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INTRODUCTION

There is more to life than money!

So says an ad currently running on Television.

As a dedicated and long-time numismatist, at first thought I wanted to disagree with that statement. Then I remembered that some married people actually have a social life, especially those that don't stay up until 2:00 a.m. to edit and e-mail a bulletin.

WE HAVE MAIL

From Steve Woodland: "Re the Oak Island sale for \$7 million of 30 hectares: one hectare is a plot of land containing 10,000 square metres (100 m by 100 m) and it equals 2.471 acres (an acre is 43,560 square feet). Hence, 30 hectares is 74.13 acres. And for those readers who are still unsure of how big this plot of land is, 30 hectares also equals: 0.30 square kilometers, 3,229,173 square feet, 358,797 square yards, 0.1158 square miles, 0.1158 sections, 11,861 square rods, 11,861 square perches, and 741.3 chains. There, now you have the long and short of it" — Thanks, Steve, for that detailed answer. I knew the "P. Eng., PMP" after your name would benefit the hobby.

From A. Reader: "Just a quick note to ask if you could provide URLs when appropriate, to stories referenced online." – We have tried to do that when we could. In a lot of instances, we have obtained the information from sources such as Canada Press, local newspapers, Readers' Digest or club bulletins where there are no links.

From Bill Waychison: "I had all filters set to accept mail and even rechecked it yesterday. All appears fine. There is one filter that I left on as I did not suspect that it would stop any mail I should receive. It was the filter for "vulgar words" which is set to "ask sender to confirm" which you did. Checking your email indicates that the "vulgar" word was probably Mr. Richard Dunn's given first name." — That's exactly what we told you a few issues ago happened in e-mails between the C.N.A. Webmaster and the C.N.A. Executive Secretary. Since Dunn is the bourse chairman for the 2006 C.N.A Convention in Niagara Falls on July 19-23 (what a sneaky way of working in a plug) and his name will be mentioned in these pages from time-to-time, we best refer to him strictly as Richard Dunn.

From Stephen P. Woodland: "I was glad to hear that Bob Porter is home from hospital and chuckled when I read that his first destination was the local Tim Hortons. The Executive of the City of Ottawa Coin Club gather at Tim Hortons after every club meeting to discuss events and issues over a coffee and a doughnut. Clearly, "Timmie's" is THE place where coin collectors gather. How many other collectors patronize Canada's Coffee Shop?" - When the Richmond Hill Coin Club met just north of Toronto, members also met at a donut shop afterwards. I also run into members of the North York Coin Club at Tim Hortons from time-to-time. When I attend out-of-town meetings in Waterloo, Stratford, South Wellington, etc., I stop of at a Timmies when I leave the meeting to keep me company on the drive home. I should get a medal from Tim Hortons as being one of their best customers!

WHY CANADIANS ARE POORER THAN AMERICANS

We finally figured out why Americans are, on average, so rich when compared against us Canucks.

David Bach, author of such books as "Start Late, Finish Rich" and "The Automatic Millionaire" – both Number 1 best-sellers on the New York Times list – was in Canada speaking to 2,000 people in Toronto. He told his audience that you can still save money even if you are older, even if it's only \$5 a day. All you have to do is cut out the small expenses. He calls it the Latte Factor. At my two French vanilla Hot Cappuccinos per day, he is right on the money.

Do you understand what he is saying? Stop going to Tim Hortons!

Give up my Tim Hortons? Not in Canada, eh!

ROBBERY AT OUR FAVOURITE COIN COLLECTOR'S WATERING HOLE

Well, you just barely started reading this bulletin and already two mentions of Tim Hortons. But since we know that all good things come in threes...

We didn't realize that some people desperately wanted some of those sought-after Poppy Quarters and would go to any length to get them.

A Tim Hortons Donut Shop in Newmarket, just north of Toronto, was robbed on October 7. Two people with masks and toques entered the store with shotguns wrapped in towels. An alert customer saw what was going on and called 911. The police were on the scene in minutes, surrounded the place and told the people inside to come out. Everyone did. And every one of them was an employee.

Somehow, the two robbers with their shotguns and an indeterminate amount of money were nowhere to be found. Knowing the daily volume of the average Tim Hortons, my guess is that they got away with thousands. If they really wanted some Poppy Quarters, they could have ordered them from the Royal Canadian Mint at a slight up-charge like the rest of us did.

Be on the lookout for Poppy Quarters with white powder on it, which is one fact that the police APB failed to mention, which might be because every police car has icing sugar and other donut residue in it. If you don't believe me, just check all the police cruisers in the parking lot of your local donut shop.

COLLECTING RED DYE PAPER MONEY

In the last issue I asked if there was a market for paper money that contained red dye as a result of a bank robbery. Well, the notes just became a lot more common.

York Region Police, responsible for the geographic area just north of Toronto, are hoping red dye will lead them to the man who robbed a bank in Richmond Hill this past Wednesday.

A man walked into a Scotiabank branch around 3:15 p.m. demanding cash and claiming he had a gun. A teller gave him money and he fled, but not before an anti-theft dye pack inside the cash exploded.

Most of the stained money was left in the parking lot and investigators believe the man is still covered in dye.

If you see someone with a red face and hands, ask him if he just came back from the Bahamas. If he says no, call the police.

DEAD FINANCIER ACCUSED OF LAUNDERING MONEY FOR MAFIA, VATICAN

Quick, name some of the word's largest banks, past or present.

We are willing to bet that most of you said Bank of America. Even us Canadians are touched by it, every time we obtain a bank draft in U.S. funds. Possibly Chase Manhatten? Beyond that, nothing huge comes to mind.

Not many people think of Banco Ambrosiano, the bank that has been embroiled in controversy since its head, Roberto Calvi, was found hanged in London, England 25 years ago. But the world press is bound to feature front-page stories regularly now that five people are on trial in Italy for the banker's murder.

His death was originally ruled a suicide but revealed two years ago to be a homicide, with all the ingredients of a good whodunit – organized crime, financial scandal, money laundering for the Mafia and the Vatican, and chicanery in the most confidential corridors of religious power and the equally secret affair of freemasonry.

Roberto Calvi, an Italian financier with ties both to the Vatican – hence his nickname "God's banker" – and the Mafia, in 1983 begged John Paul II to step in and save his bank from collapse, the Times of London reports. Two weeks later, on June 19, he was found hanging by an orange rope tied in a lover's knot from scaffolding underneath one of the nine arches of Blackfriers Bridge in central London. The 300-meter, 18th century tone structure spans the River Thames.

Almost a quarter of a century later, the trial began in Rome for the five accused killers of Calvi, 62. After brief opening statements on October 6 in a courtroom inside a top-security jail, the trial was adjourned to Nov. 23 at the request of a defense lawyer needing time to prepare.

The prosecution will argue the accused lured Calvi to London to kill him after he held onto millions of dollars he was laundering for the Mafia and also stole from financier Licio Geli, head of the illegal Masonic Lodge, SP2. The banker had been appealing a four-year jail sentence for illegally exporting currency. The day before his body was found, he was fired in absentia as head of debt-ridden Banco Ambrosiano, at the time Italy's largest private banking group. Its collapse triggered one of Italy's biggest banking scandals. The Vatican eventually paid out a quarter of a billion dollars to Ambrosiano creditors, denying legal responsibility but admitting "moral involvement."

There were two British inquests into his death. The first said suicide, the second, a year later, returned an open verdict. But the findings of forensic scientists who exhumed his body led Italian judges to reopen the case. Calvi's pockets were stuffed with bricks, apparently to weigh down his body, and cash. He was carrying a forged passport. Forensic scientists said the absence of dirt on his hands and brick dust under his fingernails showed he had not touched the bricks or climbed the scaffolding. They concluded his throat injuries indicated strangulation, not hanging.

Some people believe he was the victim of a well-disguised Cosa Nostra hit to cover up the Vatican Bank's involvement with the Mafia.

If banking history interests you, stay tuned for details about the trial!

C.N.A. NOVEMBER 12 WORKSHOP NEARLY SOLD OUT

Each and every seminar and workshop hosted by the C.N.A. at Humber College, located in the northwest end of Toronto, has been sold out since their inception in 1991.

Part of the reason is the fact that these courses have received much praise from previous participants, the instructors are well-known and respected in the numismatic community, and the number of students is deliberately kept to a smaller number. This assures time for one-on-one discussions on issues of concern in the instructors' areas of expertise.

Another reason is the promotion. A write-up and advertisements appeared in the CN Journal. The C.N.A. Website lists full details, including sign-up instructions. Various members of the C.N.A. Education Committee spoke at local coin club meetings. Local coin club bulletins within a 300km radius mentioned details to their members.

If the above publicity doesn't do it, a full-page write-up in Canadian Coin News, published by Trajan Publishing, in the October 4 issue, again will assure a sell-out.

Brian Cornwell, one of the instructors, is the president of the International Coin Certification Service (ICCS) and a columnist on the fine art of grading for Canadian Coin News. His son, Scott will assist him in the "Coin Grading & Counterfeit Detection" session.

Susan Maltby, a professional conservationist and a columnist on the subject for Coin World, will cover "Coin & Paper Money Preservation."

If you wish to attend, go to www.canadian-numismatic.org for full details, then e-mail us promptly at cnainfo@look.ca to reserve your spot before remitting payment. Or telephone (416) 223-5980.

JAY LENO'S eBAY FINDS

Every once in a while, talk show host Jay Leno will mention a few items that were recently auctioned off on eBay He then asks his audience to vote if they think the item sold or didn't sell.

On a recent episode, the audience didn't think a tanned frog change purse would sell, partly because the starting bid was \$49.00. Well, it was made from a real frog. After only 8 bids, it sold for \$426.00.

Another collectible covered was an 1895 "Jesus" rookie card from a bible set, starting at \$2.99. It sold for \$71.04 after 9 bids. Obviously, it was not autographed.

The Knight Rider original Kitt car (you're old enough to remember the famous car in the TV series) started at an unbelievable give-away opening bid of \$1.19. By the time 182 bids were received, it sold for \$22,995.81. Wow, twenty-two thousand times opening bid! Or, as some people will say, just normal for eBay.

WHY IS A DOLLAR OFTEN CALLED A BUCK?

The following bit of numismatic history, written by Cecil Goulding of Winnipeg, MB, appeared in a recent issue of Reader's Digest:

The earliest reference to a buck as a unit of currency may be a 1748 quotation that refers to someone "being robbed of the value of 300 bucks." While etymologists have been puzzled about its origins, we do have a few clues as to how "buck" as a term of currency may have originated. In all likelihood, the term comes from the use of buckskin or buck hide as a commodity of exchange when colonial Americans traded with native Americans.

Though the skins of both male and female deer were traded, the skin of the male – the buck - was more highly valued.

By the first half of the 18th century, more than half a million buckskins were traded annually in frontier America. Buckskins had become a unit of exchange as well as a measure of wealth, and by the middle of the century, bucks had become identified with dollars.

IS CANADA RE-ISSSUING TWENTY CENT COINS

Now that the Canadian dollar has hit a 13-year high against the U.S. dollar, if it goes still higher, will Canada consider issuing a circulating 20-cent coin that would be worth 25 cents U.S., like we did in 1858?

If some of David Dingwall's ideas and vision have rubbed off on other Mint personnel, are we really far off the mark?

THEFT OF RARE MAPS IN NEWS

Since some coin dealers are also into many other collectibles, we thought we would tell you about the theft of rare maps that you might have purchased, not knowing their origin, at very attractive pricing.

The New York Times reports that E. Forbes Smiley III has been charged with theft of rare maps.

A library worker's discovery of an X-Acto knife blade on the reading room floor near Smiley at the Beinecke Library at Yale on June 8 was the first hint of trouble. By early afternoon, librarians had video images of Smiley removing from a book an antique map valued by Yale at \$150,000 (U.S.). Later that day, police say, they found in his jacket a fragile map that appeared to have been taken from a 17th century book. Others that also appeared to be stolen, worth more than \$700,000, were in his briefcase.

Now librarians and curators, alerted by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, have been sent scurrying to their stacks to make sure their books are intact.

Charged with larceny in the first degree in New Haven, Smiley pleaded not guilty recently and has said little about the case beyond the assurances he initially gave the police that the maps were his and that he simply was comparing them to others at the library.

The New York Public Library and the Boston Public Library have acknowledged maps may be missing from their collections and Smiley's visits are being scrutinized for any possible link.

Smiley has been buying and selling rare North American maps and atlases for more than a decade. Many of the customers who bought his wares are cautiously reviewing their purchases. "This is just the tip of the iceberg," W. Graham Arader III, a dealer considered by many to be pre-eminent in the world of antiquarian maps, said of the New Haven case. Arader, a former trustee of Yale's library system, said he had to nag the university to install the cameras that ultimately helped nab Smiley.

Arader said he has been warning clients for years that Smiley' prices were too good to be true. "A lot of people will have to return stuff, because it's stolen," he said.

Collectors and dealers may have to forfeit the maps – or the tax deductions, if it turns out they have donated the documents to libraries or institutions.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH

Bank employees are credited with saving a Vaughan, Ontario man who was tortured for three hours by kidnappers seeking money from his safety-deposit box.

The 24-year-old man was kidnapped from his home by three men at about 5 a.m. and taken to an apartment on Finch Ave. in Toronto, police said. The victim was beaten with fists and weapons for more than three hours, and stabbed repeatedly.

Later that morning, a gun was placed to the man's head and he was taken to a Bank of Nova Scotia branch on Bathurst Street in Thornhill, just north of Toronto, where the assailants thought he had a safety deposit box.

The man staggered into the bank where employees noticed his injuries. They called police who arrived in less than 10 minutes and arrested one of the suspects. Lance Burkhard, 21, is charged with 19 offences, including kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault with a weapon. Police are seeking two more men.

WHERESWILLY TRACKING WEBSITE

At the recent coin show in Guelph, Ontario, hosted by the Waterloo Coin Society and the South Wellington Numismatic Society, we were handed a Canadian \$5 note overprinted "My Journey Began in Kitchener-Waterloo ON – www.whereswilly.com on the back. The face of the note was stamped "Follow the Money and Join in on the fun" – Please enter serial # of this \$5 note @ www.whereswilly.com – Canada's #1 \$\$ Tracking Website!!

THE B.C. \$10 AND \$20 PATTERN COINS OF 1862

With the interest created in the British Columbia \$10 and \$20 pattern gold coins of 1862 because of their inclusion in the auction held in conjunction with the recent C.N.A. Convention in Calgary, The Shoreline, official publication of the North Shore Numismatic Society, included an article on these pieces by Gene Simms.

During the gold rush of 1858 there was a pressing problem of not enough coins to exchange for gold dust. Not only was there an extreme shortage of coined money but, in spite of repeated requests to Great Britain to supply the colony with quantities of hard currency, only a comparative trickle of silver coins arrived. The colonial government attempted the issue of government notes, which first appeared in January 1862, and while this may have brought some temporary relief, they were eventually all redeemed by the government. The rapid growth of the British Columbia population in the next few years made the currency problem even more severe.

With an eye to accommodating the miners who were forced to go to San Francisco to have their gold assayed, and to keep the business in the colony, an Assay Office was established in New Westminster and completed by the Royal Engineers in May 1860. At that time, there were no provisions made for a mint but a campaign for such an institution at New Westminster was

being pushed by The British Columbian newspaper, while the Victoria papers sought the mint for the island capital.

In the fall of 1861, encouraged by rich discoveries of gold in the Cariboo Region and the ongoing currency crisis, Governor Douglas was forced to consider issuing colonial coins. He sought permission from Her Majesty's government in November 1861 to set up a coining plant in connection with the Assay Office that had previously been established in New Westminster, to erect a mint and other important government buildings, including the Assay Office, Post Office and the Land Tittle Registry.

The Treasurer of British Columbia gave the government Assayer permission to travel to San Francisco to purchase the necessary coining equipment. The commission for the design and striking of the 10 and 20 Dollar dies was given to Mr. Wagner of Vanderslices Silver Manufacturing also located in San Francisco. The dies were engraved by Albert Kuner who struck several trial pieces in silver, which were sent to British Columbia along with the dies.

In April of 1862, \$5,085 of equipment arrived in New Westminster and was taken to the mint building. Governor Douglas refused to grant any further money to install the equipment and told Capt. Gosset to store it. However, as a result of a violent protest by the Treasurer, he finally agreed to the outlay of the unspent balance of the original mint appropriation of £1,500. The Royal Engineers helped set the Machinery up but when Capt. Gosset asked Governor Douglas to appoint an engineer to run it, Douglas replied he did not wish the mint to operate. Captain Gosset refused to be put off. All that Douglas would finally agree to was that £100 in British Columbia gold pieces could be minted and displayed at the London Exhibition. However, when the sample gold coins were struck, the Governor would not allow them to be sent. Again under pressure from the Treasurer, he relented and permitted 18 Ten Dollar coins and ten Twenty Dollar coins to be produced and sent to the exhibition, with the stipulation that they would be melted down for bullion following the Exhibition.

Treasurer Gosset was allowed to keep two specimens as Mint souvenirs. The few surviving pieces were probably acquired by senior members of the government as souvenirs. These issues must be considered patterns, as British Columbia had not received permission from the Crown to strike coins.

PRINCES' GATES TO RECEIVE FACELIFT

Your E-Bulletin editor was involved with the Canadian National Exhibition (C.N.E.), the world's largest permanent exhibition. As chairman of the coin exhibit located in the Arts Crafts Hobbies Building, I rounded up displays that would appeal to the non-collecting public. As well, I arranged with C.N.E. management to obtain the rights to the official C.N.E. souvenir medal, which were struck by Interbranch International Mint in bronze and silver. The obverse that appeared each year, other than the centennial year, was the Princes' Gates located at the east entrance to the Exhibition Grounds.

After a competition, the City of Toronto has announced that the eastern area of the Exhibition Grounds will receive a makeover. The Princes' Gates, built in 1927 to mark Canada's jubilee, are surrounded by roads that make the gate area rather inaccessible to pedestrians and tourists. It will contain pedestrian friendly granite benches, sculptural street lighting, green space as far as Fort York, an area suitable for small concerts and a group of ten columns, identical to the diameter and height of the columns on the Princes' Gates. Each of the columns will be dedicated to a Province.

I can't wait for the C.N.E. board to change their mind and provide complimentary space to hobby groups again, so that we can incorporate the new look in another official C.N.E. medal.

HUMOR IN CLUB BULLETINS

There is only so much numismatic humor to go around. I mean, look at the contents of this bulletin, where we forever talk about anything to do with "money." A number of club bulletins have also resorted to publish some "filler" non-numismatic jokes. A recent bulletin of the Stratford Coin Club contained the following:

Did you hear about the local country club that was determined to be politically correct? Instead of saying the golfers have handicapped, they say they're stroke-challenged!

Q: What's the difference between a golfer and a fisherman? A: When a golfer lies, he doesn't have to bring anything home to prove it!

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"...but it's only a "penny for your thoughts." Where's the other penny going to?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

I left the mother-in-law joke out to save you the trouble of having to write in to complain.

TORONTO'S NEW CITY HALL FEATURED ON MANY MEDALS

As I picked up the Toronto Star last Sunday, an article about Toronto's new City Hall caught my eye. Over the years, I must have accumulated something like 50 different medals featuring the building.

One of the medals was issued by the Toronto Coin Club, which has the distinction of being the first authorized object to feature the copyrighted design of the building as well as being the only item released prior to the official opening of the new City Hall. When Interbranch was purchased by Johnson Matthey (of precious medal refinery fame), I acquired the remainders of their inhouse issues, over-runs of customers' orders, salesmen's samples and the contents of their display cases. These included a nice variety of length-of-service and presentation medals from private companies and the Canadian government, as well as a number of medals featuring City Hall. Included amongst the thousands of medals, mostly in bronze or nickel but also containing a number of silver pieces that accidentally wound up in the buckets containing the nickel items, were about 50 different medals containing the new City Hall. Until then, no-one knew about most of these pieces.

The Toronto Star article mentions a few monetary connections to City Hall. For example, one of the pieces of artwork in the lobby is made of nails where you can watch a coin fall through a maze of metal. And the City Hall's garage is voted the best place in Toronto for making a payoff (if you have not been following the \$87 million computer scandal inquiry, you not only won't find it funny, but you have no idea what it means).

Other interesting statistics mentioned:

- the parking garage has 2,400 parking spaces, making it one of the world's largest underground parking lots
- the exquisitely curved towers allow civil servants to spy on each other
- because of its shape, there are no corner offices for the bureaucrats to bicker over

- it is the home to Henry Moore's The Archer, the most often visit piece of public art in the city
- the competition to design New City Hall drew 510 entries from 42 countries
- it houses a piece of the Berlin Wall
- it is the home of a lot of pigeons, thanks to the hotdog, ice cream, pretzel and french fries vendors
- it came into being the same day the Beatles released "Yesterday" and the same day as Ringo Star's first-born, Zak
- it shares its anniversary date with Hadrian's Wall (in the year 122), the first running of the New York Marathon (1970) and the release of the Super Mario Brothers video game (1985)
- it makes a great postcard!

FLYING TO COIN CONVENTIONS COULD BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH

Have you flown to a coin convention and the first thought you had when you were exposed to a bit of turbulence was to sue the Federal Aviation Administration? When you saw the flight attendant roll the cart down the aisle, did you think your life was in grave danger, to the point where you will never make it to the convention and immediately contacted your lawyer to have him sue the airline?

There you go, thinking I am crazy and asking stupid questions. But am I really off the mark? Read on.

A union for flight attendants has sued the Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Labor Secretary Elainbe Chao, claiming they failed to ensure the health and safety of workers in the airline industry. The Association of Flight Attendants said crews are subject to hazards such as turbulence, sudden changes in cabin air pressure, unwieldy service carts, exposure to toxic chemicals, unruly and sick passengers and threats of terrorism.

I always thought that turbulence was an act of God, but apparently the FAA and the Department of Labor are to blame. And how about those darn unwieldy service carts! Don't you recall reading the statistics about how many people had to be taken to hospital or died because the carts ran over them or smashed into their seat when they ordered a ginger ale? And if flight attendants can sue for sudden changes in cabin air pressure, should us poor passengers not be included in the law suit as well? Or are you one of those unruly and sick passengers they are talking about?

And you coin dealers thought you had it bad at your job: sitting at a show all week-end having to endure the drooling of potential customers over the material in your show cases; the incessant small-talk with customers considering spending a few thousand dollars; making sure you get out of bed on time because you agree with show organizers that you should actually be manning your table when the show opens to the public in the morning.

STREETS ARE PAVED WITH.....?

John McPhee, Editor of the City of Ottawa Coin Club bulletin, published an interesting statistic recently. He stated that Ottawa streets are paved, not with gold as the saying goes, but with copper. In 27 years, he has found 93 coins and 2 banknotes for a grand total of \$45.62. The coppers made up 89% of the coins, which many people disdain to stoop and recover.

Your C.N.A. E-Bulletin Editor has had a very similar experience, remembering that he once found, among all the cents and the odd quarter, a \$20 note.

Did anyone find something rare or really unusual that they want to tell us about?

SHOW BUSINESS

October 22, Fredericton, NB - Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association Fall Convention, Fredericton Inn, Regent at Prospect Sts. Hours: 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission \$2, under 12 free. Hosted by the Fredericton Coin Club. Information from Richard Bird at rbird@unb.ca or 506-450-3106.

October 23, Stratford, ON - Stratford Coin Club's 43rd Annual Show, Festival Inn, 1144 Ontario St. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2. Penny draw. Information from Larry Walker at (519) 271-3352.

October 28-30, Strongsville, Ohio – Warrensville Heights Coin Club's 43rd Annual Coin Show, Michaud'ss, 16808 Pearl Rd. 120 tables. Information from Al Horvath, P.O. Box 391441, Solon, Ohio 44139.

October 29 - 30, Toronto, ON - TOREX, Radisson Admiral Hotel, 249 Queen's Quay West, Admiral's Ballroom. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Information from Brian Smith at (416) 861-9523. Web site: torex.net. The C.N.A. will be manning an Information table. Visit us to browse through the C.N.A. Correspondence Courses, join the C.N.A., or just to say hello.

Hey, remember, if you don't contact us with your own show information you most likely won't get a free listing.

CONCLUSION

With the change-over from dial-up to high speed and the revamping of our e-mailing list, we hope that all 2,300 people on our mailing list are now receiving each issue. We know that some did not receive it because our ISP took this E-Bulletin to be nothing more than junk mail. And after reviewing some of the things we have published, I fully agree.

All back-issues will be posted on the C.N.A. Website at www.canadian-numismatic.org shortly. If you are missing any prior to this issue, which is number 22 (since January 15, 2005, with over 200 MS Word pages, not bad!), please download them from there.

Because of the revamping of our mailing list and for the benefit of newer subscribers, let us explain why this bulletin is addressed to you the way it is. We have created folders for groups of e-mail addresses. The e-mails beginning with the letter "a" are in either folder "CNA-A" or "CNA-AA." The same goes for every other letter of the alphabet, with some combined (i.e. CNA-XYZ). E-mails beginning with a number will be placed in its own folder "CNA-123." Some of you might be receiving this after some absence because we also corrected a few typos.

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