

2009 PROOF SET—

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLIGHT IN CANADA (1909-2009)



Theme: Dreams take to the air

On February 23, 1909, on a frozen lake in Nova Scotia, a silver-winged "aerodrome" amazed onlookers as it flew 0.8 km (0.5 mi) to complete the first airplane flight in Canada. Designed and built by the Aerial Experiment Association under Alexander Graham Bell, the Silver Dart flew 50 times before being destroyed during military trials; around the world the potential value of flight in war was fast being discovered.

Indeed, the First World War was the first to witness air combat. By the end of the Second World War, Canada had established itself as a leader in aviation. It had built some of the best bombers of the war. On March 25, 1958, the mesmerizing and equally intriguing Avro Arrow made its historic maiden flight as one of the most advanced aircrafts of its time.

Building planes also meant testing them and pushing their limits. In 1942, 431 Bomber Squadron was formed and flew many successful missions during the Second World War. Over the years, it has been disbanded and re-launched and is best known today as the Snowbirds. Their breathtaking maneuvers are world-renowned and seem a universe away from the tentative flight made by the Silver Dart a century ago.

Special features:

- It is the second set to feature the commemorative silver dollar selectively gold plated on the reverse and the edge.
- The elegant book-style packaging, with removable lens, splendidly complements these fine coins.

Product specifications:

Item number:	103749
UPC:	6-23932-01426-8
Mintage:	55,000
Finish:	Proof
Certificate:	Serialized
Artist:	Jason Bouwman *

Packaging:

CD lens concept with maroon outer cover and black set-up box.



Advertising date: January 3, 2009

Launch date: January 9, 2009

Face value	Composition	Weight	Diameter	Edge
Proof Dollar*	92.5% silver, 7.5% copper	25.175	36.07	Reeded
2 dollars	92.5% silver, 7.5% copper	8.83	28.0	Interrupted serrations
1 dollar	Nickel electroplated with bronze	7.0	11-sided 26.50	Plain
50 cents	92.5% silver, 7.5% copper	9.3	27.13	Reeded
25 cents		5.9	23.88	
10 cents		2.4	18.05	
5 cents		5.35	21.20	
1 cent	Bronze	2.5	19.1	Plain

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