

June 2024 Newsletter

#### *Meeting* **# 759** on **Sunday June 16, 2024** 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 members, we hope to see you all at the meeting.

Happy Fathers Day to all.

Free lunch today for members and guests.

No meetings July or August. See you all back after the summer break. Wishing everyone a great fun filled summer.

Call Meeting to order Executive reports New Business 50/50 Draw Attendance Draw Trade Session

Regards, Richard.



#### From the Token Talker

## The Mond Nickel Company 25-year Commemorative Medallion

History of the Mond Nickel Company:

Long before there was Vale, and during the very early days of INCO (International Nickel Company) and even earlier, when they were known as the "Canadian Copper Company", there was another mining giant in the Sudbury area – The Mond Nickel Company.

Timeline:

- 1880's Nickel was discovered in the Sudbury area
- 1890's The Canadian Copper Company extracted minerals in modest quantities.
- 1902, The Canadian Copper Company and Orford Copper Refinery merged to form the International Nickel Company, later renamed Inco.
- 1900, Mond Nickel expanded their operations to include the Sudbury area.
- 1929, Mond Nickel Company and International Nickel Company merge and only known as INCO
- 2006, Inco was sold to Brazilian Mining Giant currently known as Vale Canada Limited (Formerly Vale Inco, CVRD Inco and Inco Limited)

A British firm, the Mond Nickel Company was for many years, one of Inco's main competitors. But as the century wore on, changes in the mining industry and metals market altered their positions. By the mid 1920's some mining companies were beginning to talk consolidation. Mergers would erode the stronghold that Mond and INCO had held in the Sudbury area for many years.

The formation of Falconbridge limited in 1928 was one such example. It precluded the union of MOND and INCO which would take place a year later.

The two companies had been looking at amalgamation since 1927 and when the merger occurred in 1929, the INCO name prevailed, while "Mond Nickel" was relegated to the history books.



A commemorative medal issued during Mond's silver anniversary in 1925 would assure that the company would not be forgotten. It saw wide distribution in the Sudbury area. Percy Metcalfe was responsible for it's motif. His rendition of and imp dancing in flames which appears on one side of the medallion recounts, allegorically, the myth that nickel is a bewitching metal. Early miners who encountered it to "Old Nick" or the devil, and gave it the name "kupfernickel" -literally translated as "Old Nicks copper"



The Nickel Belt Coin Club is the proud to display a large <u>11 inch</u> model, struck in nickel and weighing approximately 6.5 pounds. It is one sided (Obverse) struck by the British Royal Mint. *The medallion description:* A demonic "Imp" figure dancing in flames is on the obverse, with "TUM PRIMUM COGNIT PRAEPES SUBVOLAT" around the perimeter and the designer's initials "PM" in the right-hand corner. On the reverse, flowers and maple leaves appear at the bottom as well as the years 1900-1925 and "THE MOND NICKEL COMPANY LIMITED" at the top.



	May 19/24 Trading results 64 lots listed & ONLY 37.5% Sold													
1-	Pass	11-	Pass	21-	Pass	31-	Pass	41-	Pass	51-	\$25.00	61-	Pass	
2-	\$24.00	12-	Pass	22-	\$55.00	32-	Pass	42-	Pass	52-	\$24.00	62-	\$8.00	
3-	\$112.00	13-	\$30.00	23-	Pass	33-	\$75.00	43-	Pass	53-	\$17.00	63-	Pass	
4-	Pass	14-	\$10.00	24-	Pass	34-	\$55.00	44-	Pass	54-	\$4.00	64-	Pass	
5-	\$142.00	15-	Pass	25-	Pass	35-	Pass	45-	\$35.00	55-	\$20.00	65-	Pass	
6-	Pass	16-	Pass	26-	Pass	36-	\$55.00	46-	Pass	56-	\$3.00	66-	Pass	
7-	\$122.00	17-	Pass	27-	\$69.00	37-	Pass	47-	Pass	57-	Pass			
8-	\$127.00	18-	\$20.00	28-	Pass	38-	\$15.00	48-	Pass	58-	\$3.00			
9-	Pass	19-	Pass	29-	Pass	39-	Pass	49-	Pass	59-	N/A			
10-	\$147.00	20-	Pass	30-	Pass	40-	Pass	50-	Pass	60-	N/A			

# 2023/2024 Executive team

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