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Athletic Silver

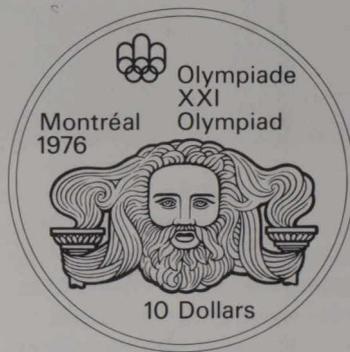
In the next two years, it is hoped, numismatists, sports fans and tourists will buy 60 million sterling silver Canadian coins to help Montreal pay for the Olympic games which will begin there July 17, 1976. If all goes well they will bring in \$250 million of the anticipated cost of \$310 million. The coins, struck in seven series of four, will be worth \$5 and \$10 as legal tender and some will indeed be circulated through Canadian banks. Most will be encapsulated in clear plastic and sold at higher prices and the profit, called seigniorage, will

go into the Olympic account. Each and every coin will be 92.5 per cent silver and 7.5 per cent copper alloy. The fine silver content of all \$5 coins will be .723 troy ounces and of the \$10 coins, 1.44.

The first series has a geographic theme; it features the skylines of Montreal and Kingston, Ont., where the yachting sport games will be held, and maps of North America and the world. The second features Olympic symbols, the third Canadian sports, and the fourth track and field sports. The fifth features water sports, the sixth team sports, and the last series

will be a general souvenir issue. The first two series have already been cast and the next two will come out in the spring. The rest will follow in order, culminating with the last in the summer of 1976.

The general run of the encapsulated coins (the only ones available outside Canada) can be bought through banks and American Express. Deluxe proof coins made from special dies, struck twice, and hand fed to the press, can be bought through the Paramount International Coin Corp. in Englewood, Ohio. The first series was the cheapest since it was cast when silver was less expensive. A basic set of four in any of the other series (two \$5s and two \$10s) costs \$48, with a case \$1.50 to \$2.00 extra. The other sets, "custom" and "prestige", cost \$65 and the special "proof sets" cost \$85. Three per cent of the face value of each coin bought outside Canada will go to the Olympic fund of the country in which the purchase is made.



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