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THE PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Association I would like to extend to all collectors "Best Wishes For This Festive Season." May you not only enjoy a just share of the bounty of our great country, but also experience that greater happiness that comes from helping others and giving of yourself and your talents.

It has been and is today an honour and a pleasure to be associated with the O. N. A., its many ardent workers who have given freely so much time and effort in their service to others and, with the many clubs and collectors in Ontario who through their co-operation and appreciation have made every effort worthwhile.

There have been many articles published in recent months about the great "boom and bust" in coin collecting, but not enough has been said about the great increase in numismatic interest and educational promotion. Sure, a number of speculators and get-rich-quick boys have fallen by the wayside, but the fact that you are reading this message or are listening to it at your club meeting is indicative of your continuing interest in numismatics and your support for those who are trying to bring the whole picture into its true perspective.

We have now come full cycle, from collecting for pleasure and knowledge, through speculation and fantastic profits, and back to our original purpose and aims. The profits were very acceptable, enabling many collectors to build better collections, but often, we found that the profit motive interfered with our numismatic studies. Future prices and profits should remain more realistic, making it possible for even more collectors to build nice sets, backed by increased numismatic knowledge.

My personal wish for each collector at this time is that you will receive much pleasure from this wonderful hobby, that you will try to assist and encourage others to enjoy the excitement of collecting and research and last but not least, that everyone will support through 1967 membership, both your local club and the Ontario Numismatic Association. Giving our support through membership will help our Officers and Directors to give even more services for our pleasure and will prove that numismatic interest is strong in Ontario.

A sincere "MERRY CHRISTMAS" to everyone,

Lloyd T. Smith, President.

COMING EVENTS

- April 8, 1967 HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 6th Annual Banquet and Coin Show, Centennial Inn, Barrie, Ontario. Centennial activities, guest speaker and awards.
- May 27, 28, 29, 1967 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 5th Annual Convention, Kitchener, Ontario. Host: Waterloo Coin Society. General Chairman: John Shaw, P. O. Box 41 Waterloo, Ontario. Bourse Chairman: Philip Mueller, 239 Lancaster Street, Kitchener, Ontario.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR O. N. A. MEMBERSHIP?

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NEW MEMBERS

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

- 570 Mrs. J. A. MacPherson, Carswell St., Duart, Ont.
- 571 Paul L. Carl, Box 3868, Rochester, New York 14610, U. S. A.
- 572 Albert Kasman, 147 Marlee Ave., Toronto 19, Ont.
- 573 C. B. Danby, 1384 Avenue Rd., Toronto 12, Ont.

SPECIAL AWARD

The Kitchener Coin Club presented a trophy to Mr. Wm. English to be given to the winner of a separate category, "Best Canadian Display on a Centennial Theme." This is to be awarded at the Ontario Numismatic Association Centennial Convention (May 27, 28, and 29, 1967) from the members of the Kitchener Coin Club.

The plate will be inscribed by the Kitchener Coin Club. This is to be a separate category presentation and will in no way affect regular presentations.

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN CANADA

by F. Howard Whitfield

This year nearly 18 million Canadians will celebrate the Christmas season in their own traditional manner. Christmas Day means much more to Canada than its citizens realize.

Let us turn back the pages of history to the year 1635. It was on Christmas Day that Samuel de Champlain, the founder of New France, closed his eyes forever on the country he had worked so hard to build. The flags were at half mast, the bells tolled, as a young country mourned the passing of a great man on Christmas Day, 1635.

History relates that in 1783, Christmas Day was first celebrated in Canada by the United Empire Loyalists in the same manner as their ancestors had for generations.

Christmas Day 1790 was a historical day in Upper Canada as the first legal marriage was performed by a minister. A happy young couple in Maitland near Brockville, eagerly awaited the arrival of a minister by horseback from Kingston to officiate at the ceremony.

Christmas Day 1814 is another important day in Canadian history, following the sad days of the War of 1812-14 between England, Canada and the United States. In Ghent, Belgium, commissioners from the warring countries met to discuss peace terms. All captured territories were returned and the boundaries restored. Early on Christmas morning, as the chimes of Ghent welcomed the new day, the Peace of Ghent was signed. Two great nations have lived together in peace for nearly 150 years.

For three weeks sixteen men sat around a conference table in Westminster Palace Hotel in London, England, discussing needs, viewpoints and claims of the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada to join together into one great country. Now on Christmas Eve 1866, their task was nearing completion. From Upper Canada and Lower Canada there were John A. MacDonalld, Galt, Cartier, Howland, McDougal and Langenin. From Nova Scotia there were Tupper, Archibald, McCully and Fisher, and from New Brunswick, Tilley, Fisher, Mitchell, Johnstone and Wilmot. As these men signed their names, the British North American Act was ready to be presented to the British Parliament. No name had been selected for the new country. None of the many names suggested appealed to the members. As the bells of the churches of Old London began to ring in the new day, Tilley of New Brunswick picked up his Bible and his eyes fell on the words "He shall have Dominion from sea to sea." The new country was named the Dominion of Canada on Christmas Day, 1866. Royal assent was not given until March 29, 1867. On May 22nd, the Proclamation was issued naming July 1st as Canada's Official Birthday.

Today, with a population increased by thousands of immigrants from war-torn Europe, many will look back on both happy and sad times. For many people, as Christmas Day rolls around, it will be a historical day as they sit down to a Christmas dinner as Canadians.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article was written for the London Numismatic Society bulletin.

CLUB NEWS

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB (Ottawa) have announced their slate of officers for 1967: President - Jack Roberts; 1st Vice-pres. - Des Fowler; 2nd. Vice-pres. - Bob Clements; Tres. - Ken Green; Sec. - Paul Sullivan, 1091 Wellington St., Ottawa.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB had a showing of A. N. A. slides on "Greek Coins - General" and a commentary read.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION had thirty members and guests present at their October meeting. President, Ken Prophet, was presented with an electric clock in natural wood,

inscribed - "In Appreciation, Ken Prophet, Founder 1960, Huronia Numismatic Association." Because Mr. Prophet is moving from the area, Vice-pres., Lorne Green, will guide the association until the new executive takes over. A Nominating Committee of Ralph Rowe, Jack Morrison and Mac Porter will bring in a slate of officer candidates for the next meeting.

OAKVILLE COIN CLUB'S guest speaker for the November meeting was Mr. Falk Becker who talked on German coins and high-lighted his talk with a display. This was also nomination night for a new executive.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB had fifty-two members and eleven guests out to their November meeting; twelve bourse dealers were also present with a wide selection of materials. Cy Dillon conducted a most interesting coin quiz on Canadian Nickels and it would seem that the members were quite well-informed on this particular branch of numismatics. Junior Club leader, Alf Roebuck, presented any of the interested Junior Members with names of Pen Pals in foreign countries. Ribbons were presented to display winners: Catharine Oblinsky, Commemorative Coins of Canada; Betty Lou Bellow - Coins and Medallions relating to Prince Edward Island; Deborah Bellows - a Junior Member who competed with the adult group with a display on the Late President J. F. Kennedy. The meeting was concluded with a successful Donation Auction conducted by Vice-pres. Lloyd Dirsey and Past Pres. Bob Cassidy.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had fifty-three members and guests present at the October meeting. William N. Clarke, General Chairman for the 15th Annual Banquet, reported all phases of the banquet a success. Bill Boyd presented a French 1966 mint set to the L. N. S. Numismatic collection and two medals were also donated by Don Ball. Mackie Smith was the featured speaker for the evening, talking on "Gold Trails To Porto Bello;" telling how gold was brought into Porto Bello, giving rise to the issue of the Porto Bello medals.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION who are aiming for one hundred paid-members for 1967 have released their new slate of officers: President -- Derek Farthing; Past Pres. - W. R. Pressey; Vice-pres. - P. B. Nickson; Sec. - H. James; Treas. - Leslie McGregor; Directors - George Conroy, J. Ross, G. Kerhoulas, K. Tuff and Mrs. E. Gale.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB featured an O. N. A. Audio-Visual at their November meeting and a Trading Night. The "Treasure Chest" is fast becoming a tradition at the club where only members who donate may win.

TORONTO COIN CLUB is indebted to Mr. John Regitko for providing a most interesting programme - a documentary film on the life of sculptor Emanuel Hahn. This was a wonderful, though too brief glimpse into the life of one who has left so much of himself to the arts, and particularly to numismatics. In tribute to the late Mr. Ed Schroeder, the November Bulletin of the Toronto Coin Club carried an article, "Swiss Citizen Soldiers", which was written for the Ontario Numismatist by Mr. Schroeder.

What your club does to interest and entertain its members is of interest to other clubs. Please send us your news bulletins.

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

Now is the time for the election of new officers for the coming year. Will all secretaries please hand over all O. N. A. Service Brochures to the new secretaries. It has taken a great deal of time to prepare these services for your club and we would like very much to continue to be of service through this medium. So please see that the new executive have the same opportunities that were offered to you.

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St. Catharines Coin Club

7th Annual Show Report

The St. Catharines Coin Club held its 7th Annual, and most successful Coin Show and Banquet on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 15, 1966.

Under the veryable convenorship of Pat Lambert and co-convenor Sam McMullen, the many displays were well received by an enthusiastic public during the afternoon, followed by an enjoyable banquet attended by 125 coin enthusiasts.

Fifteen bourse dealers were present and business appeared to be brisk.

The Club now boasts a Junior membership of 14 young people under the capable leadership of Alf. Roebuck; all members entered a display. This proved most interesting and competition was keen.

Among the distinguished head table guests were the guest speaker Art Duncan, an Executive of The Bata Shoe Co.; Lincoln County Provincial Member of Parliament, Robert Welch; The Mayor of St. Catharines, Robert Johnson; The Ontario Director of the C. N. A., Bruce Brace; Co-convenors Pat Lambert and Sam McMullen; Club President, Bernard Cook; Club Director, Dr. Earl Hunt, who also has the distinction of being the President of the College of General Practitioners of Canada; Victor Snell, Vice-president of the C. N. A. and Editor of C. N. A. Journal; special guest Jay Glover of Radio Station C K T B, one of the founding members of the club; and Fred Barley, Display Chairman. Also included were other members of the Club Executive and Wives of the distinguished guests. Congratulations were extended to Thelma Anderson, Assistant Treasurer of C. N. A. and her husband on the occasion of their wedding anniversary.

The speaker for the evening, Art Duncan, gave a most inspiring talk on how proud we should be of our Canadian citizenship and heritage. It was a most suitable topic for the coming of the Centennial Year, and Mr. Duncan received a well-deserved standing ovation.

To add further interest during the day and evening, a "Pot of Gold" guessing game drew much attention; also several lucky number draws were enjoyed by all. After dinner came the official "weigh-in" of the President Bernard Cook, affectionately known to all as "COOKIE". The Club is trying to encourage him to reduce slightly, and being the good sport that he is, he paid to the tune of \$1.30 this month.

After dinner ribbons and trophies were awarded to the display winners. The high calibre of all entries - 87 senior and 14 junior - presented the Judges, Bruce Brace, Alex Munro, Stan Aaroe, and Frank Kiley with many difficult decisions. The Junior Trophy was won by Andy Panko. The Best of Show - Out of Town was won by Del Curtis of Owen Sound. Victor Snell with his beautiful display of Canadian Paper Money won the Best of Show.

Mrs. L. M. Ritchie greeted guests at the door and provided attractive floral decorations for the tables. The evening ended with a very active auction.

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THE O. N. A. AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICE

In order that all O. N. A. Member Clubs may enjoy the Audio-Visual Service to the fullest, it is necessary to add new sets each year. As this service and others are mainly self-sustaining, we must seek ways and means of increasing the number of sets available.

In past years, several O. N. A. members have donated time, effort and materials to produce many of the sets we now own. A few Member Clubs have also covered the cost of some

sets, the time and effort again being donated by individual members.

Although we can all appreciate what these individuals and groups have already done for the service and for numismatics in Ontario, I'm sure that everyone will agree that we cannot expect them to carry the full load indefinitely. They may have run out of time, money or subject material, or may feel that they have made a reasonable contribution to this service.

We know that in spite of some technical difficulties and other delays, several new sets are now being prepared and should be ready for use very soon. The money derived from rentals is being used to make copies of all existing slides and tapes so that we may improve the service and also guarantee that if one set should be lost, its twin will be available for future use.

In a recent discussion on this matter, it was suggested that some clubs or even individuals who may or may not have the facilities to produce audio-visual sets, might wish to help this department. There are several ways that this can be done: (a) Any club or individual could make a financial donation to the O. N. A. for the express purpose of making new sets; (b) A club or individual might be able to offer the facilities for making slides or tapes or both; (c) A club could offer to pay the cost of preparing a set to an individual who has the facilities but cannot afford the cost; (d) Any individual could volunteer the loan of nice coins or bills to enable someone else to make a set.

Besides the facilities and finances to make new sets, it is very important that we know the choice of subjects desired by our clubs and if possible, where the coins may be borrowed for photographing. On some subjects, it might be necessary for research material to be loaned, or that one person supply the slides and another make the tape.

The average cost of an audio-visual set containing about 40 slides, a tape-recorded talk and typewritten transcript has been estimated at about \$30.00. Some have actually been made for about \$15.00, but these seem to be the exception rather than the rule.

If your club or some of your members would like to help build the O. N. A. Audio-Visual Service, you can do so by sending your financial donation for any amount to Mr. David Ashe, Director of O. N. A. Audio-Visual Service, 1069 Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville, Ontario. Don't forget, we would also welcome any offers of complete sets, prepared slides, talks that could be used in future slide sets, doing the actual photography, making a tape; loaning coins for photographing, or anything else any individual or club may suggest, or wish to offer.

Please, whether you the reader are an individual member or a club representative, bring this matter before your club meeting or executive meeting and see what we all can do to improve this valuable service.

Credit for assistance will be given in the slide sets so that all collectors will know of your support and may be encouraged to do likewise. If you have enjoyed the Audio-Visual Sets at your club, please give this matter some consideration soon.

Thank you.

Lloyd T. Smith,
President.

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"The money of a people is its history," Breton.