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TO HAVE C. N. E. EXHIBIT

The Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, has extended an invitation to the Ontario Numismatic Association to present numismatics in the General Exhibits Building (Bathurst St. entrance, near the Princess Gate), August 21 to September 7, 1964 except Sundays.

The allotted space will be 76 feet long, 12 feet wide and 18 feet high. A theatre can be arranged in part of this space for the showing of slides from the audio-visual service.

The ONA is soliciting top quality displays for this event. Security will be provided by armed guards on a 24 hour basis. All available space will be reserved. If members are interested in making displays available, please contact secretary Mrs. Ruth Mueller immediately. State the type of display and the number of cases for housing the display (ONA or your own), and the transportation possibilities of getting the cases to the grounds.

CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME? The ONA needs all the volunteers they can get to man the booth. If you are planning on going to the CNE, plan to give a helping hand, if only for a few hours. Or, this would be an ideal time for your club to man the booth for an entire day. Leaflets or current club bulletins would be good advertising for your club. Pass out membership cards and invite the public to visit your club. A group from your club could take turns at the booth at prearranged times and enjoy a day at the 'Ex'.

Whether you be an individual or a club group, if you can lend a helping hand, please contact the secretary as quickly as possible. State the time and the day you can be available, or if we can call on you for any particular time.

This is an excellent opportunity to present NUMISMATICS to the public.

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NEW EFFIGY FOR CANADIAN COINS

An announcement from Government House states that the Queen has approved a new effigy for use on Canadian coins. The effigy is a head and shoulders portrait with the Queen wearing a diamond tiara. Because the tiara will extend almost to the rim of the coin, a new inscription will be necessary.

The inscription "Elizabeth II Dei Gratia Regina" now circles the effigy. The mint has proposed to cabinet that the inscription "Elizabeth II" appear in a semi-circle on the left side of the coin and that the inscription "D. G. Regina" appear on the right side.

Plans are to start using the new effigy on coins produced in 1965.

The effigy is the work of Arnold Mackin, Master of Sculpture at the Royal Academy Schools in London, England.

LONDON CLUB TO HOST '65 CONVENTION

The Ontario Numismatic Association announced the Third Annual ONA Convention will be held in London, Ont., April 30 to May 2, 1965.

CALL FOR TENDERS

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to make reservations for a gathering of this size as many places are booked as much as a year in advance. If your club is thinking seriously of hosting an ONA convention, it is not too soon to be investigating all possibilities for adequate accommodations. As the centennial year approaches, accommodations will become increasingly more elusive. Make your plans well in advance.

The ONA executive will entertain applications from Ontario clubs in consideration for the 1966 and 1967 conventions. These applications are to be made in writing with full data on accommodation available, locale, etc. Please direct all applications to the ONA secretary, Mrs. Ruth Mueller, 239 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener, Ont.

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TENDERS FOR 1965 ONA AUCTION

Those interested in submitting a bid for the 1965 ONA Third Annual Convention Auction, please do so before September 30, 1964. Place your bid in a sealed envelope, marked "Auction Bid", and mail to the ONA secretary, Mrs. Ruth Mueller, 329 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener, Ont.

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The use of dried codfish as a circulating medium persisted to almost modern times in Newfoundland.

The ONTARIO NUMISMATIST is published monthly by the Ontario Numismatic Association. The publication may be obtained with memberships of one of the following categories: Adult -- \$2 yearly; junior -- \$1 yearly (up to 18 years of age), husband and wife (one copy) -- \$3 yearly; club -- \$10 yearly. Remittances (plus bank exchange if paid by cheque) payable to the Ontario Numismatic Association, Post Office Box 33, Waterloo, Ont.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Thanks to Frank Uttley for his donation to the ONA library of several booklets of extreme interest:

Postal Information, by the Canada Post Office.

Commemoratives of Great Figures and Events in United States History.

Numismatic Books (price list), Regency Coin and Stamp Co. Ltd.,

Commemorative, Historical Papal Medals (with price list), Regency.

From the International Nickel Company of Canada Limited comes the most recent addition to the numismatic field: Nickel for Coinage, by H. G. Stride, formerly of the Royal Mint. A fully illustrated book discussing from barter to the precious metals, growth of coinage, the gold standard, and nickel. A fabulous book and a most worthy contribution to our ONA library.

MORE HELPING HANDS

The ONA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation from the Stratford Coin Club in view of our recent loss by robbery.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS LISTED

The London, Ont. post office has instructed the ONA that the best method for mailing procedure for our library books and audio-visual service sets, is to send all parcels by 'parcel post', insured for our estimated replacement value. The cost of the insurance covers loss only and does not cover damage to any items within the parcel. So, please repack the items carefully.

Some of the clubs reported difficulty in getting insurance for the audio-visual service sets valued at \$100. The ONA feels that this is a fair price for these sets. A great deal of time and research is required to make just one of these sets. In some cases, a great deal of correspondence is necessary, including transporting of coins for photographing. Renting of tape recorders; cost of tapes and photography becomes expensive.

In the event of loss, some of these sets would be extremely difficult to replace and others might never be redone. It takes many months to prepare these topics and all are donated by individuals to the ONA for your pleasure and profit. The value of \$100 is a modest and fair value when all facts are considered. There is a great deal more to one of these sets than a tape and a film.

Therefore, we ask you to handle these sets with extreme care. Incidentally, if your club is looking for a project this fall, why not combine your efforts and produce an Audio-Visual set!

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Through the combined efforts of Switzerland and Belgium, pure nickel and cupro-nickel became established as the coinage metals of the modern world, and started to challenge the hitherto undisputed position of silver in this field.

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Coins are merely vouchers or metal notes confirming the right to the possessor of obtaining something in exchange thereof.

SWISS CITIZEN SOLDIERS

By Edward H. Schroeder

Every healthy Swiss male between the ages of 20 and 60 must be both citizen and soldier. Switzerland does not have an army; "Switzerland is an army", explained one of her military leaders. When a young man is in his 20th year he must spend 17 weeks in recruit school. If physical defects bar him from army service, he will pay an additional tax each year until he is 48 years old.

The soldiers graduate from their training as privates and each one is given a rifle, 24 rounds of ammunition, and any specialized equipment his army job requires. These, he takes home with him and if you stop to think about it, there are few governments in the world today who could trust their citizens with home arsenals. It is every man's duty to keep his equipment and uniform constantly ready for use.

The tradition of William Tell's deadly marksmanship lives on in the Swiss today. Riflery is a national sport, and shooting matches on weekends serve the dual purpose of keeping marksmanship up to scratch, and allowing the rivalries between cantons to have a sporting outlet. The citizen soldiers must pass frequent marksmanship tests and they have regular refresher courses in military training until they are 48 years old, though the men are subject to call until they are 60.

Switzerland, with her army always at the ready, can mobilize 600,000 citizens in three days. She is, on a per capita basis, the most heavily armed nation in the world. She is also prepared, in case of imminent attack, to blow up her tunnels, block the mountain passes and destroy strategic bridges, trusting the impassable Alpine terrain to discourage invaders.

Swiss soldiers were proud of their marksmanship, ever since the legendary Swiss hero William Tell shot the apple off the head of his son, and shooting matches were held everywhere. Shooting clubs were organized even before the invention of gun powder; they used bow and arrows and cross bows and bolts. After the invention of the gun powder in 1380, some of the people in the city of St. Gallen organized a rifle or musket club in 1474, and held target practice in the moat outside the city wall. Invitations were sent to other towns and cities, and shooting matches were held. Prizes were donated by the different competitors. In 1550, a Jakob Scheuss of Herisau, Mount Appenzell (Scheuss is taken from shooting), sent invitations out for a match to be held on the first Sunday of the haying month, and he donated an ox, worth 10 florins.

Jakob Scheuss was a miller by trade, but because he was a good marksman, the name of Miller was taken away, and the name of Scheuss, and later Schiess, was given. Also, the family crest of the Millers, which was a millwheel, was cut in half, and a cross bow was placed on top of it.

Shooting matches got so popular that in 1643 the government voted 300 florins for prize money, but the town of Herisau only got 13 to 16 florins.

Between 1640 and 1650, Herisau founded her own musket club with rules and regulations:

Each contestant got the same chance. After winning once, a person could not collect another prize until everybody else got a prize.

Each contestant had to own his musket, clean it, and load it himself, and fire it himself. He also had to use his own powder, paper, bullets, flint and fork, so when his turn came, he did not have to borrow anything. If, after firing two shots, and no holes

showed up on the target, two more shots were allowed. Before firing, a person had to yell, whistle, ring a bell, or make some loud noise to warn the men at the target.

After having everything so well and safely organized, a big shooting match was held in Herisau on the 23rd of August, 1646, and finished on August 31. Lots of fine prizes were in store for the winners: A gilded cup worth 40 florins, a stier - 32 florins, a stier - 27 florins, a stier - 22 florins, and lots of fine clothes. Eats and drinks were plentiful.

As time went on, the donations from the different towns and individuals became more and more plentiful. Also, the soldiers came back from foreign service with money and firearms. They put up their own stakes and used their winnings for drinking, etc. This went on seven days a week, so a new law was made: If a person wanted to shoot on a Sunday, he had to go to church first.

Today, with modern firearms and nice rifle ranges, medals and decorations with cash awards reward the winners.

Cantonal shooting matches were held in Herisau in 1849, 1861, 1867, 1873, 1875, 1881, 1886, and 1903.

In the year 1844, Herisau asked permission to have the federal shooting festival. The request was not granted. For political reasons, the honour went to Glarus in the Mount Glarus in 1847, and a Freischiessen-Taler, containing 40 Batzen, was issued.

Editor's Note: - Mr. Schroeder has won many 'Best of Show' trophies with his magnificent display of shooting medals. The history and the fascinating stories that surround each medal is well worth looking into. Mr. Schroeder is Swiss by birth, and vacations in Switzerland regularly. When he returns, he is laden with movie films, picture post cards, pamphlets; more pieces for his already fantastic Swiss collection, and more interesting stories surrounding the shooting medals and coinage. Mr. Schroeder is a true numismatist, continually adding to his store of knowledge, and always ready to divulge some of his anecdotes.

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COMING EVENTS

- July 19 OWEN SOUND Fourth Annual Exhibition, Sauble Beach Pavilion. Open from noon to 11:00 p. m. For information contact Secretary, Box 94, Owen Sound, Ont.
- Aug. 27-29 CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Eleventh Annual Convention. Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, N. S. Chairman: A. M. MacDonald, Box 243, Armdale, Halifax, N. S.
- Sept. 26 LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Annual Banquet and Auction. Major Sheldon S. Carroll to be guest speaker.
- Oct. 3 KITCHENER COIN CLUB first annual exhibition and dinner, Iona Hall, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Queen and Weber Streets, Kitchener. Contact John Craig, general chairman, 105 Lancaster St. E., Kitchener; Victor Montag, bourse chairman, 296 Weber St. E., Kitchener; William Mansfield, display chairman, 10 Maple Court, Waterloo.

- Oct. 3 BAY of QUINTE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Annual Coin-a-rama.
Oct. 17 TORONTO COIN CLUB Fall Rally. Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Host to the Ontario Numismatic Association semi-annual meeting.
Oct. 24-5 BLUE WATER International Coin Show, Keswick Terrace, Sarnia, Ont. Sponsored by the Sarnia Numismatic Society and the Port Huron Coin Club. General chairman: D. W. Park, 308 Savoy St., Sarnia, Ont.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the June issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications were received in June. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the August issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 422 George W. Morris, 10 Forester St., St. Catharines, Ont.
423 Robert L. Morris, 43 Lake St., St. Catharines, Ont.
424 Mel. H. Fiske, 3795 Beaverdams Rd., Niagara Falls, Ont.
425 Denis Marcil, 1120 Tellier, St.-Hyacinthe, Quebec.
426 Jack A. Ashton, 14 Auburndale Court, Suite 125, Rexdale, Ont.
427 Carl Radford, Crediton, Ont.
428 Jack Carr, 287 Huron St., Exeter, Ont.
429 Kenneth M. Gaver, P. O. Box 111, Montreal, Que.
C37 OTTAWA COIN CLUB, c/o A. E. H. Petrie, Sec-Treas., Public Archives, Ottawa, Ont.

CHANGES OF NAME AND ADDRESS

- 65 Mrs. A. G. Lawrason, 250 St. Clair Ave. W., Apt. 406, Toronto 7, Ont.
66 Thomas J. Simpson, c/o A. G. Lawrason, 250 St. Clair Ave. W., Apt. 406, Toronto 7, Ont.
74 Mrs. Winifred Mather, Box 553, Adelaide St. P. O., Toronto 1, Ont.
96 Robt. A. Holloway, 11606 - 118A St., Edmonton, Alta.

CLUB NEWS

OSHAWA and DISTRICT COIN CLUB is offering a prize to the member who submits the best letterhead design for their club bulletin. Well-known dealer and auctioneer Ed Knight, directed those present at the June meeting on the fundamental knowledge of collectors.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB closed off its meetings for the season with Lloyd T. Smith, London, Ont., speaking on displays. The club executive was given the go-ahead to make preparations for its first annual exhibition and dinner (see coming events). No meetings will be held during July and August.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY featured 'odd and curious' money of the world at its June meeting. Members displayed along this line, and Percy Elgie and Lloyd T. Smith featured slides narrating some of the stories surrounding these odd and curious pieces.

OAKVILLE COIN CLUB held its Fourth Anniversary, May 25, with almost 100 in attendance. This was one of the finest display nights ever held in the club, with Donald Flick capturing the best of show trophy. Mrs. Claudia Pelkey was presented with a gold medal for entering the winning design for the club's 1964 medal. The youngest visitor to date, was Patricia Jame, three-week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brace, Hamilton. It was Patricia's first coin meeting, and, yes, you've guessed it . . . she won the junior draw, a 1964 proof-like Canadian set.

METROPOLITAN NUMISMATIC CLUB, GUELPH COIN CLUB and NIPISSING COIN CLUB have all announced their closing for the summer months, July and August.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION is dispensing with business meetings during the summer months, but plans to keep the club open. The club will celebrate its fourth birthday in September.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB had as its guest speaker, Percy Elgie, who illustrated his talk with slides, on Odd and Curious Money of the world.

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According to Holmes, the 150 "young and uncorrupt girls imported into Virginia in 1620 and 1621 as wives for colonists were rated originally at 100 lbs. of tobacco, but subsequently at the increased price of 150 lbs."

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Did you know that the New Brunswick half cent of 1861 has no official existence? This coin was not ordered by the province, but the Royal Mint, presumably because the Nova Scotia order (received about the same time) included this denomination, assumed that the omission was an oversight, prepared dies, and duly shipped the coins with the remainder of the order. The half cents were refused by the province, and were returned to the Mint, where they were melted down. The design was identical with the Nova Scotia half cent, save for the name of the province, and this fact was probably responsible for a few of the New Brunswick pieces being included with those of Nova Scotia when the latter were shipped, and these are the only specimens existing today.

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The Belgians were the first to use 75/25 cupro nickel alloy, which is now in use throughout the world.

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All coinage of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was struck at the Tower Mint, London, and shows no mint mark.

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All Canadian coinage since 1908 to the present has been struck at Ottawa Mint.

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An Asterisk preceding the serial number indicates that the notes are replacements for defective ones removed and destroyed in the printing process.

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The 1871 Prince Edward Island cent is the only coin issued anywhere in Canada with the Royal title in English.

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