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BOOK REVIEW

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The 1858 Cents of Provincial Canada Unprecedented Study Of The 1858 Provincial Cent

The 1858 Cents of Provincial Canada by Rob Turner is a comprehensive ground breaking study on the first cent issued by the Province of Canada. The author has extensively researched the 1858 1 cent and it shows in the 338 heavily illustrated pages. The volume is extensively foot-noted and includes over 400 full colour photographs and many beautiful antique images.

The book is a must have for any serious numismatist or collector of Canadian coinage.

With just the right balance between historical and technical information Rob Turner's book divides naturally into two main areas: an historical account of the decisions and economic factors leading to the mintage of the Provincial decimal coinage and a detailed catalogue of the characteristics of each working die used in the minting of the 1858 1 cent.

Turner examines the realities of 19th century British North America from an economic perspective and then ties this information to the details of the decision making process. He then moves on to an extensive description of the minting procedures used by the Royal Mint at the time. From here the author proceeds with a step by step examination of the results of the mintage of this issue in detail.

The full colour photographs used extensively in the catalogue section support Turner's research and illustrate the characteristics used to identify each working die. In addition he employs the use of sound statistics, based on a sample of 150 random examples, to draw conclusions on the relative scarcity of each die and die combination. The author has included a detailed statistical analysis in the appendix for completeness.

Turner has elevated the bar in Canadian numismatic research by providing detailed analysis of the dies used in minting the 1858 1 cent coinage. Will others take up the challenge and produce works following on from this foundation? Let's hope so!

The 1858 Cents of Provincial Canada is available from the author for US\$100.00 plus US\$20.00 shipping and handling to Canada.

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