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Saint John Coin Club

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Unusual Finds

by Tom Craig

Another medal I have in my possession is a little different, as it has the raised features of the subject, on the obverse side. The medal in question is of our former prime minister, Lester Bowles Pearson.

The medal is made of copper, 40 mm diameter and designed by "Canada Art dies." The obverse side, as mentioned, has the very nice detail of a raised design of a bust of the Prime Minister. The reverse is also very interesting, as it has the Canadian flag

Activism through Coins - noEEpipeline.ca

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

There is a famous piece of work by the graffiti artist, Banksy, titled, "Keep Your Coins, I Want Change," that, although not a depiction of coinage, presents a political and social message that immediately brings images of coins into your consciousness. Another route one can take to get a message across is to make these small, circulating bits of money the medium. That is exactly what a group out of Ottawa has done.

Ecology Ottawa, a not-for-profit, volunteer-driven organization whose goal is, "to make Ottawa the green capital of Canada," is using "The Loonie Campaign" to let the public know their thoughts on the proposed Energy East Pipeline by placing an eye-catching, black decal on Canadian loonies with their website address to drive people online to hear their concerns. The group's aim is to distribute "hundreds of thousands of loonies" with the decal to get people to listen and to raise funds for the campaign through donations when supporters order some of the decals, which are free if you don't want to donate, to place on coins.

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Canada's Own Flag



design with the inscription "CANADA'S OWN FLAG." Canada adopted a new flag on December 15th, 1964 and it was flown on February 15, 1965. The flag is also colorized with enamel in the colors of red and white, with the red maple leaf in the white center portion.

Lester Bowles Pearson was born on April 23, 1897 and died in 1972. He was born in Toronto with both parents having views in politics, with his father teaching conservative positions and learning the liberal position from his mother. His mother won.

In the first war, he volunteered but was injured two times in plane crashes. Once recovered, he became an instructor in flying for the rest of the war. He obtained his degree from college in 1919 and worked for a short period for Armour and

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One of the first things you'll read when you visit their website is, "Applying the decals is not defacing currency, as the decals are not permanent, easily removable, leave no trace and do not prevent the use of the currency," so the organizers are aware of the laws surrounding the defacement of Canadian coinage.

The campaign was first brought to my attention when a Saint John Coin Club member brought a Canadian 25-cent piece that sported the decal into a club meeting. Since then loonies have been found in the Saint John area too. It may or may not be a surprise that the sticker-sporting coins would be found in Saint John given one of the biggest beneficiaries of an approved pipeline would be Irving Oil and the largest refinery in Canada, located in the Loyalist City.

Does this all feel a little familiar? Ecology Ottawa points out that the Dogwood Initiative did a similar campaign in 2008 with a nearly identically designed decal, but with notankers.ca as the text.

The decals measure 22mm in diameter, so they do fit our 23.88mm quarters in addition to the 26.5mm loonies. I have yet to find a stickered toonie in circulation.

Have you found any of these noEEpipeline.ca coins in your change? <>



A Canadian loonie (left) and 25-cent piece (right) both bearing the noEEpipeline.ca decal from Ecology Ottawa

As the author, I can state that this article is being presented as a non-biased work to present the information only. I have no formed opinion on the campaign.

Company, a meat processing company. Know for his wit, he once stated the Russians were claiming he worked for an armament company.

Lester Pearson had an interesting career in Canadian politics. Before becoming Prime Minister, his claimed to fame included a host of accomplishments. Most important was the suggestion of the creation NATO, heading up the delegation to the UN from 1946-1956, with numerous positions in the UN over these years. He was a career diplomat for sure.

Lester B. Pearson also won the prestigious Nobel Prize for peacekeeping in the Suez Crisis.

Mr. Pearson became the 14th Prime Minister of Canada on April 22nd, 1963 and was in office for 5 years until 1968. Most Canadians will remember that it was his Liberal government that created the now famous Red and White flag with the Red Maple Leaf. It was a hotly contested debate at the time with the Conservatives having a different opinion on what our flag should look like.

A new flag for Canada was a big deal and there are other medals produced with similar reverses celebrating Canada's Own Flag, but the high relief obverse bust and the enamelled flag make this one really stand out. <>

Oct. Meeting Presentation Topic

WWII Rationing & Numismatics

Guest Speaker Richard Bird

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Let's Find a Doubled Die

by Kevin Day-Thorburn

If you're anything like the typical coin collector that isn't really into searching for varieties, often subtle, with a loupe and a decent amount of light, you've heard of the term "doubled die," but don't necessarily know too much about it and likely have never knowingly found one. Well, I'm going to point out an easy, yet dramatic doubled die you can readily find on the 2006 5-cent coin.

The 1955 US Lincoln cent doubled die (the correct term is "doubled" die, not "double" die) obverse (DDO) is likely the most famous doubled die in the world and, among Canadian coins, the 1974 nickel dollar with a plethora of different doubled dies – I believe there are 21 currently known – including the double yoke, as it's often called, is likely the best known.

But try this: take any modern nickel from your pocket change and look closely, with a loupe, at the beaver's paws. Count them and note the position. Then go through your change until you find a 2006 nickel, it won't take long as there were something like 140 million of them struck, and look at that beaver. It's different, right? There are toes all over the place.

This is a fairly dramatic doubled die (technically a tripled die, but we'll keep this simple), but it's not famous because every 5-cent piece struck that year is a doubled die.

How did this happen? To really simplify things (and keep everyone awake) a master die is created and this master is used to make the working dies, which will be used to make the coins. The doubling happened during the creation of the master die, which, in turn, was used to make the working dies, so a doubled die is actually a normal coin for the 2006 nickel.

Opposite column

**2006 Canada 5-cent coin
with a doubled die reverse**

If you find this interesting and like looking at the details of coins through magnification, you just may find variety searching is for you. Then you may start looking for doubled dies that actually command a premium. In the US there are books – *The Cherrypickers' Guide* and *Strike it Rich with Pocket Change* – dedicated to pointing out the most popular doubled dies to look for. I'll warn you though, this gets rather addictive!

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Doubled Die



2007 Nickel

2006 Nickel

Upcoming Numismatic Events

Oct 22, 2016 - Florenceville Collectors Club Show

Oct 22, 2016 - Halifax Regional Coin Club Show
- Dartmouth, NS

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Next Meeting: October 18th, 2016
Chateau Saint John, 369 Rockland Road,
Saint John, NB 7pm

stamp club once again.

Minutes for the Saint John Coin Club for the September 20th, 2016 Meeting

The minutes for the last meeting were read and approved on a motion by Kevin, seconded by George.

The financial report was given by treasurer Tom Craig and accepted on a motion by Robert, seconded by George.

Kevin talked about the RCNA show in Ottawa and mentioned that for the 150th anniversary of Canada's confederation the RCNA is planning to make a reverse medal available to member clubs in the hope of creating a number of different 150th anniversary medals across Canada. The clubs would design the obverse to make the medals unique. More information will be coming on this.

We will be having our coin show in May of 2017 and it will be held in conjunction with the

Tom gave a very interesting talk and showed slides about the Fenian Raids between 1865 and 1871. Of particular interest was the paper money issued by the Fenians.

Tom spoke about the possibility of getting Richard Bird of Fredericton to give a talk at our club in the near future. Jim Butler and George also said they would be able to give presentations in the upcoming months.

Kevin was thanked for the production of another club newsletter.

Tom said the mint is said to be issuing as many as 150 products in 2017 for the 150th anniversary. Upcoming shows in Fredericton (stamps), Dartmouth, and Woodstock (the latter on October 22nd, 2016) were mentioned.

Jim did a great job presenting our auction which featured a number of very interesting items.

Meeting adjourned

Steve Small, Secretary

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