



# North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT  
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## THE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 2011

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Best wishes and a Happy New Year to all members and their families from the executive of the North York Coin Club and myself. I hope everyone has enjoyed the last few weeks with their friends and family and are now ready to lose some of the newly acquired weight and get out and attend your local coin club meetings and coin shows in the upcoming weeks.

The New Year is barely upon us and your executive and member volunteers have already been meeting to help make decisions about the club's future. An executive meeting of the NYCC was held Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> and we had twelve members out who are willing to participate in the organizing of the R.C.N.A. convention for August 13-19 2014.

We are excited to have enough interest from within the club to make a presentation to the executive of the R.C.N.A. about hosting the 2014 convention here in the GTA. It will have been ten years since the R.C.N.A. has held their national convention here in Toronto and we at the NYCC think that our club can come together and successfully throw a convention that attendees will be talking about years from now.

The membership of the club seems to have reached a plateau the last few years as space and decent meeting space has hindered our opportunity to grow. I encourage all members to bring a friend, fellow worker, neighbour or junior member out to our meeting to help make the club a warmer, livelier and more diverse, where members will make sure they attend

meetings. Now for a comment about membership. We have some new life members to honour in 2011, but also some regular members who have not paid their dues. Please help the club's and pay your dues if you have not already done so. Appropriate mention will be made to honour our new life members next month.

As mentioned, there are a number of local shows to attend in the next few weeks and I hope to see many of you at these events. They are CAND in Hamilton on Jan. 29-30; the S.W.O.N. show in Paris on Feb. 6th, Coin-A-Rama in Oshawa on Feb 19th and finally the Torex in Toronto Feb 26-27. Many of these shows have auctions associated with them, so your opportunities to add fine material to your collection is enhanced.

The last item I would like to talk about is the special award winning presentation that was recently displayed at the R.C.N.A. convention in Saint John. Henry Nienhuis F.R.C.N.A., F.C.N.R.S. will be showing part of that display to accompany a PowerPoint presentation distributed by the O.N.A. If you are not aware, Henry was awarded Fellow of the R.C.N.A. this last summer. Congratulations, Henry, on being recognized for your hard work with numismatics, regionally with your new ONA appointment, and nationally with such a prestigious award. The club again thanks you.

Until next month stay warm, enjoy your hobbies and get out and visit those regional shows.

*Bill O'Brien*

### NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

**We start gathering at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.**

It is tradition at the North York Coin Club that the January meeting is the annual meeting of the club. This is not an election year, so there will be no change in executive, but we do have our annual financial report and it is the time to ratify our updated auction rules published in the December bulletin.

We will try to keep the business portion of the meeting as brief as possible so we may enjoy our slide program on the Canadian five-cent piece along with a special display on the subject.

**We appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material and please remember to bring your auction lots.**

*Members are invited to pre-list their auction items in the bulletin. Send a description of your planned auction item to the editor at [p.petch@rogers.com](mailto:p.petch@rogers.com) at least two weeks before the February 2011 meeting.*

**Membership Is Important!** Club Treasurer Ben Boelens reminds everyone that it is time to pay your 2011 membership dues, still only \$10. Payment will be accepted at the meeting or may be mailed. Cheques may be made out to the North York Coin Club and mailed to the club address shown on the masthead. The operation of this club depends upon the revenues from membership dues.

## MEETING NEWS OF THE DECEMBER 2010 MEETING

The 560<sup>th</sup> meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the Gibson room at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West.

The meeting came to order at approximately 8:25 p.m. with our President, Bill O'Brien, present. There were 24 members and 10 guests in attendance. The reason for the late start; an extraordinary commute for most of the members brought on by a "wee bit of snow" made driving in from the west a challenge. Your secretary was on the road (but not moving) for an hour and a half . . . for a half-hour trip! Roger Fox mentioned that he was travelling for four hours! Now that's dedication!

This being the Club's Christmas banquet and social event, many of our regular business items were dispensed with in favour of the festivities. John Regitko's name was drawn for our on-time attendance draw; unfortunately John has not recovered sufficiently from his recent operation to join us. The pot for January will be \$8.00. As people arrived, their donation of non-perishable food items was collected at the door. Franco was brimming over with festive spirit – handing out Christmas cards!

The dinner began at 8:30 p.m. with the distribution of the "Festive Meals" delivered from our local Swiss Chalet. This year the Festive meals were \$15 per person, which included a free ticket for the draw prizes. A secret Santa gift exchange, for those choosing

to participate was called throughout the dinner. To supplement the meals, many members brought in homemade handy-works consisting of salads and deserts. A great vote of thanks is extended to all who added to our potluck table. Thank-you all! After dinner our thoughts turned to our customary lucky draw. (Because of the late start and the weather it was decided to not play the regular Bingo this time.)

Anniversary committee chairman Paul Petch asked for the floor to summarize the events, now at an end, celebrating our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary serving numismatics. As a surprise to everyone, Paul announced a very special closing to the anniversary event. He had arranged for special uni-face medals, struck with the Club's logo die used as the obverse of the Anniversary medal, and engraved on the back. These were presented to the surviving past presidents of the club. Paul read the name of each of the past president so awarded. These were Roger Fox 1973-1974, Stanley Clute 1974-1975, Ron Zelk 1988-1995, Paul Petch 1996-2001, Robert Wilson 2002-2005 and Nick Cowan 2006-2009. Since Stanley Clute and Ron Zelk were not in attendance, Paul indicated he would try to obtain current addresses so they could be mailed. In addition, as anniversary chairman, he also presented medals to three current club



*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals were delivered to all subscribers in attendance at the meeting*

executive members who had assisted him and contributed the most to the anniversary activities. These were presented to Bill O'Brien, Ben Boelens and Henry Nienhuis.

The last portion of the meeting was devoted to Lucky Draws. Lucky Draw winners were- Bob Velensky, Lucille Colson, Nick Cowan (3), Linda Duquette (2), Richard Duquette, Sylvia Boelens, Linda McQuade-Simms, Henry Nienhuis (2), Nancy O'Brien, Bob Wilson, Mark Argentino, Franco Farronato, Len Kuenzig (2), Roger Fox,



*Past President's medal to Roger Fox who served 1973-1974*



*Past President's medal to Bob Wilson who served 2002-2005*



*Past President's medal to Nick Cowan who served 2006-2009*



*50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee medal to President Bill O'Brien for his contributions to the celebration*

Norman G. Gordon, Margaret Fox, Italo Villella, Susan Cowan, Philip Simms, Dick Dunn, Bob Porter, Paul Petch, Carolyn-Marie Petch, and Marion Argentino. The club earned \$30.00 through the sale of the draw tickets!

The club executive would like to thank the club members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and for draw prize donations. Please mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter. The executive wishes to once again thank Lucille Colson for donating items including three coin banks, Italo Villella for donating tokens to the lucky draw as well as Paul Petch.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As a reminder, our next club meeting is January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This will be our Annual General meeting held in the Gibson room, on the second floor at the top of the stairs in the new Edithvale Community Centre building.



*50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee medal to Secretary Henry Neinhuis for his contributions to the celebration*



*The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals were struck following the NYCC November meeting. Here are some pictures of the striking of the first medal and Tony Arthur of the Mississauga Mint inspecting for quality.*



*50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee medal to Treasurer Ben Boelens for his contributions to the celebration*

**The editor thanks Henry Nienhuis for all the pictures in this report.**

COMING EVENTS FOR WINTER / SPRING 2011

**JAN. 29 - 30, Hamilton,** CAND Annual Show, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St. West. Public admission Sat. and Sun. at 10 a.m. Adults \$4, seniors \$2, young collectors free. Show passes \$30. *Auctions conducted by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc., numismatic auction on Saturday and military auction on Sunday.* For more information, contact the show chairman, Tom Kennedy, 519-271-8825, email [cand@cogeco.ca](mailto:cand@cogeco.ca).

**FEB. 6, Paris,** S.W.O.N., Special Events Building, 139 Silver St. (Fairgrounds). Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$3, includes ticket on a gold coin draw, 55 tables of coins, paper money, jewellery, nostalgia and more. Food and drinks available. Buy sell trade and appraise. For more information, contact Ted Bailey, email [tedscollectables@bellnet.ca](mailto:tedscollectables@bellnet.ca), telephone 1-866-747-coin(2646) or 519-442-2634.

**FEB. 19, Oshawa,** Durham Coin-A-Rama, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Free dealer public, and membership draws. Free admission. Featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals and many other items. Celebrating 50 years.* For more information contact Sharon at 905-728-1352, e-mail [papman@bell.net](mailto:papman@bell.net).

**FEB. 26 - 27, Toronto,** Torex, - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 free! *Official Auctioneer: Moore Numismatic Auctions, Charles Moore. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport.* For more information, please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

**MARCH 6, Mississauga,** VIII Polish - Canadian Coin, Stamp & Collectibles Show 2011, John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd.(just south of Hwy.403). Sunday, March 6, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. *Many tables of stamps, coins, medals, paper money and militaria. Polish stamps expert info table. Coins and Banknotes Of Danzig (Gdańsk). Troyak special token and show souvenirs. Free admission and parking. Refreshments available.* For more information, contact: Ignacy Kania 905-273-7313 or Janusz Peter Machulec 416-724-4410, email [info@troyakclub.com](mailto:info@troyakclub.com). Website: <http://www.troyakclub.com>.

**ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**MAY 13 - 15, London,** Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road South N6E 1M3. Fri., 2 p.m. set-up, bourse open to registrants at 4 p.m.; bourse open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun.; 56 bourse tables, daily admission \$3; *Jeffrey Hoare Auctions is operating a numismatic auction Fri. May 13 at 6 p.m.* Sponsors: Ontario Numismatic Association and Ingersoll Coin Club celebrating its 50th anniversary. For more information contact Tom Rogers telephone 519-451-2316, e-mail [trogers@sympatico.ca](mailto:trogers@sympatico.ca) for bourse tables. Website: <http://www.ontario-numismatic.org>.

**MARCH 19, Cambridge,** 20th Annual Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission. *Buy, sell, trade and evaluate at 52 tables. Tokens, trade dollars, coins, paper money, militaria, sports cards, CTC coupons.* For more information, contact Wolfe, email [wolfe1937@hotmail.com](mailto:wolfe1937@hotmail.com), Vincent Nevidon telephone 519-740-1416, or Louie Schmidt telephone 519-653-7838.

**MARCH 26, Guelph,** South Wellington Coin Society Spring Show, Colonel John McCrea Legion 919 York Rd. Hours 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Admission \$2. *Free parking, fully accessible, large display area, hot food available, free gold coin draw, selling 50 cent pieces for 49 cents.* For more information, contact Lowell Wierstra, 8 Smart St. Guelph ON, N1G 4K9, telephone 519-824-6534, e-mail [ljiwierstra@sympatico.ca](mailto:ljiwierstra@sympatico.ca).

**APRIL 1 - 3, Kingston,** EONS Coin and Stamp Show, Days Inn Convention Centre, 33 Benson St. (exit off 401, Division St.). Hours: Fri. 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: \$4 per day, early admittance on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$20 good for the weekend. *Coins, stamps, medals, paper money, rare items.* For more information contact Ted's Collectables, 281A Grand River St. N., Paris, ON N3L 2N9, telephone 1-866-747-COIN (2646), email [tedscollectables@bellnet.ca](mailto:tedscollectables@bellnet.ca).

**APRIL 9 - 10, Hamilton,** TL Coin Show, Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$4, seniors/students \$2, young collectors 12 and under free. For more information contact Linda Robinson, telephone 289-235-9288, email [lindarobinson@cogeco.ca](mailto:lindarobinson@cogeco.ca), or Tom Kennedy 519-271-8825. Website: <http://www.tlcoin-show.com>.

**APRIL 17, Chatham,** Kent Coin Club Annual Spring Coin Show, Kent-Belgian-Dutch-Canadian Club - 34 Byng Ave. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free Admission and parking, 25 Dealer Tables (coins and paper money for all interests), hourly draws and a raffle, displays with prizes in 10 categories.* For more information contact Lou Wagenaer (President) 27 Peters St. Chatham Ont. N7M 5B2, telephone 519-352-5477, email [lwagenaer@cogeco.ca](mailto:lwagenaer@cogeco.ca).

**APRIL 23, Brampton,** Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, under 14 free. *Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Free parking. Funds raised for Children's Charities.* For more information, contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton, telephone 905-450-2870, email [b\\_and\\_w@sympatico.ca](mailto:b_and_w@sympatico.ca).

**MAY 1, Windsor,** Spring Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Admission \$1, juniors free, includes hourly door prize draw and grand prize. Plenty of free parking. For more information, contact M. Clarke, telephone 519-735-0727, email [mclarke@wincom.com](mailto:mclarke@wincom.com). Website: <http://www.windsorcoinclub.com>.

**JUNE 25 - 26, Toronto,** Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 Free! *Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport.* For more information, please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News Coming Events

## COINPROJECT.COM — AN IMPRESSIVE CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT

*The following is edited from postings on the Moneta-L web site, which is dedicated to the study of ancient coins.*



### Alfredo De La Fe:

Almost a year ago I posted my original request for help with a new numismatic research website. Coin Project is now open to the public at <http://coinproject.com> as a public beta.

Imagine a website:

- Which has been a collaborative effort of 35+ dealers, collectors and scholars, some of which are among the greatest numismatic minds of our day.
- Which is non-commercial (will be funded by donations and banner ads) and has a board of advisors comprised of collectors, scholars and dealers to ensure that access will always be free and unrestricted
- Which is moderated by specialists and collectors and where literally hundreds can volunteer to help manage an area in which they share an interest
- Where anyone can contribute coins from their collection or inventory for consideration to be included in the database
- That has tens of thousands, with the potential for millions of coins listed with all of the data broken out and fully searchable.
- Where legends are actually in the alphabet used (For now Latin and Greek, but electronic java based keyboards in Hebrew, Phoenician, Arabic and other alphabets are planned) and can be searched in those languages
- Where errors can be reported directly to the numismatic experts moderating the category
- Where anyone can easily create their own personal website to share their collection with others and where anyone can have their own personal numismatic blog

The purpose of the site is to promote and facilitate numismatic study and research. We welcome as many examples of any given type as users are willing to submit. This allows numismatists that wish to do a die study or in the case of scarce or rare coins which have incomplete legends visible the ability of studying partial legends on several coins.

What I feel makes CoinProject unique and of great value is:

- It is a true collaborative effort. In the case of Wildwinds, it was Dave Surber doing all of the work. With CP we currently have just over 100 volunteers and have the potential of **thousands**. We are not trying to replace Wildwinds or CoinArchives. These sites are incredibly valuable tools. Our goals are a little different and our “roadmap” of features we have either started work on or would like to implement is rather long.
- Users, dealers and institutions can submit their own collections (or I would be glad to help them do so) either manually or in bulk. They can also create their own private website where they can create their own categories and organize their coins as they see fit.
- We have a multi-step verification/moderation process. Every coin must be quickly checked and edited for obvious mistakes or issues in data entry or uniformity to be approved and the next step is where a specialist that has experience in a particular field “verifies” the coin by comparing the photograph against the data entered and then confirming the reference citations by physically opening the reference work.
- We have made it easy for users to submit error reports with a link on every submission. If an error is submitted an email is sent to the moderator(s) of the specific region/city/issuer/type and they are able to address the problem and close out the “ticket” which generates a reply to the person that submitted the error report via email.

The above and much more has become a reality. For more than a year this site has been in active development and is currently in “beta.”

We now need volunteers to help us do the following:

1. Submit coins from their collections and/or inventory for inclusion into the database and help us “test” the site
2. Experts in specific numismatic fields of interest with the appropriate reference works and knowledge to volunteer as moderators. (Moderators can be assigned to each City for Greek and Roman Provincial as well as Issuers for Roman Imperial, Celtic, etc.) Moderators manage the area they have been assigned and “Verify” accuracy of submitted records by checking all of the data against cited references.
3. Help us to “chop up” (parse) comma separated files of coin records which have been submitted using Excel so that we have less work to do when the time comes to approve and verify these records (We have close to 10,000 such records)
4. Ensure that the Legend fields only have legends and include the full legends (must review the obverse and reverse description fields)
5. Clean up the reference citations (remove page numbers when appropriate, ensure that the reference citation is on a single line, etc.)
6. Put the reference citations in an appropriate order.
7. Approve the record.

Look up the coin in any major reference works for the series which are not cited.

Some stats as of 3/16/2010:

- 19,150 records which have been approved and are “live” for study and which can be accessed via the search engine
- 150,000+ records pending, which will be uploaded for editing, approval and verification

**CoinProject.Com Continued...**

The project is a data-driven web site developed by professional programmers with the support of over 100 volunteer numismatists, many of them the best in their fields. The result is an easily updatable, expandable and searchable resource that already contains nearly 40,000 coin records (with an additional 300,000+ pending). Refining and standardizing issuers, regions and cities for each type is a high priority; the site will have the most comprehensive and accurate set of these classifications to be found anywhere.

As a not-for-profit collaborative effort, Coin Project will rely on financial support by selling banner advertising and private donations. Coin Project will never charge a fee to use any of its resources. Strategic guidance is provided by a board of advisors with day-to-day management decisions made by a project executive.

There is still much work to be done, such as the editing and approving of a huge number of pending submissions from individuals, major institutions and commercial sources. For this work we require more volunteers and, now that the site is maturing, is a good time for new volunteers to join and contribute.

Please visit the website at <http://coin-project.com> and give us your comments. If you feel you can contribute some time toward processing the images and data, let me know and I'll arrange credentials and provide you with more details on the inner workings of the project.

**Wayne G. Sayles:**

Having seen the beta test version of this project, I can attest that it is a very ambitious and promising venture. What makes the massive scope actually seem achievable is the fact that so many capable people are involved. I wish Alfredo and those working with him the best of luck with this effort and will personally assist wherever possible.

**Carl Zipfel:**

For those of you who have not checked out Coinproject.com I strongly suggest that you take a few moments and do so. This is probably the largest numismatic undertaking currently in progress. Oh, and did I mention, It is free.

Once you have looked at the enormity of it, take a moment to consider being a volunteer. Coinproject.com is a free research web site dedicated to coins, all coins. This site will be a repository for images, and data, on all coins, ancient, near-ancient, modern, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Celtic, Chinese, British, USA, Peruvian, etc. It is free, and by charter plans to remain free. It is staffed only by volunteers. So as you can imagine it needs a lot of volunteers. Current volunteers come from all levels of numismatics. Coinproject.com has noted numismatists, numismatic scholars, authors, and knowledgeable amateurs like me.

**Tom Mullally**

It has been a three year labor of love. The dedicated volunteers have put in countless hours creating and testing the site to make sure it functions as planned. Sure there are still a few small bugs to work out, but we are very proud of what's been created so far.

We have the largest Parthian database, Roman Provincial and Greek lists far superior to the Princeton list (and separated into separate Greek and provincial lists, a task other websites won't touch), and the largest moneyer's list of Roman Republican coins. Our Islamic list is far superior to any website available and our medieval list will be unequaled. Our German States list is already 4000 issuers strong. Some of the categories are not yet finished, since this is still a work in progress, but most categories are quite thorough. Of course, there's still a lot to do, but I'm very happy with the direction we're headed.

So far, we have been focused on functionality, not aesthetics. The website needs a little touch up, and will be getting it soon, but the lists function as designed.

Now we need your help. We can always use experts and seasoned collectors' help to make the site better. Please visit the site and take it for a test drive. Let us know what you think.

**PARKS CANADA  
100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Royal Canadian Mint has announced that its first collector coin of the year, the 2011 Silver Dollar, is dedicated to celebrating the 100th anniversary of Parks Canada.

"One hundred years ago, Canada became the first country in the world to create a service entirely dedicated to the protection of national parks. The year ahead will be a time for Canadians to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Parks Canada and our country's international leadership in protecting and presenting our collective heritage," said Alan Latourelle, CEO of Parks Canada.

Designed by Quebec artist Luc Normandin, the rich imagery of this coin evokes Parks Canada's role in conserving Canada's flora and fauna. The press release stated that four endangered ecological treasures are cradled in the hands of a young Canadian: a Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*), the Southern Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum capillus-veneris*), a Western Fringed Prairie Orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*) and a Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioica*).

Subsequent newspaper reports have countered this stating that the fern is actually common in the United States and that it does not actually grow within the borders of any park. The orchid on the other hand is globally rare, being found in only in a few wet areas of south eastern Manitoba, but not within a national park.

RCM spokesman Alex Reeves counters that the Mint is aware of this, "But that's not the point," he said. "The coin is intended to recognize the parks' role in protecting endangered wildlife, and it doesn't matter where the individual examples come from."

Planned mintage for the coin is 40,000.



## WATERCRAFT ON WORLD COINS

BOOK REVIEW BY MARVIN KAY, MD, NYCC #400

### WATERCRAFT ON WORLD COINS, VOLUME II AMERICA AND ASIA, 1800-2008

By Yossi Dotan

(Published by the Alpha Press – Great Britain, USA, Canada)

The first thing I did when I got my hands on Dotan's Watercraft Volume II was to turn to the section on Canada to see how he described our famous voyageur silver dollar. He devotes a page and a half to our iconic dollar coin, with detailed descriptions of the voyageur, the aboriginal guide, the rays of the aurora borealis and the rocky island in the background with the wind-swept pines.

(He even includes a footnote about the disappearance of the voyageur dies that were supposed to have been used for the aureate circulating dollar coin. The loss of these dies forced the Royal Canadian Mint to use a backup design to produce the dollar coin known as the 'loonie'.)

Yossi Dotan is described as a *numismatical* researcher. He has collected 'ship coins' for over thirty years. Since his retirement as an accountant he has done extensive research on ships on coins and written the appropriate narratives.

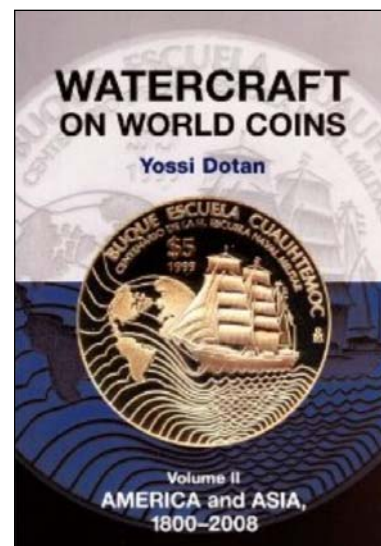
Dotan's attention to detail is evident in the descriptions of nearly every coin in the book.

For the numismatist, he writes about the coin's size, metallic content and year (or years) of issue. For the mariner, he provides details about the ship's size, function, history, destination, and, in some cases, the ultimate fate of the vessel.

Even if the ship is only a tiny part of the coin's design, we get a detailed description. For example, the Caribbean island of Dominica has its coat of arms on the four-dollar coin dated 1970. In this case, the ship is a small native craft in the lower left quadrant of the shield. You almost have to look twice to find the ship.

All types of sailing vessels have been described on coins, from Noah's Ark (Israel) to the Titanic (North Korea), from a rowboat (USA) to a large ocean liner (Bermuda), from an Olympic catamaran (Aruba) to a three-masted in full sail (China, among others).

Dotan has incorporated several improvements in Volume II. There are about 500 coin photos, more than twice as many as in Volume I. He has three pages of 'Additions and



Corrections' to Volume I. Also there is an extensive index and bibliography.

The only typos that eluded his proof-readers were his description of coins from the British Antarctic Territory. These coins mark the *100st (sic) Anniversary of the Declaration of British Sovereignty* in the area.

This book will appeal to the casual topical collector, to the dedicated numismatist and to the naval historian. I look forward to Dotan's *Volume III, Africa and Oceania, 1800-2011*, which is in preparation.

This book is available on Amazon at:

[http://www.amazon.ca/Watercraft-World-Coins-Vol-II/dp/189859550X/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1295125724&sr=1-2](http://www.amazon.ca/Watercraft-World-Coins-Vol-II/dp/189859550X/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1295125724&sr=1-2)

## RCM SELLS OUT 25 PRODUCTS IN 2010

The Royal Canadian Mint issued a press release in early January announcing it sold out 25 of its numismatic products in 2010.

"The Royal Canadian Mint prides itself on producing collector coins whose quality, innovation and craftsmanship set the gold standard for the minting industry and attract collectors from Canada and all over the world," said Ian E. Bennett, President and C.E.O. of the Royal Canadian Mint. "The sell-out of an amazing 25 different collector products over the past year demonstrates the extraordinary appeal of our coins and strengthens our reputation for excellence."

The specific products sold out include:

1. 2009 Montreal Canadiens - Limited Edition Collector Set
2. Special Edition Olympic Gold Coin Set
3. Special Edition Olympic Silver Coin Set
4. First Canadian Olympic Gold Commemorative \$200 Gold Coin
5. 2010 Special Edition Uncirculated Set – Top 3 Winter Games Moments
6. 2010 Limited Edition Proof Dollar - The Sun
7. 2010 \$300 Platinum Coin - Ground Sloth
8. 2010 \$2500 Kilo Gold Coin - 125th Anniversary of Banff
9. 2010 \$500 Gold Coin – 75th Anniversary of the First Bank Notes Issued by the Bank of Canada
10. 2010 \$50 Silver Coin – 75th Anniversary of the First Bank Notes Issued by the Bank of Canada
11. 2010 Special Edition Proof Silver Dollar - 75th Anniversary of Canada's Voyageur Silver Dollar
12. 2010 Limited Edition Proof Set - 75th anniversary of Canada's Voyageur Silver Dollar
13. 2010 Gold and Silver Maple Leaf Piedfort Set
14. 2010 Limited Edition Proof Silver Dollar - Poppy
15. 2010 \$20 Fine Silver Coin - Crystal Water Lily
16. 2010 \$20 Silver Coin - Crystal Snowflake (Meridian Blue)
17. 2010 \$20 Silver Coin - Crystal Snowflake (Tanzanite)
18. 2010 \$20 Fine Silver Coin - Holiday Pine Cones (Ruby) Coin
19. \$10 Sterling Silver Coin & Stamps Set – Blue Whale (2010)
20. 2010 25-Cent Coloured Coin - Blue Jay
21. 2010 25-Cent Coloured Coin - Gold Finch
22. 2010 Special Edition \$2 Specimen Set - Young Lynx
23. 2010 Uncirculated Set
24. 2010 Special Edition Uncirculated Set
25. 2010 50-cent Special Wrap Roll

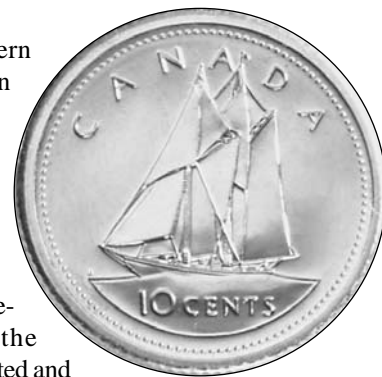
## COINS FOUND BENEATH BLUENOSE II MASTS

By Paul R. Petch

Sailors have long believed a coin under the mast brings luck. This ritual is believed to have started with the Romans, whose custom it was to place a coin in the mouth of a dead person to pay Charon. This was the boatman who ferried the souls of the dead across the River Styx to Hades, which they believed to be the home of the dead. Sceptics of the superstition should note that even the U.S. Navy takes this ritual seriously. Officers of the USS New Orleans, launched in 1933, placed 33 coins — pennies, nickels, and dimes — under her foremast and mainmast . . . all carefully placed heads up. You don't need to use rare or expensive coins. In fact, in the days of wooden ships, when skilled artisans earned comparatively little, it was regarded as imprudent to use gold. Rather, they would select a coin that meant something to them: one that was minted in the year the boat was launched perhaps; or one from the year they were born.



Bringing this up to modern times and giving it a Canadian context, the famous Bluenose shown on our Canadian ten-cent denomination and the 1929 stamp, was rebuilt in 1963 and named Bluenose II. As a part of its construction, coins were placed under its foremast and mainmast. Now the Bluenose II is being reconstructed and restored and these coins were recovered in July 2010 as the project began. They are currently on display in Lunenburg at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in the Bluenose Room.



Among coins on display are a 1963 Canadian 1- 5- 10-cent and silver dollar, 1967 silver dollar, 1981 nickel dollar, a 2007 \$200 gold Fishing Trade commemorative, a town of Lunenburg trade dollar struck for the town's 225th anniversary in 1978, two Bluenose II commemorative tokens, a Spanish 8 Reale (Piece of Eight), a gold doubloon dated 1791 and a 1997 Canada/Russia 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary silver dollar.

There is a rather poor video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vylPcGXmAc> for those who may have an interest in seeing the coins.

Some of these coins will be placed back under the masts when restoration is complete. This is scheduled for the spring of 2012, in time for the tourist season.

## FROM THE NUMISMATIST FOR JANUARY 1911:

### The New British Coinage

Early in December the official "Gazette" published a proclamation by the King in which was determined the new designs for the gold and bronze coins. Following the numismatic rule, the profile on the obverse is reversed facing to the left instead of to the right as in the case of the King Edward VII coinage. The inscription on the reverse will read, "Georgius V., Dei Gra: Britt: Onin: Rex Fid: Def: Ind: Imp:." The figure of St. George slaying the dragon and the date in the exergue will be retained.

The bronze coins will be of three values as heretofore; penny, halfpenny and farthing, and the seated figure of Britannia will adorn the reverse.

The five-pound and two-pound pieces, which are to be struck in connection with the new coinage, will form a special coronation

issue. Only a limited number will be issued, and the coins are not intended for general circulation. They will be on sale to the general public at their face value at the Bank of England during the coronation period, and the majority are expected to be purchased by souvenir hunters and coin collectors. Although not meant for ordinary circulation, the coin can be legally tendered in the same way as other coins. Special proof sets will be kept at the Royal Mint and in gold cases at an extra charge of twenty per cent above their face value.

Mr. Bertram Mackennal, A. R. A., who has been appointed to design and model the Coronation medal and the coinage for the new reign, is an Australian who was born in Melbourne in 1863.

### Alfred Sandham Obituary

On Sunday, December 25, Albert Sandham, the Canadian antiquarian, died at his residence, 88 Baldwin Street, Toronto.

Mr. Sandham was in his seventy-third year, and while not an active collector for many years he was well known to the older generations of numismatics.

In 1869 appeared his book entitled *The Coins, Tokens and Medals of the Dominion of Canada*, and this was followed by a supplement in 1872.

[Robert Wallace McLaughlin penned "Biographical Notes on Albert Sandham" for the *Canadian Antiquarian* January 1911 issue and Barry A. Uman produced "Alfred Sandham 1838-1910" for the CT in 1993. Ed.]