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## A Matte Proof Dollar of 1950

A very rare, and quite possibly unique, matte proof 1950 Canadian Dollar has just been purchased by Toronto dealer Ingrid Smith. The coin appeared as lot 273 of an auction by SOTHEBY'S in New York City on October 29.

According to SOTHEBY'S research the coin is unlisted in any reference or collection and is presumed to be unique. Their auction catalogue states: "Obtained by the consignor in 1957 from the Boston dealer Harold Whiteneck who, in turn, had obtained it from a member of the 1950 United States Assay Commission. This person, it seems had had the coin struck for him as a special favor by an unnamed person at the Royal Canadian Mint".

Both SOTHEBY'S and Mrs. Smith regard the coin as an extremely significant new discovery within Canadian numismatic circles. Mrs. Smith is particularly excited because the Bank of Canada's National Currency Collection does not have a specimen. She says that the coin will be offered for sale. Anyone wishing details can contact her at P.O. Box 865, Adelaide Street P.O., Toronto Ontario M5C 2K1 or by calling (416) 920-6461.