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Bank of Montreal Half Penny Can Sell For \$40,000+ at Auction

Toronto - Rare Canadian Banking Tokens, spanning 175+ years, anchors Toronto coin auction by Geoffrey Bell Auctions at the Toronto Coin Expo Oct 1-2-3, 2015.

Historic Canadian Bank Tokens and Banknotes will be auctioned off by Geoffrey Bell Auctions in Toronto. The highlight is the coveted 1845 “front view” Bank of Montreal half penny token (est. \$40,000+), the only one outside of museum collections of just four known to exist. With distinguished provenance, this red and brown copper proof is sure to take top honours in the auction. The auction’s nearly 900 lots are punctuated by several fresh-to-market collections from around the globe.



Geoffrey Bell Auctions is pleased to be featuring the Richard Cooper Collection, boasting of one of the largest private collections of the Bank of Montreal side-view pennies. These “side views” can sell in excess of \$15,000, and the Cooper group includes the finest examples to be sold in Canada.

Not to be outdone by the tokens and coins, a number of very rare chartered Canadian banknotes will be offered. A Bank of Nova Scotia (Jamaica branch) one pound note dated 1900, 1 of only 2 known, is estimated at \$10,000+.



As well, an 1872 Niagara Bank \$5.00, the only one in private hands, has the possibility of selling for \$25,000+. To conclude this outstanding auction, there is a dazzling array of medals and decimal coins, enough to satisfy the most discriminating collector.

These rare items and many other rare coins, tokens and banknotes will be available for viewing at the Toronto Coin Expo prior to the Geoffrey Bell Auction October 1-3, 2015 at the Toronto Reference Library, located at 789 Yonge Street. The Toronto Coin Expo is Canada's premier coin & banknote show & auction. Hosting world renowned coin and banknote dealers. The public is invited to the bourse floor where 50+ dealer tables will be offering coins, medals, tokens and banknotes from Canada and the world. For full information, please visit www.torontocoinexpo.ca.

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