

Welcome to the C.N.A. E-Bulletin Number 6 – March 10, 2005

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INTRODUCTION

Based on a suggestion from Nicholas M. Graver, we are dropping the “Volume 1” designation, so this is simply issue Number 6.

With the addition of a number of subscribers, three deletions and the removal of two duplications, we are now up to 2,074 distribution.

WE GOT MAIL

From Dr. A'Delbert Bowen: “I read of the CNA E-Bulletin in the March 7 issue of Coin World. Will the bulletin include advance notices of major Canadian coin auctions? If so, I would be interested in receiving it.” - Yes, it will, especially those auction houses that offer free catalogues or worthwhile catalogues at reasonable pricing. Although the C.N.A. E-Bulletin is intended to be humorous and light-hearted, we do include “worthwhile” news as well. And thank you Coin World for mentioning us.

From John Regitko: “In the last issue, you wrote about the National Currency Collection selling reproductions of ancient coins at the Museum’s store. More fake Christmas trees are being purchased than real trees. More and more people are adding fake tattoos, the kind that rub or wash off after a while. More and more women are adding fake eyebrows, fake nails, fake butts and other fake parts of the body. I decided to join the trend and go out and buy a few fake coins. From the Bank of Canada’s National Currency Museum in Ottawa, no less. As you say, to each his own.” (John is a Past President of the C.N.A. and currently serves as its Executive Secretary) – We venture to guess that most collectors have a few reproductions in their collection.

From Louis Chevrier: “About that beer stolen near Doaktown NB, would it qualify to be the second Doaktown Hoard?” (Louis, a professional numismatist, is a partner in [Nuphilex](#), a major coin and stamp show and auction in Montreal, QC.) – We were sure we were going to receive some comments about the bears preferring the beer over the marijuana, but yours is the only response.

From Fred Freeman: “Thank you for your most interesting bulletin. Please mention to your readers that an introductory coin course for coin kids is nearly completed. This course originated three years ago in Woodstock, ON, when I was asked by a teacher to talk to her students about coins. The students were so keen to learn more about coins that I started to visit them every Tuesday after school hours. These visits led to other schools and a whole course of study about Canadian coins and paper money was developed. At the CNA Windsor Convention in 2003, there was a request to expand the material and make it available as a correspondence course. It is being called Canadian Coins 101. It numbers 101 pages of material pertaining to numismatic subjects. In order to appeal to a junior audience, there are two innovative methods used. First of all, a coin is supplied for their collection when it is being discussed. Secondly, a liberal use of coin humor is an integral part of the materials. If we want our chosen hobby to be embraced by the younger generation we must lighten up. Or as Shakespeare so aptly put it: ‘A little humour now and then is relished by the best of men.’ Comments will be greatly appreciated.” (Fred Freeman is a hard-working member of the C.N.A. Coin Kids Committee) – We know that Fred has spent hundreds of hours writing a lot of the material for this course. It

will include actual numismatic material discussed, such as some Canadian commemorative coins. If you have 100 or more of any coin you wish to donate, please e-mail Fred at bfreeman@oxford.net and let him know what you have to donate to the cause.

From John Regitko: "I attended a recent meeting of the planning committee for the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course #2 and would like to share my excitement with the numismatic community. Nineteen of the 20 chapters are just about complete, with the twentieth chapter already written and being reviewed by no less than some of the staff of the Royal Canadian Mint. The authors of the chapters, members of the planning committee, photographers and others involved read like a Who's Who of Canadian numismatics. It will officially be unveiled at the C.N.A. Convention in Calgary in July, with pre-publication announcement as to its availability and pricing being made sometime prior to that time. Having had the chance to review its contents, I feel it will be at least as much of a success as course #1, of which over 1,300 copies have been ordered by collectors. Course #2 will not supersede #1, in that the two courses are completely different. I predict that the C.N.A. will receive rave reviews when it is released in Calgary." (John is a member of the Planning Committee for the CNA/NESA Correspondence Course #2). - If any recipients of the C.N.A. E-Bulletin wish to know more about the contents and pricing of the first course, please go to www.canadian-numismatic.org and click on the tab "Numismatic Course."

Brian Smith writes: "The February 2005 Torex show at the Radisson Admiral Hotel was a very successful show which received much positive feedback throughout the event. Many dealers were quick to point out the larger bourse area, and the roomier aisles. Turnout was great! Even the President of the American Numismatic Association, Gary Lewis, had a display at the show. The Radisson Admiral hotel staff were constantly bending over backwards to serve Torex dealers and visitors to the show. Thank you to everyone that made it out and I look forward to seeing you at the June 25 & 26, 2005 Torex. Don't forget to book your hotel rooms well in advance for this summer's Torex, as the Radisson Admiral hotel sells out very quickly in the summer months." - Brian is the owner/operator of Torex and goes out of his way to assure that everyone and everything is taken care of. Incidentally, you can view pictures of Torex at www.torex.net/torex_show_pictures/feb05/. The photographs were taken by professional photographer George Schroeder of Photomedia Productions.

RESPONSES TO WHAT TO CALL A GROUP OF NUMISMATISTS

From Joseph Kennedy: "In a nucleus of numismatists you will often find a wad of bill collectors wrapped around a crucible of coin collectors, beside an exclave of exonomia enthusiasts.

From Donn Pearlman: "Question: What do you call a group of numismatists? Answer: A cluster of coin weenies." (Don is a widely-published author. He was Public Relations Director and Legislative Liaison for the Professional Numismatic Guild and an award-winning news anchor and reporter at WBBM/CBS Radio in Chicago for 25 years before moving into his current position in public relations) – Go to www.heritagecoins.com/features/numisarticles.php?id=14 and read some more about coin weenies.

From Gary Goebel: "Great newsletter. Here's my suggestion for what to call a group of numismatists: A BOURSE of numismatists."

From Anonymously Yours, A Loyal Reader: "A group of numismatists is a coingregation. Canadian History Professor Michael Bliss Ph. D. said in the New York Times: "Écanadians are so polite they say "ËThank You.Ë to automated bank machines.Ë" – That's an unusual name you

have, but we respect anyone's request for anonymity.

From Louis Chevrier: "A group of numismatist is called a coingregation. Everyone knows that!

From Bill Fivaz: "Many thanks for including me on your email list for CNA News...I enjoy each issue and always come away more enlightened than when I logged on. Re your quest for a name for a group of numismatists, how about a "nucleus of numismaniaacs." This might be considered the "core" group of the hobby!" (Bill is a two-time ANA Medal of Merit winner (1984 and 1989) and recipient of the ANA Numismatic Ambassador Award, ANA Glenn Smedley Memorial Award, the Outstanding Adult Advisor and ANA Farran Zerbe Memorial Award. He has been an ANA Summer Seminar Grading Instructor since 1980, Educational Forum Speaker at Florida United Numismatists conventions since 1979, Past President and President Emeritus of CONECA and an ANA Board Member for 1985 to 1989. He produces and makes available color slide programs on a variety of numismatic subjects on a no-charge basis. He is a contributor to The Red Book (including co-authorship of the section on Mint Errors), author of "Counterfeit Coin Detection Guide" and "Helpful Hints for Enjoying Coin Collecting" and is co-author of "The Cherrypickers Guide to Rare Die Varieties" which lists the grains, diameter and the specific gravity of every U.S. coin at the back of this handy guide. He was inducted into the ANA Numismatic Hall of Fame in recognition of his overall contributions to and outstanding achievements in numismatics. He served as general chairman of the ANA's 110th Anniversary Convention in Atlanta (2001), where he was named Numismatist of the Year) – We gleaned your background from just a few of the thousands of Web pages that mention your name. It is nice to have such dignitaries take the time to drop us a note. It is part of what drives this volunteer editor!

From Carl Schwenker: "Hail Canada! Hopefully, you can help me get our message out to your CNA members. We are very proud of the Greater Houston Coin Club's annual Money Show of the Southwest which is put on entirely by volunteers and which directly and indirectly benefits children's numismatic education. The January 2005 show had 240 booths and 350 to 400 dealers and it hosted its first international dealer, Cayon from Madrid, Spain. It attracted 5,500 visitors. In January 2006 we expect to commit to 300 booths, host 500 dealers and enjoy a public attendance of over 10,000! Canadian Numismatic Association members are cordially invited to attend our 2006 show, either by taking a booth or joining the number of dealers and collectors who are "early birds" at Thursday set-up. You will be treated like guests in our home, which includes an out-of-this-world East Texas BBQ buffet and coffee and donuts in the morning! We are known as the dealer-friendliest show in the U.S.A. (prices are very reasonable and they are treated right) and consequently have grown phenomenally over the past four years (from 40 booth to 240!) More importantly, we are actively engaged in growing numismatics in the State of Texas and bringing in large crowds of children. Won't you join us!" (Carl is Bourse Chairman of the Show who can be reached at Office: 281-586-9727, Cell: 281-788-1036 or texascoins@houston.rr.com) – We like to hear success stories and don't mind giving you a plug, but we must warn all clubs that preference must be given to C.N.A. member clubs when we run low on space. So we like to suggest that you might want to go to www.canadian-numismatic.org and click on "Join the CNA" to obtain membership details. The question you have to ask yourself is whether or not it is worth \$33 to get 10 Journals for your library, listing in 2 or 3 Journals prior to your show and a couple of mentions in this E-Bulletin going to over 2,000 recipients.

From your Editor: "Although 'coingregation' is the winning answer, I still like "a bunch of seniors" better. When we mentioned that in the issue that asked the question, we expected someone to

pick us up on that and write us. Since nobody did, we assume everyone agrees that it is apropos.

HOW CANADA GOT ITS NAME – PART 1

From Bill Fivaz: "I don't know how many of your readers know how Canada originally got its name, but as the story goes, shortly after the country was settled, a group of backwoodsmen were sitting around a fire, discussing their wonderful land and one said: "You know, we have this beautiful country here, full of natural resources, bountiful wildlife, magnificent forests, etc., and it doesn't have a name!" They all thought and thought for quite awhile, and finally one of the group said: 'I've got it!!! I think the name should start with a 'C' eh? Then a 'N' eh? Then a 'D' eh?" And THAT'S how Canada got its name." – Sounds about right to us, however a coin club bulletin located in Vancouver, BC thinks different (see below). And why DO Canadians end every sentence with a question, eh?

HOW CANADA GOT ITS NAME – PART 2

With close to 2,100 U.S. numismatic collectors and dealers receiving this bulletin, we thought we would publish the following, which appeared in a recent issue of "The Shoreline," official publication of the North Shore Numismatic Society.

In 1535, two Indian Youths told Jacques Cartier about the route to "kanata." They were referring to the village of Stadacona. "kanata" was simply the Huron-Iroquis word for "village" or "settlement." But for want of another name, Cartier used "Canada" to refer not only to Stadacona (the site of present day Quebec City), but also to the entire area subject to its chief, Donnacona. The name was soon applied to a much larger area; maps in 1547 designated everything north of the St. Lawrence River as "Canada." Cartier also called the St. Lawrence River the "riviere de Canada," a name used until the early 1600s. By 1616, although the entire region was known as New France, the area along the great river of Canada and the Gulf of St. Lawrence was still called Canada. Soon explorers and fur traders opened up territory to the west and to the south and the area depicted as "Canada" grew. In the early 1700s, the name referred to all lands in what is now the American Midwest and as far south as the present day Louisiana. The first use of "Canada" as an official name came in 1791 when the Province of Quebec was divided into the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada. In 1841, the two Canadas were again united under one name, the Province of Canada. At the time of Confederation, the new country assumed the name of Canada.

IN PRAISE OF COIN DEALERS

When you walked into a mall for at least a month before Christmas, did you get blasted with very loud music? When you tried to negotiate the aisles, were they blocked with sales carts flogging yet more of the same stuff found in a dozen stores at the same mall? Did it take you an hour to find a parking spot? And another half hour to get out?

We didn't have those problems. I simply accompanied the wife and selected my own gifts from our local friendly coin shop where there was no parking problem and we could leisurely browse in a nice, quite atmosphere! And the coin dealer sure was a lot friendlier and knowledgeable than the sales clerk!

TOP TEN NUMISMATIC PARODY SONGS

Tony Swicer, President of the Palm Beach (Florida) Coin Club for the past 21 years, has sent us the following contribution:

10. "Sweet Coin of Mine" – by Neil Diamond

9. "Rainy Days and no Grades Always get me Down"- by the Carpenters
 8. "Does Anybody Really Know What Grade it is?" – by Chicago
 7. "Strangers in the Bourse" – by Frank Sinatra
 6. "PCGS" – by The Village People
 5. "Authentication" – by Carley Simon
 4. "If I Were a Numismatist" – by Bobby Darin
 3. "Dip Three Times" – by Tony Orlando and Dawn
 2. "The 1812 Overdate" – by Tchaikovsky
 1. "Don't it Make your Brown Ikes Blue" – Crystal Gayle
- "You don't Bring me Silver Dollars Anymore" – by Barbara Striesand and Neil Diamond
 "Let's Grade Together" – by Peaches and Herb
 "The Coiny Man Can" – by Sammy Davis Jr.

WHAT DO BEER AND CANADIAN TIRE MONEY HAVE IN COMMON?

In the last issue, we told you about the truckload of beer that was stolen in Canada and the truckload full of 5-cent coins that was stolen in the U.S. To explain the importance of numismatics versus beer to the average Canadian, we just have to pass along the following:

A recent survey published in The Toronto Sun newspaper, had more people wanting to share a beer with Pierre Trudeau, former Prime Minister, four years after his death, than with any other Canadian, put the Montreal Canadiens ahead of the Toronto Leafs as favorite NHL team, and had men who drink beer rate higher than rich men.

But what caught our eye is the fact that one of the top-rated pastimes of Canucks (Canucks is a term of endearment for Canadians, eh) is, well... we will quote from the survey what the most commonly used phrase was: "We'd like to get a 'two-four' of beer, 'eh' with Canadian Tire money."

Which just proves that not all people collect Canadian Tire money and would rather use it to buy beer. Shame, shame.

Incidentally, we figured out the fallout from the stolen truckload of Moosehead beer we wrote about in the last issue. The beer companies have to protect their bottom line, right? You want to bet that the price of Moosehead beer is going to rise before too long?

CIBC DISPENSES CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

And a final comment about the bank machine that dispensed Canadian Tire Coupons, following which the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce issued refunds, apologized for the mix-up and started an investigation. Remember, this is the same bank that also mistakenly sent confidential information about hundreds of clients to a scrap yard operator in West Virginia over a three-year period. The owner of the scrap yard is suing the bank for negligence, while the bank fired back with accusations that he violated Canadian privacy laws by going public with the information.

So what was the public's reaction? The bank's shares went up on the stock market by close to 3 percent. Go figure!

With the popularity of the collecting of the so-called Canada's second official money and the value of the government-issue forever going down the tubes, wouldn't the people who received the Canadian Tire notes be better off to have kept them?

NUMISMATICS NOT IMMUNE TO eBay SHENANIGANS

According to the Associated Press, eight eBay sellers were ordered to pay almost \$90,000 (US\$) recently in restitution and fines after admitting they bid up products online to inflate prices. New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said more than 120 people will receive restitution in the settlement of the three cases. One case stemmed from specific complaints involving overpayment for a sport utility vehicle and involved 610 bids on 106 of their car auctions. Another case, the operator of an art auction house and two former employees were accused of bidding on more than 1,100 of each others' eBay items for more than five years to drive up the prices. Some paintings sold for thousands more than they were worth. All pleaded guilty in court. Two of the defendants were accused of making 170 phony bids on their sports memorabilia items.

For the complete article, go to www.fool.com/News/mft/2004/mft04110812 .

Cars. Paintings, Sports Memorabilia. Who is to say it can't happen to numismatic items! If you are suspicious, contact eBay. Since you are obviously an eBay user, we don't have to give you the Website and e-mail addresses.

CUBA ENDS CIRCULATION OF THE U.S. DOLLAR

According to a Reuters Press Release, Cuba recently issued a convertible five peso coin honoring revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara as it ended circulation of the U.S. dollar.

Travelers leaving Cuba must pay their departure tax in Cuban Convertible Pesos (CUC), as all U.S. currency is being pulled from circulation. The CUC is equivalent to \$1 U.S. Therefore the departure tax is 25 Cuban Convertible Pesos, or about \$31 CDN. Travelers to Cuba are advised to carry Canadian funds that can be exchanged at the airport, hotel or bank into CUC.

We have a question: if the U.S. has had an embargo on the shipment of all things U.S. for many, many years, how did Cuba get hold of so many U.S. dollars that they actually considered it a "circulating" coin?

CBC-TV PROGRAM FEATURES NUMISMATIC EXPERT

The British Antiques Roadshow and the American Antiques Roadshow have proven very popular with the Canadian public. It would, therefore, be only a matter of time until Canada had its very own Canadian Antiques Roadshow, don't you think? Well, your wish has come true!

But unlike the others, the Canadian version has its very own resident Numismatic Expert, none other than the Immediate Past-President of the C.N.A., Geoff Bell. With Valerie Pringle as host, the CBC doing the taping, and three of the people involved with the British Antiques Roadshow on hand as advisors, you know it is going to be very, very professional.

Full details on Bell's interesting recent journey across Canada for its taping, the personalities he met, the numismatic material he saw and evaluated, details about the taping and more will be published in the next issue of *The CN Journal* that is mailed out to all members of the C.N.A. If you are not a member, we will be pleased to send you a complimentary copy when it is published if you send an e-mail to cnainfo@look.ca.

Incidentally, you can catch Geoff and the Canadian Antiques Roadshow on both the CBC and CBC Newsworld. Consult your local TV program guide for times. Look under Wednesday and Friday evenings.

ARE THE LUCKY LOONIES WORKING YET?

At the Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games, the Loonie that was secretly buried beneath center ice supposedly brought a stroke of good fortune to Canada's men's and women's gold medal-winning hockey teams. Victory was ours! Supposedly not the talent of the teams, but the luck of the Loonie! Why?

The legend of the Lucky Loonie has now also become part of the history of the Canadian Football League (CFL). During the 2003 Grey Cup game a Loonie was placed in the Edmonton end zone for good luck by an Edmonton fan whose job is to paint the field graphics. He figured "if it worked for Team Canada in Salt Lake City, then why wouldn't it work for Edmonton?" Once Edmonton won the Grey Cup, the story of the Loonie was revealed.

At an amateur level, a Vancouver Canucks fan melted a Loonie into GM Place on March 25th, 2004 and the team went on a win streak of 8-0-1. When NHL team officials removed the Loonie the night before, the Canucks were to face the Detroit Red Wings in the playoffs, the Canucks lost all three home games and the series. Coincidence? Athletes and fans alike believe in their teams, but are a suspicious lot, respecting and carrying on various traditions and rituals in order to bring luck to any competition – just in case.

On August 4, 2004, the Royal Canadian Mint officially unveiled Canada's newest circulation coin, the "Lucky Loonie." The 2004 Lucky Loonie, struck to coincide with the Athens Olympic Games, celebrates Canada's Olympic athletes and underscores their commitment to excellence. Each athlete representing Canada in Athens received a special edition uncirculated coin as a good luck charm. As a circulation coin, it will give Canadians their own little piece of the Canadian Olympic dream.

Being rather skeptical, even to the point of tempting fate by walking under ladders or in front of a black cat, spilling salt and not worrying about it, etc., we wonder if it worked for our athletes in Greece? We saw the results of the competition (a very disappointing 3 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze) and think that maybe one Lucky Loonie for each athlete just wasn't enough. Next time, maybe the Mint can splurge for a truckload of Lucky Loonies each and then see how we make out.

We should also have given the NHL team owners and the players union some. Maybe then we would have had a hockey season.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We read recently that 97% of the U.S. \$100 notes had traces of cocaine on them. We were going to conduct our own test, except we don't have any U.S. \$100 notes.

We wonder if a similar statistic is available for Canadian \$100 bills. Does anybody know? We can take a guess what we will find: residue from Tim Hortons' donuts.

Just like on all the Poppy Quarters!

MORE DIRTY CASH FOUND IN CANADA OVER LAST YEAR

The amount of dirty money that global terrorists and other criminals tried to launder in Canada during the last year is dramatically higher than reported in previous years, a federal agency said.

Almost 200 cases involving \$700 million in suspect financial transactions were turned over to police in the last fiscal year - a jump over the \$460 million tracked the year before, according to Fintrac, the federal agency responsible for reporting on money laundering.

If it's from Canada, eh, we wonder how much of it had donut residue on it?

GET WELL

To George Fraser, following treatment at Sunnybrook Hospital.

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Earl Salterio, on his passing on March 1 following a heart attack. Earl was a Past President of the C.N.A. and held numerous positions within the C.N.A., including Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee. He was a Past-President of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors as well as the Chairman of its Board of Governors. At the time of his passing, he served as Co-Chairman of the 2005 C.N.A. Convention.

To the family of Jerome "Jerry" Remick, on his passing. Jerry has the distinction of probably writing more articles than anybody else in Canadian numismatic history. He wrote ongoing articles in Canadian Coin News, the Personalized Medal Society bulletin, numerous local coin club bulletins and various U.S. papers on his specialties. This included wooden tokens, municipal trade dollars, personalized medals and foreign coins and paper money, all on which he wrote extensively.

To Gary Braunwarth, on the recent passing of his mother. Gary has been involved with the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, among other numismatic organizations.

From Frank Fesco: "May I add my condolences to the family of Somer James. I know how he felt, because of my first hand experience. In the earlier days, he enhanced my collection by interesting items, and increased my knowledge of British Commonwealth Coins by his "Black Book". He also amazed me with his issue of astron "Moon Money" dated several years later when man did land there. The youngsters that I once knew are now authorities, and the authorities I knew are departing. That is how the hobby and its artifacts continue to please, thank goodness.

LOTTERY TICKET BACKGROUND INFORMATION NEGLECTED FIELD

We read a lot of details about the Mints that issue coins. We publish backgrounders on the banks that not only have issued banknotes, but also information on banks and the banking system. We learn all about the towns that issue municipal trade tokens. We hear all about the early civilizations that gave us ancient coins. We know the full story behind the wooden nickel issuers. The mints are good in providing us with the background we crave. We can give you example after example of non-numismatic information being included in write-ups in the numismatic press

One group of collectors that have been ignored, where no background information is published, is for the collectors of lottery tickets (I know they have a name, but we can't recall what it is). We are pleased to give them some space here, although they might not appreciate the publicity. Here it goes:

According to a column in The Toronto Star, an 81-year old man is suing the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLGC) because he says it refused to properly investigate a retailer who allegedly cheated him out of a \$250,000 winning Encore ticket.

Although Robert Edmonds recently settled with the store owners, who have denied any wrongdoing and admitted no liability, for \$150,000, he hasn't given up the battle for the full prize.

For decades, Edmonds has played the same string of numbers – a combination of his wife's and oldest son's birthdays. On July 5, 2001, he selected those numbers for a Lotto Super 7 ticket with Encore at his local convenience store, Coby Variety in Coboconk, a small town about 120 kilometres north of Toronto. Edmonds validated his "lucky numbers" ticket in Fenelon Falls, winning one free ticket with Encore. That is crucial to Edmonds' case, since it is possible to trace the origin of the eventual winning ticket back to his "lucky numbers" ticket.

On July 27, Edmonds returned to Coby Variety and handed the new Encore ticket, with another ticket, to the store owner's wife, Phyllis LaPlante, to check. The machine chimed the way it always does for a win – not once, but twice, Edmonds' lawyer told the court. LaPlante told him he had won a free ticket but didn't mention any other prizes.

Days later, Edmonds grew suspicious and contacted the OLGC. Last week, the University Ave. courthouse heard opening arguments in a civil suit that pits the frail cancer survivor against the lottery corporation. All Edmonds wants, he says, is what's still owed to him: \$100,000, plus interest. He believes the OLGC should be held accountable for the actions of its licensed retailers. The OLGC argues a retailer is an independent contractor, not an agent, employee or partner of the corporation. Therefore, it says, the corporation isn't liable for Edmonds' alleged loss.

His lawyer argues the OLGC ought to have known there were alleged irregularities when Phyllis LaPlante tried to redeem the ticket. "The lottery corporation was negligent because they didn't act on Edmonds' first call," the jury was told, pointing out that Edmonds raised red flags about the LaPlantes well before they got the cash Aug. 24, 2001.

Nearly four years later, Robert Edmonds vividly remembers that winning sound of music that came out of the lottery machine. He testified on March 1, 2005, that he heard the music ring twice, indicating he had two winning tickets. But the lady behind the counter in the grocery store on that afternoon in July 2001, told him he had only won one free ticket, he went on to testify.

Funny how the legal system works. After Edmonds sued the store owners in civil court, they gave him \$150,000 without admitting liability. I don't know about you, but I sure wouldn't give you even a cent...unless I knew I didn't have a leg to stand on!

It sure makes me feel better about the fact that I have always checked our own tickets, either against the published winning numbers in the newspaper, or by calling the lottery corporation's automated telephone system.

And while we are on the subject of neglected numismatic fields, send us a note at cnanews@look.ca if you can think of any others.

REWARDING JUNIORS FOR NUMISMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

When a junior member completes the twelve chapters of the CNA/NESA Numismatic Correspondence Course, the Windsor (Ontario) Coin Club reimburses them for the full cost of the course. The junior also receives a framed Certificate of Appreciation from the C.N.A.

Here's an idea: Have your club sponsor junior members for the course. Or if you are a dealer, sponsor a few courses for the kids of some of your customers as an inexpensive goodwill gesture. It is cheap enough, at only \$30.00. Canadian or U.S. funds depending where we ship it. And we will throw in a few numismatic catalogues. If you participate, let us know and we will enshrine your name in this bulletin forever more.

Full details on the contents of the course and ordering instructions, go to www.canadian-numismatic.org and link to Correspondence Course.

TREASON AT SCARBOROUGH COIN CLUB

The Scarborough (Ontario) Coin Club bulletin published the following ad in their February 2005 bulletin:

"Trade: Tom Kostoff wants to trade a bottle of Remy Martin 700 ml fine champagne cognac, which is over 15 years old, for an 1858 penny. See Tom at our March meeting or e mail him at tummake@rogers.com."

We just have to ask: Who in their right mind would give up a 1858 penny for anything non-numismatic? Wouldn't that be reason for expulsion!

BANK OF CANADA PENSIONERS WANT \$42 MILLION

According to a report published in the Toronto Star, pensioners are going to court to try to squeeze up to \$42 million out of the Bank of Canada.

Members of the Bank of Canada Pensioners' Association said they have asked the Ontario Superior Court to grant class action status against their former employer.

They allege that Canada's central bank has been misusing their pension trust fund since at least 1993 by requiring about \$12 million in administration expenses to be paid out of the fund. They're seeking damage amounting to \$30 million, for a total of \$42 million.

Now, let's see. There are 40 notes to a sheet of \$100 bills. That's \$4,000 per sheet. How many sheets does one of their printing presses print per hour? By our rough estimation, if a printing press operator stays no more than 15 minutes past his normal quitting time one day, that should cover it!

Or would the union object to the overtime?

ROGERS CABLE'S TV GUIDE FEATURES NUMISMATIC FACTS

Rogers Cable's TV Guide channel that shows the upcoming programs on the left side of the screen and features commercials on the right are currently showing "Moments in History" fillers in-between their commercials (do you remember the days when they just played classical music rather than those oh-so-boring repetitive commercials?), recently ran the following:

"The Bank of England was founded by a Scotsman, William Paterson, in 1694, and the Bank of Scotland was founded by an Englishman, John Holland, in 1695."

The other hobby-related "Moment in History" we saw was: "The first Canadian stamp was designed by Sir Sanford Fleming and issued in 1851."

COIN COLLECTION FIGURES IN SOLVING MURDER CASE ON POPULAR TV PROGRAM

A recent CSI: Crime Scene Investigation episode involved a murder, the theft of a coin collection, a coin dealer and numismatic lingo.

The victim was a coin collector but no coins were found in the house where the murder took place. The victim's telephone record showed that he had called Jones Collectibles the day prior to his murder. Because the body had sulfur on his fingers, detectives figured that he was cleaning his coins so that he could get a better price for them. In case the connection escapes you, rubbing coins with baking powder, which people are known to do to make them look better, would leave sulfur on the fingers.

One of the detectives, posing as a coin collector, visits the store of Jones Collectibles and asks to see some material that the victim was known to own. The dealer pulls out a tray of rare coins that the undercover detective figures must be worth at least \$50,000. When the dealer is confronted by the detectives, he is unable to produce a copy of a receipt of purchase for the coins in the tray.

Some of the numismatic dialogue: Why the flip coin holder? I have been meaning to get it slabbed! No hairlines, no scratches, you got yourself a nice slider! 1907 St. Gaudens gold piece.

The dealer did it. We know of a couple of "Jones" out there that are coin dealers. Is there a real Jones Collectibles out there? We smell lawsuit!

SHOW BUSINESS

MARCH 12 - 13, Calgary, AB - Calgary Numismatic Society's Spring Show, Holiday Inn Hotel Downtown, 119- 12 Avenue SW. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dealers from Halifax to Vancouver. Sat. Auction by Diverse Equities Inc. Sponsor/Affiliate: Calgary Numismatic Society. Information from Harv Gamer at (403) 685-1073 or midaniels@shaw.ca.

March 19, 2005, Cambridge, Ontario - Cambridge Coin Club's 14th Annual Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 40 bourse tables. Free admission and parking. Information from Wolfe at wolfed@sympatico.ca. Proceeds of the convention are donated to a charitable organization

MARCH 19 - 20, Edmonton, AB

Edmonton's Money Show, Coast Terrace Inn, 4440 Gateway Blvd., Imperial Ballroom, Level P1. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Over 35 Coin dealers at 50 tables from across Canada and the U.S. Public Displays, Door Prize Draws including \$100 gold coin. Visit our Kids-on-Coins display! Admission \$2.50 at the Door. 16 and under free! Sunday morning Breakfast meeting with guest speaker \$12/person (must RSVP). Sponsor/Affiliate: Edmonton Numismatic Society. For more information, contact Michael Schneider, (780) 496-6602, e-mail mike.schneider@edmonton.ca or write Edmonton Numismatic Society, PO Box 75024, Ritchie PO, Edmonton, AB T6E 6K1. Web site: <http://www.edmontoncoinclub.com/>.

CONCLUSION

Some very unusual stories have appeared in past issues. We assure you that they were not made up by us. That is why we could include names, places, sources and other details.

For example, the woman that found \$40,000 outside a bank, gave it to the bank who accepted it even though they knew it didn't belong to them, gave the woman a reward of \$2,000 from the money and the government wanting to deduct the \$2,000 from her welfare payment actually happened. So did the theft of the truckload of beer, as well as the survey referred to in this

bulletin where people actually stated that they would, being Canadian, buy beer with their Canadian Tire money, eh? Plus everything else ever reported. Canadians are as strange as anybody else reading this!

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