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ELECTIONS POSTPONED

ONE YEAR

Elections of Ontario Numismatic Association officers have been delayed this year, despite the fact that the present executive has served its two-year term.

Reason for the decision (see full statement below) was that continuity, vital to the young organization in its present state, must be maintained for at least another year.

This postponement is considered legal because the ONA is still operating without a constitution. Drafts of parts of the constitution in the making have been published in the Numismatist. Once the document is approved by the membership, elections will be conducted on a regular basis prescribed by the constitution.

Test of the executive statement:

NOTICE OF MOTION

The executive is presently studying a draft constitution and as the members are aware, articles of the constitution are published each month as space permits in our publication for the further study of our members.

The draft constitution sets out a two-year term of office for the officers and if the constitution was in effect an election would be called for in the present year.

The executive, after reviewing the position of our organization, has unanimously passed a motion calling for the postponement of elections for the present year. It is the feeling of the executive that many executive officers are engaged in important projects vital to the organization which have not been completed to date and that even a partial turnover of officers would prove disastrous to the association. The executive felt that it had no alternative but to postpone elections for a year in the best interest of the organization.

The executive has worked hard during its term in office and has traveled many thousands of miles in pursuit of its duties at its personal expense and is willing to continue to do so for the benefit of the association.

Articles four and five of the draft constitution are published elsewhere in the Numismatist. The main reason for publishing parts of the draft constitution as they are reviewed by the executive is to familiarize members with them. More important, this represents an open invitation for membership comment. The executive wants to know where members stand on this important matter. So, let's have it.

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST

Membership dues are due. We mean NOW! This will be the last issue of the Numismatist, unless the treasurer has your 1964 membership dues (any date, series or condition, so long it is Canadian and legal). So, come on people. Keep Treasurer Bruce happy for another year. Pay up!

P. E. I. STRIKES MEDAL

Prince Edward Island will mark the first confederation conference, held in Charlottetown in 1864, with a medal, Winifred Mather, Toronto Telegram writer, said.

The obverse depicts the new Fathers of Confederation building and the old provincial building. Bronze medals are available at \$1, silver at \$5 (striking limited to 5,000) and 10K gold at \$50. Send checks or money orders to Prince Edward Island Centennial Committee, Box 2000, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

THANKS LLOYD

Lloyd Smith again outdid himself by donating to the ONA library the fourth set of slides in the series, Coinage of the Colonies. This set contains coinage of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Lloyd is a big wheel (bulletin editor) in the London Numismatic Society, and coin columnist in the London Free Press.

LET'S HAVE THEM

Deadline for 1964 Award of Merit recommendations is March 1 -- less than a month away. So let's get them in. Check the rules and regulations in last month's Numismatist. Surely you have a pet numismatist you would like to see honoured.

In July, 1960, the British treasury decided the farthing was more of a nuisance than it was worth (it cost two farthings to produce one) and announced it would be demonetized.

It was worth about one-third of a cent, and it ceased to be legal tender on New Year's Day, 1961. The farthing can be traced back about 1,300 years to the Anglo-Saxon silver penny. This was impressed with a cross so that it could be broken into four -- each part being a feurthing or farthing.

The now worthless coin could once buy a chicken or a seat at a coronation procession.

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HIDDEN RICHES

by Claudia Pelkey

According to the Webster dictionary, numismatics is the science of coins, medals, tokens, bills, etc. And science is the knowledge, comprehension or understanding of the truths or facts of any subject.

Therefore, a numismatist is one who seeks an understanding of coins, medals, etc. Numismatics is not the hoarding or amassing of coins; is not the buying and/or selling of coins; and not necessarily the collecting of coins. But the person who searches for information and identification of a coin or coins.

Anyone, with financial backing, can purchase coins or even whole collections to be stashed away in a vault or shown in impressive masses. But, at the same time, this person may be completely ignorant of the coin's identity beyond which country it came from.

The TRUE numismatist, therefore, is one who takes a coin and searches until he has learned all there is to know about it. He may not have an impressive collection, but will know and recognize a coin for its true value -- romance, history, geography, art, literature, etc.

Coins that we take for granted in our every day life can be fascinating if we just take the time to find out the Why? When? Where? How? and What for? Far too much stress is placed on the selling price in today's trend of coins. Once you have purchased the coin and safely tucked it away -- all that you know is that it cost you money - and you have probably worked out how many hours you had to toil in order to purchase that coin. It is therefore, my prediction, that these people soon tire of numismatics (as they called it) and throw it aside as a millionaire's hobby.

On the other hand, the person who obtains a coin; then takes the time to find out all there is to know about that coin, is rich indeed. He has placed it geographically; learned a great deal of the history, art and literature of the coin and the land from which it came; besides having spent many enjoyable hours of reading, he has added greatly to his store of knowledge.

With all this added knowledge, the coin takes on a new beauty and meaning that only the TRUE numismatist can comprehend.

NEW MEMBERS

Applicants published in the January issue of the Journal have now been accepted.

The following applications were received in January. If no objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the March issue of the Numismatist.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

- 382 Bud Fresley, 4 Aveline Cres., Scarborough, Ont.
- 383 C. R. Lumley, 88 Curtis St., St. Thomas, Ont.
- 384 James Floyd Gratton, RR 4, London, Ont.
- 385 Floyd C. Gratton, RR 1, London, Ont.
- 386 D. A. Ashworth, Lucan, Ont.
- 387 Patrick Holloway, 226 Ave. Deschamps, Eastview, Ont.
- 388 Doc Shugan, Dominion of Canada Coins, 700 Durie St., Toronto 9, Ont.
- 389 John Baxter, 243 Woodfield Rd., Toronto 8, Ont.

- C27 CENTRAL COIN CLUB, c/o Central YMCA, 40 College St., Toronto, Ont.
C28 RA COIN CLUB, c/o RA Centre, 2451 Roverside Dr., Ottawa, Ont.

REINSTATEMENTS

- 110 Walter D. Allan, 2430 Triller St., Bronte, Ont.

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63 H. F. Bardwell, 1040 Connaught Cres., Sarnia, Ont.
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89 Frank Rose, Arcade Coin and Stamp, 137 Yonge St., Toronto 1, Ont.
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147 Bert Adams, Box 256, Bala, Ont.
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264 William E. West, 35 Paddington Ave., London, Ont.
333 Gerald L. Knapp, Box 2304, Station D, Ottawa, Ont.
371 Fred Fox, 272 Maurice St., London, Ont.
372 Mrs. Fred Fox, 272 Maurice St., London, Ont.
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C19 CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, c/o Robert H. Whitehead, 1132 Bedbrook St., Ottawa 5, Ont.
C20 STRATFORD COIN CLUB, c/o Ivan Bonfonte, 76 Devon St., Stratford, Ont.
C21 CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB, c/o Box 145, Orillia, Ont.

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- 254 Alan May, 1535 May Ave., Windsor, Ont.

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Editor of Coin Comments - Cecil Paul
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President - Donald Flick
Vice-president - Claudia Pelkey
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Corresponding Secretary and Editor - David Ash
Treasurer - Kenneth Hart
Directors - Larry Pelkey, Allan McLean and Wm. Crossley

CLUB COMMENTS

The Oakville Coin Club has moved to a new location, beginning with their Jan. 20 meeting. The new meeting place is the RIVERSIDE LODGE MOTOR HOTEL, 111 Forsythe St. The new location can be reached by Highway 2 (known in Oakville as Colborne St.) The club still meets on the third Monday of each month.

Congratulations to Robert Prince, retiring president of the St. Catharines Coin Club, on being presented with his life membership.

In November, 1963, the Bay of Quinte Coin Club and the Trenton Coin Club amalgamated to form the new and stronger Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association.

New Year's Resolutions (as taken from the official publication of the Bay of Quinte Numismatic Society). This is an example for all club members.

I WILL - pay my dues early this year.
- take a more active part in club meetings and activities.
- write at least one short paragraph for the club paper.
- be responsible for at least one new member joining the club.

ORDERING PROOFLIKES

Orders for prooflike sets or silver dollars from the Royal Canadian Mint must be addressed to Coins Uncirculated, Box 470, Ottawa 2, Ont. Orders for sets may be placed for sets of one, two, five 10, 25, or 50. Silver dollars may be ordered in quantities of two, 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50. Prooflike sets are priced at \$3 each (Canadian funds). The minimum order of two silver dollars may be ordered for \$2.50.

Remittance in the form of a certified cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General of Canada should accompany each order.

COMING EVENTS

March 14, 15 - Waterloo Coin Society Fifth Annual Banquet, Walper Hotel, Kitchener, Ont.
March 28 - Metropolitan Numismatic Club Fifth Annual Display and Bourse. Oak Room, Union Station, Toronto, Ont.
April 17, 18, 19 - Ontario Numismatic Association Second Annual Convention, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ont.

COLLECT CANADIAN TYPES

R. W. Irwin

Do you still have a few holes in your series collection of Canadian coins? To fill these holes will probably cost you more than the collection already accumulated. What is the answer? How about a type collection?

In the two approaches to coin collecting the series collection, that is, the collecting of one specimen of each date seems to stop short of completion in each series because of certain high-priced key coins of low mintage or other form of scarcity. There are so many collectors in the hobby at this time that the fun of looking for these items in pocket change is fast disappearing. How long has it been since you last added a worthwhile coin to your collection?

Collecting coins by type was the original and only way of collecting coins until quite recently. The majority of the coin collectors in the world other than in North America still collect in this form. The collecting of foreign coins which is gaining in popularity here is usually by type.

A type collection can be broken down into many classes and offers a wide variety of enterprise to challenge any collector. Type albums are available but are not generally used since they tend to restrict the form of presentation. Rarities may be encountered but certainly not as often as in a series collection. The rarities will usually involve commemorative coins or a type of coin that was probably issued for a single year and therefore will mean competing with the series collector for this item. In type collecting condition is usually more important than with a series collection although it offers lots of fun at a reasonable cost. Buy the best possible condition! Try to avoid rare dates and die varieties. For exhibition purposes it may be desirable to have two coins of the same type or date to show the obverse and reverse or some other difference.

In the Canadian decimal series the basic obverse types are the laureated and coroneted heads of Victoria, Edward VII bust, the Graceless 1911 issue of George V, the regular George V issue and the 1935 one dollar commemorative. Also George VI to 1948 and the later issue without reference to India in the inscription. Finally the issue of Elizabeth II.

The reverse types are more numerous and it is here that certain goals must be established early in the collection. Ask yourself what you want to collect. Should the mint mark varieties be included? What about the 1947 ml set, or the 1953 reengraved issues, or the size of the leaves on the one and 10-cent coins, or the many die varieties to be found with the date. Where will you draw the line?

In addition to the above there are also other types to be considered such as the commemorative coins as well as the differences in size, weight, fineness, shape and metal of the regular issues.

Listed below are suggested examples of the major types of Canadian coins. Obverse types including those due to size, weight, fineness, shape and metal differences are listed first.

One Cent: 1859; 1901; 1910; 1911; 1918; 1932; 1945; 1952 and 1962.

Five Cents: 1899; 1902; 1911; 1919; 1920; 1922; 1937; 1943; 1945; 1947; 1949; 1952; 1953; 1962 and 1963.

Ten Cents: 1901; 1902H; 1911; 1912; 1936; 1937; 1950 and 1962.

Twenty cents: 1858. Twenty-five cents: 1872H; 1910; 1911; 1929; 1945; 1950 and 1962.

Fifty cents: 1870; 1910; 1911; 1919; 1920; 1945; 1962.

One dollar: 1935; 1936; 1937; 1949; 1962.

The reverse types listed below contain a duplication of some of the above mentioned coins and include mint marks and major die varieties not including those of date.

One Cent: 1882H; 1898H; 1910; 1918; 1932; 1947ml; 1962; 1907H; 1888.

Five Cents: 1890H; 1899; 1902; 1902h; 1902H; 1911; 1922; 1937; 1940; 1942; 1943; 1945; 1947ml; 1951 comm; 1963.

Ten Cents: 1901; 1882H; 1902H; 1907; 1910; 1936; 1937; 1945; 1947ml.

Twenty Cents: 1858. Twenty Five Cents: 1872H; 1901; 1902H; 1910; 1945; 1947ml.

Fifty Cents: 1870; 1872H; 1903H; 1919; 1947ml; 1958; 1962.

One Dollar: 1939; 1947ml; 1949; 1958; 1962.

THE CONSTITUTION

Article IV - Members - Application, Admission and Dues

Section 1 - Applications to become Regular, Family, Junior, Life or Affiliated Members shall be made in writing on an official application form. Such applications shall, in the case of Regular, Family, Life or Affiliated Members, bear the name and address of the applicant, and in the case of the Junior Member the age at last birthday.

Section 2 - Applications to become Corporate Members shall be made in writing on an official application form, signed by two of the applicant's executive officers.

Section 3 - Applications for all memberships, accompanied by one year's membership dues, shall be sent to the Secretary, who shall cause notice of the application to be published in the next issue of the Official Publication of the Association.

Section 4 - If no written objection to such application is received by the Secretary by the end of the next succeeding month following publication, the applicant shall be admitted to membership on that date and notice to this effect shall be published in the next succeeding issue of the Official Publication.

Section 5 - If written and timely objection to such admission is received by the Secretary, he shall refer the matter to the President, who shall thereupon inform the applicant of the nature of the objection and request an answer thereto not later than one month after the sending of such notice. When this has been received, the President shall forward all the available information to the Executive for consideration and action. The Executive may either accept or reject such application and in either event the President shall notify the Secretary of the decision. If the Executive accepts the application, the applicant shall be admitted and notice thereof shall be published in the Official Publication. If the application be rejected, the applicant shall be so informed by the Secretary and the advance dues shall be returned to the applicant.

Section 6 - Honorary Members shall be relieved from the payment of any membership dues.

Section 7 - All dues for Members shall be such as may be shown from time to time in the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 8 - Applications for Life Membership, if found to be in order, shall be accepted forthwith by the Secretary and notice of such membership shall be published in the next succeeding issue of the Official Publication. The dues for Life Members shall be payable in a lump sum at the time of application as a Life Member. After payment of said sum, Life Members shall not be required to pay any additional membership dues during their lifetime.

Article V - Members - Resignation, Suspension and Expulsion

Section 1 - No member shall be permitted to resign from the Association while he is indebted to it in any manner or while charges are pending against him.

Section 2 - Annual dues shall be payable in advance on January 1st of each year. Any member who fails to pay his dues before March 1st of any year shall be liable to lose his membership, in which case his name shall be dropped from the membership rolls and removed from the mailing list. Any member who has lost his membership for non-payment of dues or who has resigned, may be reinstated upon payment of arrears due at the time of the loss of membership or resignation, provided no charges are pending against him, and in such case, only if the charges are withdrawn or dismissed.

Section 3 - Whenever written charges are brought against any member for conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Association, such charges shall be signed by the person making them. The identity of the person making such charges shall not be made known, except to the Executive. Such charges, with particulars thereof, shall be filed with the President, who shall thereupon furnish the accused member with a written copy thereof. The accused member shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to enter a written defense to such charges. The matter shall then be referred to the Executive, which shall study the case. The executive may dismiss such charges, or it may censure, suspend or expel the accused member. It may cause the result of its action to be published in the official publication. Until the final decision of the Executive, the accused member shall continue in good standing.

Section 4 - Members in arrears for any cause for more than one calendar year, provided that the arrears are not a result of expulsion from the Association, shall be reinstated on payment of the current year's dues, but will be assigned a new membership number.

Section 5 - Any portion of the membership dues, overpaid by the member at the time of his "suspension", "expulsion" or "resignation by request", shall be refunded to that person.

Section 6 - In the event of a Life Membership being terminated, other than by death, dues shall be refunded on the basis of the assumption that the Life expectancy of the member was ten years after the date of admission as a Life Member.

The Latin words under the trees of the 1871 P. E. I. cent translated into English Means: The small beneath the great.

On the reverse of the Canadian \$5 bill is the picture of Otter Falls, Yukon Territory.