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## THE SHORELINE

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## DEC. 16TH. PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL & PANDORA'S BOX WITH A ADDED

#### **BONUS**

Five (5) 1oz Silver Maple Leafs Coins Approx. \$100 Value

Doors Open at 7:00

**Everyone Welcome** 

Next Coin Show Jan. 31st (Sat.) See back page for more info.



## THE ROYAL CANADIAN MINT ISSUES 3 COINS TO COMMEMORATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA IN 1939.

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# THE NORTH SHORE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

WE ARE A NON-PROFIT SOCIETY WORKING FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NUMISMATICA AT ALL LEVELS

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Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at:

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Show & Tell
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#### Presidents Message: Lynn Balmer

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank our executive and all the members who have helped at club meetings and events this year. You have made this a successful year on many fronts.

We have secured a new show venue starting in January, we have a had a surge in meeting attendance and have translated that into new members. Thanks to all.

I am pleased to announce that your executive has decided to share a good portion of this year's success with the community. We have agreed to donate \$500 each to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank and Children's Hospital. These are 2 local charities that are close to the hearts of a many of us, and we feel that they deserve our support.

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for 2015. I hope you can join us on December 16th for our year end party.

Lynn Balmer

#### **Editor's Notes - Gene Simms**

Another year is drawing to a close, and a busy and successful one it was. Thanks to all of you who took time to participate in this great club of ours. An active membership and a strong executive is the only winning combination that works. I'm looking forward to 2015 and the move to the new location at the Nikkei Centre. Remember: January 31st is the first show at the Centre so don't forget to spread the word. Tell everyone you meet. Word of mouth is still the best advertising. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

#### **Program: December 16th:**

This is our year end Christmas Social and Pandora's Box Draw meeting. There will be the usual auction and door prize draws along with food and refreshments.

You can participate by bringing some finger foods to share.

Friends and family are welcome.

If you would like participate in the Pandora's Box Draw, please note that you must be a <u>paid-up member</u> of the club. If you are new and wanting to join the club (upon approval) and participate in the draw, the dues are \$15 payable at the meeting for the 2015 calendar year.

To participate, you should bring a wrapped <u>numismatic</u> gift worth \$15 or more or buy a pre-wrapped gift for \$15, available at the meeting. The gift is placed in Pandora's Box and, in return, you will receive a numbered ticket. (Husband and wife memberships only need to bring/buy one gift and are entitled to only one ticket). Numbers will be drawn randomly and if your number is drawn, you will be <u>eliminated</u> from winning the contents of the Box. The holder of the last un-drawn ticket (the last person standing) wins everything in the Box.

For the first time the Club will be making a contribution to the Pandora's Box Draw of Five (5) loz Silver Maple Leafs Coins worth a total of approx. \$100. Five more reasons to come join us for this fun evening.

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### **Hi-lights of the Dec. 2nd NSNS Executive Meeting Minutes:**

There was no executive meeting in October or in November.

#### **Next Executive Meeting Dates:**

To be held at the Burnaby Library.

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 - Monday, February 2, 2015

Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Everyone is Welcome.

#### **NSNS Members Present:**

Mike Souza, Gene Simms, Lynn Balmer, Tom Deeth, Gordon Smith, Bob Gildert, Stan Chin, Sam Leung, Al Tebworth, and Owen Wright.

Regrets: None

**Chairman:** Mike Souza

#### **Christmas Social / Party:**

A Discussion was held on what foods everyone would contribute to the Christmas Social. So far we have commitments for the following: sausage rolls, naniamo bars, dips and veggies, mince meat tarts, shortbread, the ever popular potato chips and assorted pop.

Reminder that everyone is welcome to bring finger food to share with there fellow members. Try to make it something that isn't already listed above. All foods should be cooked and ready to eat as there is no way to heat anything at the meeting. Cups, plates and utensils will be provided by the club.

#### **Future Executive Meetings:**

Because our club runs very smoothly, with few if any major issues (We've been doing this a long time), the question of the necessity for a Executive meeting every month was tabled by Mike Souza, and after some discussion it was suggested that we only meet on the months that we have a show. However, because January 31st is the first show at the Nikkei Centre, we will have a pre-show meeting, and a post show meeting in February to dissect the show, while everything is still fresh in our minds and make any improvements necessary. February is also our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and elections. On that basis, Mike will book the meeting room for both January and February.

#### **Executive Positions up for Election:**

The following positions currently held by the individuals listed are up for election in February:

-President - Lynn Balmer

-2nd VP - Gene Simms

-Directors - Stan Chin, Gord Smith and Sam Leung, plus two vacancies.

All incumbents have agreed to run again for their positions and we will try to recruit two additional members to fill the Director vacancies. If you are interested in filling one of these positions put your name forward at the next meeting.

It has been decided that we will not continue having a raffle draw at the show. The raffle prizes at the two-day shows cost us over \$200 and we were only selling \$150 worth of tickets, so we were not even recovering our costs.

#### **Show Admission:**

After many years of being one of the last clubs not charging show admission it was decided that with the move to a new location, and cutting back to a one day show, plus the high cost of putting on a show, it is necessary to implement a \$2 admission charge. Still a small price to pay for a few hours of enjoyment.

#### **Putting Dealer Ads on our Website:**

Mike said that one of dealers at our recent November show, had suggested that we consider putting dealer ads on our website. From his experience, he had made some sales before the show even started, from customers that contacted him prior to the show.

It was agreed that when dealers send in their bourse payment, they also send us a business card. The business card would be listed on our website with hyperlinks to enable visitors to contact the dealer before the show. We will let you know more when we finalize the details.

#### **Club Library:**

Mike S. brought up the issue of the club library, and what to do with it. It's been sitting around his house for the last four years and no one has ever asked for a book. Like most things in this electronic age, almost everything we need is available online, and with much easier access. Mike S. will send the inventory list to the membership and executives to see if anyone wants any books. Most of the books are outdated and have little value other than as reference material.

#### **Club Donations:**

It was suggested that the club donate any money to the Food Bank and Children's Hospital.

This year, the club earned a net of \$4,300 from the

shows. After some discussion, a motion was made that the club donate \$500 to the Food Bank and another \$500 to the Children's Hospital. The motion to donate was unanimous. Has they say, "the cheque's in the mail."

Sam asked if a club donation to Pandora's Box had ever been considered. It was never done in the past and after discussing it, the club decided the idea was good one. It was suggested, either a 1/10 oz gold maple leaf or 5 silver maple leafs. Each with a value of between \$100 and \$125 were suggested. A vote was taken and six of the ten members preferred the 5 Silver Maple Leafs.

Make an effort to attend the Christmas social for your chance to win this great prize.

#### **BC Numismatica** Collection:

Most of you may not know that the club has a BC Numismatica Collection. It has not seen the light of day for a number of years, until recently. After considerable effort on the part of Mike Souza, the collection been catalogued and will be put on display at future shows.

Gene has taken up the task of putting together several displays of the numismatica for this purpose.

Donations to the collection are always welcome.

The Collection has a number of duplicates that may be offered for sale down the road via the Shoreline. We will keep you posted.

Best Wishes For

A Very Merry Christmas

&

A Safe And

Happy New Year

From

Your Glub Executive

### Government to issue special bank note in 2017 to mark 150 years of Confederation

By The Canadian Press | The Canadian Press – Fri, 5 Dec, 2014

OTTAWA - The Bank of Canada will print a special bank note to mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017 — but it will be up to Canadians to say what it will look like.

The bank is urging members of the public to propose design ideas for the note, which will be released before Canada Day in 2017.

The bank has set up a special web page where people can offer their ideas at http://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/new-bank-note-canadas-150th.

The survey will run until Jan. 8.

Details on the denomination, the number of notes to be circulated and how they can be obtained are to be released later.

Canada has only issued two other commemorative bank notes.

A special \$25 bill marked the silver jubilee of King George V in 1935, and in 1967 a \$1 bill was issued with no serial number, just the stylized Maple Leaf that was the Centennial symbol.

The Centennial also saw the minting of commemorative coins with designs by artist Alex Colville.

The coins included a penny with a dove on the back, a nickel with a rabbit and a quarter with a bobcat.

Finance Minister Joe Oliver says he welcomes the idea of a special note for 2017.

"Canada's current bank notes are not only innovative and secure, but are also important cultural touchstones that reflect and celebrate the Canadian experience," he said in a statement.

"I am sure this new commemorative note will capture what makes us all proud Canadians."

Note to readers: This is a corrected story. An earlier version had the wrong date for the King George V jubilee.



Close-up from Figure 1 of Victoria by Hollyer

#### Origin of Bank Note Vignettes XVII Queen Victoria

Walter D. Allan FCNRS

A favourite portrait of 19th century engravers was

Queen Victoria. She was engraved in numerous costumes and poses for use on stamps, banknotes, and for book illustrations, especially for countries of the British Empire and The United States of America. Her portrait appears on many bank notes of Canada. One unique engraving can be seen on the \$2 and \$10 notes of the Bank of Upper Canada, green issues of 1859. This portrait was painted by a Mr. J Champagne. Information about this artist has not been found. The painting was engraved by Mr. S Hollyer. He was born in England in 1826 and later became a pupil, to learn engraving, of the Findons of London. They were publishers of many books illustrated with numerous engravings. He went to the United States in 1851. Some of his better engraved plates were "Charles Dickens in his Study" and "The Gleaner". The engraving by Hollyer shows a young Victoria, probably about the time of her coronation, standing by a balcony looking out over the countryside. (figure 1 & back cover)

Alexandrina Victoria was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 1819, daughter of Edward, Duke of Kent, the fourth son of King George III, and his wife Victoria Maria Louisa of Saxe-Coburg, Dutchess of Kent. Victoria became Queen



Figure 2. Die proof engraving of Victoria By Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson NY.

on June 20,1837, on the death of her Uncle King William IV, and was crowned in Westminster Abbey on June 28th, 1837. She married her cousin Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg on Feb, 10<sup>th</sup>, 1840. This union produced nine children. Prince Albert died in 1861 leaving a griefstricken Queen. She ruled for another 40 years and passed away in 1901, ninety-nine years ago. The engraving by Hollyer was done about 1857 and was published in a book "Women of Beauty and Heroism from Semiramis to Eugenie. A Portrait Gallery of Female Lovliness ,Achievement and Influence". It was by Frank B Goodrich, published by Derby & Jackson in New York in 1859. The bank note engraving was executed for Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, NY. as seen on this die proof engraving. (Figure 2) It was quickly selected by either the Bank or Bank Note Co to be used on the new issue \$2 and \$10 notes of 1859 and subsequent Toronto issue of 1861. The engraving can be found on the bottom left corner of the notes. (figures 3 & 4). With careful examination, the name "Victoria" can be found beneath the engraving while a Royal crown rests above it. (figure 5) The notes have the dual imprint of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York (RWH&E) and American Bank Note Company. The plates were ordered from RWH&E in March of 1858. The plates were

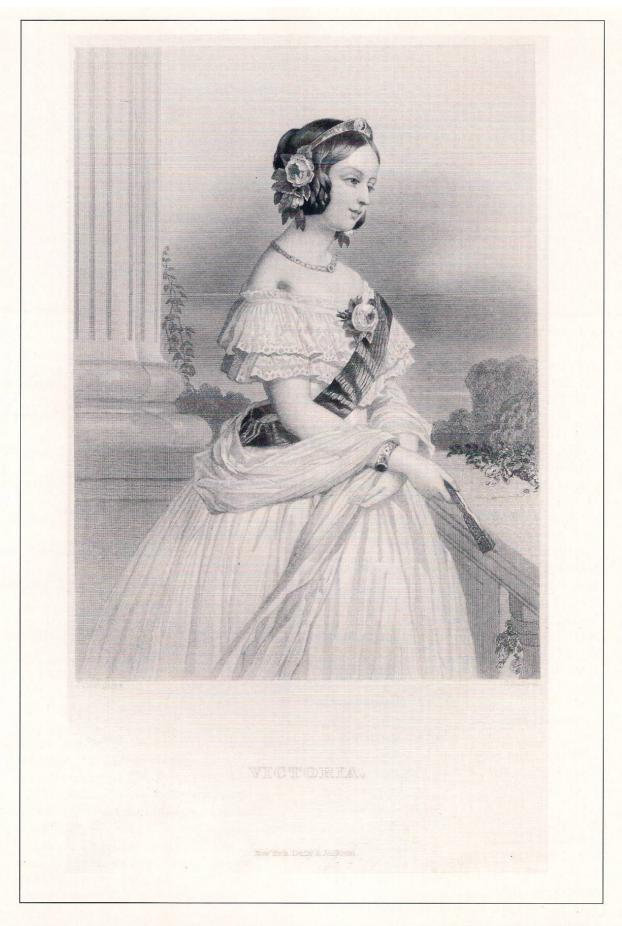


Figure 1, Engraved Plate from "Women of beauty and heroism etc." Derby & Jackson NY 1859. W. D. Allan Coll'n.

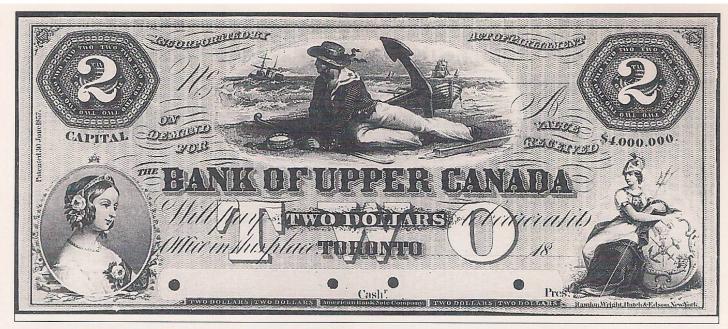


Figure 3. Bank of Upper Canada \$2 with Victoria Portrait at left.

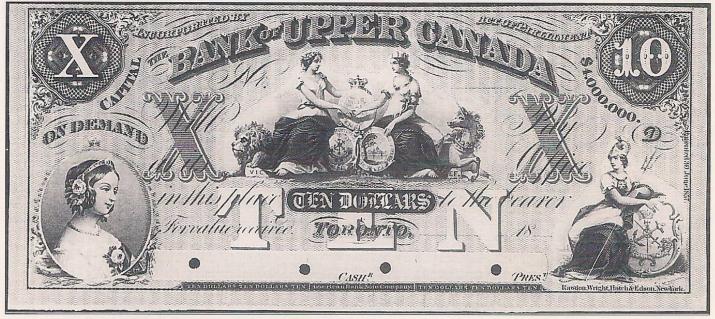


Figure 4. Bank of Upper Canada \$10 with Victoria Portrait at left.



completed just after the formation of the American Bank Note Co., so they bear the duel imprints of RWH&E and ABN. The first printing of the notes was done in January 1859.

We then have another source for a bank-note engraving. Please forward any additional information about the painting or its use on bank notes to the author.

#### References:

1. Fielding; Dictionary of American painters, sculpture & engravers, 1974 ed. P173. Modern Books & Crafts, Green Farms Conn, USA.

■ Left, Figure 5. Close-up of Victoria Portrait on \$2 & \$10

#### 3 CANADIAN COINS ISSUED FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ROYAL VISIT





2014 \$25 Face Ultra High Relief 99.99% Fine Silver Mintage: 6,000 Weight (g): 30.76

Diameter (mm): 36



2014 \$200 Face Ultra High Relief 99.999% Gold Coin Mintage: 500 Weight (g): 33.17

Diameter (mm): 30



History was made when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Canada in 1939. It was the first time a reigning monarch had ever traveled to North America, and for a young nation eager to flex its muscles of independence, the royal tour provided the perfect opportunity. Eight years earlier, a number of colonies had gained full sovereignty from British rule under the Statute of Westminster; for Canada, the Royal Tour would breathe life into that legal document in a real and dramatic way.

The royal tour was more than two years in the making; a grand, 29-day voyage across Canada from east to west and back again—almost 14,000 kilometres by rail. The royal train featured the best carriages that Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railway had to offer, with two specially fitted convertible McLaughlin-Buicks on board to tour the royal couple in cities and towns along the way.

The King and Queen arrived in the city of Québec aboard *HMY Empress of Australia* on May 17, 1939. Huge crowds of adoring well-wishers waited to greet them; a scene that was repeated again and again as the royal train made its way from the city of Québec to Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Port Arthur (Thunder Bay), Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver where the King and Queen where ferried to Victoria escorted by naval ships and air force.

The return trip followed a more northerly route through Jasper and Edmonton. Every village and town greeted the King and Queen with the same enthusiasm that had welcomed them in the city of Québec. At Niagara Falls, the royal train made a detour to the United States before returning to Canada near Montreal. From there, it traveled through Quebec's Eastern Townships, up the St. Lawrence River to St. John and Charlottetown. In Halifax, the King and Queen gave their farewell radio ad-

dress, but this would not be their final function. After leaving port on June 15<sup>th</sup> aboard *RMS Empress of Britain*, the Royals visited Newfoundland, their final stop in the historic royal tour that will forever reign as a turning point in Canada's evolution into a mature and sovereign nation.



Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on board the Royal Train, visiting Hope, British Columbia, May 31, 1939.

In 1985, during a tour of Canada, Queen Elizabeth, by then the Queen Mother, stated in a speech: "It is now some 46 years since I first came to this country with the King, in those anxious days shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War. I shall always look back upon that visit with feelings of affection and happiness. I think I lost my heart to Canada and Canadians, and my feelings have not changed with the passage of time.

#### Canada: 1939 Royal Visit Dollar

The Royal visit was so important to Canada and its citizens the occasion was marked by issuing a special one year circulating commemorative silver dollar.





.800 silver, 23.33g, 36 mm, reeded edge, mintage 1,363.816

The obverse, designed by T.H. Paget, features the bust of monarch George VI of Great Britain facing left. Just below the bottom of the bust are the designers initials "HP". On the outer periphery are the latin words "GEORGIVS VI D:G:REX ET IND:IMP:".

The reverse, designed by Emanuel Hahn, features the Canadian Parliament Building, located in Ottawa. Above the design on the outer periphery is the latin phrase "FIDE SVORVM REGNAT" or "He Reigns by the Faith of His People". Below the design is the inscription "CANADA", year of issue, and the denomination "DOLLAR".

#### A lost voyageur, a found loon

Robert-Ralph Carmichael painting can cost in the neighbourhood of \$15,000. But, for a buck, you can get his most widely produced piece of art. Fish around in your pocket; when you find a loonie, squint, and you'll see the initials RRC under the tip of the beak. That's Carmichael.

In 1986, wildlife artist Carmichael was feeling the heat from the Royal Canadian Mint. The Mint wanted a finished coin design, and it wanted it now, not in the usual 9 to 12 months it typically takes to work up a final coin design. The pressure had nothing to do with Carmichael but with what might have been a crime and now remains an enduring mystery.

On Nov. 3, 1986, an official at the Mint's Ottawa headquarters packaged the dies of the new one-dollar coin, designed to replace the one-dollar banknote. These carefully prepared pieces of metal would allow the striking of Canada's newest circulation coin. The design featured the image of a canoe with two paddlers, an island and furs, the same image used on the Voyageur silver dollar that was released in 1935.



The dies were destined for Winnipeg, where the new circulation coins were to be produced. Perhaps to save money, the package was not sent using a high-security courier company. And, breaking the Mint's own rules, both dies were shipped together.

You guessed it: the box never arrived in Winnipeg. To avoid the risk of counterfeit coins being made, the government decided to scrap the Voyageur design. Just before Christmas 1986, Carmichael got a call from a Mint official, saying a design he had submitted in 1976 was being pressed into service.

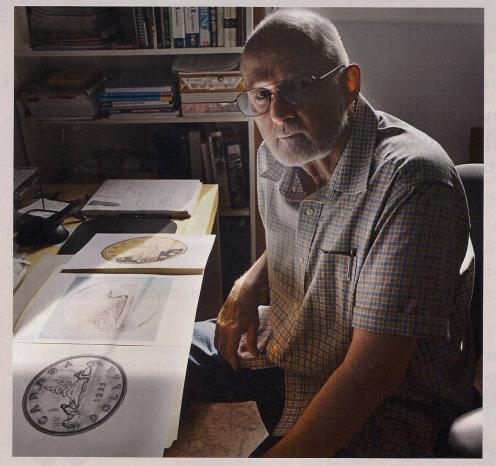
"The original loon concept got second place years earlier," says Carmichael, now 74 and living in Echo Bay, near Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. "The theme was Canadian unity, and I had sent them an Arctic loon and a tundra island with no trees. When they wanted it for the new dollar, I changed it to the common

loon, because it's better represented across Canada. I also added stylized trees. Since most older coins were from the time of the Group of Seven, I tried to incorporate that feel into the trees on my island."

Carmichael, who was paid \$6,000 for his work, recalls borrowing a stuffed loon from a wildlife museum to ensure that his design was accurate. From his light-filled workshop, hewn from the trees, water and rock of the Canadian Shield, he fingers an original 1987 loonie and ponders its significance. "To my mind," he says, "the bird was chosen as symbolic of something we might lose if we're not careful."

— B.R.

Carmichael drew inspiration from the wilds near Sault Ste. Marie, the Group of Seven and a stuffed loon.



Canadian Geographic December 2011

#### **FAMOUS COIN COLLECTORS:**

Coin collecting may be a popular hobby drawing millions of people worldwide to this alluring pastime. But have you ever wondered which famous people are coin collectors? You might be surprised to learn what well-known figures you share coin collecting with.



#### **Buddy Ebsen**

The actor who played Jed Clampett on The Beverly Hillbillies and appeared in numerous films was a coin collector who loved the hobby and respected the history behind each of the coins he owned. Buddy Ebsen, talking about one of his old, heavy gold coins, said "I associate a story with each one of these nicks [on the coin]... So I enjoy this coin, even the heft of the coin."

#### **December Door Prizes**

Canada 1980 Double Dollar Set \$26

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Canada 1972 Silver Dollar in Box \$15

French Indo-China 1936 50-Cents Silver \$16

Canada 1971 Specimen Set \$10

India Travencore State 4 Cash \$10

Canada 1940 50 Cents \$6

**Sarawak 1 Cent 1885 \$5** 

Thiessen-Crow \$2 EBX 3280324 & 3280325 Banknotes - UNC \$12

## DEC. 16th, 2014 NSNS AUCTION

To facilitate paying for your successful bids, please bring small bills (\$5s or \$10s) or coins. We only have a limited amount of cash on hand to make change.

- 1- Canada 2000 Proof silver Voltigeurs 5c Est. \$10 Res. \$5
- 2- Canada 2000 \$2 Error Off Centre MS-63 Est. \$15 Res. \$8
- 3- Guyana Proof \$1 1970 Est. \$7 Res. \$4
- 4- Canada 2000 Proof Silver \$2 Est. \$25 res. \$18
- 5- Turks & Caicos Crown 1969 Proof Est. \$7 Res. \$4
- 6- USA \$1 Proof 1983 Est. \$25 Res. \$18
- 7- Yugoslavia 100 Dinars 1983 Olympic Proof Silver Est. \$20 Res. \$12
- 8- Australia 1966 Decimal Set UNC Est. \$20 Res. \$10
- 9- Fiji 1969 Specimen Set Est. \$7 Res. \$4
- 10- New Zealand 1965 Last L.S.D. Set Est. \$7 Res. \$4
- 11- Uganda 1966 Unc Set Est. \$15 Res. \$8
- 12- New Zealand 1967 First Decimal Specimen set Est. \$5 Res. \$3
- 13- Canada \$1 1973 14 Consec. BC-46b Est. \$42 Res. \$30
- 14- Bhutan 1979 Proof Set Est. \$20 Res. \$14
- 15- Canada 1996 Proof \$2 Piedfort & Bank Note Set Est. \$80 Res. \$60

If you wish to place a item or items in the auction and have your entry appear in the Shoreline email Lynn Balmer at balmoralnu@shaw.ca

Floor submission items can be submitted by members at the meeting.

All submissions FREE of charge.

Keep the Auction interesting - Bring Your floor submissions.

The auction is a good way to clear out some of those extras that accumulate.

#### **QUOTE:**

"Coin collecting is the only hobby where you can spend all your money and still have some left." (unattributed)

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