single valuation for each catalogued piece (in average condition) that most dealers will pay for the piece.

Coins catalogued include: Canadian decimal, collector's issues, Gold Sovereigns, Pre-Confederation provincial coinage, tokens of British North America, official commemorative medals, paper money of Canada and United States decimal and commemorative coins. Mintage figures accompany Canadian decimal, Gold Sovereigns, provincial coins and collector's issues. Photos are given for most types of Canadian decimal, tokens, collector's issues and U.S. coins. There is a seven-page glossary at the end of the book.

The soft cover version of the 4" x 6 1/4" book sells for \$5.95 in English or French. It is available for \$8.50 p.p. from The Unitrade Press, 99 Floral Parkway, Toronto, Ontario, M6L 2C4, phone (416) 242-5900.

Dictionary of Canadian Medalists, by the late Robert C. Willey, edited by Ronald Greene, Published by the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, June 1998. 180 Pages including 10 pages of photographs.

A review by Jerry Remick

In this book, the late Robert C. Willey attempts to provide information on every person or firm from any country that has designed, engraved, struck or manufactured any coins, tokens and/or medals relating to Canada or Colonial Canada, its provinces and territories. Data on municipal and personal issues is also included.

A list of initials, followed by the full name, appearing on Canadian numismatic pieces, is given at the beginning of the section for each letter of the alphabet. A four-page bibliography and 10 pages of clear photos of Canadian coins, tokens and medals concludes the book.

The data contained in this book was first published in serial form in the "Transactions of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society" between 1978 and 1982. Robert Willey had been revising this work at the time of his death in 1993. Willey's manuscript has been com-

pleted and updated over the past few years by Ronald Greene, Secretary of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, with aid from several other Society members.

The book is printed on fine quality paper and is available in either hard or soft cover. The first edition is limited to 500 copies (50 hard cover) and goes for \$26.95 (Can), \$21.95 (U.S.) for soft cover versions or \$38.95 (Can) or \$33 (U.S.) for hard cover. Orders should be sent to The Canadian Numismatic Research Society, Ronald Greene, P.O. Box 1351, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2W7.

Money Talk - Slang an Unofficial Terms and Expressions Used for Money in North America, by Jerry Remick

A review by Jeff Fournier

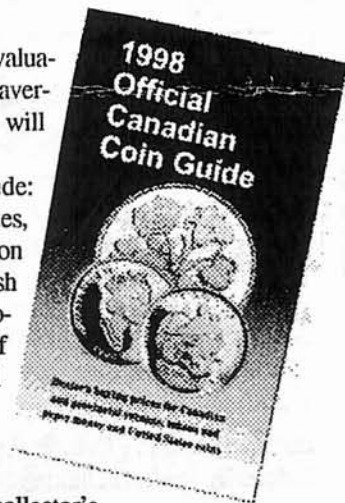
"Queer as a \$3 bill", "Money doesn't grow on trees", "Cowboy Dollar", "Yankee Dime", "Shinplaster", "Booty", "Bread", "Jack", "Penny Dreadful", "two bits", "Dixie", "Hog Money", "Stella", "Penny-ante", "Penny Press", "Nickelodeon", "Goddess Coin", "Canoe Dollar", "Keeps turning like a bad penny", "Do you think I can spit nickels", "He doesn't have two cents to rub together", "that costs an arm and a leg", "Pennies from heaven"...and many more.

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Money Talk is available for \$11.99 (Can) ppd., or \$9.99 (U.S.), ppd. Cheques or money orders should be sent to "Canadian Novelty Coins", P.O. Box 2111, Stn A, Sudbury, Ont., Canada, P3A 4R8, email:jfem@cyberbeach.net, phone (705) 566-3545, fax (705) 566-2025.





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Waterloo Coin Society Floats Overprint of 75th Anniversary CTC 5 Cent Issue

by Mike Hollingshead

In advance of the 1999 Canadian Numismatic Association annual convention to be held in Kitchener, Ontario, July 22-25, the Waterloo Coin Society has taken a cue from some older issues of CTC coupons that featured overprints. The popular southern Ontario club commissioned a printer to overprint a number of CTC coupons.

The face of the coupon features an overprint that advises the bearer to "See Reverse", and has the denomination counters "X"ed out. The back of the coupon is overprinted with "Redeemable for 10 cents only on the bourse floor of the Canadian Numismatic Association Annual Convention at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Kitchener, Ontario, held July 22-25, 1999. Sponsored by the Waterloo Coin Society". All the faces were overprinted in black, the backs, however, had a printing of 199 in red and 299 in black. Persons that pre-register at the 1998 CNA in Edmonton will find a black-backed coupon in their kit. The dealers registered at the CNA have a red-backed coupon in their registration kit.

An additional, special, limited edition printing consisted of two replacement coupons (one in black and one in red), three "printer's proof" notes that are only back overprinted (one set red and one set black), and two sets (one in red, one in black) consisting of 5, 10, 25, 50 cent, \$1, and \$2 overprinted coupons. The special issues will be sold, as seven lots, at the CTCCC mailbid/floor auction to be held in conjunction with the ONA convention in Guelph, Ontario, in April 1999 to allow a chance for interested collectors to obtain the special issues. The plates used to produce the issue were destroyed following the printing.

CTCCC club members (*and others*) may obtain (while supplies last!) a regular, red & black, set of two 5 cent coupons for \$5.00, postpaid, by writing to the Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 40044, Waterloo Square P.O., Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4V1. Make cheques payable to Waterloo Coin Society. Payment may also be made in CTC coupons!

Holders of overprinted coupons are encouraged to visit the 1999 CNA, even if they don't intend to redeem their coupons.

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--educational seminars and activities for young numismatists

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--an Oktoberfest Night and activities

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