



January 11, 2025 Newsletter

Meeting # 773 on Sunday January 11, 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 2:30

President's Message:

Hello all members, we hope to see you all at the meeting.

Happy New Year

If you have any submissions for our next newsletter, please feel free to let me know.

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

Regards, Richard



Submission from Robert Denton



Canadian 1951 Five Cent

The five-cent coin from 1951 has a story very near to the hearts of all Sudburians. We are reminded of it every time we drive down Lorne Street or use the Big Nickel Mine Road. The “Big Nickel” is a symbol of Sudbury and is recognized all over Canada, not to mention worldwide from anyone who has visited the city.

The Big Nickel

One of Canada’s most iconic coin monuments is the Big Nickel, located in Sudbury, Ontario. Erected in 1964, this massive nine-metre-tall replica honours the 1951 Canadian five-cent coin and celebrates the region’s rich history in nickel mining. The Big Nickel has become a popular tourist attraction, symbolising both Canadian ingenuity and the nation’s connection to its natural resources.

Canadian 1951 Commemorative Five Cent Coin

In 1950, it was decided to issue a special 5-Cent coin commemorating the 200th anniversary of Cronstedt’s isolation of the metal nickel in 1751. Accordingly, a competition was called, the winner being Stephen Trenka with a reverse portraying a nickel smelter and the dates 1751-1951. This coin was another first in Canada, the reverse design not being engraved at all but produced directly from Trenka’s model by the RCM using their recently acquired “reducing machine” About 40 percent of the entire 8.3-million mintage was struck in 1950 so that they could be released on January 2, 1951. The coin is composed of nickel, weighs 4.54 grams, and has a diameter of 21.2 mm with a plain edge.

On the obverse, the coin displays the effigy of King George VI, while the reverse showcases the commemorative nickel refinery motif. The variation that is most sought after is the Half Moon error. The error is a result of a “Die Clash” This term is used when the Obverse and the Reverse dies slam into each other and some of the details from the obverse die were transferred into the coins reverse. The reason for this clash is because the blank planchet was missing.

Canadian 1951 Beaver Design Five Cent Coin

Equally as interesting is the Beaver design 1951 Canadian Five Cent coin. The Korean War placed strong demand on the metal nickel. This forced termination of production of the commemorative nickel 5-cent piece before the end of 1951. In its place, steel coins of the beaver design were struck. A few Canadian 1951 Five



Cent High Relief (accidental) is amongst them. The cause of these rare coins is from a set of the original High Relief dies, accidentally used to mint a small number of these coins.

Conclusion

The Canadian 1951 Five Cent Coin had 4 distinct varieties. The Commemorative Coin, The Moon variety of that, The Steel Beaver Coin and the High Relief variation of the Beaver version. Most valuable is the High relief Beaver variety. Collectors cherish the 1951 five cent coin not only for its historical significance but also for its connection to Sudbury's identity and Canada's industrial heritage.



New feature

Please check out the Nickel Belt Coin Club Web site

Pictures of all coins for the Trade List

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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://theminalexchange.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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Jean Belanger — December 16, 2024

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Trade List with Pictures

You will also find the Apparel Order Form



Meeting 773

Dec 14/25 Trading results

69 lots listed & 66.7% Sold

1- Pass	11- \$27.00	21- \$40.00	31- Pass	41- \$28.00	51- Pass	61- \$25.00
2- \$37.00	12- \$13.00	22- \$15.00	32- Pass	42- \$23.00	52- \$7.00	62- \$30.00
3- \$29.00	13- \$13.00	23- \$11.00	33- \$4.00	43- \$26.00	53- \$10.00	63- \$25.00
4- \$3.00	14- Pass	24- \$20.00	34- \$6.00	44- \$17.00	54- Pass	64- \$4.00
5- \$18.00	15- \$13.00	25- \$12.00	35- Pass	45- \$7.00	55- Pass	65- \$7.00
6- Pass	16- \$6.00	26- \$22.00	36- \$4.00	46- \$26.00	56- \$35.00	66- Pass
7- \$258.00	17- Pass	27- \$30.00	37- \$19.00	47- \$10.00	57- Pass	67- \$9.00
8- Pass	18- Pass	28- \$22.00	38- Pass	48- \$17.00	58- Pass	68- Pass
9- Pass	19- \$78.00	29- \$30.00	39- \$6.00	49- \$27.00	59- Pass	69- Pass
10- Pass	20- N/A	30- Pass	40- \$3.00	50- \$16.00	60- \$4.00	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



Canadian Coin Collecting Basics CA







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1) What is coin collecting?

Coin collecting (numismatics) is the hobby of acquiring, studying, and preserving coins for their **history, design, rarity, and value**—not just their face value. Canadian coins are especially popular thanks to wildlife themes, bilingual inscriptions, and frequent commemoratives.

2) Easy ways to get started

- **Check your change:** Circulating coins can yield interesting dates, designs, or mint marks.
 - **Pick a focus:**
 - By **denomination** (cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies, toonies)
 - By **era** (pre-1967 silver, modern circulation)
 - By **theme** (wildlife, anniversaries, Indigenous art)
 - By **condition** (circulated vs. uncirculated)
 - **Set a budget:** Many Canadian coins are affordable; rare pieces can wait.
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3) Key Canadian coins beginners should know

- **Large Cents (1858–1920):** Big copper coins from early Canada.
 - **Small Cents / Pennies (1920–2012):** Widely collected; last struck in 2012.
 - **Silver Coins (pre-1967):** Dimes, quarters, halves, and dollars contain silver (great entry point).
 - **The “Loonie” (\$1, 1987–):** Introduced the iconic loon design.
 - **The “Toonie” (\$2, 1996–):** Bimetallic and uniquely Canadian.
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4) Tools you’ll want

- **Magnifying glass (5×–10×):** For dates, wear, and details.
 - **Coin holders:** Mylar flips, cardboard 2×2s, or albums (PVC-free).
 - **Soft cotton gloves:** Avoid fingerprints on higher-grade coins.
 - **Reference book:** *Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins* is the go-to.
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5) Coin condition (why it matters)

Coins are graded by **how much wear they show**. Higher grades = sharper details = higher value.

- **Good (G):** Heavy wear
 - **Fine (F):** Moderate wear
 - **Very Fine (VF):** Light wear
 - **Extremely Fine (EF/XF):** Minimal wear
 - **Uncirculated (UNC):** No wear; mint luster intact
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6) Storage & care (do this right)

- Store coins in a **cool, dry place**.
 - **Never clean coins**—cleaning almost always lowers value.
 - Use **archival, PVC-free** holders to prevent damage.
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7) Learning value & rarity

- Value depends on **date, mint mark, condition, and demand**.
 - Use price guides, auction results, and local coin shops for realistic values.
 - Some modern commemoratives are common despite low mintages—research helps.
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8) Where to buy & learn more

- **Local coin shops & shows:** Hands-on learning.
 - **Royal Canadian Mint:** New issues and collectibles.
 - **Coin clubs & forums:** Great for advice and trading.
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9) Beginner tip

Start **simple and consistent**—for example, collect **one of each Canadian coin design** you can find. You'll learn fast without spending much.



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