



October 12, 2025 Newsletter

Meeting # 770 on Sunday October 12, 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,

Happy October all. 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

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Next monthly meeting is on Sunday January 19th, 2025

[January Trade List now available & Newsletter is coming soon!!](#)

The History of Numismatics

(as published <https://themineralexchange.com/blogs/information/what-is-numismatics-and-where-to-start> on November 28, 2018)



You will see pictures of all lots.

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NEWSLETTERS & TRADE LISTS

January 2025 Trade List and Newsletter

Jean Belanger — December 16, 2024



Trading Session Rules

Newsletter



Trade List

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

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|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| 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 next trading session



Please bring in your submissions this month for next month

The first 70 will be accepted for next month.

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 the following month.



Coin Facts

The **Canadian 1921 5-cent coin** is one of the most famous and valuable coins in Canadian numismatics — often called the “**Prince of Canadian Coins.**”

Background and History

In 1921, the Royal Mint (Ottawa branch) produced about **2.5 million 5-cent coins**. However, most of them were never released into circulation. Canada was preparing to **replace the small silver 5-cent coin** (made of 80% silver, 20% copper) with a **larger nickel version** introduced in 1922.

Because of this transition, nearly the entire 1921 mintage of silver 5-cent coins was **melted down** to create the new nickel coins.

Only a **few dozen** 1921 5-cent pieces escaped melting — mostly from sets or early releases — making it **one of the rarest circulation coins in Canada.**

Coin Specifications

| Feature | Details |
|--------------------|--|
| Composition | 80% Silver, 20% Copper |
| Weight | 1.16 grams |
| Diameter | 15.5 mm |
| Edge | Reeded |
| Obverse | King George V (by Sir E. B. Mackennal) |
| Reverse | Crowned “V” with maple leaves and denomination |
| Mint | Ottawa (no mint mark) |

Value and Rarity

Because so few examples survived, the **1921 5-cent coin** commands extraordinary prices:



- **Good to Fine condition:** Very rarely seen; could be worth **\$30,000–\$50,000+ CAD**.
 - **Extremely Fine to Mint State:** Examples have sold for **\$100,000 to over \$250,000 CAD** at major auctions.
 - **Proof-like or uncirculated examples** are extremely rare — fewer than **75 pieces** are believed to exist.
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Collectors' Notes

- The **1921 5-cent** is often paired in fame with the **1921 50-cent coin**, another “melted” rarity from the same year.
- Authentic examples are **frequently counterfeited**, so serious collectors should have the coin **certified by a reputable grading service** such as ICCS or PCGS.
- Many collectors consider this coin **the pinnacle of a Canadian coin collection** due to its historical importance and rarity.

Why the 1921 5-Cent Coin Is Commonly Counterfeited

The 1921 5-cent is **one of Canada’s rarest coins** — only a few dozen genuine examples exist. This rarity, combined with prices exceeding **\$100,000 CAD**, has motivated counterfeiters to produce fakes or “altered-date” coins from more common years.

Most counterfeits fall into two main categories:

1. **Altered-date coins** (by far the most common)
 2. **Cast or struck counterfeits**
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1. Altered-Date Counterfeits

How they’re made

- A **1920** or **1929** silver 5-cent coin is **manipulated** so that the “0” or “9” is changed to look like a “1.”
- Because the 1920 and 1921 coins share a similar design, these alterations can appear convincing at first glance.



- Some counterfeiters even **fill in** parts of the “0” or “9” with metal, then **re-engrave** the area to form a “1.”

How to spot them

- **Font spacing:** The digits in “1921” on genuine coins are evenly spaced and perfectly aligned. On altered pieces, the “1” may look slightly **thinner, tilted, or misaligned**.
 - **Surface texture:** The modified area often shows **scratches, tool marks, or different reflectivity**.
 - **Die characteristics:** Genuine 1921 dies have specific placement of leaves and denticles; comparisons with known genuine examples will reveal subtle mismatches.
 - **Weight and composition:** Genuine coins should weigh about **1.16 g** and be **80 % silver**. Altered coins will match this, but sometimes the filing changes the weight slightly.
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2. Cast or Struck Counterfeits

How they’re made

- Counterfeiters create a **mold** from a genuine 1921 or another small silver coin, then cast or strike copies.
- These fakes are made of **base metals** or **low-grade silver alloys** and sometimes plated.

How to spot them

- **Blurry details:** Cast copies lack sharp definition — the crown, leaves, and denticles appear soft.
 - **Porous surfaces:** Small pits or bubbles are common signs of casting.
 - **Different ring sound:** When dropped lightly on a hard surface, genuine silver rings with a clear tone; fakes sound dull.
 - **Magnet test:** Real silver is not magnetic — any attraction suggests a fake.
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Authentication and Grading

Because counterfeiters are increasingly sophisticated, the **only reliable way** to confirm authenticity is through professional certification.

Trusted grading and authentication services include:

- **ICCS (International Coin Certification Service)** – Canada’s primary authority.



- **PCGS (Professional Coin Grading Service)**
- **NGC (Numismatic Guaranty Company)**

These services verify:

- Metal content
- Die match and diagnostics
- Strike characteristics
- Authentic wear and toning patterns

A certified coin will come sealed in a **tamper-proof holder** with a **unique serial number** and grade label.

Collector's Tips

- **Never clean or polish** a potential 1921 coin — this can destroy evidence of authenticity.
- Be skeptical of any raw (uncertified) example offered below market value.
- Compare photos to certified examples from major auctions (e.g., Heritage Auctions, Stack's Bowers, or Canadian Numismatic Company).
- Always buy from **reputable dealers** or members of recognized organizations like the **Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA)**.



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