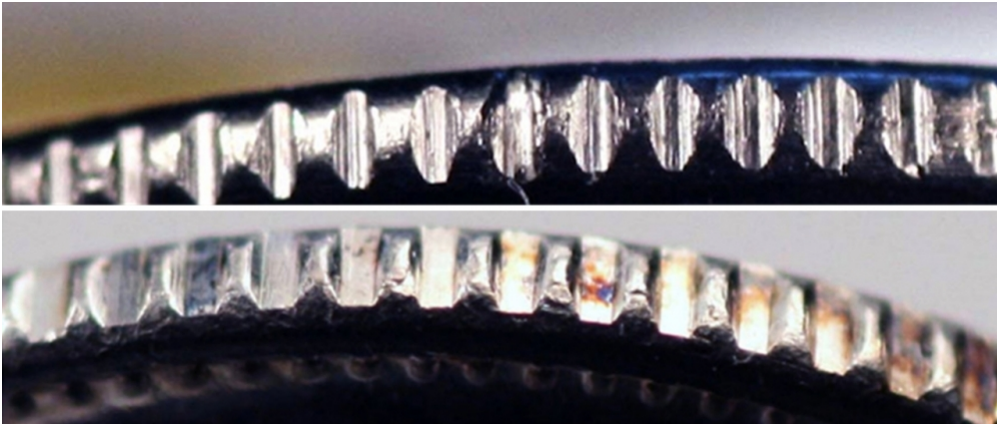


The curious case of the “US” Canadian Dime of 1968



1968 Varieties: Ottawa Mint (up) vs Philadelphia Mint (bottom). Photo © [Saskatoon Coin Club](#)

Due to a lack of time, the Royal Canadian Mint made arrangements with the United States Mint at Philadelphia to strike many of the nickel 10-cent pieces for 1968. The Ottawa and Philadelphia strikings differ only in the number of reeds on the edge and shape of the slots between them.

- **Ottawa Mint (Royal Canadian Mint): V-shaped grooves, reeded edge**
- **Philadelphia Mint: flat-bottomed grooves, serrated edge**

Reeding is formed on a coin at the moment of striking when the dies squeeze the planchet and force it against the reeding pattern on the collar. The different styles of reeding likely didn't matter to the RCM if it was considered at all, since it was probably easier for Philadelphia to just use their own dime collars. As a result, the coins have the exact same diameter as a U.S. dime, 17.91 mm.

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Material	Nickel
Weight	2.07 g
Diameter	18.034 mm
Thickness	1.16 mm