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Rare and Expensive Canadian Tokens Being Offered At The Toronto Coin Expo

The Toronto Coin Expo, Canada's premier coin & banknote show, is on tap April 22-23 at the Toronto Reference Library. Geoffrey Bell Auctions is once again official auctioneer showcasing an outstanding array of decimal coins, medals, paper money and tokens.

The Richard Cooper Collection features numerous Canadian rarities. The Owens Ropery token from Montreal is one specimen seldom encountered and estimated to be hammered down at \$15,000-\$20,000. The Owen's firm lasted only a few years hence the token's rarity with few surviving.



A second token of note is the very rare Hunterstown token. It was issued by a lumber company in Hunterstown, Quebec. Employees were paid with the tokens. Few specimens have survived and therefore are expected to bring \$10,000-\$15,000.

A very scarce Weir & Larminie encased one cent United States stamp is anticipated to bring \$7,000-\$8,000. This firm of Montreal bankers was the only Canadian company to use this type of token because of a shortage of circulating coin.



The Bell auction includes the most extensive collection of Presbyterian communion tokens offered in many decades. These crudely made pieces of base metal were used commonly before 1867 in the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario. Tokens were given to church adherents by church elders who acted as moral watchdogs. Those that didn't pass the moral test were denied communion. The tokens showed biblical images of the Bible, communion table or the burning bush for example.

Geoffrey Bell Auctions invite the public to attend April 21 and 22 auction at the Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, 789 Yonge Street. All auction lots can be viewed at www.gbellauctions.com.

The Toronto Coin Expo is Canada's premier coin & banknote show. Hosting world renowned coin and banknote dealers. The public is invited to the bourse floor where 52+ dealer tables will be buying, selling and appraising coins, medals, tokens and banknotes from Canada and the world. For full information, please visit www.torontocoinexpo.ca.

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