



Newboro News

SIMPSON LODGE # 157 AF & AM

The brethren of Simpson Lodge have participated in a most successful program called PROJECT H.E.L.P., which means, Hearing for Every Living Person.

It is a joint project of Grand Lodge and the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. The project is to mark the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Grand Lodge. It involves raising money which will be invested and the proceeds from the investments to be donated to the Ontario Deafness Research Foundation.

The Ontario Deafness Research Foundation is a group of dedicated scientists who have committed themselves to helping those afflicted with hearing problems. The major objective of the Ontario Deafness Research Foundation is: to raise money to support research in the fields related to hearing loss and altered function of the ear. The Foundation will be supported by the Ear, Nose and Throat doctors of Ontario, and the annual membership fee from these doctors will generate enough funds to cover the administration of the Deafness Foundation.

To date, \$600,000 has been donated by Ontario Masons and their friends.

Simpson Lodge has raised \$1,000, which is 200% of their objective. We hope our efforts will bring comfort and a solution to those suffering from hearing disabilities.

WHAT IS DEAFNESS? There are, generally, two kinds of deafness; bone deafness and nerve deafness. Of these, the latter is the most common and for, which to date, THERE HAS BEEN NO CURE DISCOVERED. Much more research, in many different areas, is necessary to realize a breakthrough. Project H.E.L.P. is the principal support for initiating a viable program of research through the Ontario Deafness Research Foundation.

"FISH SCALES"

A PART OF CANADA'S HISTORY

In 1858, when the Province of Canada adopted decimal currency, the initial coinage consisted of coin denominations of 1-cent, 5-cents, 10-cents and twenty cents. Later, in 1870, the Dominion of Canada added 25-cent and 50-cent pieces but discontinued striking the 20-cent piece.

The smallest of these coins the 15½ mm, silver 5-cent piece gained the knickname of "fish scales" due, no doubt, to its small size and silver colour. It was a popular coin and was to continue in use for 63 years until 1921 when it was replaced by the 5-cent nickel we know so well today.


What of the current values of Canada's smallest coin?

Queen Victoria issues (1858-1901) have several scarce dates and varieties but range from \$1.00 in quite worn shape to about \$50.00 uncirculated.



Edward VII (1902-1910) range from 75¢ to about \$35.00 and George V issues from 75¢ to \$30.00.

The last year of mintage for the fish scale was 1921 when over 2 million pieces were struck. Then the mint decided to produce the large nickel coin and melted down almost all of the 1921 silver coins. Only about 200 are known to exist today. The price range for this date runs from about \$600 in well worn shape to \$4000 in uncirculated condition -- an expensive "fish scale."



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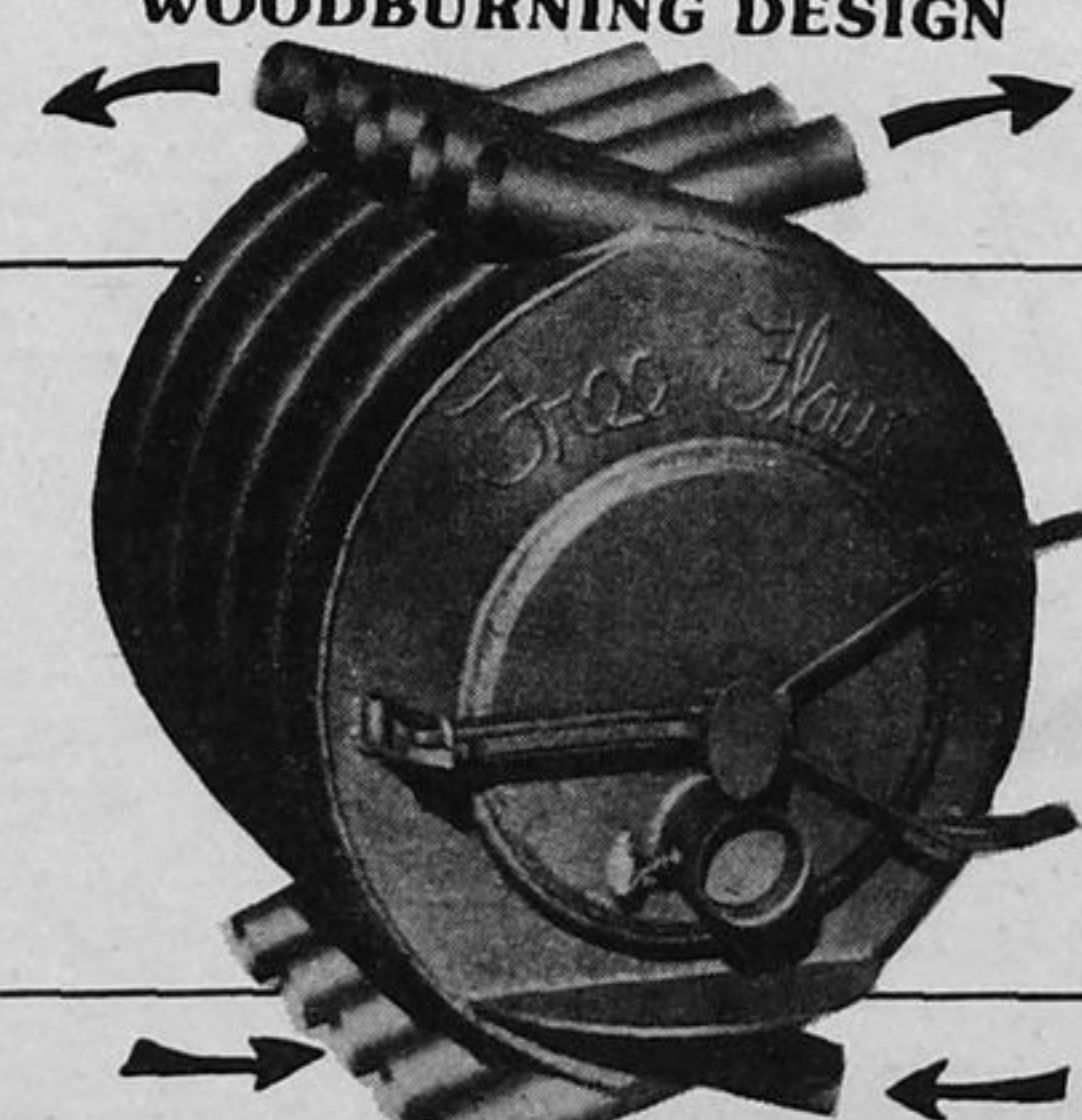
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