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Saint John Coin Club

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Dealer Profiles

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

This month's dealer profile is on Saint John's Fundy Coins and Collectables. Coins, paper money, supplies, sport cards and memorabilia abound in this brick and mortar store which has operated for three years now, although its location at 84 King Street has been a must-stop destination for coin collectors for eight years because the space was formerly the Saint John branch of The Coin Cabinet. Steve Small, the current owner, was employed at this location before the opportunity arose to take over the reigns.

My Favourite Coin

by Donald Gillis

When I was asked to write a short article for the Saint John Coin Club's excellent and informative monthly publication "ALMOST CIRCULATED", I felt a sense of panic and doubt on what I could possibly say that would be of interest to the knowledgeable and confident coin collectors I meet each month at the Coin Club.

Should I review every coin I own and choose one? Do I have enough knowledge to sound informed and authoritative about my choice? What to do? Then, after reflecting, I started to form an idea of what I could say.

My mind kept coming back to one coin I own that stirs my blood and gets me excited. It's not the most precious coin I own nor is it the most valuable. It is however one I hold close to my heart.

That coin is the 2009 Special Edition Proof Silver Dollar – 100th Anniversary of the Montreal Canadiens (1909 – 2009). Encapsulated in a clear plastic case, the coin of fine textured silver has a serrated gold colour edging with raised gold lip, lettering and the official Centennial logo of the Montreal Canadiens, the most sto-



Steve Small at Fundy Coins and Collectables

Steve, a Saint John native, has been an avid coin collector since working at his paper route at the age of fourteen, when having a sharp enough eye to spot some silver coinage in your payments meant you could double your earnings. He was also interested in stamps and, with an uncle in the Air Force, built a collection of aviation memorabilia including 8x10s he obtained by corresponding with the likes of NASA, the Kennedy Space Center, and the Ames Research Center. Steve also enjoyed hockey cards, which is also a large part of the business.

His extensive customer service background, including some seventeen years on the Princess of Acadia, lend well to serv-

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ried franchise in all of hockey. The obverse side of the coin also has the raised gold edging with a highly polished relief of the Queen and raised lettering on a matte silver background. The coin and capsule are set in a black leather Royal Canadian Mint case with black velvet interior. The case, which is protected by a red and white (naturally) cardboard sleeve, has the Centennial logo on front. Priceless!

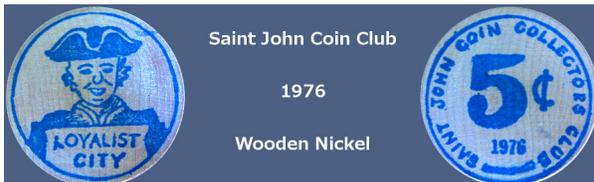
I ordered two of these beautiful coins. My son and daughter-in-law, who live in Montreal, received one on the occasion of their engagement.

This Centennial coin is not my most valuable coin in a monetary sense, but it is definitely a coin that stirs my blood and makes me want to look at it in the sunlight for hours.

And I am a Leafs fan. <>



**2009 Special Edition Proof Silver Dollar
100th Anniversary of the Montreal Canadiens**



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Brad Small tends a counter at Fundy Coins and Collectables

ing the needs of his customers and he has his son, Brad Small, to add his expertise in numismatic areas too. Brad has a good eye for quality coins to go along with his ever expanding fields of interest.

Fundy Coins and Collectables is open 9-5 Monday through Friday and 10-3 on Saturday. They can also be found on eBay with the user ID: Fundy-Coins or you can reach them by telephone at 506-642-2646. Stop in and see why they've established themselves as the bustling hub of Saint John collectables and a cornerstone of activity for the Saint John Coin Club and its members.

The familiar sign that overhangs King Street in Saint John



Moncton Show Summary

by Tom Craig

On November 23/14, the annual coin show took place in Moncton, sponsored by The Coin Cabinet. The show featured dealers or sellers of coin, stamps, and sport cards in hockey, baseball or sport figures.



The attendance was moderate as shows go. Sales were good at most bourse tables. Silver "MAPLE LEAF" coins were in hot demand throughout the day.



There were coin deals from Moncton, Nova Scotia, and Quebec to name a few. Most of the sport card tables were manned by local sellers.

The Geoffrey Bell Auction was held the previous day, Saturday the 22nd and by all accounts was a success. Some people stayed over to attend the show.

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This is the last coin show of the year in 2014. The next planned show will be in March, 2015 in Florenceville NB. See you there!



Bourse Action at the Moncton Collectors' Show 2014



Upcoming Numismatic Events

December 29 & 30, 2014 - The Canadian Numismatic Company, online auction

March 14, 2015 - Florenceville, NB Coin Show, Royal Canadian Legion Hall

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Saint John Coin Club Minutes
November 18th, 2014

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Financial report was read by Tom and approved.

A motion was made to renew the club's membership in the RCNA by Steve, seconded by Kevin.

Tom spoke about the idea of helping the Moncton Coin Club with such things as a newsletter. We are awaiting more information before proceeding.

The Coin Cabinet show is November 23rd with the auction on the 22nd.

The Woodstock show was a success. Tom was very pleased with the hospitality.

The Hobby Show at Market Square was attended on our behalf by George Murray.

The show at Howard Johnsons went well considering the weather.

Dues are due for 2015.

Election of officers for 2015-2017:

- President – Jim Young
- Vice President – George Murray
- Secretary – Steve Small
- Treasurer – Tom Craig

Jim Jennex ran his enjoyable coin trivia quiz. Kevin and Tom were the winners of some very generous prizes.

The Christmas Party meeting is December 16th at the Mediterranean Restaurant.

A presentation on the Industrial Revolution was done by Tom and Kevin.

Steve Small, Secretary

Christmas Meeting/Dinner: December 16th, 2014 - Mediterranean Restaurant, Rothesay Avenue

**Next Meeting: January 20th, 2015
Howard Johnson Fort Howe, Portland and Main, Saint John, NB 7pm**

Question Period with Jim Jennex Answers

1. What numismatic term is used to describe an experimental or trial coin? - Pattern
2. Which coin is known by the nickname, "Prince of Canadian Coins?" - 1921 5 cent piece
3. What was the popular name for a Spanish Colonial gold coin? - doubloon
4. What is the name used to describe a blank piece of metal on which a coin design is stamped? - planchet

Lou Delvallet had the most correct answers with 3 of 4.

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