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PROOFSET SNAGS CAUSE A MONTH'S DELAY

The first batch of 1965 South African proofsets will only be distributed in September and not in August as advertised in the Mint's price list. The delay has been caused by snags which arose in the striking of nickel coins for sets.

A senior Mint official said his technicians had never used nickel for proofsets before and they had found difficulty in obtaining the high-lustre finish required for proofsets.

"We tried tumbling the nickel coins in a rumbling barrel with ball bearings, but found the lettering and designs suffered from the battering," he said.

"The technicians then tried sawdust and the result was perfect. The nickel coins have the beautiful finish we always aim for."

About 5,000 short sets will be sent out in September and the remaining 21,000 short sets, 5,000 long sets and 1,000 gold twin sets will be sent out when the presentation boxes are ready. The distribution may take until next March.

"It takes a long time to parcel sets and send them off. We are also dependent on the arrival of the boxes and these may cause more delays. The Mint cannot devote hours to unessential tasks," the official said.

The silver metal is ready for the R1 coins and their striking will not take long. Collectors do not like receiving blemished bronze coins, which tarnish soon after striking, and they will be minted last.

SELL YOUR CHANGE!

Bickels, of P.O. Box 10690, Johannesburg, are anxious to buy the following South African coins from readers of this newspaper:

* George VI copper and silver coins in E.F. or better condition at double their face-value or more, with a minimum of 15 cents per coin;

* George V copper and silver coins in E.F. or better condition at triple their face-value with a minimum of 15 cents per coin;

* South African commemorative sets of medallions (copper, silver and gold) either singles or cased. Each set will determine its own price;

* Kruger 1893 pennies in V.F. to E.F. condition at R25 -R35 each; and

* Kruger Blank pennies at R4 each.

Readers who wish to sell any of these coins should send them by registered post to Bickels at the above address, or call at their shop, 151, Jeppe Street, Johannesburg.

American Coin Fans Worried

American numismatists are fighting tooth and nail two very contentious bills before the United States Senate and Congress. If both measures are passed, they could stop much coin collecting in the States.

The first bill, and the less farreaching, is the Coinage Act of 1965 which aims at removing silver from the Kennedy half dollar.

Supporters of the Act claim that if the U.S. Treasury persists in minting silver coins, the country's silver shortage will become so serious that unemployment will result in many industries dependent on silver.

The second proposed Act called the Bible Bill because it was introduced by Senator Alan Bible, will have a far more devastating effect on numismatism.

HIGH FINES

This bill provides for high fines and imprisonment if coin collections are used as loan collaterals; if coins declared not rare by the U.S. treasury are hoarded; if U.S. coins are exported; if "non-rare" coins are bought or sold at more than face value plus a service charge and if there is unauthorised melting of U.S. coins.

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SEND SWOP ADS!

Only one month old and we are already spreading our wings! We have had many requests from private collectors to include a Swop Column in future issues. Starting from next month, we will regularly publish a Swop Column.

Genuine private collectors are invited to send Swop Column advertisements for anything in the numismatic and medal fields not later than the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Swop column advertisers will be charged 4 cents a word (with a minimum charge of 75 cents) and they must include their own addresses as this newspaper cannot possibly conduct business on their behalf. These advertisements will be accepted according to standard newspaper procedures. The publisher reserves the right to withhold for publication any or all advertisements.

Although we advertised this newspaper as only being available in English, the response from Afrikaans-speaking South Africans has been considerable.

We have great pride in printing our first article in Afrikaans, a history of coinage by Mr. J.P. Roux, a distinguished former director of the South African Mint. More articles from Mr. Roux will appear every second month on the history of coins and mints.

GESKIEDENIS VAN MUNTWESE

Deur Mnr. J.P. Roux

Voormalige Direkteur van die S.A. Munt, 1943-61.

Die geskiedenis van die muntwese (muntstukke en medaljes) staan gelyk aan die geskiedenis van die wêreld; dus sal ek in hierdie artikel slegs sekere basiese maar essensiële besonderhede aan u voorlê.

Muntwese is gebore uit 'n stelsel van uitruiling; dit was, en is nog, die eenvoudigste metode om goedere te verwissel met 'n persoon of kontrei; die beginsel van die transaksie is om 'n wins te bekom.

Die artikels wat gebruik was as media vir die transaksies, en wat die plek geneem het van die muntwese nog lank voor daar muntstukke bestaan het, was klippe, beeste, tande, sout en baie soorte implemente, asook ringe gemaak uit verskillende soorte metale. Ja, 'n snaakse klompie goedere as hulle vergelyk word met die hedendaagse standaarde; maar, in elk geval, het die soort artikels vir baie eeue 'n noodsaaklike doel gevul.

Die bogemelde soort geld het, omrede die ontwikkeling van handel, geleidelik meer en meer moeilikhede veroofsaak, en dus was dit essensicel om 'n algemene en meer aanneemlike te aanvaar. Gevolglik was 'n metaalartikel ('n muntstuk) die keuse.

Genesis 20, vers 16: "En vir Sara se hy: Hier gee ek aan jou broer duisend na Efron, en Abraham het aan Efron die geld afgeweeg waarvan hy gespreek het voor die ore van die seuns van Het vierhonderd sikkels silwer gangbaar by die koopman."

wat die geskiedenis vir die Numismaat wese. nagelaat het.

OUDSTE MUNTSTUKKE

selfs die mense van daardie tyd kon nie ooreenkom nie. As ons moet oordeel soenvan die ou muntstukke te ondersoek volgens die plekke waar die vroegste

geslane muntstukke gevind was, dan kom die eer toe aan die Lydiane en Grieke. Herodotus, die aansienlike geskiedkundige, gebore re Griekse Halicarnassus in 484 voor Christus, het geskryf dat die Lydiane die eerste mense was om geld re slaan en ook om goue en silwermuntstukke te gebruik.

'n Mens kan sê dat 'n muntstuk is: .Gangbaar by die koopman," wanneer dit erkende stempelmerke op sy voor-en keerkante het en wanneer dit deur 'n geoorloofde persoon of inrigting aangemunt is, in welke geval die geoorloofde outoriteit die metaal-inhoud asook die

gewig waarborg. Die ou muntstukke wat electrum bevat het, was nie bevredigend nie, omrede die goud- en silwergehalte nie konstant was nie. Gevolglik het Croesus, koning van Lydia 560-46 voor Christus. (hy was ook welbekend vir sy geweldige rykdom) muntstukke wat of van silwer of standaard, vir maklike koop en verkoop, van goud was, laat slaan, en bowendien was die gewig van die betrokke geld binne sekere beperkings en dus kon Waarskynlik die eerste outentieke hulle maklik kleingeld uitreik. Vanaf melding van geld, kan gelees word in die vyfde eeu was die aanmunting van geld goed georganiseer dwarsdeur die hele beskaafde wêreld. Graag wil ek ook sikkels silwer." En ook in Genesis 23, daaropwys dat navorsing onderneem deur vers 16, lees ons: ,, Toe luister Abraham 'n aantal numismate aangetoon het dat Cheng die tweede, koning van Chou, 1091 voor Christus geld aangemunt het.

MONOPOLIE

Croesus, die ryk man, het die munt-Na hierdie transaksie, tot tyd en wese as 'n monopolie vir slegs konings wyl die slim Grieke op die toneel beskou, en so het begin die finale rang verskyn het, is daar weinig min feite aangaande die ewolusie van die munt-

Byna al die welbekende metale is gebruik vir die aanmunting van geld. Electrum, koper, goud en silwer in die cerste periode. Gedurende die vyfde eeu Die metaal electrum, 'n natuurlike was yster in Japan gebruik. Lood, geelallooi van goud en silwer, was gebruik koper, en nikkel gemeng met koper, was vir die heel oudste muntstukke wat om in algemene gebruik 200 voor Christus. en by 700 jaar voor die geboorte van Selfs in Persië, 500 voor Christus, was Christus aangemunt was. Wie die heel vir jare lank goue muntstukke geslaaneerste uitvinders was is nie bekend nie, met 'n metaal-inhoud van 13% de le goud, gemeng met I deel silwer. Deur die fat-

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RECORD YEAR FOR CANADIAN MINT

Canadian Mint production for the 1984 calendar year reached a new record and coins sold for numismatic purposes surpassed the previous year's all-time high. These facts were revealed in Mr. Norval A. Parker's annual report published recently.

He said coinage demand increased and for the sixth successive year a new production record was achieved. A total of 665 million coins were struck — an increase of 66.9 per cent on the previous year's figure of 398 million coins.

The Numismatic section of the Mint sold 1,653,162 uncirculated (prooflike) sets. This represents a fantastic jump of more than a million over the 673,000 coins sold in 1963. The Mint also distributed 1,209,441 uncirculated coins.

Overall, the Mint sold 2½ times the number of sets ordered in 1963 and four times the number of silver dollars issued previously.

IRELAND GOES DECIMAL

Ireland may soon change to decimal currency. A committee recently reported to the Minister of Finance that a system based on the 10 shillings unit should be adopted as soon as possible. Suggested new coins are: 20 cents; 10 cents; five cents; two cents; one cent and half a cent.

SETS MEAN PROFIT

Is proofset production profitable for the world's mints? Undoubtedly. The South African Mint firmly states it is not a commercial institution. Recently, Miss Eva Adams, Director of the American Mint, told a Congressional Committee that the U.S. Mint hopes to make \$2,280,000 from proofsets and \$270,000 from uncirculated coins.

Medal Craze is Genuine

The current British craze of snapping up gold medals commemorating Sir Winston Churchill has been attributed by dealers to "genuine" sympathy" and not gold-hoarding.

The medals are very expensive and one firm which advertised 500 large medals for R190 each and 1,000 smaller ones for R70 sold the lot in 24 hours.

The medal boom is not confined to the memory of the great British Statesman, but also to President Kennedy, whose head has appeared on several gold pieces sold by dealers.

U.S. THREATS

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These drastic restrictions, which would kill speculation and probably pure numismatism, has stirred up a hornets nest of protest.

American coin collectors are being urged to write to their senators asking them to vote against the Bible Bill. The United Coin Collectors Alliance has declared war against the Bill.

So serious do some regard the bill that collector Mr. F. Morton Reed took a half-page advertisement in a newspaper. The ad. headed "A Letter to the President", reads: "Dear Mr. President, Coin collecting is one of the few remaining institutions that can join all men regardless of faith, nationality or political convictions, in one cause without the shame of bigotry or the scars of prejudice.

Consider this Mr. President, before allowing the Bible Bill (S.-2036) to destroy the hopes of fifteen million people."

Old 'Silvers' Pour Into Mint

Thousands of the country's old sixpences and 5 cent coins are pouring into the Mint daily for refining. By the end of last month, the Mint estimated that 17,520,000 coins of these denominations had been returned.

The return of the old coins were ordered after the release of the 2 cent coins on May 11. Only the 5 cent pieces were recalled and no attempt has been made to withdraw the popular tickey.

Another 400 million sixpences and 5 cent coins are still in circulation. The Mint hopes that these, too, will be returned in time.

MELTED DOWN

The returned coins are melted

down and sent to a private firm for refining. Once the alloy has been removed, the pure silver is returned to the Mint where it is either sold as bullion or used for new coinage.

The Director of the Mint, Mr. J.J. Groenewald, announced recently that the 10 cent coin will be introduced "soon". He appealed to small traders to return old coins as they persisted in giving sixpences as change.

PRICES AT CURRIES AUCTION

Last month's coin sale at Curries Auctioneers, Johannesburg, created country-wide interest. We publish the complete list together with prices realized at the auction to give readers an accurate idea of the current market prices.

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MISCELLANEOUS	- 1		TUNIS 20 Franc ITALY 20 Lire Victorio	1904	R 9.00
1. 40 silver and nickel coins	R 8.00	20.	Emmanuele	1873 (EF)	R10.00
2. 40 copper and bronze coins	R 5.50	30	CUBA 5 Pesos	1916 (UNC)	R17.00
3. 30 British coins - Geo. III, William IV, Victoria	R18.00	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	RUSSIA 10 Rouble	1899	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
4. 30 S.A. Farthings and Halfpennies	R 3.50		and large 5 Rouble	1889	R30.50
5. 20 S.A. Pennies	R 2.75	41.	PERU - 100 Soles	1964	R54.00
6. 15 Kruger copper and silver coins	R23.50	The State of the S	U.S.A 20 Dollar (Liberty		
7. U.S.A.: 6 Kennedy 1/2 Dollars (Mint)	R23.50		Double Engle)		R40.00
8. Canada: Two 1864 - 1964 Charlottetown			AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O		
Centenary Dollars	R 7.00		Z.A.R. GOLD (18	74 - 1900)	
9. Denmark: Danish Wedding Kroner 1964	R 3.00	42			R75.00
10. Norway: Norwegian 1814 - 1964 - 150 Year	100000000000000000000000000000000000000		Burger's Pond. Plugged		
Commemorative 10 Kroner	R 6.00	44.	Replica Sammy Marks Golden	(MINT)	R24.00
11. OLD coins - 4 VOC (bronze) 1732/67/80/90;	NAME DESCRIPTION	40	Kruger Tickey		R42.00
4 old Chinese Cash - 2 old silver and 2 old	1	45.	Double Shaft Kruger Pond	10/2 (12/	
copper coins	R 7.00	40.	Double Shaft Kruger half-pond	1892	R34.00
12. Britain: British Crowns - Geo III 1819;		67	(mounted)	1893 (VF)	R40.50
Geo IV 1822; Victoria Y.H. 1844; Victoria	1	47-		1894 (VF)	R29.50
Jubilee Head 1890; Victoria O.H. 1898;	1		Kruger Pond	1895 (VF)	R31.00
Geo VI 1951.	R19.00		Kruger Pond	1896 (VF)	R30.00
13. German East Africa: One 2 Rupee VF 1893	R18.00		Kruger Pond	1897 (VF)	R30.00
14. German East Africa: Two 1 Rupee VF 1911/14	R 8.00		Kruger Pond	1898 (VF)	R30.00
15. German East Africa: Two 20 Heller (bronze)			Kruger Pond	1900 (VF)	R34.00
1916 (VF)	R 3.00	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Kruger Pond	1898 (EF/UNC)	R38.00
16. German East Africa: Two 10 Heller 1909 (VF)	R 2.25		Kruger Pond	1898 (21 / 01.0)	
17. German East Africa: Two 5 Heller 1913,		>>.	2 Kruger ½ Ponds		R54.00
1914 (VF)	R 3.00		(ex Mount but EF)		
18. German East Africa: Five 1 Heller 1904/5/6/7/8	В		SOUTH AFRICAN GOL	D (1923 - 196	4)
(VF)	R 3.00				
19. U.S.A.: Two 1 Dollar silver 1921 (VF/EF)	R 4.00	56	S.A. £1	1926	R14.25
20. U.S.A.: Eleven 25 cents, 10 cents, 5 cents		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	S-A. £1	1927	R15.75
			S.A. £1	1928	R14-50
GOLD MEDALLIONS	- 1	the second secon	S.A. £1	1929	R15.00
21. 1 Theodore Herzl Israeli Gold Medallion F.D.C.	D (0.00	C.O. 12-50.	S.A. £1	1930	R14.50
22. 1 Anne Frank Gold Medallion			S.A. £1	1931	R15.50
23. 1 David Ben Gurion Gold Medallion	R18.50	100,000,000	S.A. £1	1932	R15.50
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24. 1 President John Kennedy Gold Medallion	R36.00	100 200 200 200	S.A. Half 10/-	1926	R12.00
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	CWASSASSAST GOVERN	10/2/7/2010	S.A. 10/-	1952 (F.D.C.)	R11.00
25. Kruger 1/2 Pond on hanger	R25.00	1 3 5 770		1961 (F.D.C.)	
26. Pair 1/2 Pond Kruger Cuff Links	R39	(Carron Carron C	2 Rand		R23.00
27. Brooch Victorian Jubilee 10/- with Crown - S.A.		1 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	2 Rand	1962 (F.D.C.)	R17.00
28. Bracelet with 7 Victoria Sovereigns and Safety		10 marganited Am	TWO 2 Rand	1963 (F.D.C.)	R40-00
chain	R69.00	0.0510,660	1 Rand	1963 (F.D.C.)	R14.00
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29. SWITZERLAND 20 Franc 1927 (UNC)	R 9.00	-			
30. AUSTRIA 100 Cor. 1915 (UNC)	R34.00	(1207)	. Five Crowns	1947	R36.00
31. Holland 10 Gulden 1917	R10.00	0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	Five Crowns	1948	R31.00
32. BAVARIA Ludwig III, 20 Mark (F.D.C.)	R13.50	75.	. Five Crowns	1949	R33.00
33. BAVARIA Ludwig II, 10 Mark 1880	R 9.50	0.07700.000	Five Crowns	1950	R46.00
34. U.S.A.: 10 Dollar 1907	programme and the second	77.	. Five Crowns	1952	R28.00
and 6 Dollar 1885	R38.00	78.	. Five Crowns	1958	R32.00
35. MEXICO 50 Pesos 1944 (UNC)	R43.00				CARLOS BOOK BOOK BOOK BOOK BOOK BOOK BOOK BO
36. FRANCE 20 Franc 1914 (UNC)	R 9.00		Concluded at the bottom	of the next page	
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PRICE TRENDS: SOUTH AFRICAN CROWNS

We have taken figures from our 1962 and 1965 price lists, to compare the marked appreciation of uncirculated and extremely fine South African Crowns from 1962 to 1965.

	DATE NUMBER		PRICES IN RANDS				
		ISSUED	19	962	1965		
			UNC.	E.F.	UNC.	E.F.	
	1947	305,600	2.05	1.00	9.00		
	1948	781,992	1.15	.75	8.00	5.00	
	1949	537,821	1.30	1.00	8.00	4.00	
	1950	84,454	3.50	2.00	12.00	4.00	
	1951	366,602	1.05	.75		6.00	
	1952	1,725,500	1.05	.75	9.00	4.50	
	1953	263,000	1.05	.75	7.00 8.50	2.50	
	1954	17,040	4.25	3.50	35.00	4.00 25.00	
	1955	45,080	2.00	1.50	19.50	7.00	
	1956	103,900	1.50	1.00	9.00	5.00	
	1957	157,077	1.00	-75	8.00		
	1958	235,952	1.00	.75		3.00	
	1959	6,139	9-50	7.00	7.50	3.00	
	1960	421,624	1.00	-75	85.00 7.00	4.00	
	1961	54,746	3.50	2.00			
	1962	24,378		1 2.00	10.50	6.00	
	1963	157,717			12.00	7.00	
	1964	150,000			5.00	3.00 2.75	
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X 100 (100)	Five Crowns	1960	R29.00	101. One (5/- to ¼d) 102. One (5/- to ¼d)		R92.0	
	Five 50c	1962	R56.00	103. One (5/- to 1/d)		R125.0	
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				106. One (50c to 1/c)	1962	R30.00 R34.00	
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INVESTMENT HINTS

WE ADVISE YOU...

To SEARCH. Search through your pockets, cash registers, collection boxes and plates. Search for any pre1961 South African coins in exceptionally fine condition. If you don't have a cash register, get your bank teller to help.

The reason for our urging is blatantly obvious. The introduction of South Africa's new nickel coinage will soon herald the disappearance of all George V, George VI, Elizabeth II coins and the 1961-64 Van Riebeeck series. As each new coin is ready for distribution, all coins of equivalent denominations will be called in. By this time next year good specimens of the "old coinage" will be collectors items. We predict marked price rises for all South African coins of the older series.

FORECAST

The spectacular rises we forecast are well illustrated by certain American and Canadian coins, particularly the one cent coin from certain years which is now fetching R25 and more. Is there any reason to believe that South Africans, proud of their coinage which symbolises the Republic's history, will not be prepared to pay high prices for the "forgotten" denominations?

There are very few South Africans who can boast of complete, or almost complete, collections of farthings, halfpennies, cents, etc. from 1923-64.

There is still time to collect a complete set of South African copper and silver coins. In a year it may be impossible.

READERS' LETTERS

Congratulations on "Coin and Medal News" - Pastor J.F. Rowlands, Durban.

I only requested a single copy, but now have much pleasure in taking a subscription - Mr. B. Carden, Sea Point, Cape Town.

COIN CLUB N

Caring for Your Collection is

Coin care is a vitally important job of any collector. Expensive coins may rapidly deteriorate if they are not handled or stored properly.

Many people who are not accustomed to numismatism thoughtlessly ruin proofsets by constantly fingering the brilliant coins and depriving them of their superb lustre.

In our first issue we explained the mechanism of a simple coin investment syndicate. Numerous replies were received from interested readers and among points made by them was "How do we look after our purchases?"

It is for this reason we publish a very authoritative article on the subject written by Robert King and first printed in the Canada Coin News. He says:

Coin care is a preoccupation of any coin collector Corrosion is the principal enemy of brilliant uncirculated coins and proof coins. Atmospheric agents and salt laden clouds of the coastlands are harmful to bronze or copper coins as these soon become covered with a layer of greenish substance called "vert de gris."

Silver coins on the other hand are sensitive to sulphur agents. Sulphur may be found in coloring agents used in the cloth materials of coin boxes. Silver coins stored close to materials containing sulphur derivatives (beware of rubber) gradually turn black.

SLOW DARKENING

Another phenomenon discovered by old-time collectors is the slow darkening of silver coins on display in neon lighted windows. No valid scientific explanation has been found to date. Silver coins are safe, however, when light shed upon them comes from fluorescent lighting.

To retard corrosion and fix the patina, one should cover a coin with a thin layer of cellulose vamish. Contraction and expansion of metal due to weather changes would, in time, cause fine cracks in the protective layer through which corrosion could penetrate. It is thus essential to keep coins where temperature

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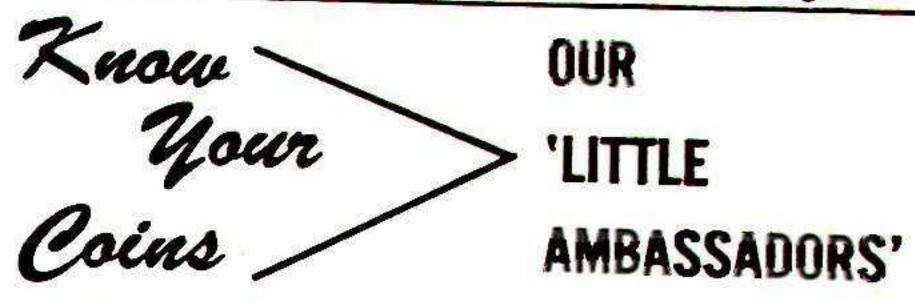
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ss of the Transvaal Numismatic Society As, P.O. Box 607, Pretoria.





The country's new proofsets will be issued in September and soon after their appearance they will begin changing hands at grossly inflated prices.

Short sets, which cost only R3.50 from the South African Mint, sold for R25 a few months ago - but then only promissory notes were available.

obtain larger allotments from the Mint grew, the price rose to R35 a set. It is not improbable that the sets will command still higher prices by the end of the year.

DISAPPROVAL

Numismatists of long standing have frowned on the "gold rush." They frequently question desirability of the S.A.M. producing sets which are open to abuse. "Why should our Mint allow its reputation to be tamished by people who know nothing about coinage," is the question often asked.

The Mint's reply is simple: "The proofsets are 'little ambassadors' of South Africa and everywhere they are sent someone learns more about the Republic."

The Mint's contention is perfectly correct and should be supported by every South African. Proof of the Mint's claim is the flood of appreciative letters which follow the distribution of one year's supply.

The Republic's specimen coins are more eagerly sought after than those of most countries because they are produced regularly - Britain only mints proofsets for important or Royal occasions - and they are of exceptionally high quality design.

Another factor which makes our sets so popular is their magnificent presentation. Many countries sell their sets in ordinary plastic packets, but the Republic's coins are always encased in specially made leatherette As the undignified scramble to containers, which are now gold embossed on the outside and velvet lined inside.

> Each coin case is lined with velvet and satin. This year the colouring of the boxes will be changed. There will be three colours - blue for short sets; red for long sets (with gold coins) and green for the twin gold coin sets.

MINT CRITICISED

The Mint is often criticised for its system of distributing the proofsets. South Africans, in particular, are insistent on receiving their annual allotments because of their special standing - as South African taxpayers. No amount of arguments of this nature persuades the Mint and, as far as possible, each person who previously received sets in 1964 is given an allotment. This system is held in high regard by foreigners.

Our coins ARE popular throughout the numismatic world and each one that leaves the country, whether bound for the treasured collection of a numismatist or the vault of a hoarder, is of benefit to the country."

It would be a sad day for South African coinage if the Mint ever ceased striking proofsets either by official decree or because of overwork in that institution.

medal box

AWARDS FOR SCIENCE WRITERS

The first medal to be awarded to a scientific writer in South Africa is to be struck by the Mint for the Science Writers' Association.

inches in diameter, will be known as the Arthur Bleksley Medal, in recog- Governor-General's Crests.struck. nition of the outstanding work of Professor Bleksley in bringing news of science to the public.

The noted mathematician was largely responsible for founding the Science Writers' Association and became its first president in 1959.

The award of the medal has been made possible by financial support from South Africa's two leading English-language newspaper groups. It is hoped that the Afrikaans Press will support the scheme in due course.

Eligible for nomination are science correspondents and other broadjournalists, professional casters and academic scientists writing outside their professional field in publications intended for the general public.

The first medal struck will be awarded by a panel of scientific judges for meritorious scientific writing in 1964. It is due to be presented towards the end of this year at a function of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, to which the Science Writers' Association is affiliated.

During 1964, the Canadian Mint used 4,426 pounds of yellow bronze for medals destined for the Governor-General Medals, Canadian Force Decorations and Medals and Campaign Stars.

The Canadian Governor-General was the largest user of medals. He had 85 silver and 260 tombac.

bronze medallion, two (yellow-bronze) Governor-General's Medals together with 192 gilded

> The Royal Canadian Mounted Police ordered 24 silver Long Service Medals: 180 silver Long Service Stars and 120 Bronze Stars.

The most prized Police medal - the South African Police Cross for Bravery - was awarded to only one person during 1964.

This information is contained in the annual report of the Commissioner of Police tabled in Parliament recently.

The Police Cross was awarded posthumously to Sergeant J.R. Nienaber, No. 25759, who was drowned trying to save a person from the sea.

The usually staid Police report contained excellent colour pictures this year of the four Police awards and then described under which circumstances they were presented.

The S.A. Police Cross for Bravery is given to a policeman not only for conspicious and extraordinary bravery, but also when there is positive proof that he endangered his own life.

Five policemen were presented with the S.A. Police Star for Distinguished Service. The difference between this and the first medal is in the degree of bravery by the person.

The S.A. Police Star for Merit given to more than 1,000 members is for 30 years faithful service and the S.A. Police Medal for Faithful Service is awarded to all ranks who have served 18 years.

kon ons vasstel of die betrokke munt geslaan of gegiet was. Die stempels het bestaan uit brons of yster; sommige deskundiges reken dat staal ook in gebruik was.

Een van die mees interessante geldstukke is geslaan in Justinian II se tyd. Op die voorkant is die borsbeeld van Christus, asook die pragtige woorde: "Jesus Christus, Die Koning der Konings."

Die bewoordings op ou muntstukke veroorsaak in baie gevalle hoofbrekings vir die numismaat; maar "inskripsies soos preskripsies verloor niks van hulle waarde om effens misterieus te wees nie." Vir opskrifte doeleindes is Latyn nog die beste, want in geen ander taal kan 'n mens so veel skryf in so 'n beperkte ruimte nie.

Die algemene gebruik van silwermuntstukke het begin met Pepin, 752-768 na Christus. Hy het die silwer denarius of "Pennie" as sy standaard munt beskou. Sy seun, Charlemagne, het die goeie beginsels van sy vader bevorder en het gesorg dat die metaal-inhoud, asook die gewig van elke muntstuk, korrek was.

Goue muntstukke was vir baie jare in erg klein aantalle geslaan, maar gelukkig is die geld "herbore". Vir die geskiedkundige tydperk is Frederik II, die wonder-vors van daardie tyd, 1198-1250 na Christus, verantwoordelik. Die slaan van die eerste floryne het in die stad van Florence in 1252, plaasgevind.

As one die aantal muntinrigtings van die ou dae vergelyk met die hedendaagse inrigtings, dan moet ons erken dat hulle in die ou dae baie ondoeltreffend was. Byvoorbeeld, in die tyd van koning John, 1207, was daar sestien muntinrigtings in Engeland, en nog voor die geboorte van Christus was daar meer as vyftig muntinrigtings op die kus van die middelandse see.

MASJIENE

Die slaan van muntstukke met die hulp van masjiene, het in die sestiende eeu plaasgevind; Brasmante 1444-1514, het die eerste muntpers gemaak en in 1514 was Leonardo da Vince verantwoordelik vir die uitpons van muntskrywe. In 1561, gedurende die regering van koningin Elizabeth I, was pragtige muntstukke met masjinerie aangemunt. En vanaf 1642, het die aanmunting van geld, met die hulp van masjinerie, dwarsdeur die hele beskaafde wêreld plaasgevind.

In my volgende artikel sal ek aan die lesers inligting verskaf betreffende die geskiedenis van die DRIE muntinrigtings van ons geliefde Suid-Afrika.

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