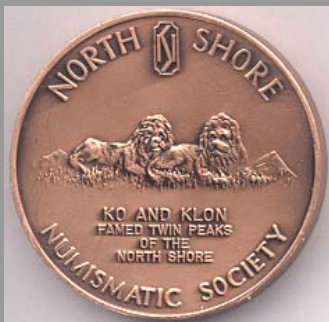


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President's Message

Owen Wright

Fellow Members,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Summer and were not too stressed by the heat of July.

Your executive has been busy in the two months with the planning and details of the September coin show at Oakridge **Sept.12th and 13th**. All of the tables have been sold and we are having a rare appearance of Calgary Coin, a seller of ancient Greek and Roman coins, an area of interest to me.

This years show have an emphasis on younger collectors with handouts of material and coins to them on arrival.

A reminder of the times; 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Sunday.

We still have need of volunteers to setup and take down the tables and chairs, so if you can lend a hand, please let us know.

It has been relatively a slow season for auctions, etc, but now with most people back from holidays, thing are picking up. CNG's auction was on 2nd Sept., European auctions in Germany and Belgium are also in September and, of course, our own show. I've noticed a softening of the prices realized on auctions in the Spring so hopefully, this will continue into the Fall. Always great to pick up some coins at a reasonable price (speaking as a collector)

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the show and at our September meeting.

Owen Wright

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The Program for Sept. To Be Announced

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Double Congratulations go out to our good friend and fellow club member, **Thomas Deeth** who celebrated both his **73rd birthday** and **46th Anniversary** in Aug.

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My 2 Cents Worth

Editor - Gene Simms



I can't believe that two months have flown by so quickly, it seems like only yesterday I sent out the last Shoreline.

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to our regular third Thursday meetings and the upcoming show at Oakridge.

I was fortunate over the summer to be able to take a couple of day trips from our campsite near Tacoma and attend two coin shows in Washington State. The first show was put on by the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club (TLCC) at the King Oscar Convention Center, Tacoma, and the second in Vancouver, Washington. This one was put on by the Northwest Token & Medal Society and our friend and fellow club member Del Cushing. Both shows were very similar to our own Oakridge show in size and style. The Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club Show focused mainly on U.S. Coins & Paper which I don't have a big interest in, but I did enjoy looking around at items I don't normally get to see. I did manage to purchase a couple items of numismatic material for my camp-fire reading enjoyment. The Northwest Token & Medal Society Show as the name implies was a show filled with hundreds of items of great interest that I would love to have acquired, Hard Times Tokens, Slave Tags, Civil War - Store Cards, Depression Scrip, Advertising Notes, Elongated & Encased Coins the list was endless. Needless to say I enjoyed my few hours there and had to settle myself on the few choice items my holiday budget would allow. We look forward to those of you who were also lucky enough to acquire numismatic treasures over the summer and that you are planning to share them with us at the next Show & Tell.

The June Meeting In Review:

Chairperson: Lynn Balmer - Auctioneer: Gene Simms

The Program for the June meeting, the last before our summer break was a relaxed Pizza & Bourse evening with the club supplying the food and refreshments. A thank-you to Lynn Balmer who arranged the delivery of the excellent pizza we all enjoyed.

Lucky Door Prize Winners: David Robertson (2), Ron Richardson (2), Michael Robertson & Gene Simms for one each. **Penny Guess: Alex Carmel** with a guess of 330. The actual count was 333.

The Program for the Sept Meeting: Is unavailable at this time.

Because of the tight time frame between our next executive meeting and the upcoming coin show - plus the fact that I'm on holidays for eight days, starting Aug 28th I felt it important to get the Shoreline to you all a little early. Not just as a gentle reminder to come out and show your support for all the hours of hard work by your executive and the dealers who make these shows possible, but also to remind everyone that we hope to see you all at our first regular monthly meeting after our summer break (Thurs. Sept. 17th.).

Coins For Kids: I'm happy to report that our "Coins for Kids" program is going strong. Over the last two years we've given out over 100 "Beginner Coin Collecting Kits" to all the kids attending our shows at Oakridge, and at this year's show we will be giving out the new Coin's for Kids starter binders containing a selection of supplies such as plastic pages for both coins and bank notes, a small assortment of 2x2 holders and a few coin to fertilize the seeds we are planting for the future growth of this great hobby. Plus we will be giving each kid a special bank note, Good for \$2 off any purchase at participating dealer's tables. The notes will be redeemed by us from the dealers at the end of the show. These are just two of the ideas your club has been working on to encourage new collectors and to help keep our hobby growing. We will tell you about some of the other great things that are in the works when they are closer to fruition. If any of you have ideas or suggestions that might enhance our "Coins for Kids" program we would love to hear from you. Drop me a line at: simngenles@hotmail.com

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- 4- Canada 1938 Silver Dollar CCCS-VF-30 **Est. \$80 Res. \$65**
- 5- UK 1887 Shilling - VF-30 **Est. \$18 Res. \$12**
- 6- Lasqueti 2009 ½ oz Silver BU - **Est. \$45 Res. \$40**
- 7- Denmark 5 Kroner 1964 UNC **Est. \$15 Res. \$10**
- 8- Bahamas \$5 Silver 1973 - MS-63 **Est. \$28 Res. \$20** (1.2527 oz Silver)
- 9- 20 UK Pennies - 1901-1936 VG-VF **Est. \$15 Res. \$8**
- 10- Canada 50 cents 1991 - UNC Roll of 25 **Est. \$35 Res. \$20**
- 11- San Marino 500 Lire 1976 MS-63 **Est. \$20 Res. \$12**
- 12- Canada \$5 - 1937 BC-23b-VF **Est. \$42 Res. \$35**
- 13- Canada Devil Face \$1 - EF - BC-29b - **Est. \$55 Res. \$45**
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Lasqueti Mint Issues More Works of Art

Our friend, Mint Master Tolling Jennings and his partner Mint Engraver Ray Lipovsky over on Lasqueti Island have done it again. The issue of their stunning 2009 coins highlight their continued dedication to excellence in both craftsmanship and design that they have become famous for.

These latest works of art from the Lasqueti mint, a .999 silver 1/10 oz. coin about the size of a 10 cent piece featuring on it's reverse the now famous fishing dory design, with the finely detailed Western Starfish a creature found in profusion on most Lasqueti beaches at low tide gracing the obverse.

The second a .999 silver 1/2 oz coin with it's beautifully rendered Sand Dollar obverse and the lifelike Rufus Hummingbird reverse. This is the forth coin in the Cascadia series featuring the Hummingbird reverse.



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Token Talk...

by Duff Malkin

Old Fashioned Dominion Day Cardboard Scrip

A 1985 joint issue of the Vancouver Museum & the Bank of British Columbia.

The “Dominion Day” 50 cent and 1 dollar cardboard “tokens” were issued on July 1st, 1985 at the “Canada Day” event at the Vancouver Museum. Because it is a museum they wanted to recreate something of the spirit of past July 1sts thus the “Dominion Day” notation. In 1984 (or earlier) they had issued a wooden token with a different bank sponsoring the issue. For the 1985 issue they merely made a copy of one side of this wood and had the design of the then current sponsor, the Bank of British Columbia used on the other side.

If you are a collector of British Columbia tokens (or maybe of tokens in general) you realize that there is a curious relationship to holidays and token issues. Groups issue tokens and such on holidays and so a collector of such items is often busy going about on these holidays to whatever events one reads or hears about in hopes of finding new items of numismatic interest. Being as I was one of those people and a member of the Vancouver Historical Society that I had heard of this event. I was lucky to have acquired these tokens at the first of the two or three events that I had visited that day. I recollect that neither of the two items bought anything at the event in and of itself and that combinations had to be used for purchasing food and drink. A beer cost \$1.50, for instance. Later I returned to the museum shop and bought what they told me was the last wooden token they had in their possession and I (if I remember correctly) gave that item (to the consternation of another token collector) to the North Shore Numismatic Society to include in their British Columbia Token Collection.

The Bank of British Columbia was a creation, in 1966 in Vancouver, of William Andrew Cecil Bennett, Premier of British Columbia - who, according to Wikipedia, “wanted to end Central Canada’s absolute control over the banking industry which obliged all but the smaller loans for companies in British Columbia to receive authorization from Head Offices in either Montreal or Toronto.” In 1986 the Canadian government allowed the Hongkong Bank of Canada (HBC) to buy the Bank of BC, after it had suffered from poor management. With the purchase HBC acquired \$2.6 billion CAD in assets, a large base of stable retail deposits, and 41 branches in British Columbia and Alberta. The acquisition immediately jumped HBC’s rank amongst Canadian banks from the 20th to the 9th largest. In 1986 it had 1,410 employees and along with the offices in BC and Alberta had offices in the Cayman Islands, the United States and Hong Kong. The company was dissolved in 1993.

The “Maple Leaf and Hands” design was first registered by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office on February 2nd, 1987. It had been filed with them on April 25th, 1985 and “advertised” on March 12th, 1986. Its application number was 0540863 and its registration number was TMA323304. It was inactivated on September 20th, 2002.

The phrase “Canada’s Western Bank” has been in use as early as June 1973. The phrase was registered to B.C. Bancorp, in Vancouver on July 23rd, 1976, after having been filed on June 16th, 1976. It is now owned by the Canadian Western Bank, of Edmonton, Alberta. The “Footnotes” section of the page concerning this registration state that changes in the title occurred on April 9th, 1987 (“from/de: Bank of British Columbia to/a B.C. Bancorp” and July 14th, 1989 (“from/de B.C. Bancorp to/a Canada Western Bank”).

The Vancouver Museum, itself was originally called the Centennial Museum, having been opened in Canada’s Centennial year of 1967. The name of the museum was changed to the “Vancouver Museum” in 1981 (this being official but there are those of us who will be heard referring to it still as the “Centennial Museum”).



Old Fashion Dominion July 1 '85
The Vancouver Museum



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Canada's Western Bank
Bank of British Columbia

White Spot Flipper Coin and the Story of a BC Legend

Compiled by Gene Simms



Gordie Howe loves the roast turkey dinner, Michael J. Fox favours the Triple-O burger and Michael Bublé prefers the Spot Clam Chowder when it comes to White Spot, everyone has a favourite dish. While preferences may vary, one thing remains constant – for over 80 years White Spot has served food to millions of guests, from BC and around the world.

It began in 1929 and grew into what is arguably, the oldest successful restaurant chain in North America.

It all started with a man and his truck. The man was Nat Bailey, his truck was a 1918 Model T, which he transformed into a traveling lunch counter to serve hungry sightseers at Vancouver's Lookout Point.

One day a customer who was informed his order was ready leaned out his car window and asked, "Why don't you bring it to us?" So Nat did. He hired three energetic young men to take orders from his customers. Because these servers "hopped to it" they became known as carhops.

Nat's energy and his passion for service set the stage for the first White Spot drive-in, which he opened in 1928 on Granville Street at 67th Avenue in Vancouver. A small log cabin style drive-in with a white spot painted on its roof, serving \$0.10 hotdogs and ice cream to eager patrons. With the opening of the first dining room in 1938, White Spot became famous for its tasty chicken and beef dinners, sandwiches and freshly-baked pies. The dining room became a hub of activity, with guests lining up for hours for the great food and service. Even celebrities of the time including Bing Crosby, Jack Benny, Mary Livingstone, Robert Goulet and Mel Torme flocked to White Spot when in town for one of Vancouver's best meals.

When Canada entered World War II, girl hops replaced enlisted men at the drive-in. and since no meat could be served on Tuesdays or Fridays, Nat added cheese and fish dishes to the White Spot menu.

10,000 cars a day. 110,000 guests a week. And that was way back in 1955. White Spot was a quarter of a century old and growing fast. In the spirit of this quick pace, White Spot opened one of the largest commissaries in Western Canada.

In the sixties, the Triple "O" burger was "bigger than big" among British Columbian teenagers. A White Spot drive-in was the "in" place to congregate: kids crammed into their parents' cars for an evening cruise to the Spot. Now comprised of 10 locations,

In 1968 Nat surprised everyone when he sold White Spot Ltd. To a major Eastern conglomerate, General Foods Ltd for \$6.5 million. Perhaps it was Nat's age, 66 or the illness of his wife Eva that encouraged the sale.

The early 70's saw White Spot get a facelift. Out went the original green & red cockerel on the White Spot logo. In came an updated design of a chickens head and the opening of 9 new locations and the renovation of five others. *Continued on page 10*



Nat Bailey (inset) converted his model T truck into a traveling lunch counter and parked at Lookout Point during the early 1920's.

**HEADS - It's Steak
TAILS - It's Chicken**

1939 promotional decision making coins given out to tourists at the Canada U.S. border^[1] to promote the restaurant on Granville St.



**WHITE SPOT
DRIVE-IN-CAR-SERVICE
(front end of a pig)
VANCOUVER, B.C. CANADA**



**STEAK - CHICKEN DINNERS
(rear end of a pig)
GRANVILLE AT 67TH AVE
(30.6mm copper - 8g)**

With the opening of the first dining room in 1938, White Spot became famous for its tasty chicken and beef dinners.

It's fun to think that maybe one of the celebrities mentioned, Bing Crosby, Jack Benny or one of the others may have even flipped one of these tokens to decide "what's for dinner?"

**HEADS - It's Steak
TAILS - It's Chicken**



AROUND THE WORLD...

With Thomas Deeth

2009 Tyrolean Resistance Fighters Coin

Released May 6, 2009 by the Austrian Mint to celebrate the bicentennial of the Tyrolean uprising against Napoleon and his Bavarian allies. The coin features the likeness of Andreas Hofer, leader of the rebellion and a hero and martyr to the people of Tyrol and Austria.

Andreas Hofer was an innkeeper in the Tyrolean region of Austria. Normal for people of the region, he was proud to be Austrian. When the region was transferred to Bavaria in 1805, Hofer and his fellow Tyroleans became defiant.

With a promise of support from the Emperor of Austria, Hofer began to organize a rebellion against Bavarian control. Skirmishes with the Bavarian and French forces ensued and the rebels had several successes. Victory was short-lived however, as Napoleon defeated Austrian troops and the rebels' support was withdrawn. Not willing to give up, Hofer assumed command of the rebel forces which numbered approximately 20,000 and eventually won control of the area. He named himself Imperial Commandant of the Tyrol and ruled the area for two months.

Peace was short-lived as Tyrol was once again ceded to Bavaria on October 14, 1809. With a promise of amnesty, Hofer and his troops surrendered and returned to their homes.

A month later, Hofer tried again to overthrow the Bavarians but was unable to gather support. He retreated into the mountains and hid there. His location was betrayed for a reward and he was captured by authorities in January of 1810. Taken to Italy for trial, he was found guilty and sentenced to death. On February 20, 1810, he was executed by firing squad. His remains were eventually returned to Tyrol and his status as a hero and martyr to the local community remains today.

Obverse Design

This nine sided coin, symbolic for the nine federal provinces of Austria features their coats-of arms encircling the denomination of 5 with the inscription "Republik Österreich" and "Euro".

Reverse Design

Beside an image of Andreas Hofer is an image of Giuseppina Negrelli, a woman who also fought in the rebellion. She is featured to acknowledge the part women played in the fight. The inscriptions "Tiroler Freiheit" (Tyrol Freedom), "1809" and "2009" are also shown.



Tyrolean Resistance Fighters Coin Specifications:

Mint: Austrian Mint

Metal Content: at least 80% Silver

Weight: 10 grams

Diameter: 28.5mm

Edge: Nine-sided, Plain

Issue Date: 6 May 2009

Issue Price: 5 Euro

Mintage Limit: 250,000 Circulated

Face Value: 5 Euro

Obverse Designer: Helmut Andexlinger

Reverse Designer: Thomas Pesendorfer

<http://worldmintcoins.com/2009-austrian-mint-coins/tyrolean-resistance-fighters-coins-2009>

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As the 70's neared an end, competition in the fast food industry was cutthroat. The BC operations was still profitable, with combined sales of about \$100 million in 1981 - but General Foods was not as lucky with its US restaurant ventures, which were losing money. As a result of it's weakened position it decided to sell it's restaurant divisions in both the US and Canada, including its White Spot holdings.

After 15 years, ownership of White Spot Limited was once again in the hands of a BC resident when it was purchased in December 1982 by Peter Toigo and his company Shato Holdings Ltd.

On a rainy Friday, February 7, 1986 the original White Spot at Granville and 67th burned to the ground, taking

with it nearly 50 years of art, artifacts and memories. For months after thousands called White Spot's head office to express their sympathy at the loss. A good friend was gone and an era had come to an end.

During Expo '86, White Spot was the host restaurant at the BC Pavilion. It opened two concepts, one of which hosted visiting dignitaries such as Prince Charles and Princess Diana, the other served guests from around the world.

Around 1993 White Spot opened it's first franchise in Vernon B.C. Expands into Alberta and the same year saw the opening of the first U.S. White Spot in Bellingham.

Today, White Spot continues to develop and expand with new markets and ever changing menu items while continuing with the time-honoured favorites created by Bailey and his wife Eva, that started the legend, such as creamy clam chowder, juicy Triple O burgers, the White Spot Club sandwich and fish and chips.

The design and interior of White Spot has also kept up with the times. The original log building, which succumbed to a fire in 1986, has given way to contemporary West-Coast interior designs.

"It is a rarity for any brand to thrive for a generation, and an exceptional feat for it to prosper over 80 years."

From it's modest beginnings in 1929, the legend continues.



The original White Spot Barbecue opened in June 1928 at Granville St. and 6th. Ave.

White Spot fun facts:

Nat Bailey founded Canada's first drive-in, coining the term 'car hops' because waiters delivering food to cars 'hopped to it'.

He also invented the first car hop tray, using long cedar planks painted white. He later developed the aluminum tray that is still in use today.

Triple O's sauce got its name from the carhops shorthand – order slips were printed with three X's and three O's to indicate whether guests wanted mayonnaise and relish. An X meant hold, an O meant extra and Triple-O meant plenty of everything.

Fish was not introduced at White Spot until World War II when food rations limited the consumption of meat on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In 1928, only two employees worked at the White Spot Barbecue – one as a cook, the other as a carhop serving hot dogs and sandwiches to drivers. Today, White Spot employs more than 4,000 people across B.C. and Alberta.

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The New Westminster Mint & The British Columbia Pattern Coins Of 1862

compiled by Gene Simms

During the gold rush of 1858 there was a pressing problem of not enough coins to exchange for gold dust. Not only was there an extreme shortage of coined money but in spite of repeated requests to Great Britain to supply the colony with quantities of hard currency only a comparative trickle of silver coins arrived. The colonial government attempted the issue of government notes, which first appeared in January 1862, and while this may have brought some temporary relief, they were all eventually redeemed by the government. The rapid growth of the B.C. population in the next few years made the currency problem even more severe.

With an eye to accommodating the miners who were forced to go to San Francisco to have their gold assayed, and to keep the business in the colony, an Assay Office was established in New Westminster and completed by the Royal Engineers in May 1860.

Officials reached the city from England in the summer of that year and the service commenced in August. Due to the fact that there were soon a number of private assay offices in British Columbia, the official one was not financially self supporting and by the end of 1863, the staff was reduced to one assayer and one smelter. The office ceased to function by the end of 1867, although the Department was not officially abolished until 1873.

There was no provision for a mint when the assay office was set up in 1860 but a campaign for such an institution at New Westminster was being pushed by The British Columbian newspaper, while the Victoria papers sought the mint for the island capital.

In the fall of 1861, encouraged by rich discoveries of gold in the Cariboo Region and the ongoing currency crisis, Governor Douglas was forced to consider issuing colonial coins. He sought permission from Her Majesty's Government in November 1861 to set up a coining plant in connection with the Assay Office that had previously been established. The Royal Engineers chose the northeast corner of Columbia Street and Mary Street (now Sixth Street) in New Westminster, to erect a mint and other important government buildings. Set back from Columbia Street, these included the Assay Office, the Post Office and the Land Title Registry.

The Treasurer of British Columbia, Capt. Gosset gave Francis G. Claudet, the government Assayer permission to travel to San Francisco to purchase the necessary coining equipment. The commission for the design and striking of the 10 and 20 Dollar dies was given to Mr. Wagner of Vanderslices Silver Manufactory also located in San Francisco. The dies were engraved for Vanderslices by Albert Kuner who struck several trial pieces in silver, which were sent to British Columbia along with the dies. In April of 1862, \$5,085 of equipment arrived in New Westminster and was taken to the mint building. Governor Douglas refused to grant any further money to install the equipment and told Capt. Gosset to store it. However, as a result of a violent protest by the Treasurer, he finally agreed to the outlay of the unspent balance of the original mint appropriation of £1,500. The Royal Engineers helped set the machinery up but when Capt. Gosset asked Governor Douglas to appoint an engineer to run it, Douglas replied he did not wish the mint to operate. Captain Gosset, refused to be put off. All that Douglas would finally agree to was

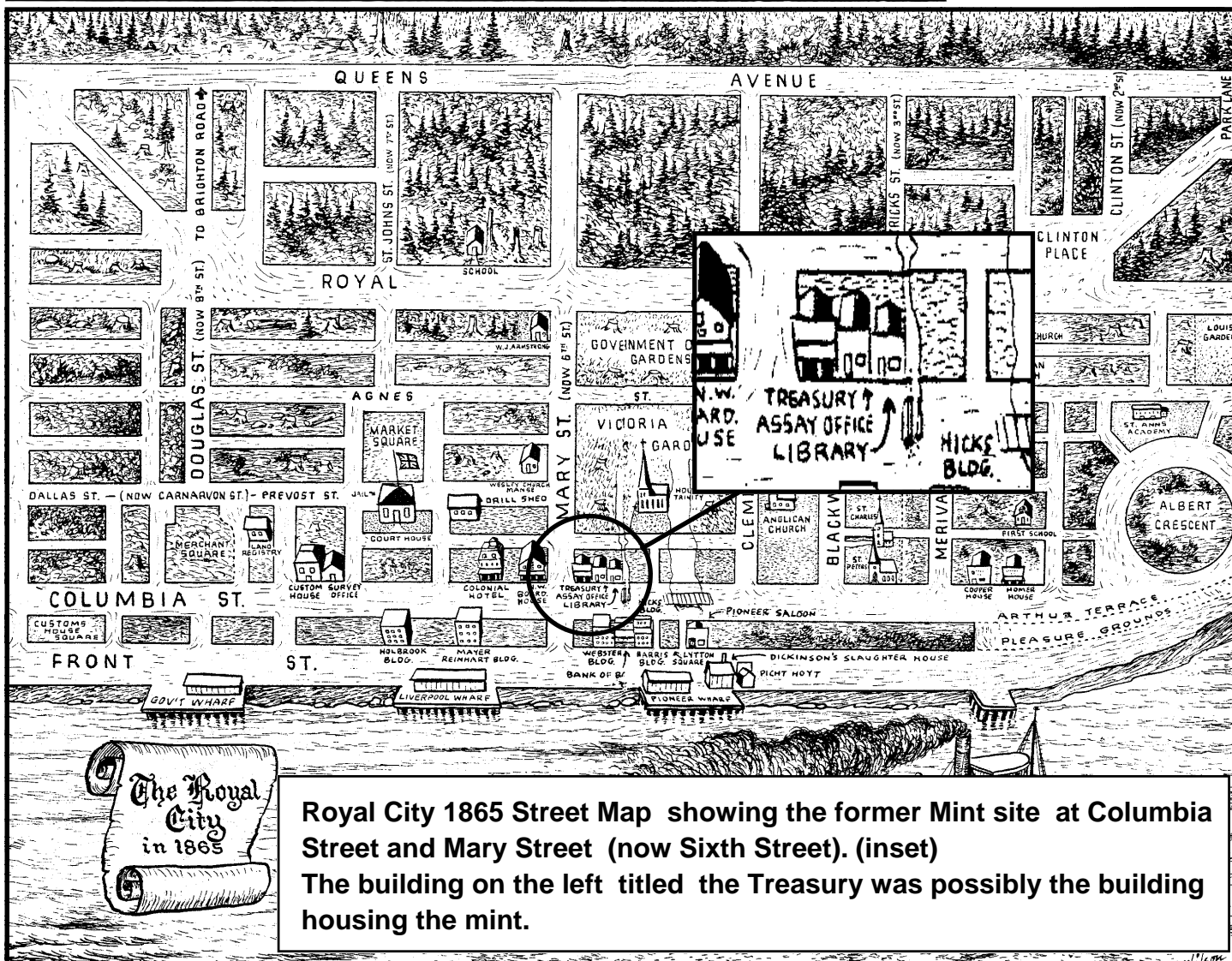
that £100 in British Columbia gold pieces could be minted and displayed at the London Exhibition. However when the sample gold coins were struck the Governor would not allow them to be sent. Again under pressure from the Treasurer he relented and permitted eighteen Ten Dollar coins and ten Twenty Dollar coins to be produced and sent to the exhibition, with the stipulation that they would be melted down for bullion following the Exhibition. Treasurer Gosset was allowed to keep two specimens as Mint souvenirs; the few surviving pieces were probably acquired by senior members of the government as souvenirs. *Continued on page 13*



Mint and Assay Office, New Westminster, 1860



The Post Office-Federal Building property was divided into four lots in 1859, with Lot 1 located at the west side of the site, and Lot 4 to the east. The Royal Engineers chose this site, at the northeast corner Columbia Street and Mary Street (now Sixth Street), to erect important government buildings. Set back from Columbia Street, these included the Assay Office, the Mint, the Post Office and the Land Title Registry. These buildings continued in existence until they were demolished in 1892.



Royal City 1865 Street Map showing the former Mint site at Columbia Street and Mary Street (now Sixth Street). (inset)
The building on the left titled the Treasury was possibly the building housing the mint.

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These issues must be considered patterns, as British Columbia had not received permission from the Crown to strike coins.

The known surviving coins are as follows: The 1862 \$10.00 Silver Specimen, 5 pieces known; 2 of which are in museums. 1862 \$20.00 Silver Specimen. 4 examples known; 2 of which are in museums. The Rarest of the 4 British Columbia coins the 1862 \$10.00 Gold Specimen with only 3 pieces known; 2 of which are in museums, one being in poor condition. 1862 \$20.00 Gold Specimen. 5 pieces known; Only 2 pieces are available to the collector as the 3 others are permanently lodged in institutions as follows: The British Museum; (The gold set in the British Museum is most likely the set Gosset had framed.), The British Columbia Archives; (The B.C. Provincial Archives has a set of both coins in gold and silver, of which the somewhat battered \$10 gold coin was once worn as a watch fob by B.C. Premier John Robson.) The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Collection.

All the dies for the British Columbia coins prominently display the engraver's name and initial, Kuner A, below the wreath on the reverse. Kuner's original wax impressions were destroyed in the San Francisco fire of 1906.

Albert Kuner of San Francisco was the first and most famous engraver of the Pacific Coast and cut the dies for most of the private issue Gold Coins from this period. He was also the engraver of the first State Seal of the State of California.

Capt. Gosset applied and was granted a six months leave and left New Westminster. In the summer of 1863, when his leave expired, he tendered his resignation and never returned. The mint with its notable role of having produced BC's only coins, was never used again. The buildings continued in existence until they were demolished in 1892.

These rare coins continue to fascinate us when the few coin still left in private hands are offered up for auction with a reserve of will over a million and a half dollars.

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Francis Claudet photo (unknown internet site)

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James Douglas (1803-1877), Governor of the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, known as "The Father of British Columbia."



Francis Claudet was born February 15, 1837, in London, England. Securing an appointment to manage the assay office and mint at New Westminster, Claudet arrived in the Colony of British Columbia from London in February 1860.

Did you know?

The British Columbia 1862 twenty dollar gold pattern piece and its companion ten dollar piece were the first gold coins struck for what is now Canada. The first Newfoundland two dollar gold piece was issued in 1865. The first "Canadian struck" gold sovereign was issued in 1908.

Local Show Schedule: 2009

- * NSNS Coin Show (Two Day Show) Saturday & Sunday, September 12th & 13th
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