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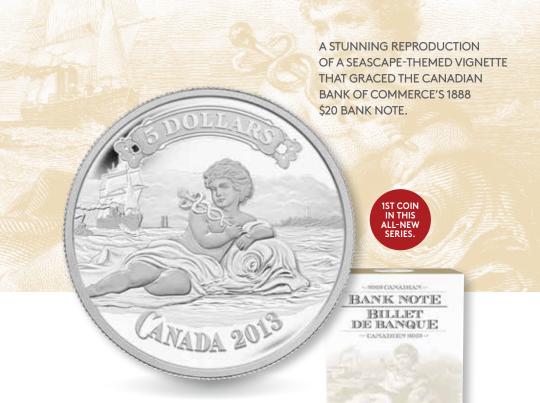
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PROTECTING MONEY WITH ART.

When paper money first appeared in North America, it didn't look anything like the bank notes circulating today. In fact, the very first notes were simply 'promises to pay' written on the backs of playing cards. Even then, counterfeiting was a concern, and as paper money evolved over the centuries, so did the need to make it increasingly difficult to copy.

Art proved to be the perfect strategy—the more detailed and elaborate, the better. Portraits were particularly effective because the tiniest error would immediately stand out. In the late 1800s, green inks emerged as the latest anti-counterfeiting device, and in 1888 the Canadian Bank of Commerce expanded the range of colours for its new series of notes. Each was a work of art, with the \$20 note featuring a beautiful allegory of Canada's close connection to the sea, exquisitely reproduced for this pure silver coin.

fine silver (99.99% pure) proof 23.17 g 36.07 mm serrated CANADIAN BANK NOTE SERIES
2013 \$5 FINE SILVER COIN—
CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE
BANK NOTE

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ACTUAL SIZE



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HONOURING THE HERCULEAN TRIALS OF WAR.

War brings out the worst in humanity—but it can also reveal the best. When the Korean War began, much of the world was still recovering from the Second World War, yet many nations jumped into action.

Canada responded with almost 30,000 land, sea and air forces—a small portion of the international force, but a larger proportion of its population than most nations. The Royal Canadian Navy was among the first in and the last out, while the country's soldiers fought in the mountains and valleys of Korea. When the armistice agreement was signed on July 27, 1953, 1,558 Canadians had been injured and another 516 had made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Korea Medal was awarded to all the Commonwealth forces that fought in the Korean War. Its design showed Hercules slaying the indomitable hydra-headed monster—an allegory for the perilous struggles of war that has been painstakingly reproduced for this special commemorative coin.

fine silver (99.99% pure) proof 23.17 g 36.07 mm 2013 SPECIAL EDITION PROOF SILVER DOLLAR— 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

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MARVEL AT A BLAZING MIDNIGHT SKY.

The Northern Lights have mystified people for thousands of years. First Nations people created countless legends to explain the blazing colours they would see flowing across the sky.

According to a legend from the Odawa people of Manitoulin Island (Ontario), the Northern Lights are the handiwork of *Nanahboozho*, a great cultural hero and shapeshifter who often transformed into the Great Hare. *Nanahboozho* is also credited with creating the earth. After completing this great task, he went to live in the North, where he built bonfires to remind his people that he was thinking of them.

This ageless legend will last forever with this cutting-edge fine silver coin featuring a hologram blazing with all of the beauty of one nature's greatest spectacles.

\$20 fine silver (99.99% pure) proof (with hologram) 31.39 g 38 mm serrated 2013 \$20 FINE SILVER COIN— A STORY OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS: THE GREAT HARE

#124763

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EXQUISITE
CRAFTSMANSHIP
CAPTURES THE LEATHER
STAR'S FINELY TEXTURED
MOTTLED SKIN. CRAFTED
IN 99.99% PURE GOLD!

SUPER STAR OF SURVIVAL.

People call them starfish, but they aren't fish at all: they lack the spinal cord, fins and other features characteristic of fish. More than 100 species can be found in abundance on Canada's Pacific coast. Of these species, the Leather Star (*Dermasterias imbricata*) is the most visible: on rocky shores, in tidal pools and in ocean waters more than 90 m (295 ft) deep.

Don't be fooled by the starfish's delicate design. Truth is, this is one tough hunter. It has few natural enemies and is superbly adapted for survival. Should it get injured during an attack, it will regenerate its limbs, provided part of its central disc remains intact. The Leather Star also has the fascinating ability to push its stomach into a shell to eat the animal living inside. Who would have thought the starry beauty on this elegant pure gold coin could be such a powerful predator?

50¢ fine gold (99.99% pure) proof 1.27 g 13.92 mm serrated SEA CREATURES SERIES
2013 50-CENT FINE GOLD COIN—STARFISH
#126089
\$129⁹⁵ NO GST!

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CAPTIVATING BEAUTY.

Of all the ducks that grace Canada's lakes and ponds, none is as striking as the wood duck (*Aix sponsa*). A flashy red ring around each eye makes it immediately identifiable, and its bill and body are covered with colour—red, yellow, white, brown, gold, black and iridescent violet-green. And while these colours fade after spring breeding, the wood duck's distinctive white markings make it easy to spot any time. Even the muted females stand out.

The wood duck's nesting habits are equally fascinating. It's one of the few waterfowl species that makes its home in a tree cavity, often as high as 20 m (66 ft) off the ground and sometimes in an abandoned woodpecker nest or a hollow created by lightning or decay. This captivating duck lives in the southern range of almost every Canadian province, and is a wildlife treasure that deserves to be celebrated with these must-have keepsakes.

\$10 fine silver (99.99% pure) proof (with colour) 15.87 g 34 mm serrated A. DUCKS OF CANADA SERIES 2013 \$10 FINE SILVER COIN—WOOD DUCK

#123014 \$4095...

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\$2995

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TECHNOLOGY REVEALS GLOWING SKELETON OF THE TYLOSAURUS PEMBINENSIS.

T. REX OF THE SEA.

In the 1970s, palaeontologists began excavating a massive dragon-like fossil near Thornhill, Manitoba. They recovered about 70% of the skeleton, which proved not to be a dinosaur, but a mosasaur—a group of prehistoric sea-dwelling lizards closely related to snakes and Komodo dragons. Mosasaurs had four flippers instead of legs and would swim through the water using snake-like movements.

'Bruce', as the fossil is now affectionately called, was king of the mosasaurs. He lived roughly 80 million years ago when much of North America was under water. Bruce was approximately 13 m (43 ft) long with a T. Rexian appetite, two sets of teeth and a double-jointed jaw to devour anything in its path, including sharks and other mosasaurs. From the top of the prehistoric food chain to our latest glow-in-the-dark technology, this coin brings you Bruce inside and out!

25¢ cupronickel specimen (with colour & photo luminescence) 35 mm PREHISTORIC CREATURES SERIES 2013 25-CENT COIN—
TYLOSAURUS PEMBINENSIS

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2013 \$20 FINE SILVER COIN WITH ENAMEL—MAPLE LEAF IMPRESSION

A flurry of maple leaves falls in perfect formation to create the impression of a larger maple leaf. Beautifully enhanced with enamel!

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