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Regina Coin Club, P. O. Box 174, Regina Saskatchewan, S4P 2Z6

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There will be C.N.A. Slide-tape Presentation. The following slide-tape presentations have been booked for the January, February and March meetings:

"Crown and Minor Commemorative Coins of the 19th & 20th Centuries"

"Canadian Fifty-cent Pieces 1870-1995"

"English Maundy Money - Type Sets"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President and Executive of the Regina Coin Club send their best wishes for the New Year and New Millennium to all members!

NON-SMOKING MEETING ROOM

Following a vote taken at the November Regular Meeting, all future meetings of the Regina Coin Club will be non-smoking.

RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE REGINA COIN CLUB

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two directors to replace those who have completed a two year term were elected at the December 8th 1999 Annual General Meeting. Nominations for these positions were invited from the Membership. The following were declared elected to the Executive by acclamation:

President - Kelly Moens
Vice President - Jim Smalley
Secretary - Roxanne Harder
Treasurer - Ken Brown

Four nominations were received for the two vacant Directors' positions: Glenn Littlemore, Bill McIntyre, George Manz and Glen Piotrofsky. In the ballot that took place at the meeting, Glenn Littlemore and George Manz were declared elected for the two-year term 2000-2001. They join Joyce Brown and Rowland Fitch as Directors (term 1999-2000) and Dave MacDougall (Past President) on the 2000 Executive.

FALL SHOW PROFITS

A preliminary financial statement from Paul Daniel, Show Chairman for the 1999 Fall Show indicates that the Show made about \$400 profit. Congratulations to Paul for yet another successful show!

A WEBSITE FOR REGINA COIN CLUB

The website agreed to by the membership at the November meeting in 1999 is now in place and under construction (so don't expect to find too much there at the moment!) It will eventually contain new articles submitted by the membership as well as some that have previously appeared in the Newsletter. The website will not replace the newsletter, which will still be sent out to all members. It will however allow access to details of the Club's activities, such as shows and regular meetings and will try to encourage the hobby of numismatics through the medium of various articles on coin collecting, tokens, bank notes etc. As (unlike the Newsletter) the website is open to the public, confidential information and names (where requested) will be removed from Newsletters to maintain people's privacy. As always, the Club's membership list will remain confidential to Executive members only.

So if you are linked to the Internet, try the website. Any suggestions for additions and improvements to it, as well as contributions, are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I have just this weekend finished transferring the names of those who failed to pay their 1999 membership dues by March 31st 1999, back from the "Lapsed List" to the Regular List so that every fully paid up member gets his or her newsletter. However, in two months time, the whole process of removing the names of those who haven't paid their year 2000 dues, starts again. It would help the Executive, in particular the Treasurer and those who distribute the newsletter, greatly if dues are paid *before* March 31st 2000. They can be paid at the next meeting or sent by cheque to the address at the head of the Newsletter. Membership dues remains unchanged at:

Family Membership - \$15

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Because of illness Ken Brown was unable to prepare and present the Club's Accounts at the Annual General Meeting last December. The books are however now ready, have been presented to the Executive for their scrutiny, and are on their way to Ken Arndt for audit. An audited signed copy of the accounts for Fiscal Year 1999 will appear in the next Newsletter.

ANOTHER WAY OF OPERATING...

Following their quarrel with the major banks over the Great Unused Loonie Problem, during which the banks threw a snit and refused to distribute the Millennium Quarters (yes, both organizations are *apparently* run by adults...), the Royal Mint turned to the Post Office for distribution. The post offices had already been sales outlets for other Mint products and the distribution of the 1999 25-cent pieces then proceeded smoothly (so smoothly in fact that I could never get hold of any - I was either too early or too late!). The same system operates in Great Britain. The Princess of Wales commemorative crown and the Millennium crown (each has a face value of five pounds) were distributed at post offices and banks at face value without any packaging and without any taxes. Furthermore, when stocks ran out at both places, leaflets were available allowing people to order up to nine of each coin directly from the Royal Mint. The leaflet included information and a detachable *Freepost* envelope, and the promise that the coins would be delivered free of any charge for postage and packaging. How's that for a deal? Oh that the Canadian mint would offer a similar deal!

CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2000

Attached is the Calendar of Regina Coin Club events for the following year. Should any revisions be necessary, revised copies will be issued. In the meantime, note the dates of all the meetings and make a resolution to support your Club by attending as many as you can. There will be CNA slide-tape presentations, as well as others by members, and the usual series of auctions. Door prizes will be awarded at each meeting. Dates of Executive meetings are included on the Calendar so that members will know when to approach the Executive with any concerns or ideas for discussion.

Regina Coin Club 2000 Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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JULY							AUGUST							SEPTEMBER						
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OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	<u>6</u>	7	8	9	10	11	<u>3</u>	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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KEY TO HIGHLIGHTED DATES

e.g. **11** - Public Holidays **13** - Executive Meetings **17** - Regular Meetings
14 15 16 - Show Dates (First date is set-up, 6:00 p.m. onwards)

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STAMP EXHIBITION AND BOURSE, FEBRUARY 19TH & 20TH

The Regina Philatelic Club holds its annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse next weekend at the Best Western Seven Oaks Inn, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Stamps, coins and sport cards will be on sale and Canada Post will have a booth on the premises selling the full range of philatelic products. See the poster at the back of this newsletter for further details.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ROYAL MINT

In anticipation of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's 100th Birthday this August 4th, the Royal Mint have already issued cupronickel commemorative crowns. These bear on the obverse the Ian Rank-Broadley portrait of The Queen, and on the reverse a portrait of The Queen Mother by the same artist (Figure 1). The coins will be available at the face value of five pounds from Post Offices and banks throughout the United Kingdom (or after supplies at these outlets are exhausted), from the Royal Mint (U.K. addresses only - limit 10 coins per order) at face value with no postage or packaging charges.

The Millennium Crown (Figure 2) is being re-issued with the date on the obverse changed to '2000'. Both dates '1999' and '2000' will remain on the reverse. It will be made available to the public at its face value of five pounds in the same way as the Queen Mother Crown. A circulating commemorative 50 pence piece will also be issued to mark the 150th anniversary of the Public Libraries Act (Figure 3), and bullion edition of the gold sovereign and half sovereign will be available at the price of CS195.00 and \$115.00 respectively. Gold and/or silver proof versions of all coins are likely to be issued.

Further details can be obtained from the British Royal Mint, Dundurn Postal Outlet, P.O. Box 33518, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4X4, or phone toll-free 1-800-563-5943 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST) or call up the website <http://www.royalmint.com>.



Figure 1. The Queen Mother's 100th Birthday Crown (obverse and reverse)



Figure 2. The Year 2000 Millennium Crown (obverse and reverse)



Figure 3. The Public Libraries Act 150th Anniversary 50 Pence Piece, by Mary Milner Dickens

THE KINGS OF EASTERN EUROPE...PART II:

(Based on a coin display produced for Regina Coin Club Fall Show)

The following article is one of several that will appear in Regina Coin Club newsletters (as time and space allow!). The series started with the "GREECE - THE KINGDOM OF THE HELLENES" in the November newsletter, and will continue to feature one of the countries of Eastern Europe and their rulers, and a selection of coins that illustrate them. This week it's the turn of...

YUGOSLAVIA - THE KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS AND SLOVENES

Funny how history has a habit of repeating itself! Or perhaps it's just that the same things are always going on, and that we pay attentions to them only cyclically. Sort of a "Lets see what's going on in Serbia... Wait a minute... That looks familiar..." Whatever the case may be, Serbia and its erstwhile dominions have been hitting the headlines frequently since the break-up of that once progressive and relatively modern country, Yugoslavia. Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia have all quit the federation, leaving only Serbia and the once (briefly) independent Montenegro together. And even that rump isn't likely to last; Kosovo will probably never be settled until it too has achieved independence, and there are separatist rumblings from time to time even in Montenegro. All this is of course great for numismatists, as the range of circulating coinages and banknotes in Europe has practically doubled in the last decade. It's not so great though for the people who have to live there!

Serbia was re-united by George Petrovic (Karageorge - which translates as 'Black George', born 1766, died 1817) after 345 years of subjugation by the Ottoman Empire. Milos Obren (b. 1780 d. 1860) lead a second revolt against the Turks in 1815, and in 1817 was recognize as hereditary prince of Serbia, which was granted limited self-government within the Turkish Empire. Obren was implicated in the 1817 assassination of Karageorge, thus beginning the Obrenovich-Karageorge feud which ended with the brutal assassination of Alexander I Obrenovich and his queen, Draga in 1903. Peter Karageorgevich was duly elected King of Serbia by the Serbian Legislature, his line eventually becoming kings of Yugoslavia.

Serbia (a self-proclaimed kingdom since 1882) was recognized as an independent kingdom by the Treaty of Berlin, 1887. Austria declared war on Serbia after the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie Chotek by Gavrilo Princep, a Serbian nationalist, and was later occupied by the Central Powers (Austria and Germany). The ensuing events, declaration of war on Austria by Russia, of war on Russia by Germany, and of war on Germany and Austria by France and Great Britain were the falling dominoes that embroiled the world in the Great War. Afterwards Serbia was united with the former Austro-Hungarian provinces of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the former Kingdom of Montenegro, and Macedonia in a wave of pan-Slavic nationalism, as a federated constitutional monarchy under the Karageorgevich line of Serbian kings.

Alexander accepted the regency on behalf of his ailing father Peter I in 1918 and became king in 1921 on his father's death. In 1929 as the political and economic situation in Europe worsened, he suspended the constitution, dissolved parliament, abolished the provinces and changed the country's name from the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes to Yugoslavia. Henceforth he was to rule as virtual dictator. He was assassinated on October 9th 1934 in Marseilles while on a

state visit to France, by Petrus Kalerman, a Croat nationalist. Kalerman was seized by the king's chauffeur and later lynched by the crowd.

Alexander's young son, then at school in England, succeeded him as Peter II. He reigned under a three-person regency council headed by his cousin Prince Paul until a coup d'etat against the pact with the Axis Powers threw the country into turmoil and King Peter was forced to flee to Britain. The ensuing Nazi occupation and retribution was swift and severe and the country plunged into a civil and guerrilla war from which it never really recovered. The monarchy was abolished by Marshal Tito's communist government in August 1945.

The heir to the throne on Peter II's death in exile was Prince Alexander, who has renounced his claim. He visited Regina to preside over the re-dedication of the Serbian Orthodox church on Winnipeg Street a few years ago.

MICHAEL, OBRENOVICH III OF SERBIA (b.1825 d.29th May 1868) reigned as Prince of Serbia for two periods, 1839-42 and 1860-1868. He was brutally assassinated on 29th May 1868 while out for an evening stroll in the deer park at Topchider near Belgrade, the capital. The three assassins spent so much time making sure that the unfortunate prince was dead that they were seen by the park keeper and arrested by the police. Of course they turned out to be Karageorge supporters.

Michael's portrait (Figure 4) appeared on the first Serbian coins, bronze 1, 5 and 10 para denominations dated 1868 (100 para = 1 dinar).

MILAN, OBRENOVICH IV OF SERBIA (b. 1854 d.1901) A distant cousin of Prince Michael's, he was removed from a life amongst the gypsies in Roumania and reigned as Prince of Serbia from 1868 to 1882, then as King of Serbia from 1882 to his abdication on 22nd March 1889. He married Natalie Keshko, daughter of a Russian colonel. Gradually estranged from her, she was first sent into exile with their son Alexander, then finally divorced in 1888.

A 'young' portrait of Milan with a straight parting in his hair, appeared on a .835 silver 50 para dated 1875 (Figure 5). His more mature portrait, showing a curved parting (Figure 6) appeared on bronze 5 and 10 para coins, and on 1 dinar, 2 and 5 dinara .835 silver coins, all dated 1879. A new portrait, facing right (Figure 7) appeared on the 1879 .900 gold 20 dinara. The fourth and last portrait (Figure 8), also facing right, appeared in 1882 on .900 gold 10 and 20 dinara coins.

ALEXANDER I OBRENOVICH OF SERBIA (b.1877 d.16th June 1903) Declared himself king on 12th April 1893, shortly after his father's abdication. Married Draga Mashin, ex-Queen Natalie's former lady-in-waiting, a commoner. Was brutally assassinated together with his wife, by Colonel Mischich and Colonel Alexander Mashin (a brother of Draga's first husband), and others.

Alexander's portrait (Figure 9) appears only on .835 silver 1 and 2 dinar coins issued in 1897.

PETER I OF SERBIA (b.1844 d.1921) Born in Belgrade, the son of Alexander Karagorgjevic (b.1806 d.1885 - Prince of Serbia from 1842-58). Married Princess Zorka of Montenegro (b.1864 d.1921). Crowned King of Serbia on 19th June 1903, he became King of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes from 1918 to his death in 1921.



Figure 4. Michael Obrenovich III of Serbia



Figure 5. Milan Obrenovich IV of Serbia, first portrait



Figure 6. Milan Obrenovich of Serbia, second portrait



Figure 7. Milan Obrenovich of Serbia, third portrait



Figure 8. Milan Obrenovich of Serbia, fourth portrait



Figure 9. Alexander I Obrenovich of Serbia



Figure 10. Peter I of Serbia



Figure 11. Peter I of Serbia, Centenary of the Dynasty



Figure 12. Alexander of Yugoslavia, first portrait



Figure 13. Alexander of Yugoslavia, second portrait



Figure 14. Peter II of Yugoslavia, facing right



Figure 15. Peter II of Yugoslavia, facing left

Peter was the first Karageorgevich to appear on Serbian coins. Peter's portrait, a strong high relief profile facing left and showing the prominent aquiline nose of the Karageorgeviches (Figure 10) was used on .835 silver 1 dinar and 2 dinara coins dated 1904, 1912 and 1915. A 5 dinara piece showing Peter's portrait in conjunction with a profile of the original 'Black George' founder of the Karageorgevich dynasty and was issued to mark the centenary of the dynasty in 1904 (Figure 11).



ALEXANDER OF YUGOSLAVIA (b.1888 d.1934) He was Regent for his father from 1918-1921 and King from 1921 until his assassination (together with the French Foreign Minister, Louis Barthould) in Marseilles on a State Visit to France, 9th October 1934. He was married to Princess Marie of Romania (b.1900 d.1961).

Alexander's first portrait (Figure 12), showing a strongly marked jaw-line ending at his ear, appears on nickel-bronze 50 para, 1 dinar and 2 dinara coins, and on a .900 gold 20 dinara coin, all issued in 1925. A more mature head (Figure 13), lacking the jaw-line but emphasizing the aquiline Karageorgevich nose, appears on the .500 silver 10 and 20 dinara coins struck in 1931, and on the .750 silver 50 dinara of 1932.





PETER II OF YUGOSLAVIA (b.1923 d.1970) Son of Alexander, he became king on his father's assassination and reigned until his exile in 1945. He married Princess Alexandra of Greece (b.1921). Abandoned by the allies at the end of World War II, he turned to drink and died a lonely penniless alcoholic in California.

Two portraits of Peter II as a young boy appeared simultaneously on coins dated 1938. On the nickel 10 dinara and .750 silver 50 dinara he faces right (Figure 14), on the .750 silver 20 dinara, he faces left (Figure 15).

REGINA PHILATELIC CLUB

 **2000** 

**STAMP EXHIBITION
AND BOURSE**

Saturday February 19 **Sunday February 20**
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

More than 10 dealers
Stamps, coins, sport cards
Canada Post booth

BEST WESTERN SEVEN OAKS INN
777 Albert Street, Regina

Admission \$2.00 for Adults P.O. Box 1891, Regina S4P 3E1
Children 12 and under free. Information: Ken at 586-8152

THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF REGINA COIN CLUB ACCOUNTS AND ASSETS

A U D I T O R ' S R E P O R T

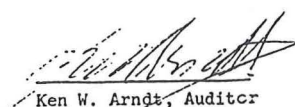
To the Members of the
Regina Coin Club.

I have examined the balance sheet of the Regina Coin Club as at November 30, 1999 and the statement of revenue and expenses for the year then ended.

In common with other associations, the club derives some income from the membership dues and these were verified by examining the receipts that were issued.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly the financial position of the club as at November 30, 1999 and the results of its operations for the fiscal year then ended.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan
this 31st day of January 2000.


Ken W. Arndt, Auditor

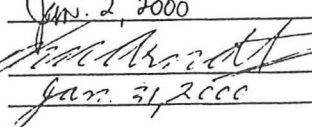
**REGINA COIN CLUB
STATEMENT OF CASH ASSETS
NOVEMBER 30, 1999**

CHEQUING ACCOUNT	2,986.53
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	1,165.87
CANADIAN BOND FUND	11,225.78
MONEY MARKET FUND	6,944.52
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - ROYAL CANADIAN MINT RE: 1999 QUARTERS	<u>420.00</u>
TOTAL REGINA COIN CLUB CASH ASSETS NOV. 30, 1999	<u>22,742.70</u>

NOTE:
19 POST DATED CHEQUES ARE HELD RE: 2000 COIN ORDER 9,813.21

PREPARED BY:  KEN G. BROWN, TREASURER

DATE: Jan. 2, 2000

AUDITED BY:  KEN ARNDT, AUDITOR

DATE: Jan. 31, 2000

REGINA COIN CLUB
REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD DEC. 1, 1998 TO NOV. 30, 1999

REVENUE:	COIN ORDER	18,026.89
	INTEREST: CANADIAN BOND FUND	79.57
	MONEY MARKET FUND	269.42
	SAVINGS ACCOUNT	7.30
	MEMBERSHIP DUES	595.00
	1999 SPRING SHOW	1,587.10
	1999 FALL SHOW	3,399.00
	2000 SPRING SHOW	<u>1,755.00</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	25,719.28
EXPENSES:	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / CHRISTMAS PARTY	61.43
	CARDS / FLOWERS / FRUIT BASKET	102.08
	CLUB PINS	916.03
	CLUB PIN ENGRAVING	27.75
	CNA MEMBERSHIP	66.00
	COIN ORDER	17,084.67
	CPMS MEMBERSHIP	25.00
	CURLING TROPHY & TRIP	229.14
	DOOR PRIZES	85.00
	EXECUTIVE BRUNCH	76.02
	NEWSLETTER	556.36
	NON-PRIFIT CORPORATION ANNUAL RETURN	10.00
	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	12.35
	PO BOX RENTAL	77.04
	PRESIDENT EXPENSES	72.93
	ROOM RENTAL	400.00
	TELEPHONE - LONG DISTANCE	7.58
	TRAILER	115.53
	TREASURER EXPENSES	200.00
	1999 SPRING SHOW	3,014.68
	1999 FALL SHOW	2,919.52
	2000 SPRING SHOW	<u>100.00</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>26,159.11</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)		<u>(439.83)</u>

PREPARED BY: Ken G. Brown KEN G. BROWN, TREASURER

DATE: Jan. 2, 2000

AUDITED BY: Ken Arndt KEN ARNDT, AUDITOR

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ODDS AND ENDS

During the President's absence on assignment in the United States, Jim Smalley, Vice-President will be undertaking the duty of running the Regular and Executive meetings. The February quarters have been delivered and will shortly be distributed to those who ordered them, while the March quarters have been ordered and are expected to arrive before the end of the month. The Executive are looking for suggestions for subject matter for the May and June Regular meetings, and would be grateful for the offer of a talk on any numismatic subject from any member.

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Presentation - to be arranged. This is the last meeting of the Spring Session, the next meeting will be on Friday, September 15th. Enjoy the Summer Break!

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A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive and membership of the Regina Coin Club for their kind expressions of sympathy on the recent death of my brother Michael. I can assure you all that your kind words and thoughts are a comfort at times like this, and I appreciate them. The lack of newsletters since the March issue (which I regret) was caused by my sudden call to, and protracted stay in England, to be with my brother and his family during the last stages of his illness.

THE HUMOROUS SIDE OF COLLECTING, by Dean Neald

My 7-year old son Chad has a modest collection of coins. It is mostly made up of foreign coins in different designs, shapes, colours and metals. Included are a few Canadian coins which are different, like the millennium 25 cent pieces.

The other day Chad received in change one of the commemorative dollar coins. The 1995 which shows the armed forces personnel on it. He commented on how it was different from the normal

loon dollar coin. I agreed with him and suggested that it would be a good coin to put into his collection because it was so different. He turned to me with a look of puzzlement on his face. "But dad, I can't put it into my coin collection. It's not a coin, it's money!" I think his mother is having too much influence on him!

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ROYAL MINT

The latest issue from the British mint is a solid silver proof set that will, for the first time since 1937, include the four Maundy coins. All the coins in the set are in Sterling Silver (92.5% silver to 7.5% copper) except the crown (five pound piece) which is pure silver (99.9% fine). Part of the raised design on this coin, which is the Millennium Crown first issued in 1999, is plated in 22 karat gold to differentiate it from the 1999 proof version. Other coins in the set, circulating versions of which are made of nickel-brass, cupro-nickel or copper-plated steel, include the 2 pound, 1 pound, 50p, 20p, 10p, 5p, 2p and 1p (Figure 1). The obverse design on all the coins except the Maundy coins, is the recently introduced portrait of the Queen by Ian Rank-Broadley. The Maundy 4 pence, 3 pence, 2 pence and 1 penny retain the Mary Gillick portrait of the Queen used continuously since the first year of Elizabeth II's coinage in 1953. The Maundy coins have always been made of silver, although they suffered the same debasement as circulating coins in 1920 when Sterling silver was replaced by 50% silver. When in 1947 silver in the circulating coinage was replaced entirely by cupro-nickel, the Maundy coins reverted to Sterling silver. As the value was traditionally shown on the reverse as a large numeral enclosed in a wreath (Figure 2), without any abbreviation for value (either 'd' or 'p' for penny), they survived decimalization in 1971 without any need for a change in design, or reassignment of value. Up until the present reign a limited number of sets of Maundy coins were made available to collectors. In more recent years, the issue has been restricted to those involved in the Maundy Thursday ceremony. This year 75 elderly men and 75 elderly women each received 75 Maundy pence, the same number as the sovereign's age. The set retails at nearly \$500 and is available from the British Royal Mint, P.O. Box 33518, Dundurn Postal Outlet, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4X4.

Figure 1. Montage of the reverse designs of the silver proof set.

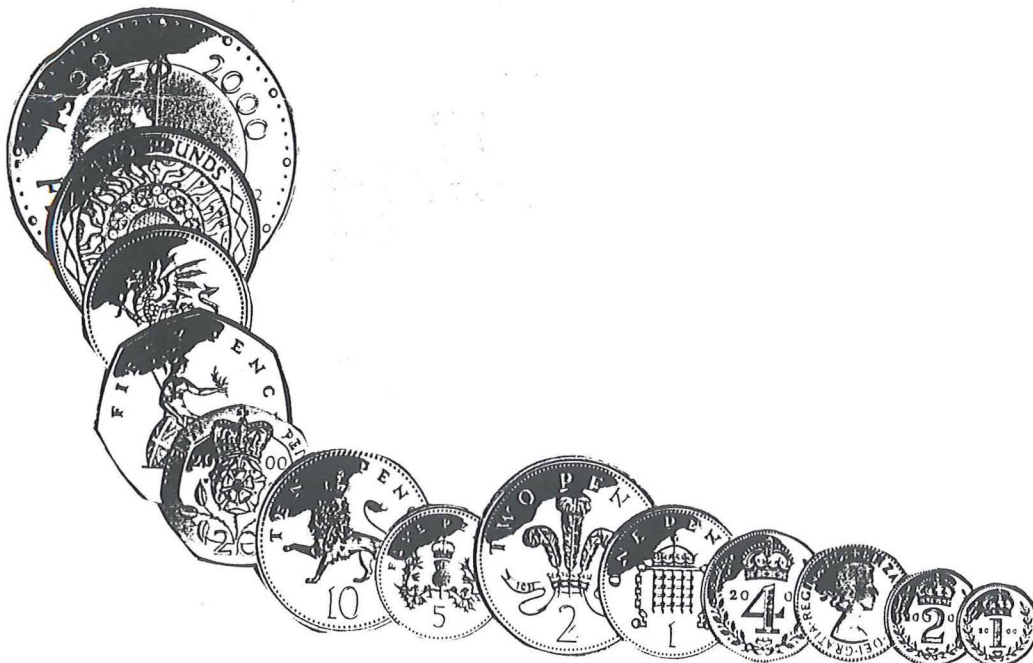


Figure 2. Reverse design of all four Maundy coins.

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THE FALL SHOW - OCTOBER 21st AND 22nd

AT THE BEST WESTERN 7 OAKS INN

Another Show is bearing down upon us. Have you got a display together? Offered to take a shift at the Admissions Desk on either Saturday or Sunday? Thought about helping out on Friday evening after 6:30 p.m. to set up the tables for the displays and Bourse? Or perhaps waiting on after Sunday afternoon close-down at 4:00 p.m. to help take down, pack away and clear up? Year after year a selection of dedicated Coin Club members has helped out with all of these things. New members are invited to join in and see just what it is that keeps the Club ticking, and to help to Roland at take over the burden from those feel they have done their share.

DISPLAYS! DISPLAYS! DISPLAYS!

If you collect coins - or anything else for that matter - then you are capable of putting together a display! Never tried? All the more reason for doing so now! You'll be surprised how enjoyable it can be. How much you will learn and learn to appreciate the objects you collect. As stressed in previous calls for displays, what you display needn't be valuable, abundant or perfect. It's the story the coin, banknote or medal tells that is important. Labels can be handwritten if you wish. As long as the reader will learn something of interest that is all that matters. There are usually enough of the large size cases available, (though it is always good to know how many of these might be

needed in advance - a phone call to Kelly at 543-7771 would help) so that you can select a case on Friday evening during set-up. The cases have the following interior dimensions:

21.5 inches by 29.5 inches (55 centimetres by 75 centimetres) and are 2.25 inches (6 centimetres) deep.

Plan out your display accordingly. I find a piece of strong corrugated cardboard cut to about one inch less than the dimensions given above and covered with a piece of dark red or dark blue cloth makes a good foundation for a display. Labels can be fixed to the cloth with a loop of sellotape fixed to the back. A title in large print is a must. The most important item to have is a small padlock to secure the case during the show.

The story you have to tell can be as long or as short, as complicated or simple as you like. But remember that most people prefer something simple - and memorable. A good rule-of-thumb is the *Rule of Threes*. Make **three** major points: each point can have **three** sub-points and each of these can encompass **three** statements. A lot of people use this structure in speeches or lectures - and it works!

COIN CLUB POSTER

Enclosed is a poster for the forth-coming Coin and Stamp show. Please help advertize the Show by putting the poster up somewhere in your neighbourhood. Local drug stores and post offices and some grocery stores have public notice boards, so maybe try at these places first.

BUILDING THE ATOMIC BOMB - AND ALL THAT

No - I'm not about to divulge the secret of the bomb - I'll save that to a later Newsletter. The point I was about to make is that of *Critical Mass*. The bomb depends on the natural decay radioactive elements such as uranium. Theoretical physics predicted that a particular mass of a pure uranium isotope, concentrated in one place, should allow the development of an accelerating chain reaction. Instantaneous decay - an explosion of energy. It was the calculation of that critical mass - and the preparation of the materials for it - that occupied scientists in the years and months leading up to the detonation of the first nuclear device. Without critical mass the radioactive decay will create only heat. What has this got to do with the Regina Coin Club? Read on!

Regina Coin Club, unfortunately, lacks critical mass. It has good people. Loyal members. And seemingly enough new members join to just about make up the numbers, as older members depart. However, we always seem to be that few members short. That extra couple of helping hands that would ease the burden on those already working for the Club, and that would allow it to do more than just stagger from one year into the next with the sense of relief that at least we still have a Club.

November will see a call for new Executive: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two new 2-year Directors. Some of the incumbents may choose to remain and seek re-election. Other positions as yet have no candidate. In particular that of Treasurer will require a new candidate. Arguably the most important of all the Executive positions it is currently held by Ken Brown who has decided to step down after eight years. Without a Treasurer, the business of the Club will grind to a halt. We will have no way of paying bills keeping accounts, issuing advances for shows, or re-imbursing executive expenses.

Whoever takes on the job must do so willingly, fully aware of what it involves. So here it is - the duties of a Coin Club Treasurer:

TREASURER WANTED - REGINA COIN CLUB

DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Keep accounts books
- Deposit receipts (including payments of Membership dues)
- Pay bills
- Reconcile bank statements with accounts books
- Monitor and adjust RCC investments to maximize returns
- Make out advances for expenditures
- Re-imburse expenditures made for club business
- Compile and maintain the Membership List
- Assist with Coin Orders
- Attend all Executive and Regular Meetings
- Make regular reports of Club finances to the Executive and Membership
- Make annual audited statement of account as required under the *Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995*

Thanks are due to Ken Brown for the eight years of service he has rendered to the Club as Treasurer. In addition to the above duties he has at times undertaken others such as collecting Club mail and various work at shows. Throughout his term of office, he has done all the work associated with the position in a businesslike, professional and competent manner. He will be sorely missed - and difficult to replace!

ORDER FORM FOR YEAR 2001 A.D. MINT ROLLS

Name.....Address: (St/Apt #).....

(City).....(Province).....(Postal Code).....

Please reserve for me the following rolls of year 2001 A.D. coin from the Royal Canadian Mint (LIMIT 10 ROLLS OF EACH DENOMINATION PER PERSON :

Denomination	Cost per Roll	Number of Rolls	Total Cost Denomination
<u>Two Dollar (\$2)</u> (availability uncertain)	\$50.00	x	=\$
<u>Dollar (\$1)</u> (availability uncertain)	\$25.00	x	=\$
<u>Fifty Cents (\$0.50)</u>	\$12.50	x	=\$
<u>Twenty-five Cents (\$0.25)</u>	\$10.00	x	=\$
<u>Ten Cents (\$0.10)</u>	\$5.00	x	=\$
<u>Five Cents (\$0.05)</u>	\$2.00	x	=\$
<u>One Cent (\$0.01)</u>	\$0.50	x	=\$

SUBTOTAL \$

SHIPPING, INSURANCE AND HANDLING CHARGES+5% \$

TOTAL.....\$

I enclose the sum of \$..... in the form of a postdated (**January 1st, 2001**) cheque/ current money order, made payable to The Regina Coin Club. Please send your order to:

The Regina Coin Club,
P.O. Box 174,
Regina, Saskatchewan,
S4P 2T6

before **October 31st 2000**. No late orders will be accepted!

ORDER FORM FOR YEAR 2001 A.D. MINT ROLLS

(continued)

N.B Delivery date is as usual at the discretion of the Royal Canadian Mint, and there is no guarantee that \$1 or \$2 will be issued. If you have ordered these two denominations and the Mint finally decided not to mint them, your money and prorated shipping will be refunded.

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Show chairman, Roland Fitch would like to thank all those Regina Coin Club members who gave their time and their effort towards making the Fall Show a success. There was no shortage of people to help set up the Bourse, man the admissions desk, or dismantle and pack away the equipment. A full report on the attendance and financial statement will be presented at year end. Attendance, always unpredictable at best was overall very good, despite several slow periods during both Saturday and Sunday. A number of displays were entered. They included: "Foreign Money", "Admirable Queen Mary", "Out of Africa - Large Bronze, Brass, Copper and Iron Trading Pieces", "Out of Asia", "Royal Divorce" and Regina Coin Club Dies, Proofs, Badges and Medals"

NOMINATIONS FOR 2001 EXECUTIVE

Nominations will be accepted from the Regina Coin Club Membership for the following positions:

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Two 2-Year Directorships

The Executive will meet on *Sunday December 3rd* to consider the nominations and may put forward candidates of its own for each position, and make provisions for election either by

acclamation or where necessary by ballot of the new Executive for 2001 at the Annual General Meeting on *Wednesday December 6th* at the Plains Hotel. Please forward your nominations for the above-listed positions to reach the Executive before December 3rd. A nomination form is attached.

Each of the positions is important in its own right, and *must* be filled. For obvious reasons there must be a president or the Executive cannot function. Also the position of Secretary must be filled, as without a record of minutes of the Executive and Regular Meetings no business can be deemed to have occurred. Without a Treasurer, no financial business can be transacted, and the Club cannot meet. In fact without a Treasurer the Club must be dissolved as it will not be able to receive or deposit membership dues for the forthcoming year, and will not be able to pay for a meeting room. The Regina Coin Club has functioned with a full Executive since 1953, and with its present good, solid membership could continue to flourish for many more. However, that will not be the case if members are no longer willing to devote some of their time to Executive duties for a couple of years. Please consider taking up a position on the 2001 Executive

**NOMINATION FORM FOR REGINA COIN CLUB EXECUTIVE
POSITIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2001**

I(insert name) being a Member of the Regina Coin Club in good standing, hereby nominate(insert name of Nominee), who is also a Member of the Regina Coin Club in good standing, for the position of: (delete all but one of the following positions)

President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer 2-Year Directorship (2)

This nomination is made with the full knowledge and agreement of the Nominee named above.

Signed..... Dated.....2000
This nomination seconded by.....(insert name of Seconder) also a Member of the Regina Coin Club in good standing.
One nomination may be made for each of the above positions.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL REGINA COIN CLUB MEMBERS!

The President and Executive of the Regina Coin Club wishes all Club members a Happy and Prosperous New Year! With a full Executive slate (see below) the Club looks forward to a productive and we hope enjoyable year. Any one wishing to give a presentation at a Regular Meeting contact the President. We will also be having some of the excellent CNA Slide Tape Presentations. See you at the meetings and at the Spring and Fall Shows!

ELECTION OF 2001 EXECUTIVE

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Regina Coin Club, held at the Plains Motor Hotel on the evening of December 6th, 2000, the following officers were elected by acclamation to the Executive for 2001:

President - Kelly Moens

Vice-President - Jim Smalley

Secretary - Joyce Brown

Treasurer - Glenn Littlemore

Director for the Year 2001/2002 - Ken Brown

Director for the Year 2001/2002 - Glen Piotrofsky

Director for the Year 2001 (to replace Glenn Littlemore, formerly Director for 2000/2001) - Rowland Fitch (having completed his term as Director for 1999/2000)

Continuing as **Director for the Year 2000/2001 - George Manz**
Continuing as **Past President - Dave MacDougall**

The Executive met on January 8th and set the schedule for future Executive Meetings and all Regular Meetings of the Regina Coin Club for the year 2001 (*see attached Calendar*). Please note that until further notice, the meetings will be held at the Plains Motor Hotel as in the past, and also that the Annual General Meeting will be on the first Wednesday of December, the 5th.

Members are reminded that they can bring any matters requiring the attention of the Club to the notice of the membership through their Executive.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Members are reminded that the new membership year started January 1st. Please assist your new treasurer by paying your membership for the coming year as promptly as possible. The deadline is March 31st. Rates are as follows:

Junior - \$5

(i.e. 16yrs or younger on January 1st of year following year of application)

Ordinary - \$10.00

Family - \$15.00

Life (one-time only fee) - \$150.00

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH MINT

On January 22nd 1901, after a reign of 63 years, one of the most remarkable women of the 19th Century, and one of the best known and best loved Queens of Great Britain died, bringing to a close an era in which Britain had consolidated a world Empire, maintained peace, law and order throughout much of the world, and fostered great technological advances. The Queen was Victoria. After her are named the State of Victoria in Australia; Victoria capital of British Columbia; Victoria Island in the Canadian Arctic; the Victoria Falls and Lake Victoria in south central Africa; Victoria Station in London; Victoria capital of the Seychelles; Victoria Land in the Antarctic; Victoria in Hong Kong, and of course our own Regina, Saskatchewan. During her long reign the telegraph and telephone were invented and developed, the postage stamp instituted, and railways were built throughout Britain and the Empire. Sailing ships gave way to paddle steamers and the first motor cars appeared, the Christmas tree became a tradition, and the first Christmas cards were sent. It was an era that consolidated the gains of the Industrial Revolution, finally bringing the benefits of modern living to the masses. Although social conditions would take another century to reach today's standards, the foundations for the changes were laid during Victoria's reign: universal elementary education, public baths, sewer systems, reliable water supply, street lighting. To celebrate Victoria's reign, and mark the 100th Anniversary of her passing, the British Royal Mint is issuing a Five Pound Crown. The Coin will be issued in circulating cupronickel version, as a cupronickel proof in proof sets, and in silver and gold proof versions.

The design (*figure 1*) by Mary Milner Dickens incorporates the design of wrought iron southern end of the Crystal Palace superimposed on which is a V - for Victoria and five (pounds) - made of two converging railway lines. The head of Victoria framed by the V is that by William Wyon made for the Imperial coinage and adopted for the Penny Black, the world's first postage stamp. Part of the words ON(E PE)NNY, beneath the portrait draw attention to this.

The second new circulating design is for the Two Pound coin. A symbolic design (*figure 2*) by Robert Evans, shows radio waves emanating from the date 2001, the 's' separating the two halves of the date is in the form of a spark representing the letter transmitted in the radio signal sent by Marconi from Cornwall England to Newfoundland in December 1901. The edge of the coin is inscribed "WIRELESS BRIDGES THE ATLANTIC ...", the three dots at the end of the phrase also representing the letter 's' in Morse code.

Figure 1. Obverse and Reverse of the Victoria 1901-2001 Crown.



Figure 2. Reverse of the 2001 Marconi Wireless transmission Two Pound coin.

These coins, and details of other issues may be obtained from:

The British Royal Mint
Dundurn Postal Outlet
P.O. Box 33518
Hamilton, Ontario,
L8P 9Z9

NEW COIN DEALERSHIP IN REGINA

The following notice has been received by the Editor concerning the start of a new coin dealership in Regina:

GEORGE MANZ COINS

PO BOX 3626

Regina SK S4P 3L7 Canada

(306) 352-2337

email: g.manz@sk.sympatico.ca

website: www.georgemanzcoins.com

Regina Coin Club executive member George Manz has quit his job as editor of Briarpatch magazine to work full-time on his coin business called George Manz Coins.

During his trip to Havana, Cuba in December, he met with officials from the Cuban Mint and is now an authorized distributor of coins and medals produced by the Cuban Mint, which includes coins from several other countries.

George Manz specializes in Canadian, Newfoundland, proof and world coins, as well as U.S. coins, commemorative medals, tokens, Canadian paper money and odd and curious money.

Free coin lists (please specify which lists you want) are available from George Manz Coins, PO Box 3626, Regina, SK S4P 3L7. Or you can look up the coins on his website: www.georgemanzcoins.com

LEADER POST ARTICLE

Every now and again the Leader Post publishes an article of interest to numismatists. Such an article appeared in the November 27th edition, page D7, syndicated from the Associated Press. For the benefit of members who did not notice the article when it appeared, it is reproduced here.



Associated Press

This is a front and back view of an 1866 \$20 certificate, now in the possession of the Littleton Coin Co., in Littleton, N.H. The certificate was discovered this fall when its owner, a man who lives in the Connecticut River Valley of New Hampshire

and Vermont, tried to determine the value of old money passed down through his family. The owner, who wants to remain anonymous, learned he was holding a treasure with an estimated worth of \$250,000.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Regina Coin Club recently received a copy of a letter written by Mr. Robert J. Wilson to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Royal Canadian Mint. The views expressed in the letter (which are not necessarily those of the Newsletter Editor or the Executive of Regina Coin Club) are topical and accordingly the letter is reproduced here in the interests of debate. What do Club members think? I must admit that personally, I find the idea of nickel clad steel coins a little "third worldish". Is Canada really so poverty-stricken and its dollar so worthless that it has to be made of something so *cheap*? (Don't answer that!). Ah well, at least its not aluminium!

Emmanuel Triassi, Chairperson,
Board of Directors of the Royal Canadian Mint,
Royal Canadian Mint,
320 Sussex Drive,
Ottawa, Ont.
K1A 0G8

November 28, 2000

Dear Mr. Triassi:

Subject: #626099 25 Yr. Tradition of
Excellence (1999) Coin Set includes one
medallion (slug) and 1¢ through .50¢ -
.91¢ change costing \$99.95 - WHY?

The manufacturing of the above coins using the "new", patented plating process (the MINT'S own description) was intended to reduce costs by millions of dollars, so, why wasn't the reduction in costs reflected onto the purchase of these sets? How would you suggest in your infinite wisdom to perpetuate the young Canadians' enthusiasm to collect our heritage with this outrageous and incomprehensible cost - WHAT A JOKE!

Whatever happened to the cost of about \$15.95 that you charge for regular "Sealed-In-Plastic" sets such as Canadian Mint's #626040 and receive \$3.91 in "mint condition" coins?
ie.; A young person goes into a Coin Shop:-
Sir, (to the dealer) I would like to purchase the NEW TRADITION SET 1999. The dealer says to the young person: -
"Have I got a great deal for you, it will cost you only \$99.95 plus 15% tax." -- "But Sir, (to the dealer) I'm only 13 years old and there is only .91¢ in the set, so why would I pay so much to get so little?" The dealer says: - "TELL ME ABOUT IT!"

I was personally involved in design engineering and, with the design crew, fabricated the best possible product to SAVE COSTS:- thus reflecting lower costs to the buyer. This is the Canadian way, isn't it?

To sum up the inappropriate bit of flag-waving by the Mint to reduce costs in producing these coins. then to turn around and charge (as an insult) \$99.95 plus 15% tax for a .91¢ return -- oh yes, and a (SLUG) MEDALLION.

Yours truly,



Robert J. Wilson
6939 Justine Drive,
Mississauga, Ont.
L4T 1M4

P.S. I've been purchasing coin sets from the mint since the 1950's and I must say that this is the stupidist thing the mint has ever done.

"A very unhappy customer."

/RJW

cc: Danielle Wetherup,
President & Master of the Mint,
P.O. Box 457, Stn. A,
Ottawa, Ont.
K1N 8V5

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