



North York Coin Club

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THE BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome again to all fellow numismatists and everyone receiving this monthly bulletin. These are some of the coldest days of the year – a perfect time to stay indoors and pursue one of your hobbies. It is also the time of year that we must file our taxes. We all know the famous saying penned by Benjamin Franklin, “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” These days, over two hundred years after that famous quote was written, that statement is still very true. Nothing in life can be taken for granted so cherish your health and family as a precious thing.

While you still have all of your faculties and health why not prepare for the indefinable and save your family lots of grief. Should you die, or become incapacitated, you should have already prepared your collection for sale with clear intentions on how it should be accomplished. That would make it easy for your heirs to dispose of your collection at the highest prices and with the least hassle. Have your collection organized with a complete inventory of all of the collectables you own, plus what you paid for each item and the estimated present value. You may think that is a lot of work but just think how much it would be for your untrained loved one to accomplish the same task. It would also be helpful if you let it be known where all this information and collection, is kept.

You may not think all this information may be relevant and you are correct in saying Canada does not have any inheritance taxes but we do have something called capital gains. You got it, all non-registered investments, such as coins, are taxed on the difference

between the sell price, the amount you get when you dispose of the piece and the purchase price made many, many, moons ago.

We are still selling the tables for our annual coin show on May 28th. It's at the same place as previous years, in the banquet room, at Edithvale Community Centre on Finch Ave. in North York. As with prior years we have 18 tables for sale and the price has been frozen at \$40.00 for the day. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. See the club's treasurer Ben to reserve your table now.

The club is holding a full auction night at the March meeting. We are asking club members to consign items at the next meeting so that we can list them in an auction catalogue to be included with the March bulletin. This will assist you in choosing which items you may want to bid on. Please bring your items to the February meetings where they will be accepted for the March auction.

As I have mentioned numerous times in the past a club is only as good as the few people who take the time to contribute. Every member of the club is encouraged to participate in the executive of the club, helping out at meeting or bring interesting items to the club participation nights to share with other members. Every little bit of member participation makes for a diverse, interesting night that will educate and benefit all members. A special thanks goes out to a club life member, Norman G. Gordon, who recently donated to the club a beautifully bound and catalogued set of North York Coin Club bulletins for the clubs archives. Thanks to him for this and all his contributions to the club over many decades of attendance.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

We start gathering in the Banquet Room on the first floor of the Edithvale Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

It is our **Anniversary Meeting** and we are once again holding a member participation night. Please share your knowledge and recent or special items in your collection with your fellow members. Your contribution will help the club celebrate its 56th birthday!

Please remember to bring your auction lots so we can have a really fine auction at this meeting. Also, we appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material.

YOUR IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- > Watch the news – a Toronto inside workers' strike means Edithvale is closed and the meeting is cancelled;
- > Bring your lots for the March consignment auction;
- > Please pay your 2016 member dues;
- > Our next Executive Meeting is on Tuesday, March 8

Well that's about all I have to say this month except to remind everybody to bring in an item for the February participation night and if you have any items to submit to the auction please remember to bring them in this month. Until then 23rd stay warm and get out and support your hobby.

Bill O'Brien

NEWS OF THE JANUARY 2016 MEETING

The 618th meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the 1st floor Banquet Room at the Edithvale Community Centre. It was hammered to order at 7:37 P.M. with our President, Bill O'Brien, in the chair and 26 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Member John Bratton was present when his name was drawn to receive the on-time attendance draw prize of \$2.00. The draw will reset to \$2.00 for the February 23rd meeting.

Bill took a moment to recognize our special guest Brian Thompson. Brian is the newly elected president of the Canadian Centennial Collector's Club and a member of the Lake Superior Coin Club. Brian collects all coins, tokens, medals and other memorabilia to do with the Canadian Confederation Centennial in 1967.

Bill asked members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of the November meeting as published in the January newsletter. No corrections were identified and so Norman G. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by Italo Villella. Motion carried.

Ben Boelens, our treasurer, then gave a summary report for the club financials for the year ending December 2015. He was happy to report that club had managed a small profit over the year of \$395.00. He also reminded the members that for 2016 we will have further expense related to the community centre room rental.

Bill asked our Nomination Committee chair, Dick Dunn, to report on the elections results. Dick reported that the majority of the previous executive had been re-elected by acclamation with the addition of Paul Johnson as a Director of the club. With that, Bill thanked Dick Dunn for his hard work.

Paul Petch asked for the floor to report on the status of our Coin Show on May 28th. Paul mentioned that so far he had received payment for three tables and reminded everyone that the total of 18 tables usually sell out and suggested they book their tables early to avoid disappointment.

Paul also reminded the members present that our March meeting will be our Second Annual Auction Night and asked that everyone bring material (to a maximum of ten items per person please) to the February meeting so that it can be recorded and advertised.

Bill then recognized Norman G. Gordon's very kind donation of a complete set of Club newsletters. Norman has painstakingly been keeping a complete archive of all club newsletters issued. Bill asked that everyone thank Norman with a round of applause. Thank you Norman!

With the business portion complete we then moved on to the extended show-and-tell session for tonight's meeting.

Bill O'Brien started the show-and-tell with a display of "type high" decorative printers' block used in the printing of various sale coupons. **Harvey Shutter** passed around a "fancy serial numbered" 2-dollar banknote from the 1974 series he received from his local bank some time ago. The serial number was a very interesting, two-digit radar BS 177771. In addition the note was cut slightly, about 5 percent, on an angle. **Arnie Goldstein** brought along his complete Kennedy half-dollar collection from 1964-present with mintmarks from Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco mints. **Mark Argentino**, who called himself a pack-rat style collector, brought along a collection of banknotes including a 1937 series 1-dollar bill with the serial number 90001937 and a complete collection of 1967 1-dollar notes by prefixes, including the rare *F/P note. **Paul Petch** brought along a grouping of medals from the Dora de Pédery-Hunt collection including a lead test strike. **Brian Thompson** had assembled a display case containing an assortment of material from his very extensive Centennial collection, including items he was given from his father in 1992 on his 25th birthday. He also brought along the book on the subject that he wrote and self-published in 1996. Paul Petch had a supplemental he was reminded of by Brian's display. He talked about not just collecting but having the foresight to collect items that will be important in the future like certain 1967 memorabilia and the 1892 Columbus Day collectibles. The prediction was that the 2017 Sesquicentennial will not be as important at the 1967 Centennial. **Len Kuenzig** brought along a binder of rare Centennial memorabilia including letters and signatures as well as Boy Scout badges, etc. **Roger Fox** brought along materials he has been researching in depth to do with a 1-dollar bird series fantasy note project that he has been working on. He has decided on a pair of Mallard Ducks to complete the back image of the note. **Tony Hine** brought along a nice example of the Lt. Col. John McCrae "Challenge Coin" issued by Dr. Vanderburgh to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the writing of the poem "In Flanders Fields" issued in 2015.

With no further show-and-tell items forthcoming, Bill then called for our customary refreshment break from 8:50-9:00 P.M.



Roger Fox is applying his artistic skills in answering the question, "What might a \$1 note in the Birds of Canada series have looked like?"





Brian Thomson,
Canadian Centennial Collector's Club
President and new North York member
spoke about and displayed important
Centennial year items from his collection

The next order of business was the regular club auction and lucky draw. Dick Dunn served as our Auctioneer and Jim Heifetz as runner. Lucky draw numbers were called at various times while the auction took place. Lucky draw winners for the evening were- Richard Oskaldowich, Franco Farronato (4), Richard Duquette (2), David Quinlan (2), Henry Nienhuis, Jim Heifetz, and Arie Yark. The club earned \$29.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! Our acting auction manager, Paul Petch, reported that receipts from the auction added \$12.55 to the club coffers, which included \$5.00 from donated items.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

The club executive would like to thank members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and draw prize donations. Please consider supporting your club through a donation of numismatic material or other items. (Don't forget to mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter.)

Our next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in the 1st floor Banquet Room of the Edithvale Community Centre.

**North York Coin Club
Annual Coin Show**

Saturday May 28th
9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Banquet Room at the
Edithvale Community Centre
[131 Finch Avenue West](http://131FinchAveWest.com)

FREE Admission and plenty of
FREE parking, all types of collectibles and
featuring coins, paper money, tokens, both to buy and sell.

Everyone is welcome and for further information
please contact:
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COBALT FOR CANADIAN COINAGE

From 100 years ago, in the January and March 1916 issues of *The Numismatist*, an initiative by the Province of Ontario's Deputy Minister of Mines was reported. Through the Government of Canada he was pressing the Ottawa Branch of the Royal Mint to drop silver in favour of cobalt for the five-cent coinage. Obviously the initiative did not go anywhere. It was the high cost of silver in 1921 that opened the way for a switch to nickel for the five-cent denomination in 1922.

The Numismatist for January, 1916: Five-cent Coins of Cobalt.

Hon. Thomas Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines of the Province of Ontario, is having some cobalt coins made to demonstrate that Ontario could produce a metal to substitute for silver for minting purposes. He will forward his suggestion to the Ottawa authorities when the samples are ready. Five-cent pieces in cobalt would be a little larger than the present silver coins, but smaller than American nickels. In appearance cobalt metal is something like nickel, but of richer color. — Toronto Star.

The Numismatist for March, 1916: Canada May Use Cobalt as Coinage Metal.

There is a possibility that Canada may suspend the coinage of the five-cent piece in silver and use cobalt as the metal for this popular denomination, for very much the same reason that the coinage of U. S. half dimes was discontinued and the five-cent nickel substituted. The proposition in Canada is in its early stages, and if adopted she will probably be the first to use this metal for coins.

Mr. R. W. McLachlan of Montreal has been in correspondence with Hon. Thomas Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines of Canada [Ontario], on the subject, and the following letters to Mr. McLachlan show the status of the proposition at this time. The first letter is from Mr. Gibson's secretary, and is dated January 12, 1916:

"Dear Sir — I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. concerning cobalt coins. I beg to state that I have received some metal coins in blank from one of the mining and reduction companies, but these have not been stamped with the die, and consequently would be of no immediate use to you. Mr. Gibson is absent from the city at the present time, and no doubt will go into the coinage question further upon his return."

The second letter, from Mr. Gibson, is dated January 24, 1916:

"Dear Sir — On my return to the city I find your letter of the 10th inst. with reference to the suggested five-cent cobalt coin, and I note that you would like to have a specimen for your collection. So far no such coins have been made, but an effort will be put forward to have the Government of Canada consider the suggestion, as it appears to me such a coin, to replace our present five-cent piece, which is very inconvenient because of its size, would be appreciated by the public."

Cobalt is described as a tough, lustrous, reddish-white metal related to and occurring with iron and nickel, and has been used at times instead of nickel in plating.

ATHENIAN WEALTH: MILLIONS OF SILVER COINS STORED IN PARTHENON ATTIC

by Owen Jarus, Live Science Contributor, June 26, 2015

The members of the Chedoke Numismatic Society were fortunate to have Dr. Spencer Pope as a guest speaker at their January 2016 meeting. Dr. Pope related the work that he and his colleagues presented in a joint paper last year. This story summarizes that paper as well as his presentation at the meeting.



Millions of silver coins may have been stored in the attic of the Parthenon, one of the most famous structures from the ancient world, a research team says.

The attic of the Parthenon is now destroyed and the coins would have been spent in ancient times. The researchers made the discovery by reconstructing the size of the attic, analyzing ancient records to extrapolate how large the reserves may have been and re-examining archaeological work carried out decades ago.

Their evidence suggests that millions of coins made up the cash reserves of the city-state of Athens and much of this hoard was stored in the attic of the Parthenon. During the fifth century B.C., when the Parthenon was built, Athens was a wealthy city-state whose people erected fantastic buildings and fought a series of devastating wars against their rival Sparta. This vast reserve of coins would have helped fund those endeavours.

While the Parthenon's attic is now destroyed, researchers estimate its floor would have spanned an area more than three times that of a tennis court, with dimensions of 62 feet wide by 164 feet long (19 by 50 meters) and about 10 feet (3 m) high at the center. The coin reserves were likely placed there around 434 B.C., when the Parthenon was dedicated to Athena, the patron goddess of Athens.

Incredible riches

In the fifth century B.C., Athens was one of the richest and most powerful city-states in Greece. Boasting a large navy, it exacted tribute from other Greek cities in exchange for military protection. Ancient writers say the Athenians kept vast coin reserves on the Acropolis, but don't say exactly where.

For instance, the Decree of Kallias dated to around 433 B.C. refers to "3,000 talents" being transferred to the Acropolis for safekeeping, a colossal sum of money, researchers say. The highest-denomination coin minted in Athens at the time was a silver tetradrachm, and it took 1,500 tetradrachms to make one talent, the researchers noted. This means the "3,000 talents" mentioned in the decree would be worth 4.5 million tetradrachms. Such a huge number of coins would have weighed about 78 metric tons, or nearly 172,000 lbs., researchers say. To put that in perspective, that's heavier than the M1 Abrams battle tank used today by American soldiers.

Remarkably, ancient writers said the Athenian reserves could, at times, reach up to 10,000 talents (potentially 260 metric tons).

Researchers caution that Athens may have minted some of its coins in gold (which was worth about 14 times more than silver). If that were the case, the number of coins (and the overall weight of the reserves) would be somewhat less, since it takes fewer gold coins to form one talent.

"Gold coinage was always minimal in Athens, in part because Athens mined silver locally," study researcher Spencer Pope, a professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, told Live Science in an email. As such, the ancient writer Aeschylus called Athens and its nearby area a "fountain of silver," Pope added.

The fortune of ancient Greece was largely consumed during the Peloponnesian War in the late fifth century B.C., when Athens was forced to melt down gold objects to pay for the war. Athens sprung back after this and flourished in the fourth century B.C., and I'm sure we will see the same again soon," Pope said, referencing her current financial woes.



New research indicates millions of silver coins, the reserves of ancient Athens, were once kept in the attic of the Parthenon (shown here as it appears today).

The ultimate money stash

Ancient records mention nothing about where on the Acropolis the coins were stored, nor do they reveal the purpose of the Parthenon's attic. "The sources are silent on the use of this space," said Pope at a presentation recently in Toronto during the annual meeting of the Classical Association of Canada.

However, there are several reasons why researchers believe the attic was used to store most of Athens' immense coin wealth.

While the attic is now virtually destroyed, the remains of a staircase that would have led up to the attic still survive. This staircase appears to have had a utilitarian rather than a ceremonial use, suggesting it could have been used to bring coins to and from the attic.

Additionally, the sheer floor size of the attic not only would have provided room to store the coins, but also would have meant the coins' weight could be spread over a wide area. Assuming the attic was floored with thick cypress wood beams, it would have been able to support the weight of the coins, the researchers say.

Because the Parthenon was located centrally, people would have had an easier time securing and accessing the money there. And criminals would be less likely to steal the coins, as the Parthenon was a temple for Athena — meaning any theft from it would be considered a crime against the goddess.

"The attic of the Parthenon is the only suitable space large enough to hold all of the coins in the Treasury," Pope said in an email. "While we cannot rule out the possibility that coins were distributed across numerous buildings, we should recall that the attic is the most secure space."



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Millions of silver tetradrachms (like the example shown here at the Museum of Fine Arts of Lyon) may have been kept in the attic of the Parthenon.

Researchers say that the coins may have been stored in boxes whose dimensions could be standardized to make counting easier.

Pope co-wrote the scientific paper with Peter Schultz, a professor at Concordia College at Minnesota, and David Scahill, a researcher at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

EX-NUMIS ENABLES IMAGE SEARCHING OF COIN AUCTION SALES

An Ex-Numis press release announces a new service for collectors and dealers in ancient coins which uses image recognition software to locate coins illustrated in auction catalogs, saving a great deal of time when compiling or verifying a coin's provenance. You will notice in the service description that this is not a totally automated service, and that human intelligence is still involved. While it could be a big timesaver in narrowing down a set of possible matches for humans to review, writer Joel Orosz cautioned, "It'll be interesting to see how they plan to correct for the use of 'stock' images, which we know were used all too often in the past."

Do you know which collection your coin is from?

Ex-Numis®, a new website, can answer an important question: *Has your coin been published at an auction? Instead of looking through thousands of auction catalogues, you can now send a request to www.ex-numis.com.*

In the last years it has become more and more important to know a coins' pedigree. On the one hand there are legal requirements, which ask for due diligence. On the other, coins deriving from large, historical collections realize higher prices, compared to coins with no known provenance. Until now, the only thing to do, in order to find out from which collection, that is auction the coin stems from, was to go through thousands of auctions catalogues. A new online tool by *Ex-Numis®* is now available for collectors, museums and coin dealers, which can be used to look for provenances.

Dr Jonas Flueck, a young scholar with a lot of experience in the coin auction business, is the founder of this website. With the help of an image recognition program, the tool compares images fed into the system to an extensive database. The material for comparison is exceptional: the database contains almost a million images of ancient coins and is constantly expanded. The images come from auction catalogues starting in the

19th century up to 2000. The clients' coin will be compared to images from auction catalogues such as *Ars Classica*, *Otto Helbing*, *MMAG*, *Ratto*, *Rolin & Feuardent* and many more.

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THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT IS ONCE AGAIN FEATURED ON COLLECTOR COINS

The Royal Canadian Mint is celebrating the 140th anniversary of the Library of Parliament with its first ever concave coin, whose ultra-high relief shows off the amazing detail of the Library's architecture, as seen from the inside of its domed ceiling. This coin was unveiled on January 18, 2016 before Senators, MPs and special guests assembled at an event held in the Library of Parliament.

"For 140 years, the Library of Parliament has been a vital source of support and inspiration to the legislators who built Canada into one of the world's leading democracies," said the Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance. "The historical and cultural value of this institution has been masterfully captured by the Mint on a coin which is sure to evoke Canadian pride for generations to come."

"The Library of Parliament stands as both an architectural treasure of the early days of Confederation and an enduring guardian of Canada's parliamentary traditions," said Sandra L. Hanington, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. "The Mint's renowned innovation and craftsmanship bring to life the Library's famous architecture with our very first concave coin."

"Since the Library of Parliament opened its doors in 1876, it has contributed to Canada's parliamentary democracy by supporting parliamentarians with customized information and authoritative research" said Sonia L'Heureux, Parliamentary Librarian. "Today's launch of a unique commemorative coin by the Royal Canadian Mint celebrates this rich history and the impressive architecture of our iconic main Library building. We are delighted to mark this historical milestone in such an innovative way."

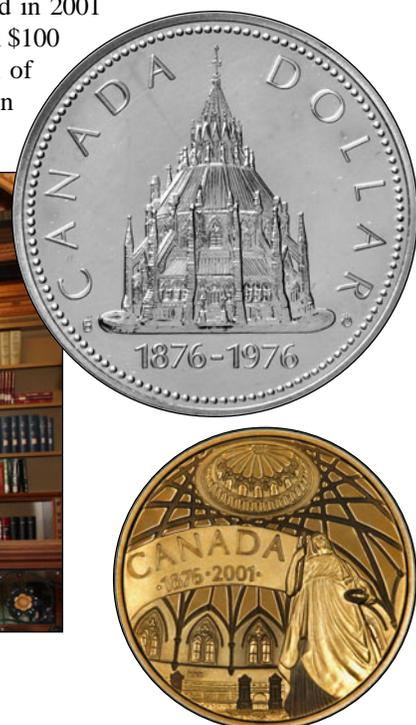
Crafted of 99.99% pure silver and double-dated 1876-2016, the reverse side of this coin combines several innovations to capture a visually stunning panorama of the Library of Parliament's neo-gothic interior. Its concave design evokes the airiness of its high-domed ceiling, while ultra-high relief engraving and an antique finish bring out the depth and detail of its many architectural features. This \$25 face value coin is also a first for showing a convex effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse side. Limited to a mintage 6,000, this coin retailed for \$159.95 and sold out within a week of its issue.

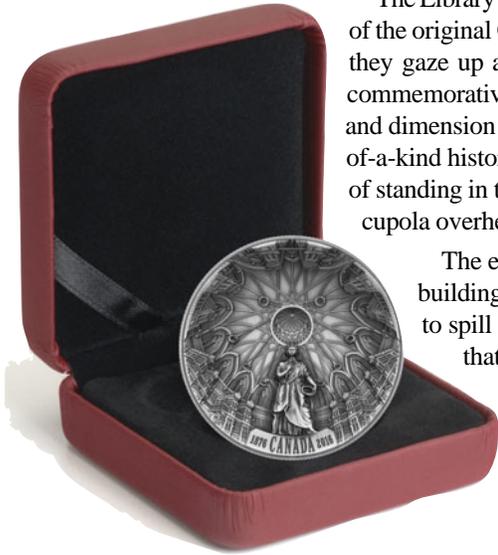


This new Library commemorative follows two others. The 1976 silver dollar (50% silver, 50% copper) marked the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Library of Parliament. It was engraved by Walter Ott. It was followed in 2001 with a design on the annual \$100 gold coin, the joint work of R.R.Carmichael, Susan Taylor and W. Woodruff.



From left: Royal Canadian Mint CEO Sandra Hanington, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau, Senate Speaker George Furey and House of Commons Speaker Geoff Regan unveil a new silver collector coin in the Library of Parliament to celebrate its 140th anniversary.





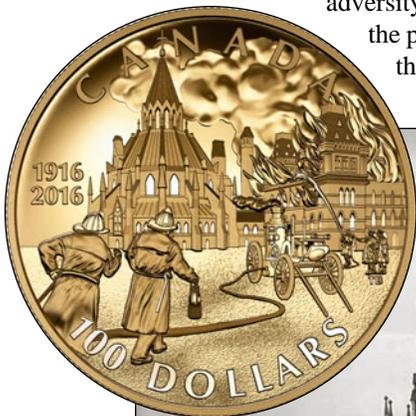
The Library of Parliament is one of Canada’s greatest architectural treasures. It’s the only remaining section of the original Centre Block that was destroyed by fire in 1916, and continues to hold visitors spellbound as they gaze up at its massive domed ceiling and elaborate woodwork. This unique concave shaped 2016 commemorative coin serves up a stunning 360° view of the interior. It creates an astonishing sense of depth and dimension that is further enhanced by ultra high relief and an antique finish that gives each coin a one-of-a-kind historic appeal. By positioning the room’s centerpiece in the foreground, your perspective is that of standing in the room itself, at the base of the statue of Queen Victoria, looking up at the library’s famous cupola overhead.

The extraordinary dome depicted on this coin earned the Library the distinction of being the first building in North America to feature an iron structure for this design element. Windows allow light to spill in and illuminate the intricate wooden floor below. The intricately carved pine bookshelves that encircle the reading room are replicated on the reverse along the rim, further contributing to the 360-degree viewing experience.

- The Library of Parliament can trace its origins back to the 1790s, when Upper and Lower Canada each had a legislative library; the two were amalgamated into one library when Upper and Lower Canada united in 1841 to form the Province of Canada.
- Prior to 1857, the Province of Canada didn’t have a permanent capital, so both its legislature and its library moved from Kingston to Montréal, then back and forth between Toronto and Québec, until Queen Victoria selected Ottawa as the capital.
- Fire has been a threat throughout the Library’s history: in 1849, an angry mob protesting the Rebellion Losses Bill set fire to the legislature in Montréal, destroying all but 200 of the 12,000 books in the library; in 1952, another fire broke out, this time in the Library’s cupola, causing extensive water and smoke damage to the building and its collection.
- The Library underwent a major renovation between 2002 and 2006, taking great care to preserve its original style and the integrity of the structure while adding upgrades to facilitate its operations as a modern-day, working library.
- Today, the Library houses over 1 million books and documents — or the equivalent of 17 linear kilometres of materials!
- As further proof of the building’s historic and cultural importance, take a look at one of Canada’s \$10 polymer bank notes—chances are, you carry an image of the Library of Parliament with you every day!

2016 14-karat Gold \$100 Coin—Centennial of the Parliament Buildings Fire—Mintage: 1,500

On February 3 1916, tragedy struck at the heart of a young nation when the Centre Block of Canada’s stately Parliament Buildings was suddenly engulfed in flames. By morning, the still-smouldering outer walls were all that remained of the original landmark—save for the magnificent Library of Parliament, whose unlikely preservation became an inspiring national symbol of resilience in the face of adversity. The Royal Canadian Mint’s 2016 annual \$100 gold coin celebrates the centennial anniversary of the preservation of the Library of Parliament. The design captures some of the heroic efforts to combat the raging, fast-moving blaze and prevent it from spreading to the Library on that fateful winter night.



The work of Canadian artist Tony Bianco, the coin moves the viewer to the fateful night of February 3, 1916, bearing witness to the tragic fire that has engulfed the Centre Block of Parliament in Ottawa. As flames and smoke suddenly billow into the night sky, firefighters quickly rush onto the scene; near the western rear of the Centre Block, one firefighter stands ahead of a steamer as he douses the flames with water, while two more rush across the snow-covered landscape to join the fray. In the midst of all the chaos and tragedy, the towering spire of the Library of Parliament remains an inspiring sight as it seems to remain untouched by the blaze, thanks in part to the fireproof doors that helped protect this architectural jewel and its irreplaceable collection.

It has been engraved with meticulous attention to the detail of the Library’s ornate architecture, capturing in this portrait of a proud national landmark that endures as a link to Canada’s past.

COMING EVENTS FOR WINTER & SPRING 2016

Apr. 8 – 10, Kitchener, Ontario Numismatic Association's 54th Annual Coin Show & Convention, Holiday Inn and Conference Centre, 30 Fairway Rd. South. Open to the public Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$3, 16 years and under free when accompanied by adult. Special 3-day Bourse Passes only \$15. *Over 50 dealer tables, awards banquet, educational symposium, exhibits, R.C.N.A. Coin Kids table, specialty club meetings and much more. Reserve your rooms no later than March 7, 2016 by calling 519-893-1211 or 1-866-375-8240 and ask for the Ontario Numismatic Association block to get the special Convention rate.* For more information contact Robb McPherson, email president@the-ona.ca, telephone 519.577-7206. Website: <http://www.the-ona.ca/2016.php>

Feb. 20, Oshawa, COIN-A-RAMA, Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. COIN-A-RAMA, at Five Points Mall, 285 Taunton Rd E. at Ritson. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Free dealer and membership draws, plus new hourly public draws, free admission, featuring paper, coins, tokens, medals, books & supplies and many other items. So come out and look for that special item for your collection or for a gift. I am sure you'll find what you need.* For more information contact Sharon, email papman@bell.net, telephone 905-728-1352. Website: www.oshawacoinclub.ca

Feb. 27 – 28, Toronto, TOREX – Canada's National Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Toronto on King, 370 King St. W. *Featuring Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, coin and paper money supplies and reference books. TOREX, a great place to buy, sell, trade and evaluate your coins! Official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company.* For more information contact Brian Smith, email brian@torex.net, telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>

Mar. 5 – 6, Mississauga, Mississauga 13th Annual Coin & Stamp Show, John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre, 4300 Cawthra Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Over 30 dealers & 60 dealer tables. Canadian and world coins, banknotes, stamps and supplies. Buy, sell, trade, appraise.* For more information contact Les Plonka, email leszekp@rogers.com, telephone 416-505-7999. Website: www.troyakclub.com

Mar. 11 – 13, Montreal, QC, Nuphilex, Complex EVO, 420 Sherbooke St. West Admission \$3 Friday and Saturday, free Sunday, early bird admission \$25, beginning Friday 8 a.m. (to be donated to Quebec Autism Society and Miriam Home). Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Auction by Lower Canada Auction. Contact Emmanuel, montrealnuphilex@gmail.com, telephone 514-889-7740. Website: www.nuphilex.com

Mar. 19, Cambridge, 25th Annual Cambridge Coin Show, Cambridge Newfoundland Club, 1500 Dunbar Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission. Buy, sell, trade, evaluate. Coins, paper money, gold, silver, tokens, trade dollars, Canadian Tire money, militaria. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local charitable organization.* Contact Ben Dettweiler, email coinshow@waterloocoinsociety.com, telephone 519-807-1881. Website: <http://waterloocoinsociety.com>

Apr. 3, Chatham, Kent Coin Club Spring Coin Show, The Active Lifestyle Center, 20 Merritt Ave Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission and parking. Free token or foreign coin to all children entering the show complements of the Kent Coin Club. 25 dealer tables (coins and paper money for all interests). Food available on site for purchase. Hourly draws and a raffle.* For more information contact Lou Wagenaer (President Kent Coin Club), telephone 519-352-5477.

Apr. 22 – 23, Toronto, Toronto Coin Expo, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge St., 2nd Floor. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$6, under 16 free. *This is a great venue in Canada to buy, sell & trade. Appraisals with internationally renowned dealers in coins, banknotes, tokens, medals, militaria, gold, silver and jewellery.* Partnering with Geoffrey Bell Auctions;

auction April 21-22. Contact Jared Stapleton, email torontocoinexpo@gmail.com, telephone 647-403-7334. Website: <http://www.torontocoinexpo.ca>

Apr. 24, Pickering, Ajax Pickering Stamp Club Stamp & Coin Show, Pickering Recreation Center, 1867 Valley Farm Road 36th annual stamp & coin show. Hours: 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. *Free admission, free parking. Club & youth tables. Food available.* For more information contact Bill Botta, email billandbernice@sympatico.ca, telephone 905-668-6185.

Apr. 30, Timmins, Timmins Coin and Stamp Show, McIntyre Community Centre, 85 McIntyre Road downstairs in the Lion's Den. Hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Timmins Coin Club, and the Timmins Stamp Club, are proud to jointly host their third annual show. *This is Ontario's most northern annual coin show and is well attended by collectors around Northeast Ontario. It features several dealers, silent auctions, exhibit, club tables and door prizes. Need collecting supplies, Canadian and world coins, banknotes, trade dollars, tokens and Canadian and World stamps? Free admission & parking.* For more information, email nifinder@hotmail.com, telephone 705-288-3277.

May 7, Guelph, Guelph Spring Coin Show, Colonel John McCrae Legion Branch 234, 57 Watson Parkway South Hours: 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Admission \$3, under 16 free. *Free level parking, fully accessible. Legendary lunch counter, free draw for gold coin.. Coins, banknotes, tokens, Canadian Tire money, medals, books and supplies at more than 35 dealer tables. Featuring some of Canada's top numismatic dealers. Club-sponsored Kid's Table for under 14; buy, sell, trade or evaluate.* For more information contact Mike Hollingshead, email cholling@uoguelph.ca, telephone 519-823-2646. Website: www.southwellingtoncoinsociety.com

May 28, North York, North York Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. W. Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Free admission, free parking, all sorts of collectibles and featuring coins, paper money, tokens, etc.* For more information contact Paul Petch, email coinshow@northyorkcoinclub.com, telephone 416-303-4417. Website: www.northyorkcoinclub.com

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