



November 9, 2025 Newsletter

Meeting # 771 on Sunday November 9, 2025
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,

Remember we have moved our meetings to the second Sunday of each month.

We are introducing a new feature to our newsletter this month, called COIN FACTS, it will feature a new coin each month and I hope you enjoy and learn important information from it.

Remember, without Members we have no club!

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

Regards, Richard



News Flash



Starting September 14th 2025
Our monthly meetings will be held
on the 2nd Sunday of the month.



New feature

Please check out the Nickel Belt Coin Club Web site

Pictures of all coins for the Trade List

Apparel Order Form

The screenshot shows the website's layout. On the left is a navigation sidebar with the following items: NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB, Northern Ontario's #1 Coin Website, a search bar, and a list of menu items including HOME, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, ABOUT THE CLUB, CALENDAR, TRADE LISTS & NEWSLETTERS, COINS WANTED FOR AUCTION, COIN & STAMP SHOW, NBCC IN THE MEDIA, CONTACT, PRIVACY POLICY, and COOKIE POLICY (CA). The main content area features a dark blue button for the Apparel Order Form, a green announcement for the next meeting on Sunday January 19th, 2025, and a blue announcement for the January Trade List and upcoming newsletter. Below this is a section titled 'The History of Numismatics' with a citation and images of coins at the bottom.



You will see pictures of all lots.

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Jean Belanger — December 16, 2024

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Trade List with Pictures

You will also find the Apparel Order Form



Meeting 770

Sept 14/25 Trading results

70 lots listed & 25.71% Sold

1- Pass	11- Pass	21- \$13.00	31- \$7.00	41- Pass	51- Pass	61- Pass
2- Pass	12- \$10.00	22- \$14.00	32- \$3.00	42- Pass	52- Pass	62- Pass
3- Pass	13- \$20.00	23- \$15.00	33- Pass	43- Pass	53- Pass	63- Pass
4- Pass	14- \$10.00	24- \$16.00	34- Pass	44- Pass	54- Pass	64- Pass
5- Pass	15- Pass	25- \$8.00	35- \$10.00	45- Pass	55- Pass	65- Pass
6- Pass	16- Pass	26- \$23.00	36- \$4.00	46- Pass	56- Pass	66- Pass
7- Pass	17- Pass	27- \$3.00	37- Pass	47- Pass	57- Pass	67- Pass
8- Pass	18- Pass	28- \$3.00	38- \$7.00	48- Pass	58- Pass	68- Pass
9- Pass	19- Pass	29- \$3.00	39- Pass	49- Pass	59- \$25.00	69- Pass
10- Pass	20- Pass	30- Pass	40- \$33.00	50- Pass	60- Pass	70- Pass

Congratulations to all winning bidders!



We are always looking for 60 to 70 submissions for
December trading session



Please bring in your submissions for December 2025

The first 70 will be accepted for December

I would like to thank everyone one for bringing in lots for Oct & Nov.
Members that have bot dropped off Nov. lots please bring in at Oct. meeting

They will be listed in the order we receive them, only a 7% fee is charged for traded lots.

If we receive more than 70 lot you will have the option to leave them and will be the first listed in



Coin Facts

The **Canadian 1921 50-cent coin** is one of the most famous and valuable coins in Canadian numismatics — often called “**The King of Canadian Coins.**”

Historical Background

In 1921, Canada struck just **206,398** fifty-cent coins at the Royal Mint in Ottawa. However, nearly the entire mintage was **melted down** when demand for 50-cent pieces dropped — banks returned the coins to the mint, and they were destroyed to make room for newer issues in 1929.

Only **a few dozen** coins are known to have survived, mostly in uncirculated or near-uncirculated condition, making them exceedingly rare.

Design Details

- **Obverse (front):**
Features the effigy of **King George V**, designed by Sir E. B. MacKenna. The legend reads “*GEORGIVS V DEI GRA: REX ET IND: IMP:*” (George V, by the Grace of God, King and Emperor of India).
 - **Reverse (back):**
Displays the **Canadian Coat of Arms** surrounded by maple leaves, with “*CANADA 50 CENTS 1921*” below.
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Metal Composition

- **Composition:** 92.5% Silver, 7.5% Copper
- **Weight:** 11.62 grams
- **Diameter:** 29.72 mm
- **Edge:** Reeded



Value and Rarity

Because of its low survival rate, this coin is extremely valuable:

- **Average circulated example:** None are known — all known specimens are uncirculated.
- **Auction prices:**
 - *Fine to Extremely Fine:* Virtually unknown.
 - *Mint State (MS-63 or higher):* Typically fetches **\$150,000 to \$250,000 CAD**, with exceptional pieces exceeding **\$300,000 CAD** at major auctions.

The coin's rarity rivals that of legendary U.S. coins like the 1804 silver dollar.

Tips for Collectors

- **Authentication is crucial.** There are counterfeits and altered-date coins (especially from 1920 or 1929 pieces).
- **Certification:** Always have a 1921 50¢ authenticated by **PCGS, NGC, or ICCS**.
- **Provenance:** Many known examples are traceable to famous collections (like Norweb or Belzberg).

How to Identify Fakes of the 1921 Canadian 50-Cent Coin

Because of its enormous value, the 1921 50¢ coin is one of the most **counterfeited and altered-date coins** in Canadian numismatics. Many fakes start as legitimate 1920 or 1929 coins that have been modified.

Common Counterfeiting Methods

1. **Altered Dates**
 - Fraudsters often take a **1920 or 1929** coin and alter the last digit to make it look like “1921.”
 - Look for tool marks or uneven spacing in the digits — the “1” may appear **thicker or misaligned**.
2. **Cast Counterfeits**
 - Some fakes are **cast in molds**, resulting in soft details, pitted surfaces, and rounded edges.
 - Real coins have **sharp, crisp lettering and relief**.



3. Die Fakes

- Advanced forgeries use custom dies that mimic authentic coins, but details like **leaf veins**, **denticles (rim teeth)**, and **letter shapes** are often slightly off.

Key Authentication Checks

- **Weight:** Should be exactly **11.62 g**; even small deviations (± 0.05 g) are suspicious.
- **Diameter:** 29.72 mm
- **Edge:** Clean, evenly spaced reeding — no flat spots.
- **Die Details:**
 - The “1” in “1921” should have a **flat top and sharp base**.
 - The **cross on the crown** (above the shield) should be distinct and symmetrical.
 - The **maple leaf details** should be clear — look for strong veins and a deep outline.

If you suspect a coin, have it **professionally authenticated** by:

- **ICCS (International Coin Certification Service)** — Canada’s leading grading service.
- **PCGS** or **NGC** — both international authorities.

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