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O. N. A. CONVENTION TIME

Spring has sprung and what is more
It's convention time, and that's for sure!

It's time for wheeling, dealing, trading;

Time for hellos and merrymaking;

Time for competing and displaying;

Time for friends and integrating;

Time for wining and for dining;

Time for selling and for buying;

Time for learning and conveying;

Time for just numismatic-ating.

The Coin Society (Waterloo)

Is host to all the bally - hoo.

There are prizes, ribbons, trophies, too,

Just waiting to be won by you.

Greet old friends and meet the new;

Besides all this there's dinner, too.

The O. N. A. Convention's due!!!

Now, all we need is YOU.

P. M. E. C.

THE DEALER AND THE COLLECTOR

In many cases the coin dealer is the first friend of the coin collector and may be responsible for moulding the collecting habits of his new patron. Similarly, the occasional unscrupulous dealer can just as easily discourage the novice.

Those who are fortunate enough to live in a city possessing at least one coin dealer will come to evaluate his integrity quickly. The professional numismatist will give his knowledge willingly and freely to all who will listen. He will not only encourage the beginner but will assist him not only for his personal gain but for the joy he derives from his business. The beginner will depend on him not only for his honesty but for his eagerness to spread his wealth of knowledge.

However, the budding collector without a dealer in his locality is faced with a bigger problem. He must deal through the mail with various coin companies which issue special mailorder lists of numismatic items. The collector will come to depend upon certain dealers while unsatisfactory ones will be weeded out. Though the personalized touch of the local dealer is lost, it is very possible to establish numismatic friendships through the mail. The mail-order dealer will value the patronage of a serious and friendly collector. As references are, or credit is, established, the dealer will gladly send coins on approval for a certain length of time. Items which are not desired may be returned with the money for the remainder. All remittances should be sent by safe means such as a personal cheque (including exchange!), a money-order, or a bank draft. Dealers usually outline conditions of sale in their lists.

Mail auctions sales are, at this point, too premature for the novice. He should leave them alone until he can readily judge prices.

Remember, the coin dealer can be a good friend.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an extract from the Hamilton Coin Club's April, 1967 bulletin.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the April issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following application has been received. If no written objection is received, its acceptance will be acknowledged in the June issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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CLUB NEWS

BRANTFORD COIN CLUB had a good turnout of members and guests to their March 19th meeting. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Elliot Moses who illustrated his topic with Indian Hand-craft items. These included wampum, a drum, arrowheads, tomahawks, beadwork and other items of Indian life.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB March meeting was attended by 15 members and 5 guests. The programme theme was "How Coins are Made" and was presented by Bruce Brace using a series of transparencies. Among the topics illustrated and discussed were:
1. The production of dies by hand and by using the Janvier machine; 2. Coining methods from blank to finished coin; 3. types of coin edges; and 4. the nature of U. S. clad coinage. The "Member's Bourse" attracted much attention and was a scene of much activity.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION reports a very successful Sixth Annual Banquet which was their Centennial Show. The after-dinner guest speaker was Mr. Frank Millard whose subject was "Primitive Money", which was illustrated from his personal collection. Mr. Millard stated that money was only as good as the faith the people had in it and that the form the money comes in must suit the needs of the people using it. There are four "D's" in money: It must be desirable, distinguishable, divisible, and durable. Thirty-seven displays were entered into competition and the winners are as follows: Canadian Decimal - 1. Steve Wiggins, Barrie; 2. Ron Bennett, Richmond Hill; 3. Wayne Thompson, Toronto. U. S. A. Decimal - 1. Wayne Thompson, Toronto; 2. Bob Scruton, Barrie; 3. Ricky Morse, Toronto. Miscellaneous - 1. Noreen Howcroft, Barrie; 2. Ricky Morse, Toronto; 3. Walter Schultz, Barrie. Junior - 1. Peter Bowdery, Richmond Hill; 2. Steven Howcroft, Barrie; 3. Greg Kline, Barrie. Paper - 1. Ricky Morse, Toronto; 2. Barry Prophet, Camp Petawawa; 3. Bob Scruton, Barrie. Foreign - 1. Lea Ayoub, Toronto; 2. Ron Faber, Barrie. Tokens and Medals - 1. Wayne Thompson, Toronto; 3. Lea Ayoub, Toronto. Best of Show - Steve Wiggins, Barrie. Best of Show (Non-member) - Peter Bowdery, Richmond Hill, a Junior.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB's March meeting took the opportunity of a Dutch Auction ... proceeds of which went to the support of the Kiwanis fund for the crippled children. Although the attendance was only 17, they raised over \$25. Mr. "Pete" Clements, Kiwanis representative, thanked the club and told those present of their part in helping the crippled children. The programme featured a talk by Alan Macnab entitled "Soldiers for Canada." This told of medals issued, covering a period from 1608 when Champlain founded Quebec up until World War II. Medals were passed around illustrating the many battles, also rifle association medals and campaign medals issued to Canadian Troops.

CAKVILLE COIN CLUB Members were privileged to hear Mr. Bruce Brace at the March meeting. Before presenting his speech, Mr. Brace commented on the present state of the hobby, at which time he stated that with most of the speculators out of the field, more rare collector's items are again available and those people who are still attending meetings are those truly interested in the collecting aspect. Mr. Brace then proceeded with his presentation on Roman Coins, using the assistance of slides to illustrate the beauty and artistic achievement attained by the Romans.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB had over 100 people in attendance at their March 19th meeting to hear special speaker, Mr. Lloyd T. Smith, London, Ont. (President of the Ontario Numismatic Association). Mr. Smith discussed the judging of displays both for the exhibitors benefit and for those who might be called on in the future as judges. Pat Lambert thanked the speaker and Lloyd Dorsey, President, presented him with a pure silver City of St. Catharines medallion. Display winners of the evening were: Senior - 1. Pat Lambert, 2. Victor Snell, 3. Betty Lou Bellows. Junior: 1. Cathie Dorsey, 2. Dean Fennell, 3. John Sawatzky.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION are planning their Annual Banquet for May 20th. The April meeting will centre around last minute preparations.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had 31 members attend the March meeting. Feature of the meeting was a quiz conducted by Norman Scott based on the "Canadian Voyageur Dollar" (an O. N. A. Audio-Visual viewed by the members in February). John Gould received a roll of 1967 cents for winning the quiz. After much discussion, the members decided that they should hold a banquet on their regular June meeting night. More details later.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB highlighted their February 14th meeting with an O. N. A. Audio-Visual Quiz, "Know Your Coins," Part II. Four Bourse dealers volunteered as the panel and the results were very stimulating. Ron Scovell conducted a lively auction. T. C. C. will celebrate their 3rd Birthday, March 14th, with Mr. James Charlton as guest speaker. **HPAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

TORONTO COIN CLUB February meeting was highlighted with a scholarly talk by Dr. Fenigstein, "Coinage of the Baltic States", with particular emphasis on that of Lithuania and Latvia. In his introduction, Dr. Fenigstein alluded to Canada's Centenary, reminding members that last year was Poland's millenary. Interesting exhibits were: Canadian medals by Mr. Hamilton Craig; Lithuanian and Latvian coins by Mr. Morkunas; and Presidential medals of the Victoria Numismatic Society by Mr. James Reid.

WOODSTOCK COIN CLUB had thirty-five members present to their March meeting. President A. Cole, conducted a Centennial Quiz to the delight of everyone present. Mr. Cole also passed along some helpful hints for those exhibiting at their April 1st. show.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY announces a change of meeting place ... the Community Services Board building, 40 Albert Street (Old Library) Waterloo. The March meeting featured the O. N. A. Audio-Visual, "The Voyageur Dollar." After the programme a White Elephant auction was enjoyed by all with some excellent bargains. Display winners of the month were: 1. and 2. - Wilf Erb, with Mint Errors and Year Set of 1967 coins. 3. Floyd Roadhouse with Centennial dollar bills. Mr. Albert Fuller also entered something quite different in displays ... Casino medals.

COMING EVENTS

If your club is planning some special event, please get your notices to the editor at least two months in advance. In this way we can help you advertise.

- May 20 ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 4th Annual Banquet and Auction, Grace United Church Parish Hall, BalACLava Street, St. Thomas, Ontario. Open: 10:00 a. m. Banquet Tickets: \$2.50. General Admission 25 cents. 75-lot Auction at 8:00 p. m. Ten Bourse Dealers. Eleven categories for competitive displays. Chairman: Mr. Derek Farthing, P. O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.
- May 26, 27, 28 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 5th Annual Convention, Granite Club, 69 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ont. Host: Waterloo Coin Society. General Chairman - John Shaw, P. O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario. Bourse Chairman - Philip Mueller, 239 Lancaster Street West, Kitchener Ont.
- Aug. 31 - Sept. 2 CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 14th Annual Convention, Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario.

- Sept. 3 LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Annual Banquet and Show, London Hotel, London, Ontario.
- Oct. 14 BAY OF QUINTE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (Quinpex Jamboree), combination Coins, Stamps and Mineral Clubs, Belleville Armouries, Belleville; Ontario. Open from 10:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. Displays, Auction, Bourse.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Once again, Major Sheldon S. Carroll, Curator to the Bank of Canada Numismatic collection, has donated a very interesting booklet to the O. N. A. Library, "Pre-Confederation Currency in Canada." This is the Annual Report of the Bank of Canada for the year 1966 contained in an eight page coloured section dealing with Pre-Confederation Currency in Canada. One copy of the booklet will be sent to any person who addresses

One copy of the booklet will be sent to any person who addresses his request to the Secretary, Bank of Canada, Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada. The booklet is not for sale, and bulk requests cannot be accepted. The booklet is available in both French and English.

COIN GRADING

by Bill English

The following article is the text of the introduction to an Audio-Visual slide presentation that was prepared and shown at some local coin clubs in the Kitchener-Waterloo area:

Collectors, yes even the advanced ones set up a special grading for coins that are scarce or rare. This is one fallacy that you must stay away from if you hope to enjoy the hobby.

Coins wear gradually from use or circulation as we call it. Therefore to specify a grade and have all coins in that grade with exactly the same wear is nearly impossible. What I am trying to say is that a band of variation occurs as the coin is used. The terms applied the grades of coins are as follows: Brilliant Uncirculated; Uncirculated; Extremely Fine; Very Fine; Fine; Very Good; and Poor or Fair. The condition of coins are important to you the collector for more than cost purposes. In fact condition is the way to describe a coin when someone else cannot see the coin. It is also a guide to the possible grade of collectible specimens that you are trying to assemble.

Now that we know all the grades other problems arise. Due to the gradual wear suppose the coin grades between VG and Fine, (VG stands for very good which is the poorest collectible type of the grade scale); this will tell the collector that it is a little better than VG but not quite Fine. The other variation could be a difference in obverse and reverse grading. The obverse is the face side and the reverse is just as the name implies. The coin could be called VG/Fine with the obverse description always first. This type of grading explains the coin and unfortunately if you are buying it the price is usually based on the higher grade. This is not the rule of thumb as many dealers will properly grade and price it accordingly. Decide on the grade of material that you would like to collect and try to get the best specimens you can find or afford.

How many collectors will give a coin one grade if they are buying it and another if they are selling? Do you think this is right? Definitely not, because they fool no one but themselves. I have gone over some of the coins that I put away when I first started to collect and my VG's are only Good and my VF's are only Fine. This was not done

intentionally as the coins were found in circulation, but grading ignorance and the tendency to up grade my own coins was the reason.

The uncirculated coin is the only grade that is just as the word implies. A coin is either uncirculated or it is from circulation. This does not mean that an uncirculated coin cannot have bag abrasions, or a flaw caused at the mint, or even an edge bump on it. In other words it has been struck at the mint, sent to a bank in bags to be rolled, and then issued to someone who has put it away. It has never been in circulation, with a proviso---provided it has not been mishandled along the way. I remember seeing a box of silver dollars that had been put away brand new, but the owner must have shook the box once a day to see if the coins rattled, because they were so badly scratched and dented that they were not even as desirable as a VG grade.

With the mint issuing coins in \$1,000.00 bags on silver and similarly large quantities on the coppers and nickels, a coin without some slight bag mark is hard to find.

Brilliant Uncirculated means that the coin is bright and shiny as it was when it was first made. As a coin, copper in particular, tones it is described by the % brilliance. Thus a copper coin with half of its lustre dulled by toning is 50% brilliant and so on up or down the scale.

Uncirculated - no wear (specify scratches, corrosion, edge bump, etc.)

Extremely Fine - Slight wear on the high points and fine circulation scratches in the field (field is flat surface around design). As the coin continues to wear, it drops to the lower grades.

Armed with the above information and a magnifying glass we should all, with a little experience, be able to grade coins. It is not quite this simple. Experience and knowledge of specific coins and issues also have a bearing on the grading of certain specimens. Some of the early tokens were struck poorly to begin with so the best grade even when new might only be fine. The Victoria coins had a tendency to be slightly concave or convex and one side of the coin could be worn smooth and the other side FVF. Newfoundland half dollars and the Canadian large cents around 1900 wore on the reverse side for this reason. Another more recent example was the 1937 dime with a very small and poorly struck date. There are many more examples of these types which affect the grading of coins which you, the collector can learn of from experience and study.

Coin grading books are on the market for Canadian and American coins. If you are in doubt, ask a fellow collector or a dealer, and profit by their experience.

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O. N. A. NOMINATIONS REPORT FOR 1967

Mr. Edward Stahley, Chairman of the Nominations and Election Committee for the Ontario Numismatic Association reports that nominations have been received for all offices for the 1967-69 term and that all offices have been filled by acclamation. There will therefore be no election. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Stahley for serving the O. N. A. in this capacity.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE 1967-69 TERM

President	- Mr. William English
1st. Vice-president	- Mr. Alex Munro
2nd. Vice-president	- Mr. Walter Griggs
Secretary	- Mr. Keith Middleton
Treasurer	- Mr. Bruce H. Raszmann

Cont'd.

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Area #3 - Mr. J. Edward Sta oey
Area #4 - Mr. Don Flick
Area #5 - Mr. H. E. Jephson
Area #6 - Mr. John Regitko, Jr.
Area #7 - Mr. Charles Miller
Area #8 - Mr. Earl C. Grandmaison
Area #9 - Mr. John McKay-Clements
Area #10 - Mr. Charles B. Laister

NOTE - Area #2 has been divided, the western section now known as Area #10 to include the Brant, Norfolk area.

Officers will be installed at the General Meeting, May 27, 1967.

DISPLAYS TO HIGHLIGHT 1967 ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Over one hundred cases of displays have been booked for the show to be held May 26, 27, 28, 1967 at the Granite Club, 69 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ontario. The Central Coin Club of Toronto have reserved forty cases that their members plan to use. A special display set up made by Frank Uttley of the Waterloo Coin Society will hold forty-two displays. The free standing display will cover fifty feet and show half the displays on a horizontal plain and the other half vertically. Private displays have also been reserved and many more are expected by show time. This should be one of the largest number of exhibits ever shown at any Ontario Convention to date.

The combined bourse and exhibit area will cover nearly 9,000 square feet of floor area alone, all in one room. Dealers from the east coast to the mid-west have booked bourse tables. There are a few of the bourse tables still available, but no more than forty will be sold.

The nine exhibit categories which will be judged include * Canadian Coins * Centennial * Tokens * Canadian Currency * Topical * World Coins * Miscellaneous * and Junior. The first award winners will be judged to determine the winner of the Grand Award trophy. A separate "special" trophy will be an extra category only for exhibitors who have won a grand award at any local or national coin show. The Centennial Trophy was donated by the Kitchener Coin Club. The O. N. A. wish to thank them for their kind donation.

Displays and bourse are very important at any coin show but these are only a part of the numismatic pleasures prepared for the guests of this convention. Major Sheldon S. Carroll will be the guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Major Carroll, a renowned numismatic scholar, is presently curator the numismatic collection of the Bank of Canada in Ottawa; the 1966 O. N. A. Medallist of the year; and the Founding President of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Please notify the Chairman of the Convention to reserve your banquet tickets as banquet seating is limited.

A two-session auction conducted by Jack Dietrich, Clinton, Ontario will contain a wide selection of material of all types that will appeal to every collector regardless of his collecting interests. A copy of the auction material can be obtained by writing to Box 28, Clinton, Ontario.

We cannot forget the ladies and all who have attended in the past have enjoyed the free bingo that will be held again this year. A special bus tour has also been planned

for those who tire of the shopping. The delicious food in this area is also enjoyed by all who attend. All coin clubs are invited to send a delegate. A Sunday luncheon, courtesy of the Scotia Bank, will follow the Delegates' meeting to be held on Sunday. Please notify the Chairman of the show who your club delegate will be, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Audio visual slide presentations, guest speakers, coin quiz and a special showing of "The Life of a Sculpture" (the story of Emmanuel Hahn) will also be included in the three-day event. A special commemorative medal in four metals will be struck to honour the event.

The Ontario Numismatic Association is indeed fortunate to have a hard working club like the Waterloo Coin Society as host for this their Fifth Annual Convention. Hats off to the complete executive for a job well done.

"""" Don't miss out on all the numismatic fellowship. Plan to attend now """"

General Chairman: John Shaw, Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, will make arrangements for your visit to the show.

Bill English,
Publicity Chairman,
O. N. A.

1967 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

O N T A R I O N U M I S M A T I C A S S O C I A T I O N

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION - MAY 26, 27, 28, 1967

Granite Club, 69 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ontario.

1. JUNIOR - Includes all numismatic material, entered by a junior collector under 18 years of age.
2. CANADIAN COINS - Decimal coins of Canada, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.
3. CENTENNIAL - All Canadiana relating to 1867 or 1967 with a Centennial theme.
4. TOKENS - All tokens used as a trading medium.
5. CANADIAN CURRENCY - All official Canadian paper money.
6. TOPICAL - A common theme - (animals, buildings, trees, etc.)
7. WORLD CURRENCY - Official foreign paper money.
8. WORLD COINS - Coins of the world.
9. MISCELLANEOUS - All material that is not specified in other categories.
10. GRAND AWARD - Determined by judging all displays winning a First in categories 1 to 9.
11. SPECIAL - For exhibitors who have won a grand at any local or national coin show.

NOTE: The Display Chairman's decision as to category will be final. Displays will be judged according to the display rules. Please read these rules carefully and exhibit by these standards. All displays will be numbered so the judges will not know the names of the exhibitors.

Ontario Numismatic Association cases and locks will be available. Inside measurements: $28\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, $16\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches deep.

Trophy winners will be determined by highest average points in each respective category. Ribbons will be awarded to all winning displays for First, Second and Third positions.

Beautiful Awards Many Categories Good Luck to ALL

YOU'RE ALL INVITED

to the

FIFTH ANNUAL ONTARIO NUMISMATIC CONVENTION

CENTENNIAL COIN SHOW

MAY 26, 27, 28, 1967

K-W Granite Club - 69 Agnes Street, Kitchener, Ontario



Genial Host - Waterloo Coin Society



Major Sheldon S. Carroll - O. N. A. - 1966 Medallist

Banquet Speaker - 6:00 p. m. Saturday



** Coin Displays ** Bourse Dealers' ** Speakers **

** Auctions ** Prizes ** Films ** Banquet **

Tours ** Fellowship ** Commemorative Medals



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Show closes 6:00 p. m. on Sunday



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CHILDREN - \$3.00

General Admission 50 cents each day - three days \$1.00



General Chairman: John Shaw - Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario

PLAN TO ATTEND

BRING A FRIEND