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NUMISMATIC COIN ISSUED

	<i>dated</i> 1966	<i>dated</i> 1967	<i>dated</i> 1968
Coin sets (\$4.00).....	672,514	963,714	521,641
Coin sets (\$12.00).....		72,463	
Coin sets (\$40.00).....		337,687	
Silver Medallions (\$3.00).....		217,422	
Issued separately—\$20 gold coin.....		1	
—\$1 coin (\$1.25).....			885,124

1. These figures represent the actual number of coin sets or separate pieces issued as numismatic items. Included in the 1968 figures are 1,672 coin sets and 164,485 separate dollar coins issued in 1969. Of these, 63,255 dollar coins dated 1968 were produced in 1969.
2. One \$20 gold coin was sold to the R.C.M.P. Criminal Laboratories.
3. Any overproduction of coin by the numismatic section was eventually released for general circulation with regular issues.

General

Centennial Year retains the record for the number of visitors who viewed the coining operations of the Mint. However, 1968 ran it a close second with a total of 85,500 visitors from all over North America.

The number of persons employed in the Mint at December 31, 1968 was 275. This total was supplemented by 84 casual man years. It took the entire efforts of both permanent and casual staff of 359 to produce the record number of coins that were manufactured in 1968. Of the total of 359, 73 were employed in the Administrative Division (including 54 in the Numismatic Section), 20 in the Financial Division, 137 in the Coining and Medal Division, 39 in the Refinery Division, 18 in the Assay Division, 68 in the Engineering Division, and 4 in the Engraving Section.

During the year Mr. W. A. Howe and Mr. T. J. Lowden, who were employed in the Engineering Division, retired after 27 and 31 years respectively; Mr. H. J. Peters retired from his position in the Refinery Division after 35 years of service; and Mr. E. P. Wood retired from the Coining and Medal Division on the completion of 31 years of service.

During 1968 the Mint worked shiftwork around the clock plus overtime. Even this superhuman effort was not sufficient to satisfy the year's abnormal demand for coinage. For the first time since the Royal Canadian Mint has been in existence, a coin order was placed with a foreign government. In 1968 a contract was placed with the United States Mint to manufacture 85 million ten cent coins on behalf of the Royal Canadian Mint.

During Centennial Year the Canadian Government authorized the establishment of the Order of Canada. The Mint was accorded the honour in 1968 of producing the chain of office for His Excellency, The Honourable Roland Michener, C.C., C.D., Governor General of Canada, who is Chancellor of the Order. This chain was manufactured by the Engraving Section of 18 kt. gold, inlaid with white and red enamel. (Illustrated at end of the report.)