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Editor's Note

You will recall that the committee constituted to study the feasibility of forming an Ontario association, recommended an Ontario Association hold Annual Banquets, and at these Annual Banquets, there should be an exchange of useful numismatic information through discussion groups and lectures. The present committee is securing the services of eminent numismatists to implement this recommendation at the founding convention. Meetings will be held at convenient times on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, where topics of numismatic interest will be discussed and studied. All persons attending the convention are invited to participate in these groups.

Following the Editor's Note, we are pleased to publish an article entitled 'Canadian 1947 Dot Coinage?' written by Bill English. Mr. English has been able to find some time off from his busy schedule of committee activities to do some research and we are pleased to point out that this is the first contribution to the Ontario Numismatist. We trust that you will find the article interesting and informative. Submissions from other numismatists will be most welcome.

CANADIAN 1947 DOT COINS?

by Bill English

Most eminent numismatists agree that dots, die breaks and wearing of dies do not constitute a variety. A variety as we term it is a different die cut which in turn is used for a period of time. The duration may be for a number of years and at other times, many changes occur in a single issue. Combinations of obverse and reverse strikings may also fall into this category. Dots, maple leaves or any other type of marking cut into a die for a purpose form a true variety as well.

We all know of the 1936 dot series and the wide varieties of reasons for the missing cents and ten cent pieces of this issue. I will not try to discuss or solve that problem in this article.

The question that arises in my mind is the possibility of even another variety of 1947 coinage, that is the dot coins of this issue. The current catalogues list the nickle and quarter, and value them quite high in comparison with the plain and maple leaf varieties. Could the 1947 dot quarter be the 1947 maple leaf, with the maple leaf design in the die plugged to leave a tiny dot? Could the dot at the lower right corner of the seven on the nickle be a pitting of the die? I do not know.

Recently on checking my 1947 long point silver dollars, I came across some with a dot located to the right of the seven. It is clear and distinct, and in most cases, the coins are uncirculated. My search for similar cent, ten cent, and fifty cent pieces with dots on them have so far proven fruitless.

Whether my find is a coincidence, or whether there is truly another variety of our much complicated 1947 issue, only time will tell. The long point dollar is quite scarce, and I do not have a quantity to make a comparative study. I would like to hear from other collectors who may be able to shed some light on the matter. Any information that can be compiled on the relative scarcity and whether or not 1947 dot cents and dimes do exist will be reported as soon as sufficient information is available.

New Members

The committee is pleased to publish a further list of applications for membership which were received during the month of January, 1962.

53. GOWAN, Allan W., 187 Walnut Street, Corning, New York, U. S. A.
54. ROY, Alfred A., c/o Hotel Clinton, Clinton, Ontario.
55. TICKNER, Ralph R., 804 Retlaw Drive, Sarnia, Ontario.
56. GARSIDE, M., 17 Raitar Street, Kitchener, Ontario.
57. HARTON, Ross, 212 South Brack Street, Sarnia, Ontario.
58. PARK, D. W., 308 Savoy Street, Sarnia, Ontario.
59. HAZLETT, Wayne J., 3768 South 89th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U. S. A.
60. CRABB, Frederick R., R. R. #1, Simcoe, Ontario.
61. BRACE, Bruce R., 100 Merna Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.
62. GRAHAM, Louise, 23 Hollywood Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario.
63. BARDWELL, H. F., 670 Cherry Drive, Sarnia, Ontario.
64. EVERINGHAM, John E., 1029 Laurier Crescent, Sarnia, Ontario.
65. SIMPSON, Rosalys, 43 Bond Street, Oakville, Ontario.
66. SIMPSON, Thomas J., 43 Bond Street, Oakville, Ontario.
67. JARVIS, Major Cale B., 120 Jameson Avenue, Apartment 714, Toronto 3, Ontario.
68. CURTIS, John K., 27 Granlea Road, Willowdale, Ontario.
69. MULCAHY, John P., 56 East Washinton Street, Hornell, New York, U. S. A.
70. ESLER, J. Graham, 56 Glass Avenue, London, Ontario.
71. KING, Elizabeth I., Apartment 6, 50 Ridout Street South, London, Ontario.
72. MOORE, James K., Box 118, Bright's Grove, Ontario.
73. SHELL, Alvin, 59 Simson Street, Tonawanda, New York, U. S. A.
74. MATHER, Winifred, 207 Tichester Towers, 21 Tichester Road, Toronto 10, Ontario.
75. NONDORF, Thomas Jr., 113 Oak Street, Paw Paw, Michigan, U. S. A.
76. LANGS, Larry S., 100 Leeming Street, Hamilton, Ontario.
77. LAVELL, William, 2245 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario.
78. JONES, E. W., 48 Rutherford Avenue, Aylmer, Ontario.
79. LIPP, Julius M., 130-43 220th Street, Springfield Gardens 13, New York, U. S. A.
80. KEKEWICH, Clare, Box 403, Orangewille, Ontario.
81. FAVRO, Peter S., 160 Symons Street, Toronto 14, Ontario.
82. SHEPHERD, John, 167 Codsell Avenue, Downsview, Ontario.
- C6. OAKVILLE COIN CLUB, c/o Mrs. Claudia Pelkey, 35 Brant Street, South, Oakville, Ont.
- C7. SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, c/o Mr. D. W. Park, 308 Savoy Street, Sarnia, Ontario.
- C8. NORFOLK COIN CLUB, c/o Miss Elsie Fick, Box 309, Simcoe, Ontario.
- C9. TORONTO COIN CLUB, c/o Miss Kathleen M. Richards, Apt. 205, 44 Saranac Blvd. Toronto 19, Ontario.
- C10. NICKEL BELT COIN CLUB, c/o Mr. J. R. R. Armitage, Box 593, Sudbury, Ontario.
- C11. NORTH YORK COIN CLUB, c/o Mrs. May Bunnett, 785 Willowdale Avenue, Willowdale, Ont.
- C12. WINDSOR COIN CLUB, c/o Mr. Alan May, 568 Elm Avenue, Windsor, Ontario.

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The applications are subject to the approval of the O. N. A. Executive when formed. The numbering is tentative and is also subject to the approval of the O. N. A. Executive. The committee proposes to recommend to the O. N. A. Executive that the first one hundred members in the association be known as Charter Members.

Applications for membership in the Association may be forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. Bruce Raszmann, 10 Allen Street East, Waterloo, Ontario. Individual membership is one dollar and club membership is ten dollars. Please include bank exchange if payment is made by cheque.

Speakers' Circuit

The committee is pleased to announce that there have been a number of fascinating additions to the Circuit and the committee proposes to have amended copies of the Speakers' Circuit prepared in time for the Founding Convention in March.

There is still time for additional speakers to join the Circuit and the committee would be most pleased to receive the names of speakers from eastern and northern Ontario.

Founding Convention - Delegates

All clubs in Ontario are requested to select one delegate to attend the Founding Convention in March. A general business meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24, where delegates will participate in the actual founding of the Ontario Numismatic Association. Here is an opportunity for all clubs in Ontario to assist in the formation of an organization which will offer leadership and assistance to all clubs. Your club's support, and the guidance of the delegates can only work for the betterment of the organization and the pursuit of numismatics in Ontario.

If necessary, there will be a further business meeting on Sunday, March 25.

Delegates are also invited to attend an Executive Luncheon on Sunday, March 25, at the Walper Hotel, where they can meet the new executive of the O. N. A. The luncheon will be free to the delegates and the executive. Clubs are urgently requested to advise the Convention Chairman the name of their delegate in order that sufficient reservations will be made for the delegates attending the luncheon. The Convention Chairman is Mr. Phil Mueller, 239 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener, Ontario.

Individual members of the O. N. A. are most welcome to attend all business meetings of the O. N. A. at the Founding Convention.

Convention Auction

The committee is pleased to announce that Mr. A. Rosen of the Toronto Coin Centre was the successful bidder to handle the auction. One thousand lots will be included in the auction which will be a must for every coin collector. The auction will feature items to satisfy all collectors, including much gold, large lots of foreign coins and crowns, and American coins. Some of the Canadian rarities will include 1921 - 50 cent and 5 cent, 1872, 1875, 1884, 1889 dime, other 5 cent rarities, rolls of key date cents, 1925 nickels, etc., Canadian gold, including several 1914 Canada \$5.00 pieces. The auction will be split into two floor auctions of 250 lots each and the remaining for mail auction only. Prices will be available.

Convention Medal

The committee wishes to announce the striking of a remarkably attractive medal commemorating the Founding Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association. The medal will be struck in gold, gold filled, silver and bronze.

One side of the medal features a design commemorating the conclave with an

Ontario motif. The design portrays the Cross of St. George emblazoned on a shield which is surmounted by a crown. The trillium, the provincial flower of Ontario, adorns the lower part of the shield. The shield divides the year of the convention and the outer edge refers to the association name and the event.

The other side of the medals features the club crest of the Waterloo Coin Society which is no doubt unique in club crests. The Waterloo Coin Society is host to the convention.

This medal will only be struck for this one historical occasion, and will make a very handsome addition to any one's collection. Prices of the medals are as follows:

Gold, 10 K.	\$40.00 each
Gold Filled, 10 K.	15.00 "
Silver	5.00 "
Bronze	3.50 "

The medals will also be obtainable in attractive presentation cases with prices as follows:

Presentation Case #1	25.00 "
With one each of Gold filled 10 K., silver and bronze.	
Presentation Case #2	50.00 "
With one each of Gold 10 K., silver and bronze.	

Prospective buyers are urged to place orders early in order to ensure supply. Medals will be available in time for the Founding Convention in March. Prices include shipping costs. Place orders with the Treasurer, Mr. Bruce Raszmann, 10 Allen Street East, Waterloo, Ontario. Please include bank exchange if payment is made by cheque.

New Club - The Norfolk Coin Club

In January, the O. N. A. received a call for assistance from a group of numismatists who were contemplating the formation of a new club in Simcoe.

On January 7, Bill English, together with committee members Frank Uttley, Phil Mueller and Bruce Raszmann, travelled to Simcoe armed with plenty of material and ideas, and during their presence, a new club was formed. The new club took the name of 'The Norfolk Coin Club', and elected George Smith as its first president. Vice-President is Fred Crabb, with Elsie Fick as secretary. The treasurer is Bob Comer, and Don Fayne is the editor of their proposed publication. There are also five Directors.

The O. N. A. wishes the club success, and trust that it will grow in numbers from what has been described as a strong nucleus.

This is the first opportunity that the O. N. A. has had to offer practical assistance in the formation of a new club and the committee is most anxious to assist wherever it can in this way.

The O. N. A. is pleased to announce that the Norfolk Coin Club has applied for membership in the Association and its mailing address will be found under 'New Members'.

Ontario Numismatic Award of Merit

The committee in co-operation with the Waterloo Coin Society is pleased to announce the Ontario Numismatic Award of Merit. This award is to be given for the greatest contribution made by any Ontario numismatist towards the advancement of Canadian numismatics. A suitable award will be presented to the successful nominee at the Founding Convention. For the award at this convention, a broad interpretation is placed on the type of contribution, and may include research, publications, or any other activity meriting recognition.

Clubs and interested individuals are encouraged to nominate candidates for this award, and are requested to forward the names of nominees, together with details of contributions to numismatics in writing, on or before February 28, 1962, to Mr. Rod R. Rekofski, Chairman, 163 Lancaster Street East, Kitchener, Ontario. Submissions to the committee, presently constituted of eminent numismatists, will remain confidential until the award has been announced.

Here is an opportunity to give recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of numismatics. The Committee would be pleased if Ontario clubs would give the award the widest publicity in their newsletters.

Convention Bourse

There are only five bourse spaces available at the time this publication goes to press. Applications for bourse space accompanied by a fee of twelve dollars will be accepted by the treasurer, Mr. Bruce Raszmann, until all available space has been allocated. Preference will be given to applications in order of receipt.

Dealer's Beef

The committee, prior to the setting up of the bourse at the Founding Convention, had sought the views of a number of well-known dealers with respect to the rights and privileges of dealers at banquets and conventions. The dealers were invited to offer their views on any phase of bourse activities, such as space, fees, hours of sale, etc. The committee proposed to study the views of the dealers and where practical, incorporate their suggestions in the bourse of the Founding Convention.

The committee regrets to advise that it has not had one reply to its requests.

Slides of British Military Medals, etc.

Mr. John K. Curtis of the North York Coin Club has advised that the North York Coin Club has on loan from the A. N. A., slides on 'British Military Medals' and 'Medals of the Society of Medalists'. Because of the difficulty of getting these slides back and forth through Canadian and American customs, the A. N. A. has asked the club to make these slides available to Canadian Clubs while they are in Canada. There will be, of course, a nominal charge to help defray shipping expenses.

Clubs are encouraged to make use of these slides and for reservations are asked to contact Mr. John K. Curtis, 27 Granlea Road, Willowdale, Ontario.

The O. N. A. thanks Mr. Curtis for bringing these slides to the attention of Ontario clubs.

Club Medal Competition

The committee has received a number of medals from Ontario clubs to be entered in

the competition, and Mr. Frank Uttley, Chairman of the Displays, will be forwarding further details of the competition to all clubs in the immediate future. Other information with respect to the competition will be found in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

O. N. A. Crest Competition

The committee will be pleased to place on display at the Founding Convention any suggested design for the O. N. A. crest. Designs will be retained by the Committee and will be entered into competition when ordered by the Executive following the convention.

The committee has received one design, from Robert A. Johnson of Mountain Grove, Missouri, U. S. A.

From the Oakville Coin Club

The Oakville Coin Club is a keen supporter of the O. N. A., and Mrs. Claudia Pelkey, the club secretary has offered some worthwhile suggestions to the committee as discussed by the club.

The Oakville Club feels that the O. N. A. should consider a change in name in order to avoid confusion with organizations with similar names and has suggested the organization be known as the Upper Canada Numismatic Association. Mrs. Pelkey further states in a recent letter "The name is of historical interest and brings to mind some of our first tokens. Because we receive coverage in papers like the 'Coin World', the club would be instantly recognized."

Mrs. Pelkey offers some further interesting suggestions with respect to the name of our publication. Here again the Oakville Club feels there may be some confusion with "The Numismatist" of the A. N. A. Mrs. Pelkey continues, "Surely there are some original thinkers in Ontario. Somehow, we must find a name that would instantly distinguish our publication. These are some of the suggestions given to me: The Mint Reports; The Canadiana; Numismatic Era; and Finders-Keepers. The word 'numismatic', or any of its derivations, could be added or omitted. The thing is, to make it original and distinctive."

The Committee thanks Mrs. Pelkey and the Oakville Coin Club for the suggestions as to the formation and operation of the O. N. A., and wishes there were more clubs actively interested, like the Oakville Coin Club.

From Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Director, C. N. A.

"I can appreciate the problems that you are facing as we had to meet similar problems during the formative period of the Canadian Numismatic Association. I have been very impressed with the orderly and business-like manner in which you and your committee have been going about your task.

I extend every good wish for the success of the new Association, and my only regret is that I cannot be present at your founding convention."

Rod R. Rekofski,
Chairman.