



NORTH YORK COIN CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH TUESDAY 8 P.M.
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OCTOBER 1967 = 90

A PROBLEM OF DESIGN

What to do; What to do? In 1965 when the Finance Minister announced a competition for centennial coin designs, it was clearly specified that the name CANADA, the denomination, and the dates 1867-1967 were to be part of the design. Well, centennial year came, and with it the wild-life coins--to be welcomed by some, condemned by others. In the final analysis though the important point was that we did have centennial coins. As with anything that people get used to, the coins gained where they had formerly lacked favour, until finally the brilliant suggestion was put forward: "Let's use the same designs in 1968 (all we would have to do is change that 1867-1967 date). After all, if we don't use these designs, what designs will we use?"--no one thought of having another competition in 1966 for 1968 designs.

You will all be happy to know that a solution has been found. The minister of Finance has announced that 1967 designs will be discontinued at the end of the year and we will return to the designs used in 1966. And so the problem of design is solved--we do nothing! I can think of no better time than the start of a second century to introduce a bold and dynamic series to get it started right. Oh well, maybe next year, or the year after that or the one after that, etc., etc.

LAST MEETING SEPT-27-1967 = 89

At the September meeting it was a great pleasure to welcome Mr. Robert Aaron, columnist for Coin, Stamp, Antique News. Mr. Aaron narrated an excellent series of slides on the mints of the old world. The journey, which lasted three months, took him through London, Amsterdam, Rome, Vienna, Brussels, Athens, Tel Aviv and many other points. It was most interesting to compare the equipment used in the various mints--from the most archaic to the most modern. Our thanks to Mr. Aaron for a most enjoyable and informative evening.

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THE BRAIN TWISTER

The question: How much of a silver coin is silver and how much is baser metals. The percentage silver in 1870 was 92.5% (.925 fine), in 1921 it was 80% (.800 fine), and in 1967 there will be pieces circulating at 50% (.500 fine).

For next month: There isn't an answer to this question--only an opinion--which is better: to own a rare coin, or be the owner of rare knowledge about that coin?

NEXT MEETING OCT-19-67 = 90

The next meeting of the NORTH YORK COIN CLUB will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at the NORTH YORK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL, 5090 YONGE STREET, Willowdale. It is requested that all members of the executive be in attendance by 7:30.

Our "guest" speaker at the next meeting will be Mr. Robert Strong, club treasurer. He will be showing slides and talking on Canadian Medals and the decimal series. Hope that you will attend.

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