

June 7, 2023 Newsletter

Meeting # 750 on **Sunday June 18, 2023**
will be held at
The Calvin Presbyterian Church,
1114 Auger Ave, Sudbury,

Doors will be open at 12:00 with the formal part of the meeting starting at 1:00
Trading Session to follow at about 1:30 and we should be finished by 3:00

President's Message:

Hello All NBCC members,

As this will celebrate our 750th Meeting, coffee and doughnuts will be on hand, (free as supplies last)

This will be our last meeting for the summer, next meeting will be September 17th, 2023

Call Meeting to order
Executive reports
New Business
Report on Coin Show – October Bob Denton
50/50 Draw
Attendance Draw
Trade Session
Youth Member Trade Session

Regards, Richard.

Silver Bug Report:

1911 Silver Dollar {Emperor of Canadian Coins}

While this particular Canadian Silver Dollar was not struck for production in 1911, three trial strikes were produced by the Royal Mint in London ... two were struck in silver, the third in lead. Since these coins were unique and not intended for circulation, they have been classified as "pattern coins". One of the silver coins, owned by the Royal Mint Museum, has been loaned to the Bank of Canada since 1976 and has been displayed in the Bank of Canada Museum since 1980. The lead coin was not discovered until 1977 during an office move from Parliament Hill. It was then promptly moved to the Bank of Canada's National Currency collection with its silver counter part.

The second 1911 silver dollar had belonged to William Ellison-Macartnay, deputy mint master of the Royal Mint. After he died in 1924, the coin was passed to his three children before eventually being sold to Blair A Sealey in 1960. He went on to display the coin to the public for the first time at a Canadian numismatic convention in Sherbrooke that same year, and at an American convention in Boston a week later. The coin was eventually sold in 1965 to John McKay-Clements, the former mayor of Haileybury, Ontario. Following McKay-Clements in 1976, the coin was auctioned off again. Due to its uniqueness, it gained the nickname of the "Emperor of Canadian Coins" around the same time the 1921 half-dollar was dubbed the "King of Canadian Coins".

The coin changed hands several more times, being sold to Anthony Carrato of the Eagle Coin Company for US \$160,000 in July of 1979, then Joseph Carlton and David Hirscham of Carlton Numismatics Inc. for US \$325,000. Eventually the coin made its way back to Canada after being auctioned off for US \$ 690,000 to George H Cook, a renowned Canadian collector on January 13, 2003.

After his death in 2018, Cook's collection was auctioned off during the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money in Chicago, where it was bought one final time by Sandy Campbell and Ian Laing for US \$734,000 after a 20% buyer's fee. They then offered the coin to the Bank of Canada Museum, citing that they want to make sure that the coin stays in Canada's public cultural sphere. As part of the National Currency Collection, it rejoined its silver twin and lead counterpart for the first time in nearly 110 years since their mintage.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces at our next regular monthly meeting at Calvin on the 18th. Enjoy your summer, and stay safe so we can all get together again in September.

Cheers

Keith

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Copper Company of Upper Canada



To coin Collectors

The Rare Proof Half-penny of the Copper Company of Upper Canada, Dated 1794.

The original dies of this extremely rare and beautiful coin have recently been discovered, and are in my possession.

On the obverse is a recumbent figure of Neptune holding a trident, the date 1794, and the inscription "FUNDICATAEM" etc. On the reverse is a female figure seated, holding a cornucopia, the date 1794, and the inscription "COPPER COMPANY OF UPPER CANADA".

Only a very few specimens of this coin are known to exist, and I have therefore and struck off a limited number of proof pieces from the dies, viz: twelve specimens in silver and fifty specimens in brass. The dies being in perfect preservation, these coins are as brilliant and fine as the ones originally struck. Price in silver, 40s; and in brass, 20s. To be obtained only from

J. Rochelle Thomas, Numismatist,
24 Down Street, PHILADELPHY, LONDON, ENGLAND.
To her Majesty the Queen and Royal Family.

In an earlier edition of Token Talker, I mentioned finding a Token that referred to "Canada" dated 1812 although it was minted in 1816. Well I found an older one.

In 1794-6, the above ad appeared in North American coin publications such as The American Journal of Numismatics and The Numismatist. As may be seen, the offering purports to be a limited restriking (12 in silver, 50 in bronze) from the original dies of the rare "Copper Company of Upper Canada" halfpenny, dated 1794.

Even at the time, some numismatists greeted this offering with scathing comment, the chief being Dr. W.T.R. Marvin in the ANJ soon after, casting doubt as to whether these were indeed restrikes from the original dies and not just copies. Whether they were or not, Dr. Marvin was of the opinion that restriking should not be done at all and cast aspersions on the business ethics of J. Rochelle Thomas. His letter was reprinted in Spink's Numismatic Circular of London and Thomas took them to court for "defamation of character". He won, too, even though a bit of efficient sleuthing should have determined arvin and Spink's being correct. It is not known what the exact settlement was; certainly they printed a letter of retraction as part (or all?) of it.



May 21/23 Trading results

35 lots listed & ONLY 60% Sold

1- \$220.00	11- Pass	21- \$7.00	31- Pass	41- N/A	51- N/A	61- N/A
2- \$80.00	12- Pass	22- \$4.00	32- \$3.00	42- N/A	52- N/A	62- N/A
3- \$85.00	13- Pass	23- \$7.00	33- \$3.00	43- N/A	53- N/A	63- N/A
4- Pass	14- Pass	24- \$4.00	34- \$6.00	44- N/A	54- N/A	64- N/A
5- Pass	15- \$9.00	25- \$6.00	35- Pass	45- N/A	55- N/A	65- N/A
6- \$105.00	16- \$5.00	26- N/A	36- \$7.00	46- N/A	56- N/A	
7- \$115.00	17- \$8.00	27- N/A	37- \$6.00	47- N/A	57- N/A	
8- \$3.00	18- Pass	28- N/A	38- Pass	48- N/A	58- N/A	
9- Pass	19- \$7.00	29- N/A	39- \$19.00	49- N/A	59- N/A	
10- Pass	20- Pass	30- N/A	40- Pass	50- N/A	60- N/A	

Congratulations to all winning bidders!

Let us help you find what you are looking for!

Here are some items that members are looking for in our trading list

If you have any of these items for trade contact us and we can list them for the next trading session.

NFLD 1 Cent 1885 & 1888 // NFLD 10 Cents 1870,1873,1876,1880,1882 & 1885



NFLD 5 Cents 1865,1870,1872,1873,1876,1880,1881,1882,1885,1888 & 1946



Colombia 2 and 2 1/2 Centavos any year



Canadian 50 Cent Pieces

1900 & 1901

1947 *Curved 7 (Wide Date)* and *Straight 7 (Narrow Date)*



2014,2019 & 2021 Canadian 1Dollar

2016 Silver Lucky Loon





Nickel Belt Coin Club

www.nickelbeltcoinclub.com

Joke of the month

A Magic Coin

I have a magic coin that whenever flipped lands on its side.
I can't make heads nor tails of it.

Some philosopher said "Change does not come from a place of comfort.", but he was wrong. I'm always finding loose coins in my couch.

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