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## ERRORS OR FAKES

By W. English

Since 1964 a number of Canadian coins have appeared on the market that have not been produced by normal means. Some of these errors may have been produced at the mint while others I have come to the conclusion have not.

We have had 1967 Canadian dollars and halves which have had double, and tripla struck designs, on them. We have the diving goose dollar with the obverse and reverse out of line by varying degrees up to 180 degrees. In 1969 the cents were the major error coins. Double struck and flip struck specimens are still being advertised at various prices.

In the advertisements and the specimens that I have inspected all the 1969 double struck coins are exactly the same and the 1967 material has various degrees of double striking but only in one area of the coin. This immediately points to certain things which tend to prove the coins were manufactured on purpose by someone either in or out of the Mint.

Let us first reason that a double struck reverse die was accidentally made. This would explain the exact position of the dates on the double date cent. These coins would then have a common obverse of a single design, but no, they are doubled on the obverse as well as and in alignment with the reverse strikes.

Well then it is simple. A number of struck cents were accidentally put back into the coin presses and, presto, a double struck coin. This is impossible since these coins could be in any position and the doubling would result in many different positions for the dates and alignment of the designs.

The possibility of the Mint accidentally making a reverse die with a double impression 180 degrees out of calibration is practically impossible, but to compound the felony and make the obverse die exactly the same and then matching the two dies to produce a coin with both the obverse and reverse doubled and aligned is impossible.

The inspection of dies before set-up- striking and counting would disclose this error, before they could get to the presses and if they accidentally did get out, the further controlled inspection would disclose the error.

It is my opinion that the doubled and/or double struck 1969 cents were made with special dies prepared by someone to strike these coins with a profit motive and to defraud the collectors. Who they are, I have no idea, but I'm sure that someone should investigate this matter and bring the culprits to justice.

An error coin is an error regardless of whether it is produced on purpose or by accident, because the end result is an error from the correct struck design. When the error is intentionally made outside the Mint we call it a man-made error, if the design is changed. If another coin is produced then we call it a counterfeit. Would not a coin made inside the Mint with the same type of change as a coin made outside the Mint then also be a counterfeit.

Many coins have been examined that were mint made, by someone in the Mint that could not have escaped inspection. Many of these coins could not have gone through the counting machines but they exist.

My question is, are these errors, fakes, or counterfeits?

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MR. DAVID ASHE

The Executive of the Canadian Numismatic Association is pleased to announce the appointment of DAVID ASHE, a resident of Oakville, Ontario, to the position of Editor of the Canadian Numismatic Journal.

Mr. Ashe received his education in England where he was editor of "Youth Fellow Magazine", a Devonshire publication, and co-authored an historic compilation on Ottery Saint Mary entitled "Pale Ghosts of Yesteryear". For ten years, he was actively involved in research and the recording of heraldic and ecclesiastic data from various parts of England.

Since coming to Canada in 1956, Mr. Ashe has written numerous articles and papers for several North American numismatic publications. From 1962 to 1964, he was editor of the "Ontario Numismatist", the official publication of the Ontario Numismatic Association. He has held various offices in the Oakville Coin Club including that of President and is also a member of the Chedoke Numismatic Society, an organization devoted to the preparation and presentation of papers in all phases of numismatics. His interest in numismatics extends over a period of twenty years.

Mr. Ashe is 38 and is a Land Survey Technologist by profession.

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JUNIOR CORNER

Article For the Juniors By Mr. Bert Provost

A hobby is something you spend money on for the satisfaction, or enjoyment, you get from it. Coin Collecting is a hobby. If sports are your hobby I strongly suggest that you continue in these and not give them up for coin collecting. They are valuable in your development. If you have decided to add coin collecting to your other activities, welcome aboard.

The new collectors will usually have started with coins of his (her) country in the lower values by getting as many coins from circulation as possible. Trades are often made and some pieces obtained from friends or relatives. Some will use folders and work on several series at the same time.

Depending on the money available for the hobby you may want to stop at the 25¢ series or go on to the halves or dollars. It often happens that interest is lost when it's found that twenty dollars is needed to put a 1925 nickel in the folder. Because we are so closely associated with the U.S.A., a switch can be made to their series as their coins also circulate here. The same situation (high priced coins) will soon apply in these series too. Many coins can be obtained by trading with collectors of our coins in the U.S.A. Names and addresses of people wanting to trade can be found in coins magazines and papers on newstands. You can also get these by mail. They help keep you informed and make your hobby more fun.

If funds are available it's a good idea to buy a few extra new coins each year at face value at the bank. These are good traders. Also, some coins appreciate (increase in value) fast. For instance, you could get a nice 1925 nickel in trade for four or five 1967 halves, thus getting a twenty dollar coin for two or three dollars of your money.

When you find your interest dropping due to high prices of pieces you need, switch to foreign coins. Prices of key coins change very little and you can get many hours of pleasure with the money you would have tied up in the scarce coin. An album is available with 144 - 50¢ size openings with the countries marked under 132. Twelve places are blank for newer countries. Holes are covered with a sliding strip of plastic so they won't fall out. An album with all holes blank is also made so you can make up your own set. Foreign coins can be made into a collection depicting animals, birds, boats, fish, flowers, trees, kings, queens, fruit or several other items.

Foreign coins can be bought cheaply in bulk from dealers or obtained from friends and relatives to fill many holes in the albums. Extras can be used for trading. Specific coins can be ordered separately from dealers and most countries have a small value coin which isn't expensive.

It is an advantage to have a catalogue for looking up countries and coins. One by Mr. Yeoman is the most popular. It gives you very interesting information about each country along with the value of their coins. This will also help you with your geography as you find the countries on the map. Many African countries now have new names which you will also learn. Different languages appear on many coins.

Whatever field you select - Canadian, American or Foreign - you are sure to have many hours of enjoyment. We hope to have you with us for a long time.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are proposed coin club annual shows and banquets. Please check to see if they conflict with YOUR club's forthcoming show.

- Oct. 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Westminster United Church Hall, Queenston St., St. Catharines. Details re bourse tables, contact E. Victor Snell, 6 Rosemount Avenue, St. Catharines. Speaker-John McKay-Clements.
- Oct. 18 - Brantford Numismatic Society Exhibition and Banquet to commemorate their 10th anniversary. Guest speaker is Major Sheldon Carroll.
- Oct. 24 - Nickel Belt Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet at the President Motor Hotel. Further details from the Secretary, Mrs. W. Campbell, P.O. Box 593, Sudbury, Ontario.
- Oct. 24 - Kingston Coin Club annual show and banquet at the hockey Hall of Fame. Details re bourse tables contact Allan Rickey, President, P.O. Box 99, Bath, Ontario.
- Oct. 24 &  
25 Windsor Coin Club Sixth Annual Coin Show at the Norton Palmer Hotel in Windsor. Information regarding exhibits contact Mr. Charles Bick, P.O. Box 204, Sandwich P.O., Windsor and re bourse tables, Mr. Ken Annett, P.O. Box 204, Sandwich P.O., Windsor 10, Ont.
- Oct. 25 - Tillsonburg Coin Club 8th Annual Fall Show in the Orange Hall, Brock St., East, Tillsonburg, Ontario. Contact Chas. B. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg, Ont. re bourse tables and exhibits.

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- Mar. 27 -  
28 Waterloo Coin Society twelfth Annual Coin Show and Banquet to be held in the Walper Hotel, Kitchener, Ontario. For details re bourse and exhibits write to P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Apr. 24 &  
25 Ontario Numismatic Association Ninth Annual Convention to be hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club and held at the President Motor Hotel, Elm Street, Sudbury, Ontario. All Clubs please keep this date clear. Complete details next month.

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DAP OR KO

Dap and Ko are the two monetary systems of Rossel Island.

Dap money consists of single pieces of triangular shaped shells which are made from molluses and then highly polished. However Ko money is represented by a string of ten uniformly shaped but perforated clam shells.

Ko money cannot be used as individual shells and are only recognized in transactions when in strings of ten. The shells used as dap money, however, may be used both individually or together.

(Cpurtesy of London Numismatic Society)

COINS AND COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS OF ISRAEL

Today, coins of Israel are among the most discussed and collected in the foreign field. There are many factors which have brought it to its present day prominence: beauty, adventure and a link to the ancient gives these new coins an appeal to collectors of every background.

Let us take a closer look at the situation. During the first ten years or so of the existence of Israel, the coins were collected principally by Jewish people. Today the picture has changed completely, and the coins are collected universally and are at the top of the list in popularity.

Regional Israeli coin groups have been formed throughout North America. Many are highly successful, especially in the Los Angeles area, where the birth of Israel coin clubs took place. Members of these clubs are of all faiths and ethnic groups. They consist of people interested in coins of the Holy Land.

It is only in recent years that the Israel Government has been catering to the hobby collector. Israel Government Coin and Medals Corporation has obtained advice from numismatists of their own country to assist in producing items which would appeal not only to the Israel collector, but those throughout the world.

The coins are known for their beauty, commemoration of events and historical significance. Many, are clearly influenced in design by ancient Biblical coins. The most important series in many opinions is the commemoration coins of Israel. This series has been extremely popular during the past few years and has attracted a number of collectors.

The 10th Anniversary of Independence was the first commemorative coin issued in 1958. Since then a coin in the Independence series has been issued each year to date, usually in the five pound denomination and in .900 fine silver. In 1968, a 10 pound silver in .900 fine silver was issued. There is also the Chanuka series issued from 1958 to 1963 and the Purim series issued in 1961 and 1962. In 1967 a Victory Commemorative ten pound piece in .935 fine silver was minted.

The 1961 Bar Mitzvah coins have been used for gifts. In many cases, they have been taken off the numismatic market to become personal or family heirlooms. The Bar Mitzvah coin was issued in 1958 to commemorate the 13th Anniversary of Israel's independence. One of the more recent issues is the Pidyon Haben coin issued by the Bank of Israel especially for the ceremony of Redemption of the First Born, which goes back to Biblical times.

The precept of redemption of the First Born, by which the father redeems his first-born son with five shekels, thus releasing him from the priesthood to which all first born sons are dedicated, was given to the Israelites when they were still wandering in the desert and the tradition is still observed today. The Pidyon Haben coin is silver .900 fine with a legal tender value of ten pounds and weighs 26 grams. The reverse has a quotation in Hebrew letters - "All of the first born of thy sons thou shalt redeem".

The coin will be issued each year with a new date showing on the obverse and they will not only serve for ceremonial purposes, but become part of many coin collections.



AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

The September meeting took the form of a joint affair with the Hobby Show sponsored by the Wentworth Curling Club and was held at the Club. Club members had exhibits of coins along with the Hobbies and it was an enjoyable time.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION -

The Club celebrated their Tenth Anniversary at the September meeting and special items were featured. A trophy for Best of Show was presented to the club by Norm Howcroft and this is to be retained by the winner for one year. Refreshments and auction were enjoyed by all.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting a report of the C.N.A. Convention in Halifax was given by Alan Macnab which he enjoyed very much. The O.N.A. Audio Visual "Wampum to Decimal Coins in Canada" (Part 1) by Lloyd T. Smith was enjoyed by all.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The highlight of the last meeting was a talk by Past President Bill Clarke on "Coins of British India". Bill also had two cases of his own coins on display to make his talk more interesting.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY -

The last meeting featured a talk by Harry Eisenhower on "The History of Canadian Paper Money" and also the christening of a new tape recorder, screen and projector with the O.N.A. film "Trade Tokens of the Yukon". The only thing was it was found that the screen was too small so must be exchanged.

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ANY COMMENTS?

I note recently from two different sources (one-Don Thomas of C.S.A.N. and Frank Rose of Coin World) an editorial comment re the dire need of some sort of governing body to mediate on behalf of dealers and collectors alike - the dealers do not feel they have the time required to promote a working committee -(at least I'M led to believe this from various comments) - so one is left up in the air and for want of a little effort a situation exists which to say the least is not a healthy one - I mean, of course, the "Bad Apples" in the Collectors and Dealers barrels. Surely the O.N.A., C.N.A. and the Dealers professional association can form a committee of men or women who have the interests of our hobby at heart and who will give of their time to settle disputes which arise - as Frank puts it so pointedly and I quote, "Dealers, Collectors and Executive members of our National (and I add "Provincial") numismatic organizations should and must consider it their duty to put together an organization adequately represented by the three groups- men and women who would not take sides because of (personal)likes or dislikes". Frank has pinpointed a real problem and effectively pointed to organizations such as O.N.A. and C.N.A. to take the lead. Will some well-meaning and serious-minded collector offer to set up such a committee? I recommend we do this ourselves before the "Apple Barrel" becomes too badly contaminated. There is a real need. Is there somewhere a real man or woman to start the ball rolling?

Ye Ed.

THE SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT

THE SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT, sponsored by the O.N.A., is a free service available to ALL numismatic societies in the Province of Ontario. Instigated late in 1960 by Mr. Rod. R. Rekofski of Kitchener, and subsequently organized by him, it began operations officially 11 March 1961 at the 2nd Annual Banquet of its first sponsor, the Waterloo Coin Society.

It is now our intention to completely revise the Speakers' circuit and update it to include all the information shown on this attached application form. We further wish to list all speakers even if they only speak at local clubs. By doing this all numismatists will know what speakers are available and make an effort to circulate to other clubs so they may hear these speakers.

A specially engraved uniface medal with the speaker's name and the year awarded will be presented by the O.N.A. to each speaker after three talks have been delivered by that person.

All requests for speakers will be forwarded to Mr. Ken Prophet at C.F.M.S.S., CFB Borden, Borden, Ontario who will forward the request to the speaker involved. All matters pertaining to the engagement will then be handled directly between the requesting club and the speaker involved. A report will be sent to Ken following the talk. (Format of this report to be forwarded at a later date.)

In order that a system may be set up ALL clubs are requested to advise Ken of the names of Guest Speakers utilised during 1969. It is hoped that all interested numismatists will also complete the attached form as well so that a current Brochure may be compiled.

All Clubs are cautioned that they should always be prepared especially during winter months to have a stand-in programme prepared should a speaker be held up by foul weather or other problems. Any speaker that cannot keep an engagement is expected to give the host club as much advance notification as is possible.

There is no doubt that clubs and their members will greatly benefit from the lectures as the speakers are authorities in their field; and there is an open welcome to any persons wishing to offer numismatics their services through this self-rewarding medium.

The speakers' circuit was first handed over to the O.N.A. to become one of its many programmes actively serving numismatists throughout Ontario at its founding convention which was in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Banquet of the Waterloo Coin Society in Kitchener March 24 and 25, 1962.

Any problems encountered with this Service are to be directed immediately to Ken. Prophet.

(See Form on following page)

SPEAKERS' CIRCUIT FORM

Mr. Ken Prophet,  
C.F.M.S.S.  
CFB Borden,  
BORDEN, Ontario

Dear Ken:

I would like to submit my application as a Speaker for the O.N.A. Speakers' Circuit.

The following information is forwarded for inclusion in your Speakers' Circuit Brochure:

- (a) The title of my talke is.....
- (b) A brief outline of this talk is as follows:  
(If more than one talk please supply outline on reverse)  
.....;  
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- (c) I am prepared to travel a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ miles (one way) on a week night.
- (d) I could travel \_\_\_\_\_ miles (one way) on a weekend,
- (e) My talk would last for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes and I would require the following aids:
  - 1. Tape recorder.
  - 2. Movie projector and screen.
  - 3. Slide projector and screen.
  - 4. Other equipment (specify).
- (f) I will not charge a specific fee but would expect my transportation expenses to be paid for by the host club. If overnight accommodation is required I would expect the host club to arrange this accommodation at their expense.
- (g) In order that I could properly plan for this engagement I would require at least \_\_\_\_\_ weeks advance notice.
- (h) At the present time I am a member in good standing in the following Numismatic organizations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (i) My home address is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and my phone number is \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I will receive requests from you when my services are required but that after receiving the request I will deal directly with the club concerned.

Should I have any problems concerning my association with the O.N.A. Speakers' Circuit I will direct them to you for corrective action.

Yours truly,

Signature  
(Name Printed)

THIS 'N THAT -

By gollies 'tis Fall again already--Do you notice the nip in the air these mornings -- As the old timer used to say years ago "Makes you wonder where your summer wages went to" -- Speaking of Fall - I note most clubs are back in business after the long hot summer - we wish you all well with increased membership and attendances -- The C.N.E. is over after another successful run -- Our O.N.A. exhibit proved a success, thanks to the combined efforts of Albert Fuller, Ricky Morse, Mel Fiske and all who contributed of their time, their exhibits and travelling 200 - 300 miles just to "show", made this one of our better years -- exhibits were excellent-- I hear over 1,000 C.N.E. medals were sold -- all in all a darn good show -- congrats, Albert, for a job well done -- May I say here how much I have appreciated the answers to my request for articles for our junior members -- so far I've received three articles with two more to come -- Thanks to our contributors, we can keep Juniors Corner open until January -- Now the adults have come through, how about some of you juniors 'making with the pen'?-- We interject here with a note of sympathy to Howard Whitfield, who recently had a bereavement in the family -- I note many of our member clubs are planning their 1971 shows -- this is good -- it does enable other clubs to set their show dates without clashes -- I see Oct. 24-25<sup>th</sup> the weekend has three shows on -- It is fortunate that none are too close, but it does make it tough on the dealers who like to cover as many shows as possible -- None of the clubs seem to like the idea of combined shows - I wonder why? -- This does seem an ideal way to reach larger areas with plenty of help from member or participating clubs and at least cut down on the number of conflicting dates -- Have any of our readers any ideas?--The O.N.A. brought this subject up at the 1970 Convention but nothing too exciting has happened so far -- How about some prodding from our members who are in agreement or not, as the case may be -- I leave you with this thought in mind, "The saddest words of tongue or pen - My vacation-it's already been".

So long for now  
Ye Ed

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NEW MEMBERS

The list of new members published in the September Bulletin have now been accepted into full membership.